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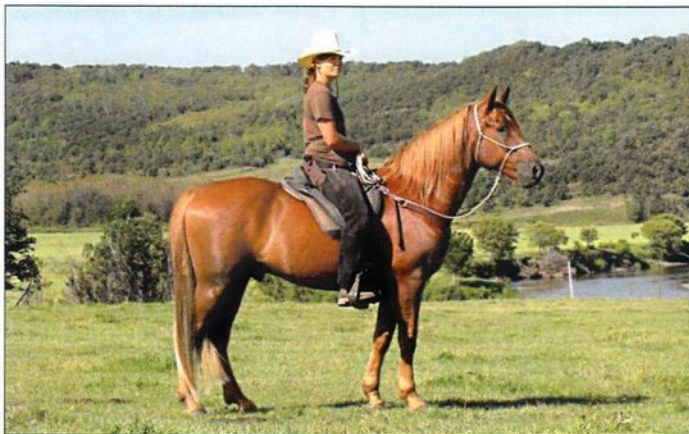


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### 'The Runaway Bridesmaid'

Darlene Shantz writes,  
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enjoy these pictures of my  
Walking Horse mare,  
Foxy (Merry Fashion  
Girl), and my daughter  
Sondra. We had a lot  
of fun that day taking  
dress-up pictures."

*See Ontario News,  
page 10.*

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Dear Subscribers,

*BRRR!* The January cold snap is upon us and the temperature this morning was minus 37 C (34 below zero F). (Let's not talk about wind chill!) We have been spoiled with all the above average temps the last couple of months so this is a severe shock to my system, especially when going out in the field to feed the horses. That wind can cut like a knife. But now, 6 hours later, the sun is shining, the new snow looks beautiful, and it has warmed up to minus 23 C (ten below F). I should be able to make it out there at that balmy temperature!

Welcome to our cover advertisers of 2012. Again this year we have colourful ads from CRTWH, McDonald Farms, Ride Easy Ranch, TW Ranch and Woodhill Walkers. Thanks to all of you for your continuing support. And new to *WHN* this year is an ad for Betkal's Rocky Mountain Horses. Don & Betty have just imported a herd and are very excited about them.

Don't forget to advertise your stallions at stud, trained riding horses, and 'Grandma horses' for the youngsters. There are still folks out there who don't know *where to find* one of these smooth going horses, so make sure they know about *yours!*

Thank you to all contributors and subscribers who have sent in stories and news, photos, renewals, gift subscriptions and ads. You are the life blood of this publication. We can't do it without you! If you have suggestions on how we can improve, please let us know. We'd like to be getting better, not just older...

Looking forward to another great year with our horses,  
Happy Trails,

*Marjorie*

Pictured in the CRTWH ad, left, are the CENTURY PARTNERS who have been nominated to date. They are, clockwise from top left: Jo Kingsland with Candy; Charis Cooper with Peppi; Bill Salt and wife, Deloris, receiving the Breeders Trophy at The Canadian Futurity from CRTWH President Jean Rempel, for some of Austin's get. Bottom right is Jack Chapman on Joe; then Jack Gurnett on Sundancer; and last, Bev Skowronski trail riding on a granddaughter of her old Beau. See their stories on [crtwh.ca](http://crtwh.ca).

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CANADIAN TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

# HISTORY & HERITAGE PROJECT

MY LIFE & TIMES WITH HORSES –  
ESPECIALLY TENNESSEE WALKING HORSES

by Jack Gurnett

A television program for children from many years past began with the phrase “Long ago and far away...”. That aptly describes my introduction to life and to horses!

My mother sometimes told of an experience with me as a toddler on the farm in East Central Alberta. She had taken me with her to work in the garden. Having taken her eyes off me for about five seconds, she looked up to see me in the barnyard amongst the draft horses. Mom always gave me credit for doing a good job of checking feet and legs at such an early age. (Horses of course.)

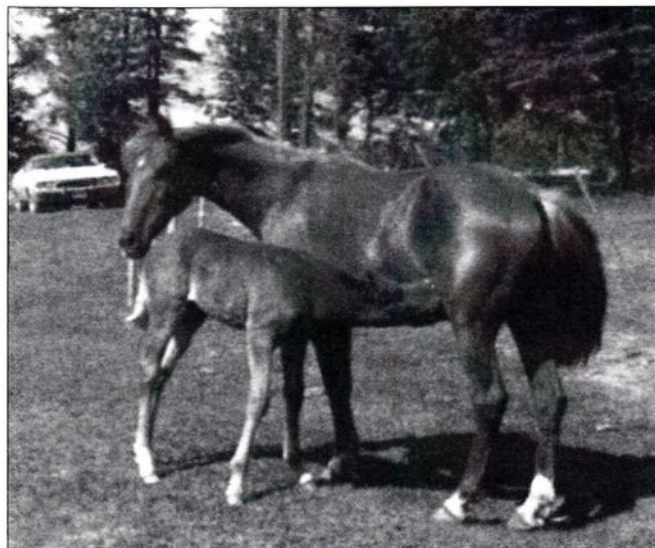
Because transportation in those ‘long ago’ days almost always involved horses, either ridden or driven, we soon learned the importance of good care and treatment of our horses. Walking was not an attractive option, so that was only chosen when there was no other way to get from Point A to Point B.

The need to attend the Halls of Learning (specifically, a one room school) involved the use of a big 15:2 hh Thoroughbred/cayuse cross gelding with a trot that could shake your teeth loose! Riding double with my older brother (with me behind the saddle), it was “Please, Bill, let’s make old Cap go at a walk or a lope?”

In the late 1940’s and early 1950’s, my employment in the City of Calgary required travel in the west-southwest area of the city. Occasionally in the general area of what I think is now Edworthy Park, I would see a small band of horses. They seemed different in “way of going” to the horses I had been cowboying with, but not until years later did I learn that they were Tennessee Walking Horses. Much later it was my pleasure to meet a member of the Edworthy family who’d owned some of those first Walking Horses in Alberta.

In the late 1960’s a family friend and fellow horseman, Arne Hauge, began importing a few Tennessee Walkers from the Northwestern United States. While riding some of these horses for Arne I was impressed with their good nature and comfortable gait. The outcome of this experience was a share agreement with Arne on a 15 hh sorrel mare with a great running walk and a calm disposition. She was purchased from Delbert Howell of Polson, Montana, and her name was Merry Boy’s Snow Bird #6510793. When the Canadian Registry was formed she was entered as number 170. We purchased her from Arne at the conclusion of our share agreement in 1979, and she remained with us as a broodmare and occasional riding horse for the rest of her life. (Top right, Snow Bird with colt, Northfork Dan D, by He’za Walker.)

In February of 1975 we moved to the Bluffton, AB area we now live in, and of course, brought our horses, which included the obviously in-foal mare. It was our daughter, Karen’s, chore to feed the mare before going to school, and one May morning she came rushing into the house to announce, “Jeepers, Dad! Snowbird has a baby!”




Thus the name “Kary’s Jeepers” for the fine sorrel roan colt, and the beginning of 32 years of enjoying a good working horse and stallion. Jeepers sired many offspring - over 45 registered with CRTWH alone, and many more U.S. registered or partbreds. (See *Jeepers & Jack* on p.18.)

Over the years the stallion responsibilities at

Northfork Farm have been shared by other good horses. There have been a succession of them, such as He’za Walker #158 (right, with daughter



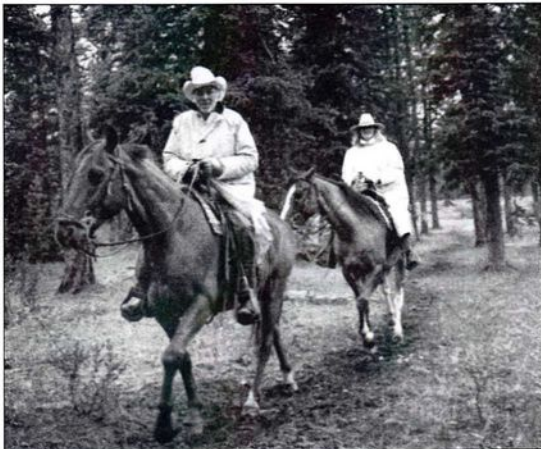
Joanne), Rebel Knight H. #711868, Northfork Canadian #181, Honey Boy’s Rebel #360, Darkie’s Last Chance #1118, (Photo page 21) Northfork Peppi Longsox #1765, Northfork Blue Chip #2835 (Photo page 11) & Shadow’s Jack Diamond #313, who was with us for ten years. 

And now Northfork Top Traveller #2613, a black son of Chapie's Topper #262 and a grandson of He'za Walker #158, is in the stallion paddock.

Some years ago our daughter Joanne and her husband, Miles Stern, started a mountain outfitting business in the Chimney Creek area. Margaret and I supplied some of the horses and went along to help cook and wrangle. They have now discontinued this business but still have a good string of Walkers for hunting and family pack trips. Another daughter, Susan Banks, bought a TWH mare and now has some good riding stock. She and Tom live near Okotoks, south of Calgary, and recently rode in to Costco to do a bit of shopping!

It has been said that "Time and Tide wait for no man". As I look back at the many horses we have raised and all of the people I have come to call friends and good acquaintances, it's a great feeling. There has been a rare exception or two, of course - like the time a couple of years ago when a young horse bucked me off in front of my cowboy friends - very embarrassing!

