

# EASTERN MICHIGAN ARABIAN ASSOCIATION

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2011



## Letter from the President



PAT MURLEY AND HER STALLION,  
DESPERADO MAGIC

Hello EMAA:

Happy New Year EMAA members and EMAA equines. Yesterday was 10 degrees; however, you would have never known it with all the activity at the barn. The dedication of horse people is always amazing to me.

Thanks to Pam Sabourin, Director at Large, the Board held their first 2011 meeting at a new location - the Holiday Inn (intersection of 23 and 75). Remember all Board meetings are open to members; if you have an item for the agenda, please contact Lora Hicks-Thorsby, Secretary, at least one week prior to the meeting.

What's Going On?

Computers - There is a saying that goes "No foot, no horse"...well, I think there is an IT version of that saying as well, "No computer, no horseshow". The Club has one 10 year old computer, and three seven-year old lap tops. These are shared for the

show office, treasurer, secretary, and newsletter. The computers which have been maintained are now "blinking out" and "non-responding" (my highly technical terms); they are NOT reliable. The horse world also has software products now available to improve and simplify the management of the horse show/class entries, club points, and ACS points; it is time to make a move. Making a move will mean money. The Board will be reviewing the options of a computer assessment or a fee change to cover the cost.

The Board will keep you advised.

Futurity - EMAA has been approached by Paul Die-drich, President of the Michigan Arabian and Half Arabian Breeders Futurity program. The Futurity is "looking for another group that would be interested in sharing the expenses of the fairgrounds (September/Mason) and other show costs such as the judge, dj, ring master, etc. so that each organization would benefit financially as compared to running the show independently." Mr. Die-drich has requested to be on the agenda of the February Board Meeting for discussion and evaluation of his proposal.

Show Bill Meeting - The Show Bill committee will be meeting Sunday, January 23, to review the class or-

der for the coming year. One of the big issues will be the scheduling of dressage classes - the USEF has reduced the classes in each level from 4 to 3 - basically an overall reduction of 25% - so we will be discussing the financial implications of that on our schedule. They will also be reviewing all the suggestions and comments from last years Suggestion Box regarding what worked well and what didn't.

Youth Activities - Chris Campbell, Youth Director, has lots of new and new-old ideas for the kids this year. We know the kids are Very busy; however, Chris has some ideas, which won't take lots of time, which I think they will all be interested in.

It is COLD, but as I continually witness at the barn, everyone is still riding. Two nice ideas I have tried successfully to brave the cold and trail ride are fleece riding pants and hackamores. The pants are so light I thought they would be worthless. Not so, they have been great. And I have a hard time thinking of an ice-cold piece of steel in Magic's mouth, so I switched him to a hackamore and he loves it.

Loving our Arabians is 365 days a year no matter the weather! I hope you are able to get out and ride.

Sincerely,  
Patricia A. Murley,  
President

## 25 YEARS IN THE MAKING...

- ◆ First official meeting of the club was held at Frank Chesney's home. Fourteen people attended.
- ◆ Chesney was voted in as President, and became Member #0.
- ◆ Very first event was a trail ride, held on Aug. 26, 1987.
- ◆ First EMAA Futurity was held in 1987.
- ◆ Initial bank balance was \$179.



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.



MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. IF YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR ITEM THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADDRESSED, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO INFO@EMAA.ORG A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE SO THAT WE CAN ADD IT TO THE AGENDA.



MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN FLINT:

J. PORTER'S AMERICAN CHOPHOUSE 5353 GATEWAY CENTER FLINT, MI 48507 7:00 PM

Board of Director meeting minutes—October 2010

MEETING MINUTES 10-13-10

Attendance: Heather Zofko-Bills, Chris Campbell, Lora Hicks-Thorsby, Pam Sabourin, Kim Winger, Cathy Campbell, Christine Young, Justin Campbell, and Curtis Campbell.

Called to Order at 7:20pm

Secretary's Report:

Read and approved – Lora motioned to accept Heather 2nd passed

Treasurer's Report:

\$19,497.11 Read and approved Lora motion to accept, Pam 2nd passed

NSF-Stephanie Koby \$673.00

Jillian Oswalt \$165

Thomas Halley \$154

Joanna Goodall \$354

Committee Reports:

Show managers:

September- 112 horse 713 entries; last year we had 900 entries Advertising: Deadlines Oct. 31 for Banquet ads

Banquet: Nov. 20. Tickets will be 14 and over \$22.50 and 13 and under \$12.50.

