Brazil Press Kit

Mangalarga Marchadors, ABCCMM & USMMA

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The Mangalarga Marchador

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ABCCMM - Brasilian association

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Full Schedule

Jul. 7	Arrival in Belo Horizonte
	07:30 PM Welcome dinner with ABCCMM's Board
Jul. 8	In the morning: trip to Lavras – Haras El Far
Jul. 9	Haras El Far (see page 7)
Jul. 10	AM: Haras El Far
	PM: Trip to Jaguariúna – Haras Maripá
Jul. 11	Haras Maripá (see page 7)
Jul. 12	AM: Haras Maripá
	PM: Cruzília (birthplace of the Mangalarga Marchador)
Jul. 13	Horseback riding through the historic MM farms (see page 10-12
	MM Bloodlines for a flavor of the history)
Jul. 14	MM Museum + lunch and return to BH in the afternoon
Jul. 15	10:00 AM: Artes e Ofícios Museum-BH – There will be a
	presentation of Mangalarga Marchador Museum by Angela
	Gutierrez
	03:00 PM – Meeting with ABCCMM Presidente Magdi Shaat
Jul. 16	11:00 AM: Meeting of EAMM members & ABCCMM board
	04:00 PM: Opening of 30 th Exposição Nacional Show
	07:00 PM: Welcome party with Show of "Axé Music"
Jul. 17	11:00 AM: Meeting of USA members & ABCCMM board
	02:30 PM: Clinic with "Horse Whisperer" Monty Roberts
Jul. 18	10:00: Visit to the famous Inhotim Museum
	04:00 PM: return to Exposição Nacional
Jul.19	Exposição/Departures

Brazil, Brazil!

"If you really know Brazil, you have seen enough beauty for half a lifetime."

Brazil is not just coffee, samba and soccer. The fifth largest country in the world (after Russia, Canada, China and the U.S.) it is among the ten leading industrial nations. Brazil is the largest country in South America. Its area of about 8.512 million km ² comprises 47% of the South American continent. The population is 185 million. Its coastline along the Atlantic extends over a length of 7367 km.

It has long been known that Brazil is the world's No. 1 supplier of sugar cane and a pioneer in bio-ethanol. Huge sugar cane plantations provide the raw material. But it also occupies a front seat in the steel business. In informed circles, the Brazilian economy, with large, well-developed agricultural, mining, manufacturing and service sectors, is known as the most powerful in South America, and on the world market increasingly important. Of course, with that coastline, the beaches of Brazil and the tourism industry had long since become world famous. Copacabana and Ipanema are well known and were sung about by famous artists.

Belo Horizonte

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belo Horizonte

(*Beautiful Horizon*) is the capital of and largest city in the state of <u>Minas Gerais</u>, located in the <u>southeastern</u> region of <u>Brazil</u>. It is the third-largest metropolitan area in the country. Belo Horizonte (or "Belô" or "Beagá", as it is also familiarly known from the sound of its initials "BH" in <u>Portuguese</u>) has a population of over 2.4 million, or almost 5.4 million in the official Metropolitan Area.

The region was first settled in the early 18th century, but the city as it is known today was planned and constructed in the 1890s, in order to replace <u>Ouro Preto</u> as the capital of <u>Minas Gerais</u>. The city features a mixture of contemporary and classical buildings, and hosts several modern Brazilian architectural icons, most notably the <u>Pampulha Complex</u>. In planning the city, Aarão Reis and Francisco Bicalho sought inspiration in the urban planning of <u>Washington</u>, <u>D.C.[2]</u> The city has employed notable programs in urban revitalization and food security, for which it has been awarded international accolades.

Weather – this is the coldest month in July (their winter)

Avg temperature high - 76 Avg temperature low - 55

It is usually drier during the winter months too so rain can happen, but not too much.

When you land, you will be picked up at the airport. The sign may have your name or the symbol or words for your host, the ABCCMM. Their logo is the Horseshoe M Brand which looks like this:



Hotel: Promenade Guignard

Rua Tome De Souza 1075 Belo Horizonte, MG 30140-130 Brazil

Be SURE to take a card or write down the address of the hotel. There is more than one Guignard, so having the street address is helpful.