Thanks to my loving and patient wife, Margaret, and to my supportive family, I have enjoyed rides in beautiful mountain country that would have been impossible without our Walking Horses. Special mention goes to Northfork Dan D. (*below*) who carried me whenever and where ever I asked him to go for 18 years.



*Left:  
Jack on  
Dan D.  
and  
Joanne  
on  
North-  
fork  
Gradu-  
ate,  
return to  
camp in  
the rain.*

Now Northfork Sundancer at 22 years is capably doing the job. (See Jack & Sundancer on the inside front cover.) And there is a successor in training!

'Father Time' and 'Mother Nature' (with Margaret's endorsement) are strongly suggesting a reduction in horse numbers at Northfork Farm. And when the temperature dips to minus 20 C and the wind is blowing, I too think it's a good plan.

Thanks to the editor of *Walking Horse News* for printing my ramblings, and to all those readers I've met and all those I look forward to meeting.

Remember - You Can Ride with Comfort and Pride on a Tennessee Walking Horse - and they don't trot!

Regards, **Jack**

## 'HONEY' FINDS HER IDENTITY

Thank you to the three people who called or e-mailed about 'Honey' in the last issue. (Page 7.) Two were suggestions that she looked like the get of a certain sire, or looked like a mare owned by one caller. But the third person knew Honey personally, and knew she was from a particular farm because she'd trimmed the mare's feet many times. Rhonda Goodsman had worked as a farrier south of Calgary, and said, "I'd know that back end anywhere, and those front foot angles"!

But by the time Rhonda phoned, I (Marjorie) had found an ad in an old issue of *Walking Horse News* with a photo that looked very much like Honey. Also, the name of the mare in the ad *was* Honey, so it seemed like a good lead. I sent this information off to Tom Kirk, the mare's new owner in BC. He contacted the farm named in the ad. Sure enough, the mare had been sold from that farm in 2010. Those first buyers had never finished paying for the mare so they **did not** have her papers. They then advertised her on Kijiji, and when Tom called inquiring about the mare, they *said* they had the papers but "just couldn't find them at the moment". And once they had the money for the mare, they vanished, not answering any phone or e-mail messages. Luckily for Tom, Honey's original owners still had her papers and when he explained what had happened, they were good enough to send her original registration certificate to him. Honey turns out to be "Almighty's Sweet Revenge". He plans to register her in Canada once the U.S. registration is recorded in his name. So another registration mystery is solved. *MCL.*

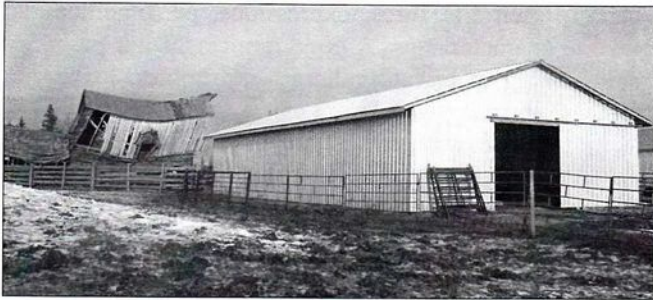
Following is an open letter to the *WHN* from TOM KIRK, SMITHERS, BC:

*"After many hours on the computer and the telephone, there is a happy ending to the story of "Honey", the TWH mare promised to be registered but without the necessary paperwork. She was and is registered in the American Registry, and her new owner is elated! The official paperwork has been filled out and sent away with the prescribed payment."*

*"Honey's new owner would like to thank CRTWH, Marjorie Lacy and the WHN for all the help he received. "Without Marjorie's assistance, I would be the owner of a wonderful riding horse, but with no way of proving her lineage!"*

*"Now, are there any TWH studs in the Bulkley Valley area in Central B.C.? I have a 10-year-old mare awaiting her chance to produce "registered" offspring. Thanks again for the interest in my plight, and always remember - 'Caveat Emptor'!"*

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## BC NEWS

JO-ANNE MCDONALD, POUCE COUPE, writes, "McDonald Farms has finally completed (*mostly* completed...) a new barn. The "old faithful" is near collapse so we had to do something. (*Photo above.*) Don and I and our son, being the carpentry experts we are and all leery of heights, did most of the work ourselves, so consequently it took a while. Monsoon rains, haying, then hauling hay - all interrupted the barn raising. Don made four wonderful box stalls from scratch (and now we know why they cost so much ready-made!). Sliding doors... and they all work! I think this weekend we will put the first horse in. We've decided, in deference to all the old original horses that have lived and died here, that it will be 27 year old "Monteray Snip" whose sire was our first stallion, Laddie's Monte Ray, and whose dam was the wonderful old broodmare - Little Toot Wilson. Both of these horses formed a big part of the foundation of our current broodmare band. (Not sure Snip will appreciate the honor but oh well.)"

"We can hardly wait! Now the trick is to get them in safely over the treacherous ice conditions caused by a downpour of rain the other day. We have had an exceptional fall weather wise, but have had some horrendous winds. I'm still amazed that the old barn roof is still standing."

"Not much else going on here at the moment but we wish everyone the best for 2012."

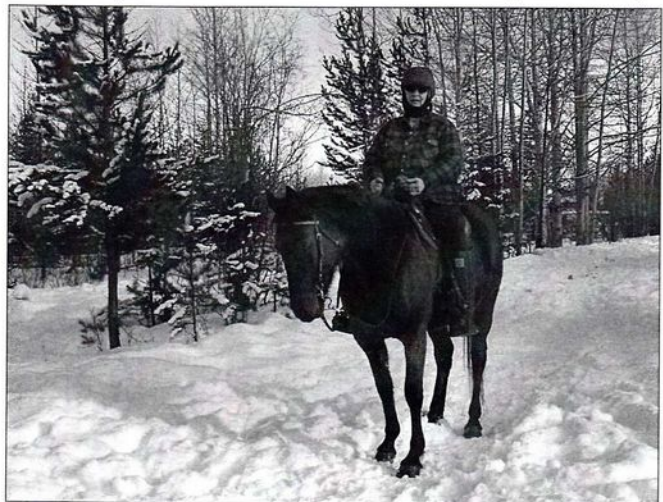
From NATALIE SPECKMAIER, VANCOUVER, "We had a wonderful pre Christmas ride yesterday with Debbie and Pedro. What does one wear for a trail ride when the temp is below freezing? Well, *five* layers on top, which included an array of fabrics, from wool to fleece to down-filled, and two on the bottom: tights and Storm Rider padded pants. Add thermal socks and Mountain Horse lined riding boots to the knees, and we're off. (Oh yes, a fleece helmet cover, and lined riding gloves.) I must admit that swinging my leg over in those padded pants didn't go as smoothly and elegantly as I might have hoped. One

must keep one's dignity intact at all times. Trigger wore her usual flattering synthetic saddle which was jauntily trimmed with a huge red bow on the back. A layer of winter hair kept her cozy and warm, and new shoes added sparkle and elegance. Such a fashionista!"

"It was a glorious day, full of sunshine, with a thick layer of frost on the ground and patches of ice on the trail. I wish you could see our trails - they are the best. Our ride took us past the new SPCA building where we met families taking some of the doggie inmates out for a walk. Such a nice thing for a family to do to teach their children compassion for all creatures great and small."

"All the best of the season from our house, and Trigger's barn, to yours. May all your trails be happy and your trials few."

GEN AMY, LONE BUTTE, writes, "I am riding a gaited Standardbred now. She is teaching me a whole new book of lessons. I am hoping to take her to the show in Armstrong next spring. We still have our three Walkers, aged 15, 23, and 25, who pretty much just eat and look for moose. Sandy's old mare, Dark Star Delite, is a natural scout, and does not approve of invading moose. She is always staring off into the trees; sometimes she heads off at a rack towards whatever it is. I rarely see what they are looking at. Last year I caught sight of the moose twice. How can something so big just stand still in the trees and disappear? Our winter is not as bad as usual, and the new barn is just wonderful. What a difference it makes!" (*Below: Gen & Stannie on a snowy Dec ride.*)



From ROBERTA BREBNER, TSUNIAH WALKERS, WILLIAMS LAKE, "All is well with me and the horses. I'm still feeding 'way too many but that's just the way it is... and I still enjoy the work."

## IN LOVING MEMORY...



### PAULINE RAFUSE CLARK 1912-2011

Pauline is gone now, but not forgotten. After meeting our amazing breed, she enjoyed owning and riding her Tennessee Walkers. Her first TWH, Link, converted her to the 'oh so smooth' ride and she loved showing him off and participating in demos with the West Coast Tennessee Walker Club at the Maple Ridge, BC Fairgrounds years ago. Pauline's second Walker was a little buckskin mare of Buck La Marr breeding named Sunday. Wow, what a shaker and a mover! Now her last horse, a 30 year old Missouri Fox Trotter, "Bonanza Rose", is in the great care of her son, Barry, in BC's Okanagan. (*Above Rose & Pauline, 92.*)

Pauline spent her childhood in Saskatchewan, where she experienced the hardships of farming during the depression. She moved to BC in the late 1930's to marry and raise a family in Maple Ridge. She rode dressage, English and western, participating in horse shows and always enjoying her beloved trail riding.

Although Pauline had ridden Quarter Horses, Arabs, work horses and partbreds throughout her life, she became a big supporter of gaited horses and especially loved the TWH. Pauline also grew to love our little Jack Russell terriers. She finally convinced us to let our Brodie become her house companion. Pauline and Brodie enjoyed some of the best times together until Brodie passed away years later and Pauline had to move out of her perfect little house into an adult oriented apartment. Pauline missed that little dog so much that she would come over to see the horses... but actually to spend time with our two other Jack Russells, Pyper and Murphy. Even years later, when Pauline began to get confused, she would still be able to recall Brodie, and given a few more minutes, she would be able to remember the eleven gaited horses that she'd ridden. An amazing woman.

Pauline was also a talented artist, realistically portraying wildlife and domestic animals, and able to capture their life force, expressions, personalities and unique characteristics. A good number of her paintings are hanging in private galleries and homes, loved and enjoyed by many.

Pauline was still enjoying her horses and trail riding at the grand age of 90 years! She would never go out unless her horse was spotless. With every tangle out of her horse's mane and tail, she would go help her trail buddies groom their horses. She loved spending hours grooming horses, smelling horses, touching horses, being with horses, and even helping get the young ones used to being handled.

In late 2009 the Haney Horsemen's Association named a trail after her - the Pauline Clark Trail (on Thornhill). It is part of the over 100 kms in the Maple Ridge Equestrian Trails Network. Pauline spent hundreds of hours riding in this area with her buddies over the last twelve years of her riding career. She always was proud of having a good-looking TWH, and since she was an accomplished artist, she had a great eye for the lines and conformation of what constitutes a well-put-together animal. She loved her geldings because of their dependability, but was also fiercely possessive of her mares, Sunday and Rose. Pauline was a good rider, making sure her horses walked out and didn't fool around. As a team she and her horse always looked good. People admired her and her horse as she rode by. And many people never realized that Pauline was a *real* Senior Rider.

Pauline's ashes have been spread on a favorite piece of the trail that she traveled for more than 50 years. Some of her favorite flowers and petals have been scattered on the Pauline Clark Trail by her riding buddies. She will be missed. *May all your trails be happy, Pauline. Love you,*

*Debbie and Dave Smith, Maple Ridge, BC.*

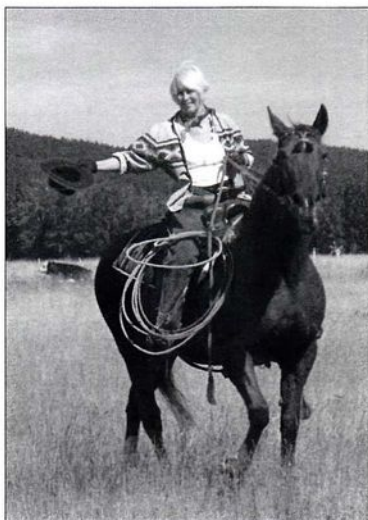
*Pauline & filly from Bonanza Rose by Storms Northern Victory.*





## ALBERTA NEWS

From TRUDY FERGUSON, COCHRANE, "We always look forward to receiving the *Walking Horse News*. When the October issue came I joked that the picture on the cover could have been me with my mare. When I opened to the next page I saw that it had been submitted by our neighbor and one of the few TWH people we know. Then I went on to read the note by Marjorie about DNA testing and we discussed whether I should enroll my TWH as she has such a natural running walk, unlike our other one."



"Then I turned the page to read Jack Chapman's Story. Well, part way through the article I ran and pulled my wonderful mare's registration. I was so excited to see that she was bred and owned at birth by Jack & Madeleine Chapman in 1996. Her name is Chapie's Silky Shadow." (Left)

"In 2006 we took her in a "horse deal" and other than her registration papers, knew nothing about her. But she is absolutely lovely and has turned out to be the perfect horse for me. Silky's sire was Chapie's Shadow King (Tim's Blue Canadian x Shadow's Lyrical) and her dam was Daisy May (King's Stormy Mist x Smooth Walkin' Lady). I have to say, Silky *really is* a "smooth walkin' lady!" Pretty much all the horses mentioned are on her reg. certificate!"

"In the article it was mentioned that Shadow's Lyrical was a trusted saddle horse. Well, I have to say that "Silky" is as well. She has been teaching our younger, green Walker, Silver's Saucy Bell, (Pride's Generator line) to be cool with everything we encounter on the trail."

"I have sent a picture of us taken this August, at Station Flats in the Kananaskis. She loves going in water and part way through a long ride on this hot day, she did NOT set a good example for Belle, as when we arrived at the Elbow River for a drink, she promptly laid down in the water with me still on her! She is very much the "Boss(y)" mare! "

"Anyway just wanted to share this. Would love to chat with Jack & Madeleine. And yes, we will enroll in the DNA program. Thank you for always putting together an interesting newsletter."

From KARLA FREEMAN, RIDE EASY RANCH, BENTLEY, "Hello All, I hope everyone had a spectacular festive season and a wonderful bringing in of the New Year! Has everyone been enjoying their horses in this near tropical weather? (for Alberta... So Far...)"

"I am happy to say that I have been harnessing my stud colt, Hustler. He is learning to drive, but just with the toboggan behind so far. The four year old girls, Dawn and Pepper, are coming along nicely, taking to bareback and halter rides with ease. The old girls are fat and sound, and My, I must say the foals have been growing by leaps and bounds this winter. I am *sooo* glad that the days are getting longer now. They seem pretty short when it's cloudy and dark at 4 pm! I am looking forward to Spring this year, although I am not sure how many mares are in foal, if any. I've quit pretending that I know what they are doing. The year Cinnamon was supposed to be in foal, I fed her so well I just about foundered her. Then the next year, she was going to go in the Jenny Craig pen 'cause she was so fat, but foaled that spring. It's just like saying 'those two are gonna have a (fill in the blank) colored foal. Right. *Sure they are!*'"

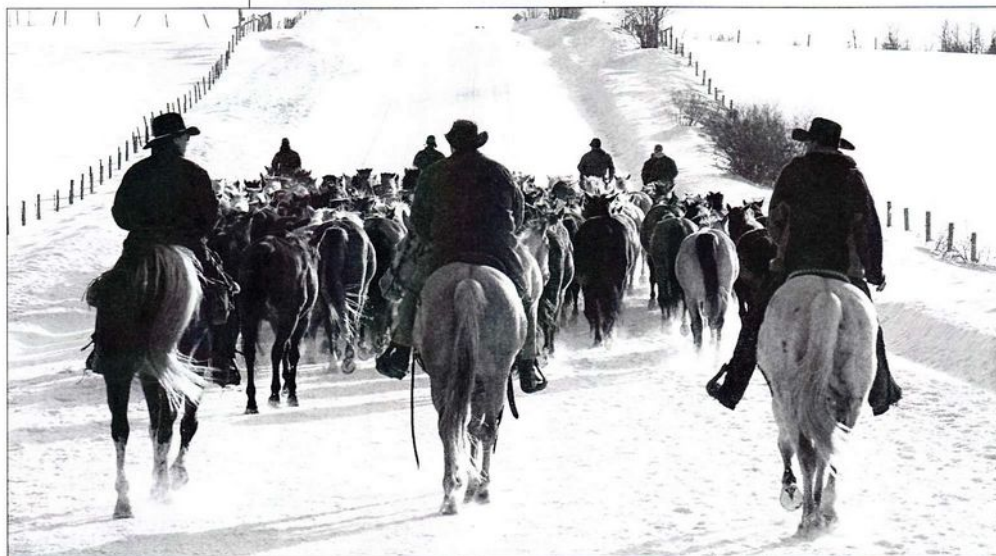
"Happy Trails, and come and visit sometime!"

From MAUREEN GERMSCHIED, EVANSBURG, "It's been a wonderful winter so far and we'll worry about paying for it later. It's been a treat not to have to slog through a couple of feet of snow. We still have enough snow to go sleigh riding and it's so much fun with the sleigh gliding over that warm snow. We often stop and let the little (and big) kids go for a toboggan ride when we get to a big hill. I'm sending a picture with Zia and Jonas. (Notice who's driving!)"

"Greg has been doing lots of roping with the Walkers but also bought himself a rope horse for the competitions. I even do some roping at home on my old girl. We are spending lots of time riding with the grandchildren as we have seven now. Which reminds me, I am also looking for a very quiet, well broke, small Walker if someone has one for sale."



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MAUREEN GERMSCHIED, EVANSBURG, AB sent in these eye-catching photos.

She writes, "A local rancher near here drives his mares home from winter pasture. In these pictures, there are 118 registered QH mares and we drove them for about 10 miles, across Highway 16 and home."

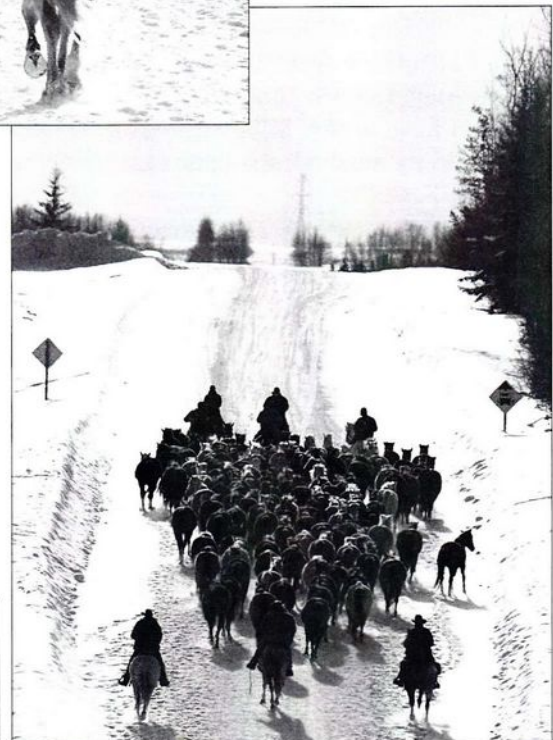
"There were 4 people on Tennessee Walkers helping out. One of the boys who did the first drive on his rope horse borrowed a Walker the next week when we had to move 181 more mares. (He said he'd keep his Quarter Horse for roping.)"

