

TVDCTA BITS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

| When? | Where? | What? |
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| May 3 | Steel Prize Stables | Ride-A-Test Clinic with Meris Greges |
| May 3 | Steel Prize Stables | TVDCTA Used Tack Sale |
| May 10-11 | Rainsville, AL | Dressage on the Mountain 1&2 |
| Jun 21-22 | Flint Ridge Farm | Clinic with Bill Fields |
| Jun 28 | Cotton Meadows Farm | Combined Training Schooling Show |
| Jul 12-13 | Flint Ridge Farm | Clinic with Bill Fields |
| Aug 2 | Steel Prize Stables | Dressage Schooling Show |
| Aug 3-4 | Steel Prize Stables | Clinic with Debbie Rodriguez |
| Aug 9-10 | Flint Ridge Farm | De-Spooking Clinic with National Mounted Police Service |
| Aug 16-17 | Flint Ridge Farm | Clinic with Bill Fields |
| Sep 6 | Mountain Laurel Farm | Combined Training Schooling Show |
| Oct 18 | Flint Ridge Farm | Halloween Dressage Schooling Show |

*These events are not set in stone. Check back for changes. (Another reason to read the newsletter!)



FROM THE EDITOR

I apologize for the lateness and blandness of this newsletter. Sometimes real life interferes with horse life, and something has to give.

~KLA

RIDE-A-TEST SCORES CLINISC COUNT TOWARDS YEAR END AWARDS

The scores from the Ride-A-Test with Debbie Hill will count towards year end awards. Please email a copy of your scores to tvdcta@gmail.com.

The scores from the May ride-a-test clinic with Meris Greges also count.

Please remember that you must be a member with 4+ volunteer hours to be eligible for year end awards.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

What: Custom Saddlery Wolfgang Solo Dressage Saddle

Where: Embrace Saddle Fit

How Much: ~2600+ depending on options

Why: LOVE LOVE LOVE this saddle!!!! It fits both Sir Charlie and I like a glove. It's incredible, and if you are in the market for a new saddle, please give it a try. And even if you are not looking for a new saddle, remember to get your old one fit every six months.



MISSION STATEMENT

TV DCTA is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging a high standard of horsemanship through the use of classical dressage techniques. The TV DCTA will disseminate educational material, sponsor and promote activities (such as clinics, seminars and competitions), and cooperate with other local and national organizations in developing and promoting better horsemanship.

WHAT'S GOING ON: DRESSAGE CLINIC WITH DEBBIE RODRIGUEZ

What: Dressage Clinic with Debbie Rodriguez

When: Aug 3-4

Where: Steel Prize Stables

Contact: Judith Fiorentino (256-682-1200 or steelprize@knology.net)

Details: Debbie Rodriguez is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist. She is a USDF "S" judge and a USEA "r" judge. She is also a certified ISSA instructor, and the maker "Success In The Saddle-a Core Fitness Program for Equestrians."



WHAT'S GOING ON: DRESSAGE CLINIC WITH BILL FIELDS

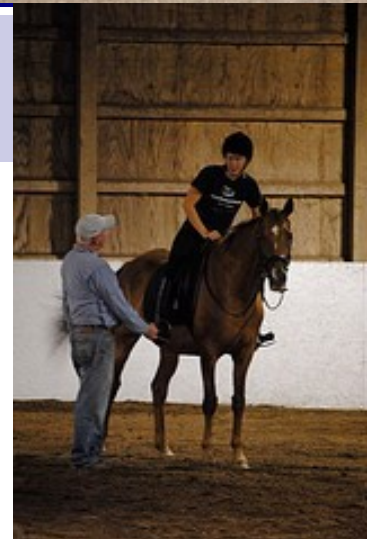
What: Dressage Clinic with Bill Fields

When: Jun 21-22, Jul 12-13, Aug 16-17, Sept 13-14, Oct 11-12

Where: Flint Ridge Farm

Contact: Heidi Rose (fridgefrm@aol.com)

Details: Bill Fields considers himself to be foremost a dressage teacher. He is open to all horses and students, even those not focused solely on dressage.



WHAT'S GOING ON: DE-SPOOKING CLINIC

What: De-Spooking Clinic

When: August 9-10

Where: Flint Ridge Farm

Contact: Heidi Rose (fridgefrm@aol.com)

Details: Come work on building your horse's confidence and decrease spooking with the National Mounted Police Service!



WHAT'S GOING ON: RIDE-A-TEST CLINIC WITH MERIS GREGES

What: Ride-a-Test Clinic with Meris Greges

When: May 3, 2014

Where: Steel Prize Stables

Details: Ride a USDF/USEF test with Meris Greges, a USDF "L" Judge.



WHAT'S GOING ON: TVDCTA USED TACK SALE

What: TVDCTA Used Tack Sale

When: May 3, 2014 (same day as the Meris Greges Ride-A-Test!) 9am-5pm

Where: Steel Prize Stables (same place as the Meris Greges Ride-A-Test!)

Contact: TVDCTA

Details: Please drop off your used tack any time during the preceding week or on the day of the tack sell. Make sure that items are labeled with your name, price, and any important information. Sellers will be charged a 5% commission on item lots totaling \$20 or more. Cash or checks only, no credit cards will be accepted.



WHAT'S GOING ON: DRESSAGE ON THE MOUNTAIN I & II

What: Dressage On the Mountain 1 & 2

When: May 10 and 11, 2014

Where: Rainsville, AL

Contact: Sandy Donovan (sandydonovan@gmail.com)

Details: Recognized USDF show. Each day is counted as one, separate show. Please see their website <http://mountainmusicdressage.com/> for more details.

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FOR SALE – Like new 2013 County Connection in black elephant print leather. 18in, wide tree. Asking \$3400. Contact Tammy Bush (tammy.tvdcta@gmail.com) if interested.

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