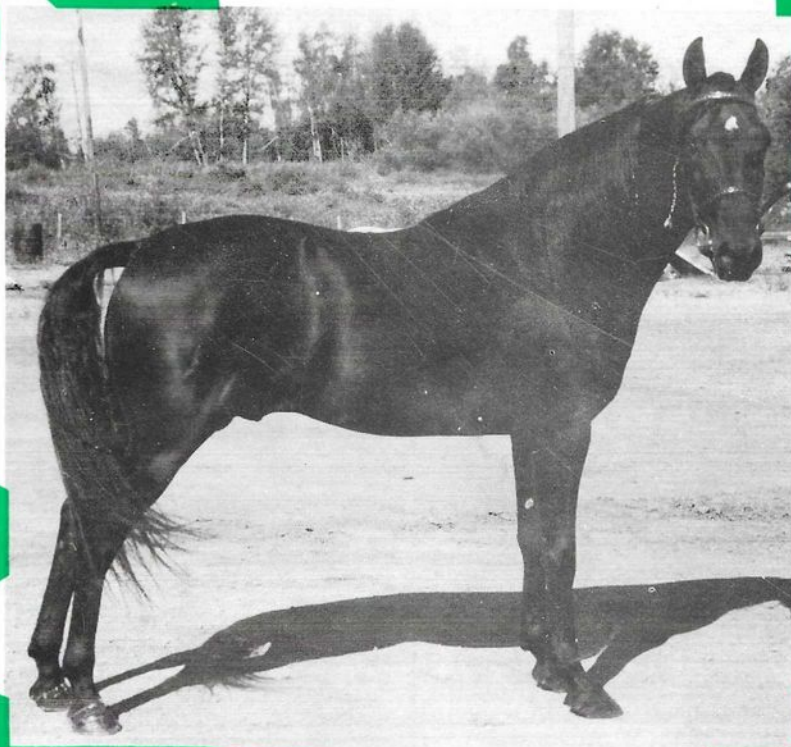


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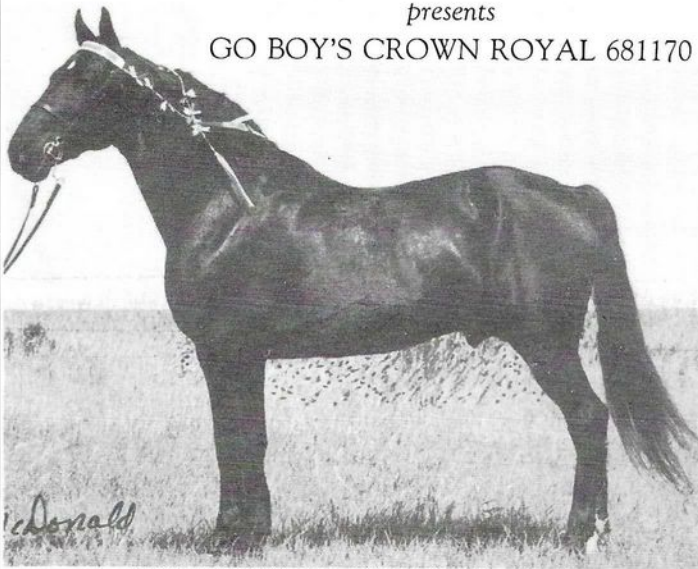
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Dear Subscribers,

Happy New Year to you all. It's already shaping up to be a busy year in the Walking Horse ranks, judging from the clinics and shows that are being planned. Good luck to everyone and have fun promoting and learning about your horses.

How do you like the new mailing labels? Jo spent several days here at Edson, and a new subscription list was the result. Notice that your expiry date is right on the label now; eg: 8708 means that your subscription runs until August, the eighth month of 1987. We hope this new system will be a big improvement.

This issue features some of the Walking Horse Associations in Canada, and the rest will be in the next one.

Our "Walk Back in Time" shows a relatively unfamiliar photo of the famous Tennessee Walking Horse, Merry Go Boy, before he won the Celebration. He couldn't be more than 3 years old here.

Thank you to everyone who has written, phoned, and advertised. Without you there would be no WHN. Your support is very much appreciated.

Marjorie C. Lacy

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COVER PHOTO: F-88'S MASTERPIECE owned by Barry & Lexie Cole, *
* COLE Farms, Box 5, Site 2, CABRI, Saskatchewan, *
* SON OJO Phone (306)626-3645 *
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The DEADLINE for the March/April issue is March 15, 1987.

COLE FARMS

Barry & Lexie Cole,
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SON OJO

Telephone: (306) 626-3645

COLE FARMS has always had horses of some breed on it, but for the last seven years we have had Walking Horses. It was quite by accident that we bought our first mare; in fact, you could say that we "fell into" the breed.

We knew nothing about Tennessee Walkers except that they did some kind of funny gait, but what that gait was we didn't know. We had no one to guide us as we took our first faltering steps in the Walking Horse world. We were very lucky that we were dealing with a man who stood behind his horses - that man being Quentin Bybee, a dog trainer from Missouri. We were to buy several horses from Quentin before we had our herd built up. He never misrepresented his horses once.

As our herd increased, we had a problem arise. The nearest stallion was three hundred miles from us. We were going to be on the road a lot if we didn't add a stallion to our growing herd. It was at this time that we bought Thunder's War Eagle from Washington. Eagle had been shown as a young horse and had done well in plantation classes. He has sired foals with excellent dispositions, good conformation and gait and athletic ability. He has also sired a Futurity winner and has a son standing at stud in Manitoba.

We were really starting to get into bloodlines now and after a lot of thought decided we would like to have a young stallion sired by Merry Boy's F88, last producing son of Merry Boy. Off to Kentucky we went, where we found what we wanted at Ray Corum's stable in Louisville. F88's Masterpiece (Oz) now stands at stud in Saskatchewan. We have been very pleased with him so far. We have one '86 foal by him, with more to come this spring. Oz was placed in training with Bill Hawkins for the summer of '86 and was shown lightly. He will be at more shows this year.

We feel that we have an excellent herd of broodmares with a good cross section of blood lines. We have something for everyone. We are breeding for gait and disposition as our number one priority, with good looks as an added bonus. We try to stand behind our horses. Our motto is "Sell to sell again".

These horses have been a real challenge for us and believe me, it has not been an easy road at times. But on looking back, I wouldn't have done anything any differently, except that I would have had the Walkers twenty years sooner. We have made a lot of new friends through this breed, on both sides of the border. We look forward to making many more.

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE CLINIC

February 28, March 1, 1987

Learn some of the things that make a Tennessee Walking Horse "click".

- Evaluate youngsters as to their apparent potential.
- Evaluate horses that are already being ridden as to their natural ability: is there more or better movement in there?
- Learn how what YOU do affects what your horse does.
- Observe and evaluate horses while moving in a group to compare differences in gait and potential.
- Ideas on how to evaluate the movement of your horse while you're training.

These topics will be dealt with through:

- Observation of horses in free movement
- Observation of horses being ridden
- Videos
- Riding horses

A limited number of outside horses will be accepted. (No stallions.) Please phone to make arrangements.

INSTRUCTOR: Diane Meis-Sept
SPONSOR: Westridge Farms
LOCATION: Westridge Farms, south of Calgary
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TWHBEA PLEASURE COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS Dec. 5, 1986
submitted by Diane Sept, Alberta TWHBEA Director
from the report by Ann Kuykendall, TWHBEA Vice President

The Pleasure Committee of the TWHBEA met on Friday, Dec. 5, 1986 at 1:00 at the Breeders' Association Headquarters in Lewisburg, Tennessee.

Mary Lou Happolt reported that the 4-H South Eastern Regional rules have been changed to call for "intermediate gait" instead of "trot". This will give the gaited horses a chance to show and be judged equally in the open classes at the regional 4-H show.

Ron Thomas, Celebration Executive Secretary, reported that the Plantation Stake for 1987 now has a corporate sponsor and that the pay-back in the Plantation Stake at the Celebration will be equal to the other Championships, with the exception of the final class.

There were several motions for changes and additions to the existing Versatility Program.

Under "General Requirements and Approved Equipment", rule 9, "Action devices, tail braces and whips of any kind are prohibited. (Exception - Model) has been further clarified to "No action devices shall be used on the show grounds." Also, whips, (not to exceed 3 feet) may be used when riding aside (side saddle).*****

The E-Z Rider rule concerning the same rider/horse combination cross entering 2 and 3 gaited classes at the same show shall be: If a horse enters a 2 gaited or E-Z Rider class and shows in a canter class at that same show with the same rider, then ALL POINTS FOR THAT COMBINATION WILL BE NULLIFIED FOR THAT ENTIRE SHOW.

In a division (within the Versatility Program) that requires a horse to follow a set pattern or course (barrels, reining, poles, over fences), if the horse goes off course or breaks the pattern it will be disqualified.

The Western Pleasure class description shall be changed to read: The horse should be semi-collected ... and ridden on a loose rein. In a Western Pleasure class, the horses may be asked to back (at the discretion of the judge or show chairman) and if so must back clear of the line up and do a 360 degree turn to left or right at the rider's discretion.

The above changes have been approved by the National Horse Show Regulatory Committee for their rule book.

A.W.H.A.
TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE CLINIC
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COST: \$60.00 for the two day clinic. Box stalls will be available at \$20.00/night.

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HORSEFEATHERS!

by Larry Hauk

One year, during the dog trials, I innocently asked a pro trainer why it was that he wore only one spur; a spur with a tiny rowel in horizontally.

He said, "When we make one side of the horse go, the other side has to follow." !!

I have also read in the odd American Field magazine of a judge being presented with one spur. Seems the spur is on the left foot

Perhaps Mr. Gardner could shed some light on this.

I wonder ... could it be that when handlers are checking a dog for porcupine quills or spear grass, they squat down on one knee and sit back on the heel. Then with only one spur they don't end up spurring themselves in the backside?

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This thing about Australian saddles. Would it be the importers doing the advertising? If so, they don't miss a trick; seems every horse magazine or paper has ads. Kelly brought a brochure from a tack shop in Edmonton. The top quality ones are around \$1000. Clinton Blythe, Strathmore, has one. I tried it out on his roan Walker. Clint said when he bought it they wanted \$200 extra for the stirrups and leathers, so he said forget it, and took the saddle without, and uses army saddle leathers instead.

I think all this about the air flow tunnel is all sales talk. Why? Because where air is needed is under the saddle pad next to the horse's back. What good is a little air between the tree bars? Every saddle is the same in that respect.

I like a loose woven blanket. Put on a horse it can sag down behind the withers instead of leaving a lot of wrinkles. I bought a pad back in 1962 and am still using it. Throw it into the Speed Queen at times. It's sort of a pebbly weave and drapes into the back on either side without having to check for folds, like with a folded blanket. If you ever have a stiff, sweat soaked, tightly woven blanket, you notice when dry it's almost like a board.

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.... A WALK BACK IN TIME

Watch Him Go!



Winston Wiser Up

Merry Go Boy

431336

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DAM: Wiser's Dimple 370096, by Giovanni 370291, by Dandy Jim II,
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A Truly Great Show Stallion

*Was shown 16 times in 1945 and was in the blue 16 times. He entered two stakes, both of which he won—Selma, Ala-
bama and Pelham, Tennessee.*

MALLARD, NORMAN AND WISER

Winston Wiser, Trainer

SHELBYVILLE

TENNESSEE

Manes and Tales.....by Jo Kingsland

* New Year's Resolutions have all been made and filed away by now! Looking back on 1986, I'd like to express my gratitude to all those people who offered me accommodation (and meals), and thus made it easy for me to travel to most of the TWH events here in Alberta. Canadian hospitality is world famous, and last year I really got to sample it first hand - the welcome mat was out where ever I went! Thank you all.

* My December trip to Edson was both work and play, this year. Basil Manary was breaking Marjorie's two palomino mares to harness. What a team they'll make! I asked Basil if he thought the overcheck rein could be left off TWH as some people feel that it interferes with the head nod. He said he never uses one unless the horse carries his head too low for adequate control, and this is a pretty rare occurrence among TWH. We also paid a visit to Arne & Karen Johansson in their brand new house, played for a while with their four happy, happy geldings and toured Arne's Taxidermy workshop....interesting to see how that work is done.

* One of our readers has been asking for information on "Wobblers". Three years ago, I thought I had one of these unfortunate foals. The symptoms arose 3 weeks after turnout, May 1st, in her yearling year. My Vet. went about his diagnosis very systematically, by eliminating everything else that could produce these symptoms first. We spent almost three months on this, all the common and rare worms, plant poisons, vitamin and mineral deficiencies, until he came down to Selenium Deficiency and he warned me ... "if this doesn't work - she's a wobbler." I gave her the Selenium shot in the morning, and that evening was the first time she walked up to me without dragging her feet or half falling down! We kept up the Selenium shots into November, and the next year she turned out well and has never looked back since.

* Festival of the Gaits committee meeting was held Dec.7th and the basic plans made for 1987. We will be asking everyone to pre-register this year so that ALL the horses can be listed in the Program. There were 120+ spectators last year and we feel that we could take better advantage of the publicity that this show has generated. There will still be a system of Post Entries in the Hey-Day, but the visitors will be taking home more information about the horses they saw there.

* Our little Dressage Demonstration at the Festival last year, has brought together a lot of enthusiasm for a Dressage Competition, which we are now trying to design and set up. A rider practising Dressage, first learns to FEEL what the horse is doing under him, then he learns to INTERPRET what he feels, then he learns to INFLUENCE the horse using the natural aids (hands, seat and legs). Several WH riders have told me they are taking Dressage lessons and are thrilled with the new insight they are getting of their horse's movements. Dawn Sigurdson wrote "I am convinced that this is the way to go with the WH. A Naturally Gaited horse can - quite definitely - be developed to make full use of the Running Walk i.e. head nod and overstride, unless it is so stiff from having its head pulled up and back, and ridden off its center of gravity." I hope to see some Dressage Clinics on our calendar this year, and maybe some Dressage Testing.

* "Answer to Prayer", Rosemary Jordan's young stallion, is well on the road to recovery now, after his trip to WCVM, Saskatoon in December. The local Vets were having great difficulty diagnosing the cause of his recurring lameness, however, at Saskatoon the trouble-spot was pin-pointed by the use of local anaesthetics in small areas, until the painful area was isolated. Both hind fetlocks had been strained - most likely due to the incompatible style of shoes fitted in the spring on the advice of a new farrier. These shoes had been removed within a week, but the damage had already been done by then. Even with the help of cortisone shots, recovery is likely to take some months yet. We hope to see him back in action this summer. A hard lesson to learn, but an experience that Rosemary wants to share with us all, in the hope that others may not make the same mistake.

NOTICE BOARD

ANN & BOB KUYKENDALL SPRING TWH CLINIC & NOVICE FUN SHOW

The West Coast Tennessee Walker Club is pleased to announce their first annual Spring TWH Clinic and Novice Fun Show, to be held at the MAPLE RIDGE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, 21973 - 132 Ave., at MAPLE RIDGE, B.C. on APRIL 17 & 18, with the show on the 19.

This clinic is to be taught by Ann & Bob Kuykendall of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Ann is the Pleasure Division Vice President, TWHBEA. Topics for the clinic will be training the pleasure Walker in any stage of its education, and participants will be booked into small groups for personal attention.

The fourteen classes in the show will be for the novice rider and will include halter, pleasure, driving, jumping, trail and games, among others.

We are very lucky that the TWHBEA has agreed to sponsor this clinic and show. We very much appreciate their support and hope that the attendance at the clinic and show will show our appreciation.

For further info please phone Ann or Denis Tonn, (604) 591-7851 or Debbie Poirier or Dave Smith, (604) 467-1188 or write WCTWC, Box 1207, Station A, SURREY, B.C. V3S 2B3

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1986 SUMMARY

The end of our first year as a club is now drawing to a close, and we are pleased to report that there are a surprising number of Tennessee Walking Horse enthusiasts in British Columbia. Our first club meeting last January was attended by only ten people, all from the Vancouver area, and our membership now numbers eleven single members and nine family memberships, and represents a total of seventy-two TWhorses from most parts of the province. With at least one new member joining each month recently, these figures should grow quickly, as soon as our name becomes known to all.

We got off to a gradual start in 1986 with a one-day clinic in March, taught by local trainer Bill Ferg. Bill is fairly new to the world of Walkers, and his knowledge comes from trainers in the U.S.A., and certainly got us thinking! We went on several trail rides over the summer, usually combining a day's ride with our monthly meetings.

Then, in September, we brought in the well-known Canadian TWH trainer, Diane Meis-Sept from Calgary, Alberta, for a 2 day clinic, ending with a schooling show. (Diane took her apprenticeship in the States, under the guidance of such people as Pearl Tompkins of Montana, Harold (Pee Wee) Glover of Montana, & Joe Webb of Arkansas.) Two days for a clinic with this dynamic young lady was just not enough for us, and we hope that she will agree to make many return engagements! Our schooling show High Point Horse was the 5 year old stallion, "Misty Superstition", owned by Diane Ogden and Tom Mark of Pavilion, B.C. "Supie" is a lovely strawberry Roan, with lots of chrome, and such a gentleman, its no wonder he was the best of the show! Poor Denis Tonn and his mare "Go Boy's Tanya Am" took an unexpected shower upon winning the Water Glass class, as the other contestants "congratulated" them with whatever water they had left in their glasses! Thanks should go to all who made the weekend such a success. Thanks to Terry and Barb Hill for putting together a tasty lunch, and Shauna Scott who was pressed into acting as ringmaster at the last minute, and everyone who brought their horses and their enthusiasm, with special mention going to Mona Ferguson who came all the way from Winlaw B.C., a 10 hour drive!

We had a few foals arrive this year. Bob Scott's mare "Brandy Rose" had a gorgeous chestnut colt from Bob's stallion "Red Eagle Mack K", and Ann Tonn's stallion "Sun's Rocky Velvet" sired two fillies this year, a black from Ann's mare "A Touch of Pride" and a sorrel roan from Debbie Modderman's mare, "Amanda Belle". Bob also sold a yearling sister of his new colt to one of our members, Al German.

Many plans for 1987 are already in the works, and we should be kept busy promoting the fantastic Tennessee Walking Horse in B.C., indeed a labour of love!

Yours,



Ann Tonn,
President,
W.C.T.W.C.

CANADIAN TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE GROUPS

Last fall I wrote all the Tennessee Walking Horse organizations that I was aware of and requested the following information from them:

1. Slate of officers and directors
2. A statement of their aims and goals
3. Requirements for membership
4. Annual dues

Here are their replies. I hope this will be useful to our readers. (The date after the name is the year of incorporation.)

ALBERTA WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION - 1980

CANADIAN WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION - 1982

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA - 1986

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE CANADIAN CLUB - 1986

WEST COAST TENNESSEE WALKER CLUB - 1986

WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION of CANADA - EASTERN - 197?

YELLOWHEAD WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION - 1979

WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA - EASTERN - WHAC-E
from Joan Augustine, Sec., Thornbriar, R.R.1, NORVAL, Ont. LOP 1K0

"The WHAC-E Eastern organization is still in existence, although it must be the most inactive. Officers are:

PRESIDENT: Ron Ladouceur, R.R.1, FREELTON, Ont. LOR 1M0

TREASURER: Madelaine Gibson, R.R.1, STOUFFVILLE, Ont. LOH 1L0

DIRECTOR: Peter Gibson, address as above.

SECRETARY: Joan Augustine, Thornbriar, R.R.1, NORVAL, Ont. LOP 1K0"

"The only requirement for membership is owning a Walker or interest in the TWH breed. The annual dues are \$5.00/year, although these have not been collected since the demise of the newsletter several years ago. A small bank account still exists."

"Anyone wishing to "revitalize" this organization, or even to keep in touch by means of a newsletter would be most appreciated by the group."

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Box 34, Booth Site,
R.R. 3, Quesnel, B.C.
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October 23, 1986.

Marjorie C. Lacy,
Walking Horse News,
Box 2728,
Edson, Alberta.
TOE OPO

Dear Marjorie:

With regard to your letter of September 13, 1986, I have compiled the following information for publication in your newsletter.

In our first year of operation the current status is as follows:

President	Laurie Sharp (also a Director)
Vice President	Jon Perry (also a Director)
Secretary	Betty Motherwell (also a Director)
Treasurer	Sandra Karl (also a Director)
5th Director	Kirk Coburn

Aside from the above officials and directors, we fill committee positions as follows:

Newsletter	Betty Motherwell
Membership	Marie Erb and Jon Perry
P.R. & Advertising	June Anderson and Pat McKinney
Events	Cindy Botkin, Lea Berge and Laurie Sharp
Fund Raising	Jocelyn Perry and Sherrie Sharp
Historian	Brian Perry

We currently have two types of membership, i.e. individual - \$10.00, and family - \$15.00, per year. Our membership presently stands at 34, comprised of people throughout B.C. and into Alberta.

Without going into too much detail, our objectives and goals center around the presentation of a marketable, versatile, Tennessee Walking Horse. Another very important aim is to improve communication amongst Tennessee Walking Horse owners. We have taken a major step forward in this area with the initiation and publication of our newsletter, the Tennessee Talker. This informative, entertaining medium is provided free to the membership on a monthly basis. As a note of interest, this newsletter is paid for through advertising and a corporate sponsor, Bob Graham of the Quesnel Petro-Can bulk agent, his donation being much appreciated as it frees up Association funds for other areas of advancement.

In our short history we have a number of achievements to be proud of:

1. Our April Clinic and Fun Show
2. The Tennessee Talker newsletter
3. Winning the Gold Pan for Best Horse Entry in the 1986 Billy Barker Days Parade in Quesnel, B.C.

TWHABC continued

4. Securing TWH classes in the Quesnel June Show and Fall Fair
5. Our September Clinic and Fun Show
6. Membership that has grown from an original 11 to 34.

Future plans include:

1. Participation in Equifairs
2. Securing TWH classes in other area shows
3. A video presentation of the versatility of the TWH
4. Increased membership
5. Current application for the 1987 T.W.H.B.E.A. sponsored clinic which we hope to secure for August 1987.

I am confident that many other achievements will be forthcoming as we grow and mature. We are a determined lot.

Yours truly,

Betty Motherwell
for Laurie Sharp, President
TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE ASSOC.
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

YELLOWHEAD WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION

from Rosemary Jordan, Past Pres., YWHA, S.1, RR2, LEDUC, AB T9E 2X2

1987 Slate of Officers and Directors

PRESIDENT: Jim Gordon, Box 1698, LEDUC, AB T9E 2Y9

V.PRESIDENT: Marlin Matechuk, Box 1390, COCHRANE, AB TOL OWO

SECRETARY: Sylvia Wood, 6303 - 36 Ave., EDMONTON, AB T6L 1E9

TREASURER: Leslie Cox, Box 285, NEW SEREPTA, AB TOB 3M0

DIRECTORS: Val Klatt, Leduc; Joy McDonald, Leduc, Henry Matechuk, Cochrane, Viggo Sorenson, Calgary.

"The objectives of the YWHA are (1) to provide for the recreation of the members and to promote and afford opportunity for friendly and social activities; (2) to establish and maintain a library about the Tennessee Walking Horse; (3) to promote the natural gaited Tennessee Walking Horse as an all around using horse; (4) to educate the public as to the qualities of the Tennessee Walking Horse breed."

"Annual membership dues are \$25.00 for families, \$15 for single memberships and \$7.50 for youths."

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ALBERTA

LOIS AUNE, Box 181, FAIRVIEW, AB TOH 1LO PH.(403)596-2146
"Stopping spots for horses sounds like a terrific idea. I'm about 25 miles off the beaten path (hardtop) but at my new location I have excellent places for horses, both in-barn (box stalls and tie stalls) and outdoors with small, well fenced areas. I am too far from town for people to consider motels, but I'd be very glad to supply bed and breakfast to people as well. I have some room in my double wide, plus an old house (used mainly for storage but wired, with wood heat) and the camper part of my horse trailer to put people up. Though the horses will have the best, their owners may have to make do with nothing more than basics and share my tub and washroom, but the welcome mat is definitely out! If you miss me at the above phone number, contact June or David Lyons in Fairview at her store, 835-5388 or at home at 835-2619. They usually know how to find me. They also have maps to get you out here easily."

LARRY HAUK, PINTO RANCH, Box 143, CORONATION, AB TOC 1CO
"I'd like to list my place as a horse stopping spot. Location from Coronation on #12 Hwy, south on #872 to #586, east 7 miles, 3/4 south. From #9 Hwy, about 4 miles east of Youngstown, north on # 884 to #586 and 8 miles west, 3/4 south."

"Having hosted Dog Trials for 23 years, I can put up people as well as horses."

SASKATCHEWAN

MARLENE SAMS, Box 69, STOUGHTON, Sask. SOG 4TO (306)457-2684
"I live 13 miles from Stoughton. I have a decent barn and two corrals. I would be happy to be down as a horse motel. There is a good hotel and a motel in Stoughton. I am 10 miles north on #47 Hwy, and three miles east - very easy to find. Anyone and everyone is welcome."

TRAINING YOUR WALKER WITH DIANE MEIS-SEPT

Question: I want to buy a young Tennessee Walking Horse to start and train on my own. I was wondering what you would look for in a young Walker when considering to buy.

Answer: First off, let's remember that not everyone wants the same thing in a horse. Therefore, what you require and like in a horse may be different from what I require and like.

The horse you acquire must appear to have the ability to do the task for which it is intended. But, most importantly, you should like the horse. To work with a young horse and try to bring it along to do the task at hand you have to be able to deal with and hopefully enjoy that animal's personal traits.

I work with some horses that I get such a kick out of because of their personality. Sometimes they are extremely clever, sometimes almost naive. Well, some people that have to be around these horses wonder how I can put up with a particular animal. It's all a matter of personalities meshing or clashing.

You can never change a personality. I feel, however, that you can change attitude. You can change it for the worse if you cannot deal with a personality or even a bit for the better if you can read the horse and react to him correctly.

When we are looking at horses to buy, let's look at them free first. If they are able to be ridden then, after watching them free, you can watch them being ridden and then ride them yourself. I think it is most important to see the horse free so that you can watch him run and do whatever he may do. This gives you the chance to see how naturally athletic he is. It is then up to the rider to enhance, or degrade, what the horse can do naturally.

Now, on to what we want from the horse. If you are looking for a show horse, or one who demonstrates show ring qualities, looks are important. Keep in mind that looks should include an overall presence. If the horse has an ugly head, but carries itself with an air, fine . . . as long as YOU can live with the head. The head will make a difference in conformation judging, but, it's what is inside that is most important. (Remember, I'm only using the head as an example. A beautiful head is the way to go if possible. We could be talking ears, eyes, or tail.) There is no perfect horse.

As for movement, I want to see classy, long flowing steps at the flat walk, running walk, and canter. Remember that we are looking at a young horse so we have to make concessions for lack of coordination, balance, inconsistency and the like. If the horse breaks into a long strided trot and/or pace, that won't discourage me as long as he comes back and demonstrates a good natural walk. (I'm talking a long strided, square walk, not a short quick rack.) Mind you, a horse with an honest to goodness running walk will still running walk for some time when out of balance before breaking if at all, into another gait.

What will discourage me is a horse that is relaxed and yet takes short steps. This is true whether it be a four beat gait or not. The horse's movement must come from a supple loin, hip, back, shoulder and neck. I mention relaxed and should probably explain this. If a horse is comfortable with it's surroundings, which it should be if you are going to see it at it's home and hasn't been razed, then it should be moving in it's normal manner. You can tell whether the horse is uptight or uneasy by the tenseness in it's body and eye. If it is tense you want to be sure to give the horse a chance to relax but remember this about it's personality. Can you, or do you want to, deal with a horse that gets uptight. Alertness on the other hand is a must.

TRAINING YOUR WALKER WITH DIANE MEIS-SEPT, continued

I like to have some other horses free with the horse I am looking at. This gives you a comparison to make. It will show you things that stick out both positively and negatively about the horse. When they are standing, does your horse look sharp, elegant, and kind (a very important Tennessee Walking Horse trait.)

I look for a horse who steps nice and clean. By this I mean his foot takes hold of the ground full and firm. There should not be ground kicked forward by the toes. The hind foot may slide along the ground for a way but not stub.

If you want to use your horse as a combination show and pleasure horse you need to realize what is required of a show horse, but you must be able to trust and enjoy the horse in situations you will meet while riding. This is a feeling you get from the horse. Of course, the trust will develop as you work together.

For a horse that is to be used strictly for pleasure, the skies the limit as to what type of personality you are. First and foremost, you must be attracted to the horse as an animal you will enjoy being around. Once again, a supple long striding way of going is important to me. The stride doesn't need to be as long as for my show horse but I still do not want a short strided mover. A longer strided horse will be easier on you and himself. He will cover more ground faster, with less energy exerted than the shorter strided horse. The shorter the stride, the more concussion and jolt there will usually be to horse and rider. Especially if you are looking at travelling great distances this will be very important. Always keep in mind that length of stride is strictly in relation to size of horse.

I do believe that there are numbers of pleasure horse people that will be satisfied with a horse that does a rack or stepping pace type of gait. This is great, and they are very enjoyable to ride. Let's just remember, this is not the running walk for which our great horse is recognized.

I've gone over some of the things I look for in a young prospect. Because there is so much else to consider, I will continue this article in the next Walking Horse News.

Good luck in your search for a horse and please write or call if you have any more questions.

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AVAILABLE FOR RENT: (VHS Format)

A LOOK INTO THE PAST - Video tape of some of the Tennessee Walker all time 'greats', such as Midnight Sun, Merry Go Boy, Haynes' Peacock, Strolling Jim and more. Narrated by Bob Womack and made from old movies of the '40s, it is indeed a "Look into the past." Available from Walking Horse News, Box 2728, EDSON, AB T0E 0P0 I am asking for a \$75 deposit, with \$65 refunded to you on the safe return of the videotape. Book it now for your next meeting! If you'd like to buy a copy, send \$35 U.S. to TWHBEA, Box 286, LEWISBURG, Tenn. 37091 & request a VHS or Beta copy.

* YWHA held their Annual Meeting on Jan.11th. with 18 members present. The 1987 officers elected were: President.....Jim Gordon
 Vice-President.....Marlin Matechuk
 Secretary.....Sylvia Wood
 Treasurer.....Leslie Cox
 Directors.....Val Klatt, Joy McDonald,
 Henry Matechuk, Viggo Sorensen.

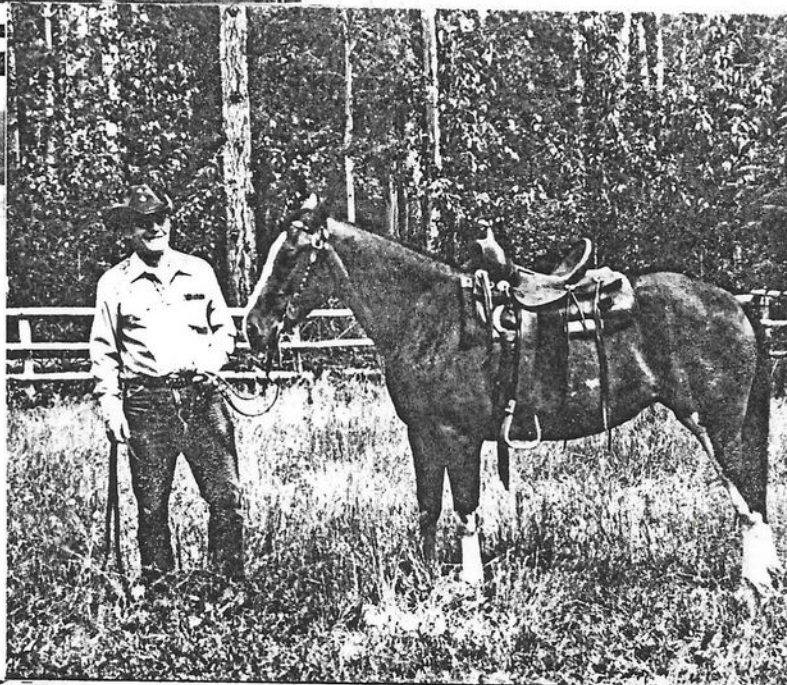
Plans for 1987 include THREE Shows, and possibly a clinic as well. See the "calendar" for dates.

* I hope you've all noticed the new mailing labels. Let me explain that top line..." 04* " is simply a coding to help us pre-sort all the magazines for the Post Office; the next four digits tell YOU when your Subscription Expires! e.g. "8708" means that your Subs. will expire in August of 1987. Now that we are "computerised" WHN Subscriptions will run from date of purchase, and be available year-round.



"PLANTATION HOPPER"

HAPPY JO GIRL
 (ridden by Rhonda Prier for R.M.Jordan)
 gave a good performance in her first jumping competition - collecting a third place ribbon in a class of seven entries at AWA "DAYS OF OLD" SHOW, MILLARVILLE.(photo by Mary Carlton)



Basil Manary, Trainer, working with
 MIDNITE ALLEN GYPSY,
 (Dakota Midnight X Merry Wilson Bass),
 a five year old mare owned by
 Marjorie & Chuck Lacy, Edson.

1987 CALENDAR

- ? APRIL AWA Clinic (Bob 246-2962)
- ? MAY YWA Schooling Show (Marilyn 878-3759)
- ? MAY AWA Trail-Ride Clinic (Bob 246-2962)
- ? MAY AWA Queen Contest (Diane 931-3614)
- 13 JUNE FESTIVAL OF THE GAITS, RED DEER. (Sheila 742-5356)
- 27/28 JUNE YWA PROVINCIAL CLASSIC SHOW, HOBBEWA (Marlin 932-3642)
- 15/16 AUG YWA CANADIAN NATIONAL G.H.SHOW, HOBBEWA (Leslie 941-2284)

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CANADIAN WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 29th 1986

Twenty-one members were present at this meeting, held in Red Deer again. Two Directors had been elected through the ballot system, namely Helen Williamson of Calgary, AB, and Jo Kingsland of Alix, AB. Five more Directors were Appointed for a one year term. These were Hilton Hack, Lillian Crumley, Jack Gurnett, Claudia Hack and Carol Bradley. It was announced that B.C. will be electing one director at the next election, as they now have enough members to qualify.

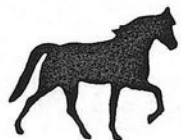
The meeting split into three groups to discuss 1) the Constitution, 2) the CEF Rules, and 3) the Objectives. These committees will be presenting proposals at the next Directors' meeting slated for February 7th 1987.

At the Executive meeting which followed, the following positions were filled:

President.....	Hilton Hack
Vice-President(Western).....	Jack Gurnett
Vice-President(Eastern).....	Carol Bradley
Secretary.....	Helen Williamson
Treasurer.....	Lillian Crumley

A request to hold the Annual Meeting in the Spring of the succeeding year in future, was upheld. A tentative date was immediately set for the 1986 AGM.....APRIL 25th 1987.

Report by Jo Kingsland.



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BREEDING FOR THE NATURAL RUN-WALK

by Calvin Miller

There are a lot of Walkers that are natural, but riders, not understanding the run walk, have ridden them out of their natural run walk into a pace, fox-trot, rack or trot, due to no fault of the horse. It's too bad that our Walking Horse has more than the three gaits because of being bred up from so many different gaited horses. Maybe someday we will have a natural three gaited Walking Horse.

In regard to breeding a natural run walking horse; this is our program, and many go natural without shoes and this is the kind we like to see. It will take a very long time or maybe will never be where every Walker is a natural 3 gaited horse, without shoes, etc. because show people like a horse on the pacy side. A pacy horse gets to walking as weight is added and the foot is built up.

But I don't think we should fight the people that like big lick show horses. We can have our natural run walk horses and can breed for them, as they sure will be the best for new owners, pleasure, trail and lite shod classes, and people that don't understand different gaits and ways of correcting them. (Our biggest problem is Walking Horse owners not really knowing when to correct their horse, as some really think their horse is walking and it's pacing. The horse could be a natural horse ridden out of its gait.)

And to really answer your question, I believe we can breed natural run walking horses from natural sires and dams. Most all natural run walk horses can be seen trotting in the pasture at times. A good natural run walking stallion will sire lots of natural run walk foals from mares on the pacy side. The more generations of natural run walk behind the stallion, the better.

Our young stallion, Super Man's Copy, is the third generation of natural run walk on the sire's side. T.J. started him under saddle and I saw him for the first time with a rider after getting home from the clinic in Alberta. He was doing a perfect run walk without shoes. I took a video of him and you can hear the beat of him going right. He will be a credit to the breed.

It's too bad that we can't refuse registration to a stallion that isn't really a good natural run walk horse. What we need is a separate register within the Tennessee Walking Horse registry that classes and states that this horse is a natural run walking horse and rules that no stallions (and later, mares) can be registered that aren't.

We have been breeding for natural run walk for years, and we sure can't say ours are all natural. So it will be a slow process and will take many years to get what we want.

WALKERS ARE SLOWPOKES? by Rosemary Jordan

I just have to take my pen in hand and give my two cents worth about Walkers being slowpokes.

I wonder - when was the last time that you speedballs rode with a trot horse?

Well, last winter Rhonda and I went riding and visiting on Answer and Charity, two of my Walkers. When we were ready to come home, the gal and her mother that we'd been visiting with rode about a mile with us. Now, Charity cannot keep up to Answer and stay consistently in form. Riding with our "trot" friends, Charity was not only staying in form but was keeping up, and our friend's horse was doing a fast trot. Answer was going slow (too busy ogling that gorgeous redhead!). The other trotting horse was behind and losing ground. Her rider kept slowing her to a walk - I couldn't imagine why, Ha ha. The girl's comment was, "Boy, these horses sure can cover the ground." They wouldn't believe us when we said we'd be home within the hour, even if we went slowly.

You talk about the Walkers being pokey at shows. Well, for an open show, I take my slowest horses and try to slow them down some more. My slowest horse can still flat walk as fast as the others can trot. I swear that they must walk and trot on the spot!

It's form, not speed, that's required at a show. This is not just at Walking Horse shows, this is the whole scenario. The classes that are the exception are the park classes to a certain extent and the 5 gaited classes.

One of my friends owns a lovely Arab. Now Arabs are noted for their long stride. This horse has always been worked with dressage in mind. He can keep up to two of my slower horses, Jo and Charity, but gets left behind with Dixie. These are the only T.W. horses we've tried him with.

The point I'm trying to make is - our horses can keep up to and pass trotting horses. If that isn't fast enough for you, then take a leaf from Roan Allen's book. (He could do seven gaits on cue!) and teach your horse a cue for "road gear." After all, our breed isn't limited to just three gaits. Or how about the Rocking Chair canter?

And if that isn't fast enough for you, get a motor bike. After all, this is supposed to be recreational riding and the definition of "recreational" is a leisure time activity.

Let's not give our horses ulcers.

MORE ON "SLOWPOKES" by Jean Kempel

"Slowpokes" has sure got the letters going, hasn't it! Before I started working with Misty, my young Walker, I read, reread and read again Some Fundamentals of Training Tennessee Walking Horses, a booklet I received from the TWHBEA. It said "Walk, walk and more walk; form, not speed."

Misty can travel between five and nine miles an hour, and if that is as fast as she ever goes I am happy, as I like the comfort and nature of the TWH too much to change breeds. I wonder if some of the "slowpokes" aren't just lazy and need waking up?

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

From JOYCE PATTERSON, CAWSTON, "There's been a skiff of snow and lots of darn cold winds. I've been out riding nearly every day, even just for an hour or so. I've two small (short in height) Walker mares now; I traded Gypsy (Sage King's Gypsy Bay) on a shorter little mare from Peace River, and Gypsy went up there. They delivered "Sheba". Hope Gypsy grows long hair in a hurry! Sheba and Robin hit it off just fine; no kicking or biting now. My black Walker went to Pavilion and I sold Robin's foal and a gelding. So I have only 2 mares and a filly to winter and am thinking of parting with the little black filly (half TWH/half Morgan) as I don't need three now that I've got the other small mare."

"I'm planning on doing a lot of riding next summer. I hear Hans Dankel from 100 Mile House is sponsoring a ride from Los Angeles, California to Barkerville, B.C. Boy! Lots of saddle sores there. Don't think I'll plan for that one!"

MARJORIE FABRO, KIMBERLEY, writes, "Please find enclosed a gift subscription for D.J. & John Todhunter who are now the proud owners of Invasions Silky Pants. We wish them all the very best with this excellent filly."

"We had a great Christmas - a new baby grandson on Christmas Day for a beautiful Christmas present."

"Our broodmares are all looking great and starting to get a little heavy. Come May we will start having our new little ones."

NEWS - NEWS - NEWS

LEXIE COLE, CABRI, SASK. has been elected as the third Canadian Director for the TWHBEA. She will represent Region One. Congratulations, Lexie. That's a big area, from Alaska to Hawaii!

How many of you have seen the special section on Walkers in the February Horse and Horseman magazine? It's very interesting. ROSEMARY JORDAN, LEDUC, has the story of Happy Jo Girl in the section, Walker Tales, and a picture of Charity's News Flash in this issue.

At Uphill Farm we'd like to congratulate Judith Franzky of Calgary on her purchase of Midnite Allen Gypsy. We wish you many happy trails and every success with this flashy little mare.

Judith, and Chris McKinnon came up for the weekend and we had a good visit, looked at all the Walkers, watched Basil Manary work Gypsy and Twilight (he started both of them) and watched the video "A Look into the Past".

Judith is "addicted" to mountain riding, Chris says. She has been going on the famous "Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies" rides for the past seven years and has seen much of Banff National Park from horseback - the best way to see it!

Chris is eagerly awaiting the birth of Niko's foal by Go Shadow Go. Threat's April Niko is by Canadian Threat out of Zepher's First Lady. The foal will represent a cross of strong Midnight Sun lines with line bred Merry Go Boy."She" should walk!

A.W.H.A. QUEEN CONTEST

ATTENTION YOUNG LADIES 13 TO 21 YEARS OF AGE! The Alberta Walking Horse Association's 4th Annual Queen Contest is coming up this spring. More details to follow. For information please phone Diane at 931-3614.

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TWHBEA VERSATILITY PROGRAM

The Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Association Versatility Program has presented to Clare Nike of Calgary and Diamond Chips T. 4 Youth Register of Merit certificates for excellence in:

1. Western Plantation Pleasure
2. English Plantation Pleasure
3. Good Seat and Hands
4. Promotion of the Tennessee Walking Horse

Congratulations, Clare. That's a very impressive achievement. We're proud of you!

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NEWS - NEWS - NEWS

CAROLYN DOBSON, NOLALU, ONTARIO, writes, "We had a nice summer. Went to a few shows, some local and some Stateside. We had a good time at all the shows we went to and did very well with the horses. We also went to Minnesota and Illinois with a couple of mares for breeding. Visited with friends and saw lots of nice horses."

THIBAULTS, QUILL LAKE, SASK. sent a note with their renewal to say that they had a very pretty new filly last summer.

From DIANE URFER, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, "I just had to let you know that we have a new addition to our horse family. Went to Munson, Alberta, last week to pick up a stud colt from Sharpes. His name is Sunday's Topper; a real charmer and the kind of Walker we have been looking for for many years. He has an excellent disposition and a good running walk with a good head nod. We call him Banner. He is a blue roan with 4 white legs, bald face, some white on belly and almost a pure white tail - he's the real Cat's Meow!"

"I sure like the look of the last Walking Horse News. I thought it was rather nice to see a LADY on the cover for a change. Also found "A Walk Back in Time" very interesting and hope we have more of this. The article on "The Canadian, about the Futurity, was really interesting too - I'd like more info on this."

MARY ANNE TOWNLEY, CHURCHVILLE, NEW YORK, mentioned in her letter that she'd had a visit from the Crumleys of Peace River last January. Mary Anne owns the beautiful gold stallion, Image's Gold Dust (Chance's Gold Dust H. x Deserts Golden Image).

ALBERTA NEWS

GEORGE & HEATHER SHARPE and JACK STRACHAN are pleased to congratulate Diane and Percy Urfer of Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the purchase of Sunday's Topper, a flashy blue roan colt with 4 high white stockings and bald face. He's by Chapie's Topper out of Sunday Breeze. He and his full brother, Topper's Choice, both took second place in their Futurity classes last fall at Red Deer. Good luck with this promising young Walker!

JEAN REMPEL, WINFIELD, writes, "The new section, A Walk Back in Time, is great. I really enjoyed the last one as Trigger (Allen's Gold Zephyr) has been my favorite horse since I could read comics and go to Saturday matinees!"

"It was so nice this afternoon that the dishes got left in the sink and I went outside with Misty (my 3 yr old TWH), the harness and the cutter. It has been so long since I last ground drove her that she just knew I was on the wrong end! But after ground driving for a bit I hooked her up to the cutter and led her along. (She thought the cutter was too heavy at first.) After leading her for a while, I walked near her hip and drove down the road 1/8 mile, then turned her around and rode the cutter back. She got a bit scared when she couldn't hear me walking beside her anymore, but she did real well for the first time."

"Here is a handy hint I got from our vet. Misty had a dandruff problem. The shine on her coat now isn't from expensive coat conditioner or supplements; just a half cup of corn oil on her morning oats. She loves it - and no more dandruff. Her hooves look better also."

Glad to hear that ELLWOOD SMITH, DONALDA, is just about back to normal after a bout of ill health and surgery had him in hospital. Take care, Ellwood.

VIGGO SORENSEN, BONANZA, writes, "A little bit of news from northern Alberta. George and Janet Pimm of Grimshaw have purchased their first TWH, a 3 yr old black gelding with star and white hind coronets, from Laverne Lundgard, Hines Creek. The gelding's name is Sundance's Knight. After they saw Midnight Toddy perform in a demonstration at the Berwyn - Grimshaw Annual Fair, they decided they'd better get a TWH. Janet has a back condition and hopes to ride Sundance this summer."

"Here at Snowbird Stables we are busy packing as we are moving to Calgary in January. The horses will be moved later. We have purchased a 13 yr old bred mare, Spirit's Leigh Hi 745614 & her stud colt. She has Midnight Sun breeding on two lines and Merry Boy on the other two. We have also purchased a coming two yr old, all black filly sired by Dorn Zola Wonder. These were all bought from Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abel of Groundbirch, B.C."

From ROSE DAVIES, DUFFIELD, "Russ has decided not to retire until next year. The TWH mares are fatter than pigs and "The Boys" (the 2 Paso geldings) spend their time playing and prancing around. He is going to start with them in early spring. 40 years ago one could really enjoy a snappy driving team!"

ALBERTA NEWS

KEN HUDSON, LETHBRIDGE, writes, "We would just like to inform you that we have sold a two yr old mare to John and Barbara Webster of Mountain View. "Queen's Jolayne" is out of our mare, Miss Spokane, by our stallion, Queen's Lil Joe. She's a full sister to Spokane O' Joe, a gelding we sold them last year. They are just starting in Walking Horses and are looking forward to many pleasurable rides on their ranch near Waterton Lakes."

"We were excited to hear about the Frank Smith Memorial Cup. Frank and Marie did a tremendous job of promoting Walking Horses in Southern Alberta. They were very special friends to us and we enjoyed many fun times together riding in parades and riding the mountain trails. It's great to hear that their family is carrying on the tradition."

"Keep up the good work, Marjorie. Thanks again for your newsy and informative paper."

CALTA STABLES, CALGARY, wishes to congratulate David Ross of White Rock, B.C. on the purchase of the 1986 colt, Calta Riki-Tik Topper (Chapie's Topper x Bell's Little Beauty). Also, congratulations to Rayne Hack of Red Deer who bought Calta Copper Niki (Calta Midnite Victry x 7T's Mission Gold), a 1986 filly. Best wishes to you both with these fine youngsters.

From MARLIN MATECHUK, COCHRANE, "Just dropping a few lines to let you know that D-Joint's 2nd Annual Trail Ride went off very well. It was held on Thanksgiving week-end. I put in an order for a beautiful weekend and that is just what it was - just beautiful, for a fall weekend. Everyone enjoyed the trail ride on the three days, which were three different trails. The winners for the "Treasure Hunt" were Don Fabro and Wayne Bertsch; Horsemanship went to Alfred Kessler and runner up was Val Klatt. John Cannon received \$25 for the best poker hand and Bev Bertsch's "worst hand" was good for \$11. (Sorry, Rosemary. Better luck next year!) We would like to thank everyone who came and hope they had a fun weekend with us. We'll see you all again next Thanksgiving."

"We would like to congratulate Percy & Lillian Crumley from Peace River on their purchase of D-J's Shade of Gold, yearling palomino, "green eyed" stallion. They will be picking him up in March. We hope that they will be very pleased with him. He has a super disposition, just like his dad, Bud (Beauty's Trail's End)." D-Joint Ranch has also sold 2 weanlings, a liver chestnut filly, and a black stud colt by Ebony's Raven.

MILES STERN, EDSON, has started breaking his coming three year old black gelding, Northfork Black Beau (Kary's Jeepers x Perfection's Twiggy) and is really pleased with his good disposition and gaits. He's a full brother to Miles' other gelding, Woody, who has proven to be a super trail horse, and to Northfork Sapphire, a yearling filly back at the farm in Rimbey.

DEBBI VADER, MACKAY, was a Dec. visitor at Uphill Farm near Edson. She is enjoying her Ebony Masterpiece mare's smooth gait.

October 20, 1986

Walking Horse News
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Dear Marjorie,

Thank you for the reminder regarding my subscription. I would also like to send gift subscriptions to Duane and Helen Wynder of General Delivery, Mountain View, Alberta, T0K 1N0, and to Mike and Marilyn Smith of Box 512, Cardston, Alberta, T0K 0K0.

Duane and Helen Wynder would like to find a well-trained Walking Horse mare for cattle and pleasure use, but would prefer to find one in Southern Alberta as they don't have the time to travel around to see the horses in Central and Northern Alberta. If you have any suggestions, I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you.

Marilyn Smith is the daughter of Ken and Ruth Hudson in Lethbridge. My husband purchased Spokane O' Joe from them as a surprise birthday present for me last December - and I love him to death! Marilyn, who is employed by Deerwood Quarter Horses of Cardston, gave him a month and a half of training during July and August and did a super job! He's just a three year old but he is so well mannered and calm that I would trust him with any rider. Now my husband, Jon, wants to get one for himself so he won't have to keep bouncing along at a trot to keep up with us!

I really enjoyed reading the article on Diane Sept. It's nice to get to know some of the names I see so often WHN. I'm also a "Yankee", but I'm from Bigfork, Montana and worked in the Kalispell area before marrying one of those "Canooks", as we used to call them. They were not a popular breed among the locals of Bigfork and Kalispell! We now live in Mountain View, located half way between Cardston and Waterton, on a cattle ranch, along with four horses, two dogs and our 16 month old terrorist, Justin. Jon's parents also live on the ranch for part of the year before going south to St. George, Utah in the winters. Jon's dad is Fenton Webster and he was one of the group from around here who was responsible for bringing the first Simmental into North America from Switzerland. Most of the cattle we run are Simmental crosses.

We have very little spare time, as the ranch isn't our full time occupation. Jon works as a production operator for Shell Canada at their Lookout Butte gas field. I was working as a legal secretary/para-legal for Turcott and Company in Pincher Creek prior to having my son.

We did manage to break away for a family reunion in Utah at the end of July, and stayed in Jackson Hole, Wyoming for a few days during their fair, horse show and rodeo. We watched the plantation classes and thoroughly enjoyed them. One of the riders was using an Australian saddle and it looked quite showy as it was trimmed with brass rings, etc. It caused quite a positive stir in all of the Walker owners and trainers sitting around us.

We are certainly sold on Tennessee Walkers now. As a young girl living near Seattle, I had only seen the "Big Lick" classes in the shows. It looked so artificial and painful for the horses, and the horses themselves looked almost frightening to me - and I LOVED horses! I carried that vision of Walkers with me until I rode one that Marilyn was training. I could not believe it was the same breed! It was so smooth and the horse was so quiet, in fact, I wasn't even using a bridle, just a halter and lead rope, bareback. Love at first ride!! Jon felt the same way. We only wanted to make sure that it wasn't just that particular horse that was so impressive. Later that summer, we watched her training Threat's Butterfly for Jean Staudinger of Lethbridge. Again, we were very impressed and have remained that way ever since.

Now that I have rambled on for two pages, I just want to finish by saying that I think you are doing a wonderful job on the Walking Horse News, and being new to the breed, I really enjoy the pictures as well as all of the information and training tips.

Thank you!

Barbara Woster

IN MY OPINION

by Ray Corum

Two Types of Horses

Two Types of Useability

Two Types of Owners

It has come to my attention that many Canadian owners and breeders of plain shod, natural gaited Walking Horses are being intimidated by the increasing number of people who have aligned themselves with the "big lick" show horse.

I am wary of becoming involved in such a delicate controversy, especially outside of my home territory. However, I have sold many old-time, natural gaited pleasure horses to people in Canada. So I feel I have an obligation to try to help ease their fears that the "big lick" show horse is a threat to their breeding operations that produce fine, natural gaited horses for work or pleasure.

Over the past three decades I have spent many thousands of dollars and much time in all phases of the Walking Horse industry. Our stables have owned and shown many Open Stake horses in the past. However, for the last several years, our operation has been devoted solely to the plain shod working, trail and pleasure Walking Horse.

So my dues have been paid in my experience with all types of Walking Horses and I feel free to offer my comments to those that are unsure as to where the breed is headed.

Now, the fact has to be accepted that the continued momentum of the big time show horse is assured by its intense popularity throughout the U.S., culminating at the Celebration at Shelbyville, Tennessee. Neither the bad image publicity that has developed or the strict federal laws that have been passed have had much effect on this momentum.

