

WALKING HORSE NEWS

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Hello again,

Thanks to all who have taken out a subscription and/or sent in news, names and ideas. Your support is greatly appreciated; in fact, it's vital!

We now have 24 subscribers. I sent out around 70 of the first newsletter and will make up 100 of this one.

We are finding more and more interested people but it costs money to send out the News. Your news, views and twos (dollars, that is) are needed to keep the newsletter afloat.

So, if you haven't gotten around to writing, please do in time for the next News. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Lacy

COMING UP

Bill and Jan Howes tell me that there is to be a group of Walking Horses at Coronation, Alta. on the weekend of August 20th, for dog trials. Perhaps Butch Friis of Wainwright, 842-2160, would have the details.

There is to be a Tenn. Walker pleasure horse clinic at Pearl Tompkins ranch at Elmo, Montana. I have not heard a definite date but I think it is to be early in August- the 9th or so. Sue Marsland of Cochrane will have the full story, I'm sure, if you phone her. I Don't have her number but it would be listed under Wayne Marsland, Cochrane.

FOAL CALL

Filly: April 25. Sorrel, 4white feet & blaze - "a real picture." Butch Friis, Wainwright.

Colt: May 1. Sagebrush Rush. Bay. Andy & Linda Osbak, Sedgewick, Alta.

Filly: May 15. Palomino (Prince Radar x Lady's Merry Mist). Lacy's, Edson, and Lamport's, Vermilion, Alta.

Colt: May 30. Koko's Snip, cocoa coloured, hind socks & star & snip. (Lucky's Koko Prince x $\frac{3}{4}$ Arab). Howes, Ardrossan, Alta.

Colt: June 27. Black, left hind fetlock. (Shadow's Super Seven 723341 x Flashes Easy Aces 695782). Fred & Biana Duthie, Prince George.

I believe Ralph Ament has some foals this year but I don't know the details.

There must be more than the ones above! How about telling us about your foals in the October News?

NEWS NEWS NEWS

Susan Marsland has been covering a lot of country. She was up around Lloydminster way in June and stopped in for a visit at Bob & Edna Lamport's and at Hugh Connolly's.

Later the same month she was in Montana and attended a horse show at Kalispel where she met Dr. Clark Lundgren and saw some of his horses. There were lots of Walkers and Sue came back with renewed enthusiasm for pleasure Walkers.

While in Montana, she also visited Pearl Tompkins at Elmo. They discussed promoting the pleasure Walker and before she knew what had happened, she found herself on the phone to Mitzi Gillespie of Pulaski, Tenn., director of the T.W.Horse Versatility Program. The result of all this was that Sue is now Canadian liason person for the program! Here are her comments:

The Versatility Program

In recent years the most publicized function of the Tennessee Walking Horse has been that of a highly stylized, show-ring performer. The Versatility Program's goal is to recreate the image and thereby the function of the Walking Horse as a highly practical pleasure horse; re-establish, after all these years, his usefulness, honesty, kindness, natural ability, and most of all, his versatility.

To accomplish this, the program is encouraging the incorporation of a number of pleasure classes and a point accumulation system. As these classes develop and increase in numbers and importance, so will the numbers and importance of pleasure Walkers increase.

That is a super simplified and totally personal assessment of the Versatility Program. As to what it means to Canadians; it will not have an immediate effect here because we are few in numbers and scattered. The most imminent effect is that we will all be looking towards a time when top quality, strong gaited, good natured Walkers will be in demand. We must start now to ensure that we have the quality stock to meet the demand.

Chris MacKinnon wrote to say that their mare was bred to Larry Malick's stallion this spring, so they're looking forward to a '78 foal.

I received an interesting letter from Larry Malick a bit later, telling about his stallion, newly purchased from George Curtis of Strome. Mr. Malick also has 2 half-Walker mares and is interested in breeding and promoting Tenn. Walking Horses.

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Bill and Sheryl Fletcher of Darwell, Alta. are also new Walking Horse owners. This spring they imported a colt that they feel is an outstanding stallion prospect. The colt, Island Aristocrat 765688, is a sorrel roan, rising two year old, from Washougal, Wash. Bill says he decided on Walkers after a 70 mile ride on one in B.C.!

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Ralph Ament of Whitecourt, Alta. sent along some news and 2 colour photos of his stallion, Centennial Copper #67. Ralph has bought a yearling palomino colt by Copper and sold 2 three year olds and a yearling. He also participated in the Fox Creek and Whitecourt parades with some of his three year olds. His advice on training is to start young horses at 2 and really gentle them. It's sound advice if he can take his 3 year olds in parades!

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Ellwood Smith of Stettler, Alta. has been dispersing his Walking Horses due to an allergy he has developed. He had quite a large herd and has, to my knowledge, sold the following:

Laddie's Monte Ray 685131, sorrel stallion, to Donald McDonald & D.M. Stanley-Clarke of Pouce Coupe, B.C.

Calico 665353, roan mare, to Linda Block of Breton, Alta.

Zepher's Third Lady S 754254 & Strollin' Zepher 744444, sorrel 2 and 3 year old fillies to William A. Fletcher of Darwell, Alta.

Zepher's Monte Ray 762757, sorrel colt, to Chuck & Marjorie Lacy, Edson.
(We also bought a Can. registered filly .)

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Edna Lamport tells me that the Osbaks of Sedgewick, Alta. brought their mare to be bred to Lamport's stallion, Prince Radar. They caught up on a lot of news of the Walking Horse fraternity during their visit.

John McCarthy reports buying an 8 year old sorrel Walking Horse mare at the Stony Plain, Alta. Auction Mart in May. Last we heard, he was looking for a purebred Walker mate for her. Hope you found one.

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We are sorry to hear that Mr. Frank Smith of Lethbridge is in hospital at Cardston. Frank has long been an enthusiastic promoter of Walkers. He showed me the first ones I ever saw, back in 1967. I especially recall his stallion, Chief O' Chiefs.

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Don McDonald of Pouce Coupe, B.C. sent in subscriptions to the News for himself and 2 other Walking Horse owners in the area. He and D.M. Stanley-Clarke are the new owners of Laddie's Monte Ray. In addition, Ms. Stanley-Clarke owns the sorrel stallion, Beauty's Sage King 602247, and Earl Linsley of Ground Birch owns the black stallion, Ebony Walking Eagle, 760557.

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Butch Friis of Wainwright, Alta. writes that he has 2 mares, 1 gelding and a spring foal, all registered Walkers, and expects another foal next spring. All his Walkers are trained for pleasure riding and dog work, and he uses them at field trials. Last Aug. he bought an 8 year old, chestnut mare from Spokane, Wash. , already trained for dog work. Dog trial horses, among other things, must be able to go all day, must tolerate carrying a sick or tired dog occasionally, be calm when a gun is fired from their backs., and not mind if a young dog winds his leash around their legs or under their tails.

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A letter from Bill and Jan Howes of Ardrossan, Alta. suggests that many people would be interested in the origin and history of the Tenn. Walking Horse. A good idea, and I'll try to find something for the winter issues when news becomes sparse.

The Howes have a 2 year old filly and a spring colt by their stallion, Lucky's Koko Prince, & out of a three-quarter Arab mare. They feel that this is an excellent cross, producing a very showy horse.

Bill & Jan would welcome visitors. They are located at three miles east of Ardrossan & 2 miles north of Hwy. 16.

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Linda & Andy Osbak have one Walker mare and her foal and are actively searching for another mare. However, finding a good, well-broke Tenn. Walker mare is akin to picking up diamonds, it seems, at least in Alta!

Diana Duthie of Prince George sent along a very interesting ad for the Walking Horse stallion, Mr. Barker. Just imported from Phoenix, Arizona, with a very impressive show record, Mr. Barker will be at stud at Rawyards Farm, Box 4005, Quesnel, B.C. He is owned by A. & B. Motherwell. The Duthie's mare, Flashes Easy Aces, will be bred to Mr. Barker for a '78 foal. Speaking of foals, They are very pleased with Easy Aces' new black colt.

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Marge Dall, also of Prince George, recently bought the black mare advertised in the last News by Mrs. Lori Brand. She is very impressed by this young mare and would like to buy several more Walkers. Their mare, Midnight Star F.F., will also be bred to Mr. Barker.

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Last fall, Russ & Rose Davies of Duffield, Alta. imported 3 fillies from Calvin Miller's ranch at Rhame, N.D. Flyers Sing Song is a sorrel 5 yr. old and Ebony's Dakota Spell & Ebony's MissImage are a bay & a black 2 yr. olds. Laura Davies, 16, is working Sing Song as her 4-H project and won a second place ribbon in equitation. Russ has the bay filly run-walking along really well too.

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Sharon McLean has sold the 2 Walkers she advertised in the last newsletter, but she has another for sale in this News.

