

NODA News

Northern Ohio Dressage Association

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**Patrick King
works with
Jerry Chuey riding
Lees Little Pockets
at NODA's Western
Dressage Clinic**

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Dee Liebenthal



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Dee Liebenthal and Rens

Dear Members,
March is over, spring is here, and the show season in the Northeast Ohio has begun. As has been true for the last few years, the number of schooling shows available to Dressage equestrians in our area is impressive. It is almost like picking out a wallpaper pattern when trying to decide where you will spend your schooling show dollars. As members of NODA we certainly hope you will support our shows. There are lots of advantages:

- You are supporting your local GMO and contributing to keep NODA viable.
- The scores that you earn can be used towards our Schooling Show Championship.
- The scores that you earn can be used towards our Year-end Awards.
- You have the opportunity to ride in front of two accomplished judges at each show, all of whom are "L" graduates with distinction, or "r", "R", or "S" judges. Many of these judges come from outside of Ohio. All this for a fraction of the cost to attend a Recognized Show!
- You have the opportunity to travel to different venues to help you and your horse get acclimated to new and different sights and sounds.
- You can try out that next level or young or new horse at a low cost.
- You can have fun with your friends and sign up for one of our team competitions. We will award nice medals to the Champion and Reserve teams at three shows. Details are on the website.

Greetings from the President

We hope you will support NODA Schooling Shows when you make your choices. The competition is heavy, but we like to think some of the new things we have put into effect will help see that our wallpaper is a cut above and lots more fun.

New for 2016 for Schooling Shows:

Online entry through Horse Show Office (HSO). www.horshowoffice.com There are some simple instructions on our website for anyone who needs a little help. You will be able to use a credit card or PayPal through HSO. If you want to pay by check, please fill out an entry form by hand or use the "fill in" form on our website, print, and mail.

Online volunteer signup using www.signupgenius.com You can as always contact our volunteer coordinator, Kirsten Thomas, by phone or email using ss-volunteers@nodarider.org. It is so great to be able to check out who has already signed up.

Holy Cow -- we are only four months away from our Recognized Shows, July 22nd and 23rd at Chagrin Valley Farms. This month we are kicking off our Sponsorships and Advertisers drive. The support we received from our members, sponsors, and friends last year was wonderful and gratifying. We would not have been successful without it. We hope to keep that momentum going with another great year of support. Please take a look at the Sponsorship/Advertising information in this issue to see the many opportunities for support. If you don't see anything that works for you, we might be able to create a custom package for you or your business. We also have "In Kind" offers available for anyone that would like to supply a service or an item such, as the use of a golf cart. We are in need of volunteers, including a few husbands, brothers, or sons of members or competitors to be available beginning Friday for help with parking. Thank you for your continued support of NODA.

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All this information is also available on our website, www.nodarider.org.

NODA professional member Clara Etzel has once again provided an excellent article on her experience at the Session B of the "L" Program. Clara took advantage of NODA's Professional Grant Program to help her with this cost. She is giving back to NODA members by sharing her experience. If you are a professional and would like financial help with education, consider applying. Information about the Professional Grant, as well as our scholarships for Adult Amateurs and Junior/Young Riders, can be found on NODA's website, www.nodarider.org.

I am glad to be able to add a quick note about our Western Dressage Clinic with Patrick King that was held at Brecksville Stables on April 2nd. Not only was it successful, we had lots of fun, too. Twelve riders and many auditors took advantage of Patrick's knowledge and expertise. I am pretty sure everyone liked Patrick and was in agreement with his philosophy. He was entertaining and really knew his stuff. Occasionally his words made me think of Charles de Kunffy in a cowboy hat. Seriously, Patrick is classically trained so I expected nothing less. The fun we had aside, auditors and riders came away knowing more about Western Dressage.

Happy Spring!
Dee Liebenthal, President

Make Dreams Come True at the Valley Riding Dusty Boots Derby Benefit on May 7

Dear Noda Members,

Please join us in celebrating and supporting the special bond between horse and rider at **Valley Riding's Fifth Annual Dusty Boots Derby Benefit, Saturday, May 7th, at the Around the Corner Saloon and Café, at 18616 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. We'll watch a live viewing of the Kentucky Derby while enjoying friends, hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and dessert. The fun begins at 4:00pm!**

As horse owners and riders, all of you are well aware of the special place horses hold in the human heart. The shaggiest turnout ponies; as well as the swift, athletic Thoroughbreds who will race in the 142nd Kentucky Derby, are capable of capturing our imaginations and hearts like no other domesticated animal. It is awesome and beyond explanation that horses respond willingly and enthusiastically to their riders; every day, every lesson, and with every rider, regardless of ability. Through Valley Riding's many programs we are fortunate to share this special connection by impacting the lives of **1,287 students and 151 volunteers annually**. Our volunteers contribute 5,556 hours of valuable time.

