



The Fanny Pack

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Reminder:

See announcement inside

- ? CTR turn in their records!
- ? Central Reg Convention
- ? 2006 AERC Convention
- ? Frigid Digit– Feb 5th



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TADRA Endurance End of the Year Awards

Featherweight– Sherrie Reimers on WMA Samuel

Light Weight– Edie Booth on AAS Fahd Alwalida+

Middle Weight– Darolyn Butler-Dial on DJB Tiffany

Heavy Weight– Thomas Booth on AAS Al Sakh+

Junior– Marcia Stevens on DLB Double Trouble

Crabbet Alliance of Texas awards TADRA High Mileage CMK Arabian for 2004 to

Beaus Verasace (Gai Argosy x AM Beaus Gale by AM Beau Triomphe) owned and ridden by Ann Goolsby.

All awards will be presented at the Central Region Convention in Oklahoma on Jan 15th.

CTR Awards will be announced on the next Newsletter. **Those who rode CTR *must* get their info into Linda Spurgeon ASAP.**

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TADRA 2005 Officers/Directors:

Charles Bass, President

Eddie Spurgeon, Vice President

Trish Dutton, Treasurer

Nicki Lawson, Secretary

Bill West, Past President



CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION

January 15-16, 2005

Henryetta Inn and Dome
Henryetta Ok

Speaker: Susan Evans Garlinghouse DVM

Rooms: \$66 King inside, \$61 double, \$56 outside Reservations: 1-
800-515-3663 or (918)652-2581

Banquet: \$12 plus tax

Start time: 10am

Convention Cost: \$10 per person, \$15 family

<http://pages.prodigy.net/firedancefarms/Convention.htm>

Central Region Ride Calendar



Feb 5—Frigid Digit 25/50/75

LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, Tx Maria Wallis
goldencmk@aol.com 8792 CR 135
Kaufman, Tx 75142 (972)962-2596

Feb 26—Louisiana Gumbo Elevator 25/35 elv/55

Kisatchie National Forest, Veron Parish. Fred Myers (225)683-3990
10835 Hwy 955 E
Ethel, LA 70730 teekeylaa@aol.com

March 12—Cougar Prowl 25/50

Okmulgee Game Management Area. Louise Burton firedancefarms@prodigy.net.5220 Honey Creek Rd, Okmulgee, OK 74447
<http://pages.prodigy.net/firedancefarms/CougarProwl.htm>

March 12—Heart of the Hills I 25/50 Boerne, TX

Chris Godsey 830/249-0262 (godsey2@gvtc.com)
518 Summit Trail, Boerne, TX 78006

March 13—Heart of the Hills II 25/50 Boerne, Tx

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April 2—Bluebonnet

25/50/100 Region 9 50 Championship Ride LBJ Grasslands, Decatur

Carla Jo Bass 1206 Tater Brown, Red Oak, TX 75154
972-617-8233 rebelcjb@aol.com fax:972-576-8233

April 9—Paradise Cup 25/50

Paradise, Missouri
Bob Kurtz 816-532-4596 (robinkurtz@sbcglobal.net)
6801 Clinton County Line Road, Trimble, MO 64492

April 16—Meanwhile Back at the Ranch 25/50

Six-O Ranch, Cleburne TX
Rebecca Huffman 9340 Summit Ct W, Cleburne, TX 76033
Becky@TheOriginalSeries.com

April 30—Winding Staircase 25/50

Ouachita Natl Forest-Cedar Lake Equest Camp; www.eagleknollranch.com/WindingStair Jeanetta Sturgeon 918-658-4336 (jettasturgeon@yahoo.com)PO Box 264, Hodgen, OK 74939-0264

June 11—L&S Ride 25/50

John Zink Ranch, Sand Springs, OK
Sheila Garretson 405-361-0579 (trotout@swbell.net) 13700 S Air Depot, Edmond, OK 73034

2006

AERC
National
Convention

February 24 & 25

San Antonio,
Tx

Adam's Mark,
Riverwalk

AERC

2005 Convention

John Ascuaga's Nugget Sparks, NV

March 18 & 19, 2005

Nov/Dec TADRA Minutes
December 4, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm at Richland Chambers Lake. Charles wished a happy birthday to all the members with birthdays in Nov/Dec.

Minutes were read and approved. Carla motioned to approve and Eddie 2nd.

Eddie reported that the 2004 membership total was still 117 and that the 2005 total so far are 43 members. This is 40 Regular, 2 Jr., and one assoc. with 1 new member, Leigh Bedford, joining this month. Eddie also reported that memberships are running behind for this time of the year, due to AHA not mailing out renewal notices to everyone. AHA said that they would correct that and send out the notices.

Trish was not here to give treasurer's report, but Charles did mention that the grant money has not yet been reimbursed.

