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THE WHEELBARROW LOAD

Sometimes, it turns out, you CAN go home again....

Or at least that's how many of us felt on an unseasonably pleasant August day as we gathered at the old-and new-Stony Hill Farm for a CDCTA-only clinic with Stacey Collier.

If you read the last newsletter you will remember that Stacey is a new transplant from California who is leasing the venerable dressage barn, teaching and training and putting her skills as a USDF gold medalist to good use.

I know that I felt a slight sense of trepidation as I drove over for the afternoon sessions; would it be completely changed? Would the new owners have bulldozed everything we remembered? I first noticed a brand new fence and driveway which almost fooled me into pulling in...but no, the old entrance was just a few yards further on. I saw horse trailers parked in the old jump field, and Liz's beloved "wetlands" area right next to the arena has been turned into additional parking....sad, but it is nice to have additional parking for spectators and volunteers! It does appear that the cross country obstacles are a thing of the past. The imposing ditch and sunken road lovingly built by Mark Russell and Charles Fairfax for our first Jimmy Wofford eventing clinic have been removed; and the little-used water jump behind the indoor is also gone.

What hasn't changed: a motley assortment of chairs in the indoor, filled with a less-motley assortment of local dressage enthusiasts, horse moms, and clinic participants enjoying a day filled with new knowledge and renewal of old friendships. One of the original CDCTA members, Deb Carter, approached me to ask how long we had all been coming to Stony Hill to do this very same thing. I told her it has been over thirty years now. Crazy, huh?

The clinic was very well-received, with riders commenting that Stacey was fun, relaxed and relatable while being extremely on target with what each rider needed and how to correct and improve. CDCTA also collected \$260 from auditors and others for the Liz Hotchkiss Memorial Fund.

The \$260 is impressive considering the size of the clinic.

More impressive as a memorial to Liz was the actual fact of the clinic itself: local fans of the sport and the horse, sharing a communal moment as the torch is passed along in the spot where it all began, back in 1988.

May the torch, and the memories, shine brightly for many, many more years to come here in our own backyard.



Until next time-Beth Hussey

(LOOK FOR PHOTOS FROM THE CLINIC BY LEAH STRID IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES)



**PHOTOS FROM THE STACEE COLLIER CLINIC
SPONSORED BY CDCTA AND HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
AT STONY HILL FARM (ALL PHOTOS BY LEAH STRID)**

OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP: Anna Clark riding Fante (that's Stacee in the pink top!)

OPPOSITE PAGE, BOTTOM: A competent and attractive trio, from left to right: Sophie Lieberman on Lion; May Lieberman on Casper, and Charlotte Hansen on her chestnut pony Tommy.

THIS PAGE, BELOW: Sarah Hansen riding Stacee Collier's very fancy (and colorful!) Grand Prix schoolmistress.

