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On Our Cover

Three TWH sisters celebrate
the joy of being turned onto
new winter pasture
at Uphill Farm.

This photo dates from 1989.
Lucy & Maxie have gone on
to greener pastures now, but
Sawdust, coming up to her
30th birthday, still kicks up
her heels occasionally and
runs with the best of them.

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Dear Subscribers,

As I was writing the caption for this month's cover, I realized that *Walking Horse News* and our mare, Uphill Arnica #90 (aka Sawdust) are pretty much the same age. The first issue of the newsletter/magazine was mailed in June of 1977, about a month after Sawdust was foaled on the farm of Bob and Edna Lamport near Vermilion, AB. Our mare, Lady's Merry Mist #89, was her dam and their stallion, Prince Radar #37 was her sire. (Look for him in the pedigree of Chinook's Prairie Lassie, our History & Heritage feature horse on page 3.)

What a difference thirty years have made! Now TWH are no longer the rarity they were then, and *Walking Horse News* has also changed dramatically, from a mimeographed (who knows what *that* is?) sheet to a magazine professionally printed at Trail Printing in Edson. The colour, courtesy of our cover advertisers, adds a lot to its appearance, and I can also print photos inside, albeit in black and white. When I look back to the *Tennessee Walking Horse* magazine published in the US in the forties, I'm very glad that people advertised their stock because it left a record of what many of those old horses looked like. (See the top two photos on page 19.) Fifty years from now, others may look back to *this* magazine for picture records of our Walking Horses of today...

Once again there are many interesting features for you in this issue. One of them, Margie Perrin's information on Chinook's Prairie Lassie on page 3 again takes us right back in time. Her sire, Prairie Breeze, is of Montana/Pearl Tompkins breeding while on the dam's side, she traces to Lamports' horses and the Walkers imported to Canada in the late forties/early fifties that were featured in *Some Prairie History* in the April 2006 issue. Ed Zachary (page 9) suggests that Herb Gregger might know a bit more about those early Walkers. Okay, all you Walker folks around Vernon, don your detective hats & see what you can find out!

TWHBEA will have DNA parentage verification in place for 2007 but the staff member I spoke to today did not know yet what the policy will be for TWHBEA registered, Canadian owned horses that are already DNA profiled.

A reminder to everyone with stallions standing at stud or horses to sell: the February issue is the *prime time* to get your message out. A small investment in advertising can really pay off by letting people know what you have available and where you are. If they don't know, they won't come!

Thank you to all contributors, advertisers and subscribers. Seasons Greetings to you all, and may 2007 be a great year for you, your families and your horses.

Marjorie



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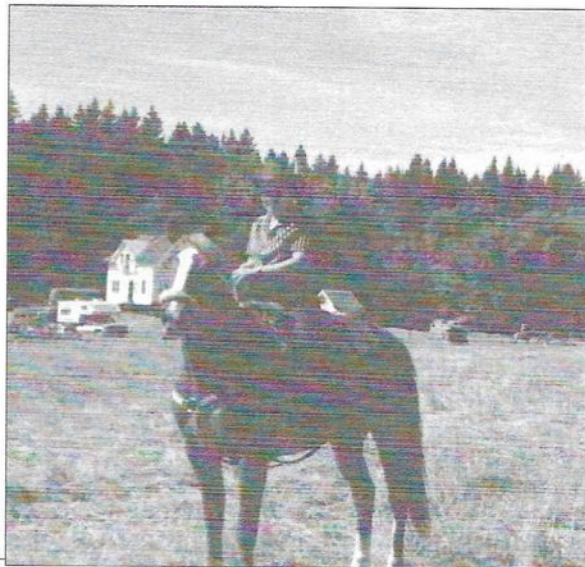
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I have read with interest the articles in the *Walking Horse News* on old time bloodlines. I thought you might be interested in the breeding of an old mare I own. I bought her when she was a two-year-old and rode her for many years doing ranch work and pleasure riding. She was a real pleasure to ride and enjoyed chasing cattle.

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She is twenty-six now and reasonably sound, but has been retired for several years.

Above is a picture of us on a trail ride near Fort Walsh in the Cypress Hills a few years ago.

I enjoy the *Walking Horse News* and appreciate the effort you put into it.

Margie Perrin,
Maple Creek,
Saskatchewan

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ALBERTA NEWS

From DON AND SHIRLEY CAMPBELL, CAMPBELLS' WALKERS, PONOKA, "I would like to congratulate Jennifer Ditmars of Cawston, B.C. on her recent purchase of H.B.'s Triple Black and Keen's Bum Champion. This is her first experience owning Tennessee Walking Horses, and I hope these two will be good ambassadors for the breed. Wishing her many wonderful years riding this wonderful breed. Thanks again, Marjorie, for all your work on *WHN*. Advertising does pay off. Jennifer found these in her *WHN*."

BRENDA BAKER, TRIANGLE B WALKERS, CALGARY, writes, "The summer is suddenly over. I did a lot of riding on our own property near Millarville, using the hayfields and the 'forest' of mixed bush and poplars up on the hill behind our farmyard. Each summer I choose two horses as my projects to ride. This year it was Trinkette and Lil Snappy, the two sweet little mares I've mentioned before. By little I mean 14.2 hh and 15 hh. I like the size for saddling and climbing on. They also fit in any size trailer! One was shod for weekend trips to the mountains and the other got to do a lot of solitary riding with me on week-day mornings before I blasted off to work. I sure didn't get bored that way; I just felt guilty if I rode only one on a busy day."

"Dave usually has one horse shod at a time and since he's away a lot, his horse is really eager to get out there to see what's on the other side of the mountain/hill when he's home to ride. If it were possible, his favorite mount, Holy Smokes, would saddle herself up and bang on the backdoor when she was ready. I've never seen such an eager-to-be-ridden- horse!"

"Good old Chicklette has had a lot of use this year when I've invited friends to come out for a ride. She never puts a foot out of place and is so docile that I can put anyone on her. An old roommate (from 30+ years ago) came for a visit and of course, we rode. She hadn't been on a horse since her right hand was badly bitten during a riding lesson about 10 years ago. It took a couple of years of physiotherapy to regain the use of her hand. (She is a right-handed dental hygienist). When I suggested a ride she didn't hesitate to agree. Later, just before we mounted up, I remembered her accident, and started to assure her that she would be safe on Chicklette. She just grinned and said, "I know, I trust you!" Then we proceeded to have a great ride."

"In September Rick Bates was back to start my 3 year old geldings. They are such big eager fellows and couldn't wait for their turn to be educated. I rode each of them myself the last day (#20), and I was very

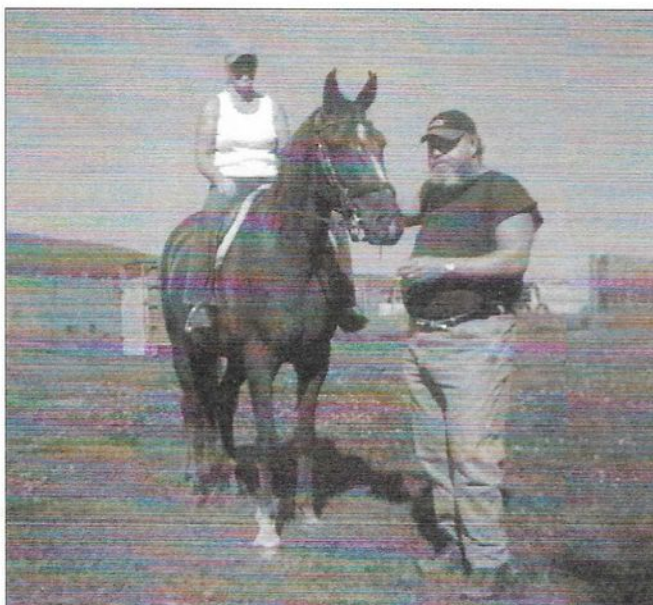
pleased with how nicely they went under saddle in such a short time. It's really nice to have someone who will come to our place to train as I can watch techniques and progress so I'll know how to ride each of the horses before I climb all the way up there. (Did I mention these boys are BIG?)."

"In October I managed to get a cold for the first time in two and a half years. The horses went on holidays while I felt sorry for myself. Two fellows are coming in everyday for some ground work and maybe a little bareback riding but it's pretty low key training. All the same, they wait at the gate for me every morning so it must be fun."

"Penny and Ed Arneson who bought Flashback (Topaz Merry Go x Jester's Snappy Lil) from us a few years ago stopped in a couple of weeks ago on their way back from a weekend at Mesa Butte. It was nice to see them and 'Flash' again. They do a lot of riding in the mountains and their horses are in top condition."

"It's time to get out there and visit all my animal friends before I take off for work again. Let's hope the winter will be mild so we can all keep riding."

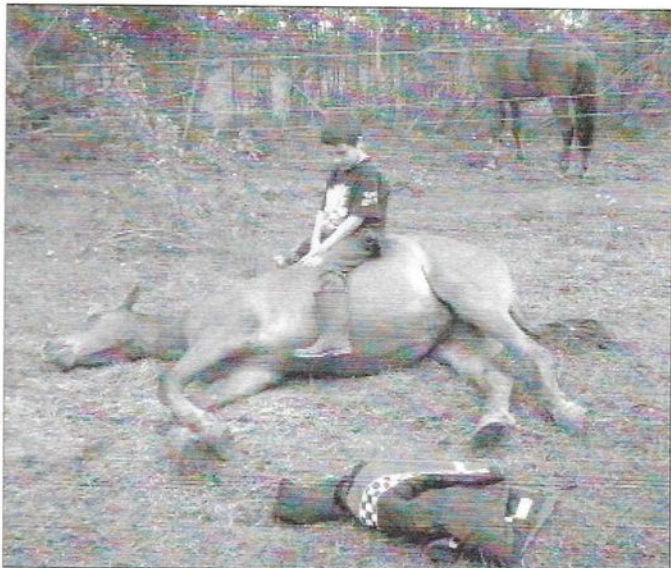
"Below is a picture of Hot Rod & his owner Rebecca Secord with her husband Ted Secord. It turns out that Hot Rod was an anniversary gift from Ted to Rebecca."



BILL HOWES, STONY PLAIN, was recently seen scouting out Mexico, (Yucatan province in particular) and got himself engaged to a fine Senora. 'Veronica' will be coming at Christmas for the ultimate test of 'life in Canada'. She loves horses, life and her 'man'."

From LISA LAMBERT, PRIDES NOBLE WALKERS, PERRYVALE, "I always see your column "What Do You Do With Your Horses?" Well, we love them, have used them in 4-H, trail rides and just give them a hug when we need one ourselves.

"We also love to show off our horses – isn't she purdy! Spirit, now three and under saddle, did well at the WCR show. Our horses are so used to the kids it doesn't faze them when they get jumped on. This photo is of Spirit when she was just two. Guess Robert was getting her used to what was to come the following year." (Below)



"I'm so proud of all my horses. If I was asked to sell one horse and the amount was unlimited, I still don't think I could part with one. I wouldn't be able to pick. My husband says they all have a price, and I have been offered good money for some but they are just not for sale. I often get calls in the fall asking if I have any "Pride" babies for sale, but by the time fall comes I'm all sold out. So if you want a "Pride" baby you have to act fast. My site lists which mares are pregnant and their due dates, and my foals so far have all been sold before their first month of life. In fact, of my 14 head of horses, 4 of them are foals from Pride that just are not for sale - not now, not ever. With dispositions like Spirit's, how could I? They are truly amazing, stars in the ring and on the trail, great with kids - what more could I ask for?"

"On September 20th, That Genius Look (sold to Trageen Baugart of Cal) foaled a beautiful black colt. The dad is none other than... Pride's Undertaker! He is 20 this year and so far he still is batting 100%. I am so happy! I think my heart will die when he leaves me."

"I learn so much from my groups. I thought you might find this interesting for the *WHN* from Barb on the TWH Legacy Group. "This is something I didn't know. I have an old video of the world grand champions from the 60's to the 80's. I was editing it on

my computer and this flashed up...."

"Trainers shut down the '72 celebration following a huge dismissal of entries presumed to be a violation of the horse protection act by the USDA. The show did not continue that evening."

"It's interesting that they canceled the WGC show they had planned this month after the USDA recently said, quote "laid down an ultimatum: The industry must clean itself up, or force the government to do it for them."

LAURIE INNOCENT, LAURINDALE STABLES, writes, "In case anyone hasn't heard yet, Laurindale Stables is moving to DRAYTON VALLEY! We have purchased a quarter of land right on Hwy. 22. It is on the west side of the highway about halfway between DV and Hwy. 16. We will be offering all the same services plus more! Although my website will still be up and running, my email access will be limited until October 24th. We will be getting a new phone number soon as well. Please feel free to drop in for coffee as it will still ALWAYS be on!"

STAN POTTER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, writes, "My horse has become like lightning this year in the fast walk. I can hardly believe how fast he is. Any other breed would have to lope to keep up. Do you remember which issue it was that Eldon Eadie wrote about how to calculate speed in the fast walk?"

"By the way, I thought all the TWH representatives at Spruce Meadows did a fantastic job presenting our breed. The lady who is nearly 80 doing the rocking horse canter was a delight to watch."

"In the August issue Allanna Jackson said 8 mph is max in the running walk but at Spruce Meadows we were told that they can go up to 20 mph in that gait. Who is right?"

"I ran into a 72 year old Quarter Horse breeder today who saw my horse, recognized him as a TWH, and knew he descended from a line he had ridden before in Montana just by looking at him!"

I received this note from MRS. WAYNE BURBANK, FORT MCLEOD, "I'm sorry to inform you that my husband, Wayne, passed away on the 13th of May, 2006, after a hard fought case of liver cancer. He really loved this magazine, but I don't read horse magazines, so please cancel our subscription. Thank you ever so much."

We are so sorry for your loss.

On a further sad note, another TWH breeder and owner, WINSTON CURTIS of WINFIELD passed away recently. Our condolences go out to Donna Curtis and family.

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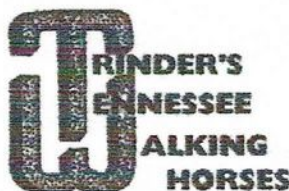
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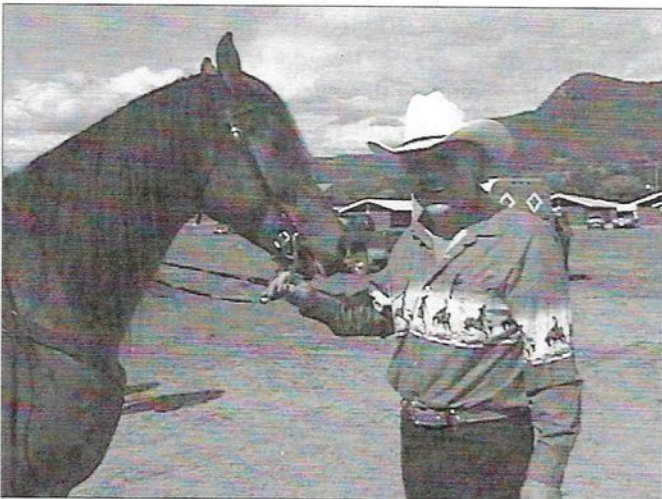
BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

DEBBIE AND DAVE SMITH, MAPLE RIDGE, write, "Greetings from Tower Ridge Farm. Summer has come and gone and wasn't it lovely? Couldn't decide to ride or go to the beach - but it was easy - after chores we went swimming when it was hot, and had a gorgeous sunset ride each evening when it cooled down. The only trouble we had was with those pesky hornets. My poor Peruvian got stung twice this year, one leaving a huge welt on his rump. Luckily Natalie Speckmaier and her Tennessee Walker mare, Trigger, were not stung this year. A few years back, we were sure that Trigger got them up her nose when she stepped into a nest, poor horse!"

"Some friends out riding had their horses step into a nest and were chased by a swarm. Horses were stung, girls were bucked off, stung, stung again, horses ran off! A terrible incident but all survived with no real injuries. Now with the cold and wet the hornets should all be long gone... until next year."

"The riding has been spectacular in October. We are so lucky to have such nice weather, and the leaves in a colorful array of gold and red. The trails are in wonderful shape and we are hoping for a drier winter so we can enjoy our riding even when it's cold."

"The Golden Ears Endurance Ride in Maple Ridge on July 22 was a HOT 34C. Dave entered Ziggy in the 28 miler. It was the first for the horse, and Dave had done a lot of training miles, so they were READY! The heat and humidity were factors in the ride, veterinarians were double and triple checking vital signs as horses entered into the vet checks. NO horse was allowed to continue if there was the least bit of trouble. Some horses were pulled and did not continue. Dave and Ziggy finished in around the 5 hour mark. They sure weren't among the first to finish but they did finish and were both in good health, both passing the vet check with high marks. A long hot day, but it was exciting, and remember, "TO FINISH IS TO WIN!"



"We had a lovely visit from Joe and Terry Kinch from Vancouver Island with their horses Dusty and Max and dog Talea. They stayed a few days, stopping here before traveling to the Kane Valley near Merrit, B.C. The riding in that area is gorgeous and the stories Joe and Terry returned with were interesting and entertaining. Terry sure can make a wicked fruit pie..."

"Got a chance to see Joyce Patterson in Keremeos in the fall. Had a lovely time saw her beautiful horses. Just loved her Paso mare! We had a good visit and were sorry to have to leave, but will try to get up in that area again some time. Timed it right, as a day after returning home, there was a big dump of snow through the pass."

"Also had a total farm tour at Gina and Ralph Myhills-Jones's Trillium Grove. Their Walking Horses, Diamond and Dixie, love the leisurely way of life, but it sounds like Dixie will get back to doing work again and that big belly will surely shrink... The pony, cow, alpaca, llama, sheep, chickens, turkeys, bunnies and dogs were so entertaining. Gina said all the stalls and pens have animals in them now, so **no more!!** Can you believe it was the end of October and we were picking strawberries and raspberries from her garden?"

"Genevieve Amy approached us to lease a quiet gentle gaited horse. She'd had a long absence from riding and wanted to start off slowly. After a few months she purchased two Walkers for her and her husband, and has moved them closer to where she lives. Natalie and I sure miss her bubbly personality and all the fun and laughter we had when we hit the trails. Never did see the big black bear on our rides. I'm sure he could hear us coming a mile away and ran in the other direction!"

"A couple of our horses have been sold and have headed up to the Cariboo Country. I got a chance to visit both Artics Kit Kat and Go Boys Blue Smokey over the summer. They both have wonderful new homes and new families. We have our barn full of boarders and/or training horses and more coming, so we keep doing the juggling act. Thank goodness we have two other barns to shuffle our own horses to."

"Wishing everyone a good winter and hope your barn's all full of hay. May all your trails be happy in 2007."

From LEONARD DAHLE, CLEARWATER, "Well, we got our garden all out and our hay all in the shed. We will only winter two cows & calves this year, plus the 3 TWH, Prince, Casey, Lacy, and our 3 year old Morgan gelding, Smokey. We have been having good weather but need rain badly. The North Thompson River is lower than I've seen in the 30 plus years I've lived here. Our wells are low also."

"Jean and I rode a little. We took our matched bay Walkers, Prince & Casey, in the Barriere Fall Fair & Rodeo Parade and took home a second place ribbon!"



From NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, "We had a great two and a half hour ride on Monday and just *had* to take pictures of the fall colors before they got ground into the trails. It was so beautiful in there, and then the sun came out to filter through the trees. Pure magic. I thought you'd enjoy our beautiful BC scenery." (*Wish I could put it in colour!*)

"Trigger certainly enjoys our outings and doesn't seem to mind all the activity adjacent to our trails. There's a new subdivision where treed farmland had been for eons and now there's a new one going up on a hillside next to another trail. Big, scary, noisy backhoes with arms that reach out to eat any passing horses, a black bear crossing our path one time, and Trigger just motors along. I give some credit to her daily doses of B1 and Mare Magic, but it's also that she has a job to do, and wants to do it well. We sure have fun playing cowboy!"

From DON & JO-ANNE McDONALD, McDONALD FARMS, POUCE COUPE, "Just a note to let you know what is going on in the Peace. We have had a busy summer, trying to find hay for the horses in this seemingly never-ending drought. We had very little run-off in the spring and virtually no rainfall of any consequence during the summer. Old Timers are saying they have never seen it so dry. It's snowing now so I hope it continues. (Who would ever have thought that I would put *that* in print?)"

"We stood Marjorie and Charles Lacy's beautiful palomino stallion, Uphill Heir Trigger (aka Smoky) this summer and he was a busy boy for his first year at public stud. He seems to have settled all the mares, so hopefully there will be some bundles of golden joy in the spring."

"We have sold three horses this year that have made the long journey to Europe. One mare, Shakin' Sox (Canadian Shaker x Monterey Gold), has a new home in Italy with Angelo Guerci. Sox was the last mare from our now deceased Monterey Gold. We had decided not to sell her for that reason but Angelo had seen a picture of her full sister, Shakin' Lacy Lady, and really wanted a mare of that type and color pattern. I believe that Sox is the very first Canadian bred Walking Horse to make her home in Italy."

"Another full brother Shakin' The Fox is also in Europe. In total we have 4 horses there that were born and bred here & 5 that are sired by our farm's stallions."

"The Europeans are very particular about the type of horse that they import and want one that will do a natural running walk barefoot, without manipulation. We have been very lucky in that all the horses that have gone to Europe were of excellent gait quality and temperament so they fit the bill exactly."

"Someone was wondering in *Walking Horse News* a few issues ago about where all the good old-fashioned walking horses had gone... Well, it is my opinion that quite a number of them are making their way to Europe. This in the end will be Canada's loss but will certainly provide a perfect foundation for the European Walking Horse of the future."

"Please extend Angelo's subscription with our compliments. We wish him well with his TWH breeding venture."

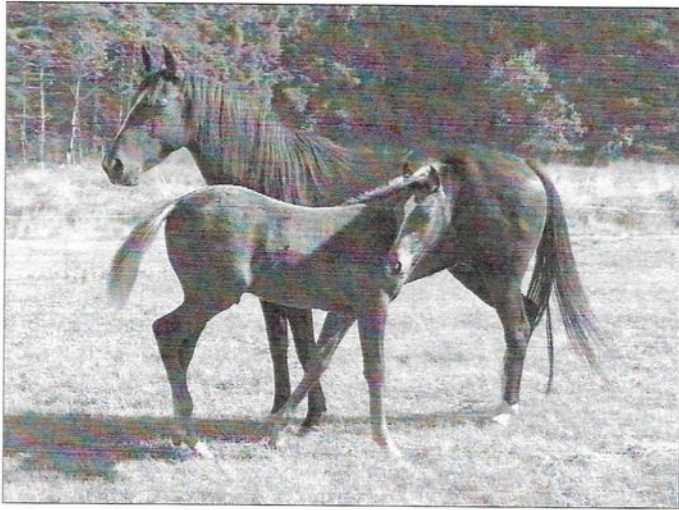
9th ANNUAL GAITED HORSE SHOW ARMSTRONG, BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Open Gaited Horse Show was held June 17, 2006 at the Armstrong Fairgrounds. Phil Wright of Salmon Arm was the Judge for the show and did a superb job. Hats off to Brenda Bettles - You did a fabulous job organizing this event once again.

Ziggy (Sir Zigmund Floyd, a Tennessee Walker) enjoyed exchanging riders Lisa Riedler (owner) and Dave Smith (trainer) in the various classes they were entered that day. Genevieve Amy and Jessica Simpson had a blast with Go Boys Blue Smokee, a Missouri Foxtrotter, in the classes they participated in.

Everyone brought home a fist full of ribbons, great stories, and all enjoyed themselves immensely. The Poker Ride the next day was a wonderful wrap-up for the weekend. Our biggest THANKS to all involved. See ya next year! from all the crew at Tower Ridge Farm.

Debbie Smith



RON & LIZ TAYLOR, LADYSMITH write, "Here's a picture of our first foal out of our mare Boothills Doodle Tina Z and The Power Broker. We've named the colt TaylorMade Power Raider. He was born May 28th and was our first attempt at artificial insemination. Our thanks go to Dale & Laurie Innocent of Laurindale Stables, D & R Veterinary Services of Wetaskiwin, Alberta and Dr. Chris Archibald of Alderlea Veterinary Services of Duncan, BC and Air Canada Cargo. Their coordinated efforts and experience helped bring this little guy into our lives."

"The summer has been hectic for us, but we have spent many hours watching Raider's antics as he's brought new life back to our 30+ year old gelding, Rainy who is his best buddy.

"Looking forward to October, I plan to audit Jonathan Field's Level Three Parelli Clinic Oct. 13-16th here on Vancouver Island and then the next weekend will take in the Mane Event in Chilliwack."

"Here's wishing everyone safe, happy trails this fall."

From FRAN THOMAS, PRINCE GEORGE, "Just got home from a Search & Rescue meeting. We held our 3rd Annual Poker Ride on Sunday. It was very successful. We had 94 riders and sold 10 extra hands. The day was beautiful and everyone had a great time."

"I was able to go to Quesnel, south of PG, for an Advanced Tracking Course the first weekend in October. I am happy to say I passed. We tracked in the pouring rain and at night in the dark, learned to track through water and across pavement. All in all it was an awesome weekend, and we met some new teams from other parts of BC so it was great!"

"I have been meaning to send you an email to thank you for putting my articles in your newsletter. They turned out great, and I have shown my copies to many people and they were all really impressed with your newsletter presentation, not just my story."

"As for the bear story it was the perfect time of

year when so many people are out and about, hunting and hiking before the bears are off to bed for the winter. That is my favourite song now - "The Bears are gone to Be-ed!"

"I am still doing physiotherapy three times a week. It's been a long haul, but after such a major accident I am thankful to be alive, and I *did* ride one of my horses in the round pen..."

MANITOBA NEWS

ED ZACHARY, ERICKSON, writes, "With regard to your story 'Some Prairie History' in the M/A 2006 issue, about the TWH imported to Canada in the late forties, early fifties, there is one person who could help, and that is Herb Gregger. He leased Ray Waterbury's mares. So he is the only link back to that time that I can think of. He is supposed to be retiring in the Vernon area of BC."

"I think your research was very good. I doubt if you'll get any closer to the facts than you already have."

From KEITH DOLL, DOLL'S TENNESSEE WALKERS, DOUGLAS, "Here it is, better late than never. I'm renewing for two years as things get so hectic around here that those renewal things seem to get forgotten."

"I was in *shock* seeing you sitting on that poor little colt, Drummer, in the last magazine. (I thought I was the only one with 'aged colts'!)"

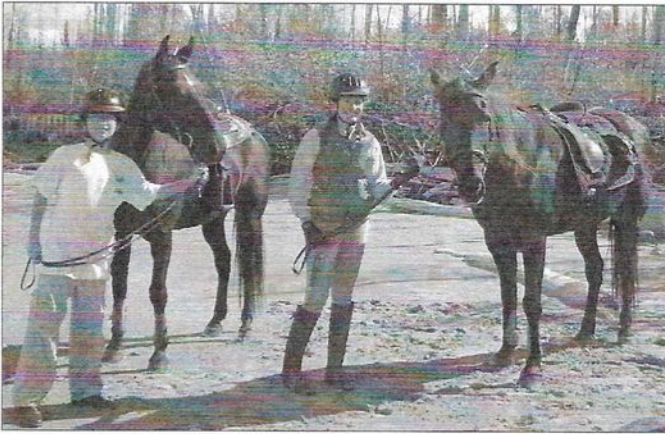
"I greatly enjoyed the article on the US TWH World Grand Championship Class. The 'buzzing' is long overdue (since 1970?) and it's about time those people got their come-uppance. Wonder how many court cases there will be against the USDA and DQPs?"

"Our hot dry summer finally broke in mid-September. We got enough rain to get the grass growing again in time for winter. The summer was so hot and dry that the jack rabbits were carrying canteens and umbrellas!"

"We did manage to get in a little riding, but didn't hitch the team from May until October. My two crossbred TWH/Percheron geldings are rising four years in the spring and are just starting to bulk up now. Must get them driving soon."

ASHLEY WELLS, DELEAU, writes, "I would love to have a subscription to *Walking Horse News*. Enclosed is a check for \$36 and I look forward to getting my first magazine. I love Tennessee Walking Horses and look forward to purchasing two in the spring."

ONTARIO NEWS



ROSEMARY HARTLEY, CEDAR'S HOLLOW, NIPIGON, writes, "Here is a bit of an update as to what has been happening at home. I brought my horses home permanently just over a year ago. I managed to complete the barn and stalls just before the horses arrived. The rest will get done when needed. A tack room is on the list. It has been great having the horses at home to work around my schedule. It is also a fantastic way to start every morning."

"Last year I purchased Skip (Shadow's Barago-G by Go Shadow Go x Gift's Magic Dream) from Westridge Farms, Calgary. He is the perfect horse. Extremely sensible, he has great confidence with novice riders and yet has an energetic side, which comes into play when he is asked to move out with a more experienced rider. I have to thank Carol Hall for entrusting him to me. We love him. He is keeping Cedar young."

"I rode Cedar (Marilee Cedar Son) in a competitive trail ride in Manitoba in the spring and we came in 10th out of 15 riders. I am happy with that placing since Cedar is 20 years of age and does not settle well when strange horses are in his space. (His heart rate can go up for no other reason than a new horse rode in). I rode with Denise Ham on Sierra (Jus' So Much Pride) who finished 5th and Rachel Hill on Ransom (Dakota's Ransom) who finished 6th. I was able to crew for Rachel and Ransom on an earlier endurance ride and they *just* missed out on a first place finish. The vet checked Ransom just after the first place horse and Ransom's heart rate was well below the required level. If Ransom had been checked first he would have been first. It was a good race regardless. Skip and I were to participate in an endurance ride in Manitoba this fall with Rachel and Ransom, but work interfered with those plans."

"The fall has been fantastic for riding. I have

been doing a lot of lone miles, which I enjoy, mainly because we are bug-free in the fall. Camping with the horses and close friends is always better, but busy lives keep that from happening too often."

"To the left is a photo of my son Kyle with Skip, and me with Cedar on a beach ride we did last fall with Denise Ham on Sierra and Denise's son, Darian on Max (A&B Choice Cut). Although I expect to ride there again, that ride, on that day, with that company, was a once in a lifetime experience. It was a fall day with a cool off-shore breeze. No one else was on the beach. The beach sand was packed and it went on for miles. The feeling is still with me."

From KIM PRINGLE, PRINGLE FARMS, ARDEN, "Trackin' On Heir is coming back from an injury with the help of Parelli Natural Horsemanship. As some of you may know 2 ½ years ago Tracker hurt his back when he rolled under a fence. This fall I have started to bring this wonderful horse back under saddle using Parelli Natural Horsemanship. It is a labor of love. Tracker is "My Boy" and we have accomplished a lot together over the years. We now have our 'eye' on some new goals. This is a new chapter for us and it has been a joy. We have had a few good laughs, all out cheering, and times when I say, "How Interesting...". We have finished most of our Level 1 and have started some of Level 2."

"This year I have also made the move to GO BAREFOOT. I am now trimming Walking Horses with a High Performance Barefoot Trim. (No more shoes.) I will send updates on Tracker and my move away from shoes to go Natural, Barefoot."

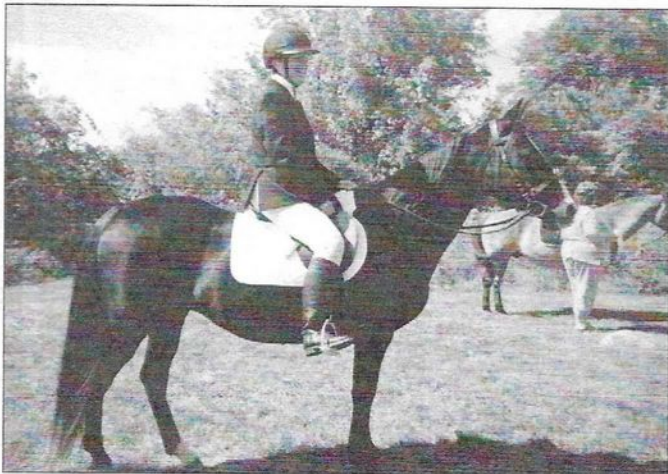
"By the time this edition is printed my new web page (www.kimpringle.com) will be out. Please come by and visit. I hope everyone is doing well and is enjoying the great fall weather."

KATHY MINOR, KARS, writes, "Thanks so much for the complimentary copy of *Walking Horse News*. Enclosed is my subscription to this excellent magazine. As I wrote in the last issue, I am new to Tennessee Walking Horses. I owe a large debt of gratitude to Kim Pringle who introduced me to the breed, taught me so much about them, and then sold me her mare, Flicka. She is a kind and gentle horse who is a wonderful mount and an excellent ambassador for the breed. I am primarily interested in trail riding and also have some interest in dressage which is a major focus here in the Ottawa area."

"The Jenny Jackson Clinic in May introduced us to the Walking Horse dressage tests and I put some effort into them as a way of increasing my

mare's fitness, rhythm and accuracy of gaits. Combined with frequent two to three hour rides out with friends, Flicka improved dramatically over the summer months. The result is a much more athletic horse who is great on trails and also focused and accurate enough to score well in the entry level dressage tests we did this summer. The photo (*below*) is of Flicka and me at the final dressage schooling show in our area on September 10. She did an excellent job and we scored 69%."

"Up until this summer, Flicka had never cantered. Then we started to see a nice relaxed canter when she was playing with her pasture mate. This indicates to me that my program has been successful, and she has developed the power in her hindquarters to enable her to add the canter to her movement. I was very pleased to hear from Kim that another Jenny Jackson Clinic is being arranged for next spring. My next goal – get that canter going under saddle! Wish me luck."



NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

From SANDY ALMO, CEDAR HILL, MISSOURI, "Unfortunately, due to my having to have back surgery in April (unexpected and didn't have time to save money for bill payment), I had to sell the lovely white sabino colt, Iceman, back to Diane. It broke both my and my husband's hearts to have to do that. I also had to sell the mare that I had hoped to keep as a future "foundation" broodmare for my breeding program."

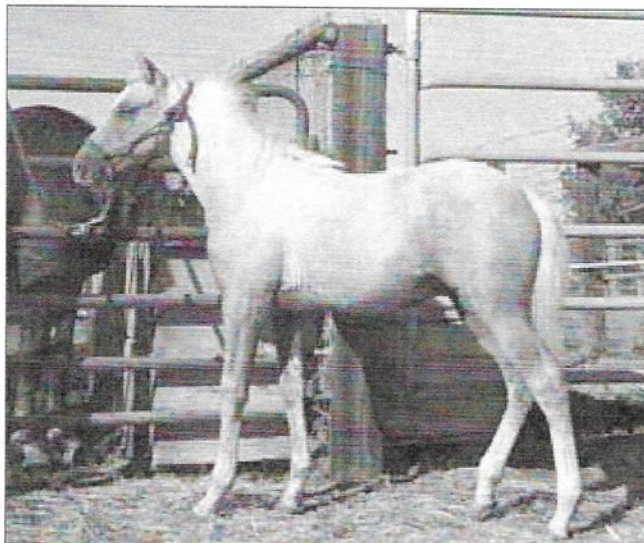
"The *GOOD* news is, I have put a deposit on another stallion - a very nice minimal black sabino. He's 14 years old, has a glide ride *to die for*, and he's extremely gentle and well broke. It might take me a while to get him paid for, but I'm very excited about finding him. He's got very nice bloodlines to boot. When I get him home, maybe I can compose a little article about him. I took some absolutely wonderful photos of him. They almost look like a professional took them!"

GRACE LARSON, FORSYTH, MONTANA, writes, "We have lots of mud here. A wet, cold snowstorm came through on the 16th. After that it rained for a couple of days. We are trying not to complain because it's been such a dry year. We have postponed the farrier's visit and worming for now. If it doesn't freeze soon we will go ahead and worm the horses, then do so again in December."

"We ordered 3 of the rope halters Lisa Lambert makes. Lyle commented the other day that he sure likes these halters and doesn't want to use anything else. I like them too. They fit nice and are easy to put on and take off. The horses respond to them better than they did to the nylon halters. We had Lisa do the extra braiding on the nose bands."

"Below is a photo of Owyhee Belle's palomino filly sired by Goldust. I traced her pedigree back to Dan Patch and Yellow Jacket. She is double bred Dan Patch. We may keep her at least for a while. I think she will shed off to a darker gold next spring. Marigold's cream sabino filly may change color in the spring. It is so hard to tell with a sabino the first year. We sent in 2 color changes on a colt that we sold a few years ago. He was born chestnut sabino, then turned blue sabino, then back to the chestnut. In the end his color is blue roan sabino. He was the 3rd foal we had that changed color like that. I'm sure Marigold's filly will surprise us with her color next year. We named Lacey's black filly Little Star Flag as she was born on the US Flag Day. Flag and Mari Blon are both by GLL's Sun Chief."

"Our garden did poorly because of the heat. Hardly any tomatoes ripened so we put them in the basement so they wouldn't freeze. That was a week and a half ago and to date we have canned 54 quarts! The squash and corn did well. The zucchini was slow to produce and did very little. *That* says it all about the hot, dry summer!"





What do YOU do with your Walkers?

(Photo above)

From Keith Doll, Douglas, MB:

“Above is Celine on ‘Diablo’,
with my horse, ‘Tillie’.

We did manage to get in a little riding
despite our scorching summer.

(It was so hot and dry
that the *jack rabbits* were carrying
canteens and umbrellas...)”



(Photo above)

From Lisa Lambert,
Prides Noble Walkers, Perryvale, AB:

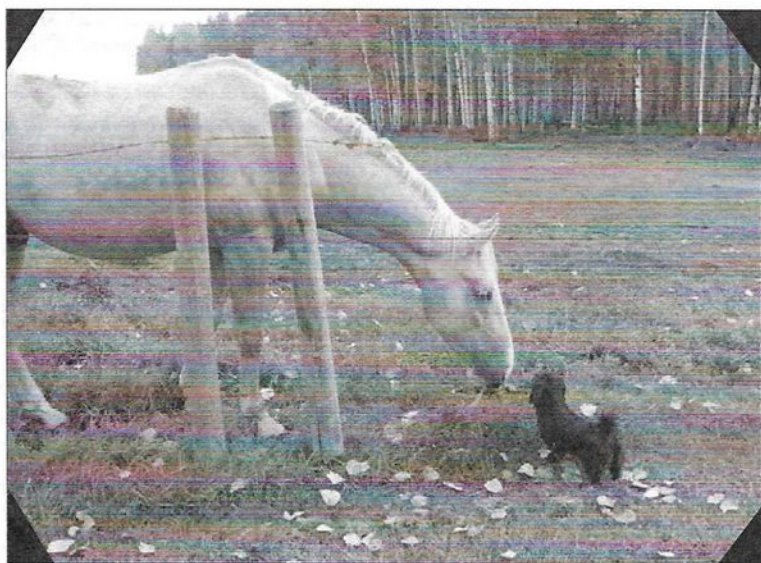
“This is my husband reading a sign to try
to figure out where we were on the trail.
His mount is Lady, a 21 year old mare.

Tiffani is on Dancer,
a 6 year old mare.”

(Photo left)

Marianne Wray, Caroline, AB says,

“Lily, our six month old
black Maltese/ShihTzu
was determined to sniff our stud, Jesse,
but also felt very intimidated by his size.”





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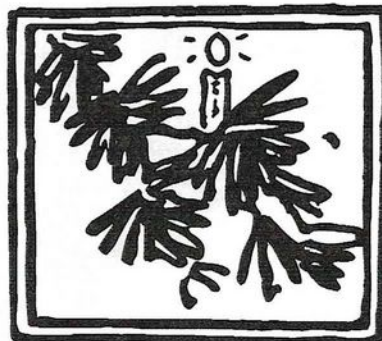
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*to You All in the New Year!
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CHECK THE WEBSITE!

If you haven't visited our website (www.crtwh.ca) recently, please do! There are a number of new sections, and we are planning several more. It was suggested that a FAQ (frequently asked questions) department would be useful. A slide show, too, is in the works.

We'd also like suggestions from you, the members, as to what you want added. Write, phone or email me with your ideas.

(president@crtwh.ca)

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25th ANNIVERSARY

We are entering the 25th year since CRTWH was formed in 1982. Next November marks our 25th Anniversary, and we hope to celebrate through-out this year with new programs, and up-dates to existing ones.

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FIRST 'GATHERING'

The first ever 'Gathering' for 'The Canadian' Program For Excellence was held October 21/06 at Cloudwalker Stables at Strathmore, Alberta. Approximately 14 horses were videotaped for evaluation. A big 'Thank-you' to Bill & Deloris Salt and Keith Oberle, for organizing it, and to the videographer, Jim Deyell.

Thank you also to those who sent videos made at home. In all, approximately 20 TWH will be evaluated for the 2006 PFE.



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THE TRAINING TREE: 9. ON THE AIDS

by Ron Meredith, President, Meredith Manor International Equestrian Centre

A lot of the terms that horse people use have been misused and overused to the point that they are no longer meaningful. Because the term means different things to different people, it is more apt to be mythunderstood than it is to be helpful, especially in a training situation. Saying that a horse is "on the bit" is one of those terms. As a horse gets near the top of the training tree, we like to talk about him being "on the aids" rather than being on the bit.

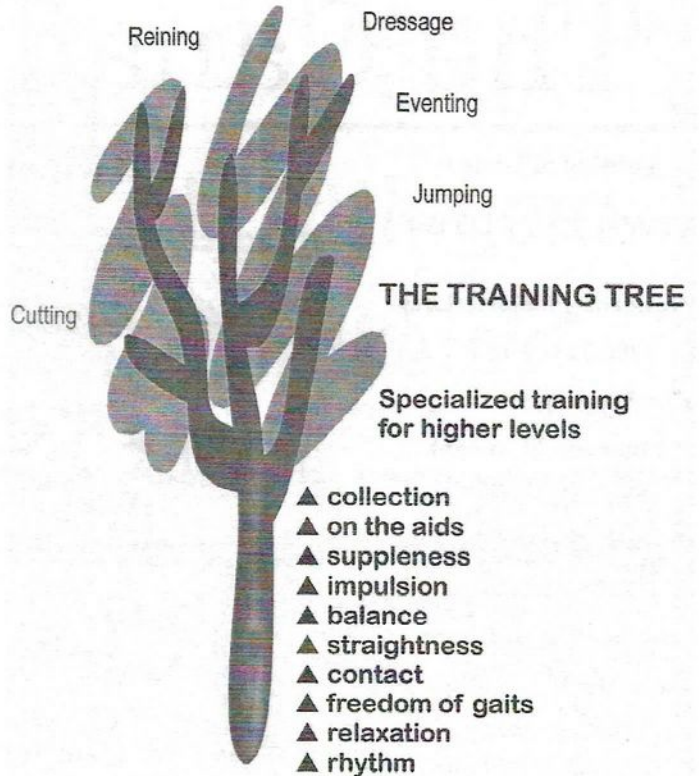
Saying that a horse is on the aids takes the focus off a mental picture of the horse's mouth and front end. It puts it on the horse's whole body and on the whole package of communication tools that the rider should be using and the horse understanding at this level in the training. A horse that is on the aids:

- * Offers no signs of resistance to the rider's aids,
- * Instantly responds to all of the rider's aids,
- * Is muscularly connected from his hocks through his back and neck to the bit because the rider's whole circle of aids is closed.

Remember that at the very bottom of the training tree, we started out asking the horse to move with rhythm and relaxation. As he moves up the training tree, we don't want him to lose those basics. As we get closer and closer to where he's going to be at the top of his game, we're making a lot more physical demands on him. If we've taken the time to bring him up through all the in-between training levels, methodically developing his body as well as his mind, he's still going to be rhythmic and relaxed as he reaches the top.

Resistance means that the horse has lost that basic rhythm and relaxation. You'll know he's lost it if he goes around with his mouth open, or his teeth grinding, or his ears pinned, or his tail swishing, or some other indicator that he's uncomfortable about something. The trainer needs to back down the training tree until she finds the place where the horse's comfort turns to discomfort, solve the problem, and work back up from there.

When we talk about a horse responding instantly to the aids we really mean that the communication between the horse and rider is so subtle it's basically invisible. Sometimes people talk about a horse being "obedient" to the rider's aids. That's a mythunderstood term, too. Obedience implies things like dominance and subservience. It makes it sound like communication is one-way street. The rider tells the horse what to do and



the horse's job is to do it right away. A lot of people ride with this attitude.

Communication between the horse and rider should always be two way. When the horse was a baby green learner, we made sure that we first *showed* him what we wanted him to do. When he understood that, then we could *ask* him what to do. When we were sure he understood what we were asking, we could *tell* him what to do, or reinforce our asking, if he didn't respond to our aids.

To get that invisible connection, the rider has to ride stride by stride by stride and keep her focus on her horse *now* and *now* and *now*. When a horse is "on the aids," the rider asks, the horse listens, the horse responds, and his response gives the rider feedback about how to apply her aids at the next stride. So invisible 'obedient to the aids' is as much the rider's responsibility as the horse's. It isn't just about the horse being obedient and doing whatever the rider told him to do.

The rider also has a responsibility for making sure that the horse has a muscular connection from his hocks through his back and neck to the bit. In order for the horse to give her that response, she has to make sure her whole circle of aids is closed. That means that she is

coordinating her seat and weight aids, leg aids, and rein aids so that none of the horse's energy leaks out anywhere. He's using all of his body with just the right degree of muscular tension to correctly take the shape she's asking for at the speed she's asking for, stride by stride by stride.

Being on the aids is hard work for both the horse and the rider. If you ride an advanced level horse for 40 minutes you're not likely to have him on the aids that whole time. But as the horse comes farther along in his training and as your partnership with him develops and your communication becomes more and more sophisticated, those moments when you and the horse are 100 percent in sync will come more and more often. That's the sweet spot that makes all the hard work up to this point worth every minute. It's that quiet thrill when, even for just a few moments, everything is perfect.

Good training is boring. When the rider is keeping everything relaxed, everything consistent, everything logical - it looks like nothing is happening. A lot is going on between you and the horse, and it's probably not all that boring for you as you work with him. But someone watching often times isn't seeing a whole lot happening. And maybe it can even be a little boring for the trainer who's starting his ninety-fifth young horse and he's just kind of waiting for it to come along and there's not much satisfaction yet. Then comes one of those moments when everything comes together and you feel like all you have to do is think something and the horse understands it. That's what it feels like when a horse is on the aids.

Instructor & trainer Ron Meredith has refined his "horse logical" methods for communicating with equines over 30 years as president of Meredith Manor International Equestrian Centre, (Route 1, Box 66, Waverly, WV 26184; 1-304-679-3128; <http://www.meredithmanor.com>), an ACCET accredited equestrian educational institution.

MOUNTAIN TRAIL HORSE COMPETITION concluded

Still in its infancy, this competition and sale is a great way to showcase good, quiet and talented trail horses and I'm sure with the energy and efforts of the young ladies from Wild Deuce this venue will continue to grow as their reputation spreads.

I'd encourage anyone with a decent trail horse to give it a try. You can just participate in the show or show and consign your horse. This is where the quiet disposition and natural trail skills of our Walkers will really shine. Personally I was uncomfortable to just show up with a horse and try to do justice to it, but after seeing the course, I will plan to be there with horses to enter next year. Their course accurately represents the challenges that we expect of our horses on any given day when we are out on the trail.

Grant Kihn, Hinton, AB

SECOND ANNUAL MOUNTAIN TRAIL HORSE COMPETITION

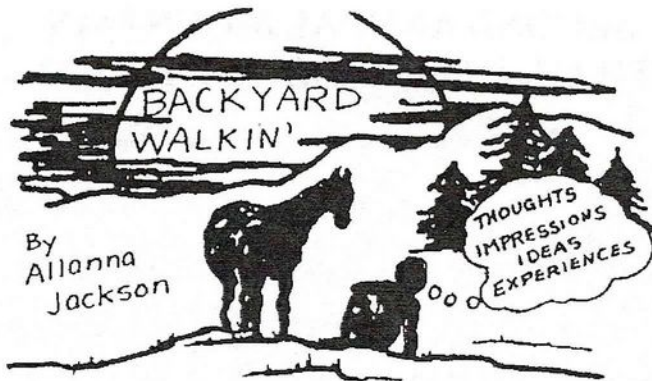
This summer I saw an ad posted in Camrose that tweaked my interest. It was advertising the "Second Annual Mountain Trail Horse Competition And Sale" near Kingman, AB on September 29, 30 and October 1st. I couldn't resist, so we attended the three-day event and were very pleased to see the caliber of horses there. (But unfortunately no gaited horses.) It was put on by Wild Deuce Retreats and Outfitting.

They had a pretty nice trail course set up considering the limitations of the parkland landscape, with a couple of obstacles that challenged a number of horses. They had everything from designer AQHA show horses to a Block horse (CFB Suffield Wild Horse Registry), some Arabs, Standardbreds, etc. Prices of the sale horses ranged from \$900 to \$5,000, with most falling in the \$2,000 + range. It became obvious that colour is a big seller with paints, buckskins and palominos bringing better money over the plain bays, sorrels and chestnuts. This is also supported by a recent article I read in *Western Horseman*.

The trail course consisted of:

- * load and unload from a trailer
- * unbridle and re-bridle your horse
- * ride to the trailer, take the slicker from the trailer and put it on
- * open and read a map and fold it back up and put it in your pocket
- * ride through a camp set-up with a chain saw cutting wood
- * ride through a tarp tunnel
- * jump a log
- * ride a treed course with logs down and back up a slope
- * drop down off a hill into a pool of muddy water
- * drag a log to the fire in camp

The hospitality was remarkable, camping was available and we were made to feel at home and welcomed to the small event. They had a number of local businesses showing their wares as well as numerous raffle items donated by the horse community. Campfire entertainment such as storytellers, a cowboy poet and musicians highlighted the evenings and a couple of great meals were also provided. A tack auction that included everything from packsaddles and gear to English & Western tack, harness, etc. preceded the horse sale. (Continued left.)



BLUE FINDS HER PERSON

by Allanna Jackson

Sam's Blue Blaze was advertised for sale for over 3 years. During that time I received several dozen queries from people who hoped Blue was a bomb-proof, child-safe, perfectly mannered, quiet, steady, reliable, well-broke, pure-gaited running walker that a disabled novice rider could ride in parades or use for 4-H, and take camping in the mountains or on the beach riding in a group or alone. They liked Blue's size, color and price - but nobody wanted a green-broke, teenage, speed racking mare with "issues."

Late one evening in early August 2006 I found a message on my answering machine from Kathy who'd heard about Blue from the local feed store owner. I returned Kathy's call and answered her questions about Blue. She wanted to come see Blue right away but rain and other events kept interfering. During our phone conversations I gave Kathy Blue's history, training, show record, production record, quirks, talents, tricks and unresolved problems. We were finally able to schedule Kathy's visit for 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11.

My gelding died of colic the night of Aug. 10. I couldn't do anything about his body until morning. Kathy said she might be late, but actually arrived 15 minutes early... just after Sunny's body had been winched into a trailer by the people who were hauling him away for burial. That situation made a disconcerting first impression.

I brought out Blue to show Kathy. Blue was instantly open and friendly to Kathy in a way she's never been toward anyone else. When I demonstrated her in-hand and lunge work Blue was more relaxed, mellow and obedient than she had ever been. For the first time in her life Blue calmly cantered both directions on the lunge without falling down! Under saddle Blue was so perfectly relaxed, content and obedient that Kathy could hardly believe

she had not been ridden in over a year. It was the best Blue had ever behaved for me and the only time Blue and I were comfortable with each other about riding.

Kathy then rode Blue in my yard and down the road. Blue was just as calm and obedient for her, with only one minor spook that Kathy handled easily. I have NEVER seen Blue so open, calm, friendly and trusting of a complete stranger! Blue was behaving so well that Kathy was afraid I'd change my mind about selling her. God had finally connected Blue with her special person!

Apparently the 3 years Blue spent loafing around my corral, enjoying good care, observing my training of the other horses, and getting occasional grooming, treats and hugs for no reason allowed Blue to heal - physically, mentally and emotionally.

On Aug. 25, 2006, Kathy bought Blue. Kathy brought a new saddle for a test ride before taking Blue home. Blue was a little dubious about trying on new tack in the rain, but still liked Kathy and responded to her as well as she did to me.

The evening of Aug. 27 Kathy left a message on my answering machine reporting that Friday night 3 of their 7 other horses broke through the fence and chased Blue around. After she'd sorted them all out and put up the fence, Blue hung out as close to the others as she could get, being sociable. Blue told Kathy she missed her fillies so Kathy sympathized with her.

On Saturday a herd of Apache mustangs came charging by the property three times and Blue met up with Kathy's dog.

Sunday Kathy took Blue for a trail ride with their other horses and a friend and her mare. Blue gave Kathy the full 'Tennessee flashback, speed-crazy' treatment plus a few extras she'd never pulled on me, like jumping around about being saddled. Kathy concluded the fuss about saddling was caused by a nasty fly bothering Blue.

Blue tried to do racking races with the other horses, none of them gaited. She gave Kathy a sample of every gait she's got including some canter, which she'd never done under saddle before! Blue side-passed all the way home. When I heard the message I thought, "Uh oh! She's going to want to return Blue."

When I called Kathy Monday morning she was quite cheerful about Blue. Blue was civil with the other mare on Sunday's ride and followed her quietly for a little bit. Blue stopped when Kathy told her "whoa" and put just a little pressure on the reins. Kathy concluded that Blue is a lot of horse but after experiencing Blue at her worst thought she was fun!

I reminded Kathy that she had jumped squarely

into the middle of all the unresolved problems that made Blue a \$2,000 horse, not a \$4,000 horse.

The following week I called Kathy to see how she and Blue were getting along. Kathy had worked Blue harder than she'd been worked in the past 7 years. Blue was barn sour and still doing her speed rack and side-pass home, getting herself so hot that Kathy had to lead her on a long walk to cool her out thoroughly afterwards. Kathy finally started spinning Blue in circles both directions until they're dizzy every time Blue started going sideways and that seemed to be working. In between bouts of 'Tennessee flashback speed crazy' Blue was walking quietly in the line with Kathy's other horses so Kathy rewarded that. Blue was not quite so eager to speed rack uphill so Kathy used that to deal with the speed-craziness too.

Kathy thought it was quite interesting that when they went along the edge of a cliff Blue straightened up and walked along being perfectly sensible - then resumed squirreling around on a safer section of trail. Kathy admitted she's giving Blue the fast track training. However, the basic training I'd given Blue seems to have prepared her to cope with the pressure better.

Kathy is disappointed that a 15-year-old mare is so extremely green. However, because I gave Kathy totally honest full disclosure of everything about Blue, including everything I was not told when I bought her, and presented Blue as she was with no prepping of any kind, Kathy was fairly forewarned of what she was getting. Kathy says she likes a challenge and is determined to make Blue a trail horse.

For those who think it's too expensive or too time consuming to train a young horse right the first time, consider this: It took 7, yes seven, YEARS, to rehabilitate Blue to the green broke training level that everybody expects from a much younger horse. It will take another year of regular riding before Blue is truly well-broke.

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Since the domestication of the horse to serve the needs of mankind, those privileged to own them have needed places to house them. From humble sheds to elaborate stables, equine residences continue to serve both animals and owners. In any given era, special barns or stables have sparked interest and spawned memories in those who work or visit them. In the Tennessee Walking Horse world, utility structures were followed by equine shelters designed to impress as well as to function. Special facilities from the 1940's to the 21st century reward their owners with pleasure while giving visitors the visions to dream on.



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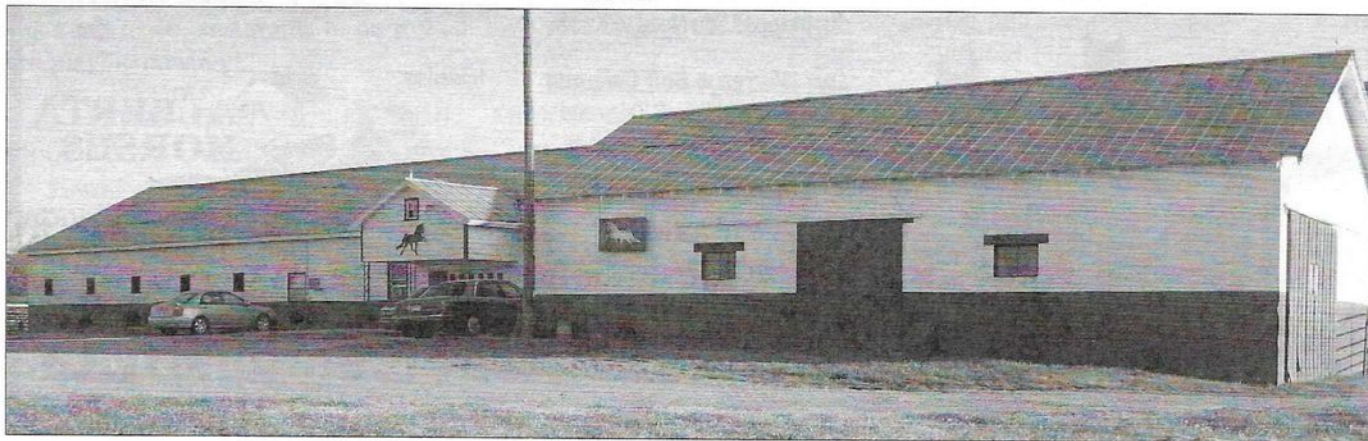
However, as the years passed and the registry created an increasing demand for the breed, the type of

barn on many walking horse farms changed dramatically.

Stephen Wood Beech originally bought a tract of farmland between Belfast and the Farmington community in Marshall County, Tennessee. A mixture of pasture, cropland, and woods, the farm supported the Beech's four children: Billy, Lucille, Betty, and SW II. The Beech family raised hay and row crops, milked dairy cattle, and raised and trained horses. A traditional Tennessee stock barn housed both a jack and the stallion that they stood, a black horse named Brown Allen. The milking parlor was adjacent to the barn that housed the jack and Brown Allen. *(Photo below left. This is the shot of the barn where Brown Allen stood until sold. It has been refurbished on the outside, but is otherwise the same.)* Training horses was a serious activity for the Beech family, not a hobby. Billy and Lucille Beech showed in the first Celebration parade and in the horse show as well. Lucille won a sack of flour with her entry.

The Beech farm was managed by Stephen Beech until his final illness. When his father became sick, SW II moved from Arkansas, where he had been training horses, back to the home place with his wife Margaret and their sons Bobby and SW III. He bought the old Pickle Farm adjacent his father's place, built a brick home for his family, but continued to stand the Walking Horse stallion in the old family barn and milk the cows in the milk barn. He continued to train as well, riding outside with no formal riding ring or fancy arena. The old barn remained the home of Brown Allen from 1945 until 1953, when Glen Luce Farm in nearby Eagleville, Tennessee, purchased the old horse.

In 1947 and 1948, Merry Go Boy won the World's Grand Championship. Owned by C.C. Turner of Broadway, Virginia, Merry Go Boy was sent to the Beech Farm to stand at stud. Now the need for a stud barn arose. *Below is the first stud barn built for Go Boy.*



It looks plain and simple now, but in the forties, it was something. Behind it is the eastern end of the 23 stall show barn, used for visiting mares and halter show colts in the heyday of the Beech Stables show success.

This barn was small and practical, consisting of three large stalls, each equipped with stall guards to prevent the stallions from rubbing out their tails. More mares came to the court of Merry Go Boy than to previous stallions. Previously, the mares who came to Brown Allen's court were ridden to the barn or transported in stock trucks, bred, then sent home. Now, though, the farm needed space for visiting mares, so workers constructed a ten stall mare barn.

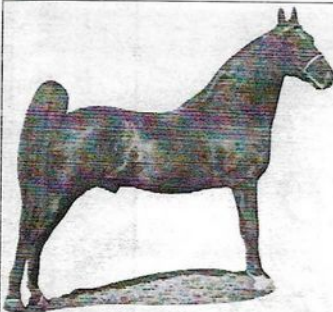
In September of 1962, Ebony Masterpiece was declared World Grand Champion, and retired to stand at stud at the Beech Farm. More success demanded more buildings. A modern show barn was constructed in the fall of that year to accommodate not only more visiting mares, but the halter show weanlings and yearlings which Beech presented with much success. This barn was placed directly behind the stallion barn. It consisted of twenty-three stalls, automatic waterers, a loft on both sides with crosswalk, a wash bay, feed room, tack room, and tool room. All stalls had exterior windows as doors permitting a view of activity in the barn hall. Merry Go Boy and Ebony resided in the anterior stallion barn, with a mare in the stall between them to keep the peace.

In 1964, a new and very modern stallion barn, designed by Steve Beech, was built on a slight rise behind the show barn. This stallion barn had six stalls, each thirty feet long, to provide room for a stallion to exercise indoors or for a mare to move about and foal. This facility featured a breeding room with wash bay, a lab, a kitchen, a feed room, and a tack area with crossties. Skylights illuminated both the hay areas with crosswalk and the ground level. By this time, Merry Go Boy, in his twenties, was developing arthritis, so he received a large stall with turnout area.

Ebony's stall was designed by owner Billy Hale as an extension of the training barn. It was modeled after the stall in which Ebony had lived on Hale's farm, with walls slanting outward to lessen the possibility of Ebony getting cast. This stall also had its own turnout lot, accessed by a door with rotating round metal poles to prevent a horse from bumping his hips if he rushed out.

With each success story in the show ring came a new and different barn. As the breed grew in popularity, so did the need for barns designed to support the new dreams that built with each success. Both Merry Go Boy and Ebony Masterpiece were popular and successful sires. Both lived out their lives and died in the stallion barns created for them at S.W. Beech Stables, and their graves stand beside the barns where they became breeding legends.

