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34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the

CANADIAN REGISTRY

of the

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

The May 7th AGM was well attended with over two dozen CRTWH members present. After the officers' reports for 2015, new business included a motion from the floor for CRTWH to donate funds to help Fort McMurray horse owners who were affected by the wildfire. This was discussed and carried, and \$1000 was decided upon. It will go through the Alberta Equestrian Federation who are matching donations up to \$5000.

Windi Derman entertained us with a poem she'd written about the Gaited Dressage Clinic that Dianne gave in Whitecourt in April. Windi also informed the members of a 'Gathering' at her Sawhorse Ranch on June 24-26; all those interested are invited.

The Awards for the Triple Challenge Programs were then presented: The Ride/Drive/ALT by Brenda Woodall, and the Program For Excellence and Training Levels Awards by Dianne Little. See the following pages for details of these.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 and supper & visiting followed.



GAIT FROM THE GROUND UP CLINIC
May 7 & 8, 2016 at KVF

Above, Bill Roy discusses what to watch for in fitting a saddle to your horse.

He says, "For the past 30 years Tennessee Walking Horses have been my passion - riding, learning, breeding, training, and talking about them. Sharing my passion with the riders at a clinic is always rewarding for me. I like to think that I always learn as well, ride away a wiser, better horseman. This past clinic was no exception. Thank you for allowing me to share my passion with you."

THE CANADIAN WALKER EMAIL EDITION

This is the email version of The Canadian Walker sent to all members every two months or so, usually along with another article or item of interest. That is ... I send it out to you IF I have your current email address. Sometimes these messages bounce back because I have an outdated address for you, and sometimes people block messages that have more than one recipient.

If you are not receiving the email version (which is in colour!) and would like to get it, please contact me at

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and let me know your correct address. I'll be pleased to add you to the list receiving it. (Actually you are welcome to get it even if you are not a CRTWH member - just let me know.)

Also if you have suggestions for what you'd like to read in it, I'd be happy to hear them. Questions and comments are welcome. Thanks,

Marjorie



**Congratulations to the following on their
2015 CANADIAN TRIPLE CHALLENGE
TRAINING LEVEL ACHIEVEMENTS!**



LADYS INVESTMENT - Basic Skills, Trail Riding 1, 2, 3

A GENUINE CANADIAN - Basic Skills, Driving Level, Trail Riding 1, 2, 3

ALLEN'S MIDNIGHT RASCAL- Trail Riding 1,2,3 and Horsemanship 1

APRIL VELVET - Basic Skills, Driving 1, Horsemanship 1, Trail Riding 1, 2, 3

CISCO'S LIBERTY GENERAL - Horsemanship Level 1

CSR GLORY BEA! - Basic Skills, Trail Riding 1, 2, 3

CSR MONEY'S GOLD PENNY - Basic Skills, Trail Riding 1,2,3

EB'S BELLE DE LIBERTE - Driving 2,3

ENCORE'S MAXIMUM BLING - Basic Skills

FUTURE'S PRECIOUS BRICK - Driving 3, Horsemanship 3, Public demo, Cattle Drive

GEN'S SHADOW SHAKER ROCKY - Driving 3, Trail Riding 1,2,3

GHOST OF FUTURE PAST - Basic Skills



**PROGRAM FOR
EXCELLENCE**

			B	S	G
Brenda Woodall	Eb's Belle de Liberte	3579	ap	ap	ap
Stephen Woodall	Cisco's Liberty General	3580	ap	ap	ap
Bobbie Buck	CSR Glory Bea!	3510	ap		
Kristy Coulter	Lady's Investment	3815	ap		
Jean Chivers	Pride's Diamond and Lace	3369	ap	ap	ap
Allanna Jackson	Back Yard Cinnamon	2827		ap	ap



CONGRATULATIONS!
To Windi Scott Derman
&
Future's Precious Brick
The Third
Ultimate Canadian Horse



AND TO ALLANNA JACKSON AND BILL ROY
who have each logged 1000 hours of riding their TWH
in the CRTWH Ride/Drive/ ALT Program to qualify for the **PLATINUM Award.**

These are wonderful achievements.





