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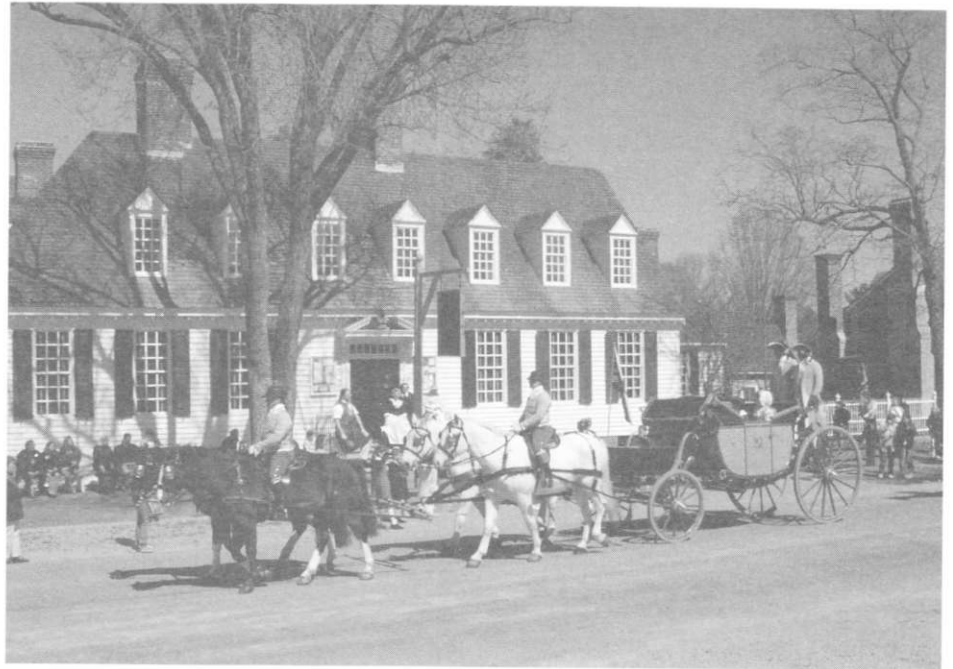
## 60TH ANNIVERSARY AND COUNTING . . .

A milestone anniversary always opens the door for us to reflect back on the past. Our last anniversary of consequence was the 50th in 1994. How many of us were members of the association then? How many of us had even heard of an American Cream Draft Horse? By scanning through the member list, I'm guessing that at least 85% of today's members were not members in 1994. We now cover this country from coast to coast and boundary to boundary. Creams are present at countless fairs, shows and field-work demonstrations and in equine magazines worldwide. We're making a mark in the horse world, and people are liking what they see. Congratulations to us all for what we've done and for what we will do that will be reflected upon at our 70th anniversary!

### Voting . . . Dues . . . Bylaw Changes . . . JEB Tests . . . Annual Meeting

- Be sure to vote for two of the candidates running for director, place your ballot in a sealed envelope marked "Ballot" and mail to the secretary by June 15, 2004.
- Be sure to mail your annual dues (\$25/member and \$10/associate member) to the secretary by June 15, 2004.
- Any bylaw changes you wish to make must be mailed to the secretary by June 15, 2004.
- All registration applications for unaltered males must be accompanied by results from a JEB test. As you can see from the JEB test results printed in this newsletter, many members have already tested their stallions and mares. *Remember, the offspring from a noncarrier stallion and a noncarrier mare does not have to be tested to be registered.*
- Our annual meeting takes place October 15-16, 2004, in Williamsburg, Virginia, with festivities beginning the evening of October 14 for early bird arrivals. It will be a great weekend. Hope to see you there.

Nancy H. Lively  
Secretary



Colonial Williamsburg presents many forms of 18th-century travel. One popular form, as shown here, was postilion, with the coachman out on the horse's back, not sitting on a seat. American Cream Draft Horse Jesse is the left-wheel horse.

