

WALKING HORSE NEWS

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Dear Subscribers,

Merry Christmas! So many wrote and phoned that I thought a bonus news issue now would be a good idea, to keep the January one free for the directory of Walker owners.

We have 71 subscribers to date, 33 from Alberta, 21 from B.C., 4 from Manitoba and 6 from Saskatchewan, plus 7 others.

Thanks to all who sent in news and subscriptions. That's what keeps the newsletter going! Subscriptions will run until June, '78, or whatever the date was on the first copy you received.

Yours sincerely,

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Show News

The first Tennessee Walking Horse class in Eastern Canada was held at Sneak-A-Peak Stables, Castleton, Ont. this fall. The overall program was that of a fun show, with fifteen classes. Horses were called to a "middle gait", being a jog, trot, rack or run-walk. Classes enjoyed various English & Western tack. Entrants from as far away as Quebec City (450 miles) participated.

The winners of the Open Tenn. Walking Horse class were:

- 1st; Rebel's Rouser B, owned by Dr. Kenneth LaChapelle, St. Foy, Que.
- 2nd; Traveller, owned by Mrs. Madeline Gibson, Stouffville, Ont.
- 3rd; Merry Bay Midnight, Miss M. Dunlop, Castleton, Ont.
- 4th; Hae's Go Boy Cricket, Mr. Gray Knowles, Brantford, Ont.
- 5th; Allen, Mr. Peter Gibson, Stouffville, Ont.

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From Darlene Moore, more information on the Manitoba All-Breed Show: "In 1971 I managed to obtain purebred Walking Horse classes at the annual Manitoba All-Breed Show held in August. It is always held at a main centre in Man., Neepawa, Virden or Portage la Prairie. It is an excellent show of halter classes for 17 breeds Saturday and performance classes on Sunday. I proudly announce that my stallion has won Champion of the Breed for the last 6 years, beaten only by his own mother the first year!"

SHOW NEWS continued:

" This year the society consented to put in an Open Plantation Tenn. Walker class. There were entrants from the U.S.A. there and it was quite successful in that the public showed a lot of interest. This class was won by Ben Kuske, New Rockford, N.D. with the Moore family of Boissevain taking reserve honors.

So you people that like to show - remember the Manitoba Annual All Breed Show in August. Nine halter classes and one or more saddle classes for Walkers with four trophies and 40 ribbons up for grabs!!"

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Several people have written about a possible "Walker Day" or show to acquaint people with these fine horses, not just as "high stepping show horses" as Hazel Paton says, but as a using horse."Get people riding them at a show or at a special Walker Day so they can learn the feel of them."

I think this is a very good idea and happily, some folks around Edmonton are working on it. Jack Kerns and the Hermans at Willowbrae Stables found themselves too busy to get it organized this year but are tentatively considering something for next year. Mr. Kerns wrote, "I wonder if we could work up a set of classes for a show next year with some other breed association , for example, the Pintos. Maybe we could run a show of our own at Willowbrae."

What do you think? How many would be willing to support such a show and get out and exhibit? Let me know your ideas and I'll pass them on to Mr. Kerns.

In similar vein, Linda Block pointed out that Walkers should be included in the annual Alberta Horse Improvement Show at Spruce Meadows near Calgary. These classes are for Alberta born animals and are intended to encourage and advertise the breeding of superior purebred horses in the province.

Do you think there are enough Walkers to justify classes? Let's hear from interested Alberta breeders.

AT STUD:

He'za Walker. 15:2 hh, sorrel with white stockings & blaze, flaxen mane & tail. A good, loose moving horse with an extremely good disposition. Many of his half-bred get are showing the natural gaits.

D. Gunderson, Box 13, Cremona, Alta. TOM ORO

NEWS NEWS NEWS

There certainly seems to be growing interest in Walking Horses. Have you noticed the number of articles lately in magazines such as Western Horseman, American Horseman, etc.?

And Calvin Miller, Rhame, N.D. writes that he has sold more Walkers in the past three months than he sometimes does in a whole year!

