

WALKING HORSE NEWS

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Hello!

There's a lot going on in Walking Horse circles these days, so I'd better get right down to business.

There will be a 2 day show & clinic at DeWinton, Alta. on June 9 & 10. It is again being sponsored by the Calgary & area Easy Riders Club with the co-operation of the TWHBEA. An excellent chance for owners & others interested in the breed to learn more about the Walking Horse.

Bill Howes has been doing a lot of work to ensure that Walkers will be represented at the Lloydminster All-Breed Display. His letter to all of you follows.

More news from the Peace River area is included thanks to Lynda McNabb & JoAnne McDonald, as well as all over Western Canada thanks to those who took the time to write to me. There seem to be fewer foals this year - or else busier owners!

And finally, a few tips on training from a lady who has been doing a very good job of training her own Walkers, Marjorie Fabro.

See you next issue.

Marjorie C. Lacy

Marjorie Fabro on Training Walkers

"You asked me before how I train my Walkers. I take lots of time & put lots of miles on them. I start them out barefoot to get their natural gait - natural running walk, pace or trot - then put a pair of keg shoes & then toe weights, but I take their training slowly and put in lots of miles in open and rough country. Lots of hills are good, up and going down very slowly."

"I feel if you can train the Walking Horse naturally without heavy shoes you have a steady natural walk, whereas if you work with weighted shoes you have to use them all the time."

"Working cattle is also good for the training of the Walker. Ours do everything other breeds do but with more ease."

HI - BILL HOWES HERE!

I've been stumbling around lately trying to get things started. Firstly for a display stall at Red Deer and now the one at Lloydminster. The show at Red Deer has been cancelled due to a technicality that "No horse shall be allowed on the grounds which is not entered for the show." The display at Lloyd sounds identical except that due to assistance from the Horse Industries Branch there is to be no charge for the four day stall rental.

For those that haven't heard, the classes for Walking Horses at Lloydminster have been cancelled for this year due to what appeared to be a lack of interest last year. On talking to Peggy McAllister it was definitely emphasized that they are certainly ready and willing to help us in any way if we would just indicate that we are ready and willing to help ourselves as a group.

The display is to consist of one 10 by 10 steel pen with approximately 4 feet of area for written and printed display. They have no objection to the same horse there for four days but surely we can show people four different Walking Horses? I took the liberty of writing to Tennessee to ask for any information and pamphlets for a display. They were most cooperative and I received a huge supply of give away pamphlets of four types and car stickers pushing the Versatility Program.

I sent in the application to Lloyd and on it I requested two demonstration periods per day of 15 minutes each minimum to consist of a comentator giving some history of the Walking Horse and then with the aid of horse and rider demonstrate the different gaits and confirmation of the Tennessee Walking Horse. I suggested that if time allowed we would wish to enter a group of horses and riders into the ring for a couple of turns to indicate the versatility and sensibility of these fine animals.

The fact that no Walking Horse classes are on the program does not mean they cannot be in the show. Peggy McAllister has pointed out that they have left some classes quite open in HALTER and COSTUME and I think one Western class. Anyway she'll know more for sure on the 25 of May and we'll somehow get this information to you.

I am going to write to Tennessee and see if I can snaffle a film as there are facilities for films available at Lloyd. I will write a letter to the Horse Industries Branch to obtain information concerning setting up our own association. Upon talking to just a couple of people there seems to be some confusion as to whether we shold first join the TWHBEA. The initiation fee is \$25.00 plus yearly dues in advance of \$10.00. So it will cost \$35.00 to join.(I have about 15 membership forms that I will bring along.)

I personally don't see any point in trying to go it alone as we'll need all the help we can get. Foal registry is almost double for non-members. If we're going to form an association I think at that time we should take a vote as to how we intend to promote the Walking Horse. I sense that there is a majority for "bare-foot", "run walk", "comfort riding" at the least expense and consumption of time. This I think is the single most important factor as to whether we can come together as a group.

So the plans are to get everyone to Lloydminster for the four day display July 18 - 21 1979. We will probably have to board our horses in the trailers for that time unless some kind soul close to Lloyd has extra stall space. We need help:

1) Two or three people to get together to arrange a display. someone with show experience preferably. There are to be no unprofessional looking signs. In other words no hand painted signs on cardboard. It will have to be someone close enough that I can get the pamphlets to. I have no show experience so would not be an asset in this department.

2) Someone to run film if I can get one from Tennessee.

