



Nominated by Gar Beacom

It is my pleasure to nominate my friend Bill Fraess and his horse Toddy's Skyhawk as Century Partners. Bill has been a friend of Tennessee Walkers for many years and has owned various walkers before Hawk.



Bill grew up using horses to farm and started working with them at a young age. At eight years old, his father sent him to town by himself with a load of grain for the elevator. Bill often regaled us with horse tales of mishaps - runaways, broken equipment and using green-broke horses to work the land.

Bill had an accident when working for the telephone company in Saskatchewan when a pole came down with him on it. Needless to say, Bill was badly injured with several broken bones. It was during his recovery that he decided to get into horse racing - Standardbreds under harness.

As much as Bill has had walkers and willingly shared his extensive horse knowledge with walking horse owners, his main love has always been Standardbreds, one of the walking horse foundation breeds.

Bill has worked with probably 1000's of horses floating teeth, adjusting parts that were out of place and curing wounds with his 'grease' – Fraess Hoof Care Grease that he developed. As well as working with horses, Bill also has done leather work, including repairs, modifications and making various tack.



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Bill & the "Dog Wagon"



Bill's involvement with walking horses led him to pointing dog field trials where walkers are used as the means of following the dogs. Here he used his team to pull the horse drawn dog wagon across the prairie.

Bill is now in his late 80's and he continues to consult on various horse-related situations.

I am one of the people who has consulted with Bill on a variety of topics.

Bill Fraess willingly shares his knowledge with others, but only if asked. I first saw Bill at the Calgary Stampede as I was waiting to enter for a breed demonstration. Bill was in the group in front. He was driving Star in one of those "little" carts at a high speed. I held my breath as he raced around and then out of the Big Tent. I was certain he was going to crash. To this day, I don't know how he was able to stop Star. From that encounter, I have consulted with Bill many times. He was the advisor for the Driving activities at the Canadian Futurity and put on driving clinics for TWH and their owners.

Bill shared his knowledge of driving to introduce many TWH owners to the sport. I can think of 7 people who would not be driving TWH today without Bill's assistance. Bill Fraess is a good friend of the horse.

















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Bill Fraess
Century Partner