

Dear Subscribers,

First I must apologize, both to you and to Dr. Lundgren, for the incorrect statement in the last News to the effect that Dr. Lundgren had resigned as TWHBEA Director for this region. I wrote the TWHBEA asking about this and this is John Price's reply:

"At this time the TWHBEA has no vacancies for directors. Your letter... was the first we had heard of Dr. Clark Lundgren's intention to resign. We have not received his resignation. Until this office has an official resignation in the office there is no vacancy to fill. If we do receive a resignation, the TWHBEA members in that region will be notified by mail from this office."

I regret any inconvenience and embarassment that this may have caused Dr. Lundgren.

Marjorie C. Lacy

YELLOWHEAD WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION

The Davies, Duffield, the Howes, Ardrossan and I, Edson, met December 3 and started the ball rolling to form the Yellowhead Walking Horse Association. A meeting of all those interested in the Tennessee Walking Horse breed has been set for 1:00 pm, Saturday, February 9, 1980, at Brookville Hall, just east of Ardrossan on Highway 16. A map of exactly where this is, along with a tentative agenda for the meeting, will be included in the next News.

We would really like to see you all there. Come and share your ideas and opinions on how to promote and enjoy the breed. Everyone is welcome, whether you live near the Yellowhead Hwy or not. Together we can do great things!

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REGISTRY ADDRESSES

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| TWHBEA | Canadian National Livestock Records |
| Box 286 | OTTAWA, Ontario K1V 7P2 Canada |
| LEWISBURG, Tenn. | |
| U.S.A. 37091 | |

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For partbred Walkers, here are two possibilities:

National Half-Walker Breeders' Association of the United States

P.O. Box 442, MANSFIELD, Ohio 44901 U.S.A.

American Part-Blooded Horse Registry, 4120 SE River DR., PORTLAND, Ore. 97222

WALKING THE TRAILS

Lawrence Baraniuk of Jasper is sold on Walkers now he's ridden his mare, Waltztime's Ray of Sunshine, out in the mountains. She's about 14:2 hands but when she hit that smooth fast walk his companion's 16:2 horse had to trot to keep up!

Leonard Eliason, Deer Lodge, Montana, wrote, "I just returned from a beautiful trail ride in the Cabinet Wilderness Area in NW Montana. To me, this is one of the strongest reasons for owning a TWHorse. They do such a beautiful job besides being so kind to the rider."

Glovers, too, have been riding in the mountains. Walt says, "We took 2 of our horses up to Waterton Park for a few days and did some trail riding. For the first time out we did pretty well and the Walkers did better!"

From Mrs. A.R. Patterson, Cawston, B.C. - "ON Thanksgiving I took Pride, my reg. Walking Pony, to Apex Lodge on a 3 day pleasure ride. She did very well in the high climbing. She kept up with all the big horses and they are used to the high mountains, as they live there. I was really proud of her."

About 2 years ago, J.L. Mahe' bought a Morgan/Walker partbred. He says "I was so pleased with him (and he was only half Walker) that I just had to get a one-hundred percent Walker. So last Sept. '78 I got Sky's Jupiter 746604 (Big Sky Trouble Boy x Big Sky Walking Merry), a 4 year old, halter broke gelding. For the past year I have been building him up and training him. He will be the best trail horse in Canada! He just reached 17 hands and now is starting to fill out."

The Bexsons of Stony Plain have been out showing people what Walkers can do. Shirley writes, "We went on a one day trail ride in October at Devon, Alta. Had a really good time and impressed a lot of Arab & Quarter Horse owners when they watched my five year old daughter riding double with me on the Tenn. Walking Horse. They couldn't figure out how a little one could sit behind a saddle like that all day and never bounce around. But of course at the end of the ride most of them tried out a Walker and said they'd be around in the spring to consider buying one. As the saying goes, 'Ride one today and you'll own one tomorrow!'"

Fletchers, Darwell, report that their '79 colt, Cat's Hi Dude, is headed for the 4-H, a ranch west of Quesnel, as a stud. Numbers of partbred Walkers came into that area from Washington State some years ago and developed an outstanding reputation as trail horses.