Situated in Belo Horizonte, this aparthotel is close to Liberdade Square, Abilio Barreto Historical Museum, and Parque Municipal. Area attractions also include Praca da Estacao and Independencia Stadium. In addition to a restaurant, Promenade Guignard features an outdoor pool. Other amenities include a fitness center, complimentary wireless Internet access and conference/meeting rooms.

Televisions come with cable channels. Some guestrooms also feature kitchens, with refrigerators and microwaves.

You will need a currency converter to use anything electrical. These can be purchased online, in the airport or in Brazl.

Inhotim Museum (near Belo Horizonte) July 18th

Inhotim is the world's largest contemporary art center located on 3000 acres of land in the southeastern state of Minas Gerais in Brazil. It was created by the Brazilian iron magnate, Bernardo Paz, who started buying art in 1997. He later established his collections in Inhotim as a nonprofit museum.

Among its 17 permanent indoor art galleries and countless outdoor exhibitions, the art sanctuary comprises a collection of over 500 large-scale works. Inhotim boasts Brasil's second largest botanical garden (the Jardim Botanico in Rio being the first), 5 ornamental lakes, two 5-star restaurants a few smaller cafes and one bar. It is accessible by foot or golf cart shuttles and offers tours in English and Portuguese.



Directions to Belo Horizonte - Minas Gerais, Brazil 1,450 km - about 18 hours 36 mins





Haras El Far (Haras is the Brazilian word for a farm that raises horses) http://www.haraselfar.com.br/

Competence, expertise and quality control. This conceptual tripod has been raising Haras El Far to the status of national prominence in Mangalarga Marchador horse breeding. With a herd of about 700 animals, whose quality has been proven in the show ring, Haras El Far has a rich selection and diverse selection, based on strong genetics, strengthened by the bloodlines coming from the more traditional pillars of the breed.

The owner of the farm is Magdi Shaat, the current Presidente of the ABCCMM. His breeding program and instincts come honestly from Magdi's Egyptian heritage from his grandparents, old horse breeders and Egyptian Arabic, from the taste of the countryside and their breeding of Arabian horses.

The farm has invested in infrastructure, people and of course its animals. Hans Norremose, is the farm manager, overseeing the entire operation. Preparing the animals for exhibition is Equestrian Training Center Mello Vianna. Vetrinarians, and breeding operations are on-site as well. Such a structure has generated great results that have come with winning and awards at the shows.

For Magdi Shaat, a good portion of these results is due to a boldness in the way of breeding. While most farms bet their future with a few stallions, Haras El Far brings together more than ten players, and other leases and purchase of coverage to cover about 170 mares. The investment to achieve excellence in the Haras El Far, is proportional to the return envisioned by the breeder. But Magdi Shaat believes the payoff is priceless.

In 2011, Haras El Far participated in Project Vitrine, where 5 Mangalarga Marchador stallions were exported to Europe to demonstrate the breed. Ouro Fino Elfar was one of the stallions at Equitana 2011.

Haras Maripa (accent on the last A)

http://www.harasmaripa.com.br/ http://www.facebook.com/agromaripa

Haras Maripá was founded in 1979, with the objective of genetically producing horses that are comfortable to ride, have a rhythmic, smooth movement and the ability to live naturally. The Maripa horse is a sport horses: sound, robust, has a good conformation, is extremely beautiful, with a good temperament and sweet.

The base of their genetics is Abaíba as a base, but they have also added Bela Cruz and Herdade to the mix. Today they stay close to the horse bloodline they have created and cross-breed among their Maripa mares and stallions, paying attention to the crosses. Even though they are after a true genetic, Haras Maripa often searches the market for a good cross to introduce to their mares for diversity and strength in their breeding program. The most recent was a 53 stallion.