CRTWH BOOTH at the MANE EVENT



A BIG 'Thank You' to everyone who helped to make our booth at the Red Deer, AB Mane Event the success that it was. Special thanks to Karla Hansen, who organized and planned the display and was there every day, and Dianne Little who was there from Wednesday through Saturday, April 23.

To the volunteers who spent time in the booth over the four days to chat and answer questions about our Walkers - Dianne Little, Jody Rawlyk, Brenda Woodall, Alynn Ward, Bobbi Buck, Tanya Johnson, Debra Blower, Kara Paisley, Andrea Meldrum, Jade Dye - we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!

There were CRTWH materials and *WHN* magazines available for the folks from all over Western Canada who stopped in at the booth. Here's a comment from one booth visitor "TWH - The most lovely of gaited horses."

JOHN REIMER & EDDIE - CENTURY PARTNERS

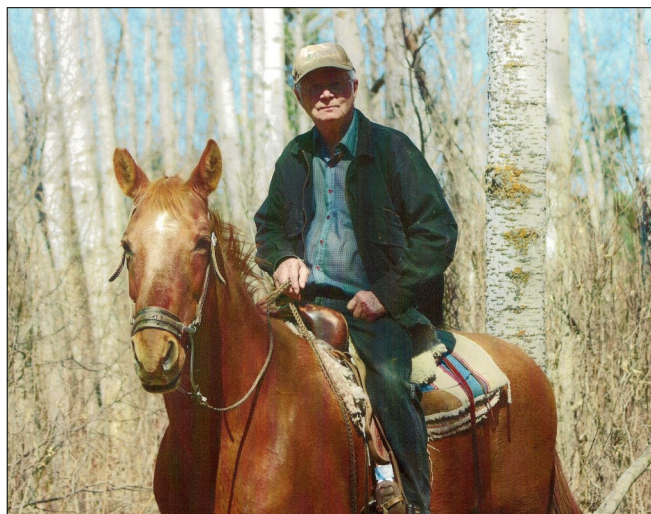
I would like to nominate my father, John Reimer of Sherwood Park, Alberta, aged 82, and his gelding Eddie (aka Boppers' First Edition CDN -877-) aged 24, as Century Partners.

John has had Eddie in his life for approximately 15 years now and they have put on thousands of miles together in our Alberta Rockies, forests, and grazing lands. Together they have shared the joy of riding with all of John's children, grandkids, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, and soon the great-grand children as well. John and Eddie are still an active team who venture out on the trails several times a week.

Brenda Reimer Woodall

A BIT MORE ABOUT JOHN AND EDDIE...

As of 2016, John Reimer will be 83 and his incredible TWH gelding, Eddie, 25. BOPPER'S FIRST EDITION CDN-877 aka "Eddie" is by Dee-Jay's Bee Bopper out of Northfork Dble Star. A chestnut gelding with a crescent star and right fore sock, he was bred by Gary & Lyla Goin of Millet, AB. His sire, Bee Bopper, was bred by Matechuk's of Calgary, AB and his dam was bred at Jack and Margaret Gurnett's Northfork Farm, Bluffton, AB




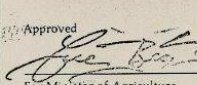
John was born in Southern Alberta to a ranching/farming family and he has had a passion for horses as far back as he can remember. Throughout his life he has chosen to use horses as often as possible, for work as well as pleasure, and even had horses as part of his income source at various times.