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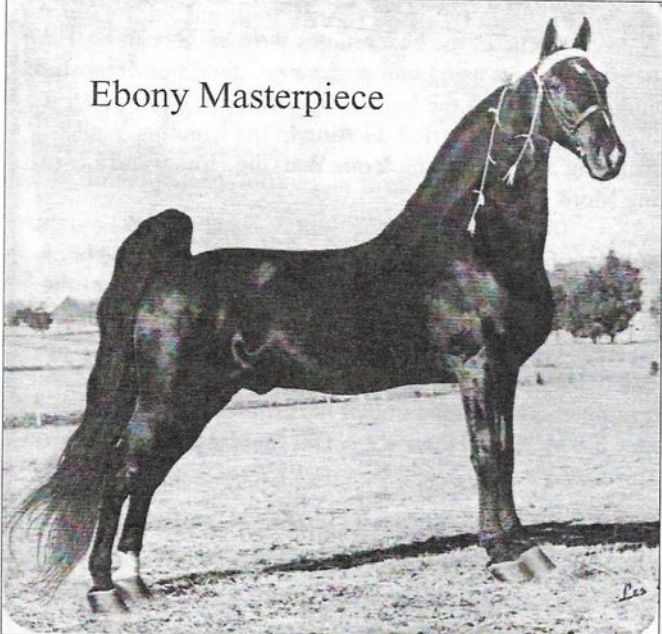
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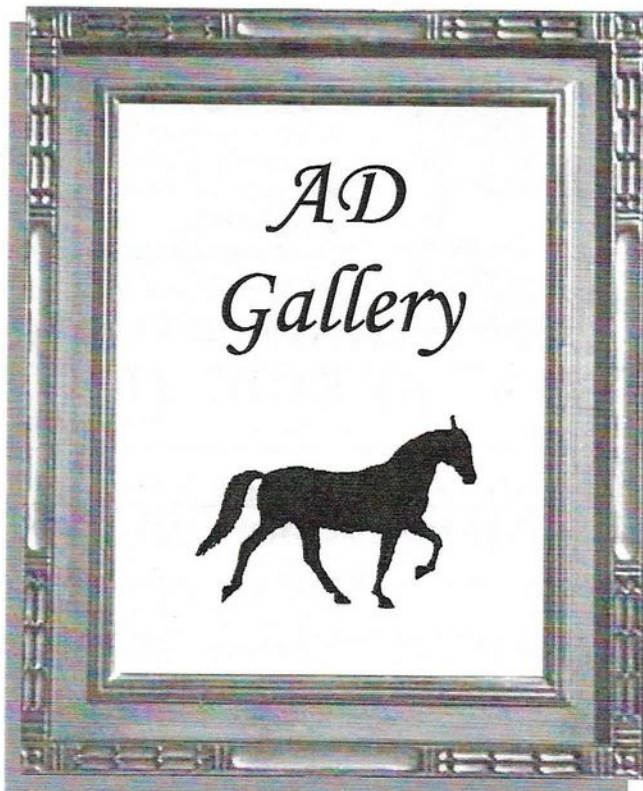
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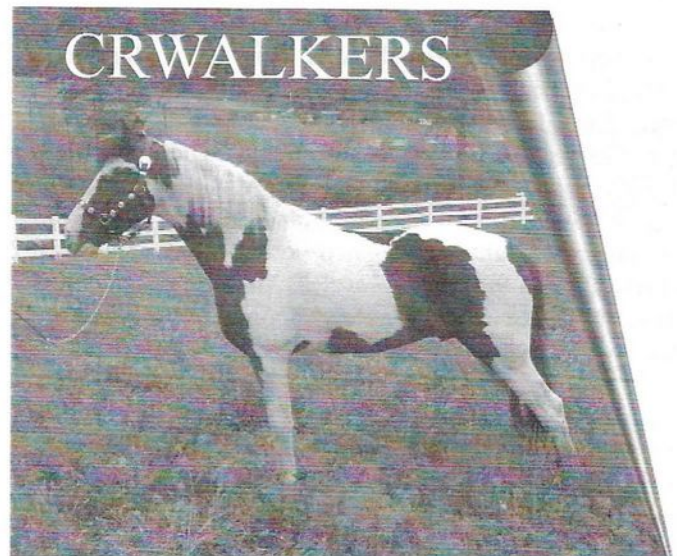
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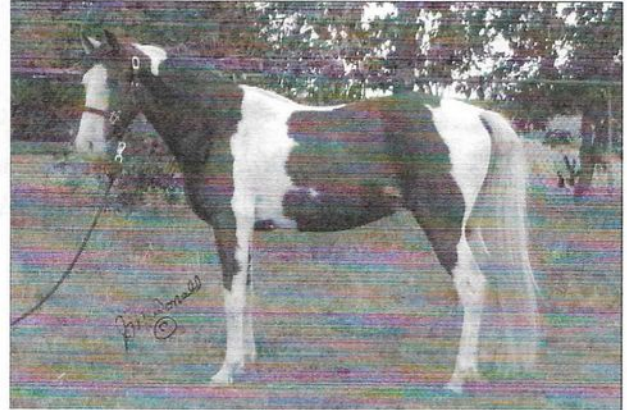
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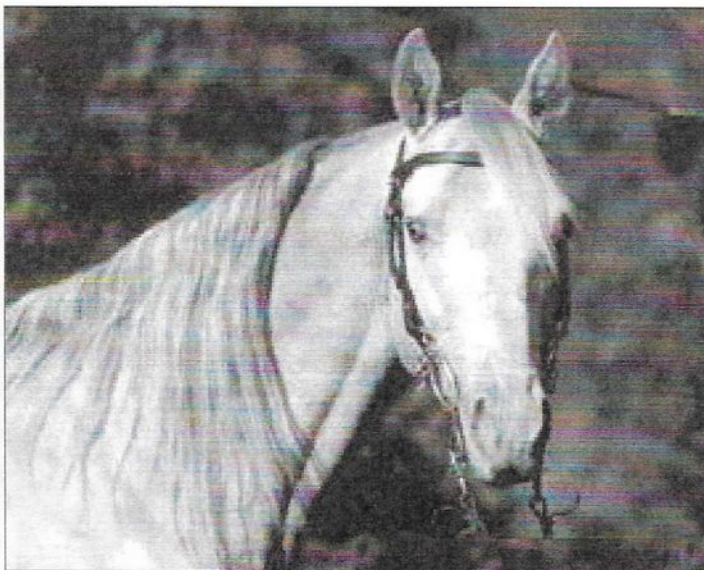
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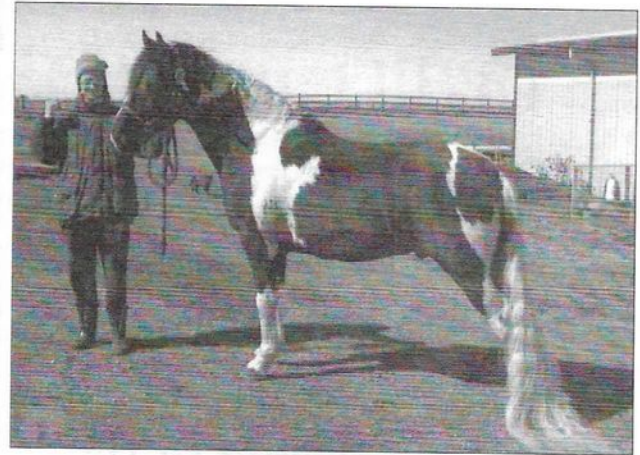
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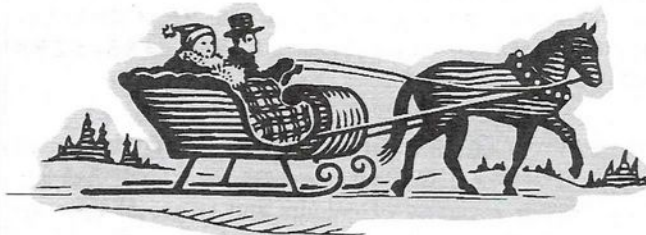
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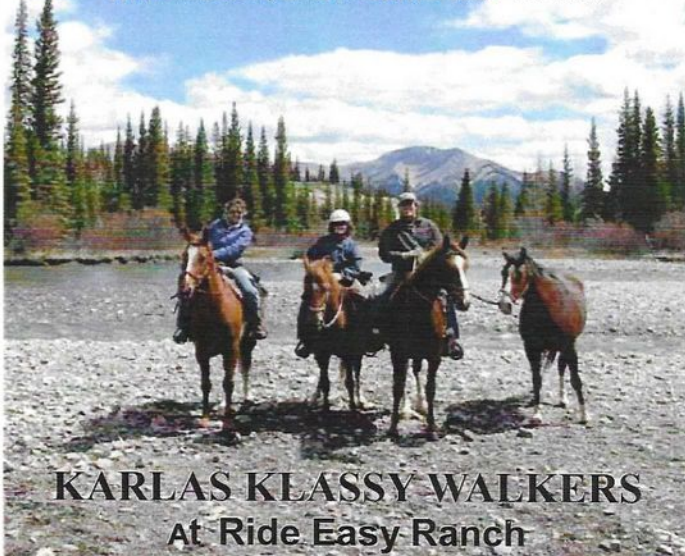
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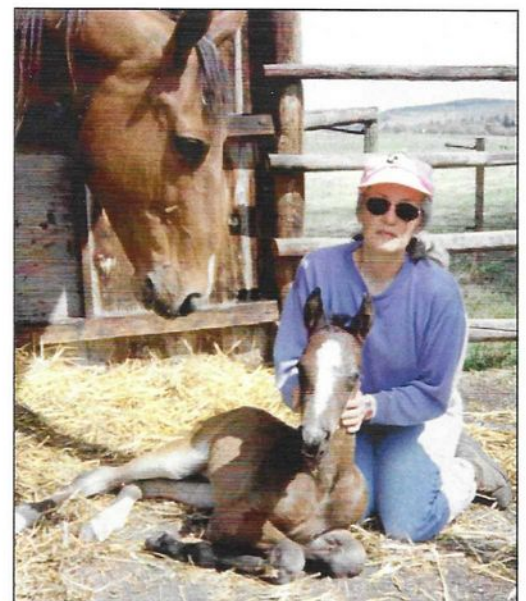
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