




# OF THE 2016 ARABHORSE FARM TOUR

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IT WAS DIFFICULT TO TELL WHAT everyone enjoyed most – the beautiful Arabian horses, the brilliant sunshine, the lavish hospitality, or celebrating the New Year with friends. The Ninth Annual ArabHorse Farm Tour offered all this – and more. The tour showcased twelve farms over four days with two additional farms welcoming visitors by appointment. It was a fun-filled whirlwind of a weekend with great energy, camaraderie, and mutual support from some of the top Arabian horse facilities in Scottsdale. Scott Bailey, of ArabHorse.com, founded the Farm Tour in 2008. Since then, it has become a destination event for Arabian horse breeders, owners, and trainers from around the world, as well as local horse lovers too. The original concept was to introduce the Arabian horse and Scottsdale breeders to the local public, and to encourage new people to become Arabian horse owners. The event also

benefits Healing Hearts Animal Rescue and Refuge through donated items, which are auctioned off. This year's auction items included: breedings to top stallions, gorgeous fine art, handcrafted halters and breast pieces among other treasures. The total raised for Healing Hearts Animal Rescue and Refuge during this year's tour was \$24,950! Once again, Royal Arabians, owned by Cindy McGown and Mark Davis, were the official sponsors of the Farm Tour. Cindy and Mark, along with daughter Amanda Frasier, are devoted, hands-on breeders and owners who have generously supported the Arabian horse community – especially in Scottsdale – for many years. Their low-key, casual, warm, and friendly style helped ensure that everyone felt welcome while enjoying the majestic beauty, versatile athletic ability and family friendly nature of the Arabian horse.



**Scott Bailey, Arabhorse.com:** *"For me the Farm Tour has always been about exposing the Arabian horse to new people outside of the business. I am most proud that when you looked at the crowds this year, and they were massive, the largest we have had in nine years. Most of them were new people who had never seen horses before. It was really great breed exposure for our beautiful Arabian horses. A big thanks to all the farms that participated! We had a new farm this year, Tara Carpio Arabians, who did very well and had a wonderful presentation. A big call out to Greg Knowles and Gary McDonald, who are the only two farms to have participated every year. And, as always, thanks to Royal Arabians by being the Arabhorse Farm Tour Sponsor again this year."*





Cindy McGown & Mark Davis

**Cindy McGown, Royal Arabians:** *"The Arabhorse Farm Tour was, once again, a great success. The tour is an excellent way to invite new comers to our farms and see these beautiful animals in a fun and educational environment. I hope everyone enjoyed the farm tour as much as I did."*

The ArabHorse Farm Tour started off on Thursday, December 31 at Guzzo Worldwide and Royal Arabians. Perhaps it was the bright, warm sunshine, the gorgeous Arabian horses, or the delicious Mimosas, but everyone seemed more than ready to start celebrating the New Year. Royal Arabians has two facilities: one in Mesa, also in Arizona, which is for their breeding and performance horses; and the other on Cactus Road in Scottsdale, home to their halter show horses. The Cactus Road Farm is shared with Rodolfo and Natalia Guzzo of Guzzo Worldwide. Rodolfo presented some incredible show horses, including a very special yearling filly, Bijoux RH (Triad RH x RH Magija), bred by Robin and Drago Kragulj of Robin Hood Farms, breeders of the fabulous National Champion Mare, RH Triana (ROL Intencyt x Sylviah WLF). Royal Arabians' halter trainer Michael Carpio followed, bringing out their homebred yearling filly, Royal Invicta Rose (Royal Invictus x Jumeriah Rose SWF), who made the crowd gasp with amazement when they saw her beauty. Other special horses presented included superstar stallions: National Champion Brixx IA (Gazal Al Shaqab x Bella Versace), National Top Ten Stallion Royal Emanuel (Eden C x Emandoria), and National Reserve Champion El Chall WR (Magnum Chall HVP x Major Love Affair). It was the perfect start to a memorable day.











**SHAWN CREWS, ARABIANS, LTD:** "I thought the Arabhorse Farm Tour was fantastic! Not only did I catch up with some of our industry's great breeders and handlers, but I also met several new people who had never seen an Arabian horse. The weekend had a very special feel to me and I was most impressed with the crowds. I have never experienced that many people who love the Arabian horse in one place—yet it was not a horse show! It is a novel idea... and a great one! I cannot say enough about the host, Arabhorse.com, as well as all the Scottsdale farms that participated. It took a tremendous amount of effort to coordinate the weekend—but they did it!"

