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January President's Message

A Happy New Year to you all. I am just back from my first trip to a USDF convention, this year held in Burbank, CA. A lot is in the works, much of which will trickle down from trainers, judges and TD's. One thing to be aware of is that USEF is going to have a Junior Championship this next year along with the Young Rider championships. For us in the northeast, time will be very short this first year to get qualified youngsters into the team selection process, but it is an opportunity not to be missed. If you have an interest in this, go the USDF website for more information. Please also look for qualifying classes at recognized shows this year. Our regional show managers are already hustling to get the classes up and running.

Other news from the convention: Brentina is being considered for Horse of the Year. If you want to vote for her, go to the **USEF** website.

Of course, we are gearing up for the Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration on February 11. Please save the date. Whether you are receiving an award or not, it is always a good time to visit with friends and to eat too much. We will have our silent auction and there is still time to donate items or services. Remember donations to CDA may be tax deductible within the limits of the law. Contact Heidi Nottelman if you would like to offer something.

The announcement in last month's Centerline incorrectly identified our party speaker as Lendon Gray. Lendon was last year's highlight, and, while she is willing to come back, we actually have business to conduct. CDA's by-laws had to be updated this year to be more in line with those of USDF. We must have a chance for the membership to vote on them, and to approve your Directors. **A copy of the proposed by-laws and the slate of directors are included in this issue. Please take time to read these.** You will then have time to raise any questions or concerns before the party by contacting me or Fern Feldman. Then we can do business quickly and get right on to the partying and awarding!

We will also have a large chart highlighting all the activities planned for 2006. Those of you who have an interest in volunteering can sign up on the spot. This way, we will not miss anyone who wants to be involved. If by chance you cannot attend the party, please contact me or our volunteer coordinator, Kari Bradshaw, or our membership coordinator, Heidi Nottelman, and tell us how you would like to participate.

I look forward seeing many of you soon, and to another year of education and competition.

All best,

Leslie

2006 Calendar of Events

January 12, 2006

Board Meeting
Fern Feldman
203-272-0711
Secretary@ctdressageassoc.org

February 11, 2006

CDA Annual Party & Awards Celebration
Contact: Leslie Weiss
203-777-1950

April 29, 2006

Schooling Dressage
& Combined Test Series
Babcock Hill Equestrian Center
Coventry, CT
Terry M. Glendinning
(860) 742-0616

April 30, 2006

Abacus Events Schooling Show
Kasson Ridge Farm
Bethlehem, CT
Nancy Blanchard
860-283-8748

May 7, 2006

CDA Schooling Show
Once Again Farm
Meriden, CT
Nancy Blanchard
860-283-8748

May 7, 2006

CDCTA Schooling Dressage
and Combined Test
Wishing Rock Farm
Suffield, CT
Tricia Forster
860-242-9408
cdcta@comcast.net

June 3 and June 4, 2006

CDA Spring Competition
Ox Ridge Hunt Club
Darien, CT
Debra Reinhardt
(203)264-2148
(203)264-0086 fax
debra@centerlineevents.com

June 17, 2006

High Acres Farm
Dressage Schooling Show
Woodstock, CT
Jennifer Kingsley
860-928-5704
860-928-5437(fax)

June 18, 2006

Abacus Events Schooling Show
Win Some Farm
Morris, CT
Nancy Blanchard
860-283-8748

SILENT AUCTION **@ YEAR-END AWARDS PARTY**

We are looking for items for our "Silent Auction" table at the Year-End Awards Party. Horsy items, non-horsy items, and "services" are some ideas to consider. We had some wonderful donations last year....THANK YOU for your donations of riding lessons, fly whisks, leather therapy, wormer, supplements, books, pads, equine and people massages, sports psychology session, reiki session, clothing, kitchen ware, variety baskets, artwork, jewelry and more! Please take a moment and look around ...hopefully you'll find something you might wish to donate this year! Remember all proceeds from the Silent Auction will help reduce member costs for future CDA education clinics in 2006. You will also be sent a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes.

Please contact Heidi Nottelman before January 15th if you have an item to donate – please have a description of the item and a 'retail' value (for purposes of the auction forms and taxes). If you have any questions – email from the Contacts Link on the CDA web page <http://ctdressageassoc.org/>, or call Heidi at (860) 779-7816.

Thank you for helping support dressage education!

Heidi

USDF Announces Instructor Certification Program Expansion

During the 2005 Annual Convention and Symposium, the USDF Executive Board reaffirmed it's commitment to the expansion of the Instructor Certification Testing Program with two additional categories being added.

Effective April 1, 2006, the following additional categories will be available:

USDF Recognized Teacher; Training through Second Level: This category recognizes instructors who have demonstrated competence in teaching riders through Second Level.

USDF Recognized Teacher; Third through Fourth Level: This category recognizes instructors who have demonstrated competence in teaching riders through Fourth Level.

Candidates pursuing Recognized Teacher status will be subject to the same application criteria as the Instructor/Trainer categories and will be tested under the same guidelines with the following exceptions; passing scores must be at 80% and there will be no riding test. Complete criteria and applications are available on the USDF website at www.usdf.org

With the additional of these two categories, there will now be a total of five categories available for USDF Instructor Certification; Associate Instructor, USDF Instructor/Trainer; Training through Second Level, USDF Recognized Teacher; Training through Second Level; USDF Instructor Trainer; Third through Fourth Level and USDF Recognized Teacher; Third through Fourth Level

The USDF Instructor Certification Program is designed to set a standard of excellence in dressage training and instruction in the United States. Instructor Certification identifies those instructors who have demonstrated the knowledge and abilities necessary to teach the classical concepts of dressage and meet specified standards of proficiencies.

If you would like to receive more information about the USDF Instructor Certification Program, contact a USDF Certified Instructor, receive a calendar of USDF Certified Instructor Workshops and testing sessions, or obtain details on hosting Certified Instructor Workshops, visit www.usdf.org/Programs/InstructorCertification/index.asp or contact Kathie Robertson, USDF Instructor/Trainer Liaison at (859) 971-2277 or instructorcertification@usfd.org

**AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS OF
CONNECTICUT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION, Inc.**

(a non-stock not-for-profit corporation)

ARTICLE I

NAME/OFFICES

Section 1. Name. The name of the Corporation shall be CONNECTICUT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Section 2. Principal Office. The principal office of the corporation shall be 890 Mountain Road, Cheshire, Connecticut 06410.

The Corporation may establish other offices in such other places in the State of Connecticut, or elsewhere, as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint, or the business of the Corporation may require.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE/DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Purpose. The Corporation is organized and will operate for the following purposes:

- a. To engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be formed under the Connecticut Revised Non-Stock Corporation Act.
- b. Without limitation on the foregoing, to encourage interest in and to promote the principles of dressage for educational and recreational purposes.

Section 2. Dissolution. Upon dissolution, the assets of the Corporation shall be applied and distributed as follows:

- a. All liabilities and other obligations of the Corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefore;
- b. Assets held by the Corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, shall be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with such requirements;
- c. Assets received and held by the Corporation subject to limitations permitting their use only for charitable, religious, eleemosynary, benevolent, educational or similar purposes, but not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance by reason of the dissolution, shall be transferred or conveyed to one or more domestic or foreign corporations, societies or organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to those of the dissolving corporation, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted as provided in Connecticut General Statutes Section 33-1175;
- d. Other assets, if any, shall be distributed pro rata among the members of the Corporation except to the extent that the certificate of incorporation determines the distributive rights of members, or any class or classes of members, or provides for distribution to others; and,
- e. Any remaining assets may be distributed to such person, societies, organization, or domestic or foreign, corporations, whether for profit or not-for-profit, as may be specified in a plan of distribution adopted as provided in Connecticut General Statues Section 33-1175.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership. Members shall consist of individual, families, youth, and/or organizations which are interested in and dedicated to promoting the mission and purpose of the Corporation as stated herein.

Section 2. Voting Rights. Each member shall be entitled to the following voting rights:

- a. Individual: An individual member shall have the right to vote, hold office and participate in all affairs and activities of the Corporation.
- b. Family: A family membership shall give each member of the family the right to vote and hold office, and all family members living in the same household have the right to participate in all Corporation affairs and activities.
- c. Youth: Youth membership shall be limited to individuals less than twenty-one (21) years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Youth shall have the right to participate in all Corporation affairs and activities including membership on the Board of Directors and shall have the right to vote.

Section 3. Terms of Membership. Membership terms shall be 12 calendar months, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the By-Laws.

