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The photo shows the  
afternoon gallery at The  
National Amateur Chicken  
Championship near Mort-  
lach, SK in 2009.

The dog trials are  
run across miles of open  
hay land dotted with bluffs,  
tree rows and various types  
of grassy cover spots for  
the birds. The headquarters  
or camp is located 4.5  
miles north of Mortlach.

See pages 4 & 5 for  
John Raymond's story on  
how he got started in Walk-  
ers.

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Dear Subscribers,

I'm very pleased to have a story this issue from  
John Raymond, telling the rest of us a bit about the life  
of a field trial Tennessee Walking Horse. The TWH is  
one of the popular breeds for this use, but only a hand-  
ful of us know much about field trials. I've always been  
sorry that I wasn't able to accept John Gardner's invita-  
tion to come out to his camp in SK and ride with them.  
I'd have learned a lot.

Keith Doll suggested a new feature for *WHN* that  
may 'strike a chord' with many of you. He was won-  
dering what had become of one of the horses he'd bred  
many years ago. He thought if *WHN* would publish the  
name or number of the horse we could see if any other  
readers had information about it. The one Keith was  
wondering about was SUNDOWN BARKER, sold in  
Alberta as a young horse. Do any of you remember the  
horse, who owned it or what became of it? Does any-  
one else have a question about what happened to a  
horse they wonder about? Write in and we'll ask!

I've had several interesting calls from people  
about their Walkers and how they came by them, who  
bred them and, in some cases, why they don't have the  
papers for them. We'll tell you some of those stories in  
upcoming issues. And please consider writing in about  
how you got interested in Walkers. We love to hear  
your stories.

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and services. Please note that the magazine accepts ads  
in good faith and prints them as they are sent in. It is up  
to the prospective buyer to exercise due diligence when  
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and straightforward communication between buyer and  
seller.

This issue has stories, news, reports, a book re-  
view and more for you. Sadly, we also have the news  
of Jean Rempel's sudden death. I really miss Jean, and  
I know many of you will feel the same. See a remem-  
brance of Jean on page 3.

*Marjorie*

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great gift!

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## JEAN L. REMPEL January, 1942 – June, 2010

We are deeply grieved to inform you of the death of our CRTWH secretary, Jean, on June 1, 2010. Jean has been a devoted and tireless worker for the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse for over twenty years. She has been on the Board for many years, was our longest serving President, and has also served as Vice President and most recently, as Secretary.

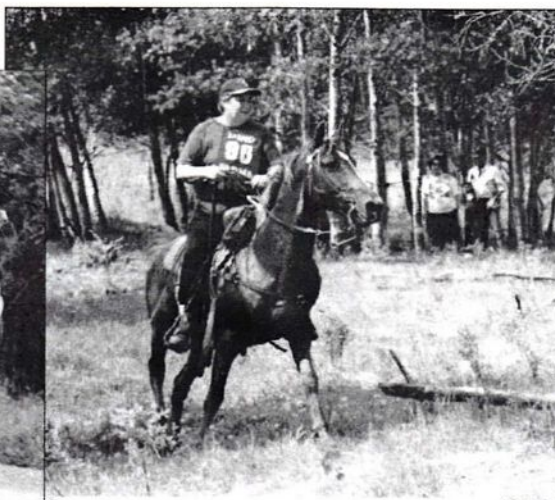
Many of you will recall Jean at Competitive Trail Rides & the Tees Festival in Alberta with Luke, (her stallion Northfork Sky Walker) some years ago, and remember, with a smile, the fun she had creating new characters and costumes for the parades she and Luke both enjoyed.

We are going to miss you so much, Jean, as a friend, colleague, and CRTWH volunteer. *Marjorie Lacy*

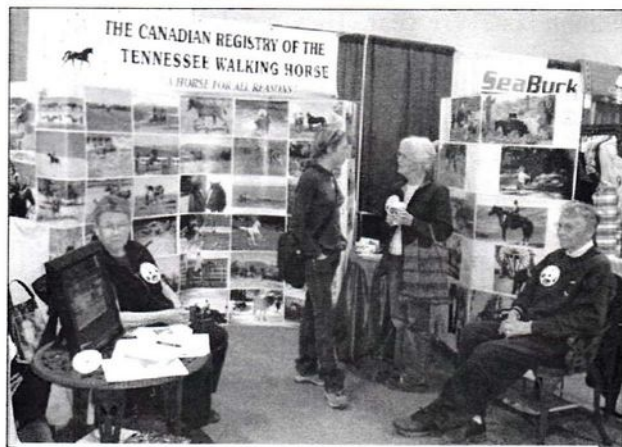
*Jean & Luke as Knight & Charger.*



*Jean as 'Roy'; Luke as 'Trigger'.*



*Luke & Jean - Red Deer Competitive.*



*Jean, left, at Mane Event Booth at Red Deer, 2009.*



*Jean & Luke - Tees Festival barrel races.*

We often take those close to us, friends and family, for granted, and expect they'll always be there. So is the case with Jean. Whenever you needed Jean, she was there with a helping hand or an answer to your question. If I saw a bird I couldn't identify, I called Jean - she knew. If I saw a flower and wanted to know what it was I called Jean - she knew or would find out.

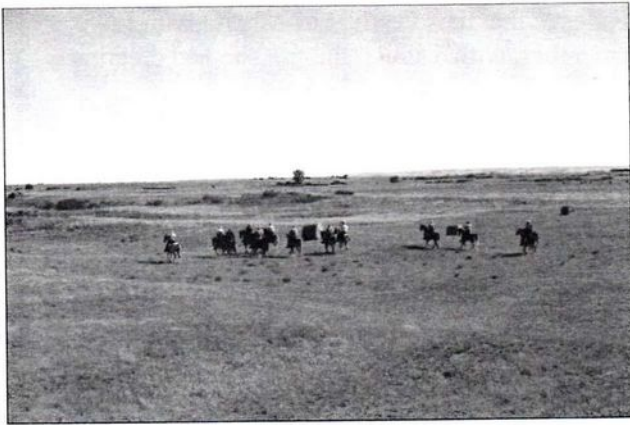
Jean always said I was 'to blame' for getting her into the Tennessee Walkers. She was always ready and willing to take in a horse show or a horse sale. After I sold the Walkers and got into Miniatures she still went with me. I will miss her a great deal. Jean was irreplaceable.

*Linda Block*

## HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT

“CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH”

### HOOKED ON TENNESSEE WALKERS by John Raymond



*Bird dog trials at Mortlach, SK.*

In 1967, when I was 12 years old my Uncle Robert Smith took me and my Welsh Pony to the Professional Bird Dog Trials. They run in the fall, south of Gainsborough, Saskatchewan, our home town. They were riding about 30 miles per day running dogs, and I rode all day for three days, bareback, and enjoyed every minute.

At the end of every morning and evening, I would lead in as many horses as I could handle (which was up to six), and the American dog trainers would ride back to camp in the dog wagon. As soon as they had driven out of sight I would switch over to what I thought was the best Walking Horse I had, and ride it most of the way in. Then I'd switch back just before the camp was in sight. (I found out later that I never fooled them for a minute, but they didn't mind.) From my first ride on one of those long striding horses I was hooked on Tennessee Walkers.

My first Walking Horse was a red roan mare named Sugarfoot. She'd been brought up from Alabama by one of the pro trainers. She was only a half-Walker, but she had a great flat walk and a slow, easy canter. As I couldn't afford better, I used numerous part Walkers, which were common in our part of the country, for the next few years to run my dogs. I bought them as two or three year olds and broke them myself. Some didn't walk too well but over time I learned how to get the best out of them.

I bought my first registered Walker as a green broke four-year-old in 1997. He was a big grey gelding, registered as Berachan Midnight Raider 934937. His sire was Streaker Autumn Echo 862395 and his dam was Baronessa 870632. We named him Dusty. (Photo below.)



Our horses are ridden pretty hard for a lot of miles in every type of terrain and extreme weather conditions every year. They regularly carry canteens of water for the dogs, saddle bags, ropes, roading harnesses and dog tracking equipment. They must be calm and not kick, step on or otherwise injure any dogs or puppies that are underfoot or around them. They must learn to 'road' dogs – walk along with one or two dogs in harness out front pulling at the end of a 20 foot rope hooked to the saddle.

*Below: John's son, Curtis, with another TWH, Homer, roading the dogs.*



Our horses are loaded and unloaded a lot, must ground tie and stand still for mounting, must calmly accept whistles blowing, calling commands to dogs, gunfire, birds flushing around them, and stand still while dog-tracking receivers with pop-out antennas are beeping and being waved from side to side. They must walk along calmly in the gallery or group of other riders following the dogs in a field trial. At any time they may be required to run after, catch and turn a fast-running bird dog, then return to the gallery and immediately walk calmly along with the group.