I have thought that the built-up sore show horse would never get started in Canada. Knowing something of the laws of England pertaining to equine handling, I felt sure that Canadian laws would be similar. There is no way that Walking Horse shows such as we have in the U.S. could be held in England.

My advice to the established owners and breeders of plain shod Walking Horses is to completely ignore the inroads being made in Canada by the "big lick" horses.

Accept the fact that this type of horse will not go away. If you do not care for them, just ignore them as you do the many other breeds of horses which you do not care for. There is plenty of room for everybody. For instance, those who use Thoroughbreds for trail or pleasure have no quarrel with the racing profession or those who use Thoroughbreds for event mounts.

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IN MY OPINION (continued)

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by Ray Corum

The people who are dedicated to breeding the Walking Horse as a pleasure and ranch mount will end up on top. Theirs will be a higher class business that is much more profitable and enjoyable. Also they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping preserve the breed as it was meant to be.

Here in Kentucky we are in the center of the Thoroughbred racing industry. It is estimated that only one in a hundred race horses actually pays its way. I would think this is about true of the show type Walking Horse.

So I would say to you Canadian breeders of old-time, natural gaited Walking Horses: Do not become discouraged. Continue what you have started and keep improving the quality of your stock. This type of Walking Horse will eventually be so popular and profitable that you will be able to laugh at the "big lick" horse owners all the way to the bank.

IN MY OPINION - PARTBREDS by Grant Kihn

There have been some good, thought provoking articles and differences of opinion expressed, which is very good. I sure enjoy the photos in the magazine. It's nice to see some of the horses that you just hear about.

I would like to put in my two bits in regard to partbreds. I think we all share similar objectives in promoting a good quality horse for the average rider. Since we are into Tennessee Walking Horses, the running walk is of primary importance. It is ridiculous to think that cross breeding will improve the gait. There are sufficient Walking Horses, at least in Alberta and Saskatchewan, to improve your breeding stock in most any way you wish by using purebreds, not going backwards by cross breeding. If we are to promote our breed, it MUST be through purebreds.

Another thing that I have seen which is all too common, particularly in Walkers, are people keeping back and using sub-standard stallions; ones which definitely should be gelded for a number of reasons.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? by Joan Arychuk

What are the comments of our readers - what would you like to see or do for a weekend get-together instead of just a trail ride?

I was reading an article in the October Horseman magazine about the Levi Ride and Tie race for one horse and two rider/racers. I think that something like that would be exciting.

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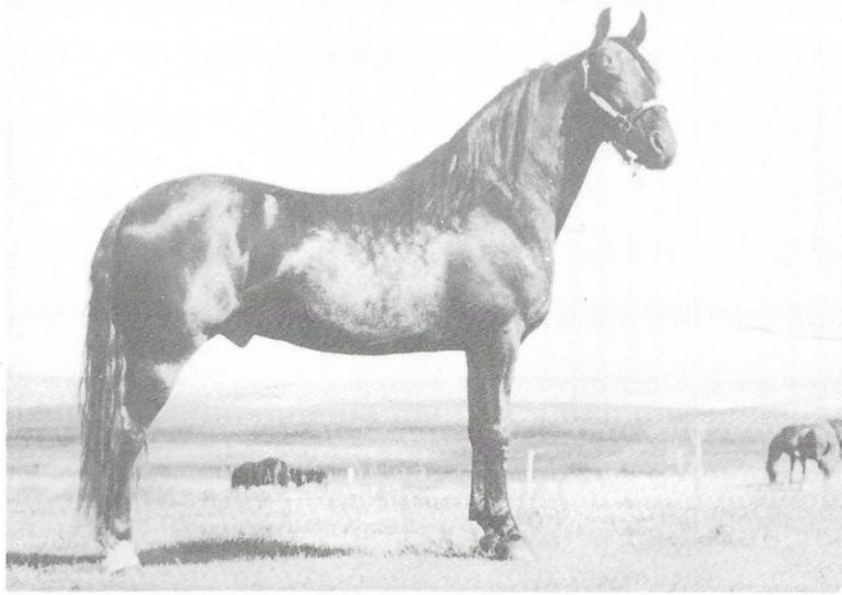
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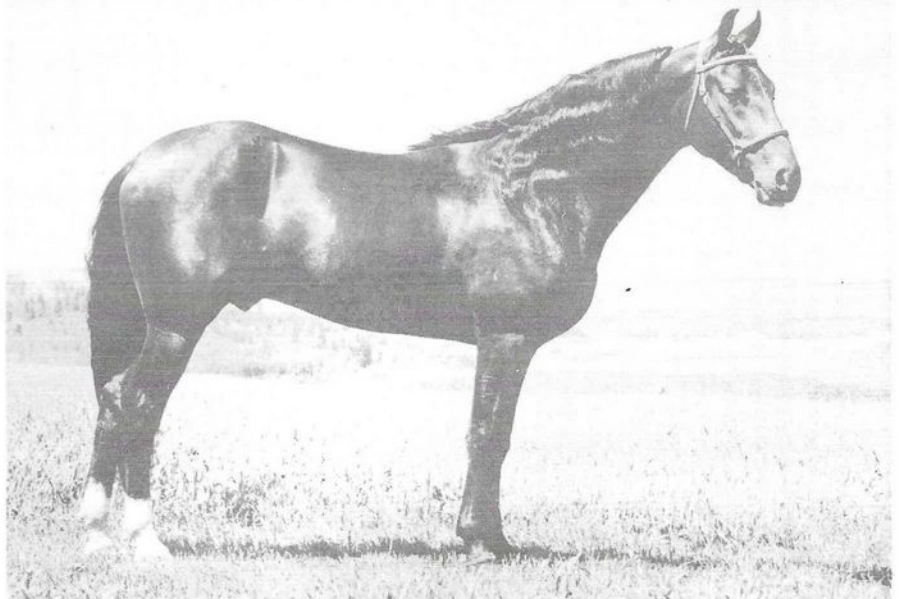


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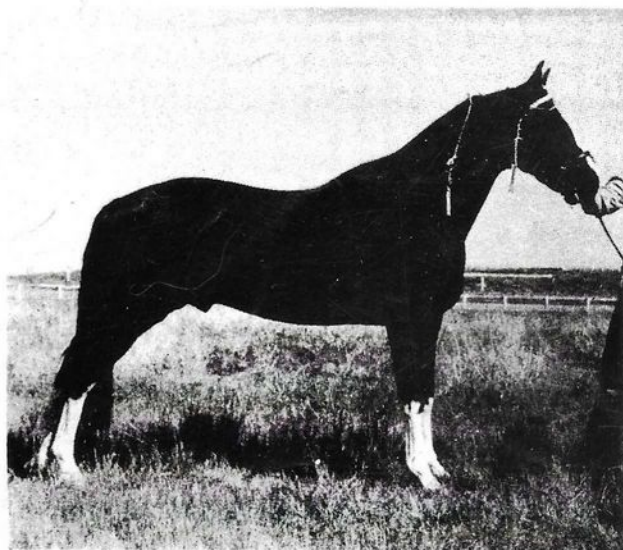
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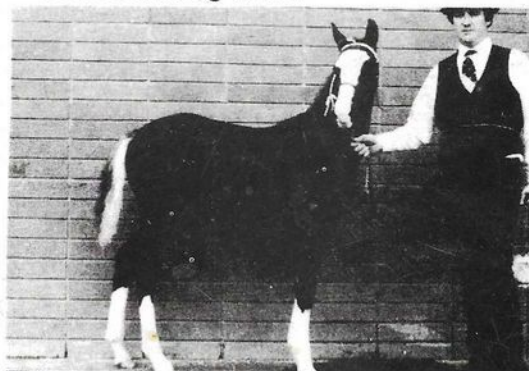


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