

WALKING HORSE NEWS

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Welcome to newsletter # 3. In 5 busy months, the News has grown from a mailing list of 17 to one of over 100, with 45 subscribers.

I'd like to thank all who wrote or phoned, sent in names, news and subscriptions, and generally encouraged me to carry on.

The newsletter is not sponsored by, or affiliated with, any club or organization. I'm putting it out on my own so subscriptions are the only source of revenue. Thus far, they have covered the costs of mailing the News to everyone on the list. However, this one will have to be the last to go to all on the mailing list, so send in your subscription (\$2.00) now!

With your co-operation, I plan on a Jan. "directory" issue and an April "stallion" issue, with lots of news, ads, opinions, etc. Let's hear from you !

Marjorie Lacy Box 2728 Edson Alta.

FOAL CALL

Colt, bay, April 15/77 "nice, big & well gaited". Fabros, Kimberley, B.C
Colt, by King's Debonair Joyce Stanley, Tappen, B.C.
Colt, palomino, Aug.77 (Prince Radar x Majors Gold Lady) Lacys , Lamports
Filly, from Merry Robinette Linda Block, Breton, Alta.
2 fillies, $\frac{1}{2}$ Arab, $\frac{1}{2}$ Walker Beisels, Drayton Valley, Alta.

Wilbraham's 3 Amer. Walking Pony & 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ bred foals are showing the natural run walk already. Alameda, Sask.

George Curtis has 3 spring fillies by Radar ROy. Strome, Alta.

Marlene Sams has a palomino roan $\frac{3}{4}$ filly & a black $\frac{7}{8}$ bred colt. Handsworth,

Ralph Morden has a purebred filly, a $\frac{3}{4}$ grey filly & a black $\frac{1}{2}$ colt. Sask.

SEARCHING....

Wanted: Any information on the Tenn. Walking stallion, Okanagan Roan Ace.
Mrs. Joyce Stanley, 1207 Laurel Ave., Beaumont, Texas 77701

Wanted: A good horse trainer to work with young Tenn. Walkers. We are looking for someone who believes in gentling & training, not "breaking". ToniSue Carter, Box 359, Ponoka, Alta, TOC 2H0

REGISTRATION

It's October, and time to think of registering those spring foals if you haven't already.

To get U.S. registration both parents must have American papers. Application forms and info are available from:

Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors Association
Box 286
LEWISBURG, Tenn. 37091

As several people pointed out, the T.W.H.B.E.A. will also register $\frac{1}{2}$ bred geldings that perform the true Walking Horse gaits.

Tenn. Walkers can be registered in Canada through the Canadian National Livestock Records under the auspices of the General Stud & Herd Books. The address to write is:

Canadian National Livestock Records
OTTAWA, Ont. K1V 7P2

Now, for partbreds. The T.W.H.B.E.A. is the logical choice for geldings. For fillies, you could try the American Part-Blooded Horse Registry
4120 S.E. River Drive
PORTLAND, Ore. 97222

I haven't any first - hand experience with this registry except that they replied to my query promptly.

You could also record the breeding of partbreds you raised yourself by filling in the particulars of sire & dam, etc. on pedigree blanks. Such papers would then go with the horse and effectively document its parentage.

I was interested to find that most people who wrote were not in favour of promoting part-bred Walkers.

Jan & Bill Howes write: " I definitely am not in favour. I sincerely feel that until the purebred T.W. Horse is well-known and recognized north of the border, that the partbreds just wouldn't go over that well."

Bill Fletcher says, "I don't favour a part-bred registry. It's not that the Walker doesn't cross effectively with a variety of breeds. However, all stallions don't throw the unique & desirable genetic characteristics & therein, in many instances, there is nothing particularly distinctive in crossbreds."

Linda Block's opinion is that "partbred Walkers should remain as they are - only geldings. (Otherwise) there will be registered Walkers that don't running-walk, which in time will upset any chance at breeding and promoting the best of Walkers."