Committee Reports:

Maria reported that the Frigid Digit (Feb. 5th) vets are lined up. Dennis Seymour-head vet, Valarie Bixler, Denise Esterling, and Dave Selella. There was some discussion held about the BC awards (getting a hold of George.) Maria has found a source for the glow sticks and found a cook for the ride. Maria said she is already receiving a lot of interest in this ride. So it should be a good one. If you have the time Please think about volunteering to help with ride.

Carla reported that 2 of 4 Bluebonnet Classic vets are lined up, and that the AERC sanction, the AHA sanction and the insurance are finished. A discussion was held on a possible cross entry fee for the AHA ride.

Unfinished business: Pavilion framework is up and primed. Pavilion should be ready for the Feb. ride. Dolly said we would need to have a trail-clearing weekend before the Feb. ride.

New: Horsefest- Jan. 15, 2005 in Mesquite. This is the Stallion service auction for the youth. Come and enjoy the exhibits and forums.

Maria brought up the idea of a moonlight ride during July or Aug. Some discussion was held and decided to table till another meeting.

Next meeting/ workday is Jan. 8, 2005. Rain date is Jan. 22. Work will be 9am and meeting 3 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Classifieds

BLUE STARS For sale: Bay weanling colt and yearling chestnut filly (half-sister to Eowyn Dax and ANDURIL TOS). Proven endurance lines. Sire, dams and siblings on premise for viewing, handling. Colt is discounted until weaning at the end of January. He is promising to be stallion quality, but if you want him gelded, I'll include that in his price. All are current with age appropriate handling and health care. more information on the [sales list](#) at www.theoriginalseries.com or Becky at 817/558-7828

Looking for Junior to sponsor in 50's this season on one of my horses. Please either e-mail me or call at (940) 726-5679; ste_arabians@hotmail.com.

Ariat Terrain **WATERPROOF** boots, grey. Ladies size 8. Lightly used, \$75 (includes shipping). These boots cost \$99 if you buy them new. Love the features, but they are just a bit too small for me. Contact Nell Lindquist at frazer1017@yahoo.com or 979-690-9188.

SAMS WINGS AHA #441377 and GLAMOUR GLITTER AHA#451684 These two daughters of winners have already produced winners. Sams Wings is a Samtyr daughter - (Darley winner, #1 Race Broodmare Sire in US 2003, internationally respected racehorse and racehorse sire). Glamour Glitter is a Pyrrus daughter (stakes-winner and son of Bandos who won Tevis plus was a multi-race winner/prolific sire of champions). Wings' son won his first 2 50 mile AERC rides. Wings is saddle-trained. Glamour is a sweepstakes mare. Top Polish/CMK lines. Add to or start a broodmare band with mares that are daughters of winners and make winners! These '89 and '90 mares receive regular farrier care, are current on vaccines/worming, can be stabled or pastured and are **PRICED TO SELL**. Visit www.SunnylandArabians.com and call (870) 591-6212. Located in Arkansas. Transportation help available.

Welcome Arabians Presents **THE SECOND CHANCE ARABIAN HORSE AUCTION SALE!** Saturday, April 23, 2005 near San Antonio, TX. Session I: **ENDURANCE and RACE HORSES**, consignment fee \$250. Session II: **OPEN ARABIANS**, consignment fee \$200. Contact Rita (Babbitt) Cunningham (830) 393-9125, (210) 381-0003 or WesternLove@aol.com



AT STUD—WYN STAR (Wineyn x Donna Juanita) Dark Chestnut,. Has sire many successful endurance horses. Excellent disposition. I have two very nice 2003 foals for sale, one colt, one filly. Great opportunity to get future endurance horses at good prices. Julie (972)727-6200 julieb@dfwair.net

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A Ride to Arabia

Written courtesy of Pascale Franconie

Just a year ago, in April, 1984, two French riders named Pascale Franconie and Jean-Claude Cazade rode two Arab stallions called Merindian and Mzwina into the Gardelle Stud Farm at Lauzun in central France, dismounted stiffly and unsaddled sadly. For them, and for the horses, it was the end of a very special journey: a ride on horseback from the Dordogne in France to the Yemen border in Saudi Arabia and back - a ride of 21,070 kilometers (13,092 miles), not counting unavoidable lifts and detours via ship and truck.

For Pascale and Jean-Claude the trip was the realization of a dream that had fascinated them ever since Jean-Claude discovered the wonderful qualities of Arabian horses while serving in the French Foreign Legion in Djibouti.

They rode alone most of the time, but are the first to say that their support from a variety of sources was vital. Josian Valette, owner of the Gardelle Stud Farm, one of the largest Arabian-horse breeding establishments in France, was one such source; he lent the horses to them to show that his Arabians could complete such a trip.

