

The 2009 Christmas Party was held on December 12th at the home of Terry Tatman. Terry and Doug's home was beautifully decorated for the holidays. The club provided fresh turkey and ham smoked by our own Hickory River Smokehouse. There were many elegant sides from which to choose. This was the best attended and received Christmas party to date, bar none! (Those OVAHA folks know how to throw a party!)

The evening began with a sport horse carriage clinic given by Meredith and Stacey Giere. Their appointments and carriages were stunning. Despite cold temperatures, the clinic was very well attended. This was a clinic you should not have missed. Pictured below is Stacey.



The entire evening was magical. OVAHA has long been known for its friendliness and a club to make lifelong friends. As a testament, Krista Bowman reunited with her childhood friend, Debbie Carlquist. The pair had not been together in 32 years. The "girls" rode horses together at WPAFB where their fathers served. I think the picture aptly captures the emotions of the evening.



Amidst the partying, delicious food, and clinicians we held an election for the 2010 Board of Directors. Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success. (Henri Ford) I wish the 2010 Board of Directors success in all their endeavors. Pictured below from left to right at their first board meeting: (1st Row) Tammy Hawkey (board), Denise Mealy (treasurer); (2nd Row) Krista Bowman, Kristin Herder, Michelle Chiles (board), Sherri Lewis (president), Linda Laufer (board), Sharon Hanks (secretary) and Becky Pitcock (membership secretary). Not pictured is Mary Loden (vice president) and Pam Stowe (board). We serve at your pleasure so please contact us with any comments.



In 2009, OVAHA members logged many hours trail riding together. Listed below are the high point winners from our Recreational Riding Program chaired by Marcia Doncaster. Gifts were given for each milestone.

400 Hours

Caitlin Zech/Autumn Rhapsody (Boss)

300 Hours

Marcia Doncaster/Wyntrs Khato (Khato) Lori Woodruff/Aziz Zamirr (Zamirr)

200 Hours

Caitlin Zech/Windcreek Fantasy (Fanny)

100 Hours

Caitlin Zech/Double XL (Ike)

50 Hours

Sharon Hanks/BJ Star Bright (Star)

25 Hours

Western

Krista Bowman/Four Winds Pharo (Richochet)

Honorable Mention

Larry Kinneer/ZLA Ruis (Roo)
Dale Pitcock/Full of Pazazz (Finn)

Becky Pitcock/Salons Cherry May (Cherry May)

Becky Pitcock/Sams Dream Girl (Sami)

We also granted high point awards. This program is chaired by Tammy Hawkey.

OVERALL HIGH POINT:

Pure bred	Autumn Rhaposdy	Katie Zech
1/2 arab	Double XL	Katie Zech

PUREBRED HIGH POINT:

Purebred Halter Aziz Zamirr Lori Wood	ruff
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Full Of Pazazz

Rose of Carmen

Rose of Carmen

Lori McIntosh

Lori Mcintosh

Hunter Rose of Carmen

Alirha HVP Jessica Lampe

English PS Navojo Dream Jessica Lampe

Maximum Fire Powr Shelly Reichley
MSU Saffire Joe Subbler
Autumn Phancody Kata Zech

Dressage Autumn Rhapsody Kate Zech

HALF ARABIAN HIGH POINT:

Halter Double XL Katie Zech

Sams Dream Girl

Western Vanitys Shaheen Pam Brooks Hunter WMF Sweet Adventure Pam Brooks

Sams Dream Girl Dale and Becky Pitcock

Dressage Double XL Katie Zech
In hand Double XL Katie Zech

Sams Dream Girl Dale and Becky Pitcock

SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE:

Double XL Katie Zech

REINING, TRIAL, ETC.:

Praire Cessna Nancy Brant
Wyntrs Khato Marcia Doncaster
Oasis Ablaze Nancy Brant

Perhaps you have noticed the new OVAHA logo. Wendy Humphrey of Cloud Nine prepared the outstanding new artwork. You may order a polar fleece vest (\$30) or polar fleece jacket (\$35) with the new logo. Simply log onto http://www.companycasuals.com/adalinedesigns/start.jsp?home=Y and choose your color and size. Checks should be made payable to OVAHA and mailed to Denise Mealy, Treasurer at 5445 South State Route 202, Tipp City, Ohio 45371.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS (check website for updates!)

11 April Keeneland Thoroughbred Racing

1 May Derby Party

17-18 July Summer Sizzler I and II

12 September @ 1:00 p.m. Clinic