

**Lincoln Trails Dressage Newsletter**  
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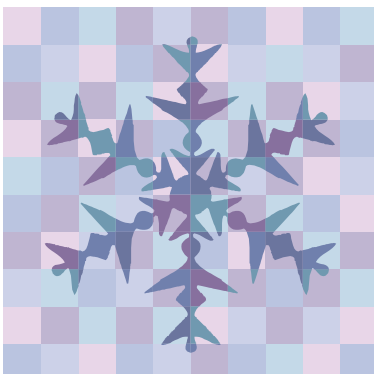
Happy New Year!

I've not had an opportunity to meet with many of you yet, but I am excited and encouraged by the level of commitment to LTD from many members. I'm looking forward to meeting each of you in the New Year and learn how we can work together to keep the club moving forward and pursuing interests of our group. As it may be some time before I see many of you, I want to give you some background on your new board member. I'm originally from Newburgh, but moved to Henderson about 15 years ago. I've been married to Lee for 15 years and have two young sons, Nate and Grant. In addition to my family, I've sold biologics for Sanofi Pasteur for over a decade throughout western Kentucky. Horses are my sanity, passion, and true love and have been since I was a small child. To help put perspective on my diverse horse background, I started riding hunter/jumpers when I was little, moved to Saddlebreds, and have had many fun years of trail riding a Tennessee Walking horse through Kentucky and Tennessee. I have three horses and many of you may know the newest addition to the Wood family, Rogan. I started dressage instruction with Stacy at Blue Moon Stables last April, so I'm still very new in my journey. Because of my diverse background, I hope you will take a few words of advice....I've seen many other regional and local riding clubs with different breeds dissolve and interest fade over the years. When I was a child, there were shows and opportunities to share ideas and clinics here, with other horse people so frequently. Now, that is almost all but gone. I was so encouraged that LTD has not only survived, but still continues to have a schooling show twice a year, has many clinic opportunities, and has a good between barn rapport. Let's not lose that! Keeping this club going strong is a gift we owe our teachers, trainers, friends, fellow riders, and most importantly the young children that we want to grow up and enjoy our passion. Please come to the meetings or provide feedback on what you want YOUR LTD to be in 2011. Best wishes for a happy, safe and successful 2011 to you all and to your horses.

Lori Wood  
President, LTD

## 2011 Board Members

- President: Lori Wood @ [president@lincolntrai dressage.org](mailto:president@lincolntrai dressage.org)
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### 2010 A Year in Review...

2010 was a phenomenal year for LTD, thanks to all of our dedicated members, their parents & our volunteers; we've put together a list of some of our accomplishments this year...

 New Website ([lincolntraildressage.org](http://lincolntraildressage.org))


 Carol & Pete Lambert hosted another successful Wine & Cheese Party

 The clubs membership nearly doubled from 2009 to over 60 members

 Geranium Sales generated over \$550

 LTD & Members helped put on the Henderson Bicentennial Celebration Horse Show


 LTD Spring Show had 57 dressage rides & 126 hunter rides & generated \$1500

 LTD Fall Show had 65 dressage rides & 178 hunter rides & over \$800 in sponsorships and generating over \$4700

 Kiwanis donated \$250 to LTD for support for our Fall Show


 Rolling Hills hosted the first LTD Sanctioned Hunter Show


 2010 was the first year for Year End Awards


 LTD made a \$1400 donation to the Vanderburgh 4-H Horse & Pony Club to help replace the old outdoor stalls & as a donation for all their volunteer efforts at our shows

 LTD donated \$100 to the Region 2 Young Rider/Jr Rider Program


 Hosted a successful Spring Schooling Day at the 4-H Grounds in Evansville

 Hosted a LeAnne Tatum Clinic at Blue Moon Stables in Henderson, KY

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 LTD & Members donated over \$1000 in supplies & monetary donations to the Horse Rescue efforts of 18 TB's removed by Animal Control from deplorable conditions

 LTD has FACEBOOK now!!

 LTD and LEDA have a 2011 Show Season Agreement so we can participate in their (and they in our) programs (shows/clinics) for the member price!

 LTD Young Riders presented a very successful Quadrille Performance at the Fall Show!!

