

DOWN THE ROAD

MAY

1
Tattersall's National Mega Sale
Lexington, Kentucky

6-7
IHSA National Championships
Lexington, Kentucky

8
Professional Auction Services Eastern Spring Sale
Timonium, Maryland

13-16
Region 10 Championship
Raleigh, North Carolina

15
West Kentucky Horse Sales
Bowling Green, Kentucky

20-21
May Show
Kibbits Magal, Israel

25-30
Texas Classic
Fort Worth, Texas

29-June 6
Redbud Spectacular
Oklahoma City

FEATURE:

We're Having a party and you're invited! Please join us April 30-May 2 at the Tennessee Miller Coliseum in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.



JUNE

20-27
Tom Powers Triple Challenge Futurity and AQHA show
Alto, Michigan

21-27
Oregon QHA Summer Classic and Oregon QH Summer Circuit
Central Point, Oregon

25-27
Region Eight Championship
Wichita, Kansas

This is just a sample of the Journal's calendar. For the complete show schedule, turn to Page 210.

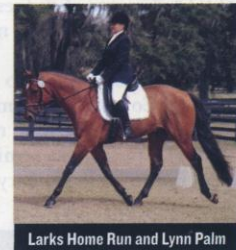
QUICK TAKES

- **AQHA Past President Richard "Dick" Bingham** died March 14. He served as the Association's president in 1994 and was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 2003. Read his obituary on Page 197.
- **Norm Luba**, executive director for the North American Equine Ranching Information Council, won the **2009 American Youth Horse Council Distinguished Service Award**. Norm, his wife, Lorraine, and sons, Colin and Christopher, are longtime AQHA exhibitors. Colin is a former AQHYA president; Christopher is an AQHYA director from Region Four.
- Congrats to Crosby Boyd's Goodcowboymargarita, the **National Snaffle Bit Association 2009 horse of the year**. The award will be presented at the 2010 NSBA World Championship Show August 18-22. NSBA has been presenting this award since 1998.
- In April, 39 newly-appointed **AQHA Stewards** began working at some of AQHA's more than 3,200 annual shows and special events. For more on the program, read "Doing Right by Our Horses" on Page 40, of this issue.
- The **2009 AQHA Annual Report** is available online for free download at: www.aqha.com/association/who/statistics.html. In an effort to reduce costs, the report was not printed this year.
- A new Internet portal for the equine industry, www.discoverhorses.com, has been launched by the Equine Network. It's a great place to get details about the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games on September 25-October 10 in Lexington, Kentucky.
- **Volunteers and horses are needed** for the 2010 AQHA Youth World Cup July 3-11 in Oklahoma City. AQHYA members from across the globe will participate in eight days of seminars, clinics, leadership training and competition. To help, contact David Avery, AQHA director of international programs, at (806)376-4811.

HOME RUN

It looks like Larks Home Run, aka "Homer," a 2005 son of Rugged Lark and out of the Thoroughbred mare Sail Home Again, could be the first horse to earn his Register of Merit through dressage competition, with AQHA Professional Horseman and judge Lynn Palm in the irons. (Points were unofficial at press-time.)

On January 1, 2010, dressage became an AQHA-approved, point-earning event. Learn more about showing your American Quarter Horse in dressage at: www.aqha.com/showing/guidetoshowing/dressage.html. Look in our sister publication, *America's Horse*, for a series on how to incorporate dressage skills in your daily riding program.



Larks Home Run and Lynn Palm

OUTSTANDING BREEDER

Legendary horsewoman and breeder Carol Harris of Ocala, Florida, was recently honored in *Dogs In Review* magazine, which named her 2009 outstanding breeder of the year. Her Bo-Bett Farm, home to such horses as American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame stallion Rugged Lark, is also the home of top Italian Greyhounds and Whippets. The award is known as one of the "Winkies for Annual Achievement," and is awarded annually during the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York.