"Top picture shows Kenton Germscheid leading the charge on the palomino, Rocky Mountain Scout and above, Greg Germscheid, left foreground, on Image's Mr. America."

Send your photos to **What Do You Do...**

**WHN**, Box 7326, Edson, AB T7E 1V5

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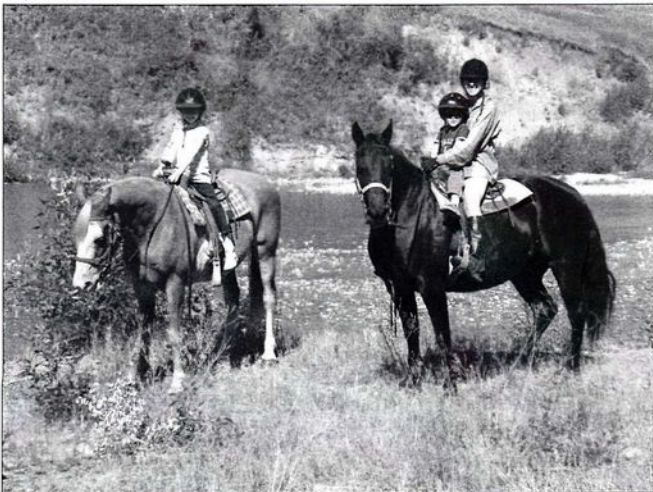




## ALBERTA NEWS

Above, the Johansson family on a mountain ride, with, left to right, Karen and Bridget on Northfork Banner; Jimmy on Speedway John; Mikael on Uphill Redwing and Arne on Uphill Jasper.

DON KALLUSKY of EDSON phoned us after Christmas to tell us that his daughter had found Uphill Jasper dead in the pasture about a week before. Jasper was nearly 27 years old, and appeared to have died from a sudden heart attack. We'd sold Jasper to Arne Johansson as a weanling, where he joined his half brother, Uphill Redwing. They were family horses, and went on riding and pack trips out in the mountains for quite a few years until the Johanssons sold all their horses. Don bought him about seven years ago. Jasper was by Jack Gurnett's stallion, Kary's Jeepers, out of my little saddle horse, Canadian Rainbow. He got the name 'Jasper' because he traveled a lot of trails in that mountain park 'in utero', when Rainbow went to work for a season with Jasper Outfitter, John Ward.



CHRISTINE KOBZA, GLENWOOD, above, emailed, "On New Year's Day I finally got to arranging our photos from last summer. It was a great summer! The first summer we've really had summer weather for a few years. It was a good one

for riding too. This year was Erika's first for riding out on her own horse, my dear Sun's Blue Eyed Mystery. Mystery's extra energy going up the hill caught her by surprise resulting in a big grin. Daniel and I doubled on Major's Esperanza. John was behind the camera on Major's Mys'y Baby on this particular day." (See Christine and Daniel on Esperanza, & Erika on Sun's Blue Eyed Mystery, below left.)

"We started on Mys'y's canter this summer. She is turning out to be a lovely three gait horse like her mom and dad, and many talented siblings on both sides. Later on in the summer, while enjoying the company of some of our nieces, Mys'y had to step up to being the mount for these beginner/intermediate riders. Our old Chinook's Blue Beauty comes out of the pasture on these occasions for the girls as well. On these and other rides, John rode Myster Bojangles, or Winken, Blinken and Nod (Blinky) who was Thing's Diamond Lil's last foal."

"We wish you and everyone a happy New Year and happy times with your equine friends this coming year."

## SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

From JACQUELINE SKAGE, MAYVIEW, "I continue to enjoy reading the *Walking Horse News* and I continue to enjoy riding Uphill Rambler #651, my 'Gentleman TWH' gelding that I bought from Dwayne Molle and Sheldon Schroeder of Lloydminster, five or six years ago. "The General" as he's known here, is now 23, foaled June 6, 1988. He is still healthy, and mostly retired to the pasture he shares with the deer and coyotes and three pasture mates."

"When my husband found The General for me we had been plagued by a series of horses that pitched each of us into the clouds quite unpredictably. I enjoy The General's good manners and level headedness (except when he meets a bear!)."

"Today, now that hunting season is over, I'll ride him out to check the north fence line. I'll do that bareback so I can keep warm. Finally... a heated seat!"

(Editor's note: Uphill Rambler (aka The General) is another son of Canadian Rainbow. Foaled at Uphill Farm, Edson, his sire was our little black stallion, Honey Boy's Rebel. Rambler was sold to Sheila Holtz of Stettler as a weanling, to be a 4-H project for her son, but soon became *her* horse. He won his class at the Canadian Futurity as a two year old colt, had a career as a stallion for a few years, was Sheila's saddle horse, and eventually, when Sheila's circumstances changed, was sold in his teens to Sheldon Schroeder. I'm glad to know he has landed in a good home where he is appreciated.)

## ONTARIO NEWS

From SHARON TURKOVICH, ZEPHER, "Happy New Year to all! A brand new year and I have lots of intentions with my beautiful CRTWH, 'Ice'. We are going to have a fabulous year together."

"I'm sure we all know 'someone' who seems to have more than their share of bad luck when it comes to horses. Well, I can safely say that I am one of those 'someone's'."

"Following two bad experiences with TWH imported from Tennessee it was understandable that my dream of having a Walking Horse partner was pretty much over. The first horse was a fear bolter; he had been abused and was unable to trust or join up, while the second, a TWH imported by a horse trader and sold under false pretenses, turned out to be a 'Rig'. He was surgically altered, but next was suspected of having EPM, and then was diagnosed with Wobblers. After two months of agonizing on what was the kindest decision for him, he was humanely euthanized a week before his fifth birthday."

"I was financially, and even more so, emotionally, drained by the experiences. But then I was blessed to meet some wonderful TWH folks through this publication. They offered support and recommended breeders with outstanding foundation TWH horses. As well I met a horse hair jeweler who painstakingly picked the perfect tail hairs to create a beautiful horse hair bracelet to memorialize my gelding."

"But wait... My dream wasn't over yet! My friend Kim Pringle suggested her champagne TWH, 'Ice', would be a good fit if I was interested. WAS I interested? ! Kim knew what I had been through with unscrupulous horse sellers, and the painful situation with the gelding with Wobbler's. She felt it was time some good karma came my way... along with a gorgeous



TWH that would truly represent this majestic breed, as opposed to the sad, rejected TWH's imported in my area. It was a dream come true. I kept pinching myself, as I knew how much she loved Ice and all the memorable experiences they'd had together. I was extremely honoured that

she thought enough of me to see if Ice and I could form a partnership."

"So it was with extreme jubilation that Ice and I started our journey together in May 2011. This boy is a fantastic example of the Canadian TWH – beautiful, well put together, naturally smooth gaited with a puppy dog temperament. We have done Natural Horsemanship clinics together; passed level 2 online and have many new adventures planned for 2012. May each and every one of *you* have a fun filled year with your CRTWH!"

KATHY MINOR, KARS, writes, "In the spring I visited Flicka's retirement home. It was vet day and the students from St. Hyacinthe were there to do shots and trim feet. I helped as a volunteer and had a lovely reunion with Flicka. I am enjoying my little QH but I do miss that lovely running walk... I had to learn how to post all over again!"



DARLENE SHANTZ, MILFORD, wrote, "I thought you might enjoy these pictures of my Walking Horse mare, Foxy (Merry Fashion Girl), and my daughter Sondra. I call it "Runaway Bridesmaid". We had a lot of fun that day taking dress-up pictures. She even rode up and down the road in that dress - you should have seen the tourists gawking!" (See above & cover photo.)

"I've kept this dress in my closet for 22 years - in fact, I was pregnant with Sondra when I wore it at my friend's wedding as her maid of honour. We were best friends all through school and stood up for each other at our weddings. This is a tribute to my friend, Jennifer. She passed away from cancer a few years ago and she loved horses, was a wonderful artist and loved red - so how could I part with this dress?"

"I entered the picture in the local County Fair in "my favourite photo" category, and even though it didn't win a ribbon, a lot of people commented about it to me. Then the local Rotary Club asked if they could put it on their calendar in 2012, so that's neat."

## A ROUGH ROAD TO REGISTRATION

by Angie Jansen,

Well, it's such a privilege owning a well-bred Walking Horse, and in the few years I've been addicted to the breed, I've certainly learned a lot. I envy all of those living in the Canadian West for their good fortune, in that they have breeders dedicated to keeping strong the breed I've come to love so much, and who work to promote the versatility the breed offers. As well, judging from the horses I own, a large part of strengthening this excellent breed is the attention given to temperament. I can't express my thankfulness to breeders who have put in lifetimes of dedicated work to pass on to me the 'best' of their efforts. Thank you all!

