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gives Ken
(Karla's Special Knight)
free rein
to take a closer look
at the little
holiday horse
that suddenly
appeared
in his yard
at dusk
one cold
December evening.

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Dear Subscribers,

The first snow that's going to stay came last night and the temperatures are falling with a vengeance. Winter is definitely here - it's time to find some indoor pursuits! I got quite intrigued looking back at the ten, twenty and thirty year old *Walking Horse News* issues for the Dusty Files (see page 11). It's interesting to see the horses and people who were prominent then - and who is still around today. What about all those horses? Many of them must still be around since TWH tend to be long-lived, but where are they now? For example, does anyone know where the cover horse from December, 1990, Shadnick's Bayley, is now? Or the colt on the December, 2000 cover, Go Boy's Diamond Sun? Write and tell us if you know.

What do you want for Christmas? A new horse? New saddle? New saddle shed - barn - riding arena? It's bound to be horse-related! As Monica Dickens said, "*It is a disease for which there is no cure. If you have it, it is for life. You will go on riding even after they have to haul you onto a comfortable, wise old cob, with feet like inverted buckets and a back like a fireside chair.*" ... Well, there are many worse maladies we could suffer from.

What does *Walking Horse News* want for Christmas and the coming year? MORE! More subscribers, more advertisers, more people with TWH stories to share. Maybe Santa will grant our wish - surely he reads *WHN*!

Best wishes to all of you and your horses. Hope they're all fat & enjoying the winter like the ones below at Bob Showers Kennel & Stable in Vanessa, ON.

Thank you to all contributors,

Marjorie



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great gift!

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HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT

"CANADIAN TIMES OF THE TWH"

OLD BLOODLINES IN BC

Sometime after the June issue of *WHN* went out, I had a phone call from JUDY TAYLOR of PRITCHARD, BC. She'd noticed something familiar in the pedigree notes I'd made about the Widmer's original stallion, Ebony Walking Eagle, in the History & Heritage article, and had gone to look up her own horse's papers. Sure enough, he too was by Red Eagle Mack K. but the dam's line, though still old, was completely different. She went back to Sun's Mountain Man, Golden Sun Allen and the Zepher line. (See all the numbers from the thirties and forties in the pedigree below.)

Judy's horse, **ZEPHYRS MT. EAGLE G. 803975**, is a solid black gelding foaled April 21, 1980. He was bred by Andy Erickson of Clearwater, BC. Mr. Erickson thought a lot of the horse and didn't want to sell him, but as sometimes happens, a person came along who wanted the horse enough to offer his owner a price he couldn't refuse. ZEPHYRS MT. EAGLE became the property of this gentleman until fate stepped in. The new owner died and the horse was up for sale.

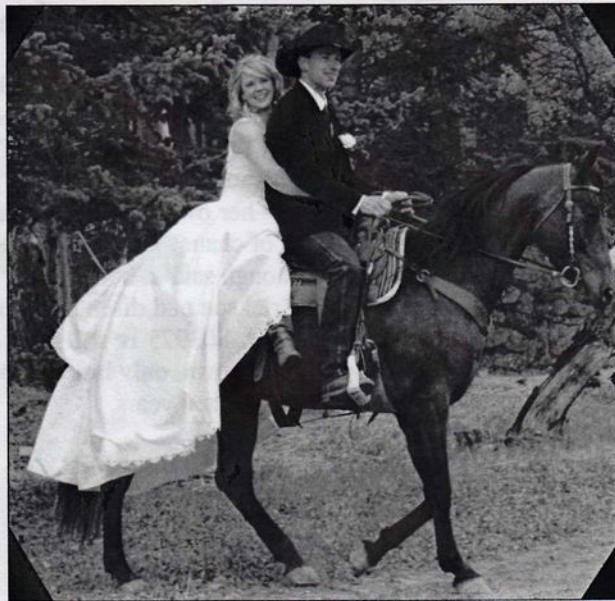
Now about this time Judy had been thinking she should start looking for another horse - her own part TWH mare had turned 30 - and she'd decided that if she bought another it had be a TWH. Through a series of chance happenings (that can only be called serendipitous) she met up with Zephyrs MT. Eagle. He was 18 at the time (though said to be 12!).

It was a couple of years later, through Leonard Dahle of Clearwater, that she met Mr. Erickson and discovered this much about the horse's history and obtained a copy of his papers. ZEPHYRS MT. EAGLE G. 803975 is still hale & hearty at thirty years of age. He and Judy were out on a two and a half hour poker ride, up hill and down, only last October second. Judy says she feels very fortunate to have found and owned this special horse for the past dozen years.

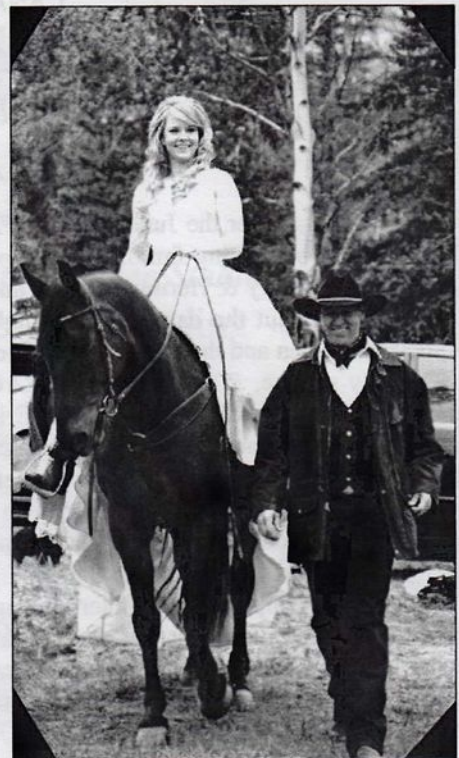
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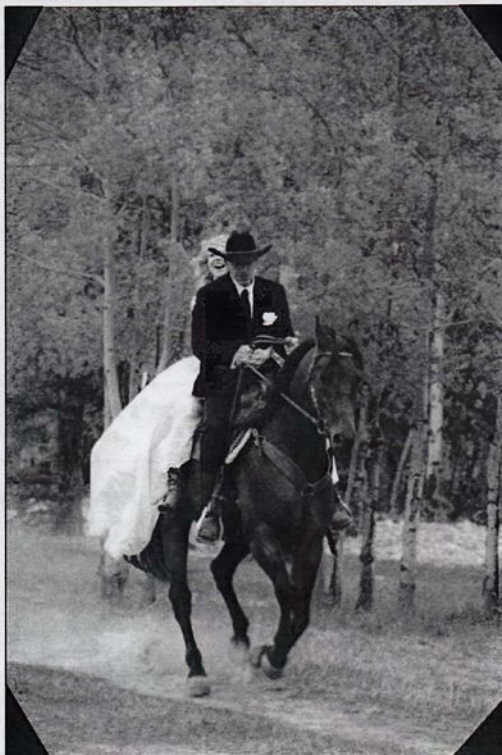
What do YOU do with your Walkers?



Some
folks
include
them
in
the
wedding!



MAUREEN GERMSCHIED, EVANSBURG, AB writes, "Our daughter, Rebecca Germscheid, and Kevin Hull had the wedding of their dreams on the Kootenay Plains on May 29, 2010.

