

2012 Spring Clinic—Exceptional News!!!

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You've been asking, we've been listening, and now we are very excited to deliver a hands-on, haul-in training clinic sure to deliver maximum goosebumps! The Clinic Committee has received NUMEROUS requests from the membership to offer some sort of haul-in training clinic, and we are so pleased that things lined up right for us to offer the extraordinary Ray LaCroix for just such a clinic in 2012.

As one of the most decorated and versatile Arabian trainers of all time, Ray is uniquely qualified in all major main ring performance divisions, having trained and shown many of the most memorable National Champions our breed has seen. Equally proficient as a trainer and coach of amateur and youth horses, Ray's horses virtually dominated the Arabian National Show scene for decades, first under the Lasma banner, and then under the LaCroix, Ltd insignia.

But it's not the yards-long honor roll of winners that make Ray truly special in a business full of exceptional horsemen. Ray's most special feature is his gift for communicating as effectively with people as he does with horses. He is a student of human nature and a master at reaching a myriad of different learning styles, personalities, and skill levels effectively.



Tentative plans include a training demonstration and discussion to start the first morning off, followed by focused work with the haul-in horses and riders. Tentatively, each haul-in will work with Ray twice, once on Saturday and once on Sunday. Some adjustments to this format may be made, but this is the general working outline. Auditors will also be invited to ask questions and to learn by watching the haul-in participants. All main ring disciplines are welcome and will benefit!

The weekend is guaranteed to be intensely stimulating to any and all horsemanship junkies. It's a given that anyone who comes will go home a whole lot more enlightened about horsemanship than they were when they arrived, even if they walked in with a lifetime of experience and accomplishments. Yes, he really IS that good!!!



For more information on Ray LaCroix, and to read some very intelligently written training articles, check his website at www.raylacroix.com.



The clinic will be held April 14-15th, 2012, at the beautiful Blue Mounds Equine Center and Minitube Facility in Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, which was also the site of our well-attended 2011 clinic. Lunch will be provided by the WAHA Youth. Lodi Vet Clinic and Dr.'s Choice Supplements, and NIAHAC (Northern Illinois Arabian Horse Activity Club) have graciously signed on as co-sponsors again this

year, along with the Blue Mounds/Minitube Facility, and we are very pleased to continue our relationship with all of them as co-sponsors. More co-sponsorships are in the works, so stay tuned!

Further details and a registration form will be available by January 1 on the WAHA Website at www.wisconsinarabian.com under the Clinics tab. Contact Deb Alt at 608-795-4302 (home) or 608-843-0191 (cell) or dalt5940@yahoo.com for questions that need to be answered before the remaining details can be posted.