



ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Our 2013 meeting plans have changed!



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photo of John Schwartzler, Auburn, CA

JOIN US FOR GOLD RUSH DAYS

Due to the unfortunate death of director Donna Miller, Grass Valley, California certain plans for the 2013 meeting has changed. Our hosts will be Bell Davis, Sandy Schwartzler and Betsy Aufdenkamp.

Please read carefully: We will not be checking in at the Holbrook Hotel in Grass Valley but instead rooms are reserved at the HOLIDAY INN, CAPITAL PLAZA in Sacramento. You will need to make your reservations by JULY 29, 2013 to get the special discount for the ACDHA of \$99.00 + taxes.

The meeting will be on Thursday August 29 at the West Sacramento Fire Department, Station 45. When the meeting is over we will be attending Gold Rush Days in Sacramento or any other sightseeing you may want to do. So plan on attending and make your reservations now.....

FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Dear All:

For the second time in less than a year we have lost one of our active members. Donna Miller of Grass Valley, California was killed in a cart accident on her farm on May 1, 2013. She had been a very active member of the Association, was serving on the Board of Directors and was in charge of making the plans for our Annual Meeting which was to have been held in Grass Valley. Our sympathies are extended to Donna's Family. Note that the meeting has been changed to Sacramento but the dates are the same. Many thanks to Belle Davis, Sandy Schwartzler and Betsy Aufdenkamp for taking over the task of coordinating this years meeting. The Board of Directors has appointed Linda Corson, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho to fill out

Donna's term which expires in 2014.

On a more upbeat note, I am happy to report that the adoption of the rescued Creams has been very successful. Thanks to Wendell Lupkes and everyone who assisted with this effort.

Once again I want to remind you that our Annual Meeting has been moved from Grass Valley to the Sacramento area. DATES remain the same. Hