



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Condolences

ECAHS has lost a dear and valued friend. Virginia Kelsall passed away November 1, 2021. She was 91 years young. Virginia was a most distinguished supporter of ECAHS and participated in all aspects of the organization, always going above and beyond. A mentor, historian and the conscience of our group. Words cannot express the sorrow that is in our hearts for family and friends. She was our Crabbet Celebration Treasurer for many years and the backbone of our Honoree Committee. Her knowledge of Crabbet Arabian Horses, breeders, trainers and friends cannot be replaced.



She was active until the very end working on the SEPAHA Judged Pleasure Trail Ride held at her farm, the Cheshire Pleasure Trail Ride, an ECAHS annual meeting and more. She is a hero to many. She will never be forgotten.

Virginia at the SEPAHA  
Judged Pleasure Trail Ride

## Nomination/Elections News

Nominations for two Director positions were called for in August and October. Dawn Jones-Low and Cricket Gates' terms are ending as of December 31, 2021. Very few nominations were made and Dawn Jones-Low was the only person nominated that agreed to run as a Director.

Lisa Littrell, as the 1st alternate, has agreed to serve in Cricket Gates' vacated Director position.

Therefore, elections will be waived for 2021 and the following people will serve as Officers and Directors for the coming year(s).

We would like to ask the current Advisors to continue for 2022.

## Officers-Directors-Advisors

**President**-Buzz Moore

**Vice President**-Pat Bobb

**Secretary/Treasurer**-Vivian Mack

### Directors

Lisa Littrell-#1 (2022-2023)

LoAnn Haines (2021-2022)

Susie & Bob Hammond (2021-2022)

Dawn Jones-Low (2022-2023)

Randy Stoneback (2021-2022)

### Alternate Directors

Patty Gerdes-#2

### Advisors

Sherry Crow

Rosemary Doyle

Jennifer Neemann

Jane Peple

## Announcing ECAHS' 2021 Honorees

**Update!**—look for their stories on [ECAHS.org/honorees](https://www.echahs.org/honorees) or request a 2021 ECAHS Membership Directory!

### *Lifetime Achievement Award*

Dirk and Kimberly Johnson  
Belesemo Arabians  
Caldwell, ID

### *Hall of Fame*

Dr. James & Jeanne Rooker  
JR Arabians  
Davidson, MI

Margaret Haverstock  
Haverstock Arabians  
Murrieta, CA

### *Benefactor of the Breed*

Randy Stoneback  
Randy Stoneback Arabians  
Strattanville, PA

Laura Anderson  
Randy Stoneback Arabians  
Strattanville, PA

Jim Robbins  
R-Farm Arabians  
Oregon City, OR

Wayne E Thompson  
St. Paul, MN

Lonny Hitchen  
B V L Arabians  
St. Mary's, OH

### *Horse of the Year*

Jubilee WGR  
63.60% Crabbet  
Owned by Lisa Pembleton-Del Mundo  
San Antonio, TX

### *Exemplary/Extraordinary Achievement*

Russian Enncore  
52% Crabbet  
Owned by Lisa Beckwith  
Hanover, VA

and

Madison Sexton  
Russian Enncore Rider/Handler





**FFC Brumbee**  
**87.64 % ECAHS Crabbet Certified**

(FFC Dundee++ x FFC Brigeyt++)  
and Karen Poltynski

**Fairfield Farm News—**

Buzz received the following news from Karen Poltynski concerning Brumbee. It is always nice to hear that your horses are performing and the owners are happy.

From: karen poltynski  
To: William Moore  
Sent: Tue, Oct 26, 2021 7:26 am  
Subject: FFC Brumbee

Good morning!

Just wanted to let you know that Brumbee and I had an amazing year competing in CTR and endurance!

He completed ALL rides, was in the ribbons for several, and we even did our first 50!  
It was my first 50 anyway... He is such a great horse and an amazing athlete. Everyone who I ride with thinks he's adorable!

Hope all is well with you.

## ECAHS Achievement Awards at AHA Distance Nationals

LR April Breeze owned by Kate Bishop and ridden by Michael Bishop had an outstanding ride at the AHA Distance Nationals held at Big South Fork in Oneida, TN on September 12, 2021. Michael and Breeze placed Fourth in the 100 mile event and they are the winners of the ECAHS Achievement Award for the AHA Distance Nationals. Twenty riders started the race with nine finishing. Michael and Breeze also participated in the 2021 National Championships at Fort Howes, MT Open Rides in June and placed First in the 50 mile ride, garnering Best Condition.