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### Lincoln Trails & Little Egypt Dressage Association

Both LEDA and LTD are small GMO's that cover a pretty large territory with few active members. While talking with Nancy Spear, LEDA President, we discussed the possibility of working together to promote our club activities, whether shows or clinics. It was decided that for the 2011 show year, LTD and LEDA members can attend each others shows & clinics for the member price. This will hopefully alleviate the need to join BOTH GMO's.

This means, starting NOW, all LTD members can attend LEDA shows & clinics for the same cost as their members pay!! Of course we are offering the same to their members. Remember while planning your show schedule & clinic schedule to check out the LEDA website & try to support their efforts!!

[www.ledressage.org](http://www.ledressage.org)

### Thank You!!

I received a Thank You Card for our \$100 donation to Region 2 Junior/Young Riders

Dear Ms. Weintraut, Thank you & the Lincoln Trails Dressage Inc. for your support for the Region 2 Junior & Young Rider Team. Representing Region 2 as a young rider was a dream come true for me and I appreciate you standing behind my teammates and me. Sincerely~Katie Foster

### The Dressage Foundation

The Dressage Foundation is a unique organization, helping the sport of Dressage with a growing array of Grants, Scholarships, Funds, Programs and Projects. Their mission is to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of Dressage. Last year there were many Grants, Scholarships & Funds that did not have many applicants. LTD would like to draw some attention to The Dressage Foundation, please check out their website at [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org) to see what funds you might qualify for!! The Dressage Foundation is a stand-alone foundation, they are not part of USDF, they do provide funding to USDF, its GMO's and members as well as giving support to other Dressage/equestrian organizations, projects and programs.

### Team EnGaged

Team EnGaged Clinics are professionally hosted equestrian clinics based out of Lexington, KY. Team EnGaged was started in 2008 with the idea of bringing premium education to the area. The goal of the group is to bring equestrian education through world class clinicians and premium facilities. Team EnGaged believes that education is the foundation of all progression and continually strives to provide educational opportunities for all who wish to learn. For more information on Team EnGaged Clinics visit their website at: [www.teamengaged.com](http://www.teamengaged.com). Team EnGaged is offering a special buy two get one free for auditors if you are a member of a GMO.

#### Upcoming 2011 Clinics:

-  Stephen Bradley March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
-  Christoph Hess Early April
-  Debbie McDonald April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>
-  Arnd Bronkhorst April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>
-  Peter Tischer May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>
-  Patience Prine-Carr June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>
-  Christoph Hess Mid-September
-  Steffen Peters October 2011

## Classified

### TACK FOR SALE:

**Dominus Dressage Saddle** 17 ½ medium tree, black, \$600 OBO contact: Katie 812.589.1013

**Niedersuss Symphonie Dressage Saddle** 17 ½ medium tree, black \$500 OBO contact Katie 812.589.1013

**Ariat Maestro Pro Dressage Boot Women's** size 9, tall/regular calf, beautiful, brand new, never worn asking \$350/obo contact Jenn Boyd at 812-454-4389 or boydsnest@wowway.com

### HORSES & PONIES FOR SALE/LEASE:

**6 Year-Old POA Gelding** "Jackpot", buckskin, 13.3hh, on his way to being a hunter pony packer, great temperament, very flash, jumps anything \$4900 Contact: Stacy at 270.957.0234

**7 Year-Old AQHA Gelding** "TK Howja Like Me Now" 16.1hh Hunter ready to finish, loves to jump, will be suitable for an experienced youth or adult amateur \$8500 Contact: Stacy at 270.957.0234

**Simply Sinatra** rsw, (Sinatra Song x Sp Pr Rondevoux by Rosenthal) Premium 2010 beautifully refined dark bay/black colt shows spectacular movement and elasticity to go with a wonderful personality and intelligence. His mother is the 1<sup>st</sup> US bred Special Premium mare in the country GOV 2009! \$12,500, call Theresa at Rock Solid Warmbloods, 812-202-8205

