



## February 2021

### ODEEO Drag Rider Clinic

Drag riders are a crucial part of OD rides for the safety of the horses and the riders. Drag riders follow behind the last riders to make sure everyone is okay.

Are you interested in learning more about being a drag rider and what that exactly means? If so, it's not too late to sign up for the drag rider clinic hosted by our drag rider manager, Duane Martin.



It will be this Saturday, February 13, 2021 from 12-2. The agenda will include, what drag riding is and how it is handled during COVID. There will also be information about stethoscopes, heart rate monitors and GPSs.

*The seminar will be presented by [Duane Martin](#). [Dragmanager@odeeo.org](mailto:Dragmanager@odeeo.org)*

*Contact him with requests, registration and Zoom conference information.*

<http://olddominionrides.org/seminars.html>

### Reflections of 2020



What a crazy year 2020 turned out to be for all of us! Almost a year ago, we started hearing about this new virus called COVID-19 but really didn't think it could affect us. We had rides to plan for and go to! Then the quarantines started and we were all in a state of shock and disbelief. Spring rides were cancelled and things were put on an indefinite hold. We all had to learn about this new thing called Zoom that would soon become a big part of our life. Finally, by summer, things started looking up and brave ride managers and ride management teams started formulating COVID plans. Little by little rides began to appear on the AERC ride calendar, including No Frills in July. No Frills in July? We were worried about the heat, but with some extra safety protocols put in place, including a big cooler full of ice, it turned out to be a very successful ride with a different view had by all of the lush green mountains.



With a successful ride in July, Fort Valley was planned. Unfortunately, because of the sheer manpower it takes to run the Old Dominion 100 in Orkney Springs, VA this ride had to permanently stay off the docket. But this did not mean the Triple Crown of the ODEEO had to disappear. It was decided that Iron Horse in September in Ohio would be the second leg of the OD. With these rides in place, four riders were able to get the ODEEO Triple Crown 2020. A grand achievement any year and even more so in 2020.





These fine rider and horse teams are:

Sara Mountain & IA Kaliber (Pi)--205 miles

Jennifer Anderson & CA Prada (Emmie)--180 miles

Felisa Read & Lenny--180 miles

Andrea Sirko & Destiny for Ava (Ava)--180 miles

Congratulations to all of them!

*Just a reminder, as of 2020, all contenders for the annual Triple Crown award must be a current ODEEO member.*



## 2021 ODEEO Raffle Horse donated by Asgard Arabians

Meet SCINCERE, the 2021 ODEEO Raffle Horse, graciously donated by Asgard Arabians! SCINCERE is a 2019 gelding, pictured here at 19 months of age.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25, 5 for \$40, or 10 for \$75 and all money goes to the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization.



Send payment via PayPal to: [phantomhorse13@hotmail.com](mailto:phantomhorse13@hotmail.com) (Dawn Engle Hilliard).

In the note section, please include the following:

- your full name
- your phone number
- your email address
- your home state

Copies of ticket stubs will be send via email after processing.

SCINCERE is a 2019 gelding by Stratagem X Scinntillante (Bandjo de Falgas). His sire is the linebred Priboj stallion Stratagem, who passes on wonderful temperament. His damline comes from the Russian greats \*Moment and \*Tamerlan crossed onto a granddaughter of the renowned U.S. Nat'l Ch. Synbad and has produced notables such as the Asgard herd stallion Syndicat and the much decorated endurance gelding Synthetic. Full siblings include Scinntilla, Scilhouette, and Scyfy. Scincere carries a wonderful degree of Arabian type and beauty, along with a traditional "dry" body type. See his video for stylish, supple movement, joie de vivre, and docility.

You Tube Video Link: <https://youtu.be/Mz3Ur7xq58o>

For more information check out: <http://olddominionrides.org/AsgardRaffleHorse.html>

To learn more about these amazing athletes, check out: <https://www.asgardarabians.com/>

## In closing

If you have any questions about the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, please check out <http://olddominionrides.org/>. It has lots of good information for everyone—long time riders and volunteers and those new to the sport.

Any questions, additions, or corrections, please contact Sonja Knecht-Hoshi at [pikkachan@verizon.net](mailto:pikkachan@verizon.net).