*Above : Curtis on Dusty; John on Homer.*

Walking Horses are smart, quick to learn, and enjoy having a job to do. Once they figure out our training program, most take a keen interest in what the dogs are doing and watch for them all the time. If I lose a dog, I usually look first in the direction my horse is looking, and most of the time he has already spotted the dog.

Walking Horses come in all shapes and sizes, and all can walk. However, each is an individual, and bits, hoof angles, shoes, saddle equipment and type and the rider's ability all make a big difference and will dictate how well the horse walks.



*Above: Curtis with Homer.*

The horse's conformation is another limiting factor. Some of our horses just aren't put together right for walking greatness. Some of the horses I've owned or rode had the desire and gave it everything they had, but just didn't have the conformation to be more than average horses.

The best statement I ever heard concerning Walking Horses came from my friend, Kelly McLean of Gainsborough. He said,

*"If he's not smooth, change something."*

It's that simple – but also that complex.

I find Walkers are easily trained to do most anything, due to their intelligence and calm nature. That, combined with endurance and a smooth ride every day makes them the ideal choice for our sport.

Three great horsemen, Ken McLean of Gainsborough, and John & Ted Gardner of Mississippi, taught me a lot about Walking Horses, horses in general, and bird dogs. That knowledge, combined with forty years of trial and error, has led me to numerous conclusions.

*Right: Shown with the trophies they won - Curtis with Katie; John with Bo.*



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## ALBERTA NEWS

DONNA CURTIS, WINFIELD, writes, "I did not have any Walker foals this year but bred a few mares for next year as my son has expressed interest in raising and training."

"Last winter I fed some canola green feed and it caused problems. Just *never* feed that to your stock. The food value was fine but it can cause problems at a certain stage of development when the foals are in utero. I sure won't do that again."

"Otherwise I am doing fine. I keep busy working in the yard and doing the farming thing. I have also started to raise small companion dogs. It is a lot of work but I am sure enjoying it. My web site is [www.curtis-draft-horses-7.citymax.com](http://www.curtis-draft-horses-7.citymax.com). I need to get more pictures and up-date the horse part of it, but it is in progress."

"Best to you all and have a great summer."

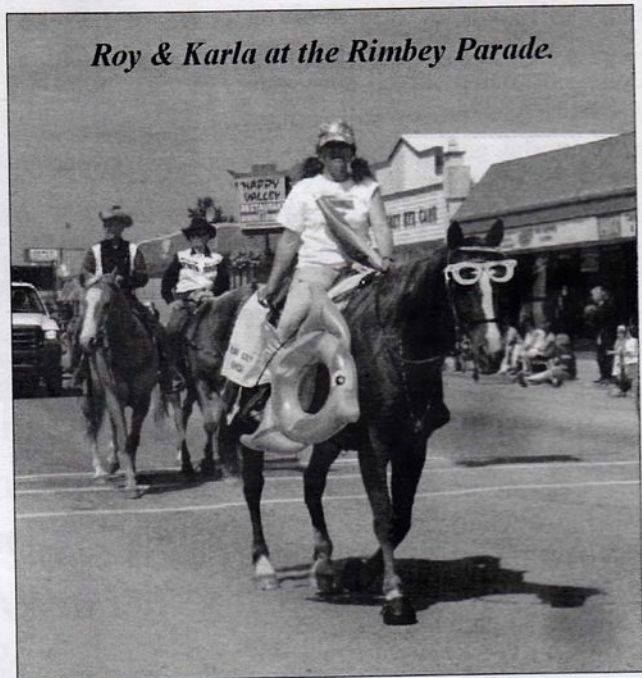
From KARLA FREEMAN, RIDE EASY RANCH, BENTLEY, "Here it is the end of June already. I am certainly enjoying the season. I have made it out to the mountains a couple of times; was lucky enough to see grizzly bears - as we were leaving! I enjoyed a nice long ride up by Winfield. My husband Pat has been riding Esperanto, the first buckskin gelding we had, and is really enjoying him, and having fun with him."

"I am still waiting for a couple more foals. Seems the stallion was slacking last year, or the girls were playing hard to get! It is nice to have space in between foals to focus on the colt I do have. He is leading well and picking up his feet nicely."

"I must say Cheers! to Shirley Blaeser on the purchase of Karla's Glamour Girl. I hear they are marking up the trails and having a good time. Also Cheers to Melinda Carver on her first Walking Horse, Flicka. Happy trails to both of you. I hope we will be seeing some great pictures!"

"I enjoyed going in the Rimbey Parade, with fellow Walking Horse owners, the Gurnetts and Morrills. I put big lime green sunglasses on Roy, with a visor, and had flip flops taped to his legs, tied a beach floaty toy, a sun umbrella and beach bag off the saddle, and added a few trinkets in his hair. He seemed to love it (but not so much the flip flops that kept falling off.) What a pleasure to have a horse that soaks up the attention! So calm and enjoying himself. I think if he could be waving to the kids, he would!

Roy likes the beach, and enjoys swimming in the lake here, so it seemed like a good fun thing to do."



"During the Parade I was thinking of Jean Rempel. Earlier this year I had planned to go into a parade with her. I'm so sorry now that I didn't do it years before. So... do the things that bring you joy, because we never know when we will no longer have the opportunities to do them."

"Happy Trails to all."

ED HAMEL, LACOMBE, writes, "Just a little note with my subscription renewal. Les Young loaned me a horse for the winter to team with my horse, and we had a good time on our afternoon drives and cutter parades around Central Alberta. If anyone's looking for a good sensible driving horse to use in a team, or as a horse to help break another to drive, this big bay would be excellent for that. I'm sure Les would make you a good deal on this six year old gelding."

"In other news, it is great to have a magazine like this for news of our breed. Keep up the good work!"

Gar Beacom of Calgary sent the sad news that NORM THACHUK passed away on May 24 in Duncan, BC. Norm, formerly of Calgary, AB was a strong supporter of 'The Canadian' Futurity for years, and raised many good Walking Horses.

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From J.GLENN ROBINSON, CALGARY. "I  
have just purchased a gelding from Dawn & Glen  
Fraser of Drayton Valley. He is a perfect match for  
three of the horses in my four horse team. (See the  
photo of Glenn's team on the CRTWH ad, inside front  
cover.) Now I can give 'Master', who is 20 years old,  
a rest. My new horse is 'Genuine Silver Bullet, by  
Genuine Silver Dollar x Snow White's Blue Bell."

"I can't believe how easy he is to break to  
driving. In less than a week I have him pulling a cart.  
I'm looking forward to hitching him up with my other  
three geldings to see how he goes in my four horse  
hitch team."

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## TRAIL CHALLENGE & POKER RALLY 2010

by Lori Dyberg

The second annual Trail Challenge & Poker  
Rally took place on June 5 & 6 this year at Water  
Valley, west of Cochrane. Some of last year's  
participants came back to compete again, along with  
some trail riders new to this event.

One of the trail challenges this year involved  
releasing your horse. After five minutes had passed,  
you were allowed to return and had to catch your  
horse within a three minute time frame. Once caught,  
the horse was to remain ground tied while you tacked  
up and mounted, then stand quietly before moving  
off. I think we were all pleasantly surprised at how  
well our horses did!



*This year the winner of the Trail Challenge  
was Lissa Townsend and her horse, Toddy's Apollo.*

As I watched this pair leave camp at the start  
of the day, "unbridled enthusiasm" didn't quite do  
them justice! They came to COMPETE, and Lissa  
claims she will definitely be back again next year,  
with a different horse, to take up the challenge.

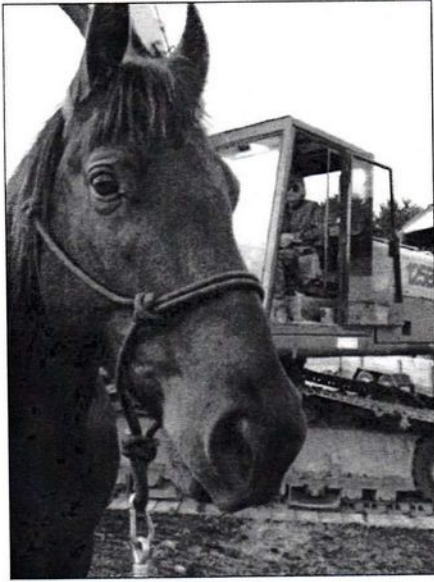
On Sunday, Organizer Keith Oberle brought  
out the cards for the Poker Rally. We played three  
hands and the lucky card players were Fred Delf of  
Cochrane, AB, Allan McKenzie of Stony Plain, AB,  
and Les Zaharichuk of Cochrane, AB.

