

Hello FPZV members,

I know that it has been a long time since my last update. And, a lot has happened. So get a cup of coffee, as this one will be a long one.

2008 Inspection Tour

The 2008 Inspection Tour went very well. Every year we learn a little more and are able to plan differently. Every year, the tour gets larger and larger. The judges looked at 79 purebreds, 41 crossbreds for the FXR, 7 crossbreds for the FSHR and 2 arabo friesians for AFSHANA. There were 10 sites in 21 days with the last site at the IFSHA Grand Nationals in Lake St. Louis, MO. Next year the inspection tour will be about the same time as the IFSHA Grand Nationals will be held the same weekend, which is the last weekend in October 2009. The results from the inspection will be published on the FPZV USA website within the next few days as I am finalizing them now.

FPZV USA Memorial Fund

If any of you would like to donate to this fund, it would be greatly appreciated. In lieu of flowers for Jim Mosebrook's memorial service it was requested that money be sent to the FPZV USA. In one of my last conversations with Jim, he had told me that he wanted a memorial/perpetual award in his honor. The plan is to have a statue made that will depict Sabine Schut-Kery and Jorrit PM. Doktor was Proud Meadows first stallion but it was when Jorrit and Sabine came that really started the whirlwind of promotion for the Friesian.

This award will be given to the high point Musical Freestyle with USDF and will travel from year to year. The recipient must be an FPZV USA member.

Sponsorships

From time to time we need things, like brochures, awards, ribbons, etc. This year Wyning Edge Friesians has agreed to sponsor the awards for our inspection tour. This will help us immensely. Soon, we will need brochures, as the box I am taking to Equine Affaire in CA is our last box. Last time Jim Mosebrook paid for those. The price is \$2600 (plus tax and shipping) for 5,000. If some of you would like to get together to help us with this, it would be great. It has also been suggested that we do some postcard type promotional materials that have our logo and contact information. This way, we could save on our brochures. Let me know what you all think of this. We could discuss it on the FPZV USA Yahooogroup. If you are not on the Yahooogroup and would like to be, let me know and I will send you an invitation.

Equine Affaire, West Springfield, MA

A big thank you to Sarah Casey of Waltzing Horse Farm for bringing her FPZV approved stallion Loek W to the event. He and Sarah did an excellent job of representing the breed in the booth and the breed demo. We shared the breed demo with FHANA. I am finding that more and more we are being accepted in to these demos with them. I feel that we are building bridges at these shows and that is a good thing since we are all under European Union together.

I would also like to thank Marji Lexton, Erik Chaves and Juliet Chaves for being there to help out at the booth. It is nice when I have someone there so that I can get away and look at the different things that are there.

Thank you to Paula Robison for hauling the booth from the IFSHA Grand Nationals to her home in Indiana. I stopped by on my way to MA to pick up the booth and have a cup of coffee.

FPZV USA Yearbook

At the end of the inspection tour, Michael Bunse and I had a chance to meet with Duncan Fick and decided that the yearbook would be published every 2 years instead of every year. This way each edition will have the results from a Stallion Performance Test. With Jim Mosebrook's passing, this task has fallen on my shoulders. Jim came up with this idea for a yearbook instead of the quarterly newsletters. It is something that can be kept for many years. With a quarterly newsletter it is always so hard to get content for the members.

Duncan and I will be meeting in February to finalize things. This is something that we **MUST** publish. We will need everyone's help in selling ads and submitting content. This will be a 120 page, full color, hard bound book and will have the results from the 2007 and 2008 inspection along with the SPT from March 2008. Several of you have submitted stories and photos and these will be submitted for the publication.

We need future operating capital. With this yearbook, we stand to make around \$10K to \$14K which we plan on using for advertising, promotional materials and merchandise to sell at the Equine Affaires for 2 years. I cannot tell you how important this project is to this organization. We are trying to keep the membership fees and service costs down to a minimum. With the profits from this book, we can do this. Please be thinking about whom you can solicit for ads. Full page, full color ads are \$500 and half page is \$300.

Fees

As most of you already know we had to go up \$20 on the membership fees this year. In 2007, when we got the word that we would indeed be representing the FPZV in the USA, the advisors set a fee of \$75 to start and that all memberships would be the same. With the FHS the fee was \$110 for an individual and \$175 for a business membership to which you had to have if you had an approved stallion. Later that year, we came up with the GO membership or Gelding Only membership. A gelding owner does not need the breeding services so we gave them a price of \$35. We have gone up \$10 on this one but it is still less than half-price of the full membership.