Owned by Marcelo and Sophia Oliveira Baptista, their breeding program is proven on long rides (calvagadas) and sporting events, not in the show ring. As an example, it was Maripa horses that were used to recreate a great historical adventure in 2004. An expedition, on horseback, through the Anhanguera trail, which stretches over 9,000 miles- between São Paulo (capital), and the Rio Vermelho (Red River) start, in the state of Goiás.

In 2011, Haras Maripa participated in Project Vitrine and sent 2 stallions to Europe. Both Patek de Maripa and Urano de Maripa showed at Equitana in March 2011. In May, with their Mangalarga Marchador horses in Europe, Marcelo and Sophia flew to Spain and rode their 2 stallions on a long ride – 300km on the Camino de Santiago ending at Santiago de Compostela, a medieval cathedral. (A pilgrimage trail called the way of St James).

They also made history in 2011 by successfully exporting the first Mangalarga Marchador frozen semen from 3 of their stallions to the US to Summerwind Marchadors (John and Lynn Kelley)

MM National Show

1,500 Mangalarga Marchadors at one event in July! And they represent the best of the best — in athletic competition, in conformation, in gait and in reproduction! Excitement continues in the evening with Marchador auctions where glitz, glamour and pricing reach spectacular heights!

The ABCCMM is a great host at their annual event. Even the president will meet you personally. The breeders welcome fellow breeders and Marchador lovers with no hesitation.

In the main ring, there is always a class, sometimes 2 classes going on. There are three independent judges who combine their scores to determine the winner. The judges will also ride the top contenders. The purity of the marcha is essential, but the judges also evaluate the quality of the movement, the head and tail carriage, and especially the appearance of each horse. The track is filled with the beauty and elegance of the Iberian carriage and appearance of the Mangalarga Marchador.

There are other arenas for warm-up and for functional sports and exhibitions like mounted archery, dressage, pole bending and team penning. The arena for the Complete Marchador, a timed obstacle and training test called Prova!, is always popular. Everywhere there are open barns to meander through, shopping and horses everywhere.

... What else? You're amazed, but the Marchador owners are asking you... Try it? You are invited to sample these exotic, expensive Marchadors. What horse? ... You choose! ... The winner of a special discipline? ... Yes, go ahead!... the stallion that will be auctioned later to peak prices? ... What are you waiting for?... Only adjust the stirrup straps quickly, then go! ... What, another one? Different gait, different size, different colors. Yes, as long as you want! Everyone is in a great mood and are very generous, helping you with their horse! If you are lucky you even get to ride the newly-crowned champion once! Do not hesitate, say YES

Areas of Interest: Main Show Ring, Breeders, Top Stallions, Team Penning, Provas Funcionals, Horse Auctions, Caminhos Gerais, Shopping, Warm Up Rings, Breeder booths So much.

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The Mangalarga Marchador averages between 14.2 and 16 hands in height and weighs between 850 and 1100 lbs. Although grays predominate, chestnut, black, bay, buckskin, palomino and paint horses are also present. An adept and extremely versatile breed, the Mangalarga Marchador is fast becoming one of the most sought after breeds. As with many Iberian breeds they are good cattle horses. They are known for setting the Guinness Book of World Records endurance ride of 8,694 miles in 1994. A perfect trail horse, they could also excel in other disciplines that require agility, stamina, speed and a sound mind.

Training of this breed is facilitated by its intelligence, and uses for the breed are unlimited. In work with cattle, in sports, in Brazilian functional trials, or in cross-country horsemanship, the Marchador is outstanding and is obtaining excellent results in comparison to other breeds. This breed is extremely docile and is commonly mounted by children.

HISTORY

The most popular and widespread horse in Brazil is the Mangalarga Marchador, which developed in 1740. Joao Francisco of Portugal settled in Brazil at the hacienda Campo Alegre, where the Marchador horses began to emerge. Francisco adopted the surname Junqueira to designate his native city. One of his twelve children, Gabriel Francisco Junqueira, the Baron of Alfenas, is credited with the expansion and development of the breed. His friend, Dom Pedro I (1798–1834), Emperor of Brazil and son of Joao IV of Portugal, gave him an Alter Real stallion named Sublime.