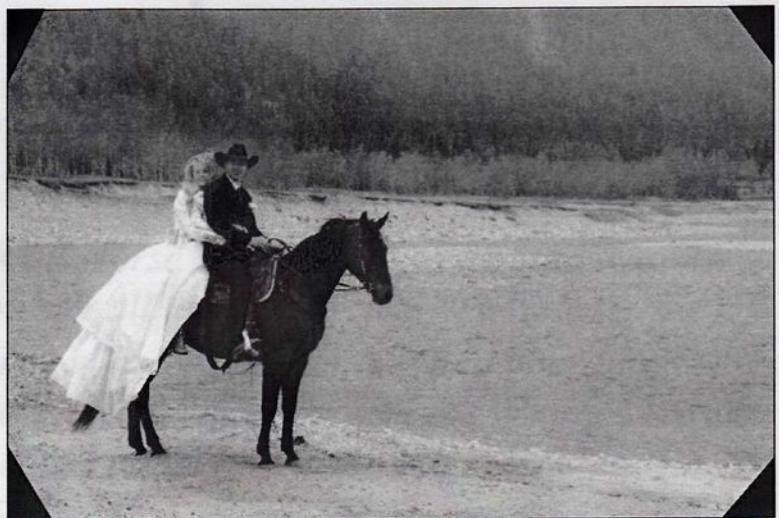


The weather was a "little" chilly and we were the only people in the campground.

Becky on Toddys Risto was accompanied to the alter by Greg. At the end of the ceremony, the bride and groom left on horseback.

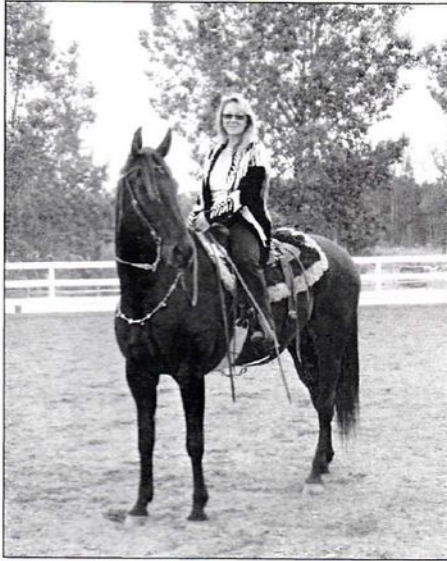
We erected a large party tent and a good time was had by all 60 attendees.

Best wishes to the Bride & Groom!



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ALBERTA NEWS



From
K A R L A
FREEMAN,
BENTLEY,
"Hello all.
Here is a
picture of Ken
and me at
S p r u c e
M e a d o w s .
The weather
could have
been nicer,
b u t
considering
the summer
we had, only

being rained on once was pretty good. The booth was a new style, and looked great. We had fun, despite the long walks to the parking lot and back. Thanks to all who helped make it possible."

"What a relief to finally have a couple of weeks without rain! A beautiful fall (so much deserved) and I hope everyone had some wonderful rides. I have sure enjoyed the fall rides, and now that the crops are off, it's even better riding. I am looking forward to having an "out-of-the-wind" area to ride in this winter, so we have been really busy working on that, as well as getting a trail course set up. If only I didn't need to sleep!"

It is hard to believe it's coming up to the time for festive greetings but - Happy Christmas and Merry New Year to you all! (Oops, I mean Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!) Happy Trails!"



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CHARIS COOPER, TURNER VALLEY, writes, "Peppi and I have had another busy year, from sightings of grizzly bears on our property to parades at High River and Black Diamond. Then we attended a two day side-saddle clinic at the historic Bar U Ranch south of Longview, where four of us riders on our side saddles and in costume performed a drill for the tourists. It was very well received. Peppi was the only Tennessee Walking Horse; she really entertained the audience doing her classic running walk."

"The Millarville Country Fair invited us to ride in their parade and perform before the grandstand, so four of the side saddle riders attended

that and were well received. In between these ventures was ranch work and trail riding. Not a bad year for a 24 year old horse and an 80 year old rider!"

Above, Peppi was the model

for a Christmas Wreath, made with a skill saw by Samantha in 2007.



From J GLENN ROBINSON, CALGARY, "I appreciate the picture of my four horse TWH team in the past issues of the *WHN*. I have attached a recent picture of my team that I have been driving this past summer. This team is well matched, each with 2 hind socks (except Coal with only one sock) and all with stripes or stars. They are driving well and I am promoting them for commercial advertising.

The horses are:

Left Lead Genuine Silver
Bullet 16-2

Right Lead G2's Ebby's
Sir Prize 16-2

Left Wheel G2's Ebby's
Rainy 17-1

Right Wheel Ebby's Silver
Coal 17-2."



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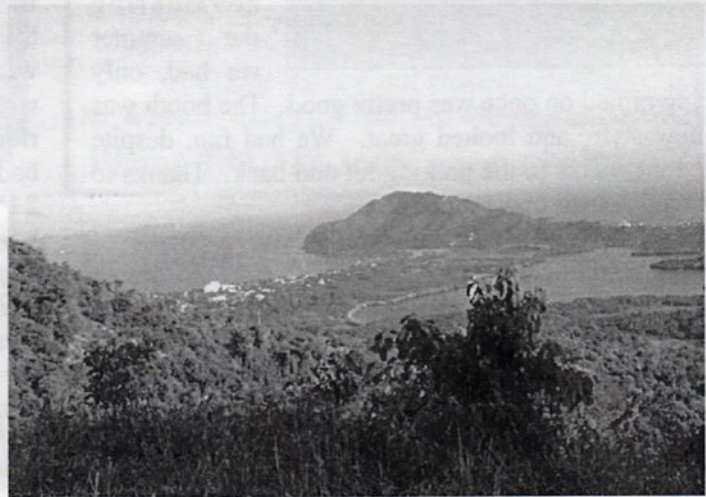
Take a look at the views!

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every need
for you
and your
(or our)
horses.



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SKYLINE DRIVING CLINIC

by Lissa Townsend

I just wanted to send a note to tell you all about the Driving Clinic that Keith Oberle was generous enough to host at his property 'Skyline at Horse Creek' (see ad, back cover page), just north of Cochrane on August 14th. We lucked out with the weather - considering what we've been getting this summer, and a very good time was had. As well, as some serious progress was made for us beginner potential drivers.

Some time was spent in the round pen going over sensible desensitizing (as opposed to chasing your horses around the pen until they're tired), and exposing them to a few tricks of the trade. Keith is self taught, without any political or monetary agenda, which basically means he will share it all, the good stories along with the ones where mistakes can be made, and the cheapest tools that can be made by anyone using items that you can find around any home.

We had horses with little or no driving experience, a couple that had been ground driven (or long lined), and one lovely Paint horse that had minimal time being attached to a cart or buggy. Sandra Hilder was driving her big Warmblood, 'Sage' (first time attached to a buggy), around the outdoor arena by the end of the day. Congratulations again, Sandra! Jim Fode's Walking Horse mare just wasn't quite sure about all these attachment 'things'... and needless to say he had his hands full, but, she was doing well with it all by the end of the day. Elaine Paquette is the owner of 'Sly', the very flashy and sensible Paint horse who showed us all how it should look when it's done with flair and good looks combined.

Thanks again, Keith. It was fun!

Below: Sandra, Keith, Jim, Fred and me (Lissa) driving "Brassy" (aka Chance Footsteps), now owned by Susan and Tony Fisher. See note from Lissa, right.



MADELEINE CHAPMAN, STETTLER, writes, "Enclosed is our renewal. We still enjoy reading the newsletter. Keep up the good work."

"Jack has had a tough year as he had open heart surgery last November to have his aortic valve replaced, and then developed post-operative pneumonia. He was in hospital for 35 days and has had a lengthy recovery. But he just celebrated his 90th birthday in August and is doing very well now. We still have 50 cow-calf pairs and plan to keep going if his health allows."

