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**Super Ride VI:
U.S. Drill Nationals to showcase new venue,
two evenings of championship competition**

Super Ride VI: [The 2008 United States Equestrian Drill Championship](#) (USEDC) will be held June 24 through 28, at the [Texas Rose Horse Park](#), near Canton, Texas (USA).

The event will be highlighted by the inaugural **USEDC Ride of Champions**, to be held on Friday evening, June 27 and the **USEDC National Open Drill Championship**, on Saturday evening, June 28.

The USEDC Ride of Champions will showcase USEDC Open Division National Champions, Reserve Champions and Second Runners-up from the past five years in a special ride-off. Qualified teams include: **Latigo N Lace** (Washington State), the **Rebel Riders** (Texas), the **Easy Riders** (Missouri), the **Matagorda County Thundering Hooves** (Texas), **Stars N Steeds** (Missouri), the **Visalia Rockettes** (California), the **Cowgirl Express Rodeo Drill Team** (Ohio), the **Bellville Heritage Cowgirls** (Texas), the **Canadian Valley Rangerettes** (Oklahoma) and the **Ghostriders Precision Drill Team** (Texas).

The Ride of Champions will be contested under a special set of rules (teams not to carry flags) and will be judged by a nationally recognized panel, led by **Robert Lorbeer**, a California attorney and Captain of the [Sacramento Sheriff's Posse](#).

Returning to Canton to defend their 2007 National Open Drill Championship will be the popular [Canadian Valley Rangerettes](#). With three (3) top three finishes to date, the 2004 National Open Drill Champion [Matagorda County Thundering Hooves](#) lead all teams in national championship success. Not to be ignored in a sport where the style and technical excellence of teams from the West Coast has had a far ranging influence are the 2003 National Champion [Latigo N Lace](#), and the 2005 Champion [Visalia Rockettes](#). The 2006 Champion [Cowgirl Express Rodeo Drill Team](#) is also expected to challenge for the top honors in the USEDC Ride of Champions.

The USEDC National Open Drill Championship will feature America's very best mounted drill teams vying for top honors and an invitation to the 2009 Ride of Champions. “We've changed the format a bit, to showcase our national championship as a first class sports spectacular”, says **Gary Bonner**, Executive Director of the **United States Equestrian Drill Association** and coordinator of the Super Ride. “Our premiere competitions will be held in the evening, packaged for television and widely promoted in horse publications and other media in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe and Asia”.

“It is important”, says Bonner, “that our sport be presented in a manner that retains the integrity of the competition, while at the same time presenting lasting value to sponsors, to spectators and to the community at large.”

Other competitive divisions at Super Ride VI will feature mounted color guard teams, a 'rodeo speed' drill team category and classes open to youth, novice and challenged riders.

The United States Equestrian Drill Championship brings together mounted color guard and drill teams from throughout the United States. The USEDC is the showcase event of the United States Equestrian Drill Association and its sister organization the United States Equestrian Drill Competition – a registered charity.

Teams competing in the national open championship division or ‘Super Ride’ represent the very best in ‘Xtreme Drill’ presentation. Speed, precision and most importantly sound fundamental horsemanship are the hallmarks of a winning combination.

The Texas Rose Horse Park is a 1,700 acre facility opened in 2006. The multi discipline venue features four permanent barns that can stable up to 400 horses.

Video coverage of Super Ride VI: The United States Equestrian Drill Championship will be coordinated by [SportsQuest International](#).

Full details on the competition, sponsorship and merchandising opportunities are available upon request. Kindly contact the United States Equestrian Drill Association on 1-972-679-0770.

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