But not all those who own a stallion and a mare have the same high standard as the thoughtful breeders I've so come to appreciate. I recently purchased a filly and although I hadn't researched the parents' lines fully at the time of purchase, I did know the person who had owned this filly's momma, as she had sold me my beloved Northfork Blue Chip (*Photo below.*) This was enough to tell me that the filly had come from a stellar dam, as Jodie had picked the best to build her breeding herd. The filly's dam came from Chapie lines. The sire, however, was unknown to me.



This filly, although not yet registered, was destined to come home with me, it seemed. I gave the seller a down payment and made arrangements to pick her up at the end of the week, when I would conclude my financial obligation and the seller would give me photocopies of the sire's and dam's pedigrees so that I could register the filly. This person did not consider registration an important part of ownership, but I made it clear that it was critical to me. If the worst were to befall me, and I had to let all of my horses go, registration and a link to the horse's past could mean the difference for them between a wonderful forever home with a discriminating buyer, or the auction mart. In our economy, registering or not registering a horse

can make or break its future.


So the sale was made. The money and paperwork were exchanged and the process began to find a 'family tree' for my filly. It took less than a day before I hit a road bump. The dam was Canadian registered, the sire, American. The mare had DNA identification but the sire was only blood typed. Now, DNA *can* be taken from a blood sample IF one is available but in this case, there was no sample. So, without a hair sample from the sire there could be no registration, since there would be no way to parentage verify the offspring.

***This is why I'm writing about this experience: I hope to save others the roller coaster ride I have experienced over the past year, trying to register the filly.***

You would think it would be as easy as contacting the owner of the sire and getting a hair sample, but... the owner was not easy to pin down. When I finally made contact, I was told, in no uncertain terms, that "I am busy and it is not a priority for me"... (Yikes!) There was also a bit of a 'ticking time bomb' in the way of a financial blow to me, as the filly was only a month away from her second birthday, at which time the cost to register her would double! The CLRC Registry office was extremely helpful, allowing the registration to be dated from the time I sent in the registration application, thus keeping it within the two year time frame.

So, with all my 'ducks in a row' I could begin the long journey that eventually led me to a viable hair sample. (The first one did not have enough hair bulbs to get DNA.) It was not without a lot of effort, persistence, cajoling, and determination! There were times during that six months that I thought my trying was certainly in vain, but I kept on, simply because I had nothing to lose by continuing. (To those who held my hand and encouraged me when I felt without hope, I truly thank you. I've met 'friends' along the way and am so very glad for that!)

I was asked, "Would you do it again? Was it worth it to endure the trouble rather than to just buy an already registered horse?" Certainly, now, the answer would be 'Yes', as all's well that ends well, and my beloved filly can now proudly flaunt the name Brookes Shadow Mist # 3561, a name picked for my dear daughter and reflecting the filly's Canadian Heritage.

But *Would* I do it again? Well, after having learned a new 'lesson' about how hard it can be to obtain registration from those who, unlike the dedicated breeders aforementioned, don't see the need to reflect years of hard work and dedication by registering their stock, I'd certainly think twice before walking that road again. 



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## ATTENTION!

### AMNESTY on Late Registrations and Lapsed Transfers

Effective March 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012

#### REGISTRATIONS

This amnesty will apply to all unregistered animals over 1 year of age that are eligible for CRTWH registration but are not yet registered with CRTWH.

All horses must parent verify through DNA or Blood Typing before registration is granted.

The cost of such 'catch-up' registration under the Amnesty is \$50 for members and \$80 for non members, no matter the age of the animal.

#### TRANSFERS

This amnesty will apply to all animals registered in the Canadian Registry of the Tennessee Walking Horse that have not been transferred to their current owner.

The cost of lapsed transfers will be \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

The fee of \$25 for members applies to the first transfer for the animal; for each transfer that is missing after that in the history of the horse the cost will be an additional \$10.

(For example – no transfer through 2 owners - \$25 plus \$10, or \$35.00 in all; through 3 owners \$25 plus \$10 & \$10 = \$45.00)

The fee of \$35 for non-members applies to the first transfer; for each transfer that is missing after that in the history of the horse the cost will be \$15.



See the amended Schedule of Fees on the facing page.



This is your chance to catch up on a registration or transfer at exceptional bargain rates.

## CLINIC or GATHERING ?

Would *you* like to have a TWH clinic in your area? CRTWH will help sponsor a clinic (Trail Riding, Gait from the Ground Up, Starting a Young Horse, etc.) if someone from the area is willing to find a venue, and help organize it & find participants. We are also open to the idea of a GATHERING in your area to assess or video horses for the PFE or Training Levels Challenges. We'd like to be able to advertise a full roster of clinics by March 31. If you are interested, please contact

Bill Roy (250-838-2066) in BC, or  
Dianne Little (403-271-7391) in AB.

## CRTWH at Mane Event 2012

The Mane Event will be held at Red Deer, AB from April 27-29, 2012. CRTWH will again have a booth at this trade fair. Members - to volunteer please contact Dianne Little at 403-271-7391.

We have been informed by the Mane Event organizers that Liz Graves will be the gaited horse clinician this year. Liz has over 30 years experience as a multi-licensed and breed judge. She is a trainer, international clinician, judge, consultant, instructor and writes for national publications. We understand that participation in her clinics at the Mane Event will be limited. If you wish to join contact The Mane Event asap. Phone 250.578.7518, or find info on [info@maneeventexpo.com](mailto:info@maneeventexpo.com) or [riders@maneeventexpo.com](mailto:riders@maneeventexpo.com).



# CANADIAN REGISTRY OF THE TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

## SCHEDULE OF FEES during AMNESTY *March 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012*

| 1. MEMBERSHIP   | Fees          |                 |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| a. Full Membership (Individual, Family, Corporation, Partnership - Canadian residents.) Voting, member fees apply   | \$25.00/yr    |                 |
| b. Individual Life Membership (Individual). Voting, member fee schedule applies   | \$200.00      |                 |
| c. Youth Membership (Individual, under 18 years of age). Non-voting, member fee schedule applies  | \$10.00/yr.   |                 |
| d. Associate Membership (Individuals, organization, groups - Canadian Residents). Non-voting, non-member fees   | \$15.00/yr.   |                 |
| e. Non-Canadian Resident Membership. Non-voting, member fee schedule applies  | \$35.00/yr.   |                 |
| f. Non-Canadian Resident Lifetime Membership. Non-voting, member fee schedule applies   | \$250.00      |                 |
| 2. REGISTRATION OF FOALS or HORSES NOT ALREADY REGISTERED   | Member Fees   | Non-Member Fees |
| a. Within 12 months of foaling ( <b>PLUS</b> add DNA fee - see 6a below)  | \$40.00       | \$80.00         |
| b. After 12 but less than 18 months of foaling ( <b>PLUS</b> add DNA fee - see 6a below)  | \$50.00       | \$80.00         |
| c. After 18 but less than 24 months of foaling ( <b>PLUS</b> add DNA fee - see 6a below)  | \$50.00       | \$80.00         |
| d. After 24 months of foaling: ( <b>PLUS</b> add DNA fee - see 6a below)  | \$50.00       | \$80.00         |
| If the sire and/or dam of the unregistered foal (or horse) is not registered with CRTWH, submit a photocopy of both sides of the parent's U.S. registration certificate along with the foal's registration application.           |               |                 |
| 3. REGISTRATION OF HORSES ALREADY REGISTERED in U.S.  | Member Fees   | Non-Member Fees |
| <i>Applications must be accompanied by a photocopy of both sides of the U.S. certificate</i>  | \$45.00       | \$90.00         |
| 4. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP  | Member Fees   | Non-Member Fees |
| a. Within 1 month of date of sale   | \$20.00       | \$35.00         |
| b. After 1, but before 3 months of date of sale (Members - First transfer \$25.00, second & subsequent \$10.00.)  | \$25./\$10.   | \$35.00/\$15.00 |
| c. After 3 months of date of sale (Non Members - First transfer \$35.00, second & subsequent \$15.00 each.)   | \$25./ \$10.  | \$35.00/\$15.00 |
| 5. ALTERATION OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED  | Member Fees   | Non-Member Fees |
| a. Change of colour   | \$20.00       | \$40.00         |
| b. Change of gender (gelded)  | \$15.00       | \$15.00         |
| c. Death of a registered horse ( <i>certificate will be returned</i> )  | \$5.00 credit | No charge       |
| d. Change of Name: <i>Provided animal is no more than five (5) years of age and has no registered offspring. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Submitted fees are non refundable if application is rejected.</i> | \$50.00       | \$100.00        |
| 6. OTHER SERVICES   | Member Fees   | Non-Member Fees |
| a. DNA Hair Analysis Profiling for an unregistered foal. DNA kits are available from CLRC. Pay CLRC for DNA kit when registration application is submitted.   | \$75.00       | \$100.00        |
| b. DNA Hair Analysis Profiling for a Registered animal: CLRC Request form for DNA kit is required. Pay CLRC when application for DNA kit is submitted to CLRC.  | \$75.00       | \$100.00        |
| c. DNA Profiling for a Registered animal from blood stored at Maxxam Analytics. Submit fee with a letter of request stating the name & number of the animal to be DNAed, & the Blood Case # (where known).                        | \$57.00       | \$57.00         |
| d. Blood-typing/DNA updated certificate for mature horse.   | \$10.00       | \$25.00         |
| e. Registration of Breeder's Prefix   | \$45.00       | \$90.00         |
| f. Registration of Lease  | \$20.00       | \$40.00         |
| g. List of Progeny of Individual Breeding Stock   | \$20.00       | \$40.00         |
| h. Surcharge on incomplete or incorrect applications  | \$20.00       | \$40.00         |
| i. Duplicate Certificate: <i>Shall be issued upon application by the registered owner accompanied by satisfactory proof of loss accompanied by a witnessed Statutory Declaration.</i>   | \$40.00       | \$80.00         |
| j. Rush Fee   | \$15.00       | \$30.00         |

*Fees are in Canadian currency, based upon postmark of the application and membership status of the applicant.*

ALL REMITTANCES ARE PAYABLE TO CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION. (Visa & Master Card accepted.)