The stallion Sublime was the descendant of two horses brought from the breeding farm Coudelaria Alter do Chao in Portugal by Dom Joao VI during the invasion of the Iberian Peninsula by Napoleonic troops. In Brazil, Sublime was crossed with mares of the hacienda Campo Alegre: Spanish Jennets, Criollos and Andalusians. Most of the Spanish horses used at the hacienda in launching the breed were the famous Spanish Jennet, known to be a fast, smooth ambler. The offspring of Sublime produced horses with the characteristics of the present-day Mangalarga Marchador horse: docility and smooth gaits, with a cadenced rhythmic gait called the marcha.

GAIT

The Mangalarga Marchador is a beautiful horse, exhibiting classic Spanish conformation and charm. The gait is remarkably fast and smooth, a gait in which the horse moves its feet alternately laterally and diagonally with moments in which triple support can be verified.

If the horse is marching on level ground at a normal rhythm, the tracks of the two hind feet will cover or pass slightly beyond the tracks of the front feet. When the horse places the feet diagonally most often and with moments of triple support, the gait is called marcha batida (ba-chee-da). If the horse moves the feet more often laterally and separately and also has moments of triple support, it is called marcha picada (like the sauce).

The reason for so much preoccupation with the marcha, indicated by the name of the breed is that this gait in unique in the world. The famous Spanish Jennets have died out, and the Marchador is probably the purest surviving remnant of that breed. No other breeds have been crossed into the Mangalarga Marchador. Due to the triple support exhibited in the Mangalarga Marchador, the marcha gives a very comfortable ride with little friction. The Mangalarga Marchador neither trots nor paces, naturally going from the smooth marching gait into a wonderful canter.

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MM NAMING CONVENTION

In keeping with their long heritage, the names of the Marchadors tell a story reflecting their roots. Mangalarga Marchadors always have compound names that include the breeding farm. The horse's full name and bloodline names tell you the origin of your horse and his heritage.

One of the names is like a first name to the horse, but the other name is like a surname so the combination is unique in the breed. The "surname" is the breeding farm. So if your farm name was Darley LTD, the farm designates its offspring in one of the following ways:

Xxxx do Darley (da Darley, de Darley)
Xxxx DL, DL Xxxxx (initials)
Darley xxxx (farm name first)
Xxxx Darley (farm name last)

Once a methodology is chosen for a farm, all of its progeny are named uniquely in this fashion.

MM Bloodlines excerpted from a Ricardo Casiuch (MM historian) article

I. Old ones or **Foundation lines** — These are lines that started during the XVIIIth century in the South of Minas Gerais state, mainly at Cruzilia region.

Favacho, Campo Alegre (extinguished), Traituba, Narciso (extinguished), Campo Lindo — JB, Angahy, Engenho da Serra (extinguished)

II. **Traditional lines**, which were born from the foundation lines

Abaiba, Bela Cruz, Ara, Catuni, Gironda, Herdade, Passa Tempo (being extinguished), Tabatinga, 53

SOME OF THE FOUNDATION LINES

Favacho — The starting point is the **Favacho**, whose chapel was erected at 1761 near the farm house and still is there. João Francisco Junqueira Filho and his son José Frausino Junqueira (born in 1805) are considered the first milestones of this breeding masterpiece. Favacho horses are excellent on Marcha Batida (more diagonal movements), but their morphology is not refined although very expressive. They remind us of the old Sorraia and Alter Real stallions of the XVIIIth century. Most frequent colors: dun, chestnut, bay, and grey. Historical horses: *Plutão, Canadá, Duque, Calçado, Manco, Trovão, Montenegro, Fla-Flu, Jambo, Gesso, Calçado, Albatroz, Armistício and Candidato*. More recently: *Farol, Radical, Quociente and Estanho.*

Campo Alegre — This is the bloodline founded by Mr. Gabriel Francisco Junqueira, the Baron of Alfenas, considered founder of the MM breed in 1812. Today this genetic pool is extinguished, but several of his descendents started new farms in Minas Gerais state, including his son Francisco Gabriel Junqueira (nickname 'Chiquinho do Cafundó'), great-grandfather of **Tabatinga's** breeders.