The next open house on the Farm Tour was Arabian Expressions, owned by Greg Knowles. Greg had a few surprises in store for everyone. Judy Sirbasku and Shawn Crews of Arabians Ltd were in the house and brought some fantastic straight Egyptian Arabians all the way from Texas for everyone to enjoy. For decades, it has been the mission of Arabians Ltd, Judy Sirbasku and Shawn Crews, to bring new people into our community. The ArabHorse Farm Tour was the perfect venue to showcase their horses.

Greg presented some other top show and breeding horses, including several incredible young fillies sired by the stallion Calypso OS (Ajman Moniscione x AB Nastrapsy), owned by Mustafa and Chera Sabankaya of Ottoman Arabians. These fillies were all stamped with extreme type, huge black eyes, unbelievable ears, great tail carriage, and show horse charisma. A particular favourite was SS Calypsos Butterfly (Calypso OS x SS Royal AT). The fillies were still a bit wild, but very showy. It will be fun to see how they grow up. This was definitely a group of horses worth seeing!



Greg Knowles

**Greg Knowles, Arabian Expressions:** "The Arabhorse Farm Tour was a huge success for us this year. We had record crowds - I believe we counted close to 300 people. I think the most remarkable thing about my open house was the response I got when I asked the crowd to raise their hand if they already owned a horse. Only about 10 percent raised their hands, so that means 90 percent were new people, non-horse owners, who came to learn more about the Arabian horse. It was great to see so many new people. In addition, we've already sold two horses and there is one sale pending. It was also very special to be able to welcome back our dear friends, John and Debra Mitchell. We wish them the very best this year with their new horse, Lark RCA, a beautiful straight Egyptian colt, purchased from Arabians LTD."



Debra & John Mitchell





Jim Bedeker & Taylor Mason

**Taylor Mason, Gemini Acres Manager:** *"The Arabhorse Farm Tour is always a highly anticipated event. This year however, exceeded expectations. With a record turnout and an even higher sales/breeding interest, certainly this Arabian-centered weekend has proven its value. We are humbled to open our doors and be among such great company in sun-filled Scottsdale showcasing our very best. In 2014, we hosted the "Gemini Acres Production Sale" during the Farm Tour. This year, we took a charitable approach, which was fun and benefitted a worthy cause. However, we are happy to announce that plans are already underway for hosting another great production sale during the next ArabHorse Farm Tour and we look forward to seeing everyone there."*

The final open house of 2015 was held at Gemini Acres, hosted by owners Sally and Jim Bedeker. Gemini is one of the most lavish farms in all of Scottsdale. The spectacular horses, twinkling lights and sparkling champagne made Gemini the perfect setting to welcome in the New Year. Everyone was definitely in the party spirit. Lucho Guimarães, head trainer at Gemini, and Farm Manager, Taylor Mason presented their horses, which included their patriarch, DA Vinci FM (Versace x Full Moon Astar) and the exciting JJ Bellagio (Magnum Psyche x Joyeuse NY). These stallions looked magnificent among the sparkling lights and flashing cameras of the paparazzi. It is easy to understand why their offspring are winning in show-rings around the world as well as being coveted for their breeding potential.

Gemini Acres is also home to two of my favourite mares: the gorgeous bay imported from Belgium, Claudiaa (Psytadel x RA Cool Elegance), and Duchess of Marwan (Marwan Al Shaqab x Amety B). Duchess of Marwan is the dam of Artemas GA, the beautiful black colt, sired by JJ Bellagio, who is now an international champion and owned by Stella Bella Arabians.