Your support at the 5th Annual Kentucky Derby Benefit will help Valley Riding in our mission to educate and empower children and adults by providing opportunities to engage with horses in a metropolitan setting. All of us at Valley Riding are grateful. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to support therapeutic riding, urban youth outreach, and our invaluable horses and ponies who make it all possible.

Sponsor opportunities are available! To sponsor a portion of the program, donate an auction prize, or purchase an ad in the "Daily Racing Form", contact us at (216)267-2525 or email info@valleyriding.org.

Dreams come in all shapes and sizes....Whether you aspire to win the Kentucky Derby, win an Olympic Medal, or simply ride for the love of horses, Valley Riding puts you at the starting gate. Tickets are \$40 each (\$15.00 tax deductible) and must be reserved by May 2. For more information email dustybootsbenefit@yahoo.com or call 216-267-2525.

We look forward to seeing you on the 7th of May!

Margaret McElhany and the Valley Riding, INC.
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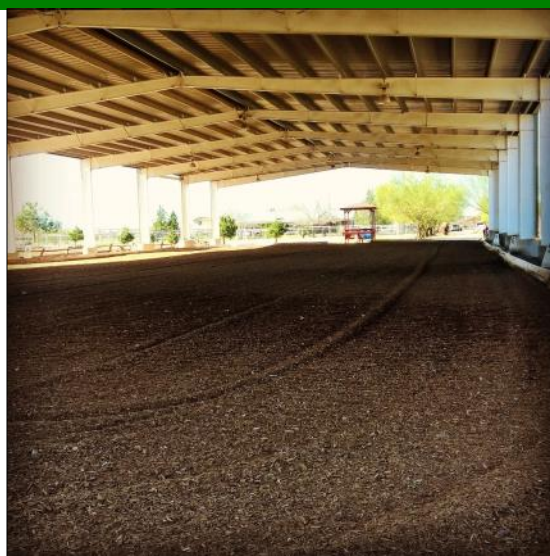
USDF L Judges Program Session B: Judging Criteria for Gaits, Paces and Movements

by Clara Etzel

After a busy, informative Session A with Lois Yukins, I was highly anticipating Session B on criteria for judging gaits & paces and movements with USEF "S" Dressage Judge, Joan Darnell. Session B of the USDF L Judges Program through CARA (Central Arizona Riding Academy) took place February 20-21, 2016 in San Tan Valley, AZ. Session B expanded on the ideas from Session A, which was an introduction to judging and biomechanics.

The material for Session B taught participants how to evaluate gaits & paces and movements from Training to Second Level. On Saturday morning, participants and auditors spent time in a classroom, watching videos of horse and rider pairs completing movements from tests. After watching a clip or two, Joan began to ask participants to call out gaits and movement scores for each video and add any comments to back up the scores. After watching a few different groups of videos from Training Level, we moved on to watching movements from First Level tests. As the morning went on, participants became quicker giving gaits and movements scores for each horse. This process allowed us to get our eye in and clearly say what was a "7" medium walk or "8" free walk.

Saturday afternoon, we went outside to watch demo riders complete tests for the participants to judge. With test sheets in hand, participants judged each test from Training 1 to First 3. After each horse and rider pair finished their test,



Central Arizona Riding Academy covered arena in San Tan Valley, AZ, ready to host Session B of the USDF Judges program taught by USEF S Judge Joan Darnell. Photo by Clara Etzel

Joan would go through the entire test by movement and ask the group for their score and comments then state her score and comment.

Through this process, the participants were able to compare scores against the scores Joan was giving. The afternoon was productive and full of great combinations.

Sunday was the same format: classroom time in the morning and mock judging tests in the afternoon, except this day only covered Second Level. The demo riders were a real highlight, riding Second Level 1 through 3. One

demo horse was a recent import from the PSI auction in Germany and was unbelievable. As a 5 year old, the gelding was already developed like an upper level horse - he was forward, supple, connected, engaged, powerful, straight, in the hand - just stunning to watch. His travers to the right received a 10 from Joan, and the other marks were primarily 8s or 9s. Another demo horse was a seasoned FEI horse that was filling in for a combination that had to pull out at the last minute. That horse and rider consistently earned 8s or 9s, and Joan gave one counter canter

tour a 10. While these horses *probably* won't show up at the schooling shows most "L" Graduates will judge, the participants were inspired by the quality of the gaits & paces and movements witnessed in these horse and rider pairs.

