

Greetings to All,

As many may have already heard, longtime Arabian trainer and breeder Randy Stoneback suffered a devastating loss after a barn fire at his Pennsylvania facility that claimed the lives of eight training horses, two of whom had just recently won National Championships at Sport Horse Nationals. Our condolences go out to long time member of OHAHA Rocky Rossini of Vermilion, Ohio who owned the two top National winning horses that perished in the fire. Stoneback's lost virtually all of the farm equipment, including trailer, tractors, spreaders, tack and hay. Their facility is comprised of several different barns, so over fifty stalls, and many more horses, still remain at the farm, but virtually all of their equipment and hay perished in the fire.

Obviously, there are many items needed immediately to continue the operations at the farm while they recover from this accident. Friends who would like to help are welcome to send a tax-deductible contribution to The Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund. The address to send donations, with a note earmarking that they be directed towards Stonebacks, is:

The Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund  
236 Henry Sanford Road  
Bridgewater, CT 06752

During these times when the worst happens, the best and saving grace is to experience the strong sense of community that surrounds our Arabian horse world. If you would like to send a personal message, the address is Randy Stoneback, 127 Tripps Lane, Strattanville, PA 15258.

The OHAHA board of Directors has made the decision to move both the OHAHA Spring and Fall shows back to Roberts Arena in Wilmington Ohio for 2010.

When we moved both shows to the Ohio State Fairgrounds in 2008 we did so at the request of several exhibitors and trainers. We tried to cut cost every possible way to utilize that facility but we were unable to come close to breaking even on cost. Both shows were run at a loss for two consecutive years. The decision to move back to Roberts Arena was an easy one as Mary Roberts took back over the facility at the end of 2008 and has since put over \$300,000 in renovations as well as hiring a very capable manager, Jenny Riddle. The renovations include new footing, all new sound system including speakers, new lighting, all the stalls were rebuilt which include the doors walls and floors. The facility in general has been cleaned up, painted and totally repaired. With the move back to Roberts OHAHA will be able to pass the saving on to the exhibitor. We will be able reduce the cost of showing, stalling and camping at both shows and at the same time bringing back the exhibitors pizza party during the lunch break at both shows.

**OHAHA Spring Show changes.** For the Spring show we have added Select Rider classes in Western, Hunter Pleasure, English and Country Pleasure divisions. We have changed the prize money pay backs as follows; \$200 total with the break down being \$100, \$50, \$30, and \$20 for all Junior Horses Championships. In the Amateur and Open

Championship we will offer \$250 total with the break down of \$120, \$60, \$40, and \$30. Stall Fees are going to be \$75 with entry fees being \$15 for Halter and Performance. Championship entry fees will be \$30 for the \$200 Junior Horse and \$35 for the Amateur and Open, early arrival will be \$10 per stall. Hope to see you all at the Spring Show.

OHAHA Spring Show dates are: April 23 – 25, 2010

Main Ring Judge: Lori Conway from Minnesota 2010 US Nationals Judge

Sport Horse: April 24, Barbara Thuerk from Illinois

**OHAHA Fall Show changes.** For the Fall Show we have added Select Rider classes in Western, Hunter Pleasure, English and Country Pleasure divisions. We have reduced stall fees to \$65. Entry fees are \$15 for Halter and Performance and \$30 for all Championship classes with the pay back of \$200 total with the break down of \$100, \$50, \$30, and \$20. Early arrival will be \$10 per stall.

Fall Show dates: August 28-29, 2010

Judge: Scott Brumfield from Pennsylvania 2010 US Nationals Judge

When deciding what club to join, ask yourself this question. DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FUN? If the answer is YES then come join OHAHA where FUN is number #1. You can join OHAHA by filling out the membership form below and mailing it to: Shirley Nowak, 4902 Foote Road, Median Ohio 44256 or online by going to <http://www.arabianhorses.org> its fast and easy.