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Reflecting . . .

As the New Year comes in, it is always a good time to reflect back on what has happened. 1995 was a year in which we said good-bye to a long time breeder of American Creams, Richard Eads of Lanark, Illinois. But through his dedication, many of the present breeders have offspring from his efforts.

This past annual A.C.D.H.A. meeting held in Russell, Iowa, and hosted by Don and Linda Johnson, was quite a success. New and old members met from all over to make the meeting productive as well as enjoyable.

Members are educating horse enthusiasts as well as the general public about American Creams through outreach programs. Some of these were the Mid-Iowa Antique Power Show, Marshalltown, Iowa, with Dan and Brenda Williams, and Betsy and Clarence Ziebell; the Howard County Fair in Maryland with Paula and Frank Tremel and other Maryland members; Progress Days in Goshen, Indiana, with Sheila Johnson and Earl Hammond; and Wesley Rogalski on Market Days in

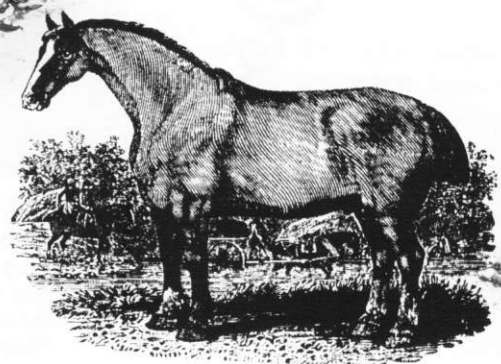
Brighton, Michigan. These are just a few.

Goliath, the 1995 commemorative model of Breyer, met with much success. Originally selling for around \$30.00, it is now going for as high as \$100.00 in the second-hand market.

But not all efforts were so successful. The Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee decision not to do a United States postage stamp of an American Cream was a disappointment. Remember—we can always ask again, somewhere in the future.

As for New Year 1996, it started with a bang. For those of you who watch the Tournament of Roses (alias Rose Parade), toward the end was a turn-of-the-century wagon pulled by a pair of American Creams owned by Dorothy Smith of Ranchita, California. It was nice to see the Creams go nationally and get some publicity.

The 1996 A.C.D.H.A. meeting is in the works. Information will be coming out soon. As far as the rest of the year, it is up to you, the member. You will decide what will be history for the American Cream Draft Horse!



New Book for Breeders

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy has published a new book titled *A Conservation Breeding Handbook*. The book is written by well-known A.L.B.C. staff members, Phillip Sponenberg and Carolyn Christman.

This book was written primarily for people interested in rare breeds, like the American Cream, but it also will interest any animal breeder. Some of the subjects included are the concept and practice of selection; a comparison of conservation and improvement breeding; and the uses of breeding systems such as inbreeding, linebreeding, and crossbreeding. These methods were all used in the development of the American Cream draft horse as well as other rare breeds, and still are today.

Don Bixby, DVM, has been Executive Director of the A.L.B.C. since 1988. In the September/October issue of A.L.B.C. News he wrote: "The sum total of your skills and resources are what will ultimately decide the fate of rare breeds." If you are interested in purchasing a copy of *A Conservation Breeding Handbook*, send \$15.95 to A.L.B.C., P. O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312, or call (919) 542-5704 (with VISA/MC).



Wesley Rogalski sent this photo which ran in the Brighton Argus, Wednesday, August 9, 1995. The previous week in the Green Sheet West there was an article which mentioned American Creams and the rides Wesley offered. Major is on the left and April on the right.
Photo by Hal Gould

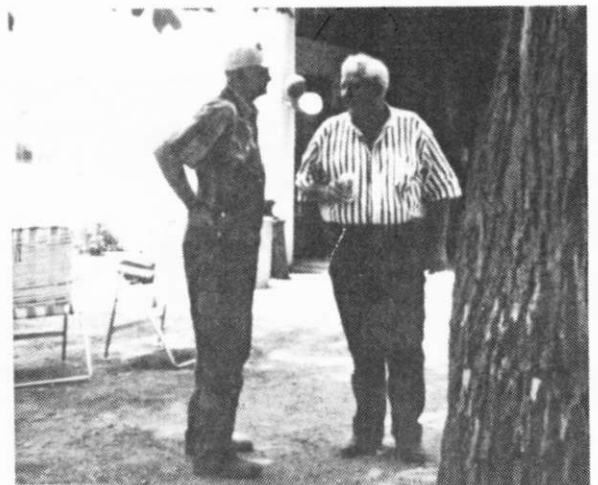
Pictures of the A.C.D.H.A. July meeting
held by Linda and Don Johnson, Russell, Iowa.



(Left to right, top row) Bill Cronin, Darrel Aden, Wes Rogalski, Linda Carson, Don Johnson, Paul Anderson, Gatha Jumper, Linda Zinty, Betsy Ziebell, Dan Williams; (middle row) Joan Cronin, Ben Carson, Avice and Merle Pope, Earl Hammond, Ed and Gin Harlan; (bottom row) Lee and Herschell Jumper, Thelma Johnson, Karen Smith. Present but not pictured: Linda Johnson, Brenda Williams, Mary Jumper and Clarence Ziebell. Please forgive me if anyone was omitted.