Joyce Stanley feels that " when registration was first instituted their #1 rule should have been that the horse prove its gait. Going further, it should be a natural gait, not a trained one. ... However, as we can't go back in history, I think we should only register full-breds & try to discourage cross-breeding." Joyce would, however, be interested to hear from people with experience in cross breeding Walkers.

It's clear that those who oppose registering part-breds are concerned that we'll end up with a lot of papered but un-gaited foals. This is a valid concern but , since many people are raising part-breds anyway, perhaps it is worthwhile to record their breeding. There are still relatively few purebred mares in Canada and you are more likely to get a run-walking foal by breeding to a part-bred than to a grade mare with no gaited background at all.

REGISTRATION continued

George Curtis favours registering the part-bred as does Darlene Moore who says, "Yes, I believe we should promote the T.W.H. part-bred fully. I think it will be necessary in promoting the Walking Horse breed." She cautions, however, that we must be careful to cross with good quality stock.

And finally, Marlene Sams declares that in her experience, the part-breds can walk as well as most purebreds, and she would like to see a Can. registry for them.

As far as Canadian registration is concerned, most of those who wrote were in favour. However, according to the small number recorded to date, most owners must agree with Allan Ball, who wrote: "I feel one registry (the U.S.) is enough."

Ellwood Smith has had quite a bit of experience with both registries. "I bought a mare & 2 of her colts a few years ago that had only Can. papers, but were real nice natural walking horses. The mare was the only one in her pedigree that didn't have an American number so I sent the papers and one hundred dollars to the T.W.H.B.E.A. as instructed but it had been too many years since the mare was foaled & they wouldn't register (her) in the States although the Can. papers were up to date.

...I bought a stallion (with U.S. papers) & I registered him in Can. & I had horses with Canadian & others with American papers so this way I was able to register all foals one way or the other."

And that was the response on registration. I hope I represented everyone's views to their satisfaction . Thanks to all who wrote.

NEWS NEWS NEWS

Sis Wolaver of the T.W.H.B.E.A. wrote to say that they have free brochures available on training, feeding, etc. as well as one on the new Versatility Program for plantation shod Walking Horses. You can obtain any of these by writing to the Tenn. Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors Assoc.

Box 286
c/o Versatility Program
LEWISBURG, Tenn. 37091

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At Stud

Lucky's Koko Prince: I'm 15:1 hands high, dark brown in colour and above average in conformation & disposition. Retiring to an easy winter & getting ready for a rip-roaring spring. On view at "Walking Horse Junction", 922-2932 Ardrossan, anytime!

Lady's Captain"W" : A good, loose moving horse, bay with 4 white socks & a blaze. From Pearl Tompkins. George Biddlecombe, c/o Fabro, S.S.#1, Site 10, Box 15, Kimberley, B.C. V1A 2Y3

ALBERTA NEWS

Jean Meyer of Calgary purchased a yearling black filly, Shocker's Sugar Foot, from Betty Sain of Bell Buckle, Tenn. last May. "Suga" is by Betty's 1966 World Champion, Shaker's Shocker, out of Hillcrest Sugar Foot. She has a remarkable disposition and will mature over 16 hands, Jean feels.

George Curtis of Strome writes that he sold a yearling filly to Darcy Knull of Wetaskiwin this spring.

Linda Block of Breton sent in a clipping about the Alta. Horse Improvement Program that we'll discuss in a future issue. Linda owns the yearling black stallion, Bar 7T Movin' On, Merry Robinette & her 77 filly, all from Pearl Tompkins of Elmo, Montana, as well as Calico, from E. Smith.

Bill Howes of Ardrossan wonders if anyone else would be in favour of some type of bumper-sticker or emblem to "try to acquaint people with the finer things in the horse world!"