Section 4. Termination of Membership. Any member who, reportedly, is not in good standing shall have his/her membership terminated upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. The term “not in good standing” shall be defined as:

- a. One who fails to adhere to the By-Laws of this Corporation; or
- b. One whose conduct is detrimental to the interests and goals of this Corporation; or
- c. One who fails to pay his or her dues on a timely basis.

Prior to any vote to terminate membership, the member in question must be given a notice in writing of the Board of Directors’ intent to terminate the membership and the reasons therefore. The member shall have the right to respond to the Board of Directors in writing within fifteen (15) days of the date of the notice. The Board of Directors shall not vote on termination prior to the expiration of the fifteen (15) day period.

Section 5. Resignation. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

Section 6. Reinstatement. Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Board of Directors may, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors, reinstate such former member to membership upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

Section 7. Transfer of Membership. Membership in this Corporation is not transferable or assignable.

ARTICLE IV

MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the members shall be held at a designated time each year.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or as otherwise permitted by law.

Section 3. Place of Meeting. The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or without the State of Connecticut, as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting called by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered, either personally, by mail, by phone, or electronically to each member entitled to vote at such meeting, net less than ten (10) nor more than fifty (50) days before the date of such meeting. In case of a special meeting or when required by statute or by these By-Laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid.

Section 5. Voting. The passage/defeat of all issues and resolutions shall be determined by a majority of Members in good standing present and voting at the meeting.

Section 6. Proxies. At any meeting of members, a member entitled to vote may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member or by his duly authorized attorney in fact. No proxy shall be valid after eleven (11) months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

Section 7. Voting by Mail or Electronically. Where directors or officers are to be elected by members, such election and balloting may be conducted by mail or electronically in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number. The Board of Directors shall consist of at least eight (8) but not more than fourteen (14) members, two of which may be Youth members. The Board shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate past-President of the Corporation.

Section 2. Qualification and Elections.

- a. The initial members of the Board of Directors shall be those appointed by the Incorporator.
- b. Thereafter the Board of Directors may be ratified by a majority vote of members in good standing attending the annual meeting of the Corporation, or by proxy.

Section 3. Duties of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall establish policy and administer the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall have the control and general management of the property affairs and business of the Corporation, all in accordance with the purposes of the Corporation set forth in these By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall meet periodically, by not less than once a year at a date, time and site which is mutually agreeable to and determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Meetings.

- a. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors which shall also be the annual meeting of the Corporation shall take place at a convenient time within the State of Connecticut, or any other location permitted by law, at a time and place to be designated in the notice thereof.
- b. Regular Meetings. Regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places, within or without the State of Connecticut, as the Board of Directors may determine.
- c. Special Meeting. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time and place within or without the State of Connecticut.
- d. Chairperson. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall be the President of the Corporation and he or she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall be available for consultation with the Board of Directors and the officers of the Corporation from time to time.

Section 5. Notice of Meetings

- a. How Given. Notice in writing of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given to each director at least ten (10) days prior to the day designated, if for a regular meeting, and five (5) days prior to the day designated, if for a special meeting. Notice shall be given either personally, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail; if by mail, it shall be mailed to the director at his last known residence, unless the director shall have filed with the Board of Director a written request that notice intended for him be sent to some other address, in which event it shall be mailed to the address designated in such request. If notice is sent electronically, the date sent would be the official date of notification.
- b. Waiver. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, meetings of the Board of Directors, except the annual meeting, may be held at any time or place, within or without the State of Connecticut, and any action may be taken thereat if notice and lapse of time be waived and the place be consented to by a quorum of the Board of Directors.
- c. Adjournment. Whenever any meeting of the Board of Directors shall have been duly organized and announced to be adjourned to a definite time and place, it shall not be necessary to give notice of said adjourned meeting, other than such announcement of the time and place at which such adjourned meeting will be held.

Section 6. Quorum. A majority of all directors physically present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 7. Term and Removal. Each director shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, and may be removed at any time from his position as director by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose. A director must maintain his or her continuous membership during his or her term of office.

Section 8. Vacancies. If the office of any director shall become vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office, or for any other cause, the Board of Directors may fill such vacancy by a person of its choosing.

