

ECAHS Newsletter

Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Carolyn & Richard Hasbrook!

Carolyn and Richard Hasbrook will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in August. Not many 60th anniversaries these days. We hope you have many more.

Committee Members for Fundraiser Projects Needed!

Jane Peple has agreed to spearhead a fundraising committee to brainstorm ideas and put a plan together to raise money for the ECAHS Treasury. She needs volunteers to help her with this effort. If you can help, please contact Jane directly at jmpeple@hotmail.com or call 804.356.1538.

Don't Miss the Facebook posts in Friends of the Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society by Lonnie Hitchen

Great historical information along with current and past ECAHS members are being highlighted through Facebook posts. Never before posts of pictures and videos you will not want to miss.

Lodwicks visit Fairfield Farm

LoAnn Lodwick Haines and Phil Haines visited Buzz Moore at Fairfield Farm on July 26th. Farm visits are always fun and welcome!



DUES ARE NEEDED ASAP**ECAHS 2023 Membership**

Membership Dues (our only source of income at the moment) are payable as of January 1, 2023. You can mail a check made payable to ECAHS to Vivian Mack at 22371 Courthouse Road, Yale, VA 23897 or pay by PayPal. If your information has changed please complete a membership application found in this newsletter.

One Year Family/Farm Membership - \$45 - two votes

Three Year Family/Farm Membership - \$125

One Year Individual Membership - \$30 - one vote

Three Year Individual Membership - \$85

One Year Youth Membership - \$10 - no vote

Introductory Membership - \$15 - no vote - First Year Only



Still looking for participants!

2022/2023 ECAHS Directory

We need members to help with publishing our next membership Directory by purchasing an ad. We appreciate your help and know that we cannot do this without you. *Due to family health issues, the Directory has been delayed. Also, unless we have enough ads to cover the cost of printing and mailing, we will not be able to pull this together. **We still do not have enough people participating to cover the cost of printing and mailing.*** If you are interested in participating, please contact Vivian Mack at Vivian@vivianmack.com.

Please support ECAHS with your ad. Rates are as follows:

Membership Directory	B & W	Color
Business Card	\$25	\$45
Half Page	\$55	\$85
Full Page	\$95	\$145
Inside Front Cover (Full Page) Sold	\$115	\$165
Inside Back Cover (Full Page) Sold	\$115	\$165
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The Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society

Promoting the use and preservation of Crabbet Arabian bloodlines around the world since 1994!

The Eastern Crabbet Arabian Horse Society was formed in late 1994 for the expressed purpose of promoting the purity, beauty, utility, tractability and versatility of Arabian horses descending from the Crabbet sources.

Membership Application

January 1-December 31, 2023

(Check One)

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Make checks payable to: **ECAHS** or send your payments via

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Send completed form & check via mail to: **Vivian Mack**
Secretary/Treasurer
22371 Courthouse Road
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Faerie Court Farm News:

Summer always seems to fly by!

We've had extra excitement with all the rain, though we fortunately were not seriously impacted by the flooding events. Our farm is on high ground and surrounded by wetland so was shielded from being flooded.

We just had heavy thunderstorms several more inches of rain overnight so things are a bit soggy here this morning.



FCF horses grazing after the rain




We were indirectly impacted by the floods when the July USDF show at Green Mountain Horse Association in Woodstock, VT was canceled due to a second flood event just 2 weeks after the major flood earlier in July.

FCF Oberons Vanity, our senior stallion, was supposed to debut his Intermediare I Freestyle at that show. Now, he'll debut with the freestyle at the HITS Saugerties Dressage shows in mid-August. We are hoping he earns two qualifying scores for the USDF Regional Championships in September.

We are delighted that FCF Titanias Vanity (AF Vanitys Repeat x AM Tawny Britania by *Sa'Ika) is confirmed in foal to FV Kissme Rabba for a late May 2023 foal. We are hoping for a filly to carry on this dam line since Titania and her full sister, FCF Silver Stardust have produced 5 colts and no fillies so far. We think this cross with FV Kissme Rabba will be a great nick based on the complimentary phenotypes of both parents.