Christine motioned to purchase 200 of the 25 yr. Pins, 2nd by Lora passed. Ribbons are ordered.

Dressage: Ride are down, New tests are on the USEF web site: there will only be 3 tests per level. Approval of Recp. Of Dressage Awards

Judges: none

Membership: 55 family, 46 youth, 71 individual.

Newsletter: due Oct 15th need July, August, and September board minutes.

Points: are almost finished

Ribbons: None

Show Bill/Rule: none

Youth: the Youth show will be

at MSU Oct. 29-31

Web site: none

Suggestion Box: none

Old Business:

MSU deposit is paid for 2011.

New Business:

Show dates are May 24-26 Mason, June 24-26 MSU, July 22-24 Shiawassee, September 9-11 Mason

There was lengthy discussion on the mare award, and the conduct of Stephanie Sexton at the last show.

Cathy motioned to discontinue the Maj Way Mare award and in its place present the Gala Treasure Mare Award. Heather 2nd. Vote was 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Chris Campbell

Board of Director meeting minutes—November 2010

MEETING MINUTES 11-10-10

Attendance: Pat Murley, Heather Zofko-Bills, Chris Campbell, Michael Young, Pam Sabourin, Kim Winger, Cathy Campbell, Christine Young, Justin Campbell, and Curtis Campbell.

Called to Order at 7:30pm

Secretary's Report:

Read and approved – Pam moved to accept Kim 2nd passed

Treasurer's Report:

\$20,073.11 Read and approved Heather moved to accept, Chris 2nd passed

NSF-Stephanie Koby \$673.00

Jillian Oswalt \$165

Thomas Halley \$154

Committee Reports:

Show managers: None

Advertising: 10 ads have been sold for the banquet.

Banquet: Nov. 20. Tickets will be 14 and over \$22.50 and 13 and under \$12.50.

Darrin Miller achievement award was voted on - Amanda Hupfer. We will have a drawing for a membership, from all that renew at the banquet.

9am set-up.

Dressage: None:

Judges: None

Membership: 55 family, 46 youth, 71 individual.

Newsletter: due Dec 4th

Points: Done

Ribbons: None

Show Bill/Rule: None

Youth: None

Web site: Renewal forms are now on the web.

Suggestion Box: Will be in the next newsletter

Old Business:

Pat Murley- will send a Thank You letter to the Sexton's. Show dates are May 24-26 Mason, June 24-26 MSU, July 22-24 Shiawassee, September 9-11 Mason

New Business:

No meeting in December- unanimous agreed passed

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Chris Campbell

Board of Director meeting for December 2010 was cancelled.



## EMAA Spring General Membership Meeting

EMAA's Spring Meeting will take place on Sunday April 10th at 1:00pm at the Shiawassee Fairgrounds offices.

Please try to attend! We will discuss changes to the show bill and updates to the Rules and Regulations for the 2011 show season.

Show packets will be distributed at the meeting.

We will once again have a Trunk Tack Sale before and after the meeting. Bring your sale items and display them on your tailgate or trunk.

Refreshments will be available at the Bake Sale - please bring

baked items to donate!



## Calendar Updates



Feb. 19, 2011—Equine Emergencies Lecture (see pg 4)

March 9, 2011—EMAA Board Meeting, J. Porters Chophouse at 7pm.

March 11-13, 2011—MHC Stallion Expo at MSU Pavilion

March 13, 2011—Spring Ahead! Set clocks ahead by one hour...

March 31, 2011—if you haven't renewed your membership by March 31st, you will no longer receive newsletters

**April 10, 2011—Spring Meeting at Shiawassee Fairgrounds office, 1pm**

April 13, 2011—EMAA Board Meeting, J. Porters Chophouse at 7pm.

April 16-17, 2011—AHAM Dressage & Sport Horse Committee Spring Clinic

April 24, 2011—2011 Spartan Spectacular Arabian Horse Auction at MSU

## 2011 USEF Dressage Tests

Effective December 1, 2010, the beginning of the USEF competition year, Revised USEF Dressage tests (Training - Fourth Levels) are available for the next four (4) years.