Sue Marsland would like to know if anyone else is interested in a Plantation saddle. If you are, please contact her. (See ads for address.) Marslands recently purchased Handshaker Candy S, a black 15:2 hh mare & her colt from Pearl Tompkins.

Edna Lamport of Vermilion is breaking their gelding, Blaze (Prince Radar x Wonsue) - when weather permits! She also got up to Drayton to see Beisels' horses in July.

Lacys too stopped in at Beisels in Aug. Beisels are developing a very nice herd of Walkers & have had the good fortune to get all filly foals for 2 years. We were sorry to hear that their daughter's allergies, which include horses, seem to be worse.

Andy & Linda Osbak of Sedgewick have purchased a black mare and her sorrel foal from Dr. Sillito of Lethbridge.

Bill Fletcher of Darwell writes that they are importing some Allen F-1 & Merrylegs bred Walkers from Washington this coming spring & hope to get some more A-class brood stock from Searcy, Ark. the following year. In the meantime, they are busy getting Island Aristocrat saddle-trained.

Lynn & Dave Campbell (Strathmore) are pleased to announce the acquisition of Pleasure's Spirit, a 2 year old black stallion from Kentucky. He stands 15:1 hands now, a loose moving, natural-walker with lots of style and animation.

Lynn's report on the Calgary Stampede's horse exhibit, "Horse Heaven 77" follows: "Horse Heaven itself was quite successful & it was estimated that something over 200,000 people went through the exhibition barns.

Arne Hauge did most of the organising of course, but he was forced to drop out when he was taken ill on the Thurs. immediately before. (He is home now & doing fine.) Anyway, I carried on with things ... with the help of my 13 yr. old daughter, Lee. ... Thanks are due to Chris MacKinnon & Sue Gurnett for helping to man the booth & to Clark Lundgren who brought 1 of his horses up for 2 days to give our mare a little time off."

B.C. NEWS

Robert & Laraine Guidry of Crickhollow Stables & Kennels, Pouce Coupe, write: "(We) imported 4 Tenn. Walking Horses in April from Lewisburg, Tenn., making a total of 6. (We have Midnight Sun, Merry Go Boy, Sun's Jet Parade & Go Boy's Shadow breeding.) We have been busy getting T.W. Horse classes in our local horse shows. (Grande Prairie, Alta. would like classes next year.) The public really liked the Walking Horse class at our Pouce Coupe show & Crickhollow was very proud of Shadow's Flower Child bringing home a first prize!

We plan to import another couple of good mares next summer. We are quite interested in any coming shows in Alta. & the N.W. States."

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Mrs. Plested, Fruitvale, recalls a publication similar to this one from Cheney, Wash. years ago, called Walker Talk. Plesteds own a beautiful palimino Walker filly. She also mentioned that their 75 year old friend, Hal Caton, was entered in the Kimberley 50 mile endurance ride in Sept. I'd like to hear how Mr. Caton & Nona Bonertz did in that ride.

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Leta Kelly reports that Mrs. Turner has sold the 3 & 6 year old mares advertised in the last News.

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Marjorie Fabro of Kimberley has been showing her good gelding at shows around the country. There were 3 Plantation Walking classes at the Kootenay Light Horse Show during the second weekend in July & she'd be interested to hear of other shows with Walker classes. Marjorie & Don have 5 registered Walkers & her brother, George Biddlecombe, owns the stallion, Lady's Captain "W".

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Joyce Stanley sent me a newsy letter from her new address of Beaumont, Texas. She says the person who got her interested in Walkers in the first place is Mrs. Evelyn Wocknitz of Tappen. She currently owns the stallion, Big John of the Woods, imported from Indiana last spring.

Joyce imported a mare from Indiana at the same time. The mare was within 6 weeks of foaling when she fell and broke her leg. They nursed her for a week until the injury became septic, then took the foal by Ceasaerian operation. However the foal only lived 3 days and the mare had to be destroyed.

