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My first American Cream HnJ's Lady May #373



WELCOME to the first edition of the *"American Cream News E-Letter."*

My name is Susan Engel and I am proud to be the new newsletter editor. I live in Michigan and my husband and I own 4 American Cream Drafts plus an assortment of American Miniatures, a Morgan, a Quarterhorse, and a Haflinger pony. We drive and ride our drafts and also drive our minis.

I will be changing the format a little and will need all the members help in making this a newsletter we can be proud of. There will be a section with excerpts from old American Cream News editions as well as old photos. Another section called "Bits and Pieces" will contain any and all mention of current American Cream Drafts appearing in magazines, newspapers, on-line stories, etc.

This newsletter can only be a success with your help. The word "editor" refers to the person who does the editing. Editing is the process of selecting and preparing language, images, sound, video, or film through processes of correction, condensation, organization, and other modifications in various media. This is my new job, your "editor," so it will be up to all ACDHA members to keep me busy with media to edit.

Contact me any time on my e-mail at sulynnengel@juno.com or via the US Post Office at 54658 Bent Rd., Marcellus, MI 49067. I look forward to comments as well as any material for our NEW newsletter.



American Cream News is a benefit of membership in the American Cream Draft Horse Association, published quarterly, as of 2005. American Cream News welcomes articles, pictures, letters, and classified ads dealing with American Creams and equipment and events dealing with draft horses. Our new format will be available to members one issue before it is posted on our association website.

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Bits 'n Pieces

There are currently 407 full registered horses-208 females and 199 males; 67 tracking registered horses-50 females and 27 males A total of 572 horses have been registered since 1982

Did you catch the Pasadena Rose Parade on Jan. 1, 2011? If you saw the antique horse-drawn steamer and ladder truck adorned in flowers and each pulled by 3 American Creams Drafts then you spotted the Schwartzler Creams representing the California State Firefighters' Association. I was fortunate enough to catch them at the exact moment the DishNetwork tech enabled HD on our TV. What a treat!

There seems to be a shortage of photos of these beautiful horses submitted for publication in our newsletter and calendar. Your assistance is requested in solving this problem and will be greatly appreciated. It is essential that we as American Cream Draft horse owners keep an active interest while helping preserve them for future generations to come. Please submit all information and photos to me, your editor at sulynnengel@juno.com or 54658 Bent Rd., Marcellus, MI 49067.

FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT

As I write this column most of the Country is under a blanket of snow. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter you will be seeing signs of Spring.

Our Annual Meeting this year is much earlier, Thursday, June 30, followed by Horse Progress Days on July 1 & 2. It is expected that around 20,000 people will attend Horse Progress. You need to make your reservations early if you are planning on attending. This event is a golden opportunity for us to get the word out about our breed. We will probably have a number of teams there working during the 2 days. Help is needed with our information booth and also with the horses. Please let one of the officers know if you can help. I have been in contact with the Grandson of C. T. Rierson, who was one of the early promoters of the Cream breed. As a teenager he spent many of his summers working on his Grandfathers farm with his Creams. There is a possibility that he will spend some time with us one evening talking about the Early Days. The nominating committee was appointed at our last meeting. The members are Betsy Aufdenkamp - California, Wendell Lupkes - Iowa and Connie Purchase - Iowa. If you are interested in running for a director position please contact one of them.

If you haven't paid last years dues or submitted your breeding and foaling reports, please do so now.

This is the first newsletter that will be sent electronically to those members who requested it that way. We have a new newsletter editor - Sue Engel. Send articles and information to her. It is your newsletter, she needs your impute to make it work. Her job is not to secure the material, her task is to edit and publish!

2011 calendars and other merchandise is now available.

Hope to see many of you at our 2011 meeting. If you haven't attended Horse Progress in the past then you will be in for a surprise at all there is to do and see. Plan on spending both days there.

Frank Tremel
President



HORSE PROGRESS DAYS 2010

by Mike McBride

Horse Progress Days on July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd was a special day for me, the ACDHA and especially my working American Cream Draft Horses.



Ray's Golden Girl (Sissy), Timex, HnJ's ClarAnn, HnJ's Kitt

Thursday, July 1st: We hauled out in the morning and headed for Topeka, Indiana to get my horses situated for the next 2 days activities. I received my instructions and was told to have my Creams harnessed and ready to demonstrate a 12 foot spike tooth drag early on Friday morning.



"Patience"

Friday, July 2nd: We were ready before the demonstrations started at 8:30 AM and in place out in the field. We stood just inside the corner field entrance for 2 ½ hours before demonstrating the drag. All the while the Creams put on a show for many curious and interesting people seeking information about the breed. Nancy and I told them about the origin of the Creams in Iowa and how their development compares to other draft breeds.

Comments we heard, "I have heard of the Creams but had never seen any"; "They are a lot bigger than I expected"; "The color is beautiful". From one Amish man who was in disbelief that our horses could hold up doing field work as well as their horses, was soon corrected by an Amish friend of mine that they will. He had seen them work many times amongst their Amish teams.



