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## Arnold Hockett - Remembered

by Carol Pohigoda

Arnold Frederick Hockett was born in Welcome, Minnesota on 2/16/1915.

Arnold is described by surviving family members, son Don Hockett, and nephew, Davis Griese (whom he reared as a son) as a *steadfast man*. He is a man who opened a window to the past for this Cream lover.

His day would start with the care of his horses, and would not end until they were bedded and fed at night. Up until 1951 he did all of his farming with horses. At that time, one of the pieces of land he leased came with a tractor; even then he preferred to work with the horses, and did not use the tractor much. He told me in a phone interview for an article published in the *Small Farm Journal* in 1988, "I always got a good honest day's work out of my horses. Most of my neighbors bought tractors and all of them died before me.

He leased his farm land, moving a few times between the same 140 and 80 acre parcels over his lifetime. To his wife's consternation, Arnold paid more to lease his



Arnold Hockett — March 1986

farm land than he would have had to pay to buy it outright. He was presented with a number of opportunities to buy the farms he raised his crops on, but living through the Depression left an indelible lesson on him and he learned buying land was not a good choice. He would never sell a crop until he had the next one

planted. He only borrowed money once he son Don knew of and that was for a horse sale. It made Arnold so nervous he never did it again. He came out on top, but never did borrow again.

David Griese, the nephew he took in at the age of 11, re-counted for me, "I remember back in the very late 50's, early 60's, we had almost 100 head of horses, (ponies, colts, riding horses, work horses, and mules; along with cattle, hogs, sheep, etc.). Seemed that all we got done was mowing hay and baling, along with all the single and double row cultivating. We were busy people back then. Still hear the hum of the pitman stick running the sickle, and the smell of the freshly cut hay."

"Just happen to think of a stallion that Arnold had years ago. When you talk with Don, you

(See Arnold, page 4)

## 2005 Annual Meeting—Auburn, CA

by Donna Miffer

Hi Everyone! The plans for the meeting are moving along. On Friday, October 14th, we meet at Coloma for a horse drawn tour of the Marshall Gold Discovery Site, courtesy of John and Sandy Schwartzler. We will have lunch catered there. The cost will be in the \$10-15 range (includes Park entrance fee, lunch, and insurance, if required of us.) Friday night, we'll have a "Welcome" dinner at a nearby restaurant.

The meeting will be held in the Holiday Inn Charbonneau conference room. Lunch will be in the conference room, catered by Marie Callender's Restaurant. On Sunday, we'd like to invite the attendees to caravan to the Aufdenkamps', Schwartzlers', and Millers' nearby ranches to see our Creams.

The speakers have not yet been confirmed, but we are hoping to get a Veterinarian to speak on equine reproduction

and artificial insemination.

Please get those reservations in! The hotel is the Auburn Holiday Inn. Reservations can be made at 1-800-814-8787 or 530-887-8787. We have 20 rooms reserved (3 were booked when I checked). The rate is \$99 plus tax per night.

The closest major airport is Sacramento (SMF), just 45 miles away. The Reno/Tahoe (RNO) airport is 100 miles away.





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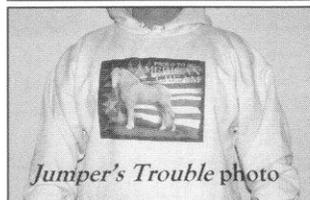
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**Great News:** Everyone has been so wonderful about sending things for the NL. I appreciate all your efforts and help very much. Thank you, and please continue. I am counting myself lucky, also, in that the local print shop owner has given us a great price on printing the NL. Now I can get my Windows NL into a .pdf file so the printer's Mac computer can read it, and therefore, print it. I am able to get 12 pages, with color on the center page, for less than 1/2 of the original quote (gotten elsewhere) for only 8 pages, with color. That means we can have even more NL per issue than was originally budgeted for, so send on! **Give me your photos!, your articles!, your stories of heart!** Mailed photos will be returned. Don't forget the ads we need now. Check out the collages—they're available for \$18/pr. Mouse pads for \$4 each.

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## LETTERS of INTENT for DIRECTOR POSITIONS

**Sheila Johnson:**

It would be a privilege and honor to serve as a Director of the American Cream Draft Horse Association. I believe my 13 year history as an owner and breeder gives me the understanding of the obligations required in owning an American Cream. My partner, Earl Hammond, first read about the American Creams in the *Small Farmers Journal* in 1990 and we decided our interests were being pulled to help save this breed and 2 years later we acquired our first pair of bred mares. Since then, our herd has continued to grow and I now own 2 stallions, 1 gelding for my granddaughter, and 7 mares. They have brought and continue to bring great pleasure and enjoyment to me. Of all the breeds of horses I have owned, American Creams are well worth the effort and expense to see these beautiful, intelligent creatures survive for future generations. For this reason, I believe I could be an effective Director.

Thank you, Sheila Johnson      kenziejohn@juno.com

**Carol Pshigoda:**

For the past 25 years, I have strived to put the American Cream Draft Horse in its rightful place among the loved and cherished breeds of drafts. The breed's numbers have increased by 51 animals through the fine genetic makeup of our stallion, Captain's Barnabus Gold #234. Barney has pulled, plowed, shown, been ridden, been on display, and bred for us for many years and has well-earned his place in the breed's standings. Barney placed as Champion of Champions Stallion in Oregon for 10 years.

I have worked diligently to educate the public on this breed through many avenues. Our animals are regularly presented to the public at fairs and shows of all kinds, and through other presentations such as our farm advertising and breeding program. I was the first to offer Artificial Insemination for this breed, and I regularly write articles for a variety of publications. I wish to become a Director so I may more directly help and promote our Creams and our Association.