After all the celebrating on New Year's Eve, we wondered how many people would attend the first open house on New Year's Day. Much to our surprise and delight, the party for Laurie Martin's Performance Horses was packed with people ready and waiting to see her show and breeding horses. Many at Laurie's open house were new to the event and were attracted by the top performance horses at her facility. Arabian performance horses are extremely popular, not just in Scottsdale, but throughout the country. Laurie and her staff presented their horses in-hand, under- saddle and at liberty, proving that halter horses are also talented and versatile athletes. Offspring sired by Enzo (Padrons Psyche x RD Bey Shahmpane), NYN Hissani (Marwan Al Shaqab x NYN Imara Versace), Jiuliusz de Wiec (Debowiec x Jiullya El Jamaal), LC Arlington (Regal Actor JP x Bey Shahs Lady) and Khadraj NA (Ponomarev x Khatreena NA), among others, were presented. Laurie Martin and Michael Brock were warm and welcoming hosts. Their stallion Khash PGA (Khadraj NA x RA Kela), a National Champion in hunter and western pleasure, was one of the most exciting horses of the day, and he really put on a show. It was the perfect start to the New Year.



Laurie Martin &amp; Mike Brock

**Laurie Martin:** "We are extremely happy to be a part of the ArabHorse Farm Tour. It is a great opportunity for Scottsdale farms to reach out to the public, and to introduce them to our horses. After all, our passion for the horses is why we do what we do each day, and we love to share our passion with others."



Laurie Martin



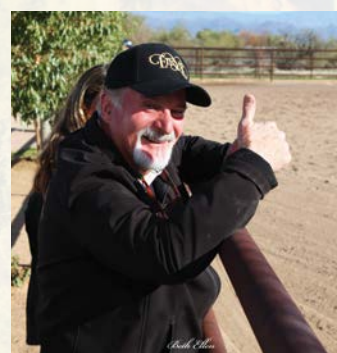


Jessica Schaeffler and Chris & Michele Culbreth

**Chris and Michele Culbreth:** *"This year's Farm Tour was once again a resounding success for Culbreth Equine. We again had a huge crowd of both new and returning fans of the Arabian horse. As one of only a few farms that have participated in the event every year since its inception, we have had the pleasure of seeing the event grow. It has evolved from one that was mostly local people, to an extravaganza that includes horse lovers from around the world. The Farm Tour has also had a positive influence on the horse market in our area. We have seen an increase of horses being purchased and sold during the weeks leading up to and following the event."*

Everyone then moved on to Culbreth Equine Training, and what fun we had there! Chris and Michele Culbreth have a very picturesque facility in North Scottsdale with spectacular views of desert and mountains – a beautiful setting to enjoy some very fancy show horses. The line up at Culbreth's included National Champions shown in-hand, as well as gorgeous pure-bred and half-Arabian horses under saddle in hunt, side saddle, western, and English pleasure. Chris and Michele are two of the most respected people in the business. One of their clients, Jackie Deatherage, whose horse was presented, shared this heartfelt sentiment, "In my 25 plus years of 'dealing' with horse trainers, I cannot remember having liked and respected anyone as much as I, and many people do, Mister Chris Culbreth." Through the ArabHorse Farm tours, the Culbreths have introduced many new people, non-horse owners, to the fun, and excitement of owning and showing Arabian performance horses. This is a critical market – especially for all the wonderful geldings we love so much, and for our talented and athletic halter horses as they mature.













Anette &amp; João Rodrigues



Next on the schedule, was Rodrigues Training Center, owned by Anette and João Rodrigues. The environment created by Annette and João was cosy, intimate, classy, and fun. João and his talented brothers, Alcides and Diego, put on an exciting presentation that included beautiful fillies, handsome colts, and extraordinary mares sired by National Champions and National Champion producers such as Padróns Psyche (Padron x Kilika), Trussardi (Stival x Precious as Gold), Ajman Moniscione (WH Justice x Anthea Moniscione), Hariry Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab x White Silkk), Pogrom (QR Marc x Petla), Ever After NA (Sir Fames HBV x Entaicyng NA), and Rodan Ltd (Padron's Psyche x LV Fantine) among others. There were also some very impressive stallions presented. I thought that PS Echo Domani (Ajman Moniscione x Torrifficoo) was stellar, and the yearling filly, Truly Memorable (Trussardi x MPA Giada), surely lives up to her name. All the horses were beautifully conditioned and looked so happy to be out, showing off for the crowds of people. They seemed to have as much fun as we did!