Getting it done

An ambulance was 25 feet away from us when they had a call and turned on their sirens. My four horses just stood there as the ambulance took off. I heard another comment, "I cannot believe they have stood through this all this time." Other hitches having from two to twelve horses were moving back and forth from the shrill noise. One man said, "They are truly gentle." I have heard my friend, the late Earl Hammond; say many times "I could have kissed them".

"The American Creams that were at the 2010 event were probably the best I have seen. They made a really fine team." Dale K. Stoltzfus,

Advertising Coordinator with Horse Progress Days



Horse Progress Days (cont.)

Saturday, July 3rd: The communication between the staff and the teamsters was much improved on Saturday; I was told I would be demonstrating a no-till planter and a 9 foot hay tedder. I was also given times with each assignment and they were pretty much right on. No more waiting for hours until the teams ahead of me were done.

On both days, the 2nd and 3rd, the finale was a parade of breeds. Our breed was chosen to be the first introduced to the crowd since they are the only draft breed that originated in the USA and in conjunction with 4th of July weekend it was appropriate.

The announcer spoke with me, used one of our brochures and talked with my three helpers; wife, Nancy, Sue Engel and Sheila Johnson. I ground drove them in four abreast, made a circle and a half around the arena. The announcer was kind to make a special statement for me: "Mike says, "I have working American Cream Drafts not lawn ornaments"" Once again I could have "kissed them" as they were great examples of our Creams and did so well as I showed them to the English and Amish spectators.

I would like to thank Nancy, Sue and Sheila for their help with the horses and the big and little adjustments needed, clearing the crowds as I was coming through with 4 abreast and just being there for support during Horse Progress Days.



No Till Planter



Adjustments

Mike picked up a hitch-hiker



Are the mules catching up?



HORSE PROGRESS DAYS BOOTH 2010

by Sue Engel



Greetings, what a productive 2 days we (Nancy McBride, Sheila Johnson, & I) had educating people about American Cream Draft Horses. We had some genuine inquiries and others who were mostly curious. Most comments heard from people was that they thought our horses were beautiful and a very nice size for hitching. They also were commenting on how calm the four horses were that Mike McBride was demonstrating. Some said they really wanted to get involved with a breed that originated in the USA but when they would try to find Creams available to purchase, they weren't able to locate any. (Most were trying to find horses within a reasonable distance from them.) I explained that because the numbers of horses are low it is more of a challenge to find them but they can find horses for sale on our American Cream Draft Horse Association web page. I also told them to call our Secretary for a listing of members who may have horses for sale.

Some of the people who stopped by were members or associate members. It was good to see Tiffany Corson and her family. A gentleman from Ohio said he is an associate member, but to the life of me I don't remember his name, sorry. My good friend, Pam an associate member and her husband Mark arrived in the area for the summer from Florida. There were people who knew some of our members. A man from Iowa was looking for Wendell Lupkes; a lady with the Clydesdale Association who is a former secretary looking for Nancy Lively. I had the great privilege of meeting our webmaster, Dean Ticks. It was nice to put a face with someone who I have corresponded.

We tried something a little different this year, we had a book drawing. Chances were \$1.00 each, \$4.00 for 5 or \$8 for 10. The book for the drawing was *The Official Horse Breeds Standards Guide: The Complete Guide to the Standards of All North American Equine Breed Associations* by Fran Lynghaug and was won by Dawn Winkel. Congrats, Dawn! I also made some loose coloring pages of a few of our members and horses for the younger Progress Days spectators, there were a few Grandmas who needed a few for their grandchildren who are real horse lovers.

FYI: The Rural Heritage magazine has made a video of the 2010 HPD activities and is available from them for \$25+ shipping.



2011 Annual ACDHA Meeting
Hosts: TREMELS & PRECORDS



2011 ACDHA ANNUAL MEETING
AT
HORSE PROGRESS DAYS,
KINZER, PENNSYLVANIA

The East Coast hosting of the 2011 Annual Meeting will be at, and around, the Lancaster, PA area in conjunction with the 2011 Horse Progress Days. We hope to have the largest showing of American Creams – and ACDHA members – at a Horse Progress Days ever.

Because of this, the meeting activities will BE MUCH EARLIER IN THE YEAR THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS SEE SCHEDULE BELOW:

Tuesday, June 28th — 9:00am Travelers Rest Inn free one-hour tour. After tour, break into groups to sightsee
6:00pm Meet for dinner at one of the buffet restaurants.

Wednesday, June 29th — 9:00am Travelers Rest Inn free one-hour tour. After tour, break into groups to sightsee. If interested, drive 1 1/2 hours to Maryland to visit the largest privately owned collection of carriages on the east coast at Jack Day Carriage Museum.
6:00pm Meet for dinner.

Thursday, June 30th — 9:00am Travelers Rest Inn free one-hour tour. Horses and equipment arrive at Kinzer. Set up Cream booth.
1:00pm ACDHA Annual Meeting — Bird in Hand Family Inn & Restaurant.
5:00pm Break for dinner at the motel restaurant.
6:00pm Reconvene Meeting, if necessary.

Friday, July 1st — Horse Progress Days.

Saturday, July 2nd — Horse Progress Days.