I hear there is a Trail Riding Clinic being  
offered south of Calgary this summer. Wouldn't it be  
nice to see some of these riders at our Challenge next  
year! It would be a great opportunity to try out some  
of the skills learned at the clinic and we  
would love to see you there!





## BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS



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J O S L I N ,  
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T O N , writes,  
"I was just  
wondering if  
you ever  
need any  
TWH photos  
for the *Walk-  
ing Horse  
News*? Left is  
Karla's Black  
M a g i c  
Shadow (aka  
"Tosh") at  
his new  
home with

me on Vancouver Island. The excavator was running/digging and Tosh walked right up to it without a second thought. He will turn 4 years old on May 26th/10 and he is a wonderful example of the calm sweet temperament of a TWH. He is also enjoying a mouthful or two of nice grass on our walk about. He is proving to be a very brave young boy, which I hope will carry over once he is under saddle in another year or so.

D O N & J O - A N N E M c D O N A L D , P O U C E  
C O U P E , write, "We have sold the 2002 black gelding, Shakin' Shadows, to Maxine Campbell of Dawson Creek. We wish her well and think that Shadow will make a fine addition to their farm, joining the Shire horses owned by Dale and Maxine. Dale has a Heritage Farm with many rare breeds. The most interesting to me are the Mule Footed Pigs! They also have Turkeys, Chickens, Sheep that shed (no shearing there), Shire horses, Red Poll cows, (and sure hope I did not forget any). These are all rare for their breed so hope Dale and Maxine have lots of success in keeping them going. Please send Maxine a subscription to *WHN* with our compliments."

G E N A M Y , S K Y K E E P , T H E C A R I B O O ,  
writes, "The power of prayer is impressive - we had a drought, so everyone prayed for rain... and look what's happened. Let's pray for balance."

"SkyKeep is under a layer of water. There are puddles in brand new places. It's so wet and cold the mosquitoes don't even want to come out. My neighbour says she feels like she's living in Ireland. I just feel like I'm living at the coast. It's a volcano

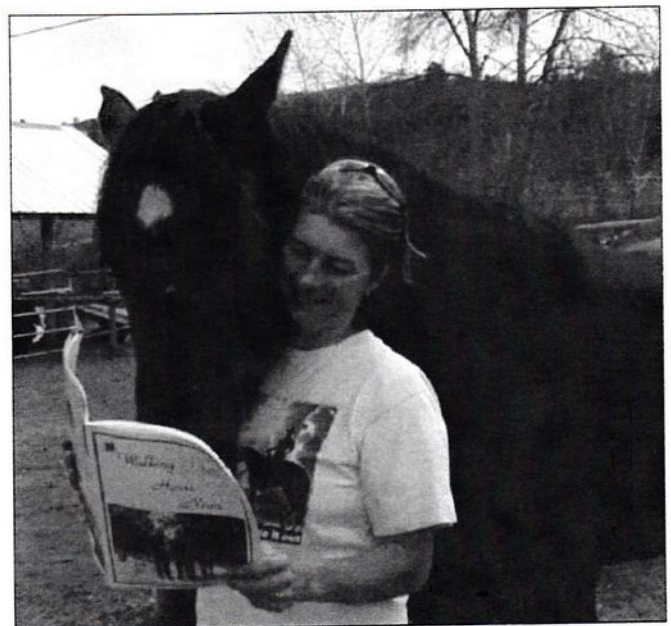
summer - all that ash from Iceland seeding the clouds. At least we don't have to worry about forest fires."

"I have been giving a few new friends 'sessions' (I can't call them lessons) on Boomer, who is wonderful and patient. He is a different horse on the trail - he loves getting out, and moves out like a youngster. I am using the new sidepull on Finally, and what a difference! She is so much happier; she loves going down the road or trail and can't wait to gait... I am hooked on bitless - at least for her. Boomer is also bitless. And everybody is barefoot."

I took my neighbor out on Boomer, me on Finally, for her first trail ride last week. Neighbor has Walking Horse fever so bad she wants her own horse, or at least to lease Boomer. It was beautiful and I'm really glad we got out, as it started to rain the next day and hasn't stopped since."

"I not only did not take a horse to the Armstrong show, I did not make it to the show at all, for the first year since I started riding gaited."

From K A R I N B A U E R , K E L O W N A ,  
"Thanks for the last issue of the *Walking Horse News* from Karin and Link! We both enjoyed it! Below see Karin Bauer of Kelowna, sharing the latest issue with her reading buddy, TWH gelding "Storm's Missin' Link". Link is turning seven this year. He has been a model Walker, always up for learning new things. This picture wasn't even posed - I opened the magazine fresh from the mailbox and he came right over, stuck his head over my shoulder, very keen to "read". Maybe he wants to know what other Walkers are up to! TWH sure are talented! Great advertising for how popular the magazine is with us!"



NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, writes, "Hey, I don't remember going on the 'Walkers Rock' ride, yet *there I am* on the front cover on Trigger. Boy, my memory is REALLY getting bad. Oh, wait a minute... where are my glasses? No, not clear yet. Perhaps the magnifying glass with the light. It's a miracle! I can see! And I must say that I don't *really* look like Claire Christensen, but Penny sure does resemble her good-looking mama, Trigger. Wait until I show that picture to her. She'll be so proud of her baby girl, being a poster girl and all. Like mother, like daughter."

"Well, rain again today but Debbie and I spent a productive morning playing with tack: fixing, cleaning, adjusting, cussing. Trigger now has three (count 'em...3!) breast collars. Count all her blankies, rain sheets, coolers, fly sheets, fly masks, saddles, etc. and that girl has more clothes than I do. AND she buys her shoes two pair at a time. Such a fashionista!"

"Debbie's *Walking Horse News* arrived while we, Dave & our friend, Lynn Byer, were having our coffee (fresh ground Vanilla Hazelnut, compliments of the resident barista... namely me) and we all had a look. Such a good issue, and not just because we were in there, in print and in pictures. I waited until I got home to savour my copy and now I'm going to finish reading it cover to cover, then start all over again. Thanks for all your hard work in getting these issues out, Marjorie, even while in the midst of mid-wifery! Congratulations on Buccaneer, the new addition. Happy trails!"

From CLAIRE CHRISTENSEN, VERNON, "Lucky me! Bill sometimes remembers to bring over his *WHN* magazine for me to read. The only problem is - he always wants it back! So it's high time I got my own subscription going again. Could you start it in June and send me one of the June issues if you have any left? I kinda like the front cover photo (not just because I'm in it... but that's a pretty good reason. Penny is really the star here, as usual.)"

"We keep hearing about the nasty weather Alberta is experiencing, and can't say too much about it. Except ours isn't anything to write home about either. Although if and when the sun comes out, it is beautiful and fun to get back out with the horses."

"A new Tennessee Walker came to live here today. She joins two of Bill's, Penny, and my Skootz in the long and large green pastures in the front yard. Her owner and I played in the arena for a couple of hours this morning. I rode Penny (Uphill Penny By Chance.) We (all four of us) surely did enjoy ourselves."

BARRY LIPSETT, BLIND BAY, writes, "In the account of the DVD sales, I see that Belgium was included. Was this sale to Hans Burch? I purchased my present Walkers from him when he was still located in Williams Lake. I was quite impressed with Hans. He helped me a lot. When I went to pick up my new horses, I took my two granddaughters with me. Hans spent the whole morning giving them riding lessons! These two TWH pals still adorn my pasture and are a local attraction."

"H.B.'s Bay Honor was sired by Tsuniah's H.B. Somebody at Hans' place called him Pedro... so Pedro it is! He stands a shade over 16 hh. He has been a delight to work and play with. I've also had him pack on some hunting trips for the experience. I would much rather ride him! He is well gaited and has about three "plus" speeds in his running walk. He is 14 years old this year."

"I also bought Flash's Topper from Hans. Known as 'Johnnie', he also is a great horse - and a bit of a character. He's usually packed, but he's had a lot of different riders on his back. I say that anybody can ride Johnnie. Hans did use him for a demonstration horse, and he came with a video. He is sorrel in colour and stands 15:2 hh. He is two weeks older than Pedro - and can out run him!"

From YVONNE YOUNG, PRINCE GEORGE, "I've been working with Smooch (Sum Trigger Smooch by Uphill Heir Trigger x Chapie's Summer) and she's really doing well. It's hard to believe that she's turning three already. Mickey, the cremello filly from Heir Trigger and Carey's Gold Dust H. is a good size and nice to handle as well. Once the weather gets nicer (so Mickey doesn't look so muddy!) I'll get some pictures and email them."