## ACDHA ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 15 AND 16, 2004

Plans for the annual meeting in October are underway. On Thursday night, early birds can attend the lecture "Accidents and Runaways" by Richard Nicoll, director of Coach and Livestock, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

For Friday morning, a tour of the stable is scheduled while Colonial Williamsburg's Coach and Livestock staff prepare for the day. ACDHA members can catch a ride into the Historic Area on one of the 18th-century replica carriages or wagons. In the Historic Area, members will split into small groups led by volunteers and tour the Harness and Saddlemaker site and the Wheelwright site and meet Darin Tschopp, the ox driver interpreter, with his team of oxen. Coach and Livestock will

provide lunch at the stable from 1-2 P.M. The afternoon is yours to tour around the Historic Area at leisure or a neighboring area attraction. Dinner is at the Golden Corral at 6:30 P.M. Starting at 8 P.M., Elaine Shirley, supervisor of Rare Breeds, Colonial Williamsburg, will present a lecture on "The Importance of Rare Breeds."

Sunday will start at 9 A.M. with the ACDHA meeting. The meeting will include an update on JEB from Dr. John Baird. Lunch will be catered.

Don't forget to bring something from your home state for the silent auction. Proceeds go to ACDHA.

To make your lodging reservations, call the Woodlands Hotel & Suites toll free at 1-800-261-9530.

## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

First, I would like to acknowledge the excellent job that Nancy Phillips did in producing the winter newsletter that we received in January. The color photo on the front showing the three shades of Cream is an excellent reference guide when registering your animals.

It has only been a little over a year since the term *JEB* started meaning something to many of us. In this short period of time, many of you have taken steps to eradicate this disease in the Cream breed. Because of the testing that has been done in my area, I now know where there is at least one *JEB*-free stallion that I can breed my three *JEB*-free mares to. PLEASE consider testing your animals, not only for your own peace of mind but also so that we as a group can see how much of a problem this actually is in our breed.

Our annual meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, on October 15 and 16 will be here before we know it. October is a beautiful month on the East Coast. Within 75 miles of Williamsburg, there are enough attractions—battlefields, historic homes, military installations plus Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown—to keep you busy for weeks. I suggest you plan on coming early or staying a few extra days. Karen Smith has scheduled two full days of activities on the 15th and 16th.

A reminder to all owners of stallion and breeding mares. Not all of you have sent in your reports for 2004. These reports provide us with the information needed to track the growth of our endangered breed. Please take the time to do it now so we will have up-to-date information for the annual meeting.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Williamsburg.

Frank Tremel  
President



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## ACDHA JEB\* RESULTS

as of March 15, 2004

### STALLIONS

Reg. #	Name	Results	Owner at Time of Test
231	C.W. Cream of the Crop	N/J	Shaun and Jennifer McKinley
273	JD's Billy	N/N	Don and Linda Johnson
284	C.W. Cream of Wheat	N/J	Frank and Paula Tremel
288	Ackerman's Dan	N/N	Don and Linda Johnson
366	JD's Will's Pride	Pending	George and Donna Miller
414	Lupkes' Captain's Jake	N/N	Merlin Lupkes
450	Jumper's Trouble	N/N	David and Nancy Lively
461	Rosehill Cream of Wheat Dunner	N/J	Shaun and Jennifer McKinley
524	John Ann Acres Happy Go Lucky	N/N	Leonard Offutt
526	Rose Hill Cream of Wheat Francis	N/J	Merlin Lupkes
539	Deep Valley Monocacy	N/J	Catherine Offutt

