



2018 Dressage Educational Events

(see ADU website for updated info as the year progresses)

January

- 13 **ADU Year-End Celebration Party** - Toasting another great year of Dressage Education & Training. All Dressage enthusiasts are welcomed! Good food, Member Recognition, & more. Uniquely celebrating with an enclosed Austin Party Cruise on beautiful Lake Austin! Contact Shannon Strank icchicka@gmail.com
- 27-28 **ADU Global Dressage Educational Event with 5* International FEI Judge Gary Rockwell**. Sitting in a specially reserved section, listening on headsets to live ongoing commentary by Gary of each ride of the CDI at Palm Beach Equestrian Center, Wellington, FL. Also visiting a couple of premier dressage barns in the Wellington area. Contact Carol Schmicrath, 512-940-2841 or brookstonefarm@aol.com **Approved for USDF University credit.**

February

- 17 **ADU "Meet & Greet"** – 3-5pm La Madeline, Lakeline Mall, Austin, TX. Meeting other dressage enthusiasts & sharing riding New Year's resolutions. Learning about "ADU-University" to help riders set goals & choosing a training & education plan to follow for 2018, guided by a volunteer mentor. Guests are invited to bring ideas for future ADU educational programs. Everyone is welcomed!

March

- 3 **ADU Bert Rutten Dressage Educational Event** – hosted by Fair Oaks Farm, Dripping Springs, TX 2-time Olympic rider for Holland, former Chef d'equipe of the Dutch Dressage Team, Chairman of the KWPN Stallion Selection Committee. A 2 hr lecture/discussion enjoyed over a potluck lunch. Bert will share his philosophy of breeding, buying, and starting young horses, as well as insights as to how he trains horses from a young age to Grand Prix. In addition there is auditing of live riding/training sessions through Grand Prix at Fair Oaks Farm. Contact Cean Embrey Embrey@aol.com **Approved for USDF University credit.**
- 17-18 **ADU "Blue Hair Special" USDF Dressage Shows I & II**, Dripping Springs, TX. Judges: Sarah Michael "S" & Trena Adkins "S." Great prizes for competitors, lots of crazy prizes for horses, riders, & support staff. Vendors, lots of special touches. "If you don't want to have fun, don't come!" Contact Shannon Strank icchicka@gmail.com

April

- TBA **ADU Dinner & DVD Night** – More info to follow. **Approved for USDF University credit.**

May

- 12 **ADU Spring Ride-A-Test Practice Show** - Riders perform their test, thru FEI while a panel of Judges/LGrads give scores & lead a round-table discussion of each ride. Riders may re-ride portions of their test with coaching for improvement. Non-competitive, strongly educational, in a fun, low stress environment. Auditors will actively join in the discussions & test scoring. Gifts for all riders. Hosted by Concordia Dressage, Hutto, Contact Shannon Strank icchicka@gmail.com

June

- 23 **ADU Dressage Horse Health Workshop with Dr. Natalie Lord, DVM**. Topics to include common injuries in Dressage horses, conformation issues that may lead to lameness problems, and more. Live horse models. Location TBA. Contact Cean Embrey Embrey@aol.com **To be approved for USDF University credit.**
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July

- TBA **ADU Dressage Educational Event with Christian Bachinger** of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna. Hosted by Reiterhof Dressage, Austin, TX. More info to follow. **To be approved for USDF University credit.**

August

- TBA **ADU Gala Event –An Evening of Freestyles & Spectator Tailgating** - Watch Musical Freestyle performances, including anything goes "Extreme" Freestyle Class, while wining, dining, & picnicking with friends under decorated tents. Awards for high point Freestyle performances, as well as for the best decorated tailgate setups. Come join the fun! More info to follow.

September

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October

- 27-28 **ADU 9th Annual Judging Seminar with Stephen Clarke** – FEI Dressage Judge General returns to ADU to give a LIVE Judge Training Seminar with mounted demonstration rides. Dripping Springs Ranch Park, Dripping Springs, TX. More info to follow. **Approved for USDF University credit.**
- 29 **ADU Dressage Clinic with Stephen Clarke**. Following the Seminar, ADU will offer a riding clinic with Stephen. Dripping Springs Ranch Park, Dripping Springs, TX. More info to follow.

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