## NOVA SCOTIA NEWS

YVETTE HYAM, UPPER STEWIACKE, writes, "We moved to Nova Scotia from Alberta last July, and brought Yvening Sky Traveler and Yvening Royal Sierra with us. We bought 100 acres - with NO fences! We fenced a small pasture last fall, put a new roof on the hay barn and painted the out buildings. This spring we started fencing again and cutting the brush back. Also put in a garden and cleaned out flower beds."

"I bought two Standardbreds, a 5 year old mare and a two year old gelding. She paces and he trots. They will both be saddle horses as she *will* trot. I can't find any Walkers here! Some have heard of Walkers, a few have seen Walkers, and some say "What's that?"

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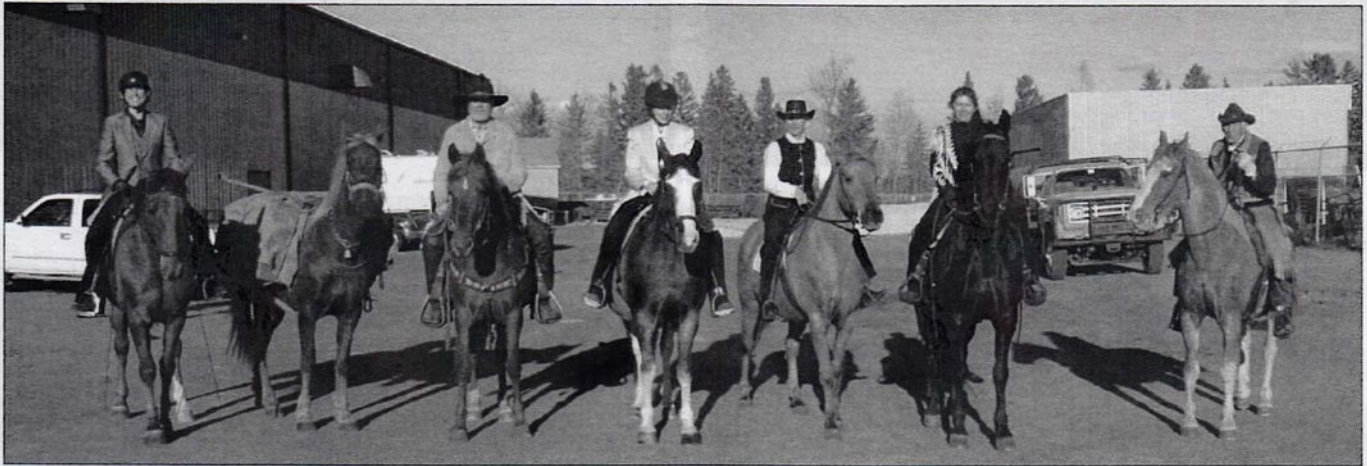




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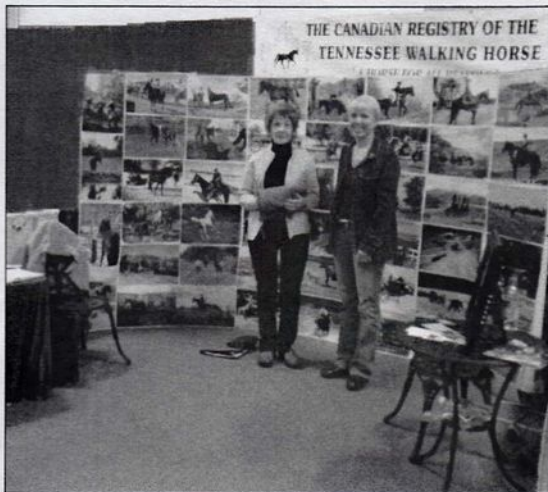
at the **MANE EVENT**

**Red Deer, AB. April 23 to 25th**



*Right:* Irene Verbisky & Leslie Hunchuk in the CRTWH booth.

*Below:* Dianne Little gives a 'mini clinic'.



Your Registry's booth was a popular 'stopping spot' at the Mane Event, April 23-25, 2010. Many interested folks stopped by to chat or were attracted by the wall of photos of Canadian registered Tennessee Walking Horses doing... just about everything! It was an impressive display of versatility.

The CRTWH Demo Team was: (Above L to R) Lori Dyberg with the show horse, Keith Oberle with the mountain horse, Rhonda Lemmon with the show horse, Susan Banks showing the pleasure mount, Karla Freeman showing the family horse, and Jack Gurnett showing the ranch horse. (The combined age of Jack and his horse was 102 years!).

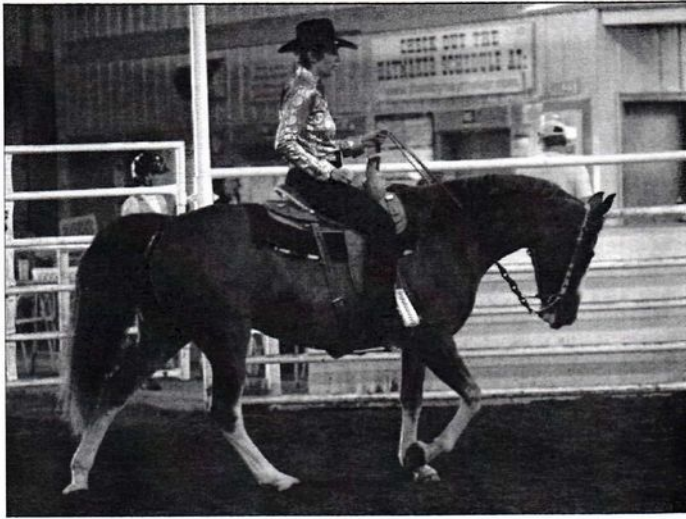
Volunteers in the CRTWH booth this year were: Dianne Little, Leslie Hunchuk, Irene Verbisky, Candice Dyberg, Blair Dyberg, Karla Freeman, Keith & Kathy Oberle, Dave and Rhonda Lemmon, Liz & Norm Levangie, Bill Roy and Ralph Livingston. It was a pleasure to greet TWH friends both old and new.

*Thank you* to all the member volunteers who made it possible. Next year's booth is already booked for April 29 to May 1, 2011. Come and help out!



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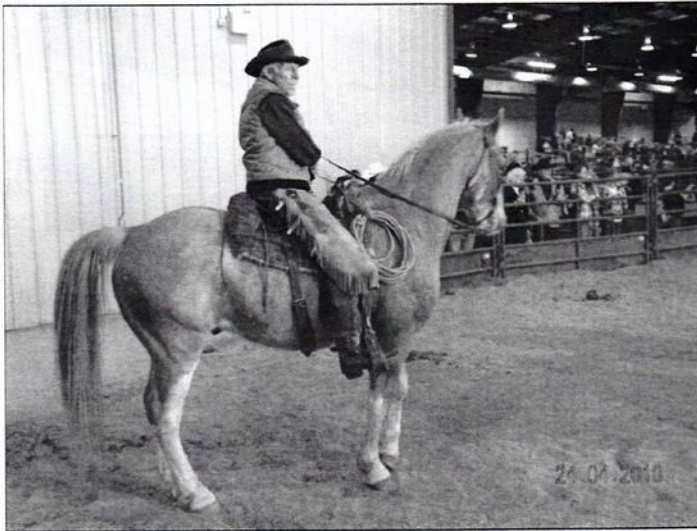
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Rhonda Lemmon and Promise.



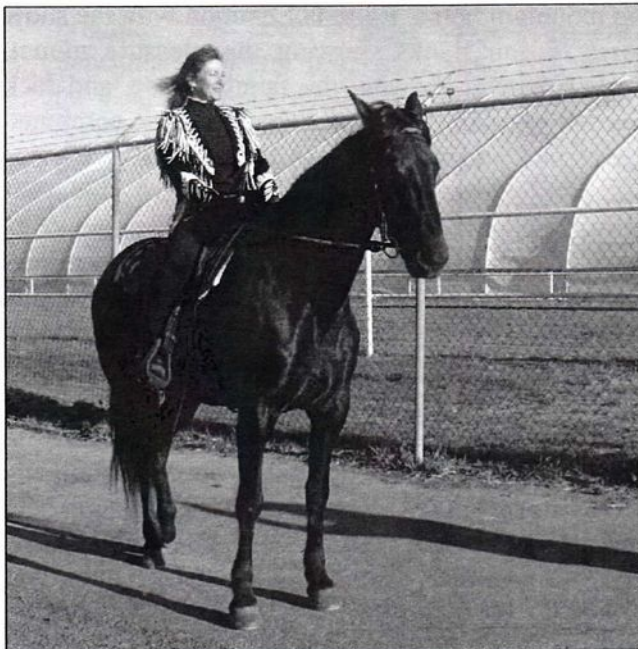
Keith Oberle and Sugar with packhorse.