LR April Breeze (Bold Soldier x Brown-R Missy) is 71.09% Crabbet Certified. You may recall hearing about her before. She represented the USA in the U.S. Endurance Team FEI Endurance World Championships for Young Riders and Juniors in 2019. Kate Bishop was on board when Breeze crossed the finish line at the San Rossore Racecourse in Pisa, Italy. Kate was 16 at the time and is from Raleigh, NC.



Photo by Mark Baldino

## American Trakehner Association Approved



FCF Oberons Vanity ox (AF Vanity's Repeat ox/Brumarba Callisto ox/Opalo ox) has been approved as an American Trakehner Association stallion.

"Obie" was bred and is owned by longtime member and supporter of ECAHS, Dawn Jones-Low.

Congratulations!



### Great Day at True Blue Arabians Open Barn



On October 17, we held an open barn sponsored by the Southeast Region Pennsylvania Arabian Horse Association.

True Blue Arabians is celebrating our 50th Anniversary. It has been a highlight of our lives to be able to own breed and enjoy our fantastic Crabbet Arabians.



Many Crabbet Farms should consider having something like this open barn. We posted signs in tack shops and the local grain and hay and Jan Williams posted a notice on the SEPAHA website. We were able to meet new people in addition to many people who have been long time friends of the Arabian horse.

A highlight of the program was Adrienne Morella and her fantastic Kings Ransome. Their presentation was awesome! Adrienne was wearing a shirt that she designed and she will be wearing at the U.S. Nationals when she presents the colors.

Adrienne and Kings Ransome



Another highlight was the people being able to meet and interact with the horses. Our horses seem to really enjoy meeting new people.

PA Findeison and Xcapade meeting a new young family.  
The young lady did not want to leave.





PA with Fireball and Adriane with Rose of Traleee

Everyone seemed to really enjoy the young horses when they were presented. Lady Rahar and Silk Princess were stars. Everyone always falls in love with Lady Rahar. Fireball, a four month old colt, out of Rose of Traleee (bred by Pete McNeil) did a fine job of showing off and impressing many people.

At the end of the program PA and Adrian worked Kings Ransome and Xcapade basically doing a normal workout/training session. It was an extremely interesting contrast. Xcapade was doing a Dressage workout and Kings Ransome was preparing for the U.S. Nationals with a Ranch Riding workout.



Sharon and Will did a fantastic job of decorating and preparing the farm for the open house and Sharon prepared some wonderful food.

Sharon posted the following message and pictures on Facebook that does a good job of describing the day and thanking the help that we had.

Great day at True Blue Arabians Open Barn! Good weather and a good turnout! Thank-you to PA Findeison, Susie Hammond, Betty Vasco and Jan Williams for all of your help! A very special thank-you to Adrienne Morella and King for their incredible presentation to "God Bless the USA" sung by Lee Greenwood. Thanks to all who attended.

Bill Noonan  
True Blue Arabians

News from Dawn and Thom Jones-Low of Faerie Court Farm in Ferrisburgh, VT:



I just got off the plane returning home from Tryon, NC where I attended the 2021 American Trakehner Association Convention and Inspection where our Crabbet lineage Arabian stallion, FCF Oberons Vanity (AF Vanitys Repeat x Brumarba Callisto), 66.88% Crabbet/Blunt was presented in the stallion inspection to be evaluated for breeding Trakehners.

To help provide context for the significance of presenting an Arabian stallion at a Trakehner breeding inspection here is some context.

Trakehners are unique among the Warmblood registries in only allowing “hot-blood horses”—Arabians, Shagya-Arabians, Anglo-Arabians, and Thoroughbreds— as periodic outcrosses onto the Trakehner base. Trakehners do not use other Warmbloods in their studbook so the hot-blood horses are a highly valued element for reinforcing valuable performance traits and maintaining genetic diversity in the Trakehner breed. To keep the Trakehner breeding base, the blood horses are limited to being bred to approved Trakehner mares or stallions from parents that are both registered Trakehners.