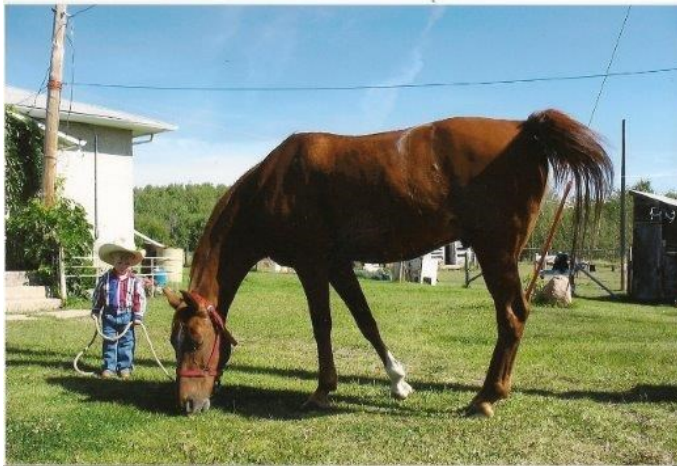
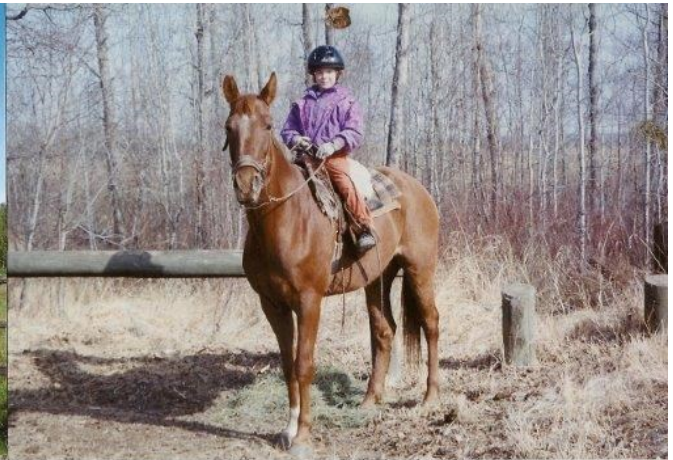
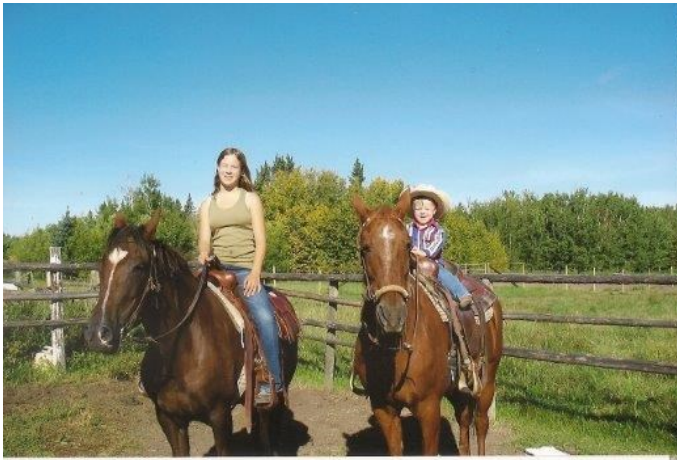
In the early 1990's John became interested in gaited horses for their smooth ride and their ability to cover more distance in a shorter period of time. Horses were part of his leisure by this time, not required for his work life. Mountain pack trips all throughout Alberta were a regular occurrence as well as month-long stays

spent exploring from base camp in the Ya-Ha-Tinda which is located just east of Banff National Park. He no longer desired to ride long hours on a horse that wasn't smooth so he changed to gaited horses exclusively.

He experienced owning many breeds of easy gaited horses: Fox Trotter, Paso Fino, Peruvian Paso, Rocky Mountain, Tennessee Walker, Gaited Mule, Saddlebred, Morgan, and Standardbred but in the end, his TWH, Eddie, was the only horse that passed the test of time with his consistent smooth gait, calm demeanor, and reliability on the trails.

(Left - Eddie's original papers.)

