

MM Good News

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Horse Normals

Knowing whether your horse is sick or not can often be a guessing game, but the following norms can help determine if it's time to call the vet.

<i>Pulse Rate</i>	<i>30 - 40 BPM</i>
<i>Respiratory Rate</i>	<i>12 - 20 BPM</i>
<i>Temperature</i>	<i>99.5 - 101.5°F</i>
<i>Capillary Refill Time</i>	<i>< 2 seconds</i>

President's Message By Tresa Smith

TCHAU! Parabens Presidente John Kelley.

USMMA President Tresa Smith

Translation: "Goodbye! Congratulations President John Kelley."



Past, Present, and Future

(Starting at far left) John Kelley (USMMA future present), Lynn Kelley (USMMA past president) and Tresa Smith (USMMA current president) ride together during one their many trips to Brazil.

Saying "Thank You"

Volunteering to help run and grow an organization like the USMMA is not a small task and yet we've had the good fortune of having passionate, caring, supporters of the breed commit YEARS of their lives to assisting the USMMA in the achievement of it's stated mission.

Volunteering certainly isn't about fame or fortune – it's about having a passion that runs so deeply it leaves you with no choice but to get involved, and although satisfying it can be a thankless endeavor at times.

As 2009 comes to a close it would be nice if each one of you would take a moment to thank

the departing board members (you can find their contact information the USMMA website) for their tireless efforts in helping to establish this incredible breed here in the US. Their work has provided us with the opportunity to enjoy our horses in new ways, to improve the genetics in the US, and to share our passion with other enthusiasts like ourselves.

I'm sure that I speak for the entire USMMA membership when I say "Thank You for all that you've done!"

President, Tresa Smith

V. President, Susan Neumann

Secretary, Susan Gabriel

Treasurer, Eliza Frazer

Registrar, Lynn Kelley

Board Member at Large, Lori Silcher

Board Member at Large, Bill Kambic

In January we'll send out a welcome to the new Board of Directors, but for now (in keeping with the season) let's focus on giving "thanks" for those who've served the USMMA and it's membership well in the current term.

Member News



Rox Rogers and her new MM Vicosa de Itajoana

Welcome New Members!

For the first time in a long time we have no new members to report. If you've been thinking about joining but haven't, give yourself a Christmas present of USMMA membership!

Flying Oaks Ranch (OK)

Flying Oaks Ranch, owned by Rick and Liz Shatz, has received notice that their stallion Ator Fazenda Zouga has been fully registered by the ABCMMA.

In addition, their new ranch website has been completed and can be viewed at www.flyingoaksranch.com



Carol Long on Jordoa do Passo Fino at the Ocala Horse Park earlier this year.

Yankee River Sport Horses (PA)

Signa Strom and Azenha de Maripa have completed one Extreme Cowboy Race, four AERC endurance rides and one ECTRA competitive trail ride this season. Although most rides were limited distance (25 - 30 miles) they finished the season by attempting (and completing) their first 50 mile AERC endurance ride, where they finished 30th out of 47.

Signa has been asked to speak at a local Riding Club in February about the Mangalarga Marchador, and to consider organizing an "open" Mangalarga Marchador horse show in the spring to provide an opportunity for local riders to meet the breed in person.



Susan Neumann enjoys a ride on Marchwind Cobre through the Sonoran Desert

Cascade Marchadors (OR) A GRAND adventure!!!

In Sept/Oct of this year, several of us traveled throughout the southwest with MM's and other ponies. Russ and Annabelle Beggs, recent new owners of an MM; myself and Holm, Don West of Fruita, CO; Jim Hannah and Cowboy George of Par-rumph, NV, Rebecca Jenkins, owner of a 1/2 MM from Silver Lake, OR. I am having Annabelle write the story in Utah as they have the most pictures of that. Russ will write of his experience taking the archery clinic in Scottsdale, AZ. The group in parts and as a whole were on the road for more than 5 weeks.