Thank you, Carol Pshigoda      creamacres@coinet.com

**Catherine Offutt:** Hi. I currently live in central Maryland, but was reared on a farm that has been breeding heritage breed animals for over 45 years. I became interested in Creams after reading a *Small Farm Journal* article when I was 12. In 2000, after establishing my career as a CPA, I moved back to my hometown and bred my first Cream. Since then, my father and I have been actively breeding them and have a herd of 9. We had the first JEB foal and brought it to the Assoc.'s attention. I believe strongly in ridding the breed of this defect and am pleased with the action taken so far. I have been an member of the Maryland Draft Horse and Mule Assoc. since 1985, have served as youth representative and on the board of directors. As a member, I had classes for Creams added to Association-sponsored fairs and have exhibited them at field days and expos. I belong to the ALBC. As a director, I would like to continue the preservation work of those before me. I think we can do this by increasing the numbers (while maintaining the integrity of the breed) and by actively promoting this breed as the great all around horse that it is. Thank you, Catherine Offutt      deepvalleyfarm@hotmail.com

**Linda Corson:**

I am writing to inform you of my intent to run for Director, and ask for support. My husband, Ben, and I have been members of the ACDHA since 1995. We have owned Creams since that time. We are also members of the ALBC and have been since 1995. We currently own 17 Creams, two of which are our breeding stallions. Our primary focus has been in breeding to increase numbers of Creams with limited focus on fieldwork. We have shown our Creams at the Sandpoint Draft Horse Show for the last 7 years. This year, we plan to do more showing and of course more field work. I am keenly aware of the JEB problem, as we own a JEB stallion. I am also aware of the need to keep this breed genetically sound and true to the standards of the breed. I will work hard with the other Directors to help this magnificent breed arrive at it's potential.

Thank you, Linda Corson      Moyie Valley Ranch      bcorson@coldreams.com

**Nancy Lively:**

It's hard to believe I have been your Secretary for 3 years. During that time, our Association has undergone several changes. They are:

- The ACDHA Registry is now computerized. That was a process in itself, and an absolute must, with the presence of JEB.
- Speaking of JEB—it has taken on a life of its own. This has tripled the responsibilities and duties of the Secretary by having to maintain a separate set of records, and all that goes with them, for just the JEB results, completely apart from the registry.
- We have an expanded merchandise line available. I will be working with Nancy Phillips in the near future to create a Merchandise Catalogue so everyone will know what we have to choose from.
- We now accept all major credit cards for all Association business. A tool of convenience for our members to be used for paying dues to buying merchandise.
- For the first time ever, the Association had presence at a major equine event. Under the umbrella of the (See Nancy Lively, page 4)

**Nancy Phillips:**

Hello. As many of you know, I am very involved with the ACDHA. I am the editor of this NL, but also have spent many hours doing such things as retyping the Herd Book, doing that slideshow to promote the breed, putting together merchandise to sell at our booth at the Equine Extravaganza, and have many more Association projects in the making. Over the past 36 years, I have worked with many breeds of horses and now own 7 horses in 6 different breeds. We have only one Cream, but hope to change that as we make adjustments in our herd. I offer many years of experience working with horses; lots of ideas and projects for our Association; a love for this beautiful, rare breed; a sincere desire to save and promote the breed in many ways; and, a digital camera, a computer, and *time* to work for this Association. And it is time the ACDH and the ACDHA come back into the limelight and become household words again. To that end, I ask to become a Director.

Thank you, Nancy Phillips      creamnewseditor@yahoo.com

## From the Driver's Seat

First, I would like to welcome our new members. Your involvement with this organization can make a difference in the survival of this breed.

Horse Progress Days is coming up the 1st and 2nd of July. This year it is being held at the Lebanon County Agricultural Center, 80 Rocherty Rd., Lebanon, PA. We are supposed to have a team of Creams provided by Doug Smith of Canterbury, CT, and a single provided by Kris Penrod of

Seaford, DE to represent us. If you have an interest in working with drafts using today's machinery, then I strongly suggest you try to make one of the days.

A reminder to all stallion owners, if you haven't submitted your report for 2004, please take the time to do it now. The information is needed by the Secretary to do her annual report and the information that you provide helps us chart the breed's growth.

Hats off to Nancy Lively, Nancy Phillips, Kris Penrod, and Karen Smith for manning the booth at the VA Equine Extravaganza in Richmond, VA. Hopefully, this is the first of many Expos that we will be participating in. Kris brought Sugar Cookie for the Peter Stone model signing, and also to participate

in the rare breed show. Lots of good publicity and some money in the treasury from many items that were sold.

Remember, we're on to Auburn, CA for the meeting in October, and then on to Shipshewana, IN in 2006.

Frank Tremel,  
President



### Arnold, con't.

(con't. from front cover) might ask him about this horse. We called him KING. I remember that he was cream colored. This horse sired a lot of colts, and MIGHT have been the father of some of Arnold's older mares. This would have been back in the late 50's, early 60's. He certainly had strong genes as some of his colts were also cream colored, out of spotted, bay, or sorrel mares."

"I do remember, again, late 50's, that Arnold, Don, and I did the cultivating of some couple hundred acres of corn and beans with the horses. Arnold had a 2-row cultivator, while Don and I each had single row

cultivators. Arnold would take his two rows and Don and I would follow up each taking a single row — like having a 4-row implement. Now that was something in those days. A lot of the tractor implements were only doing two rows at that time. Back then, Arnold also used to check his corn, so we not only cultivated the way he planted. Fields looked so nice and clean when we were done. I also liked the way one could drive past a checkered field of corn and see through the corn stalks many different angles."