FOLLOWING PAGE: Rosy Erganian and her super power pony, Petey

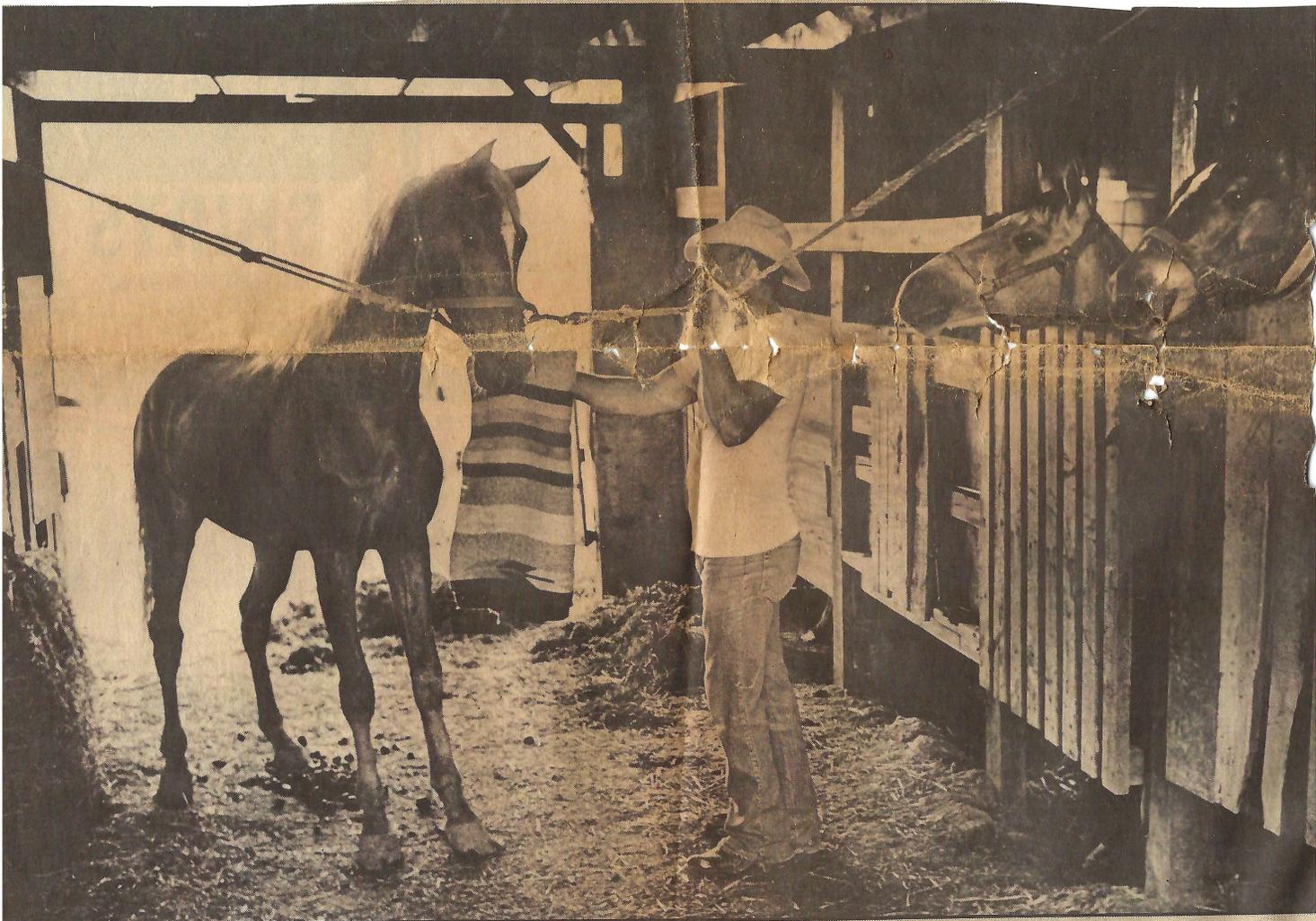




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Well, I lost a huge amount of old photos and mementos in the fire, which means I have less stuff for Mystery Riders

BUT

I have also spent a lot of time going through boxes and boxes of things that DID survive and guess what? Found a lot of REALLY old stuff!!

So welcome to super secret really old Mystery Riders....or in this case, Mystery Horse Trainer! (He had another job too)

This is from a newspaper article in the 1977 Columbia Daily Tribune. I saved it because this person trained my first real horse, Choco, for me.

Any ideas as to who the person in the above photo is?

Email your guesses to the editor at eshussey@gmail.com. First correct guess will win a prize, which I will bring to the meeting on Monday the 23rd.

Hey Babies!!

Do you remember the Hay Babies?

These precious little ponies were created by local fabric artist Denise McElroy from her own pattern over twenty years ago, and a sizable herd of them have found homes all over the state as prizes or mementos from shows, clinics, and other equestrian events.

They are immediately distinguishable by their wild patterns, in any kind of fabrics imaginable, from glitzy to gingham, and from their unique and upright stand-alone posture. They also come with whimsical names that are never repeated.

I am fortunate to have several of these guys (and gals!) in my possession, including as mascots for the Purple Pony Bookmobile and as guardian of my tackroom.

Alas, Denise, has packed up her sewing kit for good and will no longer be producing these little gems. She still has some for sale at her house though, and they need to find good homes as she prepares to sell her house and downsize to a smaller place. They are priced at \$25 apiece although I bet she would make you a deal if you bought several at a time. When they are gone, they are gone for good.

Below are photos of my little herd. If you are interested in one of these soon-to-become-collector's items, don't wait too long! Call Denise at 573-289-8976 and let her know you are calling about purchasing one of her babies. I guarantee they will soon occupy pride of place in whatever room or trailer they take up residence!



BACK TO SCHOOL!!



Anyone out there have a spare four stalls for an Oregon rider relocating to Tennessee?

She is looking for space to board her four horses overnight so that they can have a chance to stretch their legs and get away from the constant jangling of the tires on the pavement. The date she needs is September 12.

She got my number from the US Rider website; but unfortunately with the fire and all my barn is not really ready for visitors. I told her I would spread the word via our club and the newsletter to see if anyone can help her out.

She can be reached at 541-892-4719 or at her email, wendylynn5@yahoo.com

WE ARE GONNA DO IT...AGAIN!!

Join us on Monday, August 23 from 7-8:30 p.m.
at the Grand Cru restaurant in Columbia

(off of Providence Road across from the Stony Creek Inn)

For a CDCTA business meeting and

BURGER MADNESS!!

Great eats and a great time!

Hope to see lots of you there!

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 23 from 7-8:30 pm on Grand Cru's outside porch. Join us for a business meeting and Burger Madness!! Look for more details inside!

**Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association
2021 Membership Form**

CDCTA is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Member Organization (GMO). By joining CDCTA you are becoming a Group member of the USDF. \$20 of your CDCTA dues are forwarded to the USDF as GMO membership dues. (\$11 for additional members in family)

Membership year runs December 1-November 30. Dues are payable in October.

Individual Membership: \$27 THIS YEAR ONLY!!

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