We had perfect weather, no breakdowns of major proportion, no sick or injured horses. I, however, had a knee scope 6 days prior to us leaving on the trip. That kept me in slow motion but I was able to ride everywhere I wanted. The scenery was spectacular, the horses became mountain climbers, quick sand swimmers and just great trail buddies.

We were blessed with great campsites, wonderful people we met along the way, good food and comfortable accommodations for the horses. I would recommend this trip to anyone wanting to have a spectacular time with their horses.

Susan Neumann, Cascade MMs.

Rox Rogers (MT)

Rox Rogers, MM owner already, purchased her second horse, Vicosa de Itajoana from Tresa Smith, Lazy T Ranch. Vicosa was imported in 2004 by Summerwind Marchadors and has had 2 foals in the US: Amethyst do Summerwind, now owed by Great Lakes Marchadors in MI and Caetano-Veloso de Lazy T. Rox first met Vicosa in Arizona and it appears she never completely stopped thinking about her.

Rox and her first Marchador, Bambino de Itajoana, train and ride in dressage, reining and of course, in the beautiful country of Montana.

Summerwind Marchadors (AZ/CO)

After a wonderful fall in Pagosa, we are back in Scottsdale AZ for the winter. The horses have settled in quite well at OutWest Stallion Station where we've been the past 2 years. We like OutWest because they have facilities to keep our horses outdoors in a herd environment rather than in stalls. We also appreciate that they are a full breeding operation offering semen collection, shipping, freezing and on the other side, breeding the mare and foaling.

Here in Scottsdale, we get to ride in a lot more events and with friends so it makes for an interesting change because in Pagosa we always ride alone. We do a few hunts with the Paradise Valley Beagle Club and ride with friends. Our friends often choose to ride one of our

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Marchadors, which is fine with us! We have plans for an endurance LD ride and also an ACTHA ride in March 2010. We are hoping the other AZ Marchador owners will join us for the ACTHA rides!

In October, we were happy to have Megan McClarney and Colin Fallwell visit us to learn more about the Marchador breed. They got to ride a wide spectrum in the gait, from pure Picada to pure Batida and a few horses that are in-between. They hope to become breeders in 2010 with a mare-in-foal.

We are interested in helping new breeders get started. If you are interested in becoming a new breeder, please contact us for a SW Sponsored Breeder kit and application.

It appears that Signa Strom from Yankee River Sport Horses will win the SW Award for riding. Signa competes and shows Azenha de Maripa in endurance and competitive trail riding, and they even tried the Extreme Cowboy Race at the Equine Affaire! The rider award is \$250 and is based on entering and finishing, not winning. We will offer the award again in 2010 for any Summer-wind-sold horse, or their offspring and we intend to double the prize money once again. Total cash prize money will be \$3500 in 2010, but anyone who shows will get some reward!

Lynn Kelley is planning to organize an ABCCMM inspection visit again in 2010. This activity is done outside of the auspices of the USMMA for any member who wishes to have their horse inspected and registered with the ABCCMM. For planning purposes, please start now if you have questions about your horses' paperwork to get these issues addressed BEFORE the inspection. We will be sending out an email early in 2010 to provide more information on costs and timing.

Haras Lucero (TN) Bill and Sandy Kambic

Late summer and early fall are our busy times. In August we participated at the Eastern Regional Cavalry Competition, Secret Passage Ranch, Ft. Valley, VA. Sandy & I took Sama Jainina and Apple Pie de Miami (aka Andante) for the event. We met Mike Stachelek there and had a good visit.

The Cavalry Competitions consist of four basic events: Military Equitation, Military Field Jumping, Mounted Pistol, and Mounted Saber. Each event divided into Level I (novice), Level II (intermediate), and Level III (advanced).

All competitors must correctly wear the uniform of an armed service. Honorably discharged veterans may wear the uniform of their service. They, or anyone else, may also choose to present a historical impression by wearing the uniform of any

service from any time period, except Nazi Germany.

