

USDF Historical Committee

HISTORICAL GMO QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill out the following, as completely as you can:

Note: USDF does not have complete GMO records.

Group Member Organization: Central NY Dressage & Combined Training Assoc.

Region: 8 Location in Region: Central Upstate New York (Syracuse area)

Founding date: 1971

Founding Members: Ellen Stanton & Joyce Fisher

Current Officers

A.J. Torelli, President

Darleen Callahan, VP – Dressage

Janine Ramsden, VP – Combined Training

Cindy Torelli, Treasurer

Barbara Riggs, Recording Secretary

1.) Please tell the story of how the club got its start and when and how it became an official USDF GMO:

CNYD&CTA started with a small group of dressage enthusiasts in 1971, incorporated as a non-profit in NY State in 1977, affiliated with USDF as a GMO in 1984, in 2001 received IRS 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization status backdated to 1977.

2.) From size to geography, every GMO and its members have their own unique set of challenges and opportunities that lend the club its personality and regional flavor. What are you GMO's challenges and opportunities?

CNYD&CTA covers a large and diverse geographic area with farming and working class communities and several medium sized cities. Our biggest challenge is finding enough volunteers to support the programs the membership wants with the quality the board expects and delivering those programs at affordable rates. Another challenge is finding adequate show facilities that we can afford, this coupled with the volunteer effort required limits our ability to expand the size and scope of our shows.

3.) What does your GMO do to help the beginning dressage rider? The advanced dressage rider? Other categories of members (e.g. eventers)? *Advantages to being a member if you are not dressage oriented.*

CNYD&CTA publishes monthly newsletters and the annual Upstate NY Omnibus. We hold dressage and combined training clinics, show clinics, schooling shows and one recognized dressage show. We have a video lending library. We bring in educational speakers. Both our Jr/YR and adult dressage camps are held at a local college with school horses available for participants without their own horses. We offer volunteer scholarships.

4.) What members and horses coming from your GMO ranks have distinguished themselves regionally, nationally, or internationally?

FEI level competitors: Crystal Gaskell, Darlene Callahan, Cathy Howard,
Debbie Lockemeyer

NAYRC Championship Region 8 team member: Emma Gaskell

USDF Jr/YR “Art of Dressage” award winner: Mackenzie Cooley
(writing and photography)

L Judge Program graduates: Ann Fowler, Cathy Howard, Sheila Mueller, Barb Lindberg

USDF Certified Instructors: Cathy Howard, Crystal Gaskell

ARICP certified instructors: Cody Waro, Carmela Wilbur, Katherine Aiken,
Cathy Howard

5.) Dressage at Devon is the production of a GMO, Delaware Valley CTA. Describe your GMO’s most noteworthy events or undertakings.

“L” Judge Program – 1992/1993

USDF Instructor Workshops – 2000

CNY Dressage Classic – USDF / USEF recognized annual show since 1988

6.) In what ways has your GMO contributed to the development of dressage in the U.S.?

CNYD&CTA promotes classical dressage education, supports USDF programs and fosters a Junior / Young Rider program.

7.) In what ways has your GMO changed/*evolved* over time? (*i.e. growth of membership, hosting large events, & divided into chapters*)

CNYD&CTA membership has varied over the years, show participation has also varied and as a result shows have been downsized, however, we have seen some growth in the number of shows and clinics in recent years.

8.) If available, please provide a list of your club's officers through the years.

Attached is a history document covering 1971 through 2005, it includes board member names, activities and shows, etc.

Contact person, or the person submitting GMO Questionnaire:

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USDF staff or members of the USDF Historical Committee may contact you for additional information or media, if required.

Please return this questionnaire by August 31, 2005 addressed to:

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