CANADIAN WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION REGISTRY <small>INCORPORATED UNDER THE LIVESTOCK PEDIGREE ACT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, CANADA</small>			
CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION			
			
Dee-Jay's Bee Bopper CDN -552- Sire		Midnight Jester E 612548 Sago 540714 (Black Beauty 2nd) Queen's Lil Joe 612465 Sun's Willow 723981 Laddie's Monte Ray 685131 Merry Boy's Snow Bird -170- 6510793 Chief O'Chiefs 481485 Zephyr's Susan May 550052	
Beauty's Trail End -195- Grandsire		Sun's Mtn Mischief 561492 Lady Maria 540043 Silvertip-Rickey 473752 Black Beauty Allen 440890 Rev Joe 531057 Cupp's Oregon Queen 472785 Sun's Last Nipper 666581 Masterpiece's Cheri 683723 Montana Laddie 653045 Golden Gold Glory 622662 Fritzsches Merry Boy 610252 Snow Bird F 623341 Spiller's Gold Dust 451748 Richardson's Honey Chile 421307 Zephyr's Stroller F 480433 Queen Sunset 480431	
Miss Stroll-O-Way -197- Sire's Dam		Kary's Jeppers -174- 756166 Something Special H -171- 674657	
Northfork Dble Star -179- Dam 802846		3rd Dam 4th Dam	
Horse Name BOPPERS' FIRST EDITION CDN -877-			
Owned by Gary &/or Lyla Goin Bred by Gary &/or Lyla Goin			
Sex Stallion Color Chestnut Markings Crescent star, roan hairs around star, right fore sock. Foaled April 25th, 1991			
This is to certify that the above named and described Tennessee Walking Horse has been registered in the Canadian Walking Horse Association Studbook by the Canadian National Livestock Records, Ottawa, Canada			
Approved  For Minister of Agriculture		Issued October 24th, 1991 Bruce E. Hunt Director	



For many years John shared Eddie with his Grandkids, (*Above pix*) as no other horse on the property was suitable for the young riders, and he would ride another mount with less training. Eddie was the perfect teacher. Sometimes he even taught the kids how not to fall off as he sidestepped quickly away from a horse-eating rock! But mostly he built their confidence and allowed them to develop the same love for horses that their Grandfather has.

John also decided that driving Eddy in the winter could be fun so he pulled out his sleigh and harness and without much introduction hooked Eddie up and took him through the winter trails at the Blackfoot Grazing Reserve near Elk Island Park. John drove with nothing but a halter on Eddie, and never had a problem from the willing horse. At the family Christmas gatherings Eddie was hooked up to give rides through the back 80 acres or down the roads. Eddie showed his willingness and versatility yet again.

As John aged he began to have the same struggle many do at that point, that of lifting up a heavy saddle as well as mounting. It didn't take long for John to teach Eddie to stand at the edge of the

tack room step to be saddled so that John had a height advantage. And on the trails Eddie quickly learnt to side step into any obstacle that could be used as a mounting block. When it came to gates John certainly didn't want to have to dismount, so now Eddie can push a hinged gate open with his nose when asked, move into a metal gate for opening, or even allow John to open a barbed wire gate while mounted.

Eddie has also done his fair share of promotion for the Tennessee Walking Horse breed. When someone is new to the breed, just one ride on Eddie, with his smooth and consistent running walk, has them hooked. When someone is arthritic or has old injuries requiring a special mount, Eddie is the horse they get to ride.

John and Eddie are still going strong as a team. John often takes Eddie out for rides through the many trails he has developed at his 80 acre home as well as on rides with friends at Ministic Bird Sanctuary and the Blackfoot Grazing Reserve. They even went to the Ya-Ha-Tinda for a week-long trip this past summer. (Story and photos first published in the February 2016 *Walking Horse News*.)



MORE PHOTOS OF JOHN & EDDIE

Left: J.R. showing new friends
trail options at the Blackfoot.

Below: J.R. at the Blackfoot
with the CRTWH ladies.

Below left: J.R. and Eddie
holding the flag for the
Canada Day slide show.



Right: John and Eddie at the
Blackfoot Grazing Reserve
with friend Jeff Grisham
who is riding Zach.

So the partnership continues.
Congratulations, John and Eddie!

The End