



## UAHC History

### ***EARLY ARABIANS IN UTAH***

The story of Arabian horses in Utah begins with the five endurance rides held by the United States Remount between 1919 and 1926. In these tests (which covered 60 miles a day for five days, and in which horses carried weights from 200 to 245 pound over the 300 mile distance), the purebred and part-bred Arabians proved to have superior endurance and weight-carrying ability, plus lower feed consumption and more freedom from unsoundness than other breeds. And so the Remount secured a number of Arabian stallions and distributed them throughout the country to upgrade cavalry stock.

Four Arabian stallions came to Utah under this program. The first was EL SABOK 276 (El Jafil x \*Narkessa), placed at stud in Emery County between 1923 and 1925 (He left many Arabs in the Castledale and Orangeville area.)

A few years later, NIGAHDAR 399 (\*Rodan x Nanda) came to Cedar Valley and later stood at the Stucki Ranch near Clover. Unfortunately he developed an eye condition and went blind, but he was still able to get around and was even reddened a bit. One of his Anglo-Arabian sons, Chief, sparked Dean Christofferson's interest in Arabians back in 1936. (Mr. Stan Clark of Lehi bought Chief, and Noy Christofferson obtained one of his colts names Sammy – a sharp little bay with speed and action. E.J. Christofferson had another Chief son, Red Ace, who won over a hundred trophies after being sold to Harve and Mary Sayers.)

The Kellogg stallion RIFNAS 942 (\*Nasik x \*Rifla) was obtained by Julian Clawson of Salt Lake City, and serviced a number of registered Thoroughbred

mares, which ran on the Clawson Ranch near Bear River. Rifnas was shot by deer hunters the first fall and had to be returned to the Kellogg Remount station in California. He recovered, and was then sent to Oregon, but he left several Anglo Arabs in Utah despite his short stay here.

\*LARTUR IV 4051 (Lartur x 10 Kohelian IV), a beautiful grey standing 15 hands, was imported from Hungary by the U.S. Government about 1946. He ended up with Chuck Storey in Eden, Utah. Mr. Storey purchased him when the Remount disbanded in 1948.

About the same time as Lartur IV, Joe Sandino brought the young grey stallion AADEN 2248 (Indraff x Aadah) from the Ben Hur Farms in Indiana to Stockton, Utah. Shortly after, AADEN was sold to W.T. Warren, a construction engineer from Reno, Nevada, then working in the Tooele area. Mr. Warren had one of the few purebred Arabian mares in Utah, FERMAILIA 1862 (Ferseyn x Ismailia), and in 1947 she had the bay filly DENAILA by Aadin – probably the first purebred Arabian born in Utah.

At Christmas time 1945, the Christoffersons purchased their first purebred, ZAROSS 3457 (Rossdin x Zayata). He was just a two year old with long hair and a peculiar mouse color when he arrived in Lehi, and townspeople and friends were far from impressed. Their comments changed when he matured into an attractive white stallion. The Christoffersons then acquired a 6-month-old filly, LOTKA 5253 (\*Lotnik x Nafa), and waited patiently for her to mature and raise a foal by Zaross, only to have her die five weeks before foaling. Fortunately, they fared better with their other mare, NARZAH 4198 (Narzigh x Narlah), who produced 8 fillies and 4 colts for them during her life. The weanling colt, YATEZ 8021 (\*Witez II x Riwayat), was added to their small band of Arabians in 1952. He became a champion and sired 22 champions in turn.

In 1948 the E. Dan McArthur family went to Pray, Montana intending to buy a chestnut, stocking-legged filly, and instead came home with a young colt. HAMPTON 4709 (Ptolemy x El Aroussa), who as Dan put it, "Wouldn't stay out of my hip pocket!" The following year they purchased the mare SUBAYLI 5737 (Alla Amarward x Antafa) in California.

Also from California, in 1950, came the colt BAARSEYN 6506 (Baarouf x Allaseyna) and the mares SHAMMURA 4960 (Assurbanipal x Shammare) and NADASAF 4492 (Assurbanipal x Safanad). These Arabians were purchased by, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Whitmore who were visiting in Laguna Beach and looking for Palominos. They accidentally came upon the Jackson Arabian Ranch, up in the hills, and fell in love with the Arabian horses. In 1952 they went back and brought home SENEYN 4958 (Ferseyn x Allaseyna), BALLA 6083 (Assurbanipal x Ruballa) and SHAROUFA 6077 (Baarouf x Shammar).

Other Arabian horse owners in Utah at that time were: Reed Ekins in Payson – NIRAHBU 3915 (Abu Farwa x Nirah), G.E. Austin in Provo – REYNAF 4095 (Rifage x Ferza), James Dickworth of Kaysville – FERSIK 4870 (Rasik x Ferida). Lowell Titensore of Richmond, Frederick H. Hardy of Salt Lake City, E.R.

Firmage of Provo, Bob Fenton of Parowan, W.J. Gransden of North Ogden, Duane Wright of Salt Lake City, Russell Schow of Pleasant Grove and James Robinson of Salt Lake City also owned Arabians.

The increased popularity of the Arabian horse is due primarily to the fact that while he is a classically beautiful animal, he is also an extremely versatile riding and driving horse capable of performing a variety of tasks well. His remarkable endurance makes him a favorite on trail rides, and his early speed makes him a desirable racehorse. He can cut cows, participate in stock horses classes (now called reigning horse classes), hunt and jump, as well as provide pleasure for the whole family on competitive rides or at horse shows. He makes a marvelous equitation horse for young people, and an equally challenging mount for the amateur or professional in such classes as formal diving, park, dressage and pleasure. A friend and companion, his docility is an inherent trait resulting from close association with man for thousands of years.

### ***THE FIRST UTAH ARABIAN HORSE CLUB***

In September of 1952, a group of pioneer Arabian horse breeders held the first meeting of the soon-to-be Utah Arabian Horse Club. The meeting was held at the State Fairgrounds in Salt Lake City, Utah, (under the bleachers, no less), with twenty-one people in the original group. They included:

Mr. Greg Austin  
Mr. and Mrs. Vern Nelson  
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Christofferson  
Mr. Russell Schow  
Mr. E.J. Christofferson  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor  
Mr. James H. Duckworth  
Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Taylor  
Dr. and Mrs. F.R. Hardy  
Mr. and Mrs. Rich Whitmore  
Dr. and Mrs. E. Dan McArthur  
Mr. Duane Wright  
Mr. and Mrs. Noy Christofferson

The first officers elected were:

President: Mr. E.J. Christofferson  
Vice President: Dr. E. Dan McArthur  
Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Rich Whitmore  
Directors: Mr. Greg Austin  
Mr. Noy Christofferson  
Mr. James Duckworth  
Dr. Frederick R. Hardy  
Mr. Vern Nelson

Mr. Russell Schow

The above listed officers took office in January of 1953.

If he could have found where they were holding the meeting, Leon Miller would have been counted. He looked for them but missed connection. This same year the members voted affiliation with the International Arabian Horse Association.

## **TODAY**

The Utah Arabian Horse Club was founded on the principle of democracy and cooperation with one another. In most instances the membership and its leaders have adhered to the feeling of fellowship and working together in promoting the Arabian horse and the activities provided.

Each year has brought new members, more activities, and greater enthusiasm. The club has grown from twenty-one original members to over 240 members.

Over the years the club has donated funds to 4-H Club work, the Morris Animal Foundation, the ARC Foundation, Shriner's Hospital and sent Arabian horse magazine subscriptions to many high schools and colleges throughout the state, as well as sponsoring many youth shows.

All of the proceeds from the annual activities are used for operational expenses for the Club.