The facilities at Secret Passage Ranch continue to improve each year. Sadly, the weather this year was very difficult. For those of us with a historical perspective it was kind of like re-enacting the Spanish-American War in either Cuba or the Philippines: if it wasn't beastly hot it was raining!!!

The competitions always open with a parade of the competitors and presentation of the colors. After the opening ceremonies were complete the first event is Military Equitation. This year the tests were simple "dressage" tests from the 1930s originally written by Col. Guy Henry, an outstanding Army equestrian of his day. Sandy placed First on Sama in Level I; I was other than first on Andante in Level II.

Neither of us do any jumping anymore, so we pass on the Military Field jumping.

The Mounted Pistol course consists of a series of balloon targets that are laid out in a pattern. The rider must negotiate the pattern and engage the targets with a single action pistol (such as the M1873 Army Colt) firing .45 Long Colt blanks. Each blank is a case filled with black powder and crimped at the end. Effective maximum range against a balloon is 10-12 feet. Scores are determined by the number of balloons broken. If two riders

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Janice Cyrill riding her lovely 4 year old, Annalisa Libertas. Janice has discovered the joy of riding bitless and is having tremendous success with it!



Signa Strom riding Azenha de Maripa at Fort Valley Endurance ride in Virginia where they completed an insanely difficult 30 mile LD



Trail riding MMs Pele do Premier and Chogun do Premier at the Neumann Family Reunion in June, 2009. 20 folks gathered in Bend, OR, to celebrate birthdays, weddings and grand children.

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Neumann family reunion heads out on the MMs for a trail ride



John and Lynn Kelley enjoy a ride on Artemis do Summerwind and Koyote Libertas



Elba Cruzalta (BELLA) owned by Keith Mosing and Jenny Smith, TX.

have the same score, then the time taken to ride the course is used to determine the winner. I rode the course on Andante and missed one balloon; that was not enough to win.

The Mounted Saber course requires the rider to negotiate a course where the targets, burlap sacks stuffed with hay or straw, are set out. Some targets are on standards that are "horse high" (simulating a mounted opponent) while others simulate infantry standing or laying on the ground. The rider must penetrate the target with the point of the saber; slashing is generally not allowed. Again, the score is determined by the number of targets successfully engaged; time is used to break ties. Sadly, we were not able to participate in this event as it was scheduled for Sunday morning and the rain began at about 2 a.m. and continued past noon.

In addition to these basic events there are also Platoon Drill Competitions (where a unit of at least 8 riders must demonstrate the ability to work as a unit); Bugler Competitions (pretty self explanatory); Authenticity Competitions (where a competitor is judged on the historical accuracy of his uniform and tack); and the Major Howze Mobility Test (where a unit of at least four riders must navigate a course of 6-8 miles and then complete a saber charge against simulated infantry targets).

We returned home on Sunday morning, having been "rained

out" of the Mounted Saber and Major Howze events.

In late September we traveled to Ft. Robinson, NE for our major event, the 2009 National Cavalry Competition. This is sponsored by the U.S. Cavalry Association, Ft. Riley, KS. They have a fine website at <http://www.uscavalry.org/> Here you can also find the results from the Competition and some photos (soon, we hope).

Some photos of Sandy and I at Ft. Robinson can be found at <http://picasaweb.google.com/wkambic/NatCavComp2009#>

Ft. Robinson was a frontier post established as part of a chain of forts to protect the Oregon Trail. It was later a major post for "policing" nearby Indian Reservations. The final duties of the post were as one of the Army's major remount centers. It was closed in 1946 and turned over the Dept. of Agriculture who used it as a bovine research facility. The State of Nebraska later took over the Fort and made it a state park. Many of the original post buildings are still in use as stables, guest facilities, museums, administrative offices, etc. The post is an outstanding example of a frontier Army garrison. The park contains 22,000+ acres for riding, fishing, hiking, etc. It is an outstanding place to visit.