**Sommer Wind** rsw (Sinatra Song x Donna Elaina by Don Gregory) Premium 2010 bay colt is bred & built for the task at hand, quick to learn, and easy to work with, he exhibits the confident and kind disposition characteristic of all Rock Solid Warmbloods. His breeding and name speak to his movement, light and airy. This boy is uphill and headed for the top! \$12,500, call Theresa at Rock Solid Warmbloods, 812-202-8205

**FOR LEASE:** Sadie 5 Year-Old, 16.2 bay Oldenburg/TB mare, solid WTC, jumps small courses, lovely mover, super athletic, tons of scope & suspension. Lease terms negotiable Contact: Sarah at 270.860.1996

Wake up to Reality, Reality is a 1995, 16.3h, dark bay/black Registered Oldenburg Stallion from the fantastic Ramiro bloodlines. He is passing on his excellent conformation, movement, athleticism, temperament and character to his offspring. \$950 LFG- includes booking fee, discounts available contact: Sarah at 270-860-1996 or [wilstonequestrian@yahoo.com](mailto:wilstonequestrian@yahoo.com)

**LORD MAYBE, 2003 TB Gelding**, dark bay, AA shown & ready, 4<sup>th</sup> at KY Summer 1 child/adult, great amateur horse, jumps 3'9" clean, lower level dressage, x-country jumped, evented. Reasonably priced please call Melissa at 260-437-7946

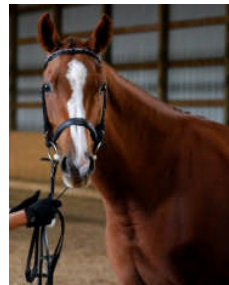
**REGULAR JOE, 2004 TB Gelding**, bay, jumper/dressage prospect, gorgeous mover, started in May, doing flyings & 2' courses, upper level potential, free jumps 4' nicely please contact Melissa at 260-467-7946

**WANTED: ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER~HORSEY HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN, HORSEY EXPERIENCES, ETC...** please submit to [vicepresident@lincolntraildressage.org](mailto:vicepresident@lincolntraildressage.org)

# Horse Happenings Around Town...

## BLUE MOON STABLES FLOAT WINS 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE IN HENDERSON PARADE

After LOTS of preparation & hard work, on December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Blue Moon Stables family presented their float "Snoopy's Holiday Wishes...Peace On Earth & a Pony" at the Henderson Christmas Parade and took home first place!!! The float featured a Charlie Brown Christmas tree complete with blue blanket & big red ornament, Lucy's Pony Advice Booth & of course Snoopy's decorated Big Red Dog House with Snoopy & his Pony jumping over his house! Many of Stacy's students & their siblings dressed up as the characters from Charlie Brown. If you didn't get the chance to see the float, you missed a fantastic show! Keep your eyes open....you never know what next year might bring!! Congratulations Stacy & crew, you did an awesome job!!



## Rock Solid Warmbloods hosts GOV Inspection

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Theresa Schnell hosted a GOV Inspection at Rock Solid Warmbloods, her farm in Boonville, Indiana. This is quite the honor to be able to host such an event at a private farm. Spending the day with Holly Simensen, Director of North American Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society, proved to be quite educational. She was very gracious in passing along her knowledge and experiences. 4 Mares were presented for inspection, including a 29 year old TB mare and all 4 mares were placed in the Main Mare Book. Rock Solid Warmbloods presented 2 foals for inspection, both receiving Premium foal status, Sommer Wind (Sinatra Song x Donna Elaina) and Simply Sinatra (Sinatra Song x Sp. Pr. Rondevoux). Holly also evaluated Rock Solid Warmbloods 2-year old Hemmingway as a future stallion prospect. Holly gave not only her blessing but her encouragement to send Hemmingway to the stallion inspection, noting that if she could she would have had him sent to Germany for the testing there!! The inspection was a great success, way to go Theresa & Rock Solid Warmbloods, what a treat to host an event like this!! Stay tuned...there is a rumor that GOV would like to host a Mare Performance Test someplace in the Mid-West this year; you won't want to miss this!!

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### Coming Soon....

