

## MAY NEWSLETTER

May as always was a busy for the McElroy group. On the first Amy and Holly returned home from the big apprentice session in Del Mar, California. An amazing experience with even more amazing horse and riders! The session conducted by FEI judge Jane Weatherwax was very educational. We had the chance to judge Steffan Peters and Legos, Gunter Seidal, Kathleen Raine, Charlotte Jorst, Jan Ebling, just to name a few. We had a grand time in San Diego, fine dinners, did some touring and even picked beautiful rocks(not shells) at the beach.

Returning in the morning of the second another busy week in store. On May 4 Amy and Dan celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Where did the years go?? Still happily married and madly in love. They both took the day off from work to spend a romantic day on lake with the SEA-NILE (their boat).

Friday May 6 Amy was off to judge the Dixie Cup dressage show in Conyers, Georgia. This is a Morgan only dressage show. Fun people and show with classes through second level. Back in time for another busy family weekend. The senior prom for Amy's youngest Russell was on the Saturday ev of the 7th. Beautiful photos taken at Hopeland Gardens. Check out their picture-looking like movie stars on the red carpet. Sunday the 8th, Mothers Day. Best wishes to all who are moms. Mine was a special day with all my boys at home enjoying our time together.

On Wednesday the 6th Stable View farm held a schooling dressage show in preparation for their first recognized show in June. We had Nan, Myron, Mary D, and Lyn come out to prepare their new level tests. The show was held under their amazing covered arena. It is so big it can hold two regulation sized arenas. The entire were so many that two arenas were needed. A very exciting new venue for Aiken and for our group to show at.

More flying for Amy as she headed out Friday the 13th to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. More observing for S license upgrade. A great showground with many very good rides. It was fun to judge Heather McCarthy, trainer of Kathy Veile's new horse Wicket. She also got to see the Isabel and Cindy Linder who are back in Michigan for the summer. Isabel is trying to make the Junior Team with her fancy boy Tina. Amy also made a new friend with their summer trainer Laurie Moore! The same weekend the McBissell group headed down to the Jacksonville show. A big shout out to Sarah Sharp who earned her last needed score for the SILVER MEDAL. She has worked so hard with Star to make her dream come true. SO excited and proud of you Sarah!

Off Amy goes again but this time by automobile. Lindsay is accompanying Amy for this trip to Lexington, Virginia. Also Happy Birthday Lindsay!!! She definitely never looks a day older. Saturday the 21st Amy scribed all day-luckily all the FEI classes in exchange for doing her final needed observing for her S on Sunday. We had a great time eating a fine restaurant in historic downtown. Saturday we were treated by Lindsay's long time friends Helen and Ken, to stay at their home and attend a folk music concert and the Lime Kiln. What fun as Any says she did not know what folk music sounded like but she was easily hooked especially with the starter musician. We were delighted by an extra set of music as they were make a recording for an album that evening! That same weekend Fair Lane farm hosted a Hokan Thorn clinic. Holly did a great job in organizing in my absence. Everyone as always thrilled with their rides. Amy sure missed seeing everyone and also riding in it. Another clinic will be in August.