Anticipated 2023 foal



FV Kissme Rabba (2009)chestnut stallion
FCF Titanias Vanity (2005) chestnut mare

 <p>FV Kissme Rabba AV-CAN-09-CH</p>	<p>Ohadi Ben Rabba AR-USA-85-CH</p> <p>Kissme Pico AV-USA-86-GR</p>	Ben Rabba AR-USA-64-CH	Aurab	Aulani Rabna Sarolle Coalani
		Ohadi Miss Aurab AR-USA-79-CH	Aurab	Aulani Rabna Aniq Za Farah
		Ben Rabba AR-USA-64-CH	Aurab	Aulani Rabna Sarolle Coalani
		Kishtee Pri Moun AR-68-GR	Mounri	Mounwer Ribagh Zarouf Muhlis Riffal
 <p>FCF Titanias Vanity AR-USA-05-GR</p>	<p>AF Vanitys Repeat AR-USA-80-GR</p> <p>AM Tawny Britania AR-USA-99-GR</p>	Silver Vanity AR-GB-50-GR	Oran	Astrella Indian Gold
		Silver Moonbeam AR-70-GR	Silver Gilt	Silver Fire
		Sa Ika AR-GB-81-CH	Silver Moonlight	Indian Magic
		AM Dream OfDawn AR-USA-87-GR	Halastra	Silver Fire
			Prince Saraph	Sophus Wildwood Havanna Samson
			Salilah	Princess Alia Silver Flame Sunset
			Dreamazon	BF Rageymazon
			AM TheQueen Pawn	Gai Dream Ibngidason Of AM Al-Marah The Gida

Female Duplications - Male Duplications

FCF As You Wish (AAA Legend of the Seas x Rieba by Aulrab) was just bred to VG Juan Inamillion. We will be checking at 15 days post breeding to hopefully confirm a pregnancy. Earlier in the season, she did not settle due to a uterine infection which was treated so we are hopeful that this breeding will have been successful. (Fingers crossed!)

Anticipated 2023 foal

VG Juan Inamillion (2013) chestnut stallion			
FCF As You Wish (2008) chestnut mare			
 <p>VG Juan Inamillion AV-USA-13-CH</p>	<p>FV Ben Juan AR-CAN-86-CH</p> <p>Mackies Emerald AV-USA-94-CH</p>	Ben Rabba AR-USA-64-CH	Aurab
		Haapey Pico AR-USA-81-CH	Rollicka
		Mackies Image AV-USA-86-CH	Haat Shaat
		Mescca Sultana AV-77-CH	Jolley Pico
		Naibara Blaze Man AR-USA-93-CH	Abu Malacar
 <p>FCF As You Wish AR-USA-08-CH</p>	<p>AAA Legend Of the Seas AR-USA-02-CH</p> <p>Rieba AR-90-CH</p>	HSA Seamist AR-USA-96-GR	Bayetta
		Aulrab AR-79-CH	Sultan Mahtab
		Aurieha AR-USA-76-CH	Red Holly Love
			Xanadus Camelot
			Silver SP Chantel
			CKA Sea Biscuit
			Aaplus Bevseamist
			Aurab
			Alarieha
			Aurab
			Alarieha
			Aulani
			Rabna
			Sarolle
			Coalani
			Tahas
			Sha-Ira
			Rahmoun
			Kishtee Pri Moun
			Muhuli
			Bint Ghamil
			Bayzi
			Muletta
			Yatez
			Rabna
			Comar Fleygaz
			Raffshea
			Haj-Amin
			Xanadus Atteyyah
			Shalimar Raswan
			Gallida
			Am Sea Captain
			Al-marah Ilargo
			Am Sea Captain
			Donna Hafideh
			Aulani
			Rabna
			Galahas
			Riehaba
			Aulani
			Rabna
			Galahas
			Riehaba

Female Duplications - Male Duplications

Meanwhile, Dawn has been enjoying riding FCF King of the Fairys (AAA Legend of the Seas x FCF Titanias Vanity 2010 gelding. She is taking dressage lessons from Ellen Miller who was educated in dressage by cavalry masters, through the American Dressage Institute (predated the USDF), and various international dressage riders in the US and Europe. Having such a classically educated instructor is a privilege and an invigorating challenge.