11 stallions tested

5 carriers, 5 noncarriers, 1 result pending

### MARES

Reg. #	Name	Results	Owner at Time of Test
235	Hockett's Belle	N/N	Jeffery and Nancy Phillips
304	JD's Judy	Pending	Wendell Lupkes
307	Ye Plain Ole Sand Storm	N/N	Frank and Paula Tremel
313	C.W. Cream Puff	N/J	Karen Smith
342	Ms. Magnolia Sue	Pending	Dennis and Betsy Aufdenkamp
357	John Ann Acres Danny Boy's Taffy	Pending	Wendell Lupkes
374	C.W. Whip Cream	N/J	The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
381	Rose Hill Cream of Wheat Belle	N/J	Shaun and Jennifer McKinley
465	Ackerman's Bridger	Pending	George and Donna Miller
501	Rose Hill Fancy Bet	N/N	Frank and Paula Tremel
523	John Ann Acres Fancy Face	N/N	Catherine Offutt
568	C.W. Peaches 'n Cream	N/N	The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
T00002	Lupkes' Captain's Mabel	N/N	Wendell Lupkes
T00004	Rose Hill Cream of Wheat Darby	N/N	Frank and Paula Tremel
T00121	Lupkes' June	N/N	Wendell Lupkes
T00127	Dolly Madison	N/N	Catherine Offutt
T00128	Abigail	N/N	Leonard Offutt
To be reg.	Denali's Sanoma	Pending	Shaun and Jennifer McKinley

18 mares tested

3 carriers, 10 noncarriers, 5 results pending

\* *JEB* is inherited as a recessive lethal trait with the following offspring results:

Two N/J parents	25% chance of being N/N	(normal)
	50% chance of being N/J	(carrier)
	25% chance of being J/J	(lethal)

One N/N parent and one N/J parent	50% chance of being N/N	(normal)
	50% chance of being N/J	(carrier)

Two N/N parents	100% chance of being N/N	(normal)
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## DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Hello, Cream lovers. My name is James E. Harper Jr., and I live in central Virginia. So far, I have one American Cream stallion that is about 2 years old. His name is John Ann Acres Cheaters Ike (nickname: Creamy), and his recorded number is 544. Last year Creamy and some of my other rare breed animals were at the Virginia State Fair. Creamy had the opportunity to walk several times in the Virginia State Fair parade. It was a new and great experience for both of us. During this time, I met several other Cream owners. Also, I was able to inform potential members and owners about ACDHA and our breed.

Tillers International is a nonprofit organization that deals with classes in animal power. They give hands-on opportunities of working draft animals to the touchstone of reality. As a member and student of Tillers International, I have helped educate the organization, my instructors and my classmates about ACDHA and our breed. I strongly feel educating the public about our association and breed is the utmost importance.

I went to the last annual meeting hosted by Don and Linda Johnson and met some really great Cream owners. During this time I had an opportunity to meet some of the officers of ACDHA and to see firsthand how they and the members worked to achieve the best for ACDHA and our wonderful breed. I also had the privilege to meet our host and hostess Don and Linda and see some of their Creams and rode in a wagon driven by some of their gorgeous Creams. I am looking forward to this year's annual meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia. I am hoping to see everyone from the last meeting and to meet other members at the 2004 annual meeting.

I am also a member of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy. I have other animals that they recognize on their list of breed conservancy. They are Highland Cattle, Miniature Donkeys, Tennessee Fainting Goats, Barbados Blackbelly Sheep, Gloucestershire Old Spots Pigs, Sebastopol, Toulouse and African Dewlap Geese, Bronze and White Turkeys. I also raise India Blue Peafowl and exhibition Embden Geese, which are not on their list.

I am presently a member, the Virginia regional director and newsletter editor of the Blackbelly Barbados Sheep Association International. When holding any office, I strongly believe in getting involved with the association I am representing, its members and the public in



*James Harper with Creamy at the 2003 Virginia State Fair.*

promoting the breed. I strongly feel I should always do what is best for the association and breed without any hidden agendas.

Hopefully by now we are all aware that the junctional epidermolysis bullosa (JEB) disease has reached our breed. Now, through testing, breeders do not have to guess about their breeding program in breeding two carriers of JEB in producing a JEB foal. In time hopefully all Cream breeders will get involved in this testing.