Jack Gurnett and Sundancer.

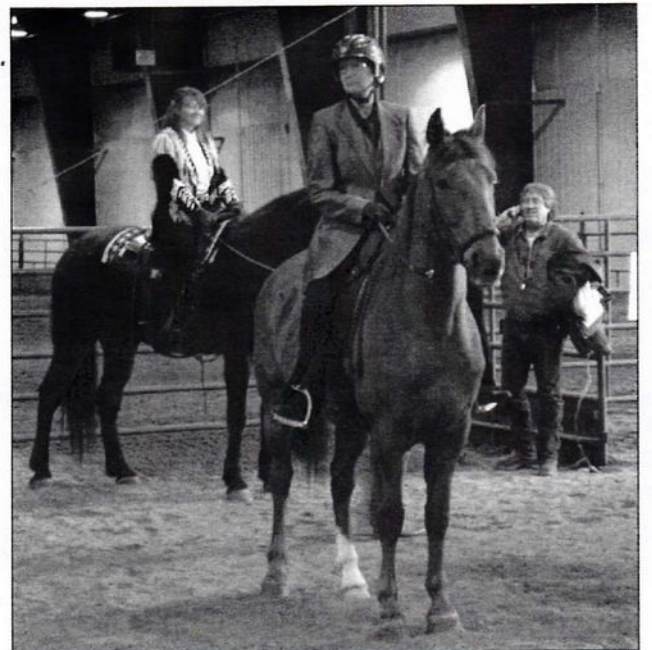


Susan Banks and Photographer, Geoffrey Yau.



Karla Freeman and Ken.

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Lori Dyberg and Rome.



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the entrants who challenged & achieved these awards in

## THE 2009 PROGRAM FOR EXCELLENCE:

### **2009 Bronze Awards**

**KARLA'S RIO RAMBO**— owned by Laura Wyant, Cheshire, OR.  
Bred by K. Freeman, Ride Easy Ranch, Bentley, AB.

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**KARLAS FANCY RAVEN** - owned by Karla Freeman, Ride Easy Ranch, Bentley, AB.  
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### **2009 Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards**

**SUCCESSFUL SIGNATURE** – owned by Matthias Schneider, Vilters Switzerland.  
Bred by McDonald Farms, Pouce Coupe, B.C.

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AS WELL AS ON THE REGISTRATION PAPERS OF ANY FUTURE PROGENY.

*AND*

## THE 2009 TRAINING LEVELS PROGRAM:

### **KARLAS FANCY RAVEN**

- Basic Skills
- Horsemanship Level 1

### **KARLAS ELEGANT MELODY**

- Trail Riding Challenge Level 1
- Trail Riding Challenge Level 2

Both owned by Karla J. Freeman, Ride Easy Ranch, Bentley, Alberta

### **BACK YARD CINNAMON**

- Trail Riding Level 2

Owned by Allanna Jackson,  
Lakeside, Arizona



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## THE 'RIDE YOUR WALKER' PROGRAM 2009

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO ENTERED,  
SINCE IN THIS PROGRAM,  
EVERYONE WHO RIDES IS A WINNER!**

### **GREATEST NUMBER OF HOURS IN THE SADDLE**

- 1. ADULT- RIDING MULTIPLE HORSES - THOMAS KETELSEN**
- 2. ADULT - RIDING A SINGLE HORSE - THOMAS KETELSEN**

(See Thomas's story on facing page.)

### **2009 PARTICIPANTS WERE**

**Thomas Ketelsen, MB riding A & B Snow Drift for 162 hours  
and riding A & B Snow Drift & Kit 'n Kaboodle for 229.5 hours**

**Lorie Dyberg, AB riding Rag's Fantasy Romance for 154 hours**

**Allanna Jackson, AZ riding Back Yard Cinnamon for 129 hours**

**Irene Verbisky, AB riding Westhill's Charm Shaker for 80 hours.**

**Jean Rempel, AB riding Dawn O'The Mornin' for 61 hours.**

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!**

### **NEW E-MAILER FOR CDN WALKER**

You may have noticed that your most recent e-mailed Canadian Walker came to you from "ralph@silk.net".

BC Director Ralph Livingston has taken over the job that Jean used to do of sending out information and notices to members.

If you have not received these, would you please send Ralph your current e-mail address? We had some that "bounced back".

### **TRANSFERS of REGISTRATION**

It is the responsibility of the SELLER of a horse represented as purebred or registered to transfer the papers to the new owner. This is the law under the Canadian Animal Pedigree Act. We were surprised during a discussion at the AGM to find that many members were not aware of this fact. The only time this would not apply would be if you have a signed agreement with the buyer that he doesn't want or need the papers.

### **NEW on the WEB**

Our webmaster, Mike Mueller, has been hard at work putting up some new shows for you. Check crtwh.ca for a report & photos of the CRTWH Mane Event booth and participants in the demonstrations. There is also a photo feature on the 'Walkers Rock' TWH ride in BC in May.

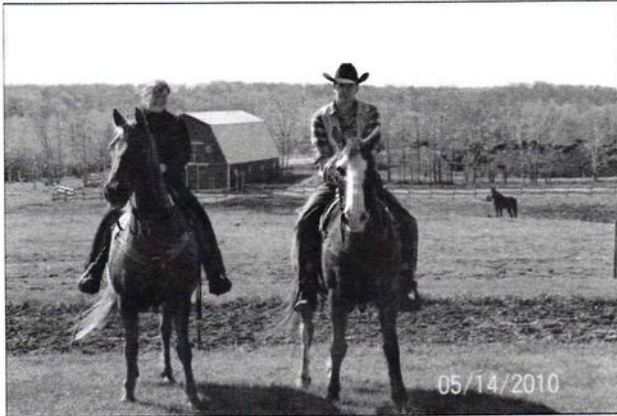
The Ride Your Walker Program in the Canadian Triple Challenge is up there too with the TLC and PFE Programs. Check it out!



## RIDE YOUR WALKER PROGRAM 2009

submitted by Thomas Ketelsen, Rosssburn, MB

(Thomas won the Highest Number of Hours ridden in the Adult Categories for both Single Horse and Multiple Horses in the Ride Your Walker Program 2009.)



This was the most fun program I ever participated in! I got to do what I love to do and it turns out, I even get a prize for it. Thank You, CRTWH!

We live in beautiful Manitoba in the RM of Rosssburn, and the Ketelsen Ranch counts about 1100 acres our own. The Riding Mountain National Park is a short 15 minute trailer drive away from us with its great hilly and well groomed trails. Besides our herd of Tennessee Walkers we also have Black Angus cattle. (A still clumsy little black foal out of Lady Black Kat by Highstepping Bob got us to 22 TWH and besides that there are still a few half bloods.)

I have been riding (on draft horses) since I was a kid and lived in Germany. As my parents finally exchanged the draft horses for a tractor, that was the end of my riding, or so I thought. Years later with family of my own, we got hung up on that crazy idea (so the family said) of immigrating to Canada. Once settled in – we lived the first 12 years of our Canadian adventure in Quebec - our daughter started asking for a horse. Well, I gave in ... and was sold. It went from one to several horses; it went from our daughters to our sons, and in one of them I have found the best riding companion you can think of. He has joined us last year and with it, we created “9 Finger Ranch”, which will be offering trail rides and accommodation for horses and riders ([ninefingerranch@hotmail.com](mailto:ninefingerranch@hotmail.com)).

Only when we moved to Manitoba in 2002 did we buy our first TWH, but since we have owned these “rocking chairs” of the horses, we don’t want anything else. Last year was a great year for riding and my time was divided between Drifter (A&B Snow Drift) and Kit (Kit’N’Kaboodle). Drifter is THE horse for long rides in the Riding Mountain National Park, with his fast soft

running walk and his energy, but also because of his trust in me to direct him through thick and thin (and water) if need be. With son Ray I did, among others, our first two-day ride through the Park, which will surely not be the last one, and maybe not the longest one either. There are other trails I ride regularly and never get tired of; I have shown many friends and visitors my favorite spots. Drifter was also the horse to participate with me for the first time in Rosssburn’s annual parade at Fair Day. Side by side with son Ray we led the parade as flag bearers. None of the horses had ever done such a thing, so we did practice beforehand, but again, one can only be proud of how calmly the horses handled this.