ALBERTA NEWS

Mrs. Cameron, Inisfree, phoned to say that she is compiling a list of Walking Horse stallions in Alberta. It will be interesting to see a complete list - my guess is that there are now over thirty TWH stallions in the province.

Glovers at Lethbridge have eight reg. Walkers - a stallion, 2 mares, 3 geldings and 2 yearlings. Their stallion is Sky's Double Trouble and he is just like his sire, Big Sky Trouble Boy.

Bill Fletcher writes, "Sundown Barker, our yearling stallion by Randy's Mr. Barker and Marge & Keith Doll's Merrylegs mare, is a true black, no markings nor variation in coat colour. Naturally we have all the typical owners' pride and more than a little satisfaction that a 'baby Walker' could draw more than sixty breeding enquiries from the local (Darwell) district alone. He'll be servicing a small number of mares next June/May as a 2 yr old. He is a real traffic stopper - beautiful rolling gait, classic head and carriage."

Bill continues, "It's encouraging to hear of the revived interest in a Walker Association. We favour the pleasure emphasis, of course. The breed is not going to advance simply by rolling stock across the border. There are many outstanding Walkers in Western Canada but we still suffer from lack of exposure and the kind of public promotion that spins off from select sales, etc. ... "

"Backyard breeding is simply not a viable direction for the future. The Paso is already providing some healthy competition. Interest in the gaited breeds is at an all time high. Small, regional, 'garden' demonstrations could assist in promotion. Breeders are now distributed across the province and could easily organize Spring and Fall gatherings to admire stock, invite neighbours, etc."

Shirley Bexson, Stony Plain, sent me a long newsy letter. Their three year old mare, Delight's Romeo Lady, was kicked and required 8 stitches to close the wound over her eye. Sure hope it doesn't leave a scar. On a happier note, Lora Bexson is now the proud owner of Ebony's Little Peanut, a three year old black gelding. Lora, who is 11, hopes to take English riding lessons in the spring and wants to show her horse. Bexsons are also expecting a spring foal from Big Sky Trouble Boy and Shirley's grade Quarter - Thoroughbred mare. Their two year old mare, Belaire's Serenade, is doing well under saddle. The biggest problem Shirley has encountered has been her 5 foot height combined with the filly's 16:1 hand height! "

ALBERTA NEWS

I'd like to thank Ellwood Smith for sending me the address of the Half-Walker Registry. Smiths have one foal to report this year, a good sorrel stud colt with both hind socks and a strip. They have moved from Stettler and are now living in the country near Donaldda.

At Uphill Farm, Edson, we have Red (Zepher's Monte Ray) working under saddle and he is coming along nicely. The two Palomino foals are weaned and the trail horses are out on their winter pasture. So things are settling down for the winter and we'll hope it won't be too long or cold!

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

Mrs. Alex Patterson is looking forward to 2 gaited foals this next spring from her roan Walker mare and the bay Walking Pony mare. Both were bred to a gaited Galiceno, "as smooth as silk to ride."

Wynn Armstrong had a great time at the Joe Webb School in Arkansas. "I learned so much and rode such fantastic horses that I will remember it for the rest of my life. There was such an assortment of lessons that there was never a dull moment and everybody got to ride every day. There was a World Champion horse there that I had the pleasure of riding, named 'The Entertainer' and he really was an entertainer. He did all sorts of things on command loose in a small round corral - such as flat walk, reverse, running walk, whoa, and canter. He had been bought for \$250,000.00."

"Joe Webb is the first man in the Walker show world to have ridden 3 generations of Walkers to a World's Grand Championship. They were Rodgers Perfection, his son, Carbon Copy, and his son, Mark of Carbon."

Wynn and her daughter had an interesting trip too - from getting lost in Arizona to hauling another student's newly purchased stud back to Denver. They took in the yearly Charity Show at Little Rock where they saw Hill's Perfection, Great grandsire to Wynn's colt, Uphill Golden Laddy, act as flag bearer for the opening ceremonies. He was retired last year, past the age of twenty, and has been listed as 'the Greatest Horse the Tennessee Walker World has ever known.' All in all, it sounded like a full month!

Mrs. E.R. Plested has sold her Walker mare, Goldie, to Donna & Norman Henry of Millarville, Alta.

