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Annual Meeting Coming Up

To All Members of the American
Cream Draft Horse Association
from the Secretary:

This is your formal notice of the annual meeting of the members of the American Cream Draft Horse Association to be held Saturday, July 11, 1998, at the Econo Lodge Motel, 11000 Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50322, (515) 278-4601. Map and directions will be included with the June 30, 1998, mailing directly from the secretary, with the agenda.

The meeting room on the second floor of the motel has been reserved for July 11 from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. as a meeting place for those coming to the meeting. A large area of tables and chairs near the pool area is available for get-togethers until 10:00 P.M. the evening of the 10th.

The business meeting is set for 10:00 A.M. in the second floor meeting room July 12. You are to mail any suggested changes in the current by-laws to the secretary for listing on the agenda by June 30, 1998, together with business items which you wish to appear on the agenda.

Please bring the bylaws with you as well as the Herdbook and additions which you are receiving in this mailing. The secretary expects to have a short slide presentation on "color in registering Cream foals and adults". You are invited to bring slides for viewing of your animals. This process of making slides from colored photos is available at most photo finishing locations.

Dan Williams is handling the catering of the noon meal for \$6.00 each. Fill in the reservation form and mail it together with payment to the secretary by July 1, 1998. Annual dues

of \$10.00 per member are due to the secretary by July 1, 1998. Form can be found in this issue.

The secretary will have merchandise available as listed in this issue.

Ten nonsmoking rooms have been reserved at the Econo Lodge Motel, 11000 Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50322, (515) 278-4601, for members of the American Cream Draft Horse Association for the evening of the 10th and/or the 11th of July, 1998. Cost of the rooms is \$56.00 per room (2 double beds; up to four in a room). To reserve, call or write the Econo Lodge Motel. We need to be out of our rooms by 11:00 A.M. on the 11th if we are not staying that night. Coffee, juice and rolls are free the morning of the 11th for those overnighting on the 10th. You will need to tell the reservation desk clerk that you want a room reserved for the American Cream Draft Horse members. ■



Photo taken at the annual meeting, July 1997, of the directors present. Back row left to right: Dan Williams, President; Carol Pshigoda, Vice President; Wes Rogalski, Director. Front row left to right: Betsy Ziebell, Secretary; Earl Hammond, Director.

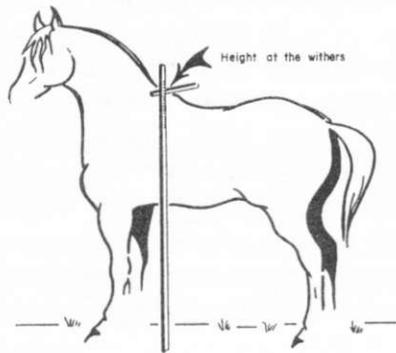
Absent: Bill Cronin, Director. The terms of Earl Hammond and Bill Cronin are up in July and they are eligible for reelection if nominated.



BITS 'N PIECES

At the time of this printing we have 187 American Cream horses registered, of various ages and sexes. Have you sent the secretary your 1997 Stallion Report (foals dropped in 1997)? If not, please send at once to Betsy so she can compile statistics for the American Creams.

Several have been concerned that hands advertised or quoted have not proven to be correct. I checked in a publication from the shelf—the height of a horse is measured from the highest point of the withers to the ground. With an animal standing with its head down as though eating grain from a pail which you would hold, front feet fairly close together, measure from the ground to the highest point of the withers. See diagram.



Reminder from last year's annual meeting, Dr. Phil Sponenburg asked that members do not get foals blood typed from parents (sire/mare) that have already been typed. But if you have a Cream horse which has not had any family history of blood typing, please contact Gus Cothran, Ph. D., at the University of Kentucky (606) 257-3777.

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation wishes to thank all the members and nonmembers who expressed an interest in placing a home for C.W. Cream of the Crop. This was a difficult decision, but we have placed him with Dorothy Beardsley-Smith of Ranchita, California. The criteria that we were looking for were:

- Member of good standing with the largest number of Cream mares.
- Does not presently own a stallion and has no real access to a stallion.
- Has a facility to house a stallion.
- Willing to come pick stallion up or pay for shipping cost.
- Would be able to take other out-

side mares in for breeding.

- C.W. Cream of the Crop has a son, C.W. Cream of Wheat, standing at stud in Maryland (owner Frank Tremel) so distance to spread gene pool also played into our decision.

The Smiths have 6 mares and are presently looking into acquiring some more. Vince Tobin, who is also in the area, has a Cream mare as well.

Dorothy Smith reports that she is cooperating with an A.I. Equine Reproduction Center, Valley Center, operated by Richard K. Tramp. She plans to service mares live for around \$500.00 and A.I. for \$1,000.00. Please contact the Smiths for exact prices and details if you are interested.