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The CRTWH accepts either Blood Typing or DNA Hair Analysis Profiling for parentage verification.

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## THE PERILS OF BECOMING A GRANDMA by Franne Brandon

My life has undergone a number of changes, both personal and professional, since I began writing the column "From Foundations to the Future" in the spring of 1999.

That summer, my son Adam, our firstborn, had just completed his first year at the community college. The following spring, our older daughter Kristi finished high school. It would be seven more years, in 2007, when their baby sister graduated. Before that monumental event, I had the opportunity for professional change when a librarian in the primary school in the town where I had been teaching French for seventeen years retired. Since French was being discontinued at my high school, I applied for a transfer to her library position, and I was accepted. During the years that I made the shift from secondary instructor to elementary librarian, the two older children got married. Only two years after finishing high school, the third one joined the ranks of married children. Sounds like an ideal situation, doesn't it? All children married and out of the house. No more French papers to grade after school hours. Less food preparation, grocery shopping, laundry, general housecleaning...

All of the above should translate to more time in the saddle, more trail rides, more country boy style horse shows. Sounds great, right?

**WRONG!** Because somewhere in the above equation, I must factor in THE PERILS OF BEING A GRANDMA.

Grandchildren involve lots of visitin'. If they live about 65 miles away, that means Saturdays or Sundays on the road. Ninety minutes are spent driving to the child's abode, a fun visit is had by all for about four hours, until a cranky child in need of a nap signals time for an early departure. Do the math. Not much time to ride on a day like that, not to mention what riding in a vehicle does to older bones already complaining from standing around a library five days in a row. If the grandparents do not go to the child, then the child must come to "Papa's house." (Pinefolly Farm One became known as "Papa's house" because the grandma in question had a humerus nonunion (broken arm) when the child was learning to talk, and it was impossible to hold him safely. He wiggled too much, and the arm gave way. Anyway, there's lots to do at Papa's house. Too bad the mare that resides in the pasture behind the house never has been, and probably never will be, a baby's horse. That means there are few riding opportunities when Hunter comes to visit. Not that I am complaining, mind you, but it *is* one of those perils...

Hunter got his first horseback ride, with side walkers, of course, a couple of months after his first birthday. His mount was a twenty-two year old black gelding by Mark's Crackerjack that has been his Aunt Kristi's reliable trail horse since Jack had been seven.

*(Hunter on Jack with Dad, Adam, and Aunt Kristi, below.)*



Hunter enjoyed the ride, but had few other opportunities, perhaps because his mom, a non-equestrienne, tried to ride Granna's golden (and overweight) mare for her first ride ever. Her husband, being unfamiliar with his mom's new saddle, had done a careless job with the cinch, the saddle slipped, and Hunter's mom got scared. The mare has survived several incidents like that without issues, but my daughter-in-law didn't exactly believe me when I consoled her with those stories. She didn't want her baby anywhere near the back of a horse after that.

Thankfully, Hunter has not picked up on his mom's anti-horse vibes. He likes "Granna's yellow horse (yes, he's only two and he knows his colors) and he has learned to pet her, to be still (sort of) around her, and how to feed a horse grass. As a grandmother, I cringe when I see photographs of small children alone with horses, no other adults visible in the picture. What if something spooked the animal? The child could be injured. Young ones sitting on the huge seats of adult saddles, smiling for their photographs, also give me the shivers. As wiggly as children can be, even the best broke old horse could stomp a fly or give a shake that would cause the toddler to lose balance and take a nasty tumble.


In the years before my conscience dictated that I no longer support the local walking horse shows with

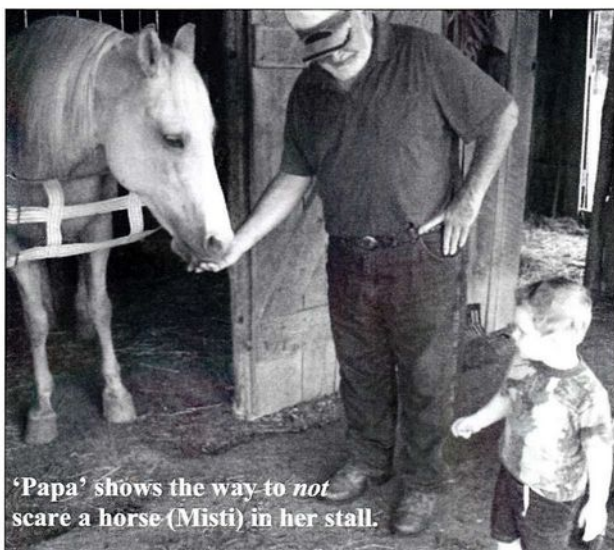


my admission fee, I would watch in nervous anxiety during the Eleven and Under Youth classes when especially small children would ride in on a very large geldings or mares. One false and accidental step by the push-button show horse, and its tiny rider would lose his/her seat on the very flat cutback saddle. Fortunately, classes for very small children have been eliminated from the class sheets at the padded shows since that time.

Meanwhile, I continue to schedule my equine projects around the arrivals of the grandkids. Yes, I did type an "s" on the end of the final word in the previous sentence. Hunter may be fighting some competition for the mare's attention in the near future. His little brother Jacob arrived a little early, on August 12<sup>th</sup> of 2011. While he was designated premature, neither his size nor his actions would indicate an early entry into the world. Not long ago, when Papa was carrying him around, I noticed the baby focusing sharply on something on Papa's cap. Since Papa has worn out all of his favorite caps, he was wearing a new one with the logo still intact. A sharp image of a white horse was the object of Jacob's attention. Hmmm.

And while I should be thinking of some provocative interview questions for my next article, I am nervously pacing up and down the hallway on a rainy afternoon, wondering if my older daughter will go into labor early this week, or wait until Friday, when I have a doctor's appointment. She plans to be riding this coming summer, since her obstetrician put trail riding on the list of forbidden activities this past summer, along with four-wheelin' and whitewater rafting. She lives only five minutes away, and I wonder... who will she expect to watch the baby while she and her husband hit the roads on Jack and Sunnie? Another peril of being a close-by grandma?

I think I'd better send this off now and go look for a wonderful, well-broke pony. I'd like one with a cart that comes with the deal. Stay tuned! 



'Papa' shows the way to *not* scare a horse (Misti) in her stall.

## SKYLINE'S SUNNYBOY IN AUSTRIA



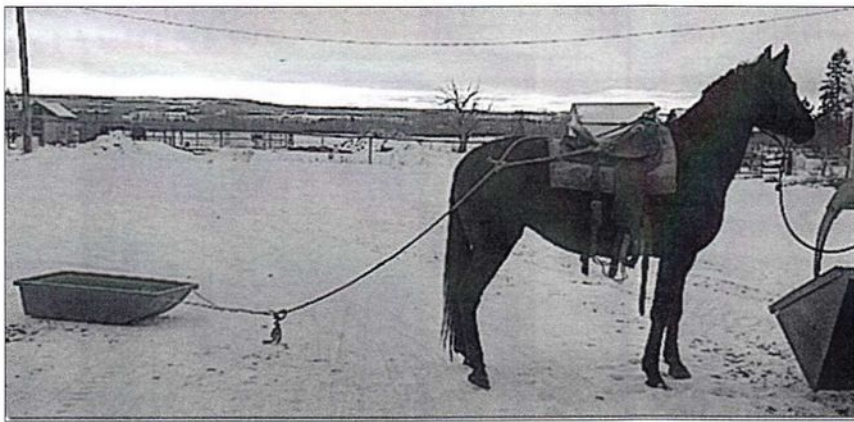
The picture above features Skyline's Sunnyboy in Austria, in a Christmas pageant celebrating the Three Wise Men.

I should give you a little history on the horse, Skyline's Sunnyboy. He was one of the first TWH born on my place. His sire was Midnight Toddy and his dam was Chinook's Blue Angel. I believe that he was born in 1997. He was shown in the Canadian Futurity that year, and once or twice after that. Walter Enderli of France bought him as a 3 or 4 year old on behalf of a friend, but Sunny was too much for Walter's friend so he sold him to Hans Anderl of Austria.

Walter and Hans had both been on some of the pack trips that I had done in 2000 and 2001. Hans also acquired for his friend, Fritz, another horse that I had sold to Walter a few years later. Those two horses have the best life of any horse in Europe, I'm sure. They are well looked after and used a lot, especially Sunnyboy. Unusual for Europe, they have room to move and are not kept locked up in a box stall for days at a time.

Fritz had had a bad accident with his previous horse and it was thought he'd never ride again, but after he got his TWH, he rides quite a bit. I have not been there since before the accident so I don't know how well Fritz walks or rides. But *how well* is not the issue anyway. It is amazing that he is riding at all. Another testament to the Canadian Walking Horse.