The first evening of January, 2016 was spent with Murray and Shirley Popplewell of Rae-Dawn Arabians. Most people are familiar with the Popplewell's National Champion Stallion Bey Ambition (Regal Actor JP x Bey Shahs Lady). The first horses to be presented were his sons and daughters, with the babies shown in-hand, and then the older horses shown under saddle. These horses are natural athletes and I think they are even more appealing when ridden. Bey Ambition was also presented in-hand and under saddle! He is a very handsome, spirited stallion, yet he was well mannered and truly gorgeous as he loped around the arena like a veteran of the ring.

In addition to Bey Ambition, Murray and Shirley use other top sires in their breeding program and the second group of horses were sired by a variety of stallions. They have had great success crossing their mares with Ever After NA and they showed several of his offspring. There was a very handsome colt by Stival, a lovely filly by Hariry Al Shaqab, and two very nice offspring by Shanghai EA (WH Justice x Salmah EA) – the filly RD Locetta (ex RD Arietta Bay) and a colt, RD Capriotti (ex Mi Morena). Both show beautiful type and structure. It was a fun and exciting presentation of the Rae-Dawn breeding program that showcased the beauty of their horses, and demonstrated their suitability as open or amateur performance horses.



Shirley & Murray Popplewell

**Murray Popplewell, Rae-Dawn Arabians:** *"This year's Arabhorse Farm Tour was the best one ever. We had a great crowd and such a diverse group. We had people who had never seen an Arabian horse, we had some of the top breeders in the country there, and we have visitors from around the world. It really was exceptional. In fact, we had a group from Saudi Arabia come back the next day, and they purchased five horses. I give a lot of credit to our amazing staff including Claudinei Machado, Bruno Guiraldelli and Colby Powell who worked so hard to prepare the horses and have them looking so good. We also want to thank Scott Bailey, David Cains and James Mead of Arabhorse.com for organizing this event, and for their commitment to promoting Scottsdale breeders and the Arabian horse."*





Tara Carpio



The recent addition of Straight Egyptian and Egyptian Heritage Classes at the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show has brought in a completely new group of horses, breeders, owners, trainers, and exhibitors to the area. Tara Carpio, of Tara Carpio Arabians, has focused much of her career working with straight Egyptian Arabians and when she moved to Arizona, she brought her unique experience to the community. Although this was the first year Tara participated with the tour, it was standing room only at her open house. It was wonderful to witness the interest people showed in the straight Egyptian horses, as well as the support from Egyptian breeders who attended, including Keri and Carolee Wright, Jaleen Hacklander, Shawn Crews and others. I was excited to see the flashy chestnut stallion KA Damascus (Makhnificent KA x Rahimah KA). Tara also had a big surprise for everyone as, right in the middle of her presentation of straight Egyptian horses, she brought out a towering Tobiano Pinto half-Arabian saddle/pleasure gelding that acted like he owned the place and with his gorgeous good looks and big action trot, he pretty much did! Everyone had a great time with Tara and her fabulous horses.











The crowds of people either drove or walked the short distance to the next stop on the tour, McDonald Arabians, owned by Gary and Jennifer McDonald. Every farm on the tour is unique, and the special thing about the McDonald's ranch is the sense of history and family. After all, Ross and Marjeanne McDonald, Gary's parents, have been breeding Arabian horses for over 45 years. The Arabian horse continues to be a family affair with three generations competing and showing together. This year, Gary was the commentator while his son, Kenneth, presented most of the horses with great skill and showmanship. Gary's daughter, Camille, also participated showing the gorgeous mare Ja Shaals Gift DNJ (Mishaal HP x Jamill Baraarrah). The show and breeding horses presented were of very high quality and represented leading sires from around the world including Versace (Fame VF x Precious as Gold), EKS Alihandro (Marwan Al Shaqab x OFW Psylhouette), Abha Qatar (Marwan Al Shaqab x ZT Ludjkalba), Pogrom, Bey Ambition, Gazal Al Shaqab (Anaza El Farid x Kajora), Besson Carol (Parys El Jamaal x Classic Krystall), Dakar El Jamaal (Ali Jamaal x Sonoma Lady) and his son Mazkarade (ex Majalis), as well as other notable sires. It was a fun-filled presentation of past and future champions.