Section 9. Voting. A majority of those present, constituting a quorum, shall be required to effect any election of directors to fill vacancies or to decide any question.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers/Duties and Qualification. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of at least a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- a. **Duties and Authority of President:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation. Subject only to the authority of the Board, he shall have general charge and supervision over, and responsibility for, the business and affairs of the Corporation. Unless otherwise directed by the Board, all other officers shall be subject to the authority and supervision of the President. The President may enter into and execute in the name of the Corporation contracts or other instruments in the regular course of business, or other instruments not in the regular course of business which are authorized, either generally or specifically, by the Board. The President shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of the president of a corporation. Additionally, the President may call a special meeting of the Corporation when the President deems it necessary. The President shall also preside at all meetings of the members.
- b. **Duties of the Vice President:** The Vice President shall perform such duties and have such authority as from time to time may be delegated to him by the President or by the Board. In the event of the absence, death, inability, or refusal to act by the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties and be vested with the authority of the President.
- c. **Duties and Authority of Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the Corporation and shall keep or cause to be kept regular books of account for the Corporation. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Corporation, keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, deposit monies and other valuables in depositories designated by the Board, and shall pay all amounts payable of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall report the financial status of the Corporation to the Board and from time to time as the Board directs, and shall make an annual financial report to the members.
- d. **Duties and Authority of Secretary:** The Secretary shall cause notices of all meetings to be served as prescribed by these By-Laws and shall keep or cause to be kept the minutes of all meetings of members and the Board. The Secretary shall have charge of the seal of the Corporation. The Secretary shall also be in charge of all corporate correspondence, and shall perform such other duties and possess such other powers as are incident to that office or as are assigned by the President or the Board.

Section 2. Election and Term. The Directors of the Corporation shall be elected by a ballot available to the membership by mail or at the annual meeting, or both. The officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The term of two (2) years shall not preclude an officer for serving for more than one (1) term. The officers will be elected by the Directors.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may amend the By-Laws by a majority vote thereof at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 2. Membership. The membership may amend the By-Laws by a majority vote thereof at any regular or special meeting of the membership called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VIII
DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Establishment of Billings.

- a. A bill for the annual membership fees, as established by the Board of Directors, shall be sent by mail or electronically at least one month prior to the end of the membership year. Notification will indicate the amount due and the date payable to insure that membership remains active. Starting in 2007, the membership year will commence December 1, 2006 and end November 30, 2007.
- b. The annual dues shall be set annually by the Board of Directors as set forth herein.
- c. Each member who has not paid or communicated with the Secretary regarding payment by February 1 of each year shall be dropped from the active role.

Section 2. Application of Dues. The dues shall be used for ordinary and necessary operating expenses and for any other purpose approved by the Board of Directors consistent with the purposes of the Corporation as set forth in Article II of these By-Laws.

Section 3. Additional Fees. Additional dues or assessment may be imposed by a majority vote of the membership at any regular or special meeting thereof or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting. Any such increase shall be effective prospectively and not sooner than the billing for the annual dues which are next due and payable.

ARTICLE IX
FUNDS MANAGEMENT

Section 1. General. All checks and drafts on the Corporation Bank accounts and any and all notes, acceptances, obligation, and other instruments shall require the signature of the President or the Treasurer. In the absence of either of the President or the Treasurer, the Secretary may sign in the alternative.

The Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the properties and business transactions relating to the Corporation including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, retained earnings, and matters customarily included in financial statements. The books of the account shall be open to inspection by the Board of Directors and the general membership, at all reasonable times. Said books and records shall be kept and maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and both State and Federal regulations.

The Treasurer shall deposit all monies and other valuable in the name and to the credit of the Corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors; shall render to the President and to the Board of Directors upon request an account of all transactions related to the Corporation and a report of the financial condition of the Corporation; and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X
CORPORATE SEAL

Section 1. General. The seal of the Corporation shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation and the words, "Corporate Seal, 1976, Connecticut." Such seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed, affixed, or otherwise reproduced.

ARTICLE XI
PROCEDURE

Section 1. General. All meetings of the Board of Directors and/or of the membership shall be governed by the most current edition of “Roberts Rules of Order” in all cases where such rules are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII
ADOPTION

Section 1. General. The undersigned, being the Secretary of CONNECTICUT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION, INC. hereby certifies that the foregoing set of By-Laws or said Corporation was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly warned and held on the day of, 2006.

