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Alternation is such an intriguing stallion prospect...he allies his proven ability over classic distances to a pedigree that has a background of both top-class speed and classic stamina.

His dam Alternate owns a particularly intriguing pedigree, as she is by the Triple Crown winner and leading sire Seattle Slew, and his second dam is by a son of Nijinsky II, genetic relative of Storm Bird. This would make mares by sons and grandsons of **Storm Cat**, the leading son of **Storm Bird**, extremely interesting for Alternation. His sire Distorted Humor already has three stakes winners out of mares by Storm Cat himself, and another out of a mare by **Forest Wildcat**. Other particularly good sources of Storm Cat would be **Tale of the Cat**, **Storm Boot**, **Forestry**, **Stormy Atlantic**, **Bernstein**, **Giant's Causeway**, and **Harlan's Holiday**.

Distorted Humor has met with success over numerous other branches of **Northern Dancer**. He has a particularly good strike-rate with **Sadler's Wells**, and particularly through **El Prado**, **Medaglia d'Oro**, **Kitten's Joy**, and with **Northern Dancer** through **Deputy Minister**, **Silver Deputy** and **Dehere**, **Awesome Again**, **Touch Gold** and **French Deputy**.

Distorted Humor has enjoyed a remarkable profitable affinity with **Seattle Slew**. While Alternation is out of a Seattle Slew mare it should not prevent inbreeding or linebreeding, as it is judiciously applied. Mares by **Pulpit**, **Malibu Moon**, **Mineshaft**, **Congrats**, **Flatter**, **Tapit**, **Sky Mesa** and **Jump Start**, with the latter two both bringing in **Storm Cat**, could be considered.

Distorted Humor has three stakes winners out of mares by sons of **Alydar** (by **Raise a Native**). There is also a Distorted Humor stakes winner out of a mare by **Majestic Light**, a strain that could be introduced through **Maria's Mon**.

The cross of Distorted Humor with mares descending from **Turn-to** through **Roberto** has been an excellent one, providing stakes winners out of daughters of **Red Ransom**, **Lear Fan**, **Dynaformer** and **Kris S**. Distorted Humor's son Flower Alley had a Kentucky Derby winner, **I'll Have Another**, out of a mare by **Arch**.

Finally, although Distorted Humor is a grandson of **Mr. Prospector**, he and his sons have enjoyed a measure of success when crossed back over **Mr. Prospector** line mares, getting grade one winner Flower Alley out of a mare by **Lycius** and two stakes winners, one graded out of mares by **Unbridled** (by **Fappiano**), and another out of a mare by **Unbridled's Song**.

Ken McLean

This report attempts to identify specific strains that suit and should be tested with ALTERNATION, one of the best stakes-winning colts sired by DISTORTED HUMOR.

Colts out of stakes-winning mares have an advantage when retired to stud, and Alternation boasts a very smart dam, ALTERNATE.

Alternation's zigzag (alternate sex line) goes to his dam Alternate, to her sire Seattle Slew, to his dam My Charmer, to her sire Poker, to his dam Glamour by Nasrullah.

I believe by introducing My Babu to Alternation's genotype it can provide upgraded racing class in progeny. I have designed stakes winners with this type of pattern.

Are there any specific strains to be genetically compatible with Alternation? Yes. Here is a list of strains that can help upgrade racing class of progeny by Alternation:

BLUSHING GROOM (brings in Spring Run, by Menow-Boola Brook by Bull Dog). Nijinsky II is from Flaming Page with the Menow/Bull Dog mix. Boola Brook is found in Danzig's broodmare sire Admiral's Voyage. RAHY is a son to seriously consider.

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HAIL TO REASON and his best sons **ROBERTO** and **HALO**. Champion Hail to Reason has a genetic affinity with Mr. Prospector's strain. He happens to balance patterns for speed.

STORM CAT (by Storm Bird) has an affinity with both Seattle Slew and Mr. Prospector strains. Mares by Storm Cat's best sons **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** and **TALE OF THE CAT** are very special tests.

DEPUTY MINISTER carries an important "daughter" of Polynesian via Grass Shack, and he also has Jabneh, by Bimelech (son of La Troienne). Vice Regent's dam Vitoria Regina carries some important ancestors which suit Alternation.

FOREST WILDCAT - a unique match because Forest Wildcat's broodmare sire **BOLD NATIVE** is by Raise A Native from Spring Beauty by Sir Gallahad III from **MYRTLEWOOD**. Spring Beauty is really a genetic sister to Miss Dogwood (Bull Dog - Myrtlewood), third dam of Mr. Prospector.

RAHY who brings in Blushing Groom and Hail to Reason strains.

What strains should you aim to introduce to Alternation's make-up? These are important:

BUCKPASSER (Tom Fool-Busanda by War Admiral) whose dam is 3/4 sister to Striking and Busher found in Seattle Slew's dam My Charmer.

RAHY (Blushing Groom-Glorious Song by Halo)

BROODMARE SIRES THAT SUIT ALTERNATION - ideal tests

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY (Storm Cat-Mariah's Storm by Rahy), **classic cross - special**

STORM BOOT (Storm Cat-Aliata by Mr. Prospector) - **juvenile potential.**

RED RANSOM (Roberto-Arabia by Damascus) - **juvenile potential**

POSSE (Silver Deputy-Raska by Rahy)

DEPUTY MINISTER (Vice Regent-Mint Copy by Bunty's Flight) - **juvenile potential**

AWESOME AGAIN (Deputy Minister-Primal Force by Blushing Groom)

BERNSTEIN (Storm Cat-La Affirmed by Affirmed) - **juvenile potential**

TALE OF THE CAT (Storm Cat-Yarn by Mr. Prospector)

HARLAN'S HOLIDAY (Harlan-Christmas in Aiken by Affirmed)

RAHY (Blushing Groom-Glorious Song by Halo)

FOREST WILDCAT (Storm Cat-Victoria Beauty by Bold Native) - **juvenile potential**

CANDY RIDE (Ride the Rails-Candy Gift by Candy Stripes)

SPRING AT LAST (Silver Deputy-Winter's Gone by Dynaformer) - **special test**

GRAND SLAM (Gone West-Bright Candles by El Gran Senor)

TAPIT (Pulpit-Tap Your Heels by Unbridled) - **juvenile potential**

CITY ZIP (Carson City-Baby Zip by Relaunch) - **juvenile potential**

HENNESSY (Storm Cat-Island Kitty by Hawaii)



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