When we set the fees we knew then that we would probably have to go up in a few years. So, I hope you all understand.

2009 Membership Fees must be postmarked by February 28, 2009 to avoid a \$25 late fee.

EVA/CEM

During the inspection tour, Dr. Oeppert, Michael and myself discussed what had happened with the annual EVA/CEM testing of approved stallions. In the years before, this was a requirement and was an annual test that had to be done, with the results to the office, to keep your breeding license. Somehow, this had fallen through the cracks. We felt that every 2 years would be fine. This was decided way before the recent outbreak of CEM. The stallion owners have until March 31, 2009 to get these results to the FPZV USA office.

Special Breeding License

The FPZV judges have issued a special breeding license to Alger owned by Jerry, Colleen and Lori Brown. Alger was the champion of the 2008 Stallion Performance Test with a 7.9 but did not pass the keur. Because of his performance at the SPT, the breeding committee in Germany decided to give Alger license to breed 10 purebred mares. After that time, the committee will look at the results from the offspring of those mares and decided whether or not Alger will become approved.

Stallion Book II

Your approved stallions are in Stallion Book I. There is a Stallion Book II. Horses that have gone through the stallion testing but did not pass the keur or horses that have passed the keur and not passed that SPT are eligible for Stallion Book II. All the stallion owners have to do is submit a request in writing and pay a fee along with a yearly fee. Male offspring from this union will only receive ID papers where the female offspring can be upgraded to Stallion Book I after one generation being bred to a Stallion Book I stallion.

IFSHA/USEF

We would like to congratulate Dante FQ of Friesian Quest for being nominated for the USEF/Farnam Horse of the Year. This is a great honor and he was the first Friesian to make the top 5 nominations. His 2008 IFSHA/USEF honors include:

2008 Farnam / USEF Horse of Honor (Horse of the Year Finalist)

2008 USEF Friesian Grand National Champio

2008 USEF Friesian National Dressage Horse of the Year Champion

2008 USEF Friesian National Hunter Horse of the Year Champion

2008 USEF Friesian Region 10 Dressage Champion

2008 USEF Friesian Region 10 In-Hand Champion

2008 USEF Friesian Region 10 Hunter Champion

2008 USEF Friesian Region 7 Dressage Champion

2008 USEF Friesian Region 7 Hunter Champion

2008 IFSHA Grand Champion Friesian All-Round High Point

2008 IFSHA Friesian Dressage Horse of the Year Champion

2008 IFSHA Friesian Hunter & Hack Horse of the Year Champion

The FPZV USA will be supporting IFSHA and we encourage all of you to also support IFSHA by sponsoring classes and attending your regional and national shows.

If any of you attend local shows, we encourage you to contact those shows and IFSHA to see about making those IFSHA related shows so that you can earn points.

Equine Affaire, Pomona, CA

I will be heading out on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 to Pomona, CA for Equine Affaire. I will return on February 4, 2009. If you should need me please call me on my cellphone which is 817-648-8367. You may also email me as we will have internet access at the booth, thanks to my new AT&T wireless air card.

Phones

My cell phone does not work very well where I live. Please do not leave me a message on my cell phone if I am NOT out of town as sometimes I don't get them until I get into an area with a better cell. The joys of rural living. In fact, AT&T will not let me renew my contract through them because of my physical address. But, being that I travel quite a bit, I like AT&T's rollover minutes, etc. I have to go another route to keep my AT&T. So, if I am not out of town and you need to get hold of me, please call on the FPZV USA office phone, which is 254-622-2916. If I do not answer please leave a message and I will call you back.

Gay's Personal News

As most of you know, my main income is from the commercial horse drawn carriage business. With the recent economy, my income has drastically fallen. Because of this, starting in February, I will be picking up two days a week (Fridays and Saturdays) in downtown Fort Worth working curbside. This is a way to bring in some income and still be able to travel for the FPZV USA. When asked from people what I do for a living I always tell them "Anything I can to make a buck and not get a real job". This 2 days a week will allow me the time I need to continue my work with the FPZV and FXR.

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