"This spring was a sad time for us as we had to have our two old saddle horses put down due to age related injuries. As we only have young, green-broke horses, we have been searching for a replacement horse for Jack. Recently we found and purchased "Walkaway Moondancer" (Darkie's Last Chance x Chapie's Bay Doll). Ironically, when we looked at his papers, we discovered that we had owned all of his grandparents and parents at one time. He was conceived on our farm and has come full circle. Jack has ridden him a few times and is pleased to be back on a horse again, although his old 'Tony' is irreplaceable."

"We no longer have a stallion and only one open broodmare that we plan to sell this spring. So except for a handful of younger horses that we have left, we're out of raising Tennessee Walkers."

"Jack led the Stettler Parade last year, in the pouring rain, on Tony, his 25 year old saddle horse." *See photo above.*

LISSA TOWNSEND, COCHRANE, writes, "Congratulations to Susan and Tony Fisher of Calgary on the purchase of our lovely little mare, Chance Footsteps (a.k.a. 'Brassy'). Folks, we have two more new TWH enthusiasts! I'm sure they'll never look back - like the rest of us. Please send Susan and Tony a subscription to *Walking Horse News* with our compliments. Many happy trails, Susan and Tony."

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

From JO-ANNE MCDONALD, POUCE COUPE, "We have had a wonderful fall here in the Peace. It has been windy at times but I hardly remember a November day reaching 12 degrees like today (4th).

We have been lucky enough to sell two horses this fall so our rideable group is getting down.



We sold the bay mare, Super Star Magic (Dressed For Success x Shadow's Magic Maid) *above*, to Mike Chappell of Barriere, B.C. Mike and Ginger already have one horse from this farm, Barker's Greater Glory (also called Ginger), who just happens to be the dam of our young stallion, Sunny's Greatest Glory. Amazing how these horses get around. We wish Mike all the best with his new mare. I'm sure they will get along just fine."

"We have also sold the black weanling stallion, Yankee Shaker (pending) out of Yankee's Melody Maid (Aspen) by Canadian Shaker to Greg Walker of Bluesky, Alberta, who is a first time owner of our great breed. I am sure that this new colt will convince Greg that he does not have enough Tennessee Walkers in his life! Please send a *Walking Horse News* subscription to these new owners with our compliments."

"We are trying to build a new barn (before the old one collapses), so this nice weather is a blessing for us. That job is sure keeping us out of trouble."

From GEN AMY, LONE BUTTE, "Greetings All. I hope everyone enjoyed this glorious autumn as much as we did up here in the Cariboo. The summer was *so* terrible, cold and rain, then too hot and smoke, then cold and rain again for a month - people up here went around for weeks, saying "We are going to have a nice long Indian Summer to make up for this," and sure enough, we got it."

"Big news (for us) - Todd Cuminsky, of Thunder Ranch at Sheridan Lake, has loved my TW gelding, O'Henry, since they met two years ago, and we managed to negotiate a deal that made us both very happy. Todd gets Henry, and I get a 'shelter' built. The shelter has turned out to be a wonderful 2 stall barn with walkway, easily expandable to 4 stalls when I can afford it. I am ecstatic - no feeding in the mud, and the horses will have a place to get out of the snow and wind. Paddi Cuminsky, Todd's wife, has my pinto gelding, whom she has named Blade (the blue in his right eye looks like the blade of a scimitar to her). She is completely in love with him, and he with her. It is the perfect match, that mystical thing that we see in the movies, and snort in derision because that's 'not real.' It happened instantly, the minute they met, before he was even for sale. By the time this is printed, they will probably be trail riding with them. It is fortunate that they got both geldings - Sandy and I are invited to come and ride them when they are ready: It's almost like owning them and not having to pay board or training... I will send a cheque and their address for a subscription to *WHN* - they will be a wonderful addition to our community."

"The October issue arrived and as usual, I greedily read it all, then went back through to savour. Marjorie, that buckskin colt of yours is **BREATH-TAKING**. Wow! I was particularly pleased to read that dressage coaches like the trot of Karin Bauer's horses - and that they are displaying jumping abilities. Both my geldings have huge floating trots, and Henry can jump like a deer. (He probably learned from all the bambis that infest the place.) Walkers do it all! Thanks again for my favorite magazine."

"I have overcome the fear of doing things alone, and go out by myself on Finally whenever I can. Sometimes the woods are so quiet, it is a bit unnerving: there are wolves (I've heard them) and cougars and bears. If there are recent sightings, I just stick to the roads. There's not much traffic now that summer is over. I also overcame a hidden health problem that was robbing me of energy: I feel enthusiastic about doing things again, so I am really enjoying my rides, and just working around the place. And here I thought I was just getting old fast!"

"Have a great fall, and hope the winter isn't quite as bad as 'they' are predicting. Here's a Horseman's Winter Blessing for you all: May your barns be full of sweet hay and fat horses."

NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, writes, "On Thanksgiving Monday, Dave Smith and Tower Ridge Farm hosted a Parelli-inspired clinic. There were five participants, three of whom were partnered with Tennessee Walking Horses: me with Trigger, Karlene with Dave's Hanna, and Chris with Smoke. Lynn had her Appaloosa, Dakota, and Tanya with her rescue Standardbred, ex-racer, Eeyore, rounded out the group. Not everyone was familiar with the 7 games, but it didn't take long to catch on with Dave's excellent tutelage. It was interesting to watch the transformation of some of the horses, going from total panic at the sight of an umbrella to "ho hum, not the umbrella again". Walking over the "water hazard" (blue tarp) was another exercise that took some a while before they would walk across rather than go around. Once that was achieved, then standing on it, with no fear of drowning, was no big deal. Dave is a great believer in Tom Dorrance's axiom, "Take the time that it takes." Patience, kindness, encouraging words, rewarding rubs, all worked their magic, and both horse and handler came away with a better understanding of what was expected of them. The weather co-operated, and I hope Debbie sent a picture of us standing in the sunshine. A good time was had by all, and I think Dave deserves a standing ovation for his patient instruction and sharing his knowledge. Trigger was a bit of a showoff, what with being through Parelli twice, but still likes to give me a hard time when it comes to side passing. Needs work!"

"I'm so fortunate to have all the above ladies as good friends and riding buddies along with Debbie, whenever she's not in Hawaii. How that girl loves to travel... To paraphrase an old song: How can you keep her down on the farm once she's seen Hawaii?!"

"Here's hoping you're not buried under snow drifts and, instead, are enjoying the colours of fall. We certainly are. The trails are absolutely gorgeous with their carpets of red, gold and orange. Happy trails!"

DEB SMITH, TOWER RIDGE FARM, MAPLE RIDGE, adds this P.S. "Oh, Natalie didn't mention my most excellent chili for afterwards. We were planning on eating out in the open but the rain started pouring down. We ended up having more people eating than attended our clinic... Mmm good food."

Thanksgiving Day Clinic at Tower Ridge Farm



Above: L to R: Natalie & Trigger, Karlene & Dave's Hanna, Chris & Smoke. Lynn had her Appaloosa, Dakota, and Tanya her Standardbred ex-racer, Eeyore.



Above: Chris Smith & her TWH gelding, Smoke Party.



Above: Tanya & Eeyore "Ho hum, the umbrella again".

JOYCE PATTERSON, CAWSTON, writes, "I was surprised and saddened to read that Jean Rempel had left us. She'll be really missed. I bought my second Walker from her in the eighties. That was "Robin", a half TWH mare, and a real dandy, too."

"2010 hasn't been too wonderful for us. Alex, my husband, had been ill for two and a half years but then got a lot worse and had to go into Penticton hospital, where he passed away the morning of January 18. So it's been a hard time. Charlotte, our second oldest daughter, comes down morning and evening to do chores. I'm very grateful for Charlotte."