FCF King of the Fairys

FCF Thors Valor (FCF Oberons Vanity x FCF As You Wish) 2017 gelding, FCF Pucks Vision (FCF Oberons Vanity x Glorious Epiphany OLA) 2011 gelding, and FCF Charming Pixie (FCF Oberons Vanity x Glorious Epiphany OLA) 2012 mare are with a trainer who is getting Thor more confirmed under saddle and Puck and Pixie conditioned and schooled to present to potential buyers. With the wet weather at home, our outdoor ring was not consistently usable this summer so we are glad to have access to this young trainer who can work with these three horses for us. She is really enjoying working with Arabians and learning why the Crabbet influenced Arabians are such wonderful partners. Cultivating appreciation of Crabbet Arabians in people outside the Arabian breed community is an important element in encouraging growth for our horses into the future. I'll have some updated photos of them soon!

We are currently raising two stallion prospects. FCF Inigos Legacy is a two year old chestnut colt by FCF King of the Fairys and out of AAA Blazin Celebrity). FCF Titans SilverAura is a yearling gray colt by Aur Elijah and out of FCF Titanias Vanity.

They are currently being raised by our wonderful 2006 gelding, FCF Gossamer Prince (AM Ghost Ship x Amira Farah) who we affectionately call "Uncle Prince". Uncle Prince has always been a social butterfly in the herd and an excellent babysitter for the youngsters. He has also served as a colt raiser for us. He was a companion to FCF Oberons Vanity from when they were both foals through their 4 year old year when Obie left to begin his dressage training. Prince then raised FCF King of the Fairys from a weanling until King was a 5 year old stallion. Prince has been Inigo's companion since early 2022 when Inigo was weaned.

Titan joined them in early spring when he was weaned at 8 months old.



Titan, Inigo, Prince

The three of them are currently enjoying each other's company. Prince keeps the peace with firm clear signals that both colts respect. The colts gain confidence and manners from the guidance of Uncle Prince. (Uncle Prince is pint sized like his progenitor, Raffles, but mighty on the inside! The yearling, FCF Titans SilverAura is likely going to be fairly tall -over 15H while FCF Inigos Legacy, the two year old, is probably going to finish around 14.1-14.2H)



FCF Gossamer Prince and FCF Inigos Legacy relaxing together

Finally, Thom and I (and the FCF herd) would like to congratulate Team Legend (AAA Legend ofthe Seas +/- 2002 gelding, his owners Sari Bolnick and Kobe Anne Pielow, his riders, his trainers, and all the support personnel) on Legend's success at the Arabian Youth & Midsummer Nationals in OK July 13-22, 2023.



photo credit to Sofi who is another member of the fabulous Grier School group who competed at the show

Legend earned a National Championship in Arabian/Half/Anglo-Arabian Training Level Dressage 15-18 yr JTR with a score of 70.2 with junior rider, Taylor A. who also rode him to earn a Top Ten in Arabian/Half/Anglo-Arabian Western Dressage Level 1 JTR .

Legend also earned Top Tens in Arabian Sport Horse Under Saddle 15-18 JTR, Arabian Hunter Hack JTR. Arabian Regular Working Hunter JTR, Arabian/Half/Anglo-Arabian Working Hunter 14.2 and under JTR with junior rider Anleigh A. (and Daina J. in one of the working hunter flat rounds)

We purchased AAA Legend ofthe Seas from his breeder, Angel Portice, when he was a weanling and raised him to be our foundation stallion. Legend was a very good sire for us but was sub-fertile so we gelded him and sold him to Sari and Kobe when he was 10 years old. They have campaigned him at AHA shows where he has done well including earning 17 National Top Tens (19 including two in exhibition classes) and a National Championship. We wish them more success in September at the AHA Sport Horse Nationals! We still highly value his influence in our herd.

Warmest regards to all our ECAHS friends,
Dawn & Thom Jones-Low

Below is the write up for our last Lifetime Achievement Award winners.

This will be the first of several articles about our honorees. These articles are due to appear in our next ECAHS Directory.

Enjoy their journeys!

True Blue Arabians

Fifty one years with the Arabian horse and still counting.

William Noonan

There was nothing in my childhood that foretold that I would spend a good part of my life breeding and enjoying Arabian horses. I rode an old work horse named Bob a couple of times and owned a palomino named King for a couple of years in high school. Then nothing until around 1970, when I purchased my first Arabian. My father was a railroad conductor from Long Island, NY with no farming or rural experience. My mother's family had a farming background. Sharon, on the other hand, lived on a farm for her entire life until we were married. She had taken riding lessons, had many pets including ponies, goats and about everything you could imagine.