If elected as one of the directors of the American Cream Draft Horse Association, it will be an honor and a tremendous opportunity to help and represent the American Cream Draft Horse Association, the breed and the members.

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Dear Members of the ACDHA,

I would like to continue to serve as a director of the American Cream Draft Horse Association. It has been an honor to be involved with Creams and the people who love and cherish them.

Since June of 1991, I have been an active breeder and will continue raising these beautiful horses. It has been a great experience to watch the number of horses and people grow. All over the United States we are joining the effort to increase the Creams.

I would like to help the association to strive to preserve the purity of the breed,

also to help the creams grow and prosper as Mr. Hockett, Mr. Eads, Mr. Ziebell and Mr. Hammond (to name a few) have done in the past. Your vote will be appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all at our October meeting in Colonial Williamsburg.

Sincerely,  
Don Johnson

Members of the ACDHA,

I would continue to work hard for our breed, aiming to hone our breeding guidelines so as to protect what was, define what is, and improve what will be so that we can work toward protecting and promoting a breed we can all be proud of, one we hope the founding fathers of this breed would be proud of. It is to that end I would put forth my efforts.

Thanks,  
Carol Pshigoda

Dear Members of the ACDHA,

Hi! My name is Donna Miller. My husband, George, and I live in Grass Valley, California. I would like to serve as a director for the association. I've had light horses for over 30 years. We became interested in drafts, and then American Creams, about 15 years ago. We bought our first mare (Jumper's Elvira "Belle") in foal four years ago. Two years ago, my daughter Cali and I showed at the Draft Horse Classic. (She placed third.) We brought home our third Cream that weekend. We are now up to seven Creams—one stallion, two mares (one due this April), one tracking mare, two appendix fillies and one filly. (To see pictures, check out our website.) We ride and drive our horses. George and I both retired early, so we spend our time working around the place and raising our kids. I supported the rule change to require three grandparents be registered Creams to give a foal full registration papers. I felt this would help preserve the Cream genetics and (hopefully) increase the value of tracking horses without completely eliminating outbreeding. I intend to JEB test all my horses, starting with the ones of breeding age. I believe it is important to preserve our cultural heritage and the genetic diversity represented by heritage breeds of livestock. Thank you for considering me!

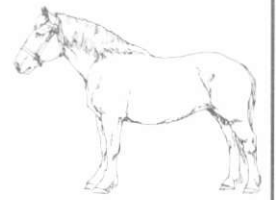
Donna Miller

Frank and his wife, Paula, reside in Owensville, Maryland, which is near Annapolis. They have two adult chil-

dren, Kim and Keith. Frank is a battalion fire chief for the Washington, D.C., Fire Department and a part-time farmer. He raises hay and tobacco and breeds American Cream Drafts. Frank's hobbies include raising and showing American Cream Drafts and collecting antique fire apparatus. He has been involved in the American Cream Draft Horse Association since he purchased his first mare in 1992 and has been an active member of the association for 12 years. Frank participates in fairs and shows in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware. He is currently completing his first term on the ACDHA Board of Directors.

Frank Tremel

# CREAMS in the NEWS



By Daniel Pierce

*Country Living* (September 2003) did an article on the New England Heritage Breeds Conservancy's sixth annual exhibition and sale of heritage breeds, hosted by Hancock Shaker Village in Massachusetts. The article mentions American Creams and has a picture of Dave Lively giving rides to visitors at the expo.

*Horse-Drawn News* (November 2003) did an article on American Cream Draft Horses and the association. Included was a picture of Dave Lively driving three abreast in a parade.