"I've only got one horse now and Charlotte has hers. But I think I'll put mine up for sale and try to get a smallish quiet harness horse. But I'll sell D.D. first. She's the little bay TWH. All our second cut of hay will be for sale as all our barns are full - and only two horses to eat it!"

"Reading the *WHN* it looks like there's lots going on with our smooth ponies. Happy Trails. Everyone!"

From KIRK & SHEILA COBURN, PRINCE GEORGE, "Well, another year has come and gone. The breeding season is over so Sun's happy, and the haying is over - for us at least - so we're happy. We had an odd spring and didn't get the garden in until mid June. Then it turned Hot, Hot, Hot - like 32 C. I wilt at anything over 25 so I spent a lot of time in the basement!"

"Don & Jo-Anne McDonald came for a visit and to pick up a mare from Ullu. It was nice to visit with everyone. We'll be heading up to McDonald's soon for a holiday and to get our oats - an annual trip we look forward to every year."

"Enclosed is our renewal for the *News* and a "Thank you" for all your hard work."

ROY ROGERS MUSEUM CLOSED FOREVER

NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, writes, "Did you read where the contents of the Roy Rogers museum were all sold, including Trigger? (The stuffed and mounted version.) How sad. Terry Kinch sent that info along or I wouldn't have known."

"For all who grew up with Roy Rogers movies and/or TV shows, this is definitely the end of an era, a kinder, gentler place. Do you remember the 1938 movie 'The Adventures of Robin Hood' with Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland? Well, Olivia rode Trigger in that movie. Trigger was bred on a farm co-owned by Bing Crosby. Roy bought Trigger

on a time payment plan for \$2,500. Roy and Trigger made 188 movies together. Trigger even outdid Bob Hope by winning an Oscar in the movie 'Son of Paleface' in 1953. Trigger was billed as Golden Cloud in the Robin Hood movie. I rented it a while back just so I could see Trigger in his movie debut. (To heck with Errol Flynn!)"
Here is part of the report.

The Roy Rogers Museum has closed its doors forever. Here is a partial listing of some of the items that were sold at auction.

One of Roy's many shirts sold for \$16,250 and one of his many cowboy hats sold for \$17,500.

One of Roy's many pairs of boots sold for \$21,250.

One of several sets of movie posters sold for \$18,750.

A fabulous painting of Roy, Dale, Pat, Buttermilk, Trigger, and Bullet sold for \$10,625.

Dale's parade saddle, estimated to sell between 20-30 K, sold for \$104,500.

Dale's horse, Buttermilk, (whose history is very interesting) sold below the presale estimate for \$25,000. (est. 30-40 K)

Bullet sold for \$35,000 (est. 10-15 K). He was their real pet.

One set of boot spurs sold for \$10,625. (Roy never used spurs on Trigger.)

Trigger's saddle and bridle sold for \$386,500 (est. 100-150 K)

Trigger sold for \$266,500.

No mention of Trigger Jr. But he'll live on through his TWH descendants and all the people who remember

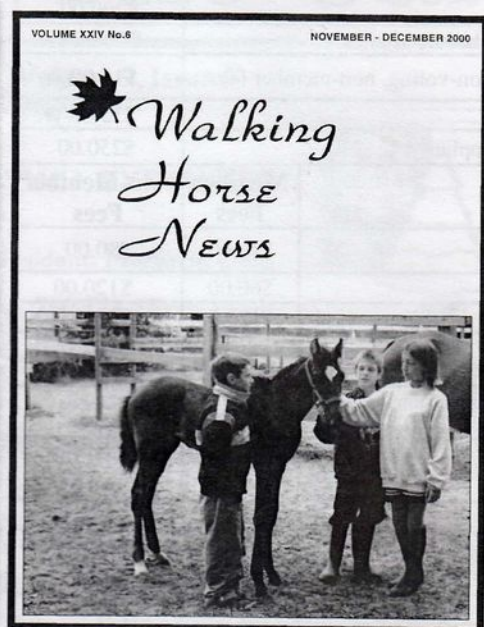
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FROM THE DUSTY FILES OF WALKING HORSE NEWS

10 YEARS AGO IN WALKING HORSE NEWS



The November/December 2000 issue was a momentous one for me. That was the issue announcing that Jo Kingsland would no longer be producing the magazine. I very nearly decided to close it down then.

But hey –here we are, hanging in there, ten years later.

The issue had 44 inside pages. The colour cover (above) showed Kara, Jessie and Jordan Haseler with their new colt, Go Boy's Diamond Sun (by a son of Red Eagle Mack K. - see this month's History & Heritage story.) The full colour back page of the magazine featured Alice Green's 'The Aristocrat A.G.'. The inside cover ads were still in black & white with the inside front cover ad from Laurindale Stables with Coin's Double Play & D.P.'s Big Shiney Tunes. On the inside back cover were T-Bone's Diamond Edition at Legacy Walkers; Canadian Shaker at McDonald Farms; Generator's Diamond at Skyline at Horse Creek; and R. Diamond Picasso at Rough Diamond Farm.

Franne Brandon's story in the 2000 issue was, coincidentally, "Color Coded: Key to Success at Fall PWHAT Sale". See her story *this* issue! Seems that colour is still a major factor in how pleasure horses sell.

Keith Doll had a story entitled, Wagon Train 2000, with a photo of his covered wagon with Duke & Lucky hitched to it. Brenda Bettles 'told all' on the Riding Year 2000 and Barb Fenwick filled us in on Fun at Four Seasons. I wrote the article, "When is the Best Time to Train" and there was an article by Dave Whitaker entitled "How Much Does the Mare Contribute?". Allanna Jackson's Backyard Walkin' featured a story on halter training her blue roan filly, Velvet. (See them both again on page 15 of *this* issue.)

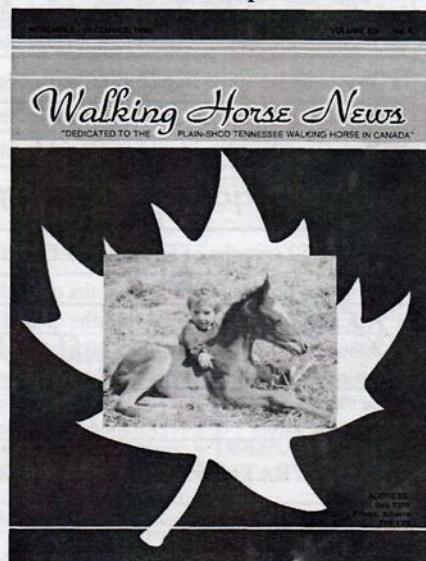
The rest of the magazine was filled with news, reports and advertising - about 21 pages of ads.

20 YEARS AGO IN WALKING HORSE NEWS

The cover (below) showed 4 year old Perry McKinnon with one week old Shadnick's Bayley, photo sent in by Christine McKinnon. There was a two page report on the Battle of the Breeds at Spruce Meadows

where Team TWH ended up placing 4th (Wow!) out of the 12 breeds entered. Riders were Lea Berge, Charis Cooper, Lara Hack and Grethe Broholm, with Hilton Hack as Team Captain.

There were stories - The Great Alberta Walking Horse Tour, by M.C. Lacy, Tracing Color Patterns by Laura Wyant, Why Did he Do THAT Gait Then by A. Jackson, and more. The mag was 40 pages in all. Cover ads were from D-Joint Ranch, Rocky Slopes Farm, McDonald & Westridge Farms, and Mainwynd Stables.