Another side of my riding during the season is the checking of the fences and cows. I am trying to do this at least every second day when the cows are in the pasture. Kit just loves to do this and if he can herd the cows just a little, the event is even better. We do pretty much all the cow work by horse.

Kit is also one you can trust to carry riders in the beginner stage on his back, so he is often alongside Drifter and me, when we show our trails at home or in the National Park to our guests. *(Photo above left.)*

I feel very lucky to live where I live. I love the rolling hills with the lakes and all the wildlife, which I get to see, especially if I am riding alone. I do love people’s company but I don’t necessarily need it - as long as I can ride my horses. *(Below: Thomas & Ray.)*





# FOAL CALL



BLACK COLT (Kit's Royal Pride x Chicklette ) *(Left)* born May 18th.  
Brenda Baker, Triangle B Tennessee Walkers, Calgary, AB

BLACK FILLY, no white (Northfork Top Traveller x Summer Velvet)  
Susan Banks, Balzac, AB

PALOMINO FILLY (Trouble's Gold Sun x Silvers Brilliant Coin)

FLAXEN SORREL FILLY (Trouble's Gold Sun x A Joyful Spirit)

BUCKSKIN COLT (Uphill Heir Trigger x Angel's Amazing Grace)  
Stan Potter, Interlaken, New York

CHESTNUT COLT (Sunny's Greatest Glory x Nahanni's Nanette) Peter Symons, Rafternines, Dawson Creek, BC  
*(Right)*

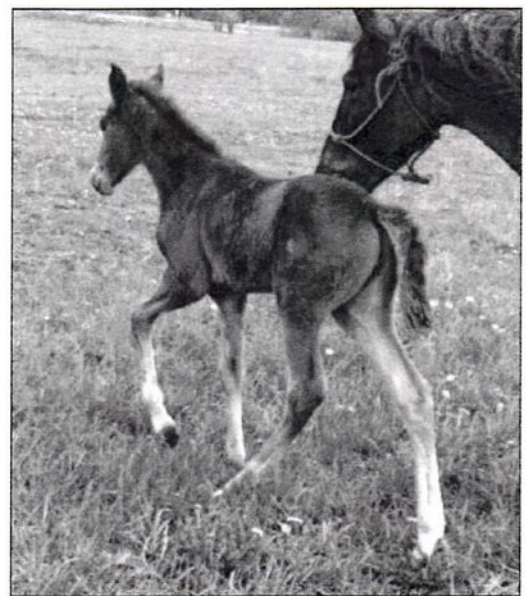
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SPOTTED CHESTNUT FILLY, four white legs,  
white tail, some neck spots and blaze. *(Below)*.  
(Dressed For Success x Royal Class My Lacy Lady)  
Don & Jo-Anne, McDonald Farms, Pouce Coupe, BC



RED ROAN FILLY (Champion's Gold x Pusher's Hellcat)  
*(Right)*

SMOKY BLACK COLT (Champion's Gold x Echo's of Gold)  
Helen Pawluk, Champion Rainbow Walkers, Athabasca, AB



She asserts, "I go by myself or with friends. I go on 4-5 riding/camping trips every summer with friends. This year has been very nice so far for riding in Wisconsin. We had a very early and very warm spring. I just need more friends with gaited horses to ride with." When asked about her plans for the horses in the future, she was quick to respond. "I'm not a show person. Like to just jump on my horse and go for a fun ride. My Walker mare is a perfect guest horse since she is so laid back and easy going. I have several friends who like to come ride with me and they always get to ride her while I ride my Tenuvian."

Professional educators Greg McCandless and Katherine Dunlop of Jacksonville, Florida, began riding in middle age and by the rather unorthodox route of choosing green horses. Their first selection was a gray filly named Be Brave, sired by Brave Heart and out of Coin's Pushin for Gold, chosen in 2005. That same year, they made a trip to Middle Tennessee to see the pleasure Walkers during the International Pleasure Horse show and fell in love with another green gray filly named Sterling's Jolie Allure. A year later, they returned to attend the show and purchased Jolie, by Buds Sterling Bullet and out of Red Bud's Lady Scarlet. By following Parelli Natural Horsemanship as well as hours of wet saddle blankets, this husband / wife team on their pair of green mares have developed into an awesome foursome ready to take on anything the state of Florida presented. During the summer of 2009, they attended a Tracy Pinson clinic, participated in a cattle drive, and Jolie even began cattle cutting work. Katherine insists that the Parelli program "has been a great support system and benchmark for my progress." Both she and Greg have no questions about how they will spend their retirement years. Their newly acquired ranch with the programs they are developing and the horses with which they have bonded will be pivotal to their enjoyment of their quickly approaching transition from teaching to retirement activities.

Horses hold a fascination for many people during various stages of their lives. For some fortunate few, horses become a daily reality, a pleasure and a stress relief for improving life. Fran and Karen, Joan, along with Greg and Katherine, all demonstrate that walking on later in life is perhaps sweeter and smoother because of the experiences completed and obstacles overcome to finally swing into the saddle and head out on that perfect trail.



## NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

I had a note from SHIRLEY SHERMAN of LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA wondering how to subscribe to *Walking Horse News* again. Many will remember her as Shirley Martin when she lived in Southern Alberta.

From GRACE LARSON, FORSYTH, MONTANA "It was 36 degrees last night and rain. We sure need the rain, though the pastures look good this year as of the end of May."

"We were back to Redwing, MN earlier this month to meet our new great grandchild. Isabella Rene is adorable – of course!"

"No foals this year, and that leaves a big hole in our lives. There is not a thing in nature as perfect as a new foal."

LAURA MOY formerly of ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, sent along her new address of COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, and writes, "I still really enjoy *WHN* even though I do not own a horse. But I still ride – non-gaited horses and gaited mules. If I ever get another Walking Horse I want a flashy looking one like Maureen Germscheid's 'Splash' (Invasion's Lady Estar) on the cover of the February 2010 *WHN*. I had no idea that Walking Horses could look as flashy as Splash!"

STAN POTTER of ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, Alberta is now living in INTERLAKEN, NEW YORK. Stan moved his business and his horses to upstate New York this spring. All three of his foals listed in Foal Call were born there.

In ARIZONA, ALLANNA JACKSON'S former mare, the black roan plus sabino double registered TWH and Racking mare, Sam's Blue Blaze, gave birth to a filly by the gaited cremello Morgan stallion, Mary Mel's White Sage. What colour will she turn out to be?!

### HIGH PLAINS WALKERS

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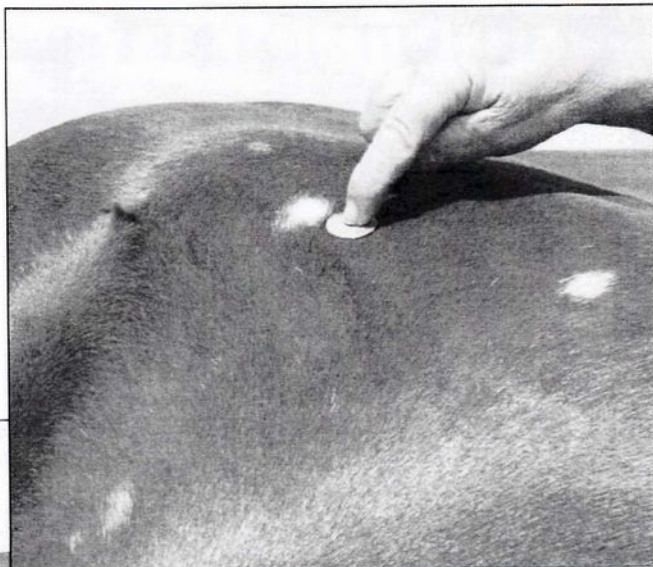
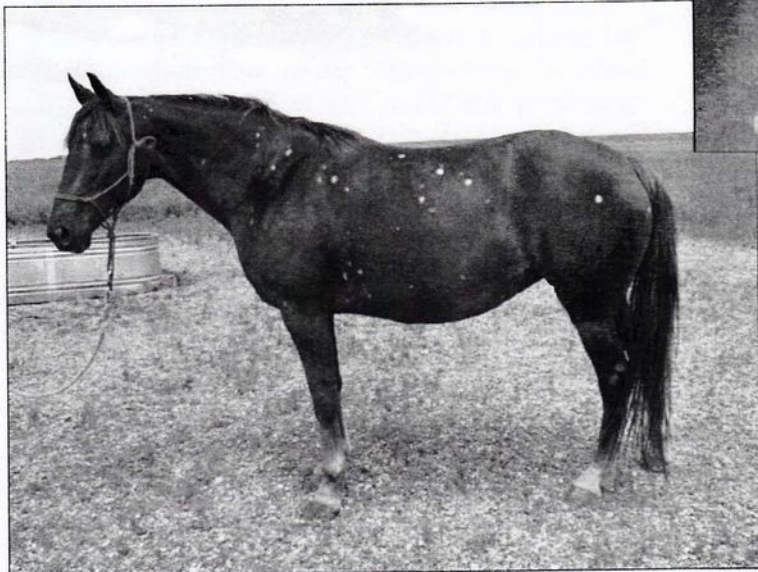
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## BIRDCATCHER SPOTS?