3) Someone to write up commentary for history, flat walk, running walk and canter of T.W.H. suitable for demonstration in ring. Help is available at Lloyd for the commentary but I hope we can get people from

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our own group to commit themselves to this job. Again I am bashful in front of a crowd! Volunteers please raise your voices! Call Russ Davies on this as well as myself. * A suggestion here! What do you think of inviting a couple of people like CALVIN MILLER, PEARL THOMPKINS?

4) Someone to help me arrange meetings every day at Lloyd preferably after demonstrations (if in morning or early afternoon). for discussion on association etc. I'm asking Ed and Pat Hutchison, Andy McKinnon, Miles and Sandy Herman, Marjory Lacy.

Could North Peace people please get in contact with me so we can get some more ideas. I don't want anyone to think I'm wanting to run this show; I just want to give it a push to start it. I'm sure there are plenty of people who are full of ideas and ambition and are anxious to get the ball rolling. I have a few more ideas concerning the general format for the display and demonstration. Any ideas pro or con are definitely wanted provided they come in time so we can arrange everything to the closest possible satisfaction of everyone.

These are suggestions only. If you don't like them say so. 1) We arrange for a definite area in the grounds so we all park together. How about a circle or rectangle with all trailers backed onto an open area to be held for general meetings and discussions. A rectangle would be more practical than a circle, space wise.

Marjorie Lacy

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2) Bring a few picnic tables so we could all eat outside. Maybe if someone arranged it we might get a discount for ordering for everyone in advance to eat at specific times.

3) Assuming we have two demo times a day maybe we could start from the beginning with the history of the breed, ^a horses in ring on halter say. Follow through with a demo on gaits through the four sessions and then start over with some refinements of the previous demos and alot more detail. To me this might add more interest than one set demo and repeating it over the required number of times. What do you think? For something like this I think it would be wise to make a schedule and photo copies to be handed out at stall display. There seems to be plenty of info for commentary at demos in these pamphlets I have.

I could probably ramble on but I hope the rest of you will want to get your ideas in here . We have enough time if we get with it now don't you think? My phone # is 922-2932 Address RR#2 Ardrossan. Russ Davies # 892-2542 Duffield Alta. Andy and Shelly McKinnon # 9636966 Stoney Plain. Ed and Pat Hutchison #998-7649 Ardrossan

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May I suggest that since there are already a couple of more or less regional clubs in operation, that we organize another one or two , say a central Alberta one & a Peace River one for example, and then have these regional clubs form one Western Canadian Walking Horse Association that will help us keep in touch and co-ordinate shows, clinics & other promotional affairs. It should need to meet only once or twice a year to do this and the regional clubs would carry on with their activities as usual, solving the problem of the great distances between interested people. Let's hear your opinion on it.

Marjorie Lacy

Mrs. Teddy Bone, Fort Frances, Ont. is looking forward to a lot of riding this summer, now that her Walking Pony is 3. They rode him only lightly last year . He was purchased from the Wilbrahams of Alameda, Sask. He is her second American Walking Pony. Her first, also a bay from the Wilbrahams' ranch, was lost due to an accident, but by then Teddy was sold enough on the Walking Ponies to go all the way back to Sask. for another.

And that's the news for this issue. How about some word from YOU for the July-August newsletter? We're looking forward to hearing from you.

FOAL CALL

Colt - April 19. (Bar 7T's Movin' On x Grade) Chocolate colored, & a dandy!
Linda Block, Breton, Alberta

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Colt - May 1. (Zephers Monte Ray x Uphill Arnica) Palomino, star & left hind sock. Run walking before he was even steady on his legs!

Filly - May 12. (Zephers Monte Ray x Lady's Merry Mist) Palomino, star & connected strip, hind sock & 1/2 coronet. A big filly with lovely head.

Chuck & Marjorie Lacy, Box 2728, Edson, Alta.

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SHOWS and CLINICS

CALGARY - June 9 is the show & June 10 the clinic. Location - Hillview Acres, DeWinton. Lynn Campbell, Bx 832, Strathmore. 934-3188
You should all have received a letter about this so I won't go into detail on it.

LLOYDMINSTER - Russ Davies wrote to the Lloyd show committee and was told that there would be no Walking Horse classes at their Siver Spur Galaxy Show. However, we were asked to be represented at their Equufest 79 Exhibit. More from Bill Howes on that.

EDMONTON - There are some interesting things brewing here but I don't have all the details yet. Also, Russ Davies was talking to the Northlands show secretary & she said that there was a good possibility that Walker classes could be included if there was sufficient interest to fill them.

NEWS - NEWS - NEWS !

Mrs. A.R. Patterson, Cawston, B.C., has sold the sorrel Walking Pony mare advertised in the last newsletter to Mr. D.C. Sandford of Cawston.