The trip out from Kingston took just over two days and was uneventful. We planned on arriving at Ft. Robinson mid-day

on Monday so we could do some riding at the Park. Sadly, the weather did not cooperate. It was cold and rainy Monday and Tuesday. By Wednesday morning it was just cold, windy, and overcast. In the morning we participated in the "staff ride." We followed the Ridge Trail which took us on an almost five mile ride through some of the Parks trails. There were about 50 riders. We were able to observe the Park's herds of American Bison and Texas Longhorns. The ride took just over two hours. Sama and Andante did quite well on the trail. We were a bit concerned as they had been either in a trailer or in a stall for almost a week by this time and were both "full of vinegar." After a few minutes, though, they settled in quite nicely.

On Wednesday afternoon there was a Jumping Clinic and the School of the Soldier. The School program consisted of instruction on some fine points of horse mastership (how to effectively execute turns on the forehand and the haunches and why they are important in equine formation riding). We also learned some of the basic commands and movements necessary to manage a large formation of horses and riders. This was Andante's first real experience in riding with 50+ other horses in a disciplined fashion. She did quite well once she "got" that she was not always the "lead horse"!!!

Thursday marked the first official day of the event. We began with a parade of the al-

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most 70 competitors and a presentation of the colors. After "passing in review" for the local press and dignitaries we returned to our "garrisons" and prepared for the first event, Military Equitation.

The format was the same as the Virginia event. One difference between this event and a regular dressage test is that the rider enters dismounted and stops at X. Here they mount, render honors to the judge, and proceed on course. The judging is quite rigorous, with the standard being the rules laid down at the Cavalry School at Ft. Riley, KS during the early part of the 20th Century. Sandy and I both rode Andante for this part of the competition. She rode at Level I and I rode at Level II. We both finished fourth in our classes. Results are posted on the U.S. Cavalry Association website, above.

The afternoon event was Mounted Pistol. As in Virginia, the course is laid out and the rider must negotiate it while engaging the targets. Since jumping is no longer in my personal agenda I am restricted to riding Level I. This is not Andante's favorite event, but she's a "trooper" and does the best she can. This year the jumps from Level III were left in place for all the levels. This created a problem for us. Since I'm not allowed to jump we had to approach the jump and either step over it, go through it, or go around it. Andante has had basic jumping training and know that when

she approaches a jump she's supposed to go over it. This resulted in some "discussion" at the jump to limit her to stepping over the rails. We had it fairly well under control until about the second from the last standard, when she decided that she was right, I was wrong, and she was going to jump those rails come Hell or High Water. And she did. I felt it coming, assumed the best posture I could, took the jump, didn't fall off, and missed the target. Sandy was watching and her reaction (along with the Chief Judge for the competition) and reacted by saying "Oh, s**t." Fortunately I stayed on and we completed the course. And we weren't last!!!

One nice thing about this Competition is the quality of the parties. This tradition was upheld as we enjoyed a first rate buffet of buffalo burgers and all the trimmings on Thursday night.

Friday began with Field Jumping. Since that's a "restricted event" for me we watched and then helped out in the event Head Quarters with late registrations and selling stuff from the Suttler's Store.

Mounted Saber was after the Jumping. Sadly I had to "scratch" from this event. While we were loading up for the trip I was arranging some items in the bed of the truck while standing on a short step-ladder. Unfortunately the ladder slipped and I fell on my ribs against the bed rails. Nothing was seriously hurt, but it af-

ected my ability to bear weight in my right hand. I had no difficulties in the parade or the Mounted Shooting, but the Saber was another matter. To engage a Saber target the rider must extend the arm fully (either to the front, side, or rear). This meant trying to carry an M1913 Patton Saber (at seven pound plus) at the end of an arm with serious pain in the side. And suffering the force of impact as the point hits the bag (and it's more of an impact than one might first think when moving at a hand gallop). When some experimentation showed I could not handle the Patton Saber I tried it with my Navy ceremonial sword (at about half the weight). That was not going to work, either. So I volunteered to be a "target observer/setter."

I also had to withdraw from the Major Howze Mobility Test for the same reasons.