Along with this issue you will find updates to the Herdbook for those of you that have them. Also, there is a letter along with a questionnaire from Dr. Phil Sponenburg about breed standards. **It is very important that every full voting member fill out this form and send it to the secretary.** If there is more than one voting member in a household, you will receive one for each member. ■

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE JULY 1

Annual membership fees of \$10.00 are due July 1, 1998. Both full and associate members are required to pay, due to fund raising. **Make checks payable to A.C.D.H.A.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: American Cream Draft Horse Association
2065 Noble Avenue
Charles City, IA 50616

RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ luncheon meals at \$6.00 each for

for the 11th of July, 1998.

Enclosed payment of

\$ _____

Mail to:
A.C.D.H.A.
2065 Noble Avenue
Charles City, Iowa 50616-9108

by July 1, 1998.

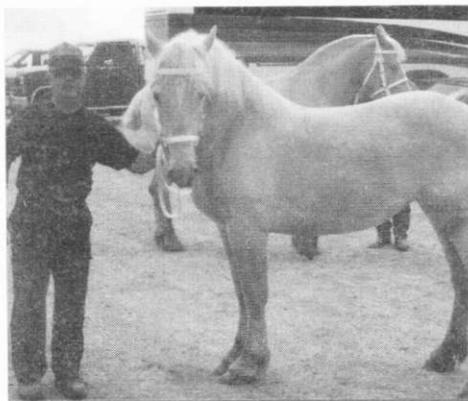


LETTERS



A blue and red ribbon placing. Tiffany DeBuhr and Nick Corson leaving the show ring at the Sandpoint, Idaho, 21st Draft Horse "International". The horses Jumper's Molly B and Pollyanna (326 and 327) are 2½ year olds. Tiffany DeBuhr has been accepted to represent the American Cream Draft Horse Association at the Draft Horse Youth Hostel and Clinic on July 14-18 at Cathy Zahm's farm, Huntington, Indiana. *Good luck and have fun, Tiffany!* ■

John Lasko, holding Miss Lucky just prior to showing at the Mt. Hope All Breed Draft Horse Show last July at Mt. Hope, Indiana. Paradise Beauty, 316, can be seen in the background as well as the IOWA bus. John's letter reads, "After I got into the arena I was summoned to the speakers platform to represent the Association and tell about the American Creams. I spoke about a half hour explaining their features and breed standards, past history and current status. It was very well received by the audience. I was very busy at my stalls as I was flooded with people asking questions and taking photos. After the event, I received phone calls from all over the country so I guess it was a successful event as far as making people aware of the American Creams." ■



The Ziebells passed on this picture and note for everyone.

Twelve-year-old Lisa cutting oats with binder pulled by geldings Cream 391 and Sugar, 392, owned by Lynne Howe of Lena, Illinois, and helped by a neighbor's horse. Lynne wrote to the Ziebells, "What a surprise to learn that Maury (Howe—husband) stopped to see you on his way home from the Waverly sale. Cream and Sugar came to us as rather rambunctious 9-month-old critters who'd only had halters on long enough to get 'em loaded on the trailer and to the sale! They're real sweethearts now, and have us caught, hook, line and sinker! We sure enjoyed meeting you on that Draft Horse Tour in 1992 after the conversations we'd had on the phone. Think of you and your husband and the other "Cream" people who showed their horses to us all on the tour... That was such a good time! Horses can sure connect you with some really neat people!" ■



Speaking of promoters! Director Wes Rogalski, Brighton, Michigan, has a carriage business on weekends in Brighton. He covered the coffee can as you see in the photo



and taped it to the carriage. Wes mailed it to the secretary—without opening it to count the "take". Betty Ziebell reported to him that it held \$85.00, which all went into the Association's savings account!

On a sad note, member and former secretary Karene Topp writes that Leonard Ites of Alden, Iowa, passed away at age 79 (June 11, 1918 to March 21, 1998). Karene's letter states that Leonard was a charter member of the Association, and both Leonard and his brother Robert were very active during the formative and early years of the American Cream Horse Association. Their wives were also involved in Association activities. ■

LEONARD ITES June 11, 1918—March 21, 1998

ALDEN—Leonard H. Ites, 79, of Alden, died Saturday, March 21, 1998, at North Iowa Mercy Medical Center in Mason City. Services were held Tuesday, March 24 at The United Methodist Church in Alden with burial in the Alden Cemetery. Rev. Darwin Moore officiated.

Leonard was born June 11, 1918, in Alden, to Heiko and Alice Harms Ites. He attended rural Alden country school and on Jan. 7, 1937, graduated from Reisch School of Auctioneering at Austin, Minn. On Feb. 23, 1941, he married Elena Meyer at her parents home north of Iowa Falls. This date marked the 35th anniversary of his parents and the 30th anniversary of Elena's parents. They moved to a farm south of Alden where they farmed for 28 years. He was a charter member of the American Cream Horse Association and he raised horses and showed them. He was a certified lay speaker for the Alden United Methodist Church for 26 years; was a 4-H leader, weighed cattle for the Hardin County Fair for 18 years and taught tractor school for many years. He owned and operated Ites Construction, and he and his wife started "Crafts by Ites," which he continued until his death. He had a lifelong love of flowers as a hobby.