Kay Jorgensen, Dawson Creek, B.C., writes that they've sold their 6 year old TWH mare, Parading Majesty, to Bob Craigdollie. They sold the pony that was advertised too, so now are down to only 8 horses.

Wynne Armstrong sent a couple of photos of Uphill Golden Laddie, the colt she bought from us last fall. He's grown beyond recognition! Of course, when she outlined his feed ration, I could understand why! Wynne has taken her 3 year old black Walker to Pendleton, Ore.

John Gardner, Madison, Miss. (& Stoughton, Sask. in summer) is very pleased with the new stallion he has purchased to replace Flowing Sundust.

Jocelyne & Stewart Steele, Erickson, Man., have retired on 80 acres of their former farm but still have their horses. She says, "We were lucky enough to acquire a complete set of the first 2 years publication of the 'Tennessee Walking Horse, Vol. I, #1, printed Jan. 1945. Included are a registration volume for 1945-6. Listed in one are the sale of Wilson's Dixie Stone and several others that Millers bought in Pennsylvania at that time." The Steeles owned this mare until her death at a ripe old age. She was the first Walker they bought from Millers at Rhame, N.D.

Chris McKinnon, Calgary, has sold her yearling filly to Mr. & Mrs. Herb Olson of Priddis. The filly is a good 14 hh. already and really colorful. Chris had her mare bred to Dr. Lundgren's stallion, Canadian Threat, this spring, so is looking forward to another good foal in 1980.

Dr. Lundgren sold the fillies advertised in the last News within a very short time & has had a lot of inquiries for the mares & stallion service. The Walker business is booming down Lethbridge way!

Linda Block reports that the first foal by her stallion, Bar 7T's Movin' On, is a chocolate colored colt - and a dandy! She feels that Laraine Guidry's ideas, reported last newsletter, are excellent & hopes to see more support for Walking Horse classes at shows such as Lloydminster.

The Osbaks of Sedgewick stopped in for a visit with Lacys at Edson on their way home from a skiing expedition at Jasper. We had a look at the horses and a nice visit, despite the 8 inches of new snow!

Mr. & Mrs. Andy McKinnon have imported the big bay stallion, H.D.'s Big Star, I see from their ad in Horses All. They had an impressive full page ad publicizing the 2 TWH stallions they are standing at Stony Plain.

STALLIONS AT STUD

CIMMARON SHADOW (Lucky's Koko Prince x Shadow's Angelique) #755812

Brown, hind stockings, near fore sock, on inside off fore coronet, bald.

Fee: \$50 and \$75. \$3 per day mare care.

Lester Kelly, R.R. #3, RED DEER, Alberta T4N 5E3 Phone 347-0606

U.S. Champion Tennessee Walking Horse, MR. BARKER, will be standing at stud again this year in Quesnel.

Phone owner Betty Motherwell at 249-5265 or write Box 4005, QUESNEL, B.C.

SELL - SWAP - SEARCHING

FOR SALE - Tenn. Walking Horse filly, golden palomino with white mane & tail. Very gentle with no bad habits. Has been pleasure ridden & is broke to drive. We wouldn't sell her except we're moving to town. Offers .

Mrs. E.R. Plested, Box 485, FRUITVALE, B.C. Phone (604) 367-9890

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FOR SALE - Reg. Walking Pony mare. Just under 14 hh. Bay, black tail & mane, hind socks. Very quiet, broke to drive & ride. Excellent trail & mountain horse. Trailers very well, easy to catch. 6 yrs. old. Can deliver.

Mrs. A.R. Patterson, R.R.1, CAWSTON, B.C. Phone (604) 499-5861

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FOR SALE - TWH gelding, 7 years. Bay with star & 2 white fetlocks. Good bone & conformation. \$1200.00

Michael & Denise Putinski, R.R.5, SASKATOON, Sask. Phone 653-3718

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FOR SALE - MAJESTIC'S STREAKER 762648 (Majestic Black Royal x Ebonys Flicka)

Black stallion with 4 stockings and bald face. Will mature about 15 hh.