30 YEARS AGO IN WALKING HORSE NEWS

WALKING HORSE NEWS

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Dear Subscribers,

There's no doubt about it - winter has arrived! It's a good thing the horses have on their winter woolies.

Thank you for your support regarding the ad increases. Hope it won't be long before I can get a Gestetner. In the meantime I'm trying a different kind of stencil which I hope improves the readability of your newsletter.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

Marjorie C. Lacy

New Walking Horse Association Formed

Sue Marsland phoned to say that a group of interested people in the Calgary area have incorporated the Alberta Walking Horse Association, not a club but a resource centre and sponsor for any activities that inform, educate and enhance the Walking Horse as a natural gaited pleasure horse. The Association hopes that directors will represent the entire province so the needs of all areas can be met. Inquiries and suggestions are welcomed. For further information contact Sue Marsland at R.R.#1, COCHRANE, Alberta TOL OWG Phone (403) 932-5675

TWHBEA Has New Region & Director

Since the province of Alberta has increased its membership (in the TWHBEA) to more than twenty-five persons, it will pull out of Region #1 (which consists of Alaska, Hawaii, B.C., Quebec, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Manitoba) and elect a director of its own for a three year term.

And our new Alberta Director is Mr. Ellwood Smith of Donalda. As I write this on Dec. 6, he will be in Lewisburg attending the TWHBEA annual meeting. Congratulations on your election, Ellwood. If you have some concerns you'd like to express to the TWHBEA through Ellwood, his address is Box 202, Donalda, Alta. T0B 1H0 Phone 883-2559.



CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

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| a. Change of colour | \$20.00 | \$40.00 |
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*From the Directors of the Canadian Registry
of the Tennessee Walking Horse*



'RIDE YOUR WALKER' DEADLINE

If you were entered this year, December 31 is the deadline to submit your statement of hours ridden to Fran Kerik for the RIDE YOUR WALKER Program. Contact her at fkerik@digitalweb.net or phone 780-768-2250 for the form.

There will be some changes to the program for 2011, with 'Hours Ridden' badges for various levels, as well as the certificates of achievement and prizes for the greatest number of hours.

Why don't YOU enter for next year? Keep track of the hours you ride your Walker, and send in a statement at the end of the year. It's a win-win!

TIME TO RENEW!

Annual memberships (\$25) are due January 1st (or individuals may wish to take out a Life Membership for \$200.) For those who wish to renew by cheque or money order, please make them out to CLRC and mail to **CLRC, 2417 Holly Lane, Ottawa, ON K1V 0M7**. You may also renew by MasterCard or Visa credit card. Call Mavis at CLRC, 1-877-833-7110, ext. 311.



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NEWS FROM OUR U.S. SUBSCRIBERS

STAN POTTER, INTERLAKEN, NY, writes, "Howdy *WHN*. Reading about Jack Gurnett in the Alberta mountains brings back happy memories of a great ride I had in the YaHa Tinda last year on New York's Touch of Coco. The leaves were in peak foliage, the sky blue and the weather perfect!"

"This year I moved to the Finger Lakes area of NY state where the only National Forest in NY is located. It contains 16,000 acres. I also began giving trail rides there and now in October the foliage is in peak color too! I find it most rewarding to finish a ride and hear my guests rave about how much they loved the scenery and my Tennessee Walking Horses. Interesting to this area is a large presence of Amish. We see horses and buggies going by daily."

"This year brought me three new foals which are all weaned now and coming along very well. Silvers Brilliant Coin gave me a palomino filly called Potters Brilliant Goldmin and we call her Bri. We also have a sorrel filly with flaxen mane and tail out of A Joyful Spirit called Potters Rejoysun Spirit. Both were sired by Trouble's Gold Sun. The third foal is a colt out of Angel's Amazing Grace called Potters Canadian Buckshot who was born on Canada Day. He was sired by Uphill Heir Trigger and will be either a buckskin or a bay."

"We now have a herd of 12 TWH here with seven old enough to ride. Of the seven, I have used six for trail rides so far. The seventh mare weaned her foal last and we'll see if she will be of use on the trails soon."

Here's my first trail ride using only Walking Horses from Canada in the Finger Lakes National Forest of upstate NY! The mother and 9 year old daughter are from CT and had a great time. The girl said it was her best day ever!



From FRANNE BRANDON, PETERSBURG, TN, The October *WHN* came earlier in the week, but I am just now getting it read because we opened Hotel Pinefolly for the Fall Season on Sunday afternoon. Pretty good rates here, including free self-care kennel board, entertainment for the toddler, and two gourmet meals daily. Our kids took grandson Hunter back home Wednesday morning, though, which has given me more breathing time. He says he'll ride Granna's big mare in the spring, when he is taller. He saw her cremello daughter in an ad online, pointed, and said "Na-Na's".

"Enjoyed the articles in this month's issue, and the ads, too. I found Eldon Eadie's article most interesting, as I know very little about Brazil's native breed. Saw the photo of the marcha batida before reading, and thought it looked like the horse was trotting. After I read the whole story, the photo made more sense. What mph speed is 15 kph?" (*Approximately 9 mph.*)

"You know, someone did try to show a flatshod horse at the TWH Celebration over ten years ago. The show then changed the rules to *require* a horse to wear pads to compete for the breed's "World Grand Championship". Then, they changed the titles of all the classes so they read "World Grand Champion Lite Shod," "World Grand Champion Trail Pleasure"... etc. I am on his side, though, because these newly minted titles are not worth any more than the ribbons they are printed on."

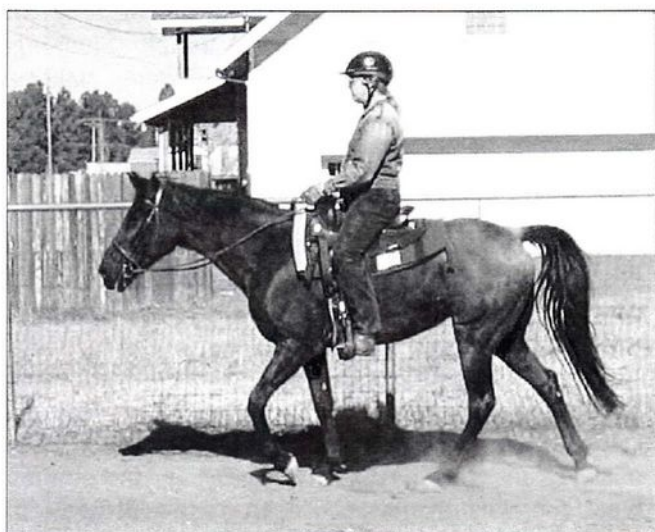
There's a video on the Walkin' On Ranch website of Champagne Watchout in a tiny set of pads and with bell boots and humane tail set competing in the Celebration. Since our high speed sometimes isn't very good, I can't always get it to work, but it's supposed to be there."

From ALLANNA Jackson, Lakeside, AZ, "*Walking Horse News* arrived today. Eldon Eadie's article about his trip to Brazil was interesting. His observation about the ideal marcha being a foxtrot with no head motion matches what I'd observed about that gait on a promotional video I got about the breed back in 1992. Eldon's post script on the article is quite interesting."