Secretary

CONNECTICUT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The Connecticut Dressage Association will hold its annual meeting of members to elect the Board of Directors, vote on the revisions to the CDA By-laws, and hear activity reports on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at our Annual Awards Party, at the home of Fern Feldman, 890 Mountain Road, Cheshire, CT 09410 at 6:00 p.m.

The CDA Board of Directors recommends that you vote in favor of revisions to the by-laws which will be considered at the annual meeting. Most of the changes are minor in nature, simply cleaning up and correcting existing provisions, but there are a few major changes incorporated into the recommended by-laws. Please read the following summary for an explanation.

Article V, Section 7. Each director shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Discussion: This is a change from one year terms to two year terms. It was felt that one year is simply too short a time to get to know a job well and to provide for consistency and succession training.

Article VI, Section 2. Election and Term. The Directors of the Corporation shall be elected by a ballot available to the membership by mail or at the annual meeting, or both. The officers shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The term of two (2) years shall not preclude an officer for serving for more than one (1) term. The officers will be elected by the Directors

Discussion: Again, a reiteration of the two year terms. Regarding the voting procedure: the consensus was that we wanted the members to be able to elect the Directors at the annual meeting. If a member were not able to come to the annual meeting, we wanted to be sure that he or she would be able to request an absentee ballot. Regarding the election of the officers: the Board of Directors also felt very strongly that they have the flexibility of selecting the officers. In the past, there have been a number of occasions when an officer had to resign from a position, but a member of the Board has offered to step up. This has contributed to our efficiency and success over the years.

Summary: Out goal in revising our by-laws were to provide our organization with guidelines that were general enough to provide the flexibility that any volunteer organization might need, but to offer a structure that ensured fiduciary responsibility and good governance.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors of CDA

UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

According to the updated by-laws, which will be voted on at the February 11 Annual Meeting and Awards Party, the membership of CDA must now elect the Board of Directors. We are listing the proposed slate of Directors in this issue of Centerline for your consideration. If you will not be attending the Annual Meeting and Awards Party this year, you may contact me, president@ctdressageassoc.org, for an absentee ballot.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of directors, please contact me for more information. There will be an opportunity to write in additional candidates on the ballot.

Thank you for your participation in the governance of CDA.

Leslie

PROPOSED SLATE OF DIRECTORS FOR CDA

Nancy Blanchard

Kari Bradshaw

Fern Feldman

John Gordon

Vicki Hammers-O'Neil

Donna Leonessa

Kate Lussier

Heidi Nottelman

Debra Reinhardt

Stephanie Rossi

Leslie Weiss

2005 Annual CDA Party and Awards Celebration

This is a busy time of year.....take a moment now to mark your 2006 calendar and RSVP. Below you will find the updated information about our **Annual CDA Party and 2005 Awards Celebration on Feb. 11th**.

Who: All current CDA members (you may bring your spouse or a guest)

What: Catered buffet dinner courtesy of CDA ~B.Y.O.B. please ~ setups and soda provided
Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with M-Z (next year...A-L)

Silent auction: This was a very popular attraction at last year's party! All proceeds will help to reduce member costs for future CDA clinics.

Door prizes ~ Meet new friends ~ See old friends ~ Have a great time!

When: Saturday evening, February 11th, 2005 at 6pm.

Where: Cheshire, CT- home of Fern and Barry Feldman at 890 Mountain Road

Why: To celebrate YOU, the members of CDA and to honor our 2005 Year-end Award Winners.

RSVP: If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Leslie Weiss **before Wednesday, Jan. 26th**.

Phone: 203-777-1950

Email: lesweiss47@yahoo.com (Please type "Party" in subject line)

Directions:

From I-84: take exit 26. At end of ramp, go right, towards Cheshire, on Routes 68/70. Follow 70 (68 goes to the right), then make a right onto Mountain Road, right after a gas station. Go straight on Mountain Road; stop sign; go straight for 6/10's of a mile more. White ranch; circular drive; 890 Mountain Road, 203-272-0711.

From New Haven: take 91 North to exit 10. Follow the "connector", route 40, to the end. Make a right onto Route 10, go about 8 minutes. Make a left onto Higgins Road, go to the very end, stop sign. Make a left onto Mountain Road, go 6/10's of a mile. White ranch; circular drive; 890 Mountain Road, 203-272-0711.