It was actually Arabian horses that sparked the beginning of our relationship. She was a charge nurse at the local hospital. My father was in the hospital for a good while with a collapsed lung and then a broken leg. We talked some during his stay and I think she was impressed that I visited him almost every day. I lent her an Arabian magazine. After dad was released, Sharon called one day and said she would like to stop by and return the magazine. As they say, the rest is history. Nine months later we were married. She came with a mare, a foal, a donkey and a cat. By the time we were married, I had been breeding Arabians for 11 years.

Why Arabians? When I decided to buy a horse, I didn't want any old horse. I wanted something special. If you are going to feed them and take care of them, you might just as well have the best. Because I had relatively little experience, mainly just a little pleasure riding, I decided I had better do some research before I purchased a horse and made a long term commitment. A book that described almost all of the horse breeds with pictures was very helpful. After a lot of back and forth, I decided that Arabians were the most attractive with a truly unique history and seemed to be something that had been very highly valued by their owners.

Here is where I got lucky. I didn't know it at that time, but I really needed a mentor. I found an Arabian farm, Sweet Spring Farm, owned by Jean Phillos. Jean had four or five Arabians at the time but nothing for sale that met our needs. She had a friend, Virginia Kelsall, who owned Patrician Arabians. I purchased my first Arabian from Virginia and she became my lifetime mentor with Arabians. My first Arabian was Patrician Alamat, a chestnut colt by her great stallion Al-Marah Rapid and out of a super little mare, Patrician Laurah, who was the only offspring of Bint Bintu Gulastra. Nice way to start! He wasn't the greatest but he was far from average. He was the perfect horse to start with, very smart and relatively gentle for a stallion. Virginia let me work with him on her farm until I moved into a new farm in Oxford, PA. She also let me work with a yearling filly, Patrician Faith, who I fell in love with. Virginia taught me enough that I was able to show both of them in hand. The high point being a second place finish at the Maryland State Fair against no less than Al Marah and Imperial Arabians for Patrician Alamat. The winner of the class was a colt named Tailormade Amigo. He was a very nice colt. I showed Faith in the

East Coast Show at Devon. In that one show she managed to win a Pennsylvania high point award. That was it, I was hooked.

Friends with Friends

Virginia and Bazy Tankersley were very good friends. In no time at all, Virginia helped set up a mare lease with Bazy for a mare named Almarah Follow Me. Follow Me was by Al-Marah Counts Pennant and out of Al-Marah Swallow. Swallow was by Indraff, out of Blue Millet who was by Blue Domino. She had a nervous disorder which prohibited her from being trailered a lot. The agreement was that she would stay at my farm and be bred to my Al Marah Rapid son and we each would get every other foal. She came to me bred to Shalimar Gidason. Bazy let me have the colt. Like I said earlier, a nice way to start.

Virginia had been breeding Arabians since the early 50's, so she had a lot of knowledge and many friends. One large breeder, who was also a close friend and who happened to live only 10 minutes away, was Dr. Richard Stoneback. His son, Randy, was pretty young at the time so we did not immediately get to know each other very well. Over the years, we grew together. Even though he is 17 years younger than me, for some reason, we just seemed to really get along. He has become another mentor of mine and someone that has influenced the road that True Blue Arabians has traveled to get to where we are today. True Blue Arabians is the story about mentors and great people as much as it is about high percentage Crabbet Arabians. Virginia, Randy and I have traveled many roads together.

From 1971 to 1976, we did what most new breeders and owners would do. We broke our colt, showed him some and started breeding. During these years, we mostly bred to Al Marah Rapid, our own colt, Patrician Alamat, and another stallion that Virginia owned, Azron. Virginia and Arthur had done a lot of research and they were looking for a good cross for their Al-Marah Rapid mares. As Virginia said, they found him on a pig farm in Iowa. Azron was by Gazron, out of Comar Azmijne, who was an Azraff mare out of a Handeyraff daughter. It truly was a perfect nick for the big correct Rapid daughters and added some more type.

My next Arabian adventure was to purchase an Aramus son. Virginia and I drove all night to Bristol, Tennessee to an Arabian auction. There were two very nice stallions, one was by Serafix and I think he was a little older. The other one was Aramborr, an Aramus son out of a Gazon mare. We bred him and I must say, I was a little disappointed. The little I was able to use him, he did not produce as good as himself. I wish I could have used him more but circumstances led to him being sold along with all but a few of the True Blue Arabian horses.

