



The Egyptian Event



First Annual ~ 1981

In 1980 the U.S. National Champion Mare was [Fa Halima](#), a straight Egyptian of the Dahman strain. Sired by *Ansata Ibn Halima, out of a Babson mare named Sabrah, Fa Halima was owned by Bentwood Farms. It was a time of spotlights and roses for America's Egyptian Arabians, and it set the stage perfectly for the First Annual Egyptian Event.

The first Egyptian Event was held June 12-14, 1981, at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. It set a precedent for time, place and many other amenities that would last for the next twenty-plus years. Forty-nine straight Egyptian stallions took part in the Hall of Stallions and ninety-one Egyptian and Egyptian cross horses competed in four Futurity halter and five performance classes. Over twenty-thousand dollars in prize money was offered. There was no indoor arena as we enjoy today. All classes and stallion presentations were held on the infield of the race track that was to the west of the Big Barn where the Hall of Stallions was located. From the first class the halter was judged using the European system and the performance was judged "American style".

Winner of the Two-Year-Old Filly class was Assisi Susana ([Ansata Shah Zaman](#) x [Assisis Darlin](#)). The Two-Year-Old Colt class went to [GA Anwar Sudan](#) ([Ansata Ibn Sudan](#) x [Overlook Fatima](#)). Both were owned by The Gibson Arabian Stud. The Three-Year-Old Colts went to Al Judan ([Ansata Ibn Sudan](#) x [San Geedee](#)) owned by McDaniel/Paden, while the Three-Year-old Filly competition was won by [Shahzamila](#) ([Ansata Shah Zam](#) x [Gamil McCoy](#)), also owned by The Gibson Arabian Stud.

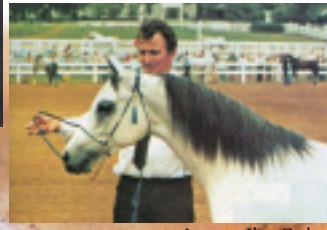
Top sires of Futurity winners included [Ansata Ibn Sudan](#), [Ansata Shah Zam](#) and [Shaikh Al Badi](#). *[Tuhotmos](#), quite old, but still enormously typy, was a big hit at the Hall of Stallions, as were [Ansata Ibn Bukra](#) (shown personally by his owner, Count Zicky-Thyssen) and "The Winningest Egyptian Arabian of all Time", *[Sakr](#), presented by Tom McNair. David Gardner and Bentwood Farms' [Moniet El Seyn](#) (*[Ibn Moniet El Nefous](#) x [Kay Seyna](#)) won three of the five performance classes offered. Paj Majaal ([Sar Jasakr](#) x [Silraja](#)) and Steve White took the Western for the Craveys, and Amira Zuhraa (*[Sabra El Zahraa](#) x [Ja Don Jameel](#)) won the English for Debra Akins.

Society President, Jarrell McCracken and his Directors/Governing Members, Bill Larsen, Walter Shimanski, Charles Gibson and Barbara Griffith were on hand, as was Sec-Treas., Judi Forbis.

There was a large, Saluki dog show, cocktail parties and a gala art exhibit. Though things have changed about the Egyptian Event in its two decades, a great deal has remained the same. The congenial gathering in 1981 was to set a tone of comraderie, friendship and pleasure that has kept this affair and show a notch above the rest and the envy of the Breed for over twenty years.



*Tuhotmos



[Ansata Ibn Bukra](#) and
Count Zicky-Thyssen



Ansata Ibn Sudan