Saturday was devoted to the Authenticity, Platoon Drill, and Bugler competitions in the morning. We were requested to do a second parade as a "media event" and we did so. It was even better than the opening ceremony as we had more experience!

The final event of the Competition is the Bolte Cup (formerly known as the Director's Cup). In this event all four of the basic events are combined into a single course. It is quite

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challenging and is much more



Competitors in a Brazilian trail competition spend a moment cooling their Marchadors.



Steio do Berma (Yankee River Sport Horses) stands perfectly still for a fearful adult beginner rider (Lori Seyfert) to mount and get balanced.



Azenha de Maripa gets a lesson in ponying another horse. These two horses are not buddies, but have now traveled together for nearly 150 miles on conditioning rides like this without issue

Bom Saude By Dr. Tia Nelson, DVM

How Birth Color Can Effect Breeding Success

"I'm planning to stand my 10 year old stallion to outside mares this year," stated my friend and client, Mary. "Is there anything I need to do before I advertise him?"

"Well, I'd start with a breeding soundness exam (BSE) to show his health and fertility potential. If you're planning to collect semen for shipping, then the semen needs to be evaluated to see if it can be chilled or frozen successfully. He's got foals on the ground for you, so you know he's able to do that much. If his semen won't tolerate chilling, then you'll have to be prepared to have outside mares here." I said, considering the possibilities. "He'll have to be trained to the phantom for collecting semen and you'll have to invest in the equipment needed for transport."

"None of those things are out of reach," said Mary. "Let's get started!"

Her attractive grey Marchador stallion is her pride and joy. He's easy to handle and very nice. He passes his disposition on to his foals and all of Mary's colts and fillies are sweet to be around.

"Oh, one other thing," I remarked. "What color is he?"

She looked at me like I must be blind. "He's grey!" she blurted out.

"Yes, I know that. I meant 'What

color was he when he was born?' Before you advertise him to breed, you should get that information. If he was a roan that went grey, you probably want to avoid breeding to other roans because of the lethal recessive roan trait. And, if he was buckskin or palomino you don't want to breed him to a buckskin or palomino because of the risk of cremello if the foal inherits a dilution gene from each of its parents. That'll happen, statistically, 25% of the time. Do you know what color he was when he was born?"

"He was born in Brazil and already grey when I imported him," she said doubtfully. "I wonder how I can get that information..."

"In Brazil the color of a foal is noted at birth. If the foal is born to a grey parent or parents, then the provisional registration papers report it as, for example, "bay to grey", then when the horse is inspected at age 36 months or older, the color of that horse is noted as either "bay" or "grey" depending on the way that individual turned out. I'd think that information would be easy enough to get. Or, UC Davis **will do color genetics from his DNA. You'll have to send in a sample, but then you'll know for sure what his base color is.**"

She nodded thoughtfully. "You're right," she finally said. "I'll get that information and it will be clear in the advertisements we make for him. I'll let you know what he was."

Several weeks later Mary called

and said, "He was born chestnut. His father was grey; his mother was chestnut so he's grey on chestnut. I can breed him to any Marchador mare and not worry about the color." She paused, and then with excitement in her voice, "when can we start with the BSE and training him to the phantom?"

Dr. Tia Nelson, DVM is a Marchador owner and apprentice ABCMM Marchador Technician (Inspector). She runs a full time veterinary practice in the beautiful state of Montana.

If you have questions for Dr. Tia, she can be reached by email at: drtiadvm@aol.com



Caetano de Lazy T: Born Palomino

In Brazil the color of a foal is noted at birth.



Caetano de Lazy T: Now Buckskin

Registrar News By Lynn Kelley, USMMA Registrar

1. Horse Base Coat Color

At the November 1 USMMA Board meeting, Dr. Tia Nelson recommended that we modify Exhibit A to capture the base coat color when the horse was born. The Board concurred. Beginning on January 1st, 2010 that information will be captured on the Exhibit A form and permanently added to the horse's description in our horse database. Exhibit A used to collect information on the foal during the registration process currently. This would just add an important piece of information.