*Rural Heritage* (Winter 2004) has, on the cover, a picture of (yes, once again) Dave Lively driving a 5-year-old mare to a vis-à-vis sleigh. Great photograph! 🐾

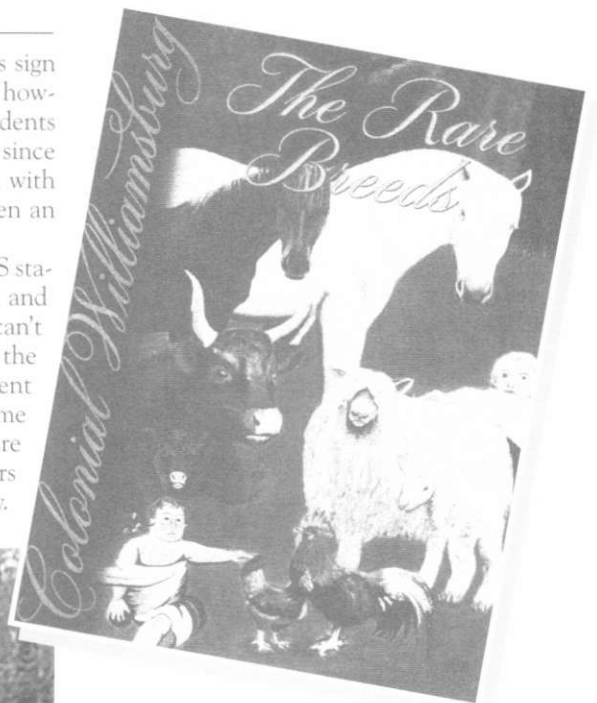
## TAKE A RARE BREEDS ELECTRONIC FIELD TRIP

On January 15, 2004, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation aired an electronic field trip titled "The Rare Breeds." One of the rare breeds on which the program focuses is the American Cream Draft Horse. These electronic field trips are the new wave of education for schools that cannot afford to send students on field trips at great distances.

Colonial Williamsburg has been doing electronic field trips for six years with increasing popularity. Schools that purchase a program are given a web component, teacher's guide and lesson plan, and it's all interactive. Field trips are geared to fourth- through eighth-grade

students. On average, 1,000 schools sign up for each program. That number, however, does not tell us how many students actually participate in the field trip, since each school could use the program with one class or many classrooms or even an auditorium full of children.

The program airs on the local PBS station, so the average viewer like you and me can watch it from home, but we can't do the interactive program. While the program airs, students vote on different subjects and call in questions. Some questions go on live TV; others are sent to a room filled with interpreters who answer the questions personally.



For more information on electronic field trips scheduled for 2004 or to purchase other Colonial Williamsburg educational materials, please logon to [www.history.org](http://www.history.org) and search for electronic field trips.

*Note:* Colonial Williamsburg's Education Outreach department has generously donated three VHS copies with teacher's guide and poster for the ACDHA silent action in October. 🐾

Colonial Williamsburg breeds two rare breeds of horses: the American Cream Draft Horse and the Canadian horse. Pictured are Major and CW Peaches 'n Cream (Mary), born in 2003.

# TIPS ON BUYING HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES

by Dennis and Betsy Aufdenkamp

You can learn by other people's mistakes instead of your own! In the following article, we will list some pointers in the purchase inspection of older horse-drawn vehicles. We will approach this from the standpoint of usefulness, or drivability.

There are some pieces of historical significance that should not be driven, as their value lies in preserving the past. And, there are many wagons and buggies that are only useful as yard art or other display, being too far deteriorated to be worth restoring. Somewhere in between, our interest goes to drivable and restorable vehicles of the late 19th and early 20th century of American manufacture.

Now, some of the tests (inspections) that are discussed here would be impossible to do at an auction or public sale. Remember to treat vehicles for sale with the same respect as if they belonged to your pastor. If you meet the owner, ask as many questions as you can, and ask permission to do any hands-on inspections. At public sales, we have seen people pulling up seat cushions, lifting and dropping the shafts, sitting on the pole, and, worst of all, putting their children on and in vehicles for a place to sit and eat their food. Don't be one of those!

Some things to take with you: clean rags or towels, adjustable axle-nut wrench, waterless hand cleaner, flashlight, measuring tape, exam gloves.