"We not only did all of this cultivating, but also mowed hay; and used the horses for chores. Arnold ALWAYS put his animals ahead of humans. He wouldn't think of relaxing before his horses were fed and bedded down for the evening. We had LOTS of late night dinners back then because we stayed in the fields until dusk. — "make hay while the sun was shining."

"I have always said that I thought Arnold was either born 100 years too late, or he would have fit in perfectly with the Amish. He just liked that lifestyle. He would go to the big annual horse sale in Waverly, Iowa, and come home telling of some of the "cute little Amish girls in their (See Arnold, Pg. 10)

### Stallion Swap Update

Dear Members,

Hope all of you have had a good foaling this spring. Ben and I would like to update everyone on the Stallion swap between Janet Brehm and ourselves. Swede arrived here May 1<sup>st</sup> and has bred 5 mares so far, and with 3 more to go, he has been quite busy. Ben and our son, Nick, headed east with our stallion, Timmy, and arrived May 9th. Please let Janet, or Ben and me know if you are interested in using these different bloodlines. Ben also hauled Duke, our other stallion, who continued on with our son to W.V. to be trained by our Daughter-in-Law (with hopes for Dressage training.) Two stallions in a slant-3 trailer. HMMM!

#### Nancy Lively Letter con't.

Equus Survival Trust, we spent 3 days at the VA Equine Extravaganza. We're presently working on Horse Progress Days, the Equine Affaire, and the Kentucky Horse Park. With much planning and member help, we should be able to develop a circuit nationwide within a year or two.

The job of Secretary is definitely not one to be candy coated. It is the nuts and bolts of the Association, full of hard work and long hours. It is also a job that I have done with pride and dedication, and feel honored to have had ... and hope to continue to have.

Thank you, Nancy Lively

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## Days End Farm Rescue: A Place for New Beginnings by Fred Glueckstein

Fulfillment is a dream happens to a lucky few. For Kathleen and Allan Schwartz their dream became a reality with the founding of Days End Farm Horse Rescue, a non-profit, volunteer-based animal welfare organization, whose mission is to treat injured, abused, and neglected horses. Today, through the support of hundreds of people—volunteers, staff, friends and donors—the Schwartzes operate Days End Farm as the first all-breed horse rescue in the State of Maryland.

Since the founding of Days End Farm in 1989, the Schwartzes have become nationally recognized leaders and models in the fields of equine rescue and rehabilitation, educational programs, community outreach, and animal disaster recovery. Through their efforts, it is estimated that the lives of over 1,000 horses have been helped in Maryland and

across the United States.

The rescue and rehabilitation of abused and neglected horses is only one important element of a vision that the Schwartzes had when they first became involved with mistreated horses. It is that vision—one that creates a symbiotic relationship between abused and neglected horses and caring human beings—that has guided the Schwartzes in their journey to help unfortunate horses regain their health and spirit, so they can be adopted by caring and loving families.

Early on it became apparent that those responsible for mistreatment of horses must be held accountable. The Schwartzes understood that to do so, the law and its full enforcement by the authorities must be pursued vigorously. In fact, since Days End Farm's inception, the ongoing

need to educate the community—veterinarians, prosecutors, animal control officers and the general public—on the prevalence of horse abuse and neglect has been part of its mission.

Today, Days End Farm is a leader in educational programs, focusing on two critical subjects: First, educating the general public and animal control investigators about equine abuse and neglect, and second, informing the public about the importance of proper care and treatment of animals.

Days End Farm's commitment to education people about the abuse and neglect of horses and their proper care and training is demonstrated in a comprehensive community outreach program. Farm tours are available to the general public daily from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition,

there are summer and fall events on the farm, staffed information booths at major horse events, and other community-based activities. A wide range of volunteer opportunities from barn maintenance to office work available to the public contributes to the support and maintenance of the farm's daily operations.

Always at the leading edge of innovation in the field of equine rescue, Days End Farm was the first to offer "Large Animal Rescue Training" in Maryland and one of the few to do so in the United States. The program offers training to horse owners, Fire and Rescue Personnel, Animal Control, Police, Veterinarians, and the general public. Topics include transporting a horse to a clinic as a result of a trailer accident, responding to a downed horse, and moving the animal in and out of a horse transport.

A recent example of Days End Farm's leadership in equine rescues is their active involvement in saving animals at times of major disasters. Most recently in 2004, Days End personnel traveled to hurricane-ravaged Florida. Working under very difficult conditions, staff helped numerous animals by providing shelter, delivering water and feed, assisting with medical aid, and rescuing horses standing in deep water or suffering extreme heat stroke.

With the growth of Days End Farm from a small non-profit operation sheltering only a few horses to a major horse rescue housing average of 50—60 horses at any given time, the time had come to find a new facility. In 2004, a New Farm Campaign was launched to raise funds to purchase a property that will ensure that Days End Farm will exist for years to come. Fund raising efforts continue.