From her unfortunate experience, Joyce advises that in similar circumstances an immediate Ceasaerian, then euthenasia for the mare, is best. But her little black mare leaves behind her the memory of a very brave, sweet-natured animal.

ONTARIO NEWS

Mae Dunlop, Castleton, wrote that The Walking Horse Assoc. of Canada (Eastern) was formed in June, 1976, to promote the T.W.H. in eastern Can. They had confirmed Classes at the '77 C.N.E. but these were cancelled due to the "reputation" of some training methods employed on the Walker. The Assoc. is currently working on getting classes at various small fairs.

Mae owns the 10 year old stallion, Go Boy's Crown Royal, a 17 hand black that was Divisional World Champion in 1968. She also has Little Miss Midnight, a real classy 2 yr. old sorrel mare, linebred Midnight Sun and Merry Boy.

SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

Tom & Alice Wilbraham, Alameda, sent along news of their stallion. He's from Georgia, with top bloodlines, & they feel lucky to have been able to get him. Wilbrahams also raise American Walking Ponies, a cross between a Tenn. Walker & a reg. Welsh Pony. They generally mature between 13 & 14 hands

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Allan Ball of Perdue wrote to say that he's going down to Calvin Miller's ranch in S. Dakota for a 4 year old gelding this fall. Allan also owns a Miller bred 3 year old and a palomino Amer. Walking Pony filly by Laddie's Monte Ray, a stallion now owned by Don McDonald & D.M. Stanley-Clarke of Pouce Coupe.

Allan stopped in to visit Jack Chapman at Stettler, Alta. in August. Jack owns the stallion Prairie Breeze (Laddie's Monte Ray x Shadow's Lyrical) He's a 4 year old & produced some good-looking colts this year, Allan notes.

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Francis Farden of Saskatoon heard about the News from Butch Friis. He has a 16 hand Tenn. Walker mare and is especially interested in Tennessee Walker stallions in his area.

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Mel Babcooke, Moose Jaw, wrote to say that although he has no Walkers right now, he has been an avid follower of the breed for years. He & his wife Margaret plan to establish a Walking Horse farm in northern Alabama when he retires in 2 years. Right now he has a black Missouri Fox-Trotter that he uses to work bird dogs.

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Marlene Sams enclosed a lot of news with with her subscription. She works for Ralph Morden of Handsworth and they both have quite a few Walkers. Ralph has 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -bred, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ -bred and 2 purebred mares plus 2 purebred stallions. All are registered but the '77 foals. Misty Traveller, 1965, Ralph's senior stallion, throws mostly grey or palomino foals with beautiful dispositions. Dakota Midnight, his junior stallion, is from Calvin Miller's ranch.

Marlene owns 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -bred & 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ -bred mares, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$ bred yearling fillies 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -bred geldings and an extra special 7/8 bred black colt.

MANITOBA NEWS

Darlene Moore of Boissevain has filled in the Manitoba news gap for us. She owns the stallion, Sun's Ray Honor Ace, a liver chestnut 7 year old. He has won many ribbons & trophies and has sired 3 beautiful, gaited fillies. Darlene also owns a purebred chestnut mare that was bred in Tenn., raised in Ohio, trained in New York & imported from eastern Canada! As well, she has a registered $\frac{3}{4}$ -bred T.W. mare.

Darlene reports that the 2 '77 fillies by her stallion, Dee Honor Gypsy Rose and Brandy's Flame of Honor, are owned, respectively, by Mr. & Mrs. W. Tenkula, Nolalu, Ont. and Mr. & Mrs. Mel Stringer, Dugald, Manitoba.

Darlene sent along a report on the Walking Horse classes at the Annual Manitoba All Breed Show held in August. There are 9 halter classes for foals to aged Walkers, with beautiful rosette ribbons to 4 placings as well as 3 trophies: Champion T.W.H. mare, stallion, & Champion of the Breed. I'll put the rest of her report in the next newsletter.