Traituba– The farmhouse was built in 1831 to receive Dom Pedro I, Emperor of Brazil, who never confirmed this invitation. José Frausino Fortes Junqueira, born at the near Favacho farm founded the bloodline. The horses born at Traituba are quite similar to Favacho, but a more refined neck and head. Most frequent colors: chestnut, bay, grey and dun. Influential stallions: *Pégaso, Canário, Glicério, Armistício, Rádio, Rádio II, Bibelô, Beduíno, Candidato, Sátiro, Aviso.*

Campo Lindo – JB: Mr. João Braúlio Fortes Junqueira, grandson of Mr. João Francisco Junqueira Filho (founder of Favacho), built the farmhouse in 1870. He was an excellent horseman and his horses showed great movement, beautiful head/neck and smooth gait – Marcha Batida. His grandson – Mr. José Braúlio Junqueira de Andrade was one of the founders of the MM Association in 1949, but never registered his horses at this organization until 1989. They present excellent/expressive morphology, nice and smooth gait, Marcha Batida. Most frequent colors are chestnut, bay, pinto, NOT grey. Foundation stallions: *The Money, Bellini, Farol, Rio Negro, Clemenceau I e II, Ouro Preto, V-8, Sargento, Diamanté, Joazeiro, Raro, Sincero, Beijo, Velho, Quartel, JK and Tostão.*

Angahy (Aan guy ee) – The farm is located between Campo Lindo and Favacho land, and the founder was Mr. Christiano dos Reis Meirelles, who died in 1944. The herd shows a nice gait in Marcha Batida, good bones and a not very well refined head. This bloodline is considered an example of good foundation mares with significant historic stallions in terms of MM evolution. Most frequent colors are chestnut, bay and grey. Most influential stallions: *Caxias I and II, Bônus I and II, Mozart, Mineiro, Miron*, son of Traituba Sátiro, largely used at Angahy, plus *Salmon, Veto and Yankee*. (Now written as Angai, but pronounced the same)

SOME OF THE TRADITIONAL LINES

Abaiba (Abba eeba) – This line started with Mr. Erico Ribeiro Junqueira at Leopoldina city (MG). It is the bloodline that typifies elegance and beauty especially in the head and neck. They often resemble Arabian horses in their look. Pure Abaiba is not always known for their gait; in fact, they have a very poor comfortable Marcha Batida. They are great endurance horses. Most frequent colors: grey

Bela Cruz — The breeding farm started with Prudente dos Reis Meirelles and commanded by Mr. Argentino dos Reis Meirelles during the second half of XXth century. They are medium size horses, not well refined head, big eyes, excellent gait Marcha Batida. Most frequent colors: grey

Herdade – (Her da ge) Began by Mr. José de Andrade Reis at Simão Pereira (MG).. Herdade horses possess excellent and smooth gaits. Today they are more close to a center marcha. Well balanced in terms of morphology. Most frequent colors are bay, chestnut and grey. Historic stallions: *Cadillac, Jupiá, Capricho, Prateado, Cobalto, Cosmos, Cobre*.

Tabatinga — The farm began with Mr. Severino Junqueira de Andrade, who brought from his father's farm at South of Minas Gerais old mares with blood from Baron of Alfenas' herd. The typical horse breed at Tabatinga farms is strong with solid bones, refined head and good on gallop and working with cattle, but its Marcha Batida gait can be poor. Most frequent colors: bay, dun and grey.