Directors: (left to right) newly elected Earl Hammond; Bill Cronin; Betty Ziebell, Secretary; Don Johnson; Dan Williams, President; and Karen Smith, Vice President.



Don Johnson and Gatha Jumper doing some catching up.

Letters

An estimated 3000 people turned out for the Draft Horse and Mule Association's Horse Progress Days in Goshen, Indiana. Earl Hammond and Sheila Johnson of Three Rivers, Michigan, attended and have written about their experience. *The Small Farmer's Journal*, fall issue 1995 (page 41) shows Earl's team to a ground-drive tedder rake.

September 28, 1995

I am not much of a writer but I will try to tell you a little about Progress Days.

We arrived on Thursday night, July 6. There were just a few horses stabled at the fairgrounds. Thursday night Thelma, 16, and Michelle, 14, Johnson rode the team of Creams around the grounds. We stayed at the grounds because we were going to be a part of the demonstrations at the Bontrayer Farm.

If it had not been for my girls, Earl and I would not have been able to attend Progress Days. The girls washed and harnessed the horses. They went with Earl to the farm to help him as he was not feeling very well. At the farm they demonstrated a manure spreader and a hay rake.

There was a lot of people at both the fair grounds and farm. The crowds made it hard to drive a team. We were the only two-horse hitch. Almost everything was set up for three to twelve horses.

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Clarence Ziebell enjoys the shade with Gin and Ed Harlan.



Members enjoyed good food and friends before the meeting started.

New Articles with Creams

The Reach - Directory 1995
P. O. Box 632
Kendallville, IN 46565
(219) 347-8223

Enumclaw Courier Herald
July 19, 1995
Buckley, Washington

The Horse
September 1995
Modern Horse Breeding, Inc.
P. O. Box 4680
Lexington, KY 40544-4680
800-866-2361

Western Horseman
October 1995
3850 North Nevada Avenue
P. O. Box 7988
Colorado Springs, CO 80933-7980
(719) 633-5524

Mid-South Horse Review
October 1995
(901) 465-4042

Horse-N-Arounds
Fall/Winter 1995
Sale and Stallion Guide

Green Sheet West
August 2, 1995
Michigan

The Brighton Argus
August 9, 1995
Brighton, Michigan



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In the evenings of Friday and Saturday Thelma ran the ground driving hands-on demonstration. She would walk beside the adults and tell them what to do when driving a team. She would walk behind the kids and help them drive while not letting go of the lines.

At the Parade of Breeds on Saturday afternoon everyone else was telling how many animals they had registered last year. Their numbers were very large, so when Earl talked about Ameri-



Earl Hammond driving Babe (left) and Fanny (right) to a manure spreader at Progress Days.

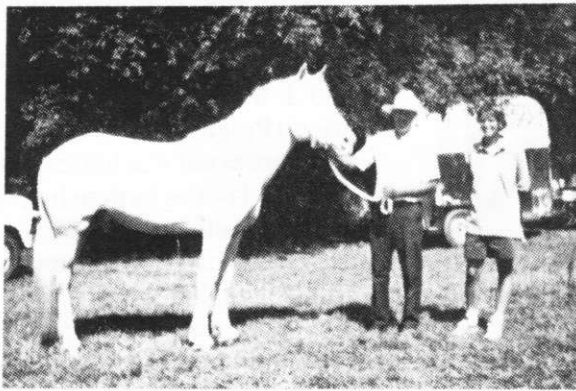
Photo by Robert Mischka © 1995

can Creams and told them there were only 80 registered in the country, I think some people found it hard to believe.

We had a lot of people ask about the Creams and where they could get a team. Thelma and Earl also had a guy follow them around trying to buy our team. Come to think of it, there were two trying to buy Creams.

We enjoyed Progress very much and hope to be able to go again next year.

Sheila Johnson



C.W. Cream of Wheat, Frank Tremel and Mindy Foss. Mindy works with "Jerry" at Oak Crest Farm in Harwood, Maryland, where he is presently boarded.



Maryland members at the Howard County Fair: Eileen McCarrier, Allen Van Emmerlk, "Jerry," Frank Tremel, Kim Tremel, Mindy Foss, and Paula Tremel.

... and from Paula and Frank Tremel of West River, Maryland:

On August 13, 1995, for the second year the Tremels of West River, Maryland, showed two of their Creams at the Howard County Fair in Maryland, in the Mule and Draft Horse Show. Shown were C.W. Cream of Wheat (Jerry), a 2½-year-old

stallion and Clar Ann Lucy, their 13 year-old mare. Had there been other entrants they would have been with the Suffolks. The announcer gave a very nice commentary on the American Cream Breed.

Also attending were Eileen McCarrier and Allen Van Emmerlk of Woodbine, Maryland, the other Maryland members of the American Cream Association.

Paula and Frank Tremel

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