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### Secretary's Corner

*by Nancy Lively*

*Just a few quick reminders for you all –*

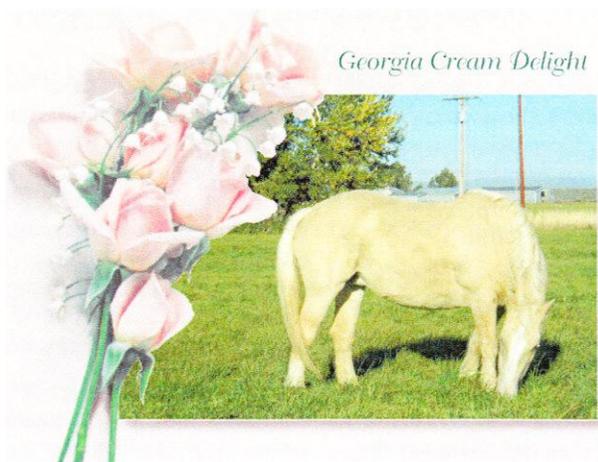
- 1.) **2005 Dues are due June 15th. That's only a couple weeks after receipt of your Newsletter.**
- 2.) **Be sure to send in your ballots (in a separate envelope) with your dues. Both can be mailed in one envelope.**
- 3.) **Any Bylaw Changes must be submitted to me by September 15, 2005.**
- 4.) **All Annual Meeting Reservations must be submitted to me by September 15, 2005.**

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**Thank you and hope to see you in California in October.**

**Nancy**





Georgia Cream Delight

Georgia and Angel came to Cream Acres Ranch in the fall of '89. Georgia was a bred 2 year-old off the Daryl Aden place, and Angel was her 7-month old full sister. Her first colt, Prince Charming, was found dead in the stall, suffocated in the sac. Angel succumbed to the same fate as Georgia, dying of a twisted intestine 6 weeks out from foaling her first born. The loss of Georgia's colt and Angel were devastating, personally, and for the breed. At the time, we only had 20 horses registered. When Georgia lost her first foal, she also separated her pelvis at the SI joint. I was advised not to work or ride her for at least a

year. That was good, since she was very wild when she came to me. Angel, who came from another place because her dam was sold prior to foaling with the ownership of the foal staying with Daryl, was handled from birth and was exactly what her name portrayed, a true angel. Through Angel, we were able to teach Georgia to trust people. It was a difficult, dangerous task, as she was not only scared, but mean at times.

Dave took lots of time with Georgia, and it paid off. I did not put a harness on her for the first 3 years I owned her, all the while Barney was being ridden as early as 18 months, and was

in his first parade (a light parade at night) pulling a wagon at just shy of 2 years old. These were really a very unlikely team. The only person who could walk up to Georgia in the pasture and catch her was my youngest child, 3 year old Glenn. She loved Glenn, and he would always go out and put her halter and lead rope on. We figured little people did not hurt her so she felt she did not have anything to fear from Glenn. There was a picture of Glenn and Georgia in the DHJ (mis-marked as Glenn and Barney) in the article they did on Creams years ago. Georgia did a lot for our farm, the breed, and the public. She was named after the big dumb guy in Grapes of Wrath, because Angel, her younger sister, would always lead her around. She learned everything the hard way, still came through. She embarrassed Dave in his men's cart class a number of years ago when she turned right around and left after entering the arena for the class. When asked if Dave wanted to try again, he did, and she did the same thing. She pulled about the same thing in the bareback class at State

Fair with Heather, but then gave Heather a perfect Youth Class that same year at State. She got us through a first with the 4-up taking John Lyons into the arena at the NW Equine Extravaganza, but did the same thing to me in the 4-up class at the Grass Valley show that she'd done to Dave at the Eagle Crest Draft Horse Show.

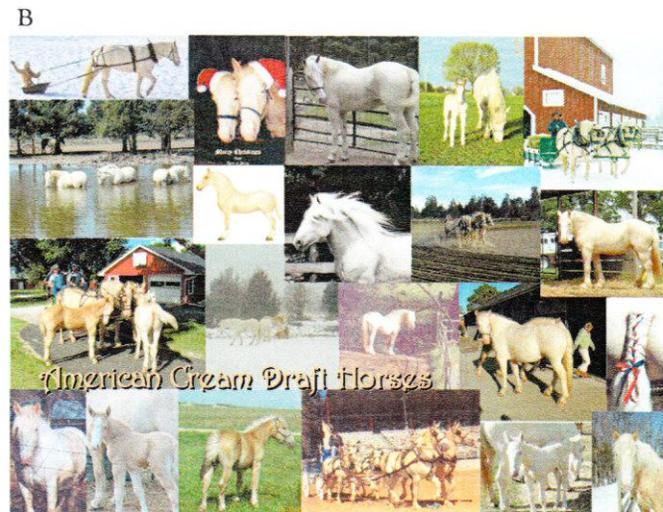
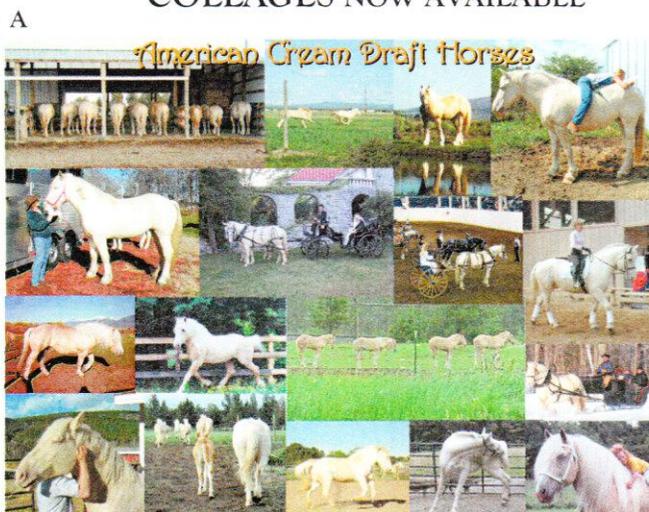
She helped clear out our land for the hay fields. Our left hands would become numb because she went around the world turning right, a problem attributable to the pinched nerve caused by her first foal separating her pelvis. She gave many of you nice babies. She was a dear, and will be deeply missed.