For those of you that did not make it to the Rolling Hills Schooling Show last summer, their upper NEW 150x250 outdoor arena is complete. Convenient wash racks, spacious parking and excellent all weather footing make this a great Summer Show venue. Keep an eye out, they are planning more Hunter/Jumper Shows in 2011 and a combined test! Make sure to watch for upcoming clinics as well what, a great facility to have in this area!

### Pony Club is BACK!!!

Rolling Hills Equestrian Center is also a United States Pony Club Riding Center that offers the USPC educational programs. Currently they are in their third year of membership with 11 members rated D-1 to C-1 with the youngest member 8 years old up to 23 years old. The Pony Club meets monthly and combine mounted riding instruction with unmounted horse management instruction. Their members plan to attend the USPC MegaRally at the Kentucky Horse Park in June. Peggy and Bill Fiddler are the riding center sponsors, our own Kathy Grant is the Center Administrator, they have 2 riding instructors, Melissa Iskra and Donna Snider Hoeszle and 2 certified Horse Management Instructors, Carol Lambert & Kathy Grant. If you would like more information on the United States Pony Club in this area, you may contact Kathy Grant at [secretary@lincolntrairdressage.org](mailto:secretary@lincolntrairdressage.org)!!



### 2010 Oldenburg Stallion Days in Germany

Submitted by Theresa Schnell

After a wonderful inspection at my barn, Rock Solid Warmbloods, with the German Oldenburg Verband (GOV) in October, the North American Director, Holly Simensen, invited me to attend the Stallion Licensing (Haupt Körung) in the Oldenburg region of Northern Germany in November. The Oldenburg Stallion Days are 3 days jam packed with some of the best stallions in sport horse breeding. The main event is, of course, the evaluation of the top selected young stallions who are judged by the Oldenburg Stallion Committee and then licensed or rejected for breeding in the Oldenburg sport horse breeding programs. These stallions are 2 1/2 years old, and they were put through a pre-selection evaluation in early October along with hundreds of other candidates. The Oldenburg Stallion Licensing Committee made up of the Breeding Director, Dr. Wolfgang Schulze-Schleppinghoff, Wolfgang Egbers, Jürgen Esch, Dr. Evelin Schlotmann, and Ulrich Henschke are all very experienced breeders, judges, riders and trainers themselves. They know that when stallions are this young they can develop and change quickly which is why they have a pre-selection, and then give the most promising stallions a second look by inviting them to the Haupt Körung held in late November, much closer to the time the stallions will actually start breeding as 3 year olds. This process is practiced by all of the German sport horse breeding Verbands, and it has worked very successfully indeed. The same is of course true for the Oldenburg-International Jumping Verband (the OS) whose Stallion Licensing Committee is made up of Peter Weinberg, Jan Vleugels, Dr. Wolfgang Schulze-Schleppinghof, Harm Thormaehlen and Uwe Heckmann.

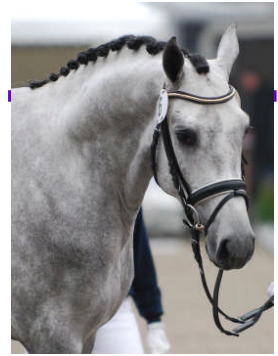
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This young guy sold for over 210,000 euro, he was the winner of the Dressage horses a Don Shufro/Sandro Hit son. These young guys sell for big money and have never been put under saddle, nor have they been bred yet to see what they will produce!!! Keep your eyes out for this guy! →



The licensing evaluation begins on Thursday afternoon where each stallion is presented to the committee on the hard pavement. This is where the committee will take note of any defects in the legs, conformation, etc., and get a good first impression of the gaits, type, etc. The stallions are then taken into the hall where two lunging rings are set up side by side so that two stallions can be lunged at the same time in view of the committee. This phase is very important for the stallions that are meant for dressage breeding. Large, expressive gaits are nice, but the stallions must show that they can also step under their bodies correctly and not lose their balance.

The following day, each stallion is taken into the hall one by one, presented in hand to the judges, and then let loose for the "At Liberty" phase. Here the stallions can be seen trotting and cantering free so that the judges can have a good look at the expression of the gaits and the character and presence of the stallion. Once they have been free for a few minutes, they then ask for the stallions to be put through the free jumping chute. This is of course a very important phase for the stallions who are meant to be bred for jumping.