"Cinnamon and I and some friends rode the Buena Vista trail on Saturday, which is one I have hiked but have been wanting to do on a horse for a dozen years. We finally did it. There were 4 of us. Cinnamon can flat walk only 3 mph so I don't have to spend the whole ride arguing with her to be able to ride with the Quarter horses. After a few miles she

got tired of following Babe, the pokey Mustang down hill. Babe is barefoot and so is Cinnamon, but Cinnamon is happy going faster than Babe without being any less careful of her feet than the mustang is. After awhile Pat invited us to lead, which worked fine until Cinnamon decided she wanted to lope without really having my permission. We didn't get adequate warning or a chance for consultation with the rest of the group. Cinnamon did a very nice right lead lope, but Bonnie's buckskin mare at the back got over-enthused and tried to run away, much to Bonnie's disgust because the mare hadn't done that in years. We got that shut down with nothing more than a few jangled nerves and didn't go any faster than a trot for the rest of the ride. The ride was almost 10 miles and 3 hours, and usually we do only 3 - 6 miles in 1 - 2 hours."

"Any way, I don't think I've ever sent you a photo of Velvet under saddle so here's one from Nov 5, 2010." (Below: Velvet & Allanna. Velvet is another example of a true blue roan, recently becoming a popular color as noted in Franne Brandon's article, page 16.)

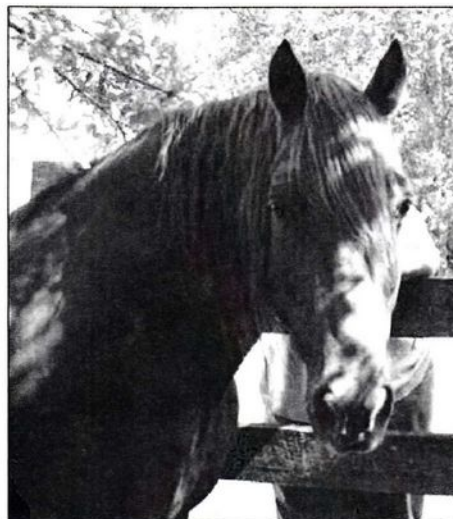


SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

LEXIE COLE, CABRI, writes, "Just a quick note along with this subscription renewal for two years. I do enjoy keeping up with things and seeing what everyone is doing."

Things here have slowed considerably. We are semi-retired and enjoying it. We do a bit of camping and fishing in the summer which we never had time for before. We're also able to do more family things and the grandchildren spend the summers with us. We quite enjoy it all!

"I have three old horses here and they are enjoying their retirement too.



Kodiak left is enjoying being a gelding - now he can be out with the girls full time. You would never know he had been a stallion for most of his life. If every horse had

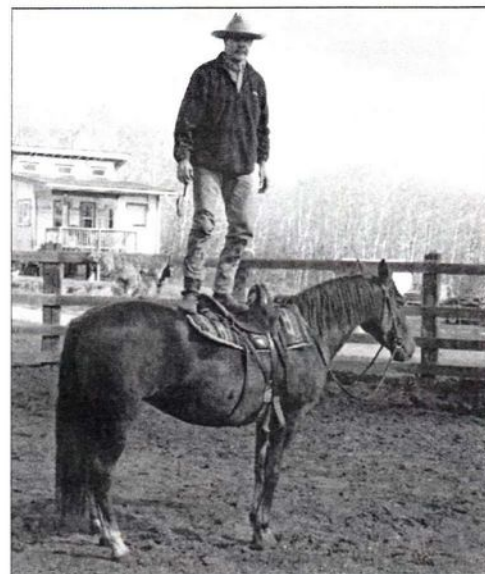
his kind of disposition there would be a lot of good horses around. Because I never promoted him people did not realize what he was. Only one of Kodiak's colts stands at stud and he is in Manitoba. His dam was an old mare from Calvin Miller's ranch in North Dakota. The two of them produced extra nice foals."

I had a phone call from BILL GRAHAM, now of MOOSE JAW. He too is out of breeding, training and selling Walkers, and has only two pleasure horses left. But he is enjoying the riding!

MANITOBA NEWS

I heard from KEITH DOLL, DOUGLAS, recently. He has found an Australian horse trainer not too far from his home, so he sent his mare, Ginger N' Spice, for some education. After three weeks Keith had time to go and see how she was doing, and he and the trainer went out on a nice long trail ride. Now Ginger's home again and Keith and a neighbour went out riding.

He is very pleased with how well the mare is going. He says she feels like a seasoned trail horse. *The photo right was taken after only five days at the trainer's.*



COLOR TRENDS 2010: A MIDDLE TENNESSEE PERSPECTIVE by Franne Brandon

The Ride-athons of the thirties and forties were documented as popular events by Ben Green's Biography of the Tennessee Walking Horse, as well as in photos from the period. Yet when the utility Tennessee Walking Horse was superseded from his place on the farm by the arrival of the tractor, interest in the flatshod horse for trail riding as well as practical uses all but vanished from the Middle Tennessee rural scene. It would be almost thirty years before a demand for the steady and smooth trail mount was resurrected in the area, prompted in part by the resumption of large, organized trail rides. Participants in these rides demanded smooth mounts with flash and style, and part of the equation for producing these was the influence of color. While the padded contenders of the show ring did best in shades of black, dark brown, bay and chestnut, riders seeking trail mounts began to demand color and chrome in the packages that they purchased. It has now been just over thirty years since the first of the large organized rides in the hills of Middle Tennessee, and in that period of time, color trends have shifted emphasis as well.

The gray coat modifier was the first to begin a twin appeal in both the show ring and on the trail. Leon Oliver of Brown Shop Road Farms in the hill country of southern Marshall County correctly interpreted the signs that gray would be in demand when he bred his good trail mare, Red Bud's Lady, to the gray son of Ebony's Senator belonging to Dr. R.E. Frazier. The dark chestnut colt carrying sire Senator's Sterling's gray gene that was the second result of this mating caught everyone's eye when he arrived in August of 1988. Leon broke the gray colt he registered as Buds Sterling Bullet to respond to voice commands and to work well on the trail, then bred him to six mares in the spring of 1991. Five of the six foals in 1992 were gray, and Buds Sterling Bullet was launched on a breeding career that would put him in the Top 100 Sires list of the TWHBEA Sire Summary.

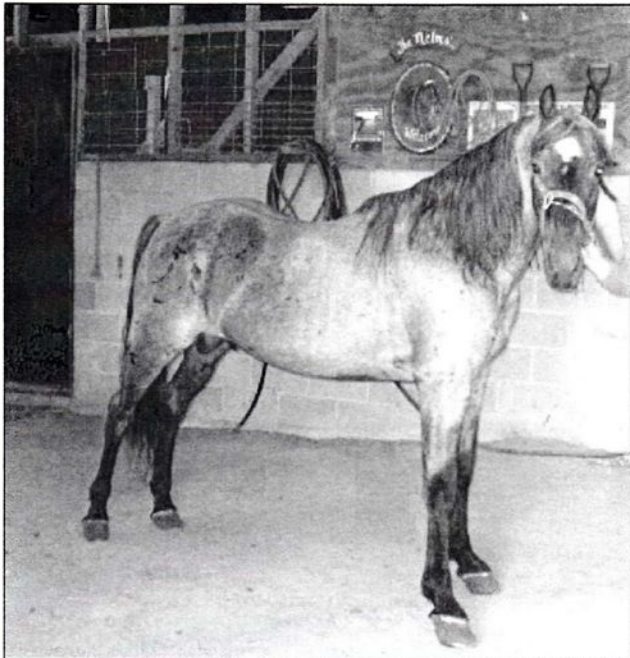
Oliver has been on top of the gray market since Bullet's get began coming into their own as dependable and popular trail and field trial horses. He remarks that "Gray is not as hot as it was 15-18 years ago, when a good-colored colt would bring \$3500." Even so, he notes that at auction, a gelding that is richly dappled will bring at least 25% more than a gelding of equal quality in an ordinary base color. Good gray mares, before they lighten up, remain in demand as producers. And even though the overall demand for riding horses has declined in the past few

years, Leon commented that "If you've got a good, dappled grey gelding, there's still a good market."