53 — It started with Mr. José Frauzino Fortes Junqueira (nicknamed 'Zezé do Agudo') in 1902, at Morro Agudo city, São Paulo state. He got married to a daughter of Mr. João Braúlio Fortes Junqueira (Campo Lindo – JB) and moved to São Paulo state in search of new areas to plant and harvest. He also took a group of mares with him from JB line. '53' was the number of his wife at the high school. Good gaits Marcha Batida with strong cow sense. He bred both Mangalarga (mixed with Thoroughbred, Saddlebred, Hackney) and Mangalarga Marchador horses. Some of this line can be hotter than traditional MMs. Most frequent colors: chestnut, bay and black.

excerpted from a Ricardo Casiuch (MM historian) article

MODERN DAY BLOODLINES

Today in Brazil, there has been a resurgence in demand for the foundation bloodlines, still breeding after centuries. **JB** and **Favacho** are two of the leaders, in terms of ranking of top stallions, market pricing and stallions being used in MM breeding programs. In Brazil, the top stallions are usually owned by a condominium of breeders with each breeder sometimes paying hundreds of thousands of dollars for their share of the horse.

Many Marchador breeders chose to follow the bloodlines of the historic breeders. So, even though the farm name is different, the breeding results are similar to the original lines. The entire list would be too long to print here, but here are some examples:

- · A.J., Maripa, Pau d'Alho, Providencia, Rima, Sama, Santana were based on and follow strongly the Abaiba line.
- Joatinga, Rancho Apache were based on and followed the **Tabatinga** line
- LJ, JG were based on the JB bloodline.
- Seta, H.B. H.O. and Santa Lucia were **Herdade** based.

In Brazil, it is popular today to blend the bloodlines to achieve the individual breeder's objectives. With 30,000 breeders there, the combinations are staggering. At the National Competition, there are often new breeders in the winner's circle every year, so it must be working!

North American Bloodlines

In our short history, we have already had lines that are extinguished; some MM breeders have already retired. It is not our culture to pass this on from generation to generation as in Brazil. Listed below are the names of breeders active in breeding in 2011. They are creating our foundation bloodlines and legacy.

4 Seasons, Flying Oaks, also dba Fazenda Zouga Great Lakes, Lazy T, Legacy, Los Cielos, Lucero. Lusonatica, Saint Horse, Summerwind

People Attending

USMMA

http://www.namarchador.org

The US Mangalarga Marchador Association is a small, élite, passionate group that own or just love Marchador horses. In 2011, there were over 70 members located in 25 states and 3 Canadian Provinces that share their love for what the Brazilians call "the Perfect Horse". Our main focus is on our registry and breed standards. However, we also try to promote the Mangalarga Marchador breed and recognize our members in those efforts.

- 1. John J. Kelley, President, USMMA Breeder, Summerwind Marchadors and SW Future Foal located in AZ, CO with affiliate in PA.
- 2. Lynn Kelley, Registrar, USMMA, Breeder, Summerwind Marchadors and SW Future Foal Lynn has been asked to write for Equitrekking and other horse publications about the trip.
- 3. Katie Baily, USMMA member. Lynn's sister. Located in CT.
- 4. Ellen Farmer, Breeder Lusonatica Located in FL
- 5. Aline Greene, Breeder, Saint Horse Located in SC.

US Media

- 1. Jane Switzer, The Horse Show, TV and Radio. Attending full program.
- 2. Diana Lamb, The Horse Show, TV and Radio. July 13-19
- 3. Gatsby Gottsch, RFD-TV. July 16-19
- 4. Lizzie Iwerson RFD-TV. July 16-19

ABCCMM Association and Board http://www.abccmm.org.br

The Brazilian Association of Mangalarga Marchador Breeders (Criadores) was founded in July 16, 1949, in Belo Horizonte-MG. It boasts the title of largest organization of breeders of horses of the same breed of Latin America. Since January 2002, the Association started work on new headquarters in a land of thousand square meters of built area on Avenida Amazonas, 6020 - Gameleira, Cep 30510-000 - fax (31) 3379-6100. The organization also has three floors in the center of Belo Horizonte. ABCCMM has over 59 employees,, 50 technicians (inspectors for certifying and registering the breeding animals) and also a team of 28 judges and 43 instructors riding, dressage, first aid, management of farms and morphology. The entity is represented throughout the country through its 46 Centers and 10 Marchador Clubs.