Gentle, is handled by a woman. 3 years in July. \$1200.00

Mrs. Nick Brown, Box 278, INVERMAY, Sask. SOA IMO Phone (306) 593-4885

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FOR SALE - Reg. TWH filly. 2 yrs. Bay, very gentle, quite small. Natural run-walk. Also 1/2 bred 4 yr old mare in foal to reg. thoroughbred hunter, and others. Leta Kelly, PRITCHARD, B.C. Phone 577-3473

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WANTED - Walking Horse foal. Please send details on size, color, price, to Darlene Walsh, R.R.1, BRUCE MINES, Ont. POR 1C0

SOUTH PEACE RIVER NEWS

Hi! Fellow Walker owners, buyers and lookers. JoAnne and myself have had a great spring touring the countryside, inquiring about new foals, sold and bought stock and meeting new Walker owners. In the previous newsletter, you'll recall the purchase of 'Shadow's Glory' by the McDonalds, well JoAnne and I hauled the mare down to be bred by the well known retired champion 'Mr. Barker', owned by Betty Motherwell and handled by Ken Chesley, both of Quesnel, B.C. In this experience we ventured down to Williams Lake, B.C., up to Prince George and covered Quesnel and met new Walker owners. They invited us to their homes and let us ride their horses. It's amazing what results we received in this trip. We found for sale walkers, new subscribers, new stallion prospects and was surprised by the relationship of their stock to the stock up in our Peace River area. It would take too long to report all our findings, but would like to thank, the Prestages, Coburns, Mr. Ross, Pam McQuire, Shirley Mycock, Blongrens, the Spooners, Betty Motherwell, and especially Ken and Edna Chesley for putting up with us and welcoming us the way they did. Sandra Karl was super, driving us out to her ranch, rescheduling her time as she had a clinic to attend.

FOAL CALL:

1/2 walker Mar. 28/79 3/4 walker Apr. 22/79
Both foals are Earl Linsleys, and they are expecting 4 more foals from 'Ebony Walking Eagle'.

'Valley CanIamble' (Marquita Belle 640080 x Laddie's Monte Ray 685131) foaled Apr. 6/79 filly roan, 4 stockings, bald. Marquita Belle is rebred to Beauty's Sage King 602247. owned by Lynda McNabb.

'Miss P's Copper Penny' (Miss Patience 743321 x Laddie's Monte Ray 685131) foaled Apr. 28/79 filly sorrel, 2 hind stockings, blaze. Miss Patience rebred to Laddie's Monte Ray. owned by Don and JoAnne McDonalds.

FOR SALE:

'Legs Eleven' 700683 (Doll o' the Mist 612866 x Shadow's Brantley 621310) sorrel mare, hand sock, star, snip, 16 hds. well gaited, 9 yrs. paid stud fee, maybe bred when purchased to 'Mr. Barker'. \$2000 firm. Jack Prestage, Box 3 Ralstin Site, R.R. 3, Quesnel, B.C. 249-5132

'King Country Classic' 782295 (Beauty's Sage King x Little Toot Wilson) chestnut stallion foaled Apr. 26/78. near hind and near fore socks, star. Naturally gaited, good stud and show prospect. Halter broke, parks out and trailers well. Very gentle. Don & JoAnne McDonald, Box 388, Pouce Coupe, B.C. (604)782-7962

SOLD:

' Glory's Merry Gal' to phylis Abel, Groundbirch, B.C. by Wyn Armstrong of Ft. St. John B.C. Phylis says Glory has settled in very well and she is expecting a foal in the first part of June. (bred to an appaloosa) JoAnne and I also looked at Phylis's stud 'Dorn Zola Wonder' and we were very impressed.

WANTED TO BUY:

a well trained TW Horse for pleasure only. Must be extremely gentle and tolerant of children. Diane Meal R.R. 2 Burns Lake, B.C.

NEW SUBSCRIBER:

Shirley Mycock, Box 426, Prince George, B.C.

Before we go, a bit of research JoAnne and I uncovered glancing through some old issues of Western Horseman. To our surprise we came across an add for Pearl Tompkins that stated that McDonalds 19 yr. old stallion 'Beauty's Sage King' sired the Grand Champion mare at Northwest Championship Centennial, Great Falls, Mont., about 10 years ago. JoAnne and Don are very proud of this old horse, at the age of 19 his still going strong, with foals to hit the ground this spring. King is 19 going on 6.

See you in the next issue with many more foals and Peace River news.

Lynda McNabb & JoAnne McDonald

WANTED - Very gentle, trusty, well-broke horse, around 14:2 or 3 hh. for lady. Prefer TWH or Morgan breeding, but the disposition is the main thing. Please send details, price, to J. Paul Marshall, Box 610, EDSON, Alta. Phone 723-2444

FOAL CALL - Bill Howes reports 2 foals by his stallion, Lucky's Koko Prince, and out of non-TWH mares.

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Second call to renew.

Deadline for the next newsletter is July 15. Let's hear from YOU.

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Phone 723-2547

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