Tommy and Kathy Jones were busy breeders of show quality Tennessee Walkers in the eighties, with mares of fine older bloodlines, including two daughters of 1973 World Grand Champion Delite Bumin Around. In 1990, their Bum's Miss Sue foaled a highly marked black sabino filly by Delight's Dynamic Boy. Naming the filly Totally Exposed, Kathy decided to keep her, and registered the filly with SSHBEA as well as TWHBEA. In the summer of 1992, Totally made her first show ring appearance in the Lite Shod Two Year Old class at the SSHBEA show in Lynchburg, Tennessee. The filly's walking horse genes came to the forefront as she exhibited more class, style, and movement than the tobianos against which she competed and Totally Exposed won her first of dozens of blue ribbons. Tommy and Kathy had found their niche in the horse breeding world. Their quality mares visited the courts of different tobiano stallions until one mare, Simply Stunning, foaled a homozygous colt by the young stallion, Dude's High Roller. Kathy named the foal Stun Gun, and after he had proven himself in the show ring at an early age, they retired him to stand at stud at the old S.W. Beech facility outside of Belfast, Tennessee.

Interest in once-rare tobiano Tennessee Walkers has prevailed for over twenty-five years now. Kathy observes, "People continue to prefer the black tobiano, and they also prefer unique patterns in the spots. However, we are seeing a lot of older trail riders that like to ride something pretty but who also insist on the smooth gait along with sense and tractability. While many of these riders like to be seen on the striking black tobianos, a more practical group will come to purchase the red and the bay tobianos because they prefer leaving their horses on pasture between trail rides, and the red tones do not show fading like the blacks do. Whatever the base coat, a good tobiano with a natural smooth gait, style, and good sense on the trails will always find a ready market around the country."

Present at the foundation of the registry, the true roan gene was much maligned over the decades of the sixties and seventies and generally ignored after that. It is only in the past ten years that appreciation for this gene has surfaced among pleasure riders. Breeder and trail rider Maxine Gallagher of Lewisburg recently became a stallion owner as well with the acquisition of Old Blue's Double Vision, a true black roan.



Above: Maxine Gallagher's stallion, Old Blue's Double Vision, a true black roan.

Maxine is standing the horse at the Paul Nelms barn on Liberty Valley Road, where she has firm plans for her breeding program. She summarizes, "What we are trying to breed is a colored-up, sturdy trail horse that is yet refined. I want them to have a natural, square-going saddle gait with a nice, rolling action in front. I like them to be easy going, tractable where they will give you what you ask for." Maxine currently has two registered walking mares in foal to Blue, the gray Bullets Little Lady sired by Buds Sterling Bullet and black Dare to Be Different. Of the black, Maxine says "DeeDee is like a tank on the trail; she'll go anywhere, get you in, and get you out." DeeDee is a granddaughter of Another Masterpiece on top, while her dam's sire was Delight's Dare Devil H., one of the midstate's leading sires of lite shod show horses in the eighties. Maxine hopes that these babies from her mares can be used on trails and also shown successfully at local 'country boy' shows, which are becoming increasingly popular.

Color trends come and go within a breed and across breed lines. Horsemen and women who have striven for good conformation, sound minds, and strong walking gaits have found that color is like the frosting on a cake, enhancing something special without concealing flaws or failures.

Breeders who continue to select for quality horseflesh as their primary goal will continue to be able to reap the rewards of their careful studies of horse coat color genetics.



THIRD SOUND HORSE CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED A SUCCESS

Teresa Bippen November 11, 2010

Friends of Sound Horses (FOSH) announced that attendees at the third Sound Horse Conference expressed enthusiastic praise for the conference held November 5 and 6 in Louisville, KY.

The Sound Horse Conference was organized by FOSH to bring organizations and people together to end soring. Soring is the illegal and cruel practice of using chemical and mechanical methods to create pain in a gaited show horse's front feet to exaggerate the animated step. It's most prevalent in TWH.

Rick Lamb, host of the weekly television program 'The Horse Show' on RFD-TV was the Master of Ceremonies for the Sound Horse Conference which consisted of two days of educational panel discussions on the Horse Protection Act, humane training practices, horse show judging, the latest hoof research, future United States Department of Agriculture enforcement, drug testing and much more. Speakers included veterinarians, leaders of animal welfare organizations, researchers, attorneys, farriers, horse show judges, former trainers and individuals using former show horses for non-showing riding activities.

The Sound Horse Conference featured many internationally known horsemen and equine practitioners dedicated to the welfare of the gaited horse. One of the speakers was well-known philanthropist and equine spokesperson, Madeleine Pickens, especially known for her crusade to save the American Mustang.

Another Keynote speaker was legendary natural hoof care pioneer Jaime Jackson. Jaime Jackson is a 35-year veteran hoof care professional, lecturer, author and researcher on wild and domestic horse hooves and how hoof care affects overall health.

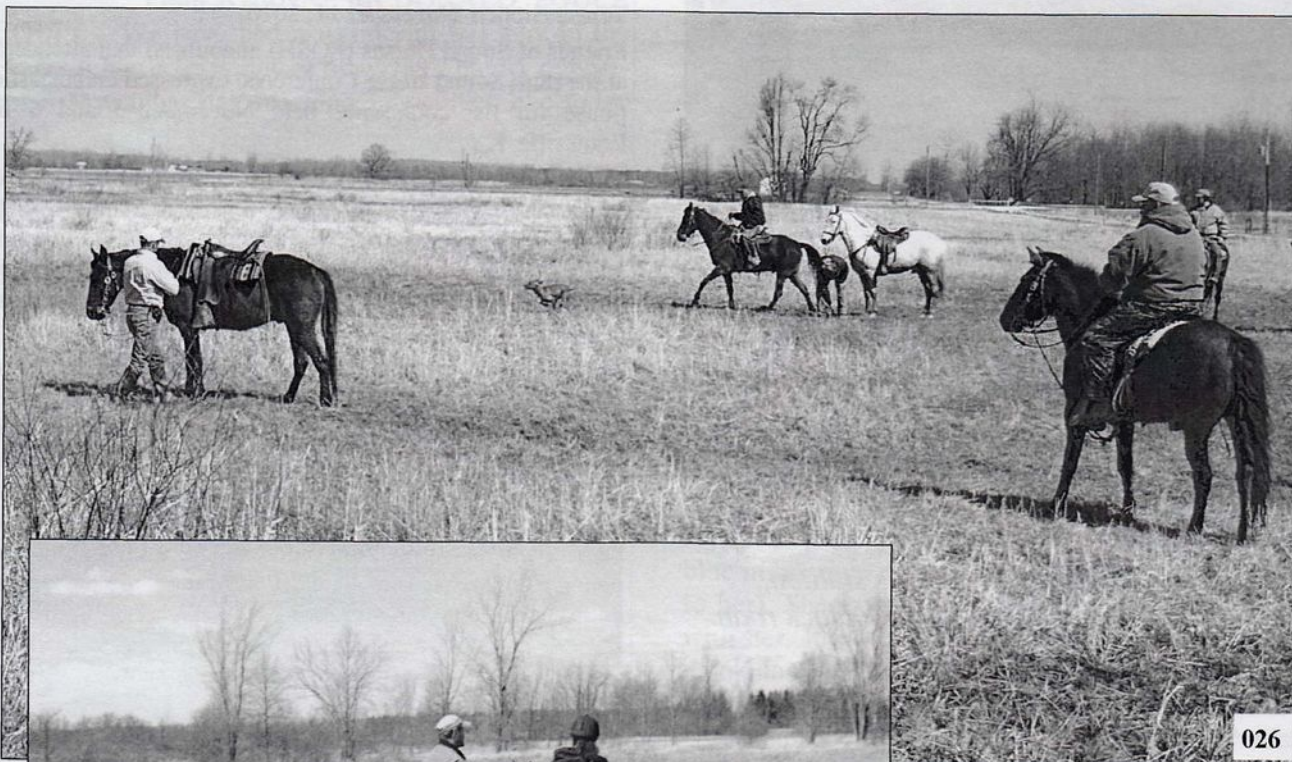
Evening entertainment incorporated demonstrations of several gaited horses trained using classical dressage methods and trick training. The audience was wowed by the horses' intelligence, athleticism and smooth gaits developed with humane training methods instead of soring, heavy shoes and pads, chains and gimmicks. Trainers were Sue DeLaurentis and Allan Pogue of Imagine a Horse, Larry Whitesell, Diane Sept and Buddy Brewer. Dianne Little was instrumental in organizing this presentation. She was also a participant in several panel discussions.