Other sources of help were Her Royal Highness Princess Alia and her mother Princess Dina of Jordan, Denis Letartre and the Randonnée Service which supplied all the equipment, veterinarian Ross Williamson, and Australia's Randwick Laboratories - which dispatched veterinary medicines and food supplements for the horses to each of the major cities they visited after Riyadh - French foreign service officers and, above all, representatives of the Saudi Arab government in Tabuk, Medina, Jiddah, Taif, Riyadh, Najran and Abha.

Even with such support, they said, the trip was always a challenge. The horses, for example, had to be reshod every 20 days, on average, except in Saudi Arabia where they found horseshoes with tungsten points - so sturdy that the horses traveled 6,000 kilometers (3,728 miles) in the kingdom with only three changes. Another problem was the need for a continual supply of grain to supplement the meager grazing available.

As they rode, Pascale kept a rough diary of her reactions and impressions. This article is a summary of that diary. - The Editors.

In the dawn light, the whole world was pink and gold, the shapes of the rocks sharp and clear, as we rose and began to feed the horses barley, chaff and, a luxury on this trip, carrots and apples brought down to the frontier by friends in Amman...

The sun was rising rapidly and a light breeze traced gentle lines in the sand and trembled in the sparse tufts of grass. The silence was broken only by the rhythmic breathing of the horses as, up ahead, a tall white cube detached itself from the background and slowly became the cistern at the Jordanian frontier post.

At the post, the customs officers were polite, but curious; obviously, French visitors on horseback were rare. But they stamped our passports - and, when we vigorously insisted, those of our horses too - and with a final offer of tea waved us into Arabia where, floating in the breeze, was the green flag of the kingdom with a sword in white and, above it, the famous inscription: "There is no god but God and Muhammad is the messenger of God." We had arrived. After two years of planning, and eight months of rid-

ing we had, enfin, arrived in Saudi Arabia.

The date, I remember, was November 14, 1982. Eight months almost to the day after we had ridden out of the Gardelle Stud Farm and headed for Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia and all the other countries between France and the border of Saudi Arabia - places like Turkey and Syria and, just yesterday, Jordan. Since then we had come a long way... tested our courage...and found that the ordeals had strengthened us...

In Italy, for example, we had been desperately worried when Mzwina had almost died from poisoning. Not, as a Greek newspaper wrote, because the Mafia wanted to wreak vengeance on the French, but because Mzwina had eaten grass sprayed with insecticide. It made us feel so helpless watching his eyes roll and seeing his great body lying on the ground in agony until a capable vet came and saved him.

By Yugoslavia the horses were showing their mettle and a Croatian peasant offered us headcollars made of plaited rope as a tribute to their courage; the peasant worked on them all night so that we could take them with us. We had covered 1,500 kilometers in a month (933 miles) at an average of 60 kilometers a day (37 miles), sometimes doing as much as 80 kilometers (50 miles) on good ground - such as the grassy banks of the Sava and the Morava rivers. And during this time the horses had no more than 26 buckets of corn plus some grass.

Controls by the Yugoslav militia were vexing - such as fines for riding on the pavement and, in Belgrade, a rule that made us tie up the horses because they were considered dangerous.

From Yugoslavia, we continued south through Greek Macedonia, where we crossed Thessaloniki (Salonika), a town of two million people, on foot, leading the horses. It began to get hot, so we exchanged the wool saddle blankets for toweling. But there was nothing we could do about the horseshoes; their shoes were ill-adapted for the work they were doing on hard ground: crampons on the heels and nothing on the toes. A painful lack of balance. Still, it is better to wear tennis shoes than walk barefoot!

As we went on, farther and farther, we discovered the limits of what we could ask from our horses. One day we left at 5:00 a.m. hoping to find a riding club in Kavala, Greek Macedonia where we could stop. But we were trapped between the bare and rocky mountains and the turquoise Aegean Sea and there was no water, no village before Kavala. No club there either, so, though it was 5:00 in the afternoon when we got there, we had to go on. There was nothing for the horses to eat.

Night fell, and we let the horses graze for four hours in a wheat field, while we took turns sleeping on the ground. We continued to Xanthi. Nothing. Further on, we at last purchased some grain and spent the night in a field. We had covered 150 kilometers in six hours (62 miles), having already 4,000 kilometers behind us (2,485 miles) and too few memories of adequate rations...

By then, we were sliding gently from one civilization into another. In the north of Greece, as we approached the Turkish frontier, our eyes became accustomed to minarets... to intricately patterned carpets...and to men with long moustaches, fingering small beads of stone or wood. Then the world changed - softly - as we arrived in Istanbul and crossed the Bosphorus; Europe was behind us, and we felt that now we were really starting our journey.