The end of chapter one for True Blue Arabians is rather dark. I shipped out to Australia for three years as a career move. The following year, I was divorced and I had to lease out the mares that did not go with my first wife. Patrician Miraq died while out on lease and the other mare had a foal for a friend of mine.

When I returned from Australia, things really began to pick up for True Blue Arabians and Bill Noonan. The first thing that happened was I discovered Gai Torero, once again it was Virginia's fault. She was breeding some of her stock to Gai Torero as a result of her friendship with Paul Solomon, a really good friend of hers who had Torero on lease. I went down to see him and fell in love. Not with Paul, but with Torero. Paul and I agreed to breed True Blue Mira, an Azron daughter out of a Rapid daughter, on an every other foal basis. I got two great mares out of this arrangement, True Blue Glenda and True Blue Diana.

The next event was truly game changing for True Blue Arabians. Dick Stoneback put together an Auction and I consigned a mare. Maybe one I should have kept. Anyway, she sold for a very nice price in the first half of the sale. As a typical Arabian breeder, I could not leave well enough alone. I had my eye on a mare at the very end of the sale. She was a very nice, small CMK mare. One of the things that made her pop up on my radar was that she was bred to a stallion from Ohio named Xinar. Xinar is Ranix spelled backwards, he was by Ranix out of a well-bred Raseyn/Raffles mare. I was fairly happy with what I was breeding but felt my horses could use some better action. A Ranix related colt could be just the ticket. The mare was small so I was expecting a small foal with a great trot. You know how breeding works, I got neither. True Blue Alert had no trot and turned out to be the biggest horse I ever bred. I think he was 15.3 as a three year old. Now what to do. I liked the mare but she was small. I decided to go back to the old tried and true and breed her to Al-Marah Rapid. He always produced big, strong mares even if many of them could use a little more type. The breeding expert was wrong again. True Blue Britni turned out to be small for a Rapid daughter but I think she was the prettiest and best mare that I have ever bred. She became our foundation mare going forward.



I met Sharon in 1981 and we were married in 1982. She became the real rock and foundation of True Blue Arabians going forward. She was a horse person and more important, she is a very wise and solid person who could keep me somewhat under control. Oh, did I mention she is also the hardest worker of anyone I know. She is a true partner that enabled me to explore unlimited opportunities with our program.

In 1987 and 1988, we added two more horses with Rapture in their pedigree. Bakas Rap-marifa, a grey mare, very feminine and produced well, and Rappees Rustler, a 3/8ths Rock horse with other lines to Rapture. He produced True Blue Rockette and was a fine riding horse.

In 2012, Rocky Rossini gave Desert Fantasi to Will. A match made in heaven. She has been the horse that gave him confidence and has led to him becoming a fine young horseman.



Will and his girl Desert Fantasi

Virginia Kelsall and I used to take some fantastic road trips. We went to the US Nationals where I was surprised to see a lot of Bask mares that I liked. They were in a large mare class and I picked the ones out that appealed to me. I was surprised when I got back to my seat and looked them up. Then I realized why they struck my fancy. Amazingly, they were all out of Al-Marah mares. Gina Manion did a dressage demonstration with one of her stallions. We also went to Minnesota and Wisconsin. We visited Gainey and saw Ferzon. He looked like a statue in the field. Absolutely breathtaking. O-Monsoon ++ was there at the time. Nice stallion with more bone than most of the Ferzon horses. After we left there, we attended a sale and exhibition. There were many outstanding horses from the Midwest. Fire Chief (Bask son), many Ferzon sons and Nabel +/ when Bill Trap owned him, a very interesting and worthwhile trip. We also stopped at the Harris's and saw one of my favorites, Pompeys Pride, a Ferzon son out of a Rapture mare.

This was the hay day for Arabian owners and breeders in the east. We had Al Marah Arabians in Barnsville, MD. Bazy did such a wonderful job of promoting the Arabian breed. She had auctions, seminars, open houses, you name it. She offered many learning opportunities and was always willing to help other breeders and Arabian horse clubs. Her programs allowed many of us smaller breeders to have success. You could stand a stud for a little profit and you could easily sell weanlings. Both of those are very difficult today. We all thought that we wanted to compete with her but actually her excellence and generosity allowed us to succeed in our own small way.