Jennifer & Gary McDonald

**Gary McDonald:** *"To us, the Arabhorse Farm Tour has everything to do with family. The holidays are a special time for us and always very busy. If we are going to work to host 500-600 guests at our open house, we want to make sure it is a memorable time for our family, and for our clients, friends, and guests too. This year, I had several people approach me to say hello and to tell me how much our open house means to them and their families – that attending our open house has become a holiday tradition for them. I love the fact that our open house has created an event that brings families together. Two of the main goals of the Farm Tour are promoting and marketing our Arabian horses, and we have been successful in selling horses and breedings to stallions standing at McDonald Arabians. However, I am most proud of the fact that we continue to live and work with the horses together as a family, and that we are making very special memories for our family and for others."*



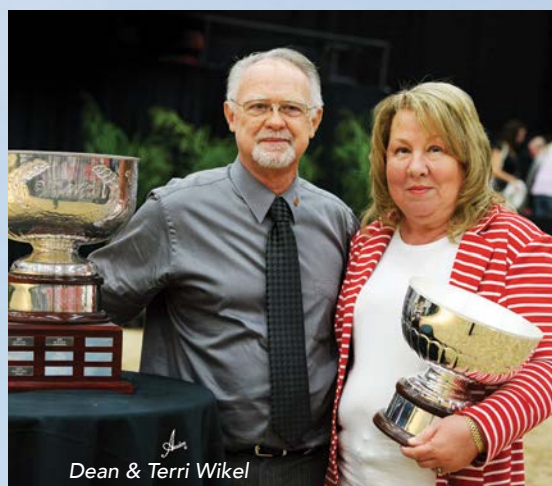
*Dean Wikel, Pegasus Arabians/Sandspur Ranch: "It was a pleasure for Terri and I to host the open house and presentation of horses. It was extra special having some of our grandchildren fly in from Ohio to join us. We had a very good turnout. This year, we're celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Pegasus Arabians and it was really nice to see so many breeders in the crowd. We presented our stallions and had a very positive response. Although our youngest stallion Cadance wasn't able to be there because he is just returning from his time in Europe, we presented a filly and a colt by him and they were very well received. We're looking forward to welcoming Cadance back home in late January – just in time for the show and breeding season."*

That night, as the sun began to set and cast a golden light, the crowds made their way to Pegasus Arabians at Sandspur Ranch, owned by Dean and Terri Wikel. Driving through the ornate gates, we entered a very special place of history. Sandspur was once the home of the legendary stallion Padron (Patron x Odessa). Today, under the care of the Wikels, it once again is home to National Champions and National Champion producers. The evening was the perfect opportunity for Dean and Terri to welcome guests to their farm, to present their fabulous halter and performance horses, and to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Pegasus Arabians. For more than two decades, the Wikels have quietly created a very special breeding programme that has produced far too many champions to count. Their success has earned them the titles of Breeders' National Finals – Breeder of the Year, three years in a row, and 2015 Arabian Breeders' World Cup – Breeder of the Year. They are also nominated for the 2015 Arabian Horse Times Breeder of the Year.

With over 200 stalls on the 22-acre ranch, several trainers make Sandspur Ranch their home including Ricardo Rivero International, Julie Daniel Training Center, Cari Thompson and Fannie Maritz and, the newest member, Ally Brady Show Horses. Everyone worked together to present horses to the crowd of over 400 guests. Ricardo showed the halter horses, while Julie, Cari, Fannie and Ally showed the performance horses. Many of the horses were sired by the Wikel's stallions: Masquerade PA (Armani FC x Cazsandra), Freedom PA (Magnum Chall HVP x Bey Unforgettable) and Cadance PA (Cavalli x Donatella), who they are welcoming back after his European tour. They have also used other high profile sires such as Hariry Al Shaqab and Titan AS (El Nabila B x Om El Beladeena). The Cadance offspring, including Saracha PA (ex Perfection) and Premier PA (ex Irresistable), both born last year, were very well received. It was a spectacular presentation with great variety that demonstrated the beauty and versatility of the Arabian horse.