Let's start with the wheels, as they are one of the most important things to check carefully, especially for driving purposes. They are also costly to replace or repair, so inspect them all carefully. Wooden wheels should have a slight "dish" to properly bear a load. When viewing the wheels from front or back, they should appear neither flat nor cone shaped but angle slightly inward towards the hub. A reversed dish wheel needs to be repaired or replaced.

Tightness of wood: See that the spokes fit tightly into the hub and felloes. On recently painted wheels, look closely for caulking in these areas and putty that could be hiding rotten or cracked wood underneath. Look at the outside edge of the felloes closely, for a wheel can have checking and rot from sitting in the dirt. A wheel that seems damp may have been soaked in water in order to swell and temporarily tighten it. The steel tire should be tight to the felloes. If there is rubber over the steel, make sure it is tightly attached without chunks missing or an excessively large

gap where the ends meet. Now check the tightness of the hub by grasping the wheel at the top and rocking it gently toward and away from you. Excessive wobble or visible looseness of the hub could mean costly repairs.

When visiting a private party seller, it may be possible to ask to remove each wheel to inspect the axle ends, called "stubs" or "skeins." Securely block the vehicle, and make sure you have enough people power to lift the weight of the wheel. Before removing a wheel, spin it to observe any wobbling and, in the case of modernized roller bearing hubs, listen for the sound of bearings rolling smoothly. A growling or gravelly sound would indicate bearings that need to be replaced. Now you can loosen that wheel nut. Remember that the wheel nuts tighten with the direction of travel, so that on the left side they will loosen by turning clockwise and on the right side, counterclockwise. With the modernized roller bearing wheels, it may be that a castle nut with a cotter key holds it on, and these may all be right-hand threaded, or traditional, as described above. Remove only one wheel at a time for safety reasons.

Once the wheel is removed, you should encounter some axle grease! With your exam gloves on, you can feel the condition of the axle. A little bit egg shaped is expected, as the weight bears on the bottom, but flat on the bottom warrants replacement of the axle end. If axle stubs are replaced, they will no longer fit the boxing in the hub of the wheels. Boxings and stubs must be replaced to match, as there were many different sizes produced.

With the wheel off, you can see the inside of the hub. Check for voids in the wood around the boxing and boxing that is loose.

Look at the axle itself now for visible cracks and obvious damage. Small voids in the castings are normal, but a seriously cracked or damaged axle will need to be replaced. On antique vehicles, even a "straight" axle wouldn't be straight because they were made with a bit of "drop" in the ends to match the degree of dish in the wheels and a bit of "gather" to compensate for the spreading pressure of forward motion. This is the same concept as alignment in an auto. Also, many axles were bowed for a springlike effect, and some were dropped down for more space (height) inside the vehicle. So, it's not easy in a buying situation to determine if an axle is bent, but, if one wheel seems tipped out or otherwise different in alignment from the others, then you might suspect a bent axle or an improperly centered boxing.

One of our memorable purchases was a vehicle with no wheels, sitting on its axles on the ground. The boxings were on the ends of the axles, so we were confident that all we needed to do was have new wheels made with these boxings. It wasn't until we had it all painted and assembled that we realized the axles weren't quite right. The ends had been previously replaced but not welded on correctly. Axle repair is something best left to the folks who do it for a living!

When we continue, we'll talk about checking the running gear, wood structure, finish and trimming. Also, loading, hauling and properly storing your treasure, as well as a list of resources for help. Until next time, happy hunting!

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## TRIAL NEWSLETTER

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I wish to thank all the people who contributed their time, photos, articles, and expertise to my trial newsletter. Special thanks to Gail and Allan Damerow of *Rural Heritage* for their time, the ad and permission to use their info for the events section. Special thanks to Lloyd Wilson of Wilson Construction, who built my new barn, for placing an ad. Special thanks to Tim Berrier of Lone Oak Printing for his time translating the *Rural Heritage* ad from QuarkXPress to something I could use on my computer. Special thanks to Karen Smith and Nancy Lively for the 101 questions each of them answered so kindly and patiently so my newsletter could be produced with proper information.