She gave a lot to the breed through her foals, and the shows she attended. She was on perfect color and huge draft conformation. Over 15 years, she and Barney gave the world 14 babies, 10 of which live today to carry on the Cream breed. She, and all of her quirks, will be deeply missed.

We love you, Georgia.



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## Being Prepared

(read only if you have a strong stomach)

I know that is the Boy Scout motto, but it should be the expectant mare owner's motto, too. Here at Miller's Cream Draft we had a VERY bad week in mid-April. The mares were out in a wooded 15 acre pasture, enjoying the very lush grass. The first mare was due May 7th (that was using a gestation period of 340 days). On 4/17, we discovered a much thinner Sugar without a foal at her side. We later found the body of a very large cream-colored filly. There was no obvious cause of death and the Vet would not guess as to whether it was stillborn or died after birth. Since it was so large, and the mare was badly bruised from the delivery, it may not have survived the birthing process. I feel quite guilty—I'll never know if my presence would've made a difference. Sugar was a maiden mare. She had a large full-term foal at 318 days. She was 3 weeks early by my calculations. She hadn't bagged up much; she didn't look 'soft' around the tail head. I was planning on bringing the mares in the following week. We brought them in that night.

I have pipe corrals about 150' from the house. We don't have a barn—I have to move our stallion out of his corral and use pipe panels in his run-in shed to make a foaling stall. Since none of the other expectant mares had really bagged up, were waxing, or loose around the tail head, I figured I would just make checks every 2 hours and leave the mares in the pipe corrals. On the night of 4/18, Brandi foaled between checks. The next morning, our teenage daughter made a gruesome discov-

ery—the head and neck of a foal. No, dogs had not dug up Sugar's foal. Brandi had foaled. There were welts on her rump. From what the Vet and I pieced together, a pack of coyotes must have attacked Brandi as she laid down to foal. The welts were from their toenails as they pawed at her, trying to get the foal as it was born. The foal was drug away under the pipe panels before Brandi could get to her feet and protect it (or herself). The foal never had a chance. Brandi's gestation period was 320 days, the low end of 'normal' for a light horse.

This is our second year here. Last year we had one mare foal (in the run-in shed) without any problems. We are in a semi-rural area—it ranges from 5 acre parcels to ranches of over 100 acres. We have seen coyotes in the area, but never on our property. We have not lost any sheep, goats or chickens to them. There are mountain lions here too—we've never seen them but I have heard one snarl (it chills you to the bone!). The neighbors have lost calves and sheep to coyotes occasionally, but nobody had ever been heard of them being this brave.

By this time we were in shock but it was war. We borrowed a night vision monocular and moved into the hay room that adjoins the run-in shed, well-armed. Bridger was not due until May 9th, but we weren't taking any chances. We heard coyotes in the distance, at neighboring properties. George never saw them, never got off a shot. Bridger foaled 4/22 at 2 am—a big healthy cream filly (that was at 323 days). We guarded them for a few nights,

then decided to trust Bridger (with the light on and a radio playing), and then finally went back to normal. Mare and foal go out to graze with the herd during the day. I bring them in at night. I just don't feel as safe now ... (I guess we won't let the kids the kids go wandering around at night either!).

I believe things happen for a reason, although I don't always understand what it is. So please, learn from our experiences, save yourself some heartache: 1—Draft mares can have gestation periods as short as 318 days. 2—Coyotes are crafty killers, just because you don't see them doesn't mean that they aren't there. 3—Dogs don't always bark when you need them to.

Footnotes: (1) I vaccinate for Rhino, but the Vet didn't think that was the cause of the early foaling. (2) We've had weird weather this year—a week of 80 degree temperatures in February, then winter again ... (3) The grass was very lush this year. Did the foals just grow so fast they needed to be born sooner? 2 out of 3 were very big.



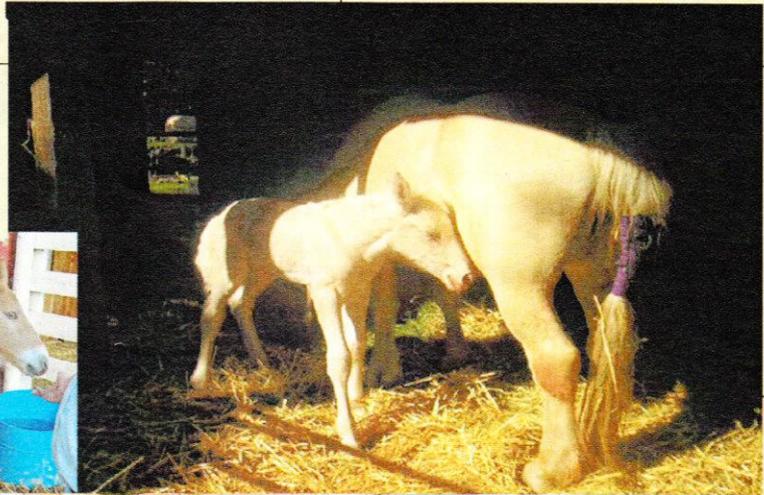
### 2006 CALENDAR PHOTOS

Calendar photos are due in asap to Jennifer for the 2006 calendar. It is getting to be time to go to print with it!

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# PRECIOUS FOALS 2005



## Our First Clue Was ...

by Nancy P., Victoria T., & Nancy L.