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Carl & Marjorie Larson of Jaffray, B.C. have a Walking Horse filly that is U.S. registered and they were inquiring about a Canadian registry. The Oct. News will be all about registration so I'll answer your question then, Mrs. Larson.

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Nona Bonertz of Pincher Creek uses her 3 Walkers for ranch work and trail riding. She says she much prefers riding the Walkers although they also have Quarter Horses. She and 1 of the Walkers are entered in a 50 mile endurance ride on Sept. 11, sponsored by the Rocky Mtn. Riders of Kimberley. Nona reports that there are Walking Horse classes at the Cranbrook Horse Show but the classes at Pincher were dropped. She sold a dun mare to her niece, Lynn Connelly, of Lundbreck, and the mare's foal to Mrs. Sawyer of Edmonton.

I was very pleased to hear from Ken & Ruth Hudson and Wade Sillito of Lethbridge. Ken is President of the Alberta Tenn. Walking Horse Club and Wade and his wife, Arlene, are the Vice-president and Secretary, respectively. They would like to see regional clubs formed to promote and enjoy the Walking Horse. Is anyone interested in organizing such a group? I'll give you all the space you need in the News.

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Had an interesting note from Mae Dunlop, Castleton, Ont. that I'll tell you more about next issue. However, anyone going east this fall might be interested in 2 fun shows for Walkers down there - at Guelph and at Castleton in Oct./ Nov. '77. Also, an article on Walkers and their Assoc. in the East will be published in "Equestrian Image"; P. Meller, Publisher, R.R.5, Fenwick, Ontario, in the Aug. issue.

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The report on the Tenn. Walking Horse booth at Horse World at the Calgary Stampede hasn't arrived yet, so will be in the Oct. News. I understand some Walker fans worked very hard to make it a success.

SELL - SWAP - SEARCHING

Have registered Tenn. Walking Stallion standing at stud; red sorrel. Ralph Ament, Box 668, Whitecourt, Alta.

For sale: Big Sky Trouble Boy 677635, chestnut stallion, 3socks, star and snip. 1200.00 dollars or reasonable offer. Dr. R. Wade Sillito, 410 Woodward Tower, Lethbridge, Alta.

For sale: Flasher 764975 (Shadows Brantley x Panola Merrimack). Chocolate with very light roaning, blaze & stockings. A top stallion prospect. \$2000.00. Marslands, R.R.1, Cochrane, Alta. TOL OWO

For sale: Reg. $\frac{3}{4}$ Arab yearling gelding. Roan with 3 socks. Kaimr, Tartz, Kizaze breeding. \$300.00 or offers. Wm. Howes, R.R. 2, Ardrossan, Alta.

Wanted: Well broke Tenn. Walker mare, gentle for lady & children to ride. Linda Osbak, Box 141, Sedgewick, Alta.

Wanted: Well broke Tenn. Walker gaited pleasure horses. Fred & Diana Duthie, 604-563-4947, Prince George, B.C. (R.R.6, Cranbrook Hill)

For sale: Pleasures Spirit 752445. Black, 3 stockings & blaze. Foaled April 21/75. Sire: Pleasure Seeker J., from Kentucky. Price 1500.00. Phone 604-835-4348. Sharon McLean, Tappen, B.C.

For sale: Merry Bay Midnight (Midnight Red D by Midnight Sun x Ebony Queen D by Ebony Masterpiece) Bay gelding, star, snip, hind sock. A natural walker, broke for saddle. Should mature just over pony size. A-1 disposition & stable manners; ideal for juvenile. Asking \$850.00 (416) 344-7420. Mae Dunlop, R.R.2, Castleton, Ont. KOK 1MO

Well, that wraps up the News for this issue. A big "Thank-you" to all of you that took the time to write and tell us what you've been doing. There would be no News without you!

I hope to send out the next newsletter in October. That's the time of year that people start to think that they'd better get those spring foals registered, so we will look at the ins and outs of registration. What are your views on registering Tenn. Walkers? Should they be registered in both the U.S. and Canada, or is one enough? What do you think of registering Part-bred Walkers? Should we be promoting the Part-bred? Let's hear your ideas and views!

I wanted to list all the additional addresses that have come in since the last newsletter went out. However, we had so much news that there was no room! We'll have an address & name round-up in a future issue.

Please send in your news, views, and items of interest by Oct. 1/77.

The address is Box 2728, Edson, Alta. TOE OPO - and the last word is yours! (But Don't forget to send in your \$2.00 for a subscription!)

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