In the late 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> century the use of blood horses in Trakehner breeding has become less common than in earlier eras. A little over 20 years ago, the American Trakehner Association (ATA) initiated a pilot program to encourage the use of Arabian (including Anglos and Shagyas) and Thoroughbred stallions and mares in Trakehner breeding. During that pilot program 2 Arabian stallions (and several mares) were approved for Trakehner breeding. Both the stallions, Al-Marah Quebec and Aul Magic were high percentage Crabbet/Blunt. (Also of note, the 100% Crabbet stallion, \*Magic Domino AHS was approved for Trakehner breeding with the Canadian Trakehner Horse Society.)

Analysis of the pilot program led the ATA to continue to encourage the select use of Arabians, Anglos, Shagyas, and TBs. Since the goal of utilizing these infusions of blood horses is to reinforce and improve particular traits in the Trakehner breed, only exceptional blood horses of strong sport horse type are desired. Based on the analysis of the pilot program, the ATA raised the minimum inspection scores for the blood horses over the already high standards required for the registered Trakehners for breeding approval.



In the case of stallions, Trakehner stallions must earn a total score of 58 while Arabian, Anglo, Shagya, and TBs must earn a minimum of 60 points. (The scoring scale is the same as used in dressage: 10 – Excellent; 9 – Very Good, 8 – Good, 7 – Fairly Good, 6 – Satisfactory, 5 – Marginal, 4 – Insufficient, 3 – Fairly Poor, 2 – Poor, 1 – Very Poor, 0 – Not Scored.)

There are 8 categories on the stallion score card:

- *type* (includes gender characteristics, Trakehner breed type, and for blood horses whether the horse is a good representation of their breed traits that are the basis for why they are utilized in Trakehner breeding)
- *frame* (includes topline, saddle position, croup/hip, shoulders),
- *legs/hooves* (front and rear),
- *walk* (quality, purity, elasticity)
- *trot* (quality, purity, elasticity)
- *canter* (quality, purity, elasticity)
- *jumping chute*
- *general impression* (includes temperament, rideability and impression under saddle, and overall impression).

This translates to an average score of 7.25 for Trakehner stallions in each category and an average score of 7.5 for the blood horse stallions. In all cases, no stallion can be approved with any single score less than 5, and all stallions must meet elite performance standards in eventing, dressage, endurance, jumpers, or hunters (over fences). Stallions must also pass a veterinary exam including comprehensive radiographs of the hocks, stifles, and front and rear pasterns and hooves. To prevent the dissemination of genetic disorders into the Trakehner breed, Arabian stallions and mares presented for inspection must test clear for SCID, CA, LFS, and OAAM.

In the nearly 20 years since Al-Marah Quebec and Aul Magic were approved for Trakehner breeding, a few



*FCF Oberons Vanity schooling in Tryon the day before the inspection a few hours after arriving via a 22 hour trailer ride.*

Arabian stallions have been inspected, but none have fulfilled all the requirements for breeding approval. The standards are incredibly difficult to meet even for high quality Arabian sport horses. I've long wanted to present FCF Oberons Vanity (AF Vanitys Repeat x Brumarba Callisto) 66.88% Crabbet at a Trakehner stallion inspection because I believe he is the sort of Arabian that the ATA is seeking to contribute to Trakehner breeding and because it is important to the support and promotion of the Arabian breed to demonstrate that Arabians are valued in areas of the horse world outside of the traditional "Arabian industry".

Getting Obie to a Trakehner stallion inspection has been a long ordeal!! We originally thought to present him in 2018, but the timing of the stallion inspection on the east coast conflicted with another obligation so we planned to present him in 2019. In 2019, the only ATA stallion inspections were in Texas and California (to provide opportunities for the central and west coast Trakehner breeders to present stallions). In 2020, we had submitted all paperwork and were ready to go to Tryon, NC in November, but the pandemic resulted in cancelation of the inspection. So 2021 was the next goal!!! With Obie's trainer's back injury and difficulties in arranging shipping from VT to NC in the necessary timeframe, we were worried that we might again have to alter plans, but we pulled it all together and got Obie to Tryon last week!



*FCF Oberons Vanity arriving in Tryon, NC*

With just a few hours rest after the long trip, Obie was lightly schooled in the evening to prepare for the inspection in the morning. In the morning we groomed and braided him and put his snaffle bridle on for the first phases of the inspection. Each stallion has their height, heart girth, and cannon bone circumference measured. The ATA Breeding Director, head inspector of the three judge panel, and official representative of the German Trakehner Verband, Dr. Christian Schacht, is a veterinarian, riding instructor, and breeding and horse management expert certified by the German National Equestrian Federation (FN). When Dr. Schacht measured Obie's cannon bone, he exclaimed "WOW!" This was an encouraging start.