However, if you are a breeder and wish to know more about your horse's specific color genes, there are color DNA tests which can be performed by our DNA lab, UC DAVIS. Knowing the sire and dam's specific color genes can help in predicting your offspring's color and may even help you market your stallion's color reproduction.

There is no need to pull additional hair, UC DAVIS can perform the tests using the sample already submitted. There is an additional cost for each test

however. The normal UC Davis charge is \$45 for Red Factor + Agouti. The association is under contract with UC DAVIS to receive a discount. If the association requests the test, then the charge is only \$25 for this test.

These are the genetic colors they can test for today:

- Red Factor + Agouti
- Champagne
- Cream
- Gray Pearl
- Silver
- Sabino
- Tobiano

The breeder can also do this on your own with another DNA lab should you wish to submit the hair sample again.

Here is a more detailed description of what you would learn with one of the gene tests. For more information on each color test, visit UC DAVIS <https://www.vgl.ucdavis.edu/services/coatcolorhorse.php>

Red Factor
The Extension gene (red factor)

has two alternative states (alleles). The dominant allele E produces black pigment in the coat. The recessive allele e produces red pigment. Red horses (chestnuts, sorrels, palominos and red duns, to name a few) are homozygous, that is they have two alleles, for the recessive red allele ee. Black pigmented horses (black, bay, brown, buckskin and grullo, to name a few) have at least one E allele. They can be homozygous EE or heterozygous Ee. A horse that is homozygous EE will not produce red offspring, regardless of the color of the mate.

The DNA diagnostic test for red factor can be used to identify those black horses for which neither pedigree nor breeding records is informative for identifying carriers of the recessive red factor. Since red is inherited as a recessive trait, it is relatively easy to start up a breeding program that will produce only red horses. It has been more difficult to initiate a black breeding program as black Ee horses can produce red foals. Prior to the development of this test, only pedigree or breeding records, not phenotype, could provide information about whether black horses are EE or Ee.

Red Factor results are reported as:

e	Only the red factor detected. The horse can be assumed to be homozygous for red (ee). The basic color is sorrel or chestnut, but depending on genes at other color loci, the horse could be palomino, red dun, gray, cremello, white or any of these colors with the white hair patterns tobiano, overo, roan or appaloosa.
E/e	Both black and red factors detected. The horse can be assumed to be heterozygous for the red factor (Ee). It can transmit either E or e to its offspring. The basic color of the horse will be black, bay or brown, but depending on genes at other color loci, the horse may be buckskin, zebra dun, grullo, perlino, gray, white or any of these colors with the white hair patterns tobiano, overo, roan or appaloosa.
E	No red factor detected. The horse can be assumed to be homozygous for black pigment (EE). It cannot have red foals, regardless of the color of the mate. The basic color of the horse will be black, bay or brown, but depending on genes at other color loci, the horse may be buckskin, zebra dun, grullo, perlino, gray, white or any of these colors with the white hair patterns tobiano, overo, roan or appaloosa.

2. New Registration Fees

In addition, new registration fees were adopted by the Board to also take effect January 1, 2010.

If you haven't yet registered a foal born in 2009 or before, please DO SO before December 31st to avoid late fees!

New fees are shown in RED.

	Members	Non-Members
DNA kit	35	50
Registration 0-6 months	0	50
Registration 6-12 months	50	100
Registration over 12 months	75	150
Transfer Fee 0-6 months after purchase	10	20
Transfer Fee over 6 months after purchase	25	50
Duplicate Registration Document	10	20
Rush Fee (overnight or 2 day)	50	100

USMMA Membership Drive



Brazilian Inspector (Getulio has inspected/ ridden 40,000 Marchadors) and our US-MMA Vets

Renew now and get your DVD of the Inspection clinic

Dear Fellow Members,
For most of us, our USMMA dues are now due.

This year we are sending a **complimentary DVD** of the most recent **USMMA Clinic** on the Brazilian registration procedures **to all our new and re-newing members**. Our dues are our only fund raiser this year.