British Columbia

Walkers are moving briskly in B.C. too. Don & JoAnne McDonald of Pouce Coupe purchased two fillies from D.M. Stanley-Clarke - Sage King's Diamond 770704 & King's Falling Star 770703, plus the mare Little Toot Wilson 634236 while Lynda McNabb bought Marquita Belle, 640080.

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Mrs. A.R. Patterson, Cawston, has been raising pony Walkers & really likes them. They're fast movers & don't consume near the feed the bigger horses need. She has both crosses: Tenn. stud on Welsh mares and Welsh stud on TWH mare, and prefers the latter due to better size & disposition.

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W.G.A. Lambe, Vernon, owns the TWHorses Pride of Thompson 701301 Princess Beth 712976 and Anythingeldo 657890. He has sold his farm and the horses are currently in Washington with his partner. He plans to have both mares bred in '78 and is bringing all three back to B.C. in the spring.

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From Earl Linsley of Ground Birch : "We live 28 miles west of Dawson Creek on the John Hart Highway and raise reg. polled Herefords and Tenn. Walking Horses.

We started our horse herd with a few grade Amer. Saddlebred mares & bred to our first Tenn. Walker, Little Wonder, bred by Mrs. Leta Tompkins, Notch Hill, BC. We now have 8 half blood T.W. mares to breed back to our new stallion that we bought last June from Evelyn Wocknitz of Tappen - Ebony Walking Eagle.

As we summer range the cows 30 miles one way from home we find the gaited horses almost a must as it takes so much less time on the trail and easier on the rider.

Our son also has one reg. T.W. mare, Jewel's Stardust C. We welcome any T.W. breeders or interested horse people travelling through to stop and see our stock."

Alberta News

Butch Friis reports that the dog trials at Hanna went very well and that there were some excellent horses there from the U.S. & Can.
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Anne Wilson, Rolling Hills, used to own a Walking Horse gelding. Now that she's back in the country she's looking for a Walker again. She says that before receiving the newsletter she was beginning to think that she must be the only person in Alta. who even knew what a Tenn. Walker was!
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Helen Williamson is moving to a new home at R.R.8., Calgary. She writes that she'd like to see some Walkers entered in open trail and pleasure classes at local shows to let people see what a real pleasure horse is. Williamsons own 2 mares & a filly.
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Alvin Schlitter, Edmonton, has a 7 year old mare and plans to buy another in the U.S. next year. He uses his Walker for field trials
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Another field-trialer, Bob Blyth of Calgary has 3 working Walkers, all geldings, from Alabama & Florida. His son owns a cross bred from John Gardiner's stallion at Stoughton, Sask.
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E.W. Daskalchuk, Calgary, would like to know if anyone has successfully developed or trained a Walker to cut cattle. You can write him at 148 Dalhurst Way N.W.

Pam & Dave Gunderson, Water Valley, use their stallion, "He'za Walker", for rounding up cattle on 3½ sections of land, so they could probably fill you in on the breed's ability as a ranch horse.

You could also check the Dec. Western Horseman, page 131, for the TWHBEA photo ad which features a Walker cutting horse.
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Dr. Lundgren, Lethbridge, sent along a copy of Equestrian Image, a Can. magazine devoted to all breeds of horses. Their August issue featured gaited horses & there were several articles on Walkers, including 2 by Dr. Lundgren. Dr. L. is a director of the TWHBEA. He & his wife are currently building a 27 stall barn to house their Walkers; 3 "bold, black and beautiful" stallions plus 18 others.
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Lacys finally have all their horses in one place. We have registered the farm prefix "Uphill" and the first to carry that name is Uphill Arnica, a palomino filly out of Lady's Merry Mist.

ALBERTA NEWS continued

Beisels are reducing their herd of Walkers due to health reasons. They plan to keep only their stallion and two others.

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Ed Hutchison, Kavanagh, passes on the info that toe weighted shoes are available at High Country Horse Shoes, 6006 - 196A St., Langley, B.C. 1-604-530-0761
The last he'd heard, they cost \$5.95 a pair.

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I hear that Arne Hauge of Calgary has imported some Walkers from Washington. How about some details, Arne? Glad you're up and at it again after the heart trouble last summer.

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We'd like to extend our sympathy to Marie Smith on the loss of her husband, Frank. He was a great champion of the Walking Horse in Alberta and will be very much missed.