*Keith Oberle*



*Above:* This is where you start with driving! Karla's Miss Black Pepper and her first experience with a toboggan behind her. She was cool with it. Photo sent in by Karla Freeman, Bentley, AB

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*Left:*

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## MANITOBA NEWS

In December, KEITH DOLL, DOUGLAS, wrote, "Winter is here, Christmas is near, and my subscription is due. Winter is the only one of those I want to miss! Wouldn't want to miss an issue of *Walking Horse News* – I have every one back to the very first original in June, 1977. I wonder how many (other than you and I) can make that claim? Browsing through those old volumes is like a genealogy of the Walking Horse in Canada; it lets us know where we came from."

"I was just thinking about the "How I Got Started..." stories you've been running. How about *your* story of how you got started on *Walking Horse News*? Print a page from one of those first newsletters and explain where you got the idea and how you made the copies. Bet lots of readers haven't a clue."

"We've had a very erratic year – wet spring, dry summer, but a beautiful fall. The big flood had no effect here as we're far from the river and this light soil absorbs anything that falls. One thing it did do was bring the water table up from eight feet down to only three feet. The grass has been very green and lush, right up to freeze-up. My 14 horses (including geldings and stallion!) *all* look like they are in foal."

"My little foundered Tillie was on pasture for a while this dry summer and did very well, but I put her back in the diet pen as a precaution. Then in October the arthritis in my knee flared up again, and I wasn't able to care for her in the pen so put her back in the pasture. Big mistake! When I was able to navigate once more, *she* wasn't, and now we're both back in the sick bay/diet pen. So there has been very little riding or driving this year." (*Keith & Tillie, below.*)

"I've cut back to half time at work so I'll have more time to recuperate. Hope I'll be able to do more with the horses. They don't seem to want to find new owners so I'll have to try to do more myself!"

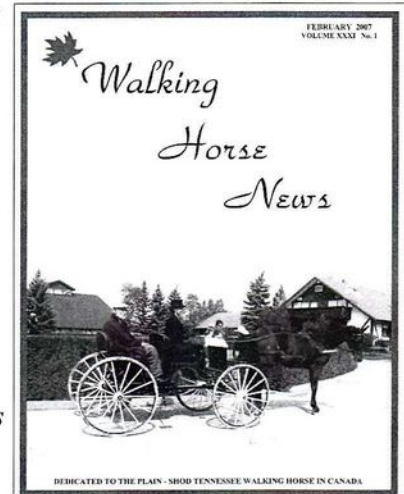


## FROM THE DUSTY FILES OF WALKING HORSE NEWS

### FIVE YEARS AGO

*Here is the cover from the Jan/Feb, 2007 WHN:*

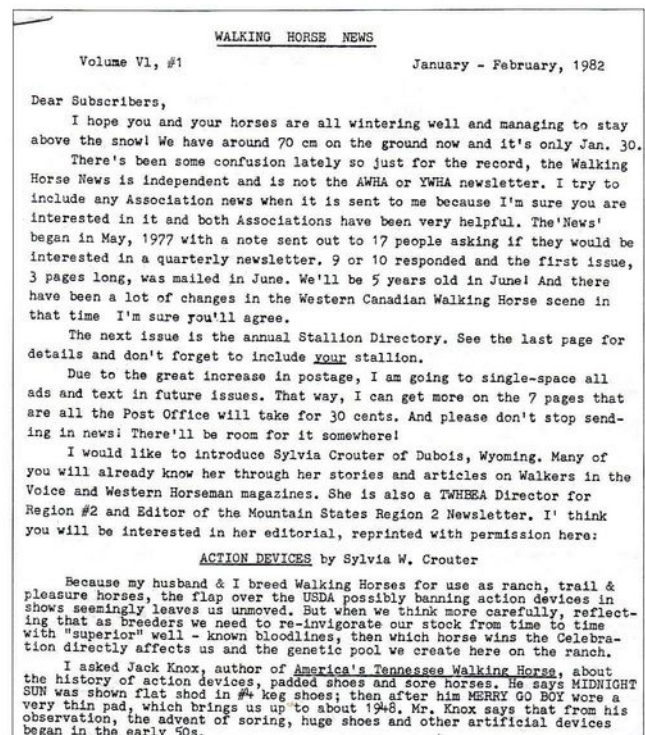
*Hilton Hack is the distinguished passenger in this elegant driving turn-out, with Cheryl Gostola, groom, and Calta Victry Mission, between the shafts. The History & Heritage article featured the story of Hilton's 25 years of service to the breed.*



### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

In J/F 1997, the cover was green with a gray masthead. A white maple leaf with a black/white photo of Carla Bannister and Irish Coffee HBR (Honey Boy's Rebel x Candy's Bay Lady 2) was in the center. They'd ridden more than 300 miles together the previous summer, and won Jr Rider Championships at several Competitive Trail Rides in AB.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO - the front cover of J/F 1982



## NEWS FROM OUR US SUBSCRIBERS

From ALLANNA JACKSON, LAKESIDE, ARIZONA, "I got the box of pedigrees and sales catalogs from Grace Larson last week but have only had time to look through part of it. Last night I did some more digging in it. This is mostly stuff Grace got from Ross Howell, but has lots of other interesting odds and ends in it too. Found an envelope with some photos of He'za Walker and Rapid Joe. Also found a note to Grace from Jack Gurnett with color photocopies of Kary's Jeepers. One of them is with me riding Jeepers so it was taken in Oct, 1990 on our Great Southern Alberta Walking Horse Tour. I don't recall seeing the photo before but I don't know if Jack's ever seen the movie footage I shot that day of him riding Jeepers either." (Below, Jack & Jeepers.)



"Found two copies of an ad promoting Merry Go Midnight at stud in Missoula, MT, with a show ring action photo of him. He's doing a stepping pace, but the rider's position and Merry Go Midnight's posture hint he may have been naturally squarer than that. Now I know what my Sassy's maternal grand-sire looked like."

"I also found two copies of a 1971 sales catalog from a production sale Ross Howell had at Pony Palace in Missoula. What's really interesting is there is also a photocopy of somebody's handwritten list of the buyer and sale price of each horse in the catalog. I was astonished at how low the prices were on some really good horses! Ross Howell's catalog brags about the virtues of the Hunter's Allen F-10 line. You'd know some of the horses and their buyers that went through that sale because they've left a legacy in the CRTWH."

"Then I found a copy of a 1972 catalog for a production sale Pearl Tompkins had at her ranch. (right.) Pearl's catalog is bragging about the Merry

Boy line and Shadow's Brantley. One of the mares in Pearl's 1972 sale was a mare Pearl bought at the Howell's 1971 sale so I know how much Pearl paid for her, but I didn't find anything about how much she sold for the following year. It appears that the \$200 that Bob Ott paid for Sacia's Pride in 1976 was the going price for 2-year-old, green-broke, registered TWH of her quality in Missoula, Montana, at the time."

"I'd heard of Pony Palace in Missoula as being a major horse sale/show/boarding facility in that part of Montana before. That's where Shadow of Roan Allen was boarded when Bob Ott bought him for the cost of his board and vet bills, after he'd been abandoned in a pasture by his previous owner and then cut himself severely running through a fence to get at a mare. Found a copy of Shadow of Roan Allen's pedigree in the box too."

"There are photo copies of the registration certificates of several horses that are foundation stock in the CRTWH so Grace was right about the value of some of this stuff to those of us who are interested in these horses. I don't know if CLRC can add the information from these old photocopied certificates to the CRTWH pedigree data base or not, but it would probably fill in some gaps in the records."

"There's a file folder about the Montana Trav'ler breed and pedigrees of the TWH that went into it."

"The sun is shining and the snow is melting. Looks like it's time to go feed my girls lunch. They were quite frisky this morning, bucking, rearing and pouncing at each other so enthusiastically that I had to remind them that I don't feed broncos. So they settled down to being civilized pretty quickly and went to their feed barrels like proper ladies."

