



It is hard to believe another summer is coming to a close. Lynn and I will be leaving Colorado shortly to return to Arizona for the winter. If any of you are in the Scottsdale area this winter, be sure to call and stop by.

You should be receiving an EMAIL from Tresa Smith about membership renewal. For 2011, LIFETIME members and all paid 2011 members will receive a USMMA T-shirt with the new USMMA logo if you renew by year-end.

On a sad note, Lucas Guerra, founder of MM Horse Farms, and the first importer of Mangalarga Marchadors to the USA, recently passed away in August. Lynn and I were fortunate to have spent time with Mr. Guerra and his wonderful family both in Florida and in Brazil. The Guerra family hosted our first trip to Brazil during the 2002 Nationals. We visited many farms, including the fazenda of Mario Lucio Borges, who was a fine breeder and a visionary for the Marchador breed. We will always be grateful to Lucas Guerra for starting us on our wonderful journey with the Mangalarga Marchador.

In his memory, I will be asking the USMMA Board to name our National Championship trophy after him. I am hoping to have a National Show during my Presidency.

Attached to this EMAIL is the first in a series of articles that Tresa Smith is organizing with all of the US farms that have imported Marchadors from Brazil. Cristiana Guerra, Lucas's daughter, which focuses on their MM Horse Farms, authored this first article. Tresa Smith and Lynn Kelley collaborate to edit and to add their contributions to the history as well in each chapter.

In the months ahead we plan to cover all of the farms that are responsible for bringing the Marchador to the USA. I hope you enjoy learning more about the specific breeding lines that are represented here. Although the USMMA and the Marchador have a short history in North America, it represents a strong tie with a rich Brazilian tradition and heritage.

I am very grateful that Tresa Smith has agreed to take the lead in documenting the importation and foundation stock of the USMMA.

John Kelley, USMMA President

p.s. To give you some perspective of this article and future ones to come, here is an article that appeared in *Summerwind News* May 2010.

During the last few issues, we (Summerwind) have been covering some of the Brasilian breeders and origins of our Marchadors. The USMMA with the help of all the importers will be writing our history and stories soon in the USMMA newsletter, perhaps to be published in a book too. Tresa Smith is heading up the tremendous effort.

Here are some of the numbers to whet your appetite. 72 live Marchadors have been imported from Brasil (additional horses were imported in-utero). Of the 72 imports:

- 3 had to be returned to Brasil when they failed testing in Miami
- 4 have died since being imported (only one from old age) The oldest import is a mare born in 1982 - Formosa do Crocoto.
- 26 were stud colts or stallions. Of these, only 11 are still breeding (or have frozen semen for breeding)
- 37 mares were imported to become foundation breeding mares in 11 states with 14 breeders.
- 6 horses were imported as geldings.

The importers:

- The Guerra family in FL – MM Horse Farms.
- Regal Legacy Farm, out of business, in CA, GA and OH
- Tresa Smith in MT – Lazy T Ranch and Montana Marchadors
- Premier International, out of business, in FL and CA
- Terry Fitch in TX
- John and Lynn Kelley in AZ & CO, Summerwind Marchadors
- Susan Gabriel in CA, Dreamcatcher Ranch
- Rick and Liz Schatz in OK, Flying Oaks Ranch & Holm and Susan Neumann in OR, Cascade Marchadors
- Keith Mosing in TX
- Peter and Lori Silcher in MT, 4 Seasons Marchadores. Lori successfully imported AFTER C-ELIZA testing was implemented.

The foundation horses represented a great mix of bloodlines. Abaiba, Tabatinga, Favacho, Bela Cruz, Herdade, JB, Traituba, Caxambu and more. Some of the imported mares were pregnant to Brasilian stallions further adding to the genetic pool if their foals remained breeding animals. All of the other Marchadors found around the country are products of these original horses.