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Saskatchewan News & Manitoba News

Jack Rollings, Stoughton, writes that he got interested in TWH through some dog trainers he knows who have been coming to Canada now for 40 years. The mare he owns is from their breeding. Jack has 3 7/8 breds from her so far & all are natural Walkers. He used the two year old this summer while marshalling the Border International Dog Trials, held near Stoughton.

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Hazel Paton of Oxbow has sold several Walkers this fall. Delight's Sun Glow & her filly went to folks at Handsworth and Mister Tweety Bird, a '77 colt, went to Ian & Mary Jane Sinclair of Abernethy. She's kept Sun's Misty Dew & Merry Man's Reno as her saddle horses.

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Jocelyne & Stewart Steele, Erickson, had to disperse most of their Walkers after Stewart suffered a coronary in 1970. Ed & Marlene Desrosiers of Jaffrey, B.C. bought Millers Misty Max & Whirlpool Dixie Jo. Whirlpool Brandy went to Maxine Stringer. The two old mares were put to sleep but Steeles kept two geldings they had bred, Whirlpool Red Flyer & Whirlpool Santiago.

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Maxine Stringer, Dugald, is looking for a stallion for spring breeding. She'd like to find one that is not related to her mare, Whirlpool Brandy (Sun's Merry Man X My Favorite Fancy). She got a Beautiful gaited filly from a Half brother - sister mating between her mare & Darlene Moore's stallion, Sun's Ray Honor Ace.

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Mrs. Percy Urfer, Brandon, is looking forward to spring and the arrival of a foal from her Walker-Standardbred mare and Wilbraham's stallion, Old Glory's Spirit. Mrs. Urfer has owned all sorts of breeds of horses but says "nothing compares to the Walker, no matter what you care to use them for. Their walking certainly does their talking."

SELLING

Reg. Tenn. Walker mare. 5 yrs. Black, white blaze. 15:2 hh. Natural gaited. Also reg. Pony Walker. 4 yrs., sorrel, white blaze. Bred. Natural gaited. Show material.

Mrs. A.R. Patterson, R.R.1, CAWSTON, B.C. Ph. 499-5861

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"Linsley Wonder Boy" (Little Wonder x Jewel's Stardust C), 2 yr. old reg. Tenn. Walker stallion . Also three 1/2 bred colts, coming yrlings. 1 bay, 2 blacks, nicely matched, naturally gaited.

Earl Linsley, GROUND BIRCH, B.C. VOC ITO

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5 year old gelding; 1 1/2 year old filly by Red Eagle Mack K.

Helmut Penner, S S # 1, KAMLOOPS, B.C. V2C 5N6

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Six reg. Tenn. Walkers. 2 black fillies, 1 broodmare, 1 young mare green broke, 2 mares broke to ride. All are naturally gaited & quiet. Also 2 reg. 1/2 Arab-1/2 Walker fillies, weanlings, that show signs of being gaited.

Beisels, Box 1345, DRAYTON VALLEY, Alta. Ph. 542-4296

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WANTED

Reg. Tenn. Walker fillies, unrelated to our stallion, Ebony Walking Eagle.

Earl Linsley, GROUND BIRCH, B.C. VOC ITO

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Walking Horse mare, around 5 yrs old & well broke.

Anne Wilson, ROLLING HILLS, Alta.

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AT STUD

Red Eagle Mack K. - reg. Tenn. Walker stallion. Pacific Northwest champion as a three year old.

Helmut Penner, S S # 1, KAMLOOPS, B.C. V2C 5N6

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Sun's Ray Honor Ace, Reg. TWH. Liver chestnut, hind socks & strip. Winner in many Walker classes as well as open breed classes. Has sired 3 beautiful, gaited fillies. \$150.00, & \$1.50 a day mare care. Darlene Moore, Box 132, BOISSEVAIN, Man. ROK OEO

FOAL CALL

Colt - May 18/77. Chestnut. Mister Tweety Bird (Old Glory's Spirit x Sun's Misty Dew)

Filly - May 19/77. Yellow, dark mane & tail. (Old Glory's Spirit x Delight's Sun Glow)

Patons, OXBOW, Sask.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!