Our fees for services for registration are set to cover costs not raise money! We really need your continuing support. Please send your dues to Eliza but copy me (the secretary) with address, phone or email changes!

Thank you for your cooperation,
Susann Gabriel, Secretary

Please mail this form with your check to:

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2010 Membership Application

Please mail this form with your check to:

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Select the Membership Level You Want:

- Full Member** – Those persons who have reached their eighteenth birthday who have paid the requisite dues for an individual or family. Full Members may serve as Officers and Directors who lead the Association as well as voting rights to elect officers and modify the by-laws of the association.

ANNUAL DUES INDIVIDUAL \$100.00
ANNUAL DUES FAMILY \$150.00
LIFETIME DUES \$1000.00

- Associate Member** – Open to all, Associate Members have no vote but do receive all mailings concerning association business. They have access to the Association to express their opinions.

ANNUAL DUES INDIVIDUAL \$35.00
ANNUAL DUES FAMILY.....\$50.00

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Dues and contributions to the USMMA are not tax-deductible.

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a precision event than a speed event. The top five competitors from Level III Jumping, Pistol, and Saber are eligible to compete in this event. It was won by our good friend Trooper Jeff Wall from CA. He has, perhaps, the nicest Arab gelding I've ever seen. If I lived near him in CA I might have Arabs not Marchadors. Or not!!!

On Saturday night we have our final, formal banquet. Awards are given and special recognitions are made. I was surprised to be honored as Recruiting Sergeant of the Year for the

Association. My only thought was, "Gee, after almost 50 years of service I finally made sergeant!!!"

Sunday morning formally ends the Competition with the Fiddler's Green Ceremony. Here we remember the men and women who have gone before us in the service of our Nation. We also remember our Association comrades who have gone on to Fiddler's Green during the previous year. For more information Google "Fiddler's Green" and learn more about it. The trip home too just over two

days and was uneventful.

Next year the Western Regional event will be at Wickenburg, AZ on 27 March 2010. The Easter Regional will be at Ft. Valley on 4-5 September 2010. The National Cavalry Competition will be at Old Ft. Concho, San Angelo, TX from 29 September – 3 October 2010. We plan on competing in all of them. Come on down and join us!



Farrol do Lucero and Echo do Lucero owned by Mark Waugh and Lorri Beevers

Marketing 101 by Signa Strom

The Power of Passion: Talking about your horse is powerful PR

When you're absolutely passionate about something it can be contagious; how many times has your attention been fully engaged by a skilled story teller? You can't help but get caught up emotionally in what they're telling you!

On the same note, our passion and enthusiasm about our horses is a powerful resource when it comes to promoting the breed, and it's incredibly natural and easy; just talk about them!

After hearing me talk about my Marchadors the president of a local riding club invited me to

speak about the breed at an upcoming "workshop weekend". In addition they've invited me to host an "open" Mangalarga Marchador show in the Spring to personally introduce the community to our wonderful breed. I didn't ask for these opportunities....they were offered simply BECAUSE of my passion.

"Our passion and enthusiasm about our horses is a powerful resource..."

Marchador Pictures Being Used in Education

Expanding Your Horizons is a non-profit membership organization of educators, scientists, mathematicians, parents, community leaders, and government and corporate representatives.

Their mission is to encourage young women to pursue science, technology, engineering

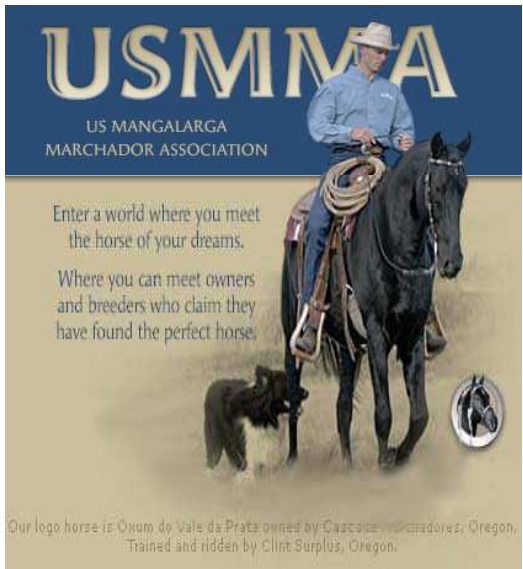
and mathematics careers. They provide role models and hands-on activities for middle and high school girls. Currently, *Expanding Your Horizons* conferences are held in 31 states and in Europe and Asia.