Tuttles of Prince George have purchased 2 black fillies from Larry Malick of Calgary area. They are Shadow's Dusty Pearl, 2 years, and Shadow's Rena, her yearling half sister. Their stallion is now in training and is coming along well; really smooth to ride.

SELL - SWAP - SEARCHING

FOR SALE: 8 year old TWH gelding, Roan, bald face, 4 white legs. Imported from Kansas. Saddle broke and very showy. Not for children or beginners. Irvin Kiehn, JANSEN, Sask. SOK 2B0 Phone 364-4647

FOR SALE: TWH foals, yearlings, geldings, mares (some bred), all out of World Grand Champions. Gentle, child - broke, natural easy gaited. Clark & Rita Lundgren, 1003 Woodward Tower, LETHBRIDGE, Alta. T1J 4E1 Phone 328-9646

FOR SALE: 2 Tenn. Walker weanling colts, a brown and a bay. Both would make stallion prospects. Sire is Lucky's Koko Prince and dams are imported mares of Ebony Masterpiece breeding. Reasonable. Russ & Rose Davies, DUFFIELD, Alta. TOE ONO Phone 892-2542

FOR SALE: Uphill Lucy Belle (Zephers Monte Ray x Lady's Merry Mist), 7 mo. old filly, palomino with hind socks & strip. Gaited, gentle, will mature 15:2 to 16 hands. A fancy filly with extra nice head. Also, Uphill Gold Chip (Zephers Monte Ray x Uphill Arnica), weanling colt. Palomino with hind sock and star. Gaited, Gentle but with a lot of presence. We'd like to sell before Jan. '80 so make us an offer. Marjorie &/or Charles Lacy, Box 2728, EDSON, Alta. TOE OPO Ph. 1-403-7232547

CALGARY SHOW RESULTS - June, 1979

Fancy costume class:

- 1. Spade's Merry Lady - Monica Wilson, Pouce Coupe, B.C.
- 2. Little Nancy Go Go - R. Guidry, " " "
- 3. Karma - " "
- 4. Merry Robinette - Linda Block, Breton, Alta.

Pole - bending

- 1. Sizzling 66 - M. Fabro, Kimberley, B.C.
- 2. Rackin Jack - H. Williamson, Calgary
- 3. Big Sky Trouble Boy - A. McKinnon, Stony Plain, Alta.

- Water Glass under 18 years
- 1. Miss Boots A Walking
Carol Williamson
- 2. Spade's Merry Lady - M. Wilson
- 3. Sizzling 66
Patti Fabro
- 4. Merry Robinette
Linda Block

No results of the Sept. Show at Leduc have been received as yet.

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Let's hear from you for the next News! MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY!

ALBERTA HORSE IMPROVEMENT SHOW

Mrs. Helen Williamson of Calgary writes that we can have a line class for Tennessee Walking Horses, two years old, if we guarantee at least 6 entries for sure. (I think these entries must be Alberta bred.)

She says, "We must have 6 horses or they will not recognize our breed again. It is a good show in the fact that it helps to promote the breed and helps the breeders to improve their stock. The show is held at Spruce Meadows around the end of August."

It sounds like a very good show to support. If you have a coming two year old that you would like to show and have evaluated by 3 top horsemen, as well as have a chance to win a sizable money prize, run, don't walk to the PO to mail the following form to Helen.

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Name of entry: _____ Reg. # _____
Sire _____ Dam _____
Date born _____ Where foaled _____

I am interested in showing the above animal at the Alta. Horse Improvement Show to be held in August 1980. _____

I Would like more info about this show. _____

Owner _____
Address _____ Town _____

Mail to: Helen Williamson, Box 56, Site 2, R.R.8, CALGARY, Alberta T2J 2T9

LLOYDMINSTER SHOW

While we're on the subject, who would be interested in showing at Lloyd July 16 - 19? Peggy McAllister is willing to work for Walking Horse classes but would like some direction from those of you who show as to what classes. If you would like to enjoy a few days at the fair this July, how about filling out the following ? Return to: M. Lacy, Box 2728, EDSON

_____ Yes, I'd like to show at Lloydminster Fair, July 16 - 19.
_____ Yes, I'd like to compete in Open classes if the running walk was OK.
Classes I'd be interested in _____

Name _____ Address _____
Town _____ Zip code _____