More details at www.soundhorseconference.com. A downloadable recording of the conference will soon be available.

FOSH is a national leader in the promotion of natural, sound gaited horses and in the fight against abuse and soring of Tennessee Walking Horses.

For more information about gaited horses, FOSH or to become a member, please visit www.fosh.info or call 1-800-651-7993.

What do YOU do with your Walkers ?



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'FRED LLOYD SMITH lives in Vanessa, Ontario, but she took these photos at a field trial in Ohio.

See her explanation of what is happening in each picture on the facing page.



069

These folks rode theirs in a field trial.



I went to one field trial last year and took my camera as I rode a brace. Jean Rempel had asked for some field trial photos for the Alberta Mane Event and I realised I didn't have many of the event 'in progress'. So here are some photos to use as you see fit. My horse's ears appear in some shots so you have my true perspective!

Field trial 026: This one is a breakaway at the start of a brace.

Field trial 049: Riding along as the dog hunts.

Field trial 069: Dog on point. Handler dismounts to find, flush and shoot bird (blank gun only) & handle dog. Scout /assistant will arrive shortly to hold the now ground-tied horse (at least, one always *hopes* it is ground tied). Judge is on left doing his thing.

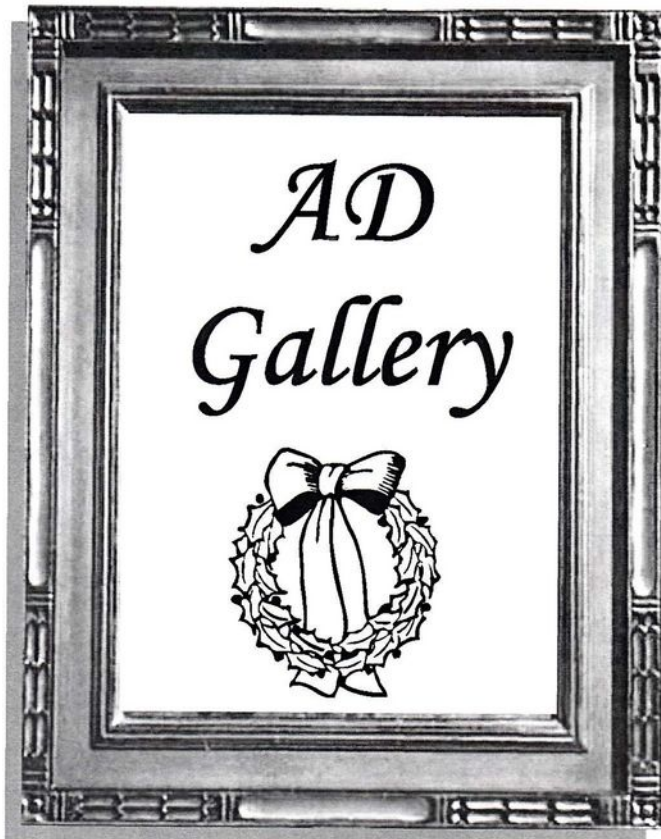
Field trial 075: Bird flies, dog follows path but remains motionless pretty much, handler handling and cautioning. Judge watching

Field trial 080: Handler or scout collars dog, walks away from the bird, contact releases dog and remounts to continue on hunt

As I took photos of this dog on point there were a slew of observers known as the gallery watching behind me. So the participants of a brace include 2 dogs, 2 handlers, 2 judges, 2 scouts (assistants to the handler), and as many gallery riders or walkers as want to watch. Almost everyone is on a gaited horse and most are TWH.

'Fred Lloyd Smith





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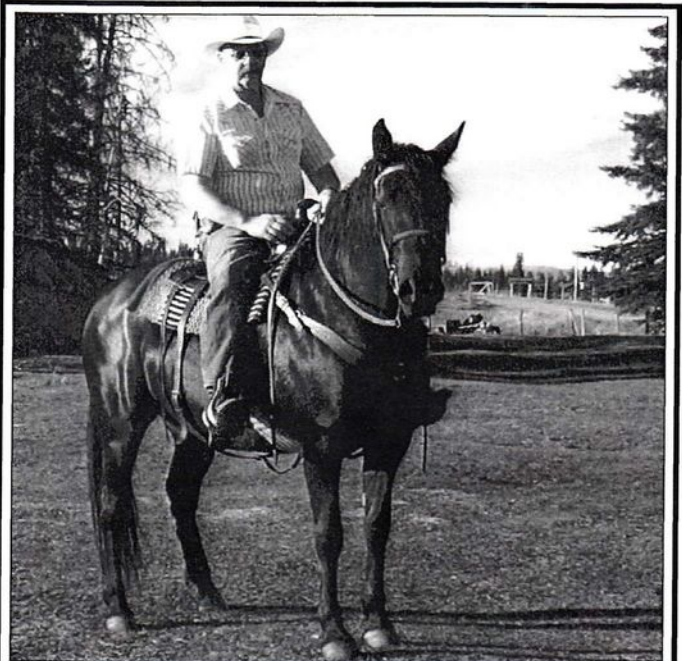


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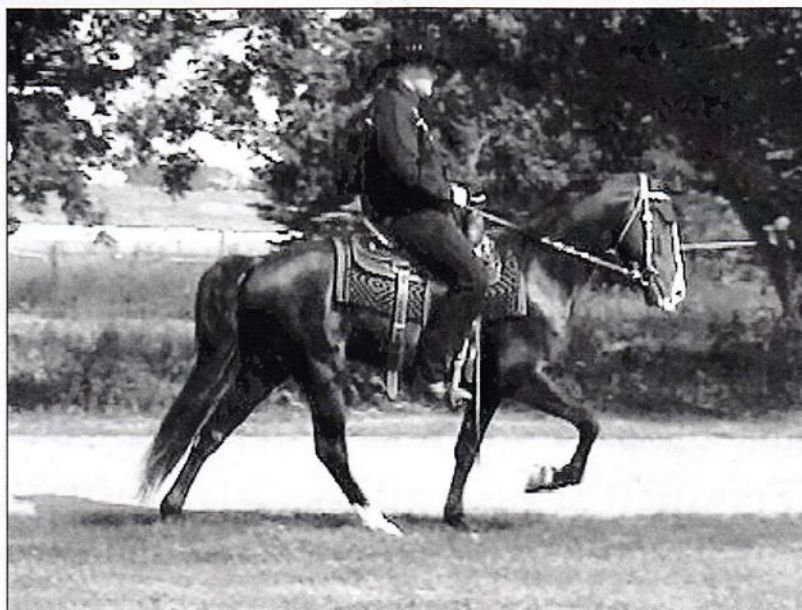
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