For more of this diary go to <http://www.saudiaramcoworld.com/issue/198502/a.ride.to.arabia.htm>

FRIGID DIGIT

The Icy Hot Rdie

75 and 50 mile Endurance and 25 mile Limited Distance Events

February 5, 2005 LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX

Sanctioned by AERC, TADRA

Sponsored by Texas Arabian Distance Riders Association

Endurance riding is a timed athletic event for both the horse and rider. The event is open to all breeds of equine (horses, mules and ponies). The goal is to follow a marked trail in the proper direction as described by ride management. The second goal is to ride the marked trail as quickly as the condition of the horse allows, successfully passing all vet checks and finishing with a sound horse. **“To Finish is to Win”**

Camping: This is a primitive base camp atop a small hill with a thick stand of hardwood trees and a scenic pond for horse water. There is ample room for campers, however no electricity or people water is available. Rest room facilities are provided. Open fires are restricted to specific areas if conditions allow. Dogs must be on leashes at all times. There are restaurants, motels and stores in Decatur.

Trails: The ride is of fair to moderate difficulty. Trails vary from fast flat areas, to high open areas with panoramic views, to deeply wooded forest. All trail is natural, with roadway's used only for crossings. There is ample horse water on trail. Shoes are not required, however they are recommended. All vet checks will be in base camp. All trails are permanently marked.

Awards: All riders who successfully complete the 25, 50 or 75-mile events will receive a custom imprinted tee shirt. Weight, Junior Division and Best Condition winners will receive an additional award.

Texas Animal Health Commission regulations require all out of state horses to show proof of a negative EIA (Coggins) test within the previous 12 months and have a health certificate issued within the last 30 days. Texas horses must show proof of a negative EIA (Coggins) test within the previous 12 months. Please plan ahead, no exceptions will be made.

If you plan on attending, **please help ride management by pre-entering.** Postmark will be your entry date.

Manager Maria Wallis
Secretary Trish Dutton
Farrier Gary Brown
Photographer John Adame

Veterinarians

Dennis Seymore DVM
Denise Easterling DVM
Valarie Bixler DVM
Jennifer Smallwood DVM

Friday Feb 4

3-8 PM Registration
 4-7 PM Pre-ride vet check
 7-8 PM Pre-ride meeting

Saturday Feb 5

6:00 AM 75-mile start
 7:30 AM 50-mile start
 8:30 AM 25-mile start
 Dinner around 5 PM

Any time changes will be announced at Pre-ride meeting

For additional information call Maria Wallis (972)962-2596 or goldencmk@aol.com
 Or Trish (940) 455-2849 or e-mail tl.dutton@gte.net

2005 FD Entry Form

Rider Information:

Name _____ AERC No. _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail _____ Phone _____ Junior's Sponsor _____

Weight Division (includes tack) Please circle one: Junior Featherweight (<160) Lightweight
(161-185) Middle Weight (186-210) Heavyweight (>211)

Horse Information:

Name _____ AERC No. _____
Breed _____ Reg. No. _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Color _____

Horse owner if different than rider _____

Negative Coggins required for all horses, out of state horse also require health certificate within 30 days

Please circle distance: 25 mile \$50.00 50 mile \$75.00 75 mile \$90.00

Entry fee (juniors 1/2 price, one per sponsor) _____

AERC Non-member fee \$10.00 applies to all distances _____

You must show your 2005 AERC card

TADRA member discount \$5.00 _____

Office fee per entry _____ \$5.00 _____

Total =====

**** Legal Release, do not sign until you have read ****

As a participant in the Frigid Digit Endurance Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and the Frigid Digit. I understand that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I further agree to be fully responsibility for my animals and myself. I will hold harmless Ride Management, Texas Arabian Distance Rider Association, the US Forest Service, other participants, all ride personal, and all property owners over whose land the ride may take place for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride. I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this release.

Signature of rider _____ Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian for Junior rider _____ Date _____

I grant my permission for ride management to arrange emergency medical treatment if I am unable to do so myself _____ Date _____

Please pre-enter by mailing to; Frigid Digitc, Trish Dutton, 13033 Stonebridge Road, Argyle, TX 76226. You may contact Trish at 940/455-2849 or e-mail tl.dutton@gte.net. Please send your entry fee with your pre-entry. Checks will not be cashed until after the ride, so if you do not start your check will not be cashed. Postmark will be your entry date.

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Texas Arabian Distance Riders Association

2005 Membership Form

Name _____

AHA # _____ S.S. # _____

DOB _____ Junior Yes/No

Address _____ State _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

URL _____ e-mail _____

Regular member (includes AHA membership and insurance) \$56.00

Associate member (no AHA and no insurance) \$15.00

Junior member, under 18 (includes AHA and insurance) \$20.00

LATE FEE, AHA MEMBER ONLY, after December 15, 2004 \$10.00

Mail to: TADRA, P.O. Box 532, Wortham, TX 76693 _____ Total

Regular membership includes Club dues, AHA dues and AHA \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance policy for horse related accidents.

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