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## News & Updates From Black Prong

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Dear Diane,

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### Father & Daughter Compete at World Championships



Congratulations to **Michelle Aulson** for earning **top honors in two World Champion competitions** (riding and driving) at the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from October 8-15.

She won the World Champion Classic Pleasure Driving Ladies class, beating 13 other top horses from around the country. In addition to her blue ribbon, Michelle placed second in the World

Champion Classic Pleasure Saddle Ladies competition, beating 21 other entrants. She showed with her seven-year old Morgan horse, Whispering Rhythm-N-Blues, under the direction of John and Sheri Lampropoulos of Northgate Stables in Newton, NH. A resident of Arlington, Virginia, Michelle is the first daughter of Maureen and Alan Aulson.

Alan represented the United States as one of four drivers eligible to compete at the 2005 World Pairs Driving Championships for Horses from September 8- 11 in Salzburg, Austria. Both father and daughter share a commonality of representing and competing with the American Morgan Horse Breed.

### Stay at Black Prong! Prime Units Still Available

Black Prong offers several convenient lodging options, and **we welcome your reservation for a stay of any duration** – including days, weeks, or months! Escape from the cold and stay where champions train and vacation!

Due to schedule changes, we have **several prime units available throughout the season**, and we're even expanding to serve you better! Call us today at 352-486-1234, and **let us work to accommodate your needs.**

### Become a Season Supporter, and Enjoy Several Benefits



## Register for Sunshine State CDE and you could win \$50!

**Sign up now for The Sunshine State CDE, planned for November 6** at the Florida State Horse Park. Susan Gilliland and her talented team of organizers and volunteers have spent many hours preparing for this top-notch, not-to-be-missed event The CDE will feature cones and dressage for training, preliminary and advanced-level horses and ponies. **Close date for Entries is Nov. 1.** Entry fee is just \$40 per class; Stall fees are \$100

What's more, when you register for the Sunshine State CDE,, you will automatically be eligible to win a gift certificate for \$50 OFF your entry fee for the Black Prong Holiday Driving Trial on December 3-4!

**For more information or to enter, contact:** Susan Gilliland, 7450 Alafia Ridge Loop, Riverview, FL 33569. Cell: 813-220-8226; E-Mail: [s\\_gilliland@msn.com](mailto:s_gilliland@msn.com)

## Local Drill Team Trains at Black Prong

The Great Adventure Drill team, a group of adult riders from throughout Levy County, now trains at Black Prong on Monday evenings. They are first group to benefit from our recently-installed lights for night riding at the all-weather dressage ring, located on the South property near the training headquarters of Larry Poulin!

**About the Team:** The Great Adventure Drill Team is a group of riders who perform a fast paced, synchronized drill, choreographed to contemporary upbeat Christian music. The drill includes beautiful horse and rider costumes, ribbons, flags, and even a cross formation toward the end of their drill. Founded in January 2004, the team is growing, currently with eight active riders.

They have performed at the Annual Hospice Benefit Horse Show in Beverly Hills, the Florida Western Festival, the Stallion Showcase in Jacksonville, the Florida Horse and Country Festival, a H.O.P.E. Benefit Dinner, and the Family Fest in Williston, Florida. They are available, at no charge, for exhibition shows, church functions, or any one interested in being a part of this exciting and rapidly growing sport.

## Would You Enjoy an Event Organizers' Clinic?

Simon Rosenthal would like to create an Organizers' Clinic at Black Prong this season, to support organizers, volunteer coordinators, and many others with roles in the behind-the-scenes organization and production of equestrian events!

Your opinion matters! Please share your interest level and feedback about this great concept. E-mail us today at [blackprongcenter@aol.com](mailto:blackprongcenter@aol.com) with your thoughts, and the subject line "Organizers' Clinic Feedback", and we will forward it to Simon.



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