KEITH DOLL of DOLL'S TENNESSEE WALKERS, DOUGLAS was telling me about some interesting white spots that have appeared on his sorrel mare, Rebel's Queen O' Diamonds. He says she was not born with these spots, but has been developing more every year for the past few years. They are each about the size of a loonie. (See pix right & below) They are not the result of injury or disease, just areas that have lost their pigment and turned white.



with certain families. This implies that such spots are probably genetically caused, but details of the mode of transmission are unknown. Nor is it known if they result from the action of a single allele."

## MANITOBA NEWS

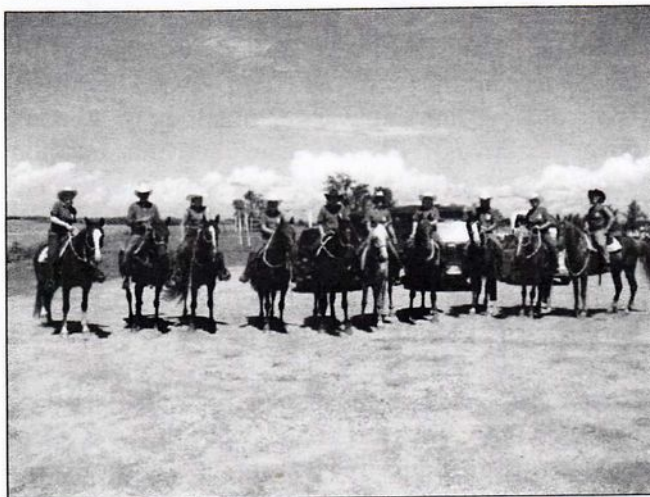
MARSHA TRINDER, TRINDER'S TENNESSEE WALKING HORSES, RUSSELL, writes, "We are using horses daily for moving horse herds around the ranch. Sarah has been moving herds of young horses with Flash. Great training for both the riding horses and the horse herds!"

This is very intriguing. I went to the horse person's colour reference, Sponenberg's *Equine Color Genetics*, to see if he has anything to say about this phenomenon. In it I found this reference to "birdcatcher spots" which sound like Queen's.

"The **birdcatcher spots** pattern of white spotting is rare and consists of small, random white spots scattered over the body. **Birdcatcher spots** are usually not numerous and usually not progressive. The name comes from a Thoroughbred horse named Irish Birdcatcher who sported such spots. They are unrelated to the **leopard** complex of colors, although if they are numerous they can resemble the **snowflake** pattern. **Birdcatcher spots** occur on horses of a wide number of breeds, but only in a very few individuals. Hairs in scarred or injured areas of any base color can grow in white, but these blemishes are distinct from **birdcatcher spots**, which are unrelated to injuries. Some horses acquire **birdcatcher spots** well into middle age, and some horses that develop **birdcatcher spots** lose them later in life.

No studies have ever been done concerning **birdcatcher spots**, but they are strongly associated

"I thought you might like this picture (*below*) of ten riders, all on registered Tennessee Walking Horses, representing T W Ranch at two local parades for Canada Day. The riders, all in matching blue shirts, are from Canada, Germany, Austria and Australia!"



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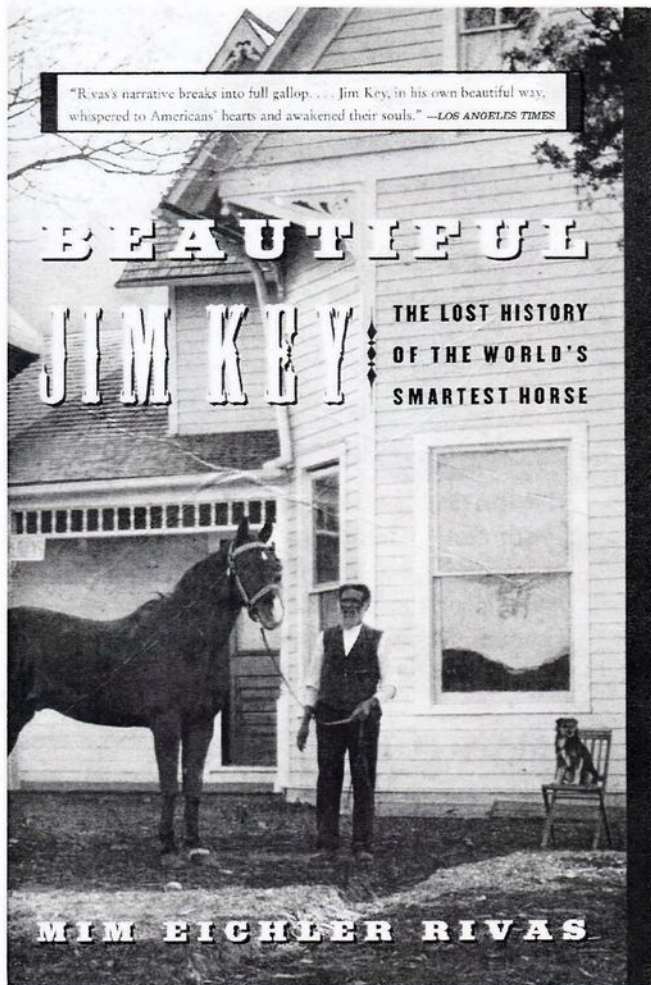
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## BEAUTIFUL JIM KEY: Book Review by Sue Gamble



The book "Beautiful Jim Key", with subtitle "The Lost History of the World's Smartest Horse", is by Mim Eichler Rivas and published by HarperCollins. ([www.beautifuljimkey.com](http://www.beautifuljimkey.com)).

This true story is set in the United States at the turn of the previous century. The tale is painted by the events just after the American Civil War. Beautiful Jim Key was foaled in Shelbyville, Tennessee in May of 1889 and owned by 'Doc' William Key. Jim Key was the offspring of a broken down ex-circus Arabian mare and the stallion, Tennessee Volunteer, who was of Hambletonian trotting horse bloodlines. Jim Key was said to be an Arabian-Hambletonian cross.

A number of foundation Tennessee Walking horses trace to Hambletonian, which makes this book interesting for TWH owners. For example, foundation horses such as F-18 Echo and F-51 Bedford Boy descend from Hambletonian, while F-54 George Wilkes was sired directly by Hambletonian.\*

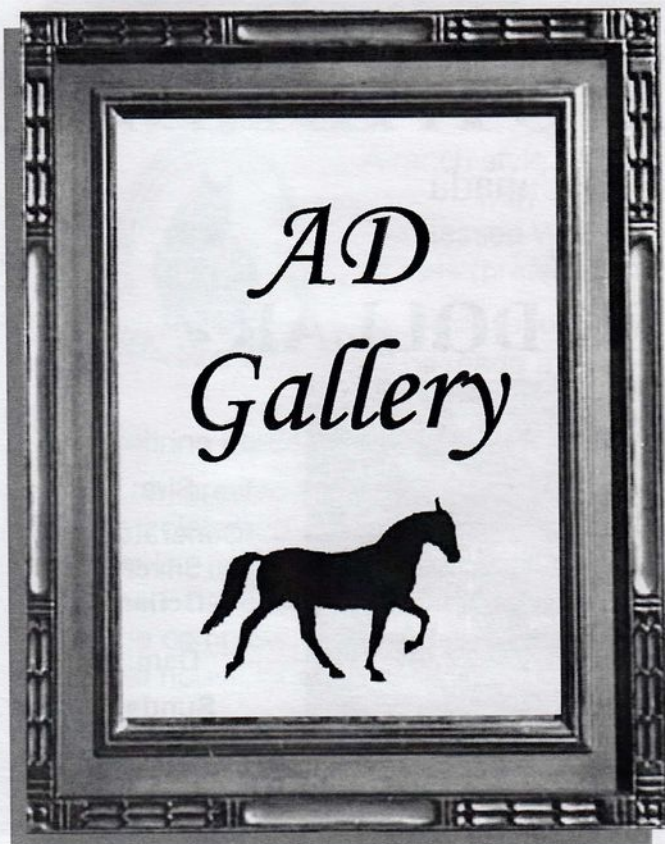
Mim Eichler Rivas recognizes the connection between Beautiful Jim Key and the TWH when she briefly discusses the Tennessee Walking Horse emerging from the horses of the Shelbyville area.

