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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 12, 1997, at the Econo Lodge Motel, 11000 Douglas Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50322, (515) 278-4601.** Map and directions will be included with the July 1, 1997 mailing directly from the secretary with the agenda.

The meeting room on the second floor of the motel has been reserved for the late afternoon and evening of the 11th as a meeting place for those arriving to visit and become acquainted.; Dan Williams, president, will have VCR equipment set up to enable members who wish to bring videos of their animals to share with others.

We will use the same meeting room on the 12th for a 10:00 A.M. business meeting.

Please mail any suggested changes in the current by-laws to the secretary for listing on the agenda by July 1, 1997, together with business items which you wish to appear on the agenda.

The "Design of Breeding Plans" workshop will be presented by D. Phillip Sponenberg, DVM, PhD. At 1:30 P.M. Phil is requesting that members participating in the workshop bring pedigrees, photos, and experiences to the meeting. Dr. Gus Cothran, University of Kentucky, will have made reports of analysis of blood samples which you have mailed to him available to Phil. You are to measure your mature animals for height and weight, and be upfront concerning weaknesses and strengths.

The Herdbook is partially assembled and records from pedigrees have been mailed to Phil for his study. Members attending the annual meeting will receive a copy and the owner-breeders will receive a copy by mail, if not at the meeting. You may wish to bring a 1-inch, three-ring notebook with you for 9"x12" sheets of the Herdbook.

Twenty-three have registered for the workshop. Registrations from members who have not been able to attend previously include: Carol and Dave Pshigoda, Oregon; Ben and Linda Corson, Idaho; Roger Villines, Tennessee; John and Sandy Schwartzler, California; and S. G. Richmond, Pennsylvania. **The deadline for registering was April 1; however, should you find that you will be able to attend, the fee of \$15.00 per person will be accepted, if received with luncheon reservations of \$6.00 by June 7, 1997 annual dues of \$10.00 per member is due to the secretary by July 1, 1997. Forms for sending any of the above amounts can be found in this issue.**

We are proceeding with obtaining information from the Breeders Sign Service through a new representative following the untimely death of Howard Johnstone. We have been assured that decals, bumper strips, license plates, car shades, magnetic decals and farm signs will be available by the annual meeting.

A Working Cream Draft Stallion

March is the traditional time to sell tobacco produced in Maryland at the annual auction. At the Hughesville Maryland Tobacco Auction House, Wednesdays are set aside for the large local Amish community to bring their crop by horse-drawn wagon.

My stallion (C.W. Cream of Wheat) Jerry, is boarded on an Amish farm where he is worked daily. On Wednesday, March 12, 1997, Jerry and a Belgian gelding were used to haul a wagon with over 6,000 lbs of tobacco to the auction house. This entailed a 13-mile round trip, most of which was on a heavily traveled four-lane highway. By 7:00 a.m. that morning there were over 60 teams and wagons waiting to be unloaded, which involved a five-hour wait for Jerry. Just about every type of draft horse was there with this

being the first time that an American Cream was present. Jerry's uniqueness made quite a hit among the Amish and the other spectators, including a busload of Amish from Pennsylvania who had come down for the day to watch the Maryland sales.

Jerry is doing an excellent job promoting the breed with his easy temperament, confirmation and driving ease wherever he has appeared in Maryland and Delaware.

If you wish to witness the 1998 sale, contact me for dates and times.

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