There were articles and many photos sent to fill the pages. These folks took time out of their busy holiday schedules (time away from shoveling snow?) for gathering and mailing and emailing things for the newsletter. I know you had other thing to do, so I appreciate the contributions you offered. There were some who sent things I could not fit in. I'm sorry, but there just wasn't enough room.

I want to remind everyone to buy a calendar, make your room reservation for the annual meeting, get your horses tested for JEB, and don't forget those West Nile virus shots. Thanks again, everyone—I'm delighted you liked my newsletter. See you in October!

Nancy Phillips  
Crocker, Missouri

# CLASSIFIEDS

## CREAMS FOR SALE



Smith, Karen, P.O. Box 99, Barhamsville, VA 23011-0099; (757) 566-4352. #313 C.W. Cream Puff (1995), JEB-carrier mare, 15.2 hands, medium color, pink skin, white mane and tail, white markings; can be ridden and has been ground driven; mainly a brood mare prospect. \$3,500

Lupkes, Merlin, 202 Indiana Ave., Iowa Falls, IA 50126; (641) 648-3112. #526 Rose Hill Cream of Wheat Francis (2001), JEB-carrier stallion, sire: #284 C.W. Cream of Wheat, dam: Fay, sorrel. To be registered: cream male (2003), pink skin, amber eyes, white mane and tail, star and snips, sire: #414 Lupkes' Captain's Jake, dam: #304 JD's Judy.

Corson, Linda and Ben, HCR 61, Box 193, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805; (208) 267-2174; bcorsn@coldreams.com. We are expecting three full-registry Cream foals this spring and expect to be offering them for sale after weaning this autumn.

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, P.O. Box 1776, Williamsburg, VA 23187-1776; (757) 220-7790. #374 C.W. Whip Cream (1997), JEB-carrier mare (has



foaled one noncarrier filly), 16 hands, light cream, pink skin, white mane and tail; has been driven single and ridden; first foal in 2003. \$4,000-5,000

## WANTED

Cream mare for our new brood mare, 5-7 years old, prefer that she has had one foal but not mandatory, medium color with white mane and tail, white markings, no taller than 16.1 hands, must be JEB noncarrier (if you have a mare and we are interested, we will pay for testing). Please contact Karen Smith at The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation at (757) 220-7790.

### MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

Item	Colors	Price
"Proud to be American Cream"		
(M, L, XL)		
Hooded Sweatshirts	white, gray	\$29
Sweatshirts	white, gray	22
Long-Sleeved T-shirts	white, gray, tan	21
T-shirts	white, gray, tan	18
ACDHA Logo		
(M, L, XL)		
Nylon Jacket	navy	\$43
Fleece Pullover	heather gray	42
Sweatshirts	white, gray, tan, red, navy, royal blue	22
Golf T-shirts	charcoal gray, light gray, red, stone blue, navy	28
T-shirts	white, charcoal gray, denim, light blue, navy, khaki, red, tan	12
Additional T-shirts		
(Kids S, M, L)	white	11
(Adults S, 2XL, 3XL)	white	13
Hats (new style)		
	stone, stone w/blue, khaki, khaki w/blue, khaki w/blue visor, khaki w/red visor	\$20
Hats (old style)		
	cream and brown	7
Decals		
3" x 3" reversible for glass windshield		\$4
5" x 5" nonmagnetic		6
9" x 12" nonmagnetic		9
9" x 12" magnetic		13
Bumper Stickers		\$4
Cream Canvas Tote Bag		7
"Buck"—11" American Cream Stuffed Toy		20

Prices do not include shipping and handling.

To order, contact Nancy H. Lively, secretary, at 193 Crossover Road, Bennington, VT 05201, telephone (802) 447-7612 or email [livery@sover.net](mailto:livery@sover.net).

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Karen V. Smith, Editor

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