Joan was tactful and funny. Her comments throughout the weekend were spot on - rewarding the good and penalizing the bad. She had

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Demonstration riders, essential to the USDF Learner Judge Program, provide valuable insight for program participants. Photo by Clara Etzel

a great story that she told participants about fairness to competitors. While she was judging a horse and rider pair in her ring, she looked towards A where the horse was supposed to begin a movement. Just before the horse started the movement, Joan saw a swarm of bees surround the horse's head. The horse was so startled that it leapt out of the ring to avoid the bees ASAP, which is typically an elimination from the class (if all 4 feet leave the arena). However, this circumstance was so terrible and unusual that Joan felt it was only fair to let the pair return to the ring (once the swarm of bees had vacated the vicinity) and complete their test from the point they left off, so they could still receive a score.

After enjoying a sunny weekend in Phoenix with temps in the high 80s, I was excited to go home and ride the horses in my barn. The engaging material and test watching from Session B gave me a lot of food for thought. I feel so thankful to be a part of the L Program. The opportunity to listen to and ask questions of the L Faculty, like "S" Dressage Judges Joan Darnell and Lois Yukins is invaluable. I can't wait for Session C!

NODA Member Professional Grants!

The Northern Ohio Dressage Association is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit education organization. As a part of our educational offerings, we provide grants to member professionals to support their continuing dressage education; allowing the professional to determine the program, with NODA supporting some of the cost.

Member Professional Clara Etzel has taken advantage of NODA's Professional Grant Program to help her with the cost of the USDF "L" Judges Program and is giving back to NODA members by sharing her experience on session B through the article beginning on page 5 of this newsletter.

We would love to support more professionals in 2016. You can find out how to apply for a NODA grant on page 8 of this newsletter. Professional members receiving grants are required to share knowledge with NODA members. But you as a professional decide how to best share what you've learned through a lecture, clinic, or article.

We look forward to your grant application!

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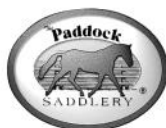
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USDF News

- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE—2016 USDF Sport Horse Prospect Development Forum**—USDF is pleased to announce the return of Scott Hassler and Willy Arts for the 2016 USDF Sport Horse Prospect Development Forum. This year's forum will be held on October 22-23 at Pineland Farm, in New Gloucester, ME. Visit the website for complete details.
- ◆ **Material Championships New in 2016!** Each Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders Championship Series Final competition will now be holding a material championship, as well. One championship class will be offered for three-year-olds, and one championship class will be offered for four-year-olds and five-year-olds. Please review the USDFBC program rules for eligibility and qualification requirements.
- ◆ **Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their outstanding service? Nominate them!** Nominations are being accepted through May 1, for the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement, and our new recognition award—Member of Distinction. Visit <http://www.usdf.org/halloffame/index.asp> for more information.
- ◆ **USDF Youth Rider Recognition Pin Program**—Attention Youth Members! Why not make it a goal to be one of the first to earn your Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin? The program is open to USDF members who are currently enrolled in grades 6-12. For more information, visit the USDF website.
- ◆ **Youth Members—Participate in the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals!** Riders, through the age of 18, may qualify to participate in the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals by earning a qualifying score, 70% or above, in any open Dressage Seat Equitation class held at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage competition during the qualifying period, or by qualifying for the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships (excluding freestyle classes). See the USDF website for more information.
- ◆ **Are You Moving up a Level or Riding New Tests This Year?** Learn what the judges want to see with [On the Levels - Judge Commentaries](#). Get comments and scores from three FEI 5* Judges. Also available as a subscription at onthelevels.com. Visit eTRAK to watch a preview of First Level, Test 3.

\$ NODA Professional Member Grant Opportunities \$ Professionals — Trainers, Instructors

Need help financially for continuing education in riding, training and theory of dressage and related subjects?

NODA's Professional Grant Funding can help make this possible.

50% of an event cost is reimbursable (up to \$200). Symposiums, certification clinics, judging seminars and other educational seminars are all permissible (excludes riding clinics).

To apply, write a letter and mail it to the NODA Board c/o Mary Dana Prescott. Outline why you should receive a NODA Professional Grant, explaining what the education function is, and where it is to be held. State how you will share what you have learned with NODA and its members (lecture, clinic, or article). Be sure to provide the full cost of education function. The only requirement is that you must be a "Professional" horseperson as defined by the current USEF rule book and be a member in good standing with NODA.