*TWH names in this catalogue that many of you will know include*

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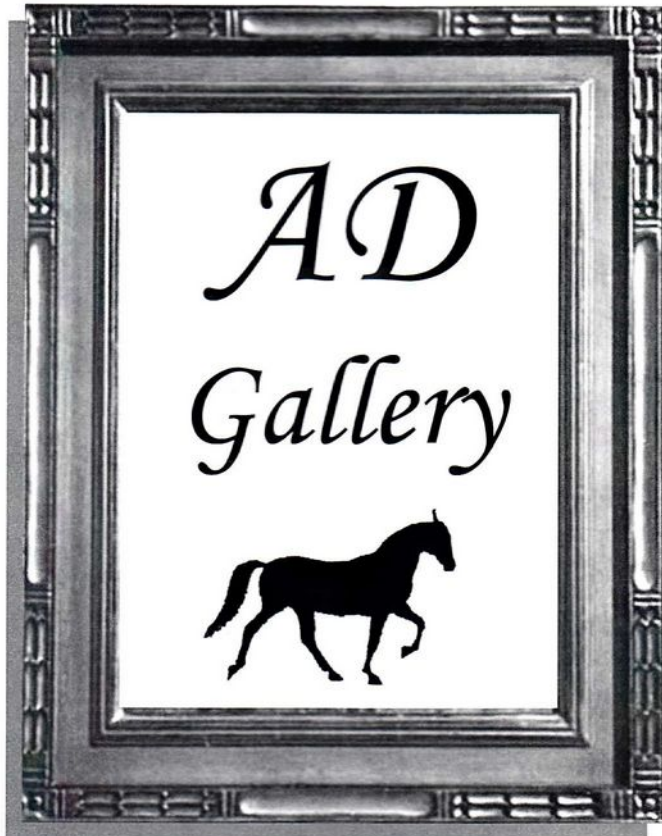


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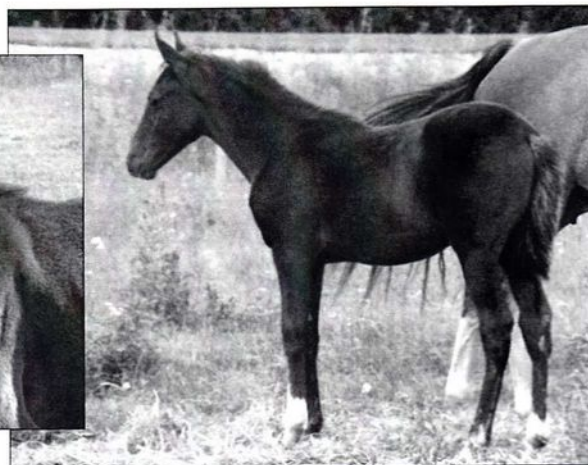
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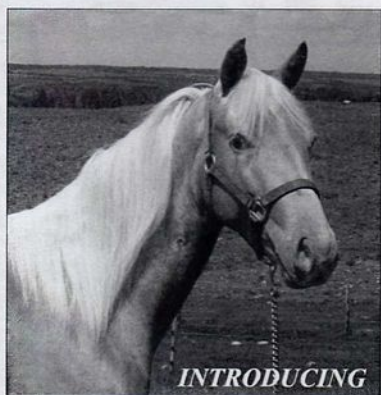
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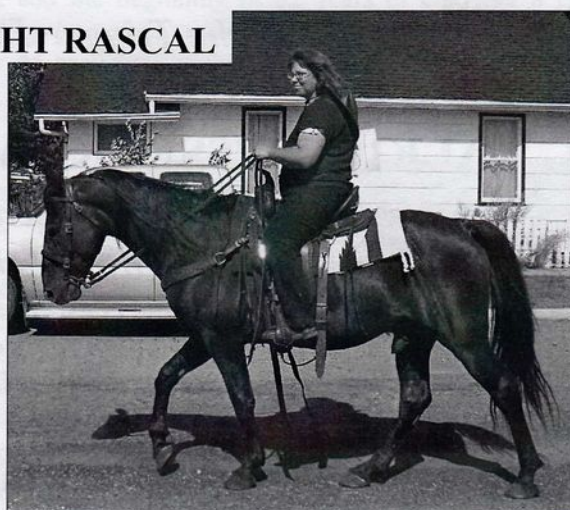
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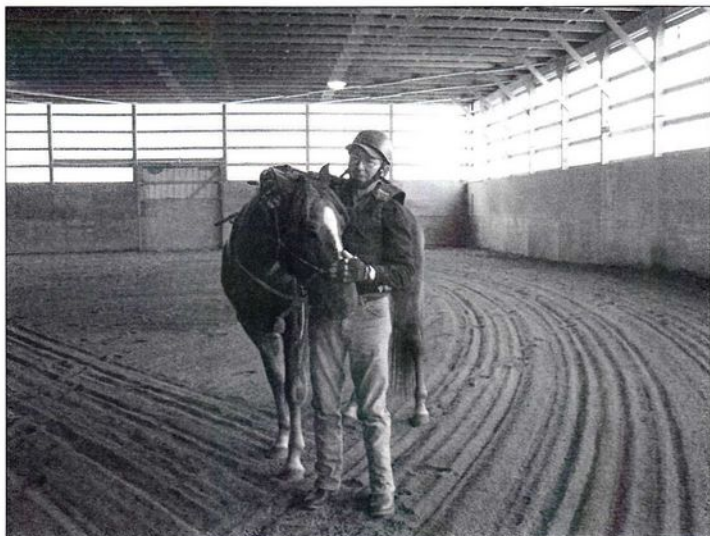
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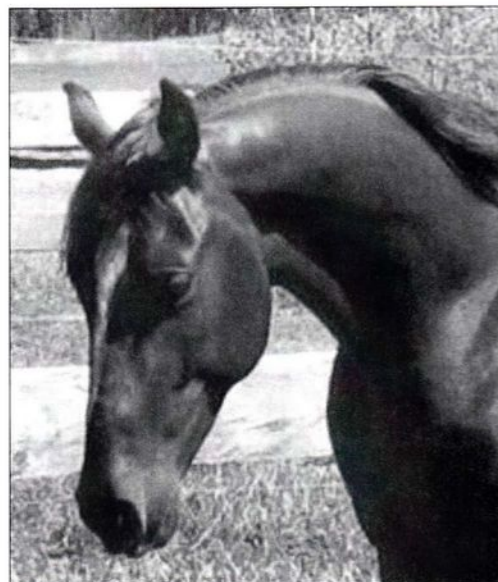
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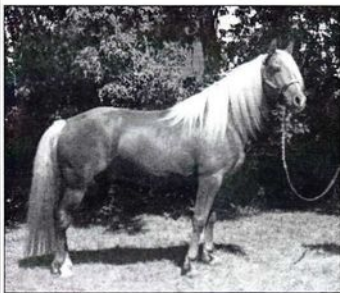
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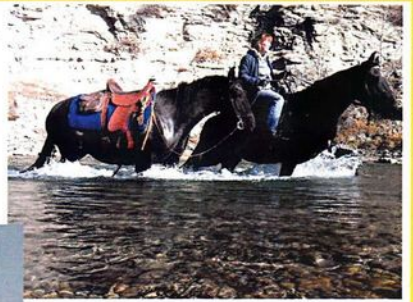
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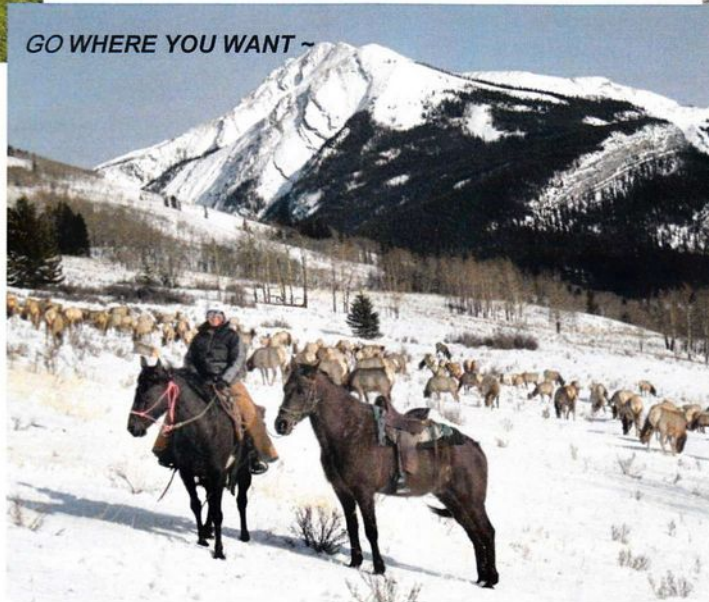
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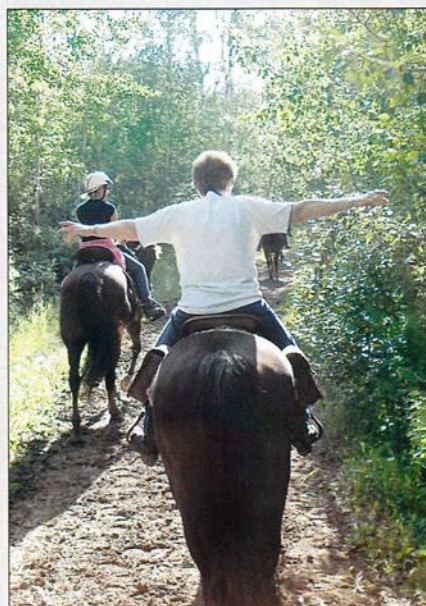
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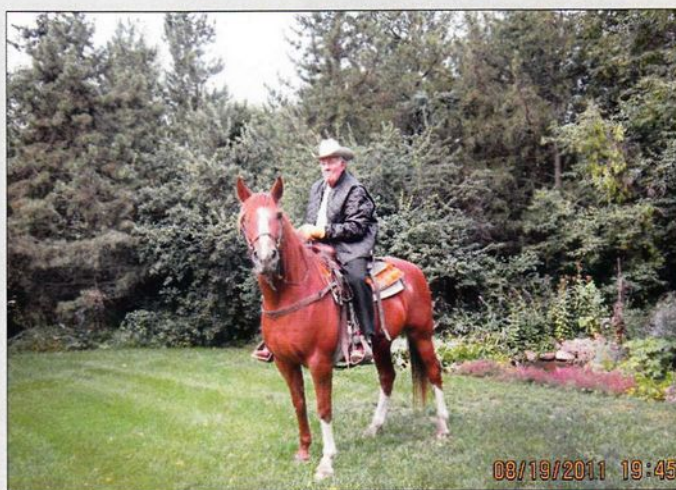
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