Victoria picked me up at the airport and off we went to start our week at the VA Equine Extravaganza. It was early, not quite 2 pm, and since we had a little time to kill, what better way to start off the week than by going shopping! So up I-95 we went to Ashland to Champion Saddlery—my favorite store. We made it to the turn off onto US 1, and headed north. Sure the road we wanted was “just over the next hill”, when we entered the next county, I had a clue we should have headed in the other direction.

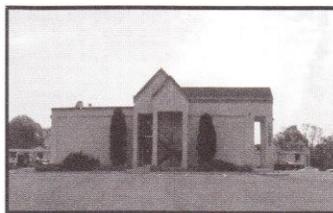
And so we shopped, then headed to the hotel. Up and down the road 2-3 times before stopping at the Days Inn to ask where the Ramada might be, we should have had a clue. The Ramada turned out to be the nameless building in the back parking lot. It had been bought 3 weeks earlier by an independent and was no longer a Ramada. At least we had a room. We had to ask for towels. And I guess they didn't like the fact that we don't like decaf. We'd brought our own flavored coffee, and poured the decaf out of the filter bag so we'd have a filter to use. They didn't replenish the coffee any of the next 4 days.

Thursday morning, we headed off to the continental breakfast. There was no regular coffee there either. There was no milk for my Frosted Flakes. Later, we reminded them we'd need the cot that evening, and headed off to the horse event. The stalls were not up, the stall bedding was not in yet, the electricity was

not even to be at all. But, we did what we could to get ready; horses would begin arriving soon! At 2:30, we picked up Nancy L. at the Amtrak, and whisked her off like a member of the witness protection program. We had to get back; horses were arriving! The rest of the day was spent setting up and coordinating with our Rare Breed group. At 9:45 PM, we called the hotel office to let them know we were ready for that cot. At 10:30, we called again. At 10:45, we called again. Why stop there; we were on a roll. At 10:55, we called a fourth time. At 11:05, we called again and threatened to sleep in the office. A few minutes later, we got the cot. Dare we ask for a blanket?

Friday was a little better. At least there was coffee and milk at the continental breakfast. When it came time for the Rare Breed demonstrations, I orchestrated the Rares outside, while Victoria was inside with the announcer, keeping him in order. Then the Classic horse group had no clue in which order they were supposed to enter, so I stepped in and set them up alphabetically. The lady in charge of the Classic horse breeds had neglected to communicate with her group. Later, the Classic people asked me to make an announcement before the next show so everyone would know their order. The 2nd show went a lot better. But, back at the hotel, we had to ask for towels and the beds weren't made.

Saturday, the day started out clear, but cooler—a more comfortable high of 70, down from 88. The breed demos went somewhat smoother, but



cars kept driving through the lineup of rare horses. What is it with some people? The lady in charge even ran one lady off the fair grounds because she kept driving through the horses. Back at the motel that evening, we had to ask for towels.

Sunday morning allowed us to actually sleep-in a little. But some folks had a long drive home, so many were already pulling out by the time we got to the grounds. Final goodbyes and email exchanges took place, there was one more round of breed demos and a stallion parade, then everyone vacated in a timely manner. Back at the hotel after a leisurely dinner, we had to ask for towels. Overall, the trip was so much fun, and I really want to do it again. But, you can better believe I'm going to know who owns the hotel, and if they have towels.



## Calendar of Events

July 1-2 *Horse Progress Days* - Lebanon Valley Expo Center. Lebanon, PA 800-465-4156. [progress@ruralheritage.com](mailto:progress@ruralheritage.com). Contact Frank Tremel for more information: [rosehillcreams@aol.com](mailto:rosehillcreams@aol.com).

July 2-4 *Carriage Pleasure Driving Event* - The Colorado Horse Park Center. Parker, CO. Jack Bloss: 303-684-8195. *For the benefit of Praying Hands Therapeutic Center.*

Sept 17-18 *Draft Horse Show* - open to draft horses and all driving equines. Pat Hansen 406-492-6753 [www.drafthorseexpo.com](http://www.drafthorseexpo.com).

CORRECTION: MY MOST HUMBLE APOLOGIES TO DR. PHIL SPONENBERG. MYSTERIOUSLY, THE LAST SENTENCE IN HIS ARTICLE IN THE JAN. NL GOT CUT OFF. IT SHOULD HAVE READ:

*In the future the status of carriers in the breed may need to be revisited, but it is too early to take drastic measures. The potential for irreparably damaging the breed is too great.*



## Alliance

### American Cream Draft Horse Association

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(Since we have other articles in this issue about the ACDHA, I would like to give this space to another organization that I'd like to start featuring in this column.)  
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### Days End Farm Rescue, Inc.

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Established in 1989, Kathleen and Allan Schwartz founded Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc. (Days End) as a volunteer-based, non-profit, humane organization to ensure quality care and treatment of horses through rescue, rehabilitation, humane education, and community outreach. It is the first such organization in the State of Maryland. Kathleen and Allan live on the premises, providing 24-hour care. Days End is an active member of P.A.W.S. (Professional Animal Workers) and Maryland Horse Council.

The support of volunteers, staff, donors, and the general public is critical to ensure that neglected and abused horses are given a new beginning. Gifts to support the Farm may be made through the website or by contacting Kathleen Schwartz. Please stop by and visit! See Pg. 5, *Days End Farm Rescue: A Place for New Beginnings*.