One of their conference teachers asked permission to use Mangalarga Marchador photos

in their session being held on November 7, 2009 in Illinois. We were happy to oblige, showing the Marchador being born one color and then often turning grey as they age.

Learn more about this interesting organization at www.expandingyourhorizons.org





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About Our Organization

The USMMA is dedicated to the Marchador breed in America by providing information and assistance in all areas to current and future owners of these wonderful horses.

The United States Mangalarga Marchador in America (USMMA) provides an official information site for all American Mangalarga Marchador horses, owners and breeders. The USMMA is affiliated with the Associacao Brasileira dos Criadores do Cavalo Mangalarga Marchador (ABCCMM), the Brazilian organization founded to preserve, regulate and register the unique bloodlines of this magnificent breed. Mangalarga Marchadors must pass rigid standards for conformation, gait, performance and endurance. In many cases, the horses maintain registry in Brazil. In many cases, the horses in the U.S. maintain **dual** registry with the ABCCMM in Brazil.

If you would like to join the association, there is a membership application form on the USMMA website, or you can contact us at info@usmarchador.com.

The ELITE book of champion Marchadors

The ELITE book of champions is a registry of all ABCCM registered horses that are national champion horses who have **also** produced national champions. There are no ELITE book horses in the US or Canada. However, there are several horses that are the sons or daughters of ELITE book champions and many that are grandsons or granddaughters.

If you are interested in bloodlines, it is fun to check your Marchador's pedigree for ELITE horses; it represents ONE sign of quality. If you are not interested in bloodlines, it becomes a good list for picking foal names.

The ELITE book offers an alphabetical listing of all ELITE champions. Shown to the right is a short sample of what you'll find.

THE ELITE BOOK OF THE ABCCMM

1. 327 PRATEADO DA TOSANA
2. 443 MARENGO DA TOSANA
3. 4M/319 QUEBATINGA DO DIAMANTE
4. A.F. EMIR
5. ABAÍBA BATUIRA
6. ABAÍBA CEREJA
7. ABAÍBA DANTA
8. ABAÍBA DRAGÃO
9. ABAÍBA DURINDANA
10. ABAÍBA GAITA
11. ABAÍBA GAIVOTA
12. ABAÍBA GAURI
13. ABAÍBA GERATRIZ
14. ABAÍBA GIM
15. ABAÍBA GINA
16. ABAÍBA GRANADA
17. ABAÍBA IGLU
18. ABAÍBA IGOR
19. ABAÍBA LIÇÃO
20. ABAÍBA LUVA
21. ABAÍBA MARENGO
22. ABAÍBA NETUNO
23. ABAÍBA NISSEI
24. ABAÍBA REMO
25. ABAÍBA RESERVA
26. ABAÍBA SULTÃO
27. ABAÍBA VARETA
28. ABRIGO D2
29. ACAIÁ DA SELVA MORENA
30. ACALA DA SELVA MORENA
31. ÁGATA DE SANTA LÚCIA
32. ÁGUIA DA VISÃO
33. ÁGUIA DE INHAÚMA
34. AIARA H.Z.
35. ALASKA IBF
36. ALELUIA A.C.
37. ALIANÇA J.L.
38. ALMENARA DO MIRACATU
39. ALTEZA DO SALTO
40. ALTEZA KAFÉ
41. ALTEZA TRICORDIANA
42. ALVORADA DO SALTO
43. AMADO ÁGUIA
44. AMADO ARIZONA
45. AMANTE DO SOLARZINHO