The Association is authorized by the Ministry of Agriculture to make the control and registration of animals Mangalarga Marchador. The studbook of Service ABCCMM processes more documents than all civil registry offices in Belo Horizonte together.

- 1. Magdi Shaat, Presidente
- 2. Antonio Sergio Quadros Barbosa, Vice Presidente
- 3. Breno Andrade Patrus, Administration
- 4. Jose Luiz de Almeida Cruz, Finance
- 5. Carlos Augusto Karam, Events
- 6. Mauricio Zacarias Constancio, Marketing
- 7. Paulo Magalhaes Novoa, Social
- 8. Antonio Glenio Faria M de Albuquerque, Sports and Functional Tests

EAMM Association and Board http://www.eamm.de

Magdi Shaat, Presidente ABCCMM, invited all Mangalarga Marchador owners and breeders to come to Essen (Germany) to the Equitana (Exhibition) in March 2009 to found the European association. About 40 people accepted the invitation and signed a letter of intent to develop the regulations with the yet to be elected members of the future board.

In July 2009, the EAMM (European Association of Mangalarga Marchador Association) was founded and registered. Fifteen founding members accepted the invitation of Magdi Shaat to the National Championship in Brazil. This was the first official joint activity and a great success and experience for everybody involved.

We don't know who will be there for certain from the board and additionally, other members are also attending.

- 1. Astrid Oberniedermayr, 1st Chairman of the Board. Owner, MMs. Magazine editor.
- 2. Hans-Joachim Stickel, 2nd Chairman of the Board. MM Owner. Brazil and Europe
- 3. Alice Cristina Fonseca, Board Member Intl Relations, MM Breeder in Brasil, Haras Clarion.
- 4. Ute Lehmann, Sports and Training Director, MM Owner. Trainer.
- 5. Dieter Mader, Sports and Training Director, Trainer
- 6. Verena Thielhorn, office
- 7. Otto van Blaricum, Treasurer
- 8. Max de Vroet, Breed Warden, MM Breeder, France

USMMA History

2004

- Founding Members: Cris Guerra, Lynn Kelley, John Kelley, Tresa Smith
- DNA standard implemented. 40 horses DNA typed by year-end.
- Brazil trip with ABCCMM. (unfunded by USMMA)

2005

- USMMA incorporated and trademarked.
- First President Lynn Kelley.
- First US-born Marchadors and imported Marchadors USMMA registered.
- First ABCCMM inspection and branding ever held outside of Brazil Brazil visit with ABCCMM (unfunded by USMMA)

2006

- USMMA Breed Standard created. Exhibit A created.
- Show Committee formed. Show Rules drafted.
- ABCCMM and Brazil trip (unfunded by USMMA)
- Elections held for 2006–2010 Board of Directors. Lynn Kelley re-elected President.

2007

- 2 US Vets train in Brazil to become breed inspectors (funded)
- ABCCMM and Brazil visit (unfunded by USMMA)
- First Marchador arrives in Canada from the US.
- Lynn Kelley resigns Presidency. Second USMMA President is Tresa V. Smith.
- 116 Registered Marchadors, now in US and Canada

2008

- ABCCMM Inspection Visit and First USMMA Clinic. Clinic DVD documentary.
- ABCCMM and Brazil Visit (unfunded by USMMA)
- First Marchador embryo transfer foal born 4 Seasons
- First frozen semen foal born Summerwind

2009

- ABCCMM and Brazil Visit (unfunded by USMMA). Met also with the EAMM (Europe) for the first time.
- Elections held for 2010–2014 Board. Third President is John J. Kelley
- 176 USMMA registered Marchadors

2010

- ABCCMM Inspection Visit hosted
- USMMA Awards and Show Subsidy Programs for Members
- Clinic on MM Gait with Brasilian instructor held in TX
- Membership tops 70!

2011

- Complete Horse Video Competition
- First Frozen semen importation Maripa/Summerwind
- Brazil Trip