## Days End • TRUST • SHI • ALBC

### Equus Survival Trust

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The newly formed Equus Survival Trust presented its first rare breed exhibition on April 22, 23, and 24th in partnership with the 2nd annual Virginia Equine Extravaganza in Richmond, VA. Thirteen different endangered equines were presented over the weekend to an estimated 15,000 visitors with educational breed demonstrations, parades, and horses at breed booths. Breeds included everything from American Mammoth Jack stocks to the exotic Caspian Horses.

By invitation and through sponsorship of the Equus Survival Trust, the American Cream Draft Horse Association was on hand to participate with their first ever equine tradeshow booth. American Cream "Sugar Cookie" owned by Kris Penrod was on display in the Rare Breed Pavilion and daily in the American Cream Draft breed demonstration, giving the majority of the VA public their first opportunity to see the breed. The four-year-old mare even managed an impromptu session with the renowned trainers John Lyons and Kenny Harlow.

The Trust was very pleased to help arrange a special presentation of "Cookie" with model horse artist Peter Stone. Peter was on hand to sign the model of his American Cream Draft Horse (modeled after Cookie!). Present for the event were Kris and Cookie, ACDHA President and breeder of Cookie Frank Tremel, Secretary Nancy Lively, *Cream News* editor Nancy Phillips, and Executive (con't. pg 10)

### Stolen Horse International, Inc.

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Horse theft is a reality, knowing all breeds and disciplines. Horse owners need to be proactive, protecting themselves from becoming the next victim. Horse theft might be associated with the Old West, but unfortunately, an estimated 40,000 horses may be stolen each year in the U.S. To combat this statistic, Debi Metcalf of Stolen Horses International shares years of experience on SHI's internet site, with theft prevention pointers, missing horse listings, horse identification education and other resources. Metcalf began SHI, home to NetPosse and the Idaho Alert Network, after her Racking Horse mare, Idaho, was stolen in 1997. Visit [www.netposse.com](http://www.netposse.com) for more information on how you can help yourself and others keep your horses safe.

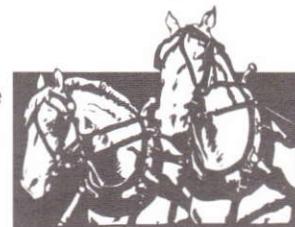
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Due to technical difficulties, there will be no update from the ALBC this issue. Please check their website for current activities and other information. We hope to have their update back in this column in the Sept. issue.

## HORSE PROGRESS DAYS

Consists of 2 days of field demonstrations using new machinery adopted to horse power, planters, plows, hay mowers, rakes, tedders, balers, plastic layers, discs, drags, carriages, wagons, fore carts, etc., etc., etc. There will also be a large area with vendors displaying everything needed to work, care for, or drive a horse. During the day, there will be breeds seminars.



See single, up to 12-up hitch demos. Entrance is only \$5. Air conditioned facility.

Campgrounds or hotels in the vicinity.

July 1st & 2nd in Lebanon, PA.

Visit the ACDHA booth!

# Arnold, con't.

(Con't. from Pg. 4) dresses" and of the small Amish boys jumping in and helping hitch horses like they were old pros, putting a lot of 'horse people' to shame."

"I owe Arnold for giving me the good ole work ethic, and for taking me in at a difficult time in my life when my parents divorced, and providing me with a college education."

Arnold was not a man to get excited. He was steady with his horses, and his farming. In 1949, Arnold went to Emmitsburg, Iowa, to look at some Creams Kern Reives had for sale. Mr. Rieves purchased the disbanded Olds Gold Seed Company's 6-up Cream hitch. Arnold came home with a stallion and 1 mare. This was KING. He sold a number of Cream foals from this pair.



Arnold Hockett

Arnold was a regular at the Waverly, Iowa, Horse auction. Over the years, he sold a lot of horses there. Don tells me when he first became interested in registered horses, he was getting about \$375 a head for his grade horses. He chose Percherons and bought a nice registered mare for \$475. He sold a lot of colts out of her. The registered horse prices rose and one year he got \$9200 for a team. He was pretty excited about this.



Hockett's Bill 255

Don chuckled as he told me about one day when he saw his dad leave for the Waverly sale with a 3-abreast to a wagon, Cub, a favorite stud horse,



Hockett's Belle 235

hitched with a paint draft team, with 4 colts tied to the back of the wagon. Don thought that was quite a sight leaving the farm. He said it did not compare

with what he saw coming back at the end of a long day. There was his dad, Arnold, with just Cub pulling the wagon back home alone. His dad told him he sold all the other horses and had a time trying to figure out what to tie where so Cub could pull the wagon home alone—but they made the trip home safely.

Arnold liked the way the Creams caught peoples' eye. He had a team of mares he liked to work. He would work this team near the road and invariably someone would stop and ask to buy them. Arnold was quiet around his horses and kind to them. This particular team he sold and bought back 3 times. One of the mares originally balked, but instead of pushing her to work when she balked, he would just sit there and wait. Eventually she got bored and would step out. Arnold would say "get up" and pretty soon she thought it was her idea. When they came back he would have to start over, and each time she relearned the lesson.

On one of his trips to Waverly, Arnold stopped to see Mr. Eads, who reportedly had a cream colt for sale. It was in the late 70's, and Arnold being a steadfast man, had set a limit of what he would pay for any item, even horses. The two men dickered over a \$50 difference. Arnold's wife paid the difference, otherwise Cap would not have come home with them.