Once 6 to 8 stallions have completed this phase, they are brought back into the arena together as a group for the "Walk Ring". Here, the judges get one more chance to see their walks and have a last discussion about whether each stallion is worthy of being licensed for Oldenburg or OS breeding or not. They then announce these results to the audience. When the day is completed and all of the stallions have been licensed or rejected, the committee then decides who the top 10 stallions are and invites them into the "Premium Ring" which is held on Saturday morning. After more discussion the committee starts asking particular stallions to move up in the line up, or go to the front. Once they have them walking around in the right order they announce that the rankings are done and the champion is named.

Following the Premium ring is a stallion auction, three stallions were bought by Americans that were in our group, and later that night was a Stallion Parade. We were able to see up close and personal some of the following stallions: Damon Hill, Hotline, Fürstenball, Stedinger, Pentagon's Peron, Last Man Standing, Lordanos and Lex Luger to name a few!

I also was able to attend one of the three days of the Westphalian licensing in Münster a day after the GOV inspection was over. I saw many Florestan, K2, Rock Forever sons as well as many others.

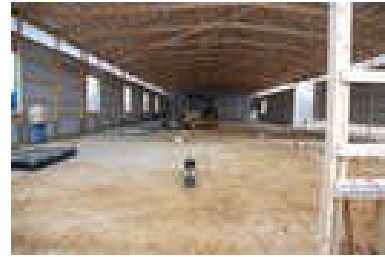
We also went to the famous stud farm owned by Paul Schockemöhle. Here are a few of the stallions we saw: Balou du Rouet, Sando Hit, Sir Donnerhall, Chacco Blue and the most famous of all Totilas (woohoo)....I actually got to pet him! He is very beautiful and we were very lucky to be able to see him...no photo's were allowed though.

I learned so much! Where can one go here in the US and see 80 stallions at one inspection and then see 80 more at another Haupt Körung, truly an amazing learning experience! I hope that I will be able to make this a yearly trip and constantly learn which bloodlines are nicking well together and producing awesome horses!

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### Rhein River Farm Gets Indoor Arena

A Big Congratulations to Angela Jackson on her upcoming indoor arena. Work began early November and she should be riding in no time!! Her indoor will be 60x180 offering plenty of room for jumping & dressage training!! Congrats Angela!



### Ken Levy Clinic February 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Blue Moon Stables, Henderson, KY

LTD is hosted the first clinic of the year, January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Blue Moon Stables in Henderson, KY and will be welcoming Ken back for a second clinic on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Ken is the USDF Region 2 Director, President of Indiana Dressage Society, owner of Legacy Farm Dressage with his wife Barbara, a USDF "L" graduate and USEF "r" dressage judge.

In 2010 Ken and his horse Laramie finished the show season winning the Indiana Dressage Society's Grand Prix Championship, as well as the coveted Kirtley Cup which is awarded to the competitor with the highest percentage at the highest level of competition. Ken also won the 2010 Master's Award. Ken has trained in Europe and in the US under renowned trainers such as Charles Dekunffy, Hilda Gurney, Michael Barrisone, J. Ashton-Moore, Debra Bowman and many others.

For more information on Ken please see his website at <http://legacyfarmdressage.com>

Come on out to Blue Moon on Saturday or Sunday to audit, only \$10 a day, a light lunch will be served and Saturday night everyone is welcome to join us at Carol & Pete Lambert's home for the Annual Wine & Cheese Party. Lincoln Trails is excited to kick off the year with such a fantastic clinician!!

This is the first "LTD Gives Back" Clinic; the clinic is open to current members only at a largely reduced rate, a "Thank You" to our members & their families for all their hard work throughout the year. Another great reason to join LTD! Keep your eyes open for the next LTD Gives Back Clinic.

### Annual Wine & Cheese Party

Carol & Pete Lambert's Home

675 Watson Lane, Henderson, KY

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6pm

Bring your favorite appetizer dish & your favorite drink  
LTD will provide cheese & crackers

If you haven't renewed your membership, please do ASAP.  
You can find the form on the website at:  
[Lincolntraildressage.org](http://Lincolntraildressage.org)