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The Centerline of Alpha Dressage Association for News and Upcoming Events •

September 2026

Highlights

OUR NEXT MEETING - UDJC Speaker confirmed-Join Us

SPOTLIGHT on Trainer Alejandro Sanchez

Schooling & Stabling for September ADA Show-Enter Now

Heidi Hauri-Gill Ride-A-Test Clinic Enter Now

KEEP READING!

Stay



Engaged!

Lengthening Strides

Have you heard about the United Dressage and Jumping Club (“UDJC”)? The UDJC is a new format for a combined approach to shows and clinics. This new format focuses on providing opportunities to show and learn for riders and horses of all ages. TerraNova hosted several of these show/clinic events this past year and has more planned in the upcoming show season. Some of our Alpha members have participated in these shows and found them very engaging. UDJC creator, David Reichert, will join our September Members Meeting to fill us in on his vision for this new alternative to the recognized show circuit. We will meet in person at Ronnie DeWitt’s lovely farm and home while David will join us via Zoom on Ronnie’s wall-sized television. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about an exciting new approach to learning and competing with our horses. See AlphaDressage.org for details.

Calm, Straight and Forward

We look forward to a great turn out at our Sunday September 27 show at Fox Lea Farm!

We have added Saturday Schooling to be available on Saturday, September 26.

Overnight stabling is also available at Fox Lea Farm on Saturday, September 26.

Please check the SHOWS Page at AlphaDressage.org for Class information, fees and forms to enter.

We are excited to see you there!

If you are interested in volunteering at the show for any part of the day or all, please email AlphaDressage@gmail.com to let us know what time slots and positions you can fill.



Trotting Towards the New Show Season

Alpha Dressage Association is very excited to announce a Ride-A-Test Clinic for this fall on Sunday, November 22, 2026.

[Click here for Entry Form and Clinic Details](#)

Don't "Fall Off" !! Be sure to Join us for our next ADA schooling show on September 27, 2026 – at Fox Lea Farm.

ENTRIES ARE OPEN !
Please go to the SHOWS page of our Website
AlphaDressage.org
For show details, class list, and online entry!

Our 2027 Show Season will start with our December show, and both our traditional and western riders will have to be ready with the new tests. With that in mind, join us for a ride-a-test clinic with the new USDF Dressage tests being published in October. The clinic will be held at Amanda Lopez's lovely covered arena on Cowpen Rd at Celestine Pass, off Fruitville Road in Sarasota. Heidi Hauri-Gill will be the judge/clinician. Check the details on the CLINICS page at AlphaDressage.org. Entries close 11/1 so don't delay!



Music to Our Ears

Save the Date!!

Save the Dates!! In anticipation of a special annual Musical Freestyle Award being developed by Alpha, don't miss the January Musical Freestyle Demo Clinic on January 3, 2027 at Suzi Jennings's Farm --- followed by a Musical Freestyle Clinic for registered riders/horses on January 17, 2027! More Details and a Spotlight on Suzi will be forthcoming in the October Newsletter!

Bit by Bit..Good to Know

From Mandy Peterson

STILL HOT HOT HOT!

If it's too hot for you it's also too hot for your horse. Keep in mind the "Rule of 150" as a guideline to help you determine if you should ride or show. For example, add the temperature and the relative humidity (ex. 90°F and 83% humidity = 173). Don't go above 150. This is too difficult for a horse to cool down naturally and in a danger zone for heat stroke. A horse's core temperature is normally 99.5 - 101 F. Some heat mitigation suggestions:

- Ride early in the morning or late evening
- Use Fans
- Provide plenty of shade
- Scrape the water off after a showering cool-down

Spotlights



A Word from the President

Hi Everyone,

I'm excited about our upcoming show at Fox Lea Farms on September 27. I'd like to thank Robin Sego for working so hard to get this venue for us. This is our last show of the 2026 Season and your last chance to get your scores for the ADA year end awards, so do get your entries and related documents in today to sign up for the show!

I hope you are all enjoying your journey and we'll see you all September 27 at Fox Lea!



Spotlight on Alejandro Sanchez

Alejandro is a USDF Certified FEI level trainer located in Sarasota/Bradenton with more than 30 years of experience in Dressage and Jumping.

As a trainer, Alejandro encourages his students to communicate their goals and how they feel the lesson is going. It is always important to be safe and also have fun. Alejandro travels to your farm and after watching you ride he creates a lesson plan based on your needs and goals, the needs of your horse and his discussions with you. Learning safely while progressing naturally and having a pleasant ride for horse and rider is the top priority in Alejandro's training programs.

For more information feel free to call Alejandro Sanchez at 941-961-8768

SPOTLIGHT ON USDF ADULT PROGRAMS Contributed by Martha Koehnlein

I received an email from USDF, Tashina Heiser, Adult Programs Committee, Region 3 Representative. It explains an exciting opportunity for us to learn and to share our feedback with USDF:

As your Regional Representative of the Adult Programs Committee, I would like to share our mission and highlight the educational benefits available to USDF members. Our Mission is: To encourage, increase and enrich adult participation in dressage by providing educational opportunities and recognition of achievement. Through outreach to GMOs, we hope to strengthen engagement and support while also gaining valuable feedback regarding additional educational opportunities and member needs.

GMO Members are encouraged to share ideas and suggestions with the committee. This collaboration allows us to better identify the resources and programs that will most effectively serve our members. For example, the USDF Virtual Education Series offers both live and on-demand programming. Most recently, the May 12, 2026, presentation, "Common Mistakes in the Show Ring with Joan Darnell and Jodi Lees, will be available on demand soon. Additional topics, such as "Inflammation and Fatigue in Performance Horses," are also currently accessible on demand. Virtual Education can be found here: <https://www.usdf.org/education/university/virtual-education-series.asp>

In addition, the Education Library provides a wide variety of resources, including articles, audio content, and videos. USDF members also have access to online educational courses that offer continuing education credit opportunities. The Education Library can be found here: <https://www.usdf.org/education/university/kb/>

Mark your calendar!

DATE	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CONTACT PERSON
9/15/26	6:30 PM	ADA Member Meeting with guest speaker David Reichert of the UDJC, Via Zoom	At Ronnie DeWitt's Ranch, 6907 207th St East Bradenton Fl 34211
9/27/26	All DAY	ADA Schooling Show Fox Lea Farm, 800 N Auburn Rd, Venice	AlphaDressageShows@gmail.com
11/07/26	6:00 PM	Annual Banquet- Applebee's Fruitville Rd, Sarasota	AlphaDressage@gmail.com
11/22/26	TBD	Ride-A-Test clinic	ADAdresageshows@gmail.com
1/3/27	TBD	Musical Freestyle Clinic-part 1	sschoettle@yahoo.com
1/17/27	TBD	Musical Freestyle Clinic-part 2	sschoettle@yahoo.com

This list will be added to and edited weekly.

Check out our website AlphaDressage.org

For the latest additions and edits!

About Us

The Alpha Dressage Association is a Group Member Organization (GMO) dedicated to promoting the art and sport of Dressage locally through education and competitive events, affiliated with United States Dressage Association (USDF). We offer Clinics and Dressage Schooling Shows for both traditional English Dressage riders as well as Western WDAA riders.

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