My job also enabled me to travel. I was lucky enough to get to California and Arizona and visit some farms. In the morning, I saw Talal and the Ferseyn daughters he was being bred to at Kline Arabians. In the afternoon, I traveled down the hill a couple of miles and visited Frank McCoy and saw the greatest band of mares I have ever seen. You could not pick one. I would have

gladly taken any of them. A very nice man, loved his horses, a great salesman. The Real McCoy was there and also Mr Mac. A very nice visit. Unfortunately, I did not get to meet his wife, Helen.

The next day in Scottsdale, Arizona, I visited Lasma in the morning. A big operation and I got to see Bask with his blanket on. I saw The Judge and also Khemosabi ++++//. I was shown around by the marketing manager. I said I might be interested in a colt. He asked about my budget. I said I could not go over 40K. He said he could not show me any Bask foals for that price, but they did have a Ferzon stallion. They showed him to me and I liked him better than the Bask colts. They were asking 25K for the Ferzon son. I think he was there on consignment.

My next visit was to Tom Chauncey Arabians, once again a couple of miles from Lasma. Mrs. Chauncey had been up all night foaling out a mare. She was very impressive, a real horse lady. Naborr had a 24 hour video monitor in his stall. They had some wonderful Naborr foals. If I had had a lot of money at this time, I may have bought a Naborr colt. That is how impressed I was with Naborr, his offspring and Mrs. Chauncey.



Trueblue Goldmine ++++//, Chrystal and Samantha

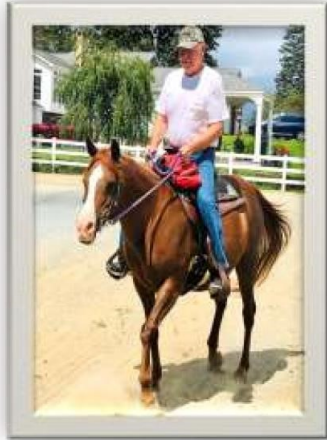
By this time, Randy Stoneback and I had become closer and closer. We had begun to make horse trips together. One of them led to the purchase of a horse in Michigan with a Rapture pedigree. Dick and Randy also had acquired BL Majestic Gold. I bred True Blue Britni to him twice, she produced two very nice colts, True Blue Goldrush, a bay in 1996, and True Blue Goldmine ++++//, a chestnut in 1997. Goldrush went on to become a very nice driving horse for Kevin Wallace from New Zealand, a true friend who lives in Queen Ann, MD.

On one of our trips to Kentucky and Ohio, we stopped into PatRock Arabians in Vermillion, Ohio. I met Rocky and Pat Rossini. Rocky introduced us to Lea Gai Azada and I must say I was smitten, a lovely horse that I wanted to breed to. Once again, I chose True Blue Britni for the mating and Azada and Britni did not disappoint. True Blue Zada became Sharon's favorite and he felt the same way about her. To watch them together was heartwarming. Sweetie, as he was called here on the farm, was a little plain as a two year old. From there on, he became prettier and prettier. I think I liked him more as a 16 year old than as a 10 year old.



True Blue Zada. (Sweetie)

In the late 1990's, Virginia Kelsall hosted an ECAHS meeting at her house. She invited me. This was the beginning of a whole new adventure. It opened a whole new world for True Blue Arabians. We became members and started attending the annual Celebrations. We saw many good horses over the years, thanks to ECAHS, but the real benefit was meeting the people. We have met and enjoyed many wonderful people over the years through this organization. The active members who participated in the celebrations and the members of the board of directors became our friends and in many cases our role models with Crabbet horses and in some cases even in dealing with many of life's issues. One individual, in particular, I would like to mention, is Dr. Aldred. I got a real kick out of him. We also admired the job Terry did in bringing him to the ECAHS meetings. Fairfield Farm, and their horses, and their dedication to ECAHS has been another highlight. The year in, year out work done by many of the core members has also been inspirational. I remember the long distances that Buzz and the Goddard's traveled to attend board meetings, annual meetings and Celebrations. Vivian Mack has always been one of our favorites in ECAHS. Her dedication to her friend Jack Sims and her efforts on behalf of ECAHS have been Herculean. She was not one of the original 50 but she has been a true inspiration over the past 15 years, no-one has worked harder or contributed more to ECAHS during this period.