Survivors include his wife, Elena; a daughter, Pat Bennett and husband, Rick, of Fort Dodge; two sons, Bob Ites and wife, Dee, and Dean Ites and wife, Cathy, all of Alden; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Marie Puttkamer; and a brother, Robert G. Ites, both of Alden. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Alleda Harms and her husband, Jesse; and a brother-in-law, Alvin Meyer.

Surls Funeral Home of Alden was in charge of arrangements.

Merchandise Available



Official Logo

Royal blue with three white stars above red and white stripes in a shield shape. Harnessed team of Creams with the words "Born and Bred in the U.S.A." Black words on white American Cream Draft Horses. Designed by Brenda and Dan Williams and approved at the 1995 meeting.

(Listed price plus postage to mail will be billed in the package.)

- 3"x3" Decal to be Mounted
on Glass Windshield \$4.00
- Bumper Stickers \$3.00
- Car Shades \$11.50
- Magnetic Decals 9"x12" \$10.50
- All Sizes of Youth Tees \$10.00
- Adult Sizes Tees through XL . \$11.00
- Adult Size Tees XXL \$12.00
- Adult Size Tees XXXL \$13.00

Prices are for white tees with the colored logo.

New cream and brown baseball cap style with the screen print team outline \$5.00

Oatmeal colored tees with screen print "American Cream Draft Horse Association" on hand are priced at cost until sold:

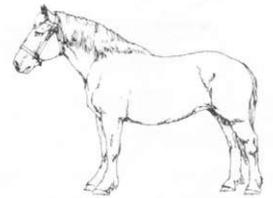
- 2 Adult, medium \$7.00
- 2 Adult, XXL \$8.00
- 5 Children's Large (14-16) \$6.00

"BUCK"

This American Cream Draft Horse likeness is 11" tall to top of head. Buck is made of synthetic fibers, and can be surface washed with cold water and mild soap, air dried and gently brushed to restore plush. "Buck" is a soft cream-colored horse with poseable legs; great fun to play with.

Retail price plus postage \$18.95

CREAMS in the NEWS

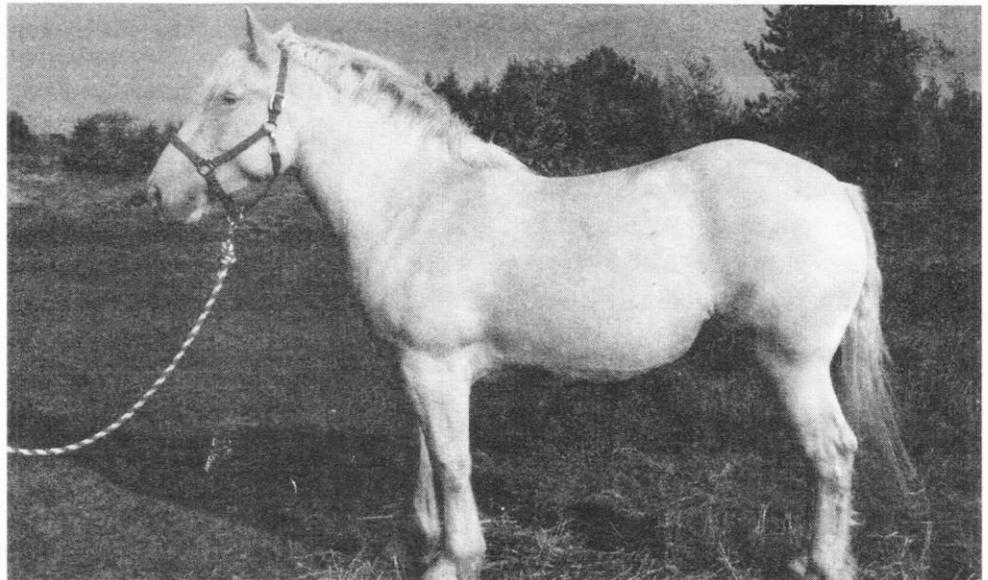


Page 194 of the Autumn 1997 *Draft Horse Journal* to bring to your attention: Page 194 shows scenes from Mississippi Spring Field Day held at the farm of Frank Swords—one of our newer members who has a mare and filly out of the Jumper's–Peeler's animals. The date of the 1998 Spring Field Day at Frank's farm near Holly Springs, Mississippi, is April 25. On the opposite page, 195, a photo of a team owned by Associate Member of the ACDHA, Melanie Maasdam, Clarion, Iowa. We need to share with her how much more trustworthy a team of American Creams would be for youth to learn to drive!

If you have access to the Winter 1997-98 *Draft Horse Journal*, see pages 145 and 146. We had a few sentences of acceptance!



CLASSIFIED



FOR SALE: Ertl's "Pretty in Pink," female, foaled May 15, 1993. Cream coat, pink skin, white mane and tail, amber eyes. Sire: Champion Supreme Cream, No. 217; Dam: Clar Ann Cap's Judy, No. 252. Contact Christine Ertl, N 1320, 6½ Avenue, Lublin, WI 54447, phone (715) 669-7421. She is not trained and is open. Registered no. 382.

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