After the measurements, the stallions are presented for a conformation evaluation and then walked and trotted on a hard surface to help assess soundness. The next phase is presentation on the triangle where again the conformation is examined and then the stallion is walked and trotted around the triangle as part of assessing their gaits. The third phase of the stallion inspection is to present them in an enclosed space where skilled ground handlers encourage the stallion to trot and canter at liberty in a figure 8 pattern. After the liberty phase, the stallion is sent through a jump chute to evaluate their jumping technique and form. The height and spread of the last jump element are increased through three rounds.

The two Trakehner stallions being presented were 16.3H and 17H. The stallions are presented from youngest to oldest, so Obie was the third stallion to be presented. When he was brought to the jump chute area Christian Schacht informed everyone that since Obie was smaller than the other stallions that he would adjust the distance between the jump elements to suit a shorter stride. Catie informed him that Obie had been schooling the exact distances as the bigger stallions and didn't need the elements adjusted. (When Obie did the 70 day stallion performance test in 2015 he did the same jump chute as all the much taller Warmbloods). Nevertheless, Dr. Schacht, wanted to accommodate Obie's smaller size based on extensive experience with thousands of horses in jump chutes in Germany and the US. When Obie went through the chute the first time that was set for the



shorter stride distance, he treated the second element as a “bounce” instead of trying to cram in a stride. So the distances were readjusted to the longer stride length, and Obie sailed through just like the big boys!

The final phase of the stallion inspection is for all the stallions to be ridden together in the ring to evaluate their rideability and their gaits under saddle. At every phase the three inspectors confer on the evaluations of the stallions and come to a consensus on the scores for each category.

At the conclusion of the riding phase, the three stallions remain in the ring with the riders while the judging



*FCF Oberons Vanity showing his very correct medium trot (photo credit to Malinda Zielke)*

panel of Christian Schacht, John Michael Durr, and Jos Sevriens calculated the final scores and descriptive comments for each stallion. Before announcing the scores for each stallion Christian Schacht explained the selectivity of stallion inspections, the rarity of acceptance of Arabian, Shagya, Anglo, or TB stallions, and how disappointment via some stallions not being approved is a necessary part of ensuring the quality of the Trakehner breed.

The audio system in the arena combined with Dr. Schacht’s heavy German accent made it difficult to hear

all the scores that Obie earned and the final score sheet has not yet been sent to me so I can only summarize the results. One of the Trakehner stallions was approved and awarded premium status. The other Trakehner stallion’s score was short of the required minimum so he was not approved. As the eldest stallion there, Obie’s results were given last. Dr. Schacht reiterated that getting an Arabian approved is very difficult with few being able to meet the standards. Obie was complimented on his rideability, his soundness, the correctness and quality of all three gaits, his frame and topline, his legs, his jumping, and his type.

FCF Oberons Vanity’s final score exceeded the higher minimum for Arabians, and he has passed the veterinary evaluations and elite performance requirements so he was awarded lifetime breeding approval with the American Trakehner Association!



*FCF Oberons Vanity with his trainer, Catie Waterman, and the three-judge inspection panel photo courtesy of the ATA*



Because he was approved, Obie was invited to be part of the stallion show in the evening gala on Friday. He was presented to all the attendees at the ATA gala along with the other newly approved stallion and several established Trakehner stallions, several of the newly approved Trakehner mares, and the Trakehner gelding, Vandiver, who just returned from representing the USA at the Tokyo Olympics in the sport of Eventing. Here are a few photos of Obie during his individual presentation round.



We are so proud that Obie is representing the Arabian breed –and the Crabbet influence—so well in the wider horse world!

warmest regards to all of our ECAHS friends,

Dawn and Thom Jones-Low

PS: I got to eat dinner at the gala with former ECAHS members, Kim and Mark Thomason, who owned \*Magic Domino AHS. We of course chatted about Crabbet Arabians. They've been breeding Trakehners alongside their Crabbet Arabian breeding for several years now. Several of their Arabian mares have been approved for Trakehner breeding.