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Dear Friends,

The Northern Ohio Dressage Association (NODA), with a membership of more than 300, has organized and hosted annual Recognized horse shows in our area since 1988. This year our shows, **Dressage 2016** and **Dressage Encore 2016**, will be held on July 23 and 24 at Chagrin Valley Farms in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. We know that the success of these shows is the direct result of generous support from sponsors, patrons, advertisers, and competitors. We invite you to join us for this exciting weekend.

Dressage 2016 and **Dressage Encore 2016** competitions are licensed and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation and the United States Dressage Federation, and bring out a large crowd as competitors and spectators arrive from Ohio, New York, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. For many, the highlight of the weekend is the fabulous Saturday evening Musical Freestyles rides accompanied by the annual competitors' party. NODA's membership includes dedicated and talented top equestrian professionals, national and international competitors in the dressage arena, up and coming young riders, para equestrians, and adult amateurs. A leader in dressage and equestrian values in the Midwest, NODA's **Dressage 2016** and **Dressage Encore 2016** offer an excellent opportunity for you to support equestrian education and competition while getting your message out on our dynamic award-winning website, and in the monthly *NODA News*.

NODA offers sponsorship and advertising opportunities at all levels to meet your unique needs as an individual or organization. An affordable class sponsorship allows an individual or small business to sponsor a class in your own name, your barn's name, or in honor or memory of a beloved horse or friend. Or consider NODA's **Gold**, **Silver**, or **Bronze** sponsorships, which provide ongoing high visibility as they reach NODA's membership and other horse enthusiasts long after the competition is over. Do you know an individual or business that may have an interest in sponsoring or advertising with NODA? Your help in sharing this letter with people with whom you regularly do business, and asking for their support, would be greatly appreciated.

The Advertising and Sponsorship form is attached. We count on your support to sustain NODA's growth and make our recognized shows bigger and better each year. Your support also helps provide much needed funds for educational events and scholarships that benefit all members of our organization.

Thank you for your efforts in continuing to help NODA grow!

Sincerely,
Christine Thompson
Vice President and Recognized Show Chairman
Northern Ohio Dressage Association



Dressage 2016 & Dressage Encore 2016

Contact: Regina Sacha-Ujczko (216) 390-3702 or sponsors@nodarider.org

The Dressage 2016 and Dressage Encore 2016 show program offers you an opportunity to advertise your business or message to a variety of consumers at a reasonable cost. Advertising includes a black and white ad to be run in both the Recognized Shows Program and in the September issue of the *NODA News*.

- ♦ Submit ads electronically in a image format (ie. JPEG, bmp) by email to Niki-DAL@nodarider.org in a copy and drop condition.
- ♦ Ads will not be edited by NODA and must conform to the sizes specified.
- ♦ You will receive confirmation that your electronic ad is suitable for printing or if any problems occur with the electronic submission.
- ♦ Send payment, form and a hard copy of your ad to Niki Sackman (see Sponsorship & Advertising form for details). Must be received no later than June 27, 2016.
- ♦ No ads will be submitted for printing until the funds are received.
- ♦ Please make checks for sponsorship and advertising payable to:
Northern Ohio Dressage Association

Program Rates

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All forms, ads and payment must be received by June 27, 2016

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Dressage 2016 & Dressage Encore 2016



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- ◆ Appreciation listing on NODA's Facebook page & website
- ◆ 6 months full page black and white ad in the *NODA News*
- ◆ 1 additional full page ad within 6 months *NODA News* (must give newsletter editor six weeks advance notice)
- ◆ Premium listing with link in newsletter & website for 6 months
- ◆ 6 months email banner/logo ads with member email alerts
- ◆ 2 ads emailed with membership alerts
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- ◆ 12 months of the *NODA News*

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- ◆ Premium listing on Program Sponsor page
- ◆ 2 banners displayed in premium locations
- ◆ 30 second announcements
- ◆ Literature included in all exhibitor packets
- ◆ Appreciation listing on NODA's Facebook page & website
- ◆ 4 months full page black and white ad in the *NODA News*
- ◆ 1 additional full page ad within 4 months *NODA News*
- ◆ Premium listing with link in Newsletter & Website for 4 months (must give newsletter editor six weeks advance notice)
- ◆ Email banner ads with member email alerts for 4 months
- ◆ 1 ad included with email membership alerts
- ◆ 2 banquet tickets/VIP table/appreciation announcements
- ◆ 12 months of the *NODA News*

Silver Show Sponsor

\$500

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- ◆ Premium listing on Program Sponsor page
- ◆ 1 banner displayed in premium location
- ◆ 30 second announcements
- ◆ Literature included in all exhibitor packets
- ◆ 3 months full page black and white ad in the *NODA News*