*Bill Noonan with one of his
favorite red heads.
True Blue Rockette*

We made it a point to try to get to know all of the Lifetime Achievement Award winners and all of the other honorees at the Celebrations. Where possible, we have tried to visit many of the winners on their farms. Visiting other breeders has been the most inspirational and educational endeavor that we have undertaken. I have done this many times over the years with both Virginia Kelsall and Will Noonan. Most of the time, Sharon has had to stay home and take care of the horses and farm. Each farm visit has enriched us in many ways. Seeing what each program has been trying to do over the years and getting to know the people on a more personal basis has been a highlight of our lives.



TB The Renaissance Man (Pete)

These visits have extended from coast to coast with some significant stops in the mid west.

Rhodes Arabians, Dawn Jones Low, Rahar Arabians (Francie Schermerhorn) in the East. Rocky and Patty Rossini, Lodwicks (walking the fields with Helen Lodwick), Gainey Fountainhead, Twinbrook Arabians and visiting Bill Munson's ranch in the mid-west. Will and I were also very fortunate to spend time visiting farms/ranches in the west. Several visits to Karma in Texas were always very interesting. Visiting Al Marah in the east and in Tucson, AZ were always highlights. Spending several days with the Doyles in Oregon and making stops to see Dee Van Gilder and Robbi Pruitt was a once in a lifetime experience. Visiting Whitegates Ranch with Pete McNeil was like seeing history. Two grand old stallions, Whitegates Raffi and Bar Exquisite, were at Elaine's when Pete and I visited her in Riverside, California.



True Blue Lady Rahar



True Blue Silk Princess



*True Blue Bella Rosa
(pending)*

The five visits that impacted True Blue Arabians the most other than Virginia and the Stoneback's would be PatRock Arabians, Rahar Arabians (Francie Schermerhorn), TwinBrook Arabians and of course, McNeil Arabians in Alpine, California and Karma Arabians in Texas. These people and their horses have had a positive direct impact on us and our horses. Knowledge from these people and bloodlines from their programs are present in True Blue Arabians today and will be in the future.

Before 2005, our Arabian adventure included mostly breeding, standing stallions at stud, a little showing (mostly in hand) and enjoying the beauty and personalities of our Crabbet Arabians on the farm.



*Haley Korejwo and
True Blue Gabriel +++//*



Lindsay Shaw TB Bin Bintu Britni +//

A dramatic change occurred around 2005. We asked a very talented Arabian coach and trainer to break our beloved stallion, True Blue Zada. This created a partnership and adventure that is still continuing. Chrystal Coffelt Wood and Sharon have become extremely good friends and partners in our equine showing endeavors. Chrystal and her group of talented young riders have become the keys to True Blue Arabian showing, particularly in the Dressage, Hunter and other

Sport horse disciplines. Two of the early people who put in many hours and began the show careers for several of our horses were Hunter Tomlinson Elbersen and Haley Korejwo Rivera. These two Chrystal-students helped us move forward and showed great love for our horses. There is a young superstar who worked closely with Chrystal to bring us numerous National and Reserve national championships. This of course is Lindsay Shaw. Her growth from a beginning rider with Chrystal to a Superstar on the Grier School and the Emory and Henry College teams has been nothing less than phenomenal. We are proud that we have been a part of her journey. We will always be indebted to her.

As usual, Chrystal has a new group of talented young riders who are working with her to show our horses to the greatest advantage. This friendship and equine partnership with Chrystal and her many protégés has been the most satisfying of our history with Crabbet Arabians. At a recent show, TB Bin Bintu Britni +// was high score dressage horse on both Friday and Saturday, won her sport horse under saddle class and helped a youth rider win the Golden Essence youth rider award at this show. We are indebted to Chrystal and her students for all of our success in the show ring. There is nothing more satisfying than seeing the horses that you have bred, performing at an extremely high level. We owe all of this to Chrystal and her continually evolving team.

I hate these things when they get too long, so I will try to wrap up now. We have been breeding, showing and most of all, enjoying Crabbet Arabians for over 50 years. It has been a privilege and honor to share our lives with these wonderful horses and the many friends that we have made over the years. Owning Crabbet Arabians is about love and passion, not awards. Our life has been much fuller and more interesting because we have put in a lot of effort and love into our horses, and that is what life is all about. We feel undeserving of this award for doing something that has given us so much back. There are many people on the Lifetime Achievement Award list who have had a dramatic impact on the history of the Crabbet Arabian. We have not done as much, but we are honored and humbled to be in such legendary company. Thank you ECAHS and the Honoree Committee.

Bill, Sharon and Will Noonan