'Doc' William Key was a former Negro slave who was known and loved as a local veterinarian, and salesman of his own "Keystone Liniment". He was quite a lovable character who knew and loved horses. After Jim Key was foaled, his dam did very poorly, and Jim Key himself was spindle legged and appeared to be in pain to the point that euthanasia was considered. Instead of naming the colt after a heroic figure, Doc Key picked the name 'Jim' after the staggering town drunk. The prefix Beautiful was attached at a later date when Jim Key became a celebrity for his unusual intelligence and extraordinary talent.

'Doc' William Key raised and trained Jim Key. The two became inseparable for the rest of their lives. 'Doc' Key had a special touch, and trained Jim through kindness and patience to know the letters of the alphabet, to count, to use a cash register to make change, and to spell names. Jim performed many other acts of intellect including bowing to the ladies in the audience, and having opinions on the politics of the day. Jim was allowed to have and express his own opinions. This amazing horse and his owner went on the road to display Jim's incredible intellectual talents. They were soon to meet up with A.R. Rogers who became their PR manager and arranged tours for Doc and Jim for many years in pursuit of being kind to animals. Rogers, Doc Key, and Jim Key participated in the establishment of the humane movement in the United States.

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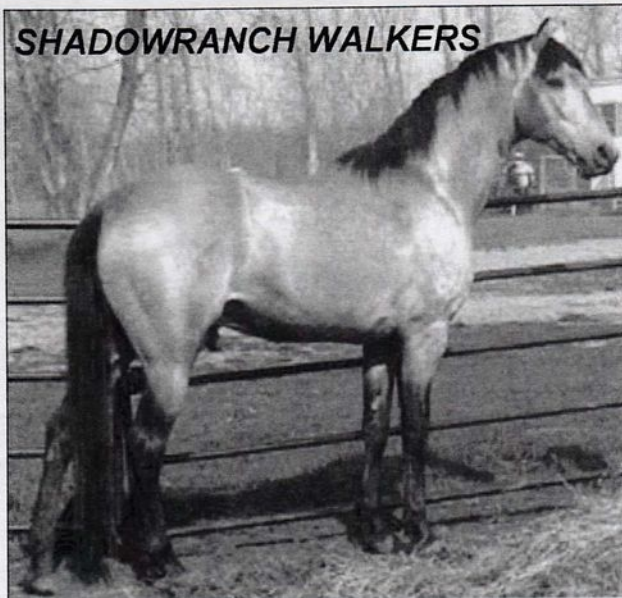
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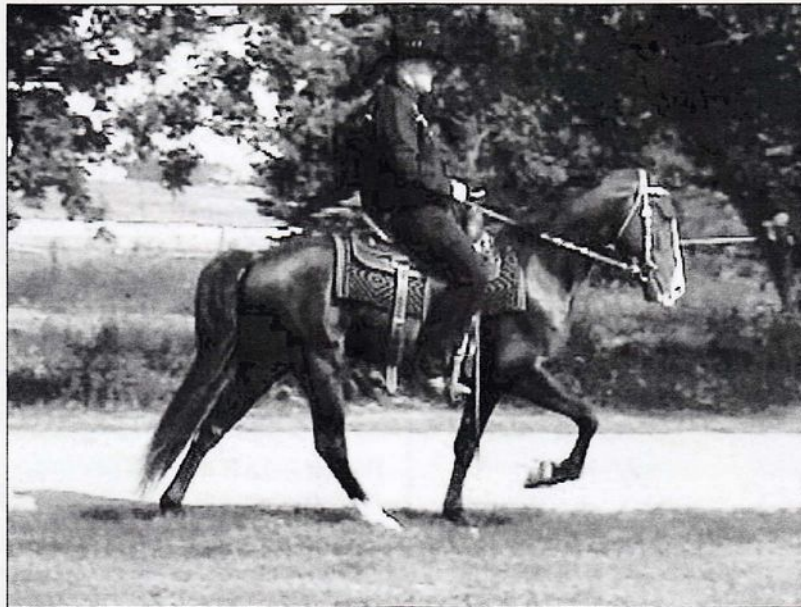
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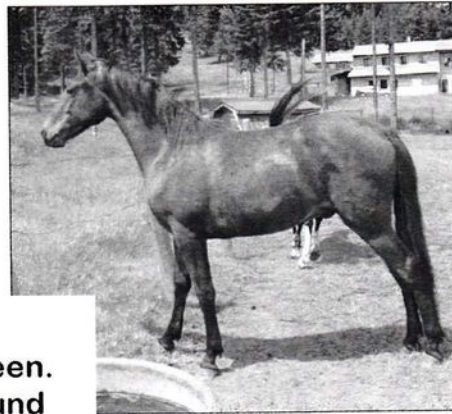
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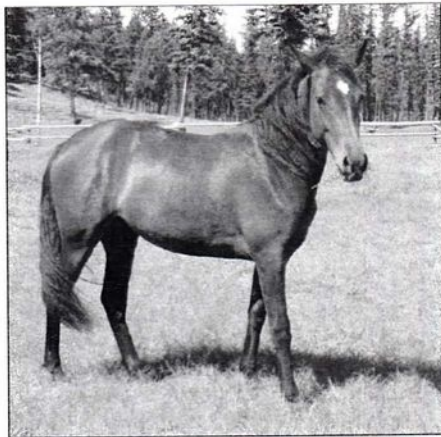
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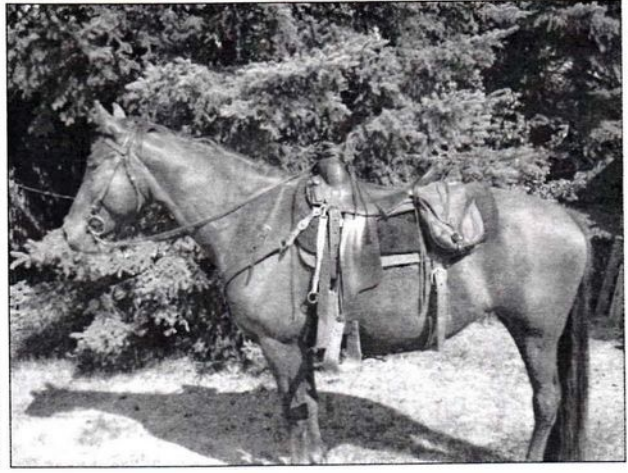
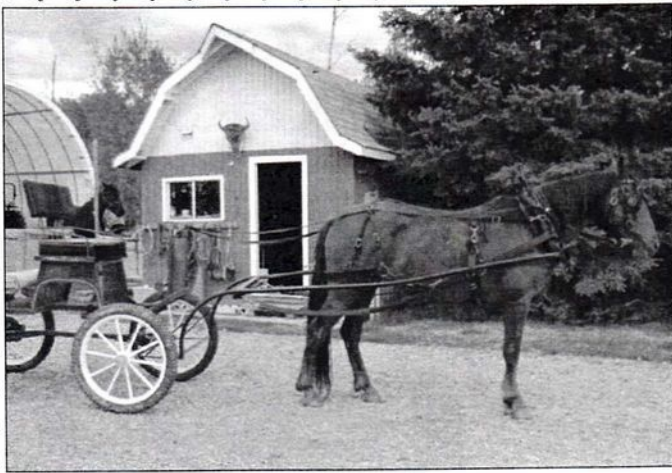
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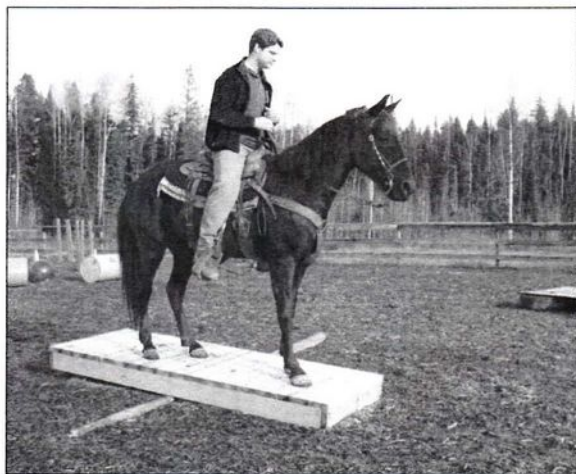
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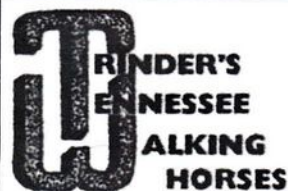
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