An unforgettable experience awaits you in Lancaster County! Nestled amidst acres of unspoiled farmland, a AAA cultural scenic byway links the villages of Bird in Hand and Intercourse. On one end, the Bird-in-Hand Family Inn & Restaurant sits on a 15 acre property with 125 clean, comfortable rooms, a restaurant showcasing farm fresh Pennsylvania Dutch foods, indoor and outdoor pools, walking paths and more.

Travelers Rest Motel, just doors from Kitchen Kettle Village in Intercourse, features 40 rooms and a complimentary continental plus breakfast.

You'll have a chance to enjoy these pastoral settings when you're treated to a tour of the neighboring farmlands and a visit to a local Amish and Mennonite farm stand and quilt shop. The Smucker Family is eager to welcome you to your home away from home.

This is a big tourist area so PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY.

Book now, rooms will not last. Regular rates will apply before June 28, 2011.
Group rate available starting on June 28.
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Look at This!

A Breyer Stablemate American Cream Draft currently available from JC Penny in a collection called 2010 Parade of Breeds. It can be found on ebay available individually. Thanks to Karen Smith for bringing this to our attention.



Another Cream for Collectors

This is a 2007 Breyerfest Keychain called Cream Soda. You will notice it has a red, white & blue ribbon adorning the tail. The model is much like the Breyer American Cream Draft called Goliath. You can find these keychains offered on ebay. There is often the full size model horse Goliath also available on ebay.



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FYI...

Any one going to Orlando, Florida on vacation should check out one of the stars of the dinner show attraction Arabian Nights. An American Cream Draft horse named Anita

Anita is one of the most unique-looking horses in the Arabian Nights show. Her coloring is similar, but lighter than palomino Confetti, and her 1,800 lb stature makes her easy to spot in the arena! Anita is an American Cream, a domestically endangered draft species.

Anita is currently featured in the Gypsy bareback act of the Arabian Nights show, where several acrobats stand, leap and flip off her back while she moves steadily in a circle. Anita's calm temperament and steady stride make her a perfect fit for this act.

Anita is also a favorite of the staff at Arabian Nights, with her sweet personality and desire for affection making her easy to work with before and during the show.

Twenty years ago...

On May 4, members arrived at the North Cedar Terrace meeting room for the second annual meeting of the American Cream Draft Horse Association. Clarence and Betsy Ziebell were the hosts. Members and guests arrived early to get acquainted and exchange stories as well as pictures.

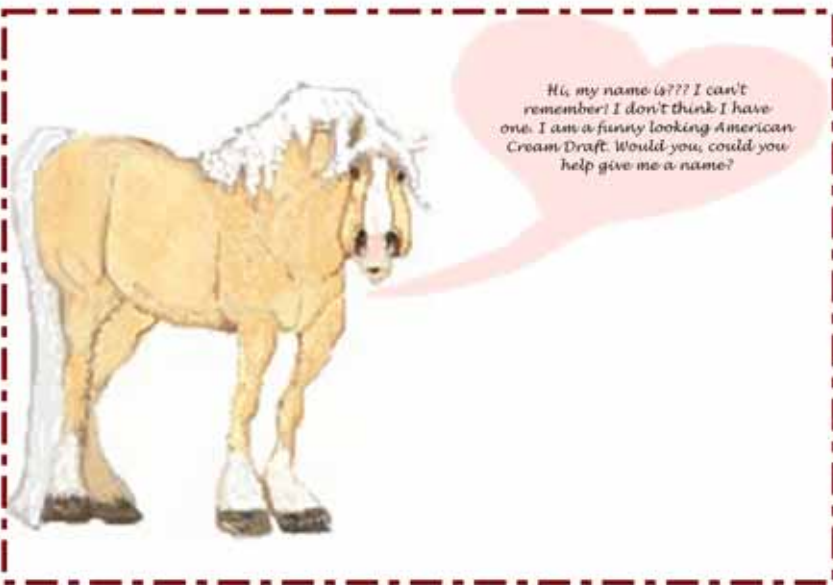
The meeting started at 1:00 p.m. and continued until 5:00 p.m. The association gave a letter of appreciation and a small gift to five members for their dedication and devotion to the Association. The members were Mr. Eads, Karene Topp, Arnold Hockett, and Mr. and Mrs. Walczak.

The Articles of Incorporation and the association needs. Changes include:

- "Draft" would be written in whenever American Cream Horse is mentioned
- Production of a quarterly newsletter
- A meeting will be held every 3 years
- The new directors will be working on a new Brochure.

After the bi-laws were revised members elected six directors: Frank and Penny Sperlak, Ellsworth, WI; Dan Williams, Gilman, IA; Betsy Ziebell, Charles City, IA; Karen Smith, Lenexa, VA; and for his second term Arnold Hockett, Estherville, IA.

The new directors then elected officers as follows: Frank Sperlak, President: Dan Williams, Vice-President: Betsy Ziebell, Secretary/Treasurer.



Hi, my name is??? I can't remember! I don't think I have one. I am a funny looking American Cream Draft. Would you, could you help give me a name?

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Maggie Lupkes' Hall of Breed winner-an American Cream Draft Horse