*Julie Daniel, Daniel Training Center: "The Arabhorse Farm Tour allows us to share our beautiful horses with fellow enthusiasts along with the general public. We had so much fun! Many visitors stayed longer than the suggested two-hour time frame and lingered back at the stalls asking questions and getting up close and personal with the horses. I think I speak for all of us at Sandspur Ranch, when I say we all enjoyed the evening. In fact we had so much fun, we are already making plans and looking forward to being part of the event next year."*









Nate White, David Boggs & Alcides Rodrigues

**David Boggs, Midwest Training and Breeding Stations:** "Here at Midwest, we all eat, drink and sleep Arabian horses – it is a true labor of love for us. I am so proud to be a part of the Arabhorse Farm Tour for the past 9 years - it has really grown into a fabulous way to bring new people into our breed. From a business standpoint, this year's event was the most successful yet and resulted in record amounts of breeding sales to the Midwest Stallions! Thank you again to Arabhorse.com!"

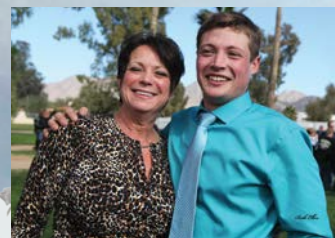
The final day of the ArabHorse Farm Tour started with the most lavish party of the season, hosted by Midwest Training Center and Coulter Cadillac. David Boggs welcomed over 650 guests from around the world to a presentation of national and international champions, as well as future champions. David's son, Jake Boggs, began the show by presenting his miniature horse and newborn foal. This set the stage for their family friendly gathering.

A beautiful group of fillies and colts sired by some of Midwest's internationally acclaimed sires was the first to be presented. It won't be long before many of these beautiful yearlings are wearing roses. Next was an incredible group of mares including National Champions Perfirka (Gazal Al Shaqab x Perforacja), Honey's Delight RB (JJ Senor Magnum x Honeymoon FHP), BH Beijings Velvet (Beijing BHF x BH Versaces Velvet), Aria Qatars Angel (Abha Qatar x BHF Dark Angel), and – the one and only – RH Triana (ROL Intencyty x Sylviah WLF). These

breathtaking beauties were followed by the stallions of Midwest, which included: LD Pital (Magnum Psyche x Halana), Conquest BR (Versace x Lee Anna Psy), A Jericho (A Jakarta x Destiny VF), Rahere (Desperado x Rose of Sarangani), Baha AA (Al Ayad x Baraaqa AA), Aria Impresario (Marwan Al Shaqab x GC Echlectica), Falah Al Shaqab (Fadi Al Shaqab x Joseph Just Emotion), Nimer Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab x RHR Vallacontessa), and Marsal Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab x Miss El Power EQ). The grand finale was the 2014 World Gold Champion Stallion, Kahil Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab x OFW Mishaahl), who will make his American showing debut at the Scottsdale Show with David Boggs. Many of the people who attended the open house had never seen an Arabian horse before, so you can image the impression these magnificent creatures made! That is what the ArabHorse Farm Tour and Midwest Training Center are all about, bringing the best of the breed to the world.











Justin Cowden, Cindy McGown, Mark Davis & Leo Hansen

The last open house of the tour was held at Royal Arabians' Mesa facility, home to their breeding and performance horses. Cindy and Mark graciously welcomed everyone again, and they introduced their talented staff before presenting their very special horses. The Polish beauty Egzonera (Monogram x Egzotyka) was a vision in white and completely stole everyone's heart. The lovely mare Jumeriah Rose SWF (MA Shadow El Sher x SWF Desert Rose) put on an exciting performance for the spectators. Jumeriah Rose SWF is the dam of the ultra extreme yearling filly, Royal Invicta Rose (by Royal Invictus) that we saw on the first day of the tour. Once again, Amanda Frasier was the commentator, and it was evident from her personal stories about the breeding, bloodlines, accomplishments, and future plans for each horse, that she dearly loves her horses. Everyone at Royal Arabians believes that their horses are meant to be enjoyed and for them, that includes performance as well as halter competition, and so their horses were presented under saddle in hunter and English. They were beautiful and well mannered – even with all the people reaching out to touch their glossy coats as they walked by. Royal Arabians stallions were also presented and the star of the afternoon was the classic beauty Al Maliik (Marwan Al Shaqab x Maya El Jamaal), owned by Suzanne Acevedo. Adorned in a custom halter and breast collar, Al Maliik pranced and reared, and then marched out of the ring, all to the delight of the cheering crowd. It was a spectacular finale to the 2015-2016 ArabHorse Farm Tour.

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