Ead's Captain 209



Captain's Barnabus Gold 234



This continued what Arnold started with his first Cream stallion, King, in the early 50's. Don remembers he wanted his dad to cover blonde Belgians, but Arnold wanted Cream on top and bottom. When he could not breed to a Cream he would then prefer a "blonde sorrel" as seen on some of the papers by Cap. Don explained these horses were the off color get of one of Arnold's cream stallions and cream mares who did not color out to be cream. (What we call tracking horses today.)



Hockett's Sara 249

Arnold kept 8-10 Cream mares on average. When I interviewed him in 1988, he had 11 Cream mares and Cap. He told me he

had a 98% Cream foal average with Cap and his Cream mares. He said other breeders at the time were only averaging 50%. He believed his success was due to breeding as much Cream into the line as possible.



JD's Judy 304

Don tells me one of the saddest days in Arnold's life was when Cap was sold. Arnold did not want to sell him, but Don decided he needed to be on a farm where he could be used. It broke Arnold's heart. Many of us have had that one horse we do not want to part with. It seems Arnold had this type relationship with Cap. Maybe Cap had the same feeling, as he did not live long after leaving his home with Arnold.

Cap was injured, kicked in the knee by a mare at an early age, and could not work long. Arnold trained all of his horses, stallions and mares alike, with his gentle,



JD's Dee Jay 283

steady hand. Many a good horse left the Hockett farm well trained and well bred. Arnold was a lover of horses, a good teamster, a frugal and kind man. He was born when times moved slower, work was harder, time was not wasted. David tells me he learned to work hard and feel good about it under Arnold's direction. Memories that will always stay with him and molded who he is today.

We owe a debt of gratitude to people like Arnold Hockett for having the vision to breed good Cream horses; for teaching us

414 Lupke's Captain's Jake



how to farm; for taking the time to answer questions when we had them; and for living up to his convictions when so many people have none, and more importantly for showing us, through his life, what is really important: Helping others, kindness, giving back to those who give to us (i.e., his horses and family) and a willingness to strive for what one believes in.

Good bye, Arnold, you are deeply missed.

## Arnold Hockett

2/6/1915 - 1/16/2005

### Equus Survival Trust Rare Breeds on Parade! Supports the American Creams in VA

(Con't from Pg 9) Director Victoria Tollman of the Equus Survival Trust. The model was later raffled off on behalf of the ACDHA. The lucky winner is Emily >>>>>>> of Charlottesville, VA.

In addition to some merchandise fundraising on behalf of the ACDHA, the Equus Survival Trust was pleased that a great deal of American Cream education was accomplished over the weekend.



John Lyons, Kenny Harlow, Sugar Cookie  
Photo by Kris Penrod 4/23/2005  
VA Equine Extravaganza

### dba (donations for a bigger auction)

I am soliciting businesses for donations to expand the silent auction. I am targeting horse-related businesses that do a lot over the internet or mail order. I looked through the *Draft Horse Journal*, *Rural Heritage*, and *Small Farmer's Journal* for businesses that we are the target audience for. I also am contacting places that I do business with that have a national market. Members with suggestions can send them to me or contact me for a sample letter that has been reviewed by the Board of Directors. Since we are a non-profit, donations are tax deductible. Hopefully, this will bring more funds for the Association and help us with promoting the breed.

Thanks, Donna



Victoria Tollman, Nancy Lively, Frank Tremel, Peter Stone, Sugar Cookie, Kris Penrod 4/24/2005 Photo by Nancy Phillips



**Cutie Corner**

**Changes of address:**  
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### ACDHA's 1st Official Booth

We did it! The Association had it's 1st official booth at the Virginia Equine Extravaganza, and we're threatening to do it again at Horse Progress Days. Manning the booth were Nancy Lively, Karen Smith, Frank Tremel, and Nancy Phillips, and with an occasional assist from

the Equus Survival Trust's booth when duty called. Kris Penrod brought lots of things for decorating the backdrop, and we had a banner made, and both Nancys brought piles of stuff to sell. We did okay, too. We made enough to cover at least a big chunk



of the Association's expenses. We had fun, and hope to see you at Horse Progress Days, July 1st - 2nd, at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center, Lebanon, PA!

Photo courtesy of Victoria Tollman—Equus Survival Trust.



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## Wilded Welding: Weiss's Cream Puff #497

by Gary Weiss

Where did the American Cream originate? This is the question most frequently asked by those seeing them for the first time.

We point with pride to the fact that the American Cream Draft Horse is the only draft horse originated in the United States and is recognized as a separate breed.

Our breed descended from a draft type mare with an outstanding cream color. This mare, of unknown ancestry, was located in central Iowa during the early part of the twentieth century. She left her stamp on her offspring by distinctly and consistently leaving her color and type on her foals. When her offspring were out-crossed with other draft breeds, the color was maintained. This is due to the breed carrying the cream gene and the champagne gene. This breed is not a color breed, though.

They have been DNA-typed and are a distinct breed of their own.

From the first, they were admired by all who saw them. It was not until approximately 1935 that any special effort was put forth to distinguish them as a separate breed. At that time, a few foresighted men began line breeding and inbreeding with the hopes of establishing

them as a new draft breed.

Bubba is my American Cream Draft Horse. We changed his name from Cream Puff to Bubba. Bubba is a name that goes better with a 2,000 pound horse. Bubba is registered, though, as Weiss's Cream Puff, #497, in the American Cream Draft Horse Association official Herd Book.



Bubba rides and drives and has been in many parades. Bubba gets along with other animals, and he has even adopted a goat. He is 11 years old and loves people. Bubba is easy to shoe and loves a bath. You can see more of Bubba at: [www.asauction.com](http://www.asauction.com). **He will be sold at auction on Saturday, June 4th.**

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