

On March 30th, I had the opportunity to ride in a clinic with Kristi Wysocki, at Flying Change Farm. I brought Ruben D4K, my 2010 Hanoverian gelding (Rubinero x Worldly/Espri), who I'm planning to show in 4th level and PSG this season. We mainly worked on our lateral work and canter pirouettes, as well as some single changes.

For the half-passes in both trot and canter, Kristi told me to make sure I turn my head and look at the destination of the half pass. She also said that I have to think about my inside leg guiding him over, instead of my outside leg pushing him over.

The exercise we used to work on the canter pirouettes was to half pass from quarterline to center line in a collected canter, then collect, then look over my shoulder at the short side and "show" him around the turn. Kristi also said that canter pirouettes are really just half pass around the hind leg.

We finished up the lesson working on changes. She told me to think more about cantering on the ground (on our own two legs) and doing a flying change that way, and aiding more from the inside leg coming forward than the outside leg coming back, so that he can really jump through with the new inside hind leg.

Thank you to Heather Mason for the invite and hosting, Kristi for teaching, and D4K for the scholarship!