- ◆ Appreciation listing on NODA's Facebook page & website
- ◆ Listing with link in Newsletter & Website for 3 months
- ◆ Email banner ads with member email alerts for 3 months
- ◆ 1 banquet ticket/VIP table/appreciation announcement
- ◆ 12 months of the *NODA News*

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- ◆ Banner space for the weekend
- ◆ Sponsor recognition announcements
- ◆ 2 months half page ad in *NODA News*
- ◆ Appreciation listing on NODA's Facebook page & website

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\$25 per class*

- ◆ Listing in the program and on the score sheet
- ◆ Sponsorship announcement at the show grounds
- ◆ One month listing of sponsor and class in the *NODA News*
- ◆ **classes are sponsored on a first come first served basis; class may be switched if there are no entries in the class sponsored*

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NODA Dressage 2016 & Dressage Encore 2016

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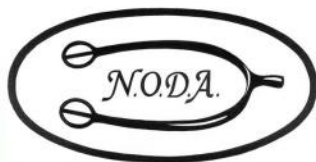
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- July 24 NODA Dressage 2016 ENCORE Recognized Show**
Chagrin Valley Farms, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
- Aug 7 NODA Schooling Dressage Show**
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- Sept 11 NODA Schooling Dressage Show**
Rocky River Stables, Rocky River, Ohio
- Oct 8 NODA Schooling Dressage Show**
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- Oct 9 NODA Schooling Show Series CHAMPIONSHIP**
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Member Photo Challenge

Hello NODA members!

Do you ever feel like you see the same few people in photos in the newsletter? Do you ever wonder how the newsletter chooses photos for publication?

We're not playing favorites- it's just that there are so few pictures to choose from when we get down to the business of putting the newsletter together! When we need photos, the editors tend to pick photographs that are on the NODA Facebook page or that we can access on Facebook.

Yes, we do choose photos from professionals who work at our shows and we thank all of the professional photographers who take the time to get so many wonderful pictures of competitors and their family and friends at both the schooling and recognized shows.

However, not all shows are covered by professional photographers. NODA also hosts clinics and other learning experiences, which may or may not have a professional photographer in attendance.

The newsletter editors would like to issue a challenge to all NODA members- we want your photos for the cover, articles, and member spotlight sections! We can't promise you any prizes, but you can have satisfaction that your photo was chosen to be in the newsletter or on the cover!

While any horse-related photographs are great for the newsletter, we would like to encourage members to take pictures at the NODA schooling shows. Pictures that go in the body of the newsletter can be any layout, but cover photos must be vertical and high resolution is preferred.

If you would like to submit your photographs to the newsletter or Facebook, please email it to:

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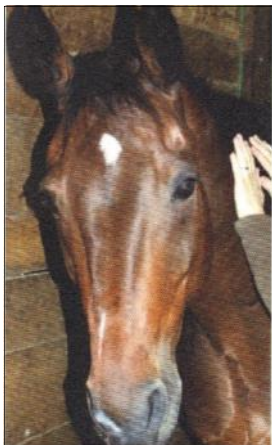
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Member News

NODA Welcomes New Members!

Welcome (or Welcome Back) to the following who were not members in 2015:

**Sophia Damasceno
Nicolette Hemming**

**Margaret Kaufman
Jane Martin**

**Thank You to all 2015 NODA members who
have renewed your membership for 2016!**

**As of March 16 we have 229 total members:
150 AA, 24 Youth, 55 Professional, and 33 New members**

**196 (86%) members responded to questions on membership form.
Of those, in 2015: 22 (9.6%) were board members
66 (29%) were schooling show volunteers
40 (17.5%) were recognized show volunteers
71 (31%) competed in recognized shows
78 (34%) competed in schooling shows**

**The online membership roster at www.nodarider.org is used as
verification of membership for NODA activities.**

**Your membership, time, and talents make NODA a better GMO!
Thank you! **Fran Cverna, Membership Chair****

Next NODA Board Meeting: April 11, 2016

Location: Panera Bread - 6130 Kruse Drive, Solon Ohio

NODA's Board welcomes all comments and opinions regarding NODA activities, shows and policies.
Please contact member liaison Kathy Kirchner at MemberRep@nodarider.org.

Monthly board meetings are held the second Monday of each month

7 to 9 pm at Panera Bread in Solon.

Members are always welcome to attend.

Visit the MEETINGS page of www.nodarider.org for up-to-date information
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Name: _____ USDF # _____

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