Why the changes?

The new tests are part of USEF's scheduled review and revision (every four years) of the Training - Fourth level tests and reflect the test-writing subcommittee's recommendations announced at last year's convention.

Please note the changes below.

- Reduction of the number of tests per level to three (3) tests for ALL levels
  - Only Training Level tests may be held in a small arena (as included in the Rule Book).
  - First Level Test 1 may no longer be held in the small arena.
  - Both Training and First Level Tests allow either rising or sitting trot
  - Requirements for Fourth Level have been reduced to illustrate a clear difference between this level and PSG
  - Collective Marks remain the same as 2007 tests (Gaits x2, Impulsion x2, Submission x2, and Rider x3)
  - Test times have been changed to six (6) minutes or less when possible.
- To update language, clarify description and intention of movements for both officials and competitors, the directives have been rewritten.
- The USEF Dressage Tests (Training - Fourth Levels) are now available on the EMMA website. [See the link on the home page.](#)

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**OUTSTANDING NSF CHECKS**

EMAA HAS HAD CHECKS RETURNED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDS FROM THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE. NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO COLLECT THIS MONEY WITHOUT SUCCESS.

AMOUNTS SHOWN HERE INCLUDE THE FINES.

STEPHANIE KOBY - OWES \$673

JILLIAN OSWALT - OWES \$165

THOMAS HALLEY - OWES \$154

EFFORTS TO COLLECT THIS MONEY ARE STILL ONGOING.



*Equine Emergencies Lecture*



Veterinarians from the Michigan State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital are holding a lecture on how to handle equine emergencies.

The lecture will take place on February 19th from 10am-11:30am at the Brandon Township Library Community Room. Cost to attend is \$5.00.

Please RSVP by sending an email to [frankrossman@aol.com](mailto:frankrossman@aol.com).

*Winter Riding*

*This excerpt is from Chapter 7 of Care & Management of Horses by Heather Smith Thomas. The book is available from [www.ExclusivelyEquine.com](http://www.ExclusivelyEquine.com).*

Give your horse longer warm-up and cooling-out time in cold weather to prevent tendon injury.

Frozen ground, cold temperatures, and stiff tendons (not warmed up) can result in damage or even a bowed tendon. Remember that he must work harder traveling through snow than on bare ground.

Don't work him really hard in temperatures below twenty degrees Fahrenheit. You may want to do more walking and less work at fast gaits to keep a horse from getting too hot and

Participating vets are:  
**Susan Holcombe, VMD, MS, PhD, Dipl. ACVS, Dipl. ACVECC**

- Academic and clinical training
- BS, Cornell University, 1986
  - VMD, University of Pennsylvania, 1990
  - Internship, Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital
  - Residency, The Ohio State University
  - MS, The Ohio State University, 1994
  - PhD, Michigan State University, 1997
  - Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons, 1995
  - Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, 2000

**Vanessa Cook, VetMB, MS, PhD, DACVS, DACVECC**  
Academic and clinical training

- VetMB, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, 1992
- Internship, Liphook Equine Hospital, United Kingdom
- Residency, The Ohio State University
- MS, The Ohio State University
- PhD, North Carolina State University
- Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons, 1998
- Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, 2004



sweaty (which makes for longer cool-out time) and to cope with bad footing. Frozen ground increases the concussion on feet and legs, and fast work will accentuate it.

Pay attention to footing. Frozen ground can be treacherous, espe-

spots of borium (tungston carbide) welded on for more traction on ice or frozen ground. Be careful when using any type of traction device (calks, studs, borium, etc.) as these can cause extra stress to feet and legs by grabbing too well.

A barefoot horse often has better traction than one shod with regular shoes. The bare foot's sharp edges cut into the snow or slick ground a little better than a shod foot (unless shod with calks or studs) and snow doesn't ball up so badly in a bare foot. However, if snow is wet and packing, it can build up quickly in the foot and the horse is soon walking on four balls of ice,



cially on a hillside. Ice or packed snow can be just as slippery. Some horsemen use shoes with

which not only is extremely slippery, but also puts great strain on the feet and legs. To prevent



this condition you may want to use snowball pads with domed centers that prevent snow buildup and ice balls. Another option is to grease the bottom of feet with butter, margarine, or petroleum jelly to create a non-stick surface on the soles.

When preparing for a ride, make sure the horse's back is clean and dry before saddling. A wet back will gall more readily than dry skin. An outdoor horse may be woolly and have mud in his coat. Make sure there is no mud or matted hair under a saddle pad. When bridling, an icy-cold metal bit can be unpleasant. Keep

bridles in the house rather than an unheated tack room. You can warm a cold bit by wrapping a hot wet washcloth around it, then wrapping a hand towel on top of the washcloth to help hold in the heat and keep it dry until you bridle him.

Plan your rides early enough in the day to finish and get the horse cooled out and dry before sundown. Winter days are short and temperatures can drop quickly. If a horse is wet from sweat, he will take longer to dry than in summer. Make sure his body temperature is back to normal and his hair fluffed up

and drying. If you put him away wet, with hair plastered down, he may become chilled.

Daily grooming is sometimes neglected in winter if you are not riding a horse and he is out on pasture. Keeping his coat free of mud and matted hair and cleaning his feet once a day can be very beneficial, however, and gives you a good feel of what's happening with his body condition, and skin and hoof health.



## Feeding Horses When Temperatures Drop

by: University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Winter presents a challenge to horse owners when it comes to feeding their horses. Low temperatures, harsh winds and rain, snow, and ice all contribute to the increasing nutrient requirements a horse has to keep themselves warm and maintain their body weight.

Here are a few feeding tips to help horse owners keep their horses happy and healthy this winter:

- Winter tends to be a time when horses lose weight, and a heavy winter coat can hide a thin horse. Make sure to check your horse's body condition every 30 days. If your horse loses weight during the winter, try increasing his body weight prior to the winter months so that he can lose some weight during the winter without becoming thin.
- Horses require additional energy from the diet to maintain body weight when temperatures drop below 45½ F. Remember that pasture grasses do not grow during the colder months. Providing good quality hay at 2% of the horse's body weight should

meet his nutrient requirements for maintenance. Feeding hay also generates heat during digestion by gut microbes, and that helps horses stay warm.

- If hay availability is limited, beet pulp can also be a beneficial source of fiber. Also, investigate "complete feeds" that have the fiber already in the bag.
- Use hay feeders during the winter. Up to 20% of hay is wasted by horses when fed on the ground.
- Horses in work or pregnant mares might require grain along with hay to maintain body weight. Avoid feeding more than 4-5 lbs of grain in one meal feeding in order to reduce the horse's risk of colic.
- Consider adding fat to the diet in the form of oil or bran in order to increase the amount of energy in the diet. Fat packs more energy in each pound than carbohydrates.
- Improve how your horse utilizes the feed you give him during winter by having their teeth checked and floated if necessary and by deworming the horse prior to the winter months.
- Horses might decrease their

consumption of cold or freezing water during the winter leading to an increased risk of colic. Make sure your horse is consuming at least 10 gallons of fresh clean water each day. Use tub and/or bucket heaters to help reduce ice formation and to keep the water lukewarm. Check all water sources and remove ice daily.



- Provide salt blocks in fields and stalls. Although salt intake is more important during the hot summer months to replace sodium and chloride lost in sweat, horses do not meet their daily salt requirements by consuming forage alone.
- Keep in mind that older horses have additional needs during the winter. Feeding a diet based on beet pulp prior to and during winter can help them maintain their weight during the winter.

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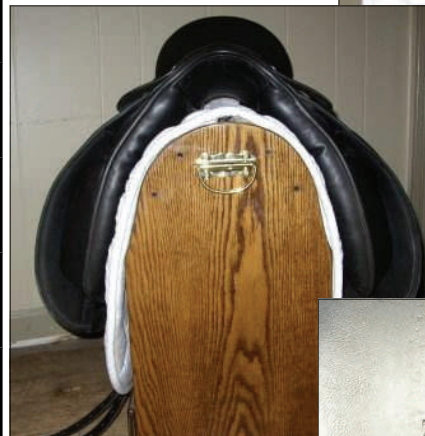
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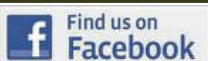
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