

BACHBITS

Awards & Saddle Fitting

Upcoming Events

Ride-a-Test

Virtual Show



AWARDS PARTY

and Saddle Fitting Seminar with
Laurie McDonald

Saturday, **March 1st, 2026** BACH sponsored a saddle-fitting lecture/demonstration with Laurie MacDonald. We followed it up with our Annual Awards Potluck where we talked horses and recognized some of our membership for their efforts in 2025. See pictures below of the event!

MEMBERSHIP

Renew / Become a
member [HERE](#)

APRIL 18, 2026

Shenanigans obstacle
course - all disciplines &
experience levels @ [Stall
and Oats.](#)

MAY 2026

Be on the lookout for
Dentistry Clinic

RIDE-A-TEST

April 4, 2026

Choose from USDF, WE, USEA, and WDAA (Western) dressage tests to ride and get feedback from an experienced judge (USDF 'r' / WDAA 'R') and rider. First test \$45. BACH Membership or "fee" required (additional fee includes Friends of BACH annual membership). **April 4, 2026** at Donna Meyer's On-the-Bit-Farm (6811 Honeysuckle Ln, Bryan)

Sign up [HERE](#)

VIRTUAL SHOW

Feb 28 - March 30, 2026

BACH Members submit video of USDF/USEA dressage test(s) on or before March 30! Test scored by expert virtual show judge. BACH ribbons awarded for highest test scores. Cost: **\$40 each test**. Register [HERE](#). Note that the [BACH Challenge Award](#) is given for USDF Intro / Training Levels (AA, Jr, Open riders) at year-end celebration. Must participate in 3 of 4 BACH riding events with scores to qualify. RAT (March) and Virtual Show count!





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BACH SPOTLIGHT

FEATURED RIDER THIS MONTH

*IS *Karin Loftin**

As a life-time horse enthusiast, I have been associated with area horse communities, volunteering and being a GMO member for many years with USDF and BACH. Since retiring in 2013, I

*L*ifelong equestrian supporting dressage, trail riding, and future generations of riders.

have spent more time riding and supporting equestrian sports for future generations. My current mount, Luckys Special De, "Armani", was my equine partner for the Century Club ride. My trainer is Donna Meyer, who owns and operates "On the Bit Farm", a boarding and training facility has instructed me in dressage for more than five years. Armani is her schooling dressage horse and is owned by Lacey Genovese. He is a 23-year-old Buckskin gelding that



competed in various disciplines over the years. He has a wonderfully smooth sitting trot, an easy canter, and it is a real privilege to show him in a lower-level virtual dressage show! At age 77, I still wake up every morning looking forward to riding. I also ride trail horses of different breeds that belong to a close local friend and others through my membership in the North American Trail Ride Conference. I compete in the leisure division and hope I can continue both disciplines for many more years!

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IN OTHER NEWS....

Saddle fitting and Awards Ceremony

After a great lecture on saddle fitting with Laurie McDonald



The award winners are:

Cynthia Werner with Flor-de-Lis

BACH RATED SHOW AWARD

Champion Third Level AA



We had a great get-together with great food, great company, and the most beautiful awards!



A big THANK YOU to **Rob Meyer** for making the most beautiful brush boxes!

Sandy Venneman with 907 Favory VI Adelena

BACH RATED SHOW AWARD

Champion Second Level Open





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Jinny Johnson with Brazos Flash

BACH SCHOOLING SHOW AWARD

Champion First Level AA



Karin Loftin with Armani

BACH CHALLENGE

Champion Intro AA



Tessa Guerra with Sharp Dressed Man

BACH CHALLENGE

Champion Intro Open



Joana Rocha

BACH CHALLENGE

Champion Training Level AA





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Announcements

If you have any relevant news that you'd like to share with other BACH members (i.e., show results, recent accomplishments, upcoming opportunities, new horse, etc.), please send [me](#) an email.

Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award – \$5,000

Applications are due August 1.

Apply at www.dressagefoundation.org

The Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award, presented by The Dressage Foundation, recognizes an outstanding Region 9 instructor



for excellence in dressage teaching.

The award includes a \$5,000 prize, and instructors may now apply directly – no nomination required. Applicants must be USDF

Region 9 members

in good standing and permanent residents of Region 9 who actively teach dressage at any level (Training through FEI). Candidates should demonstrate strong dressage principles, clear communication that supports humane and logical progress for horse and rider, and a commitment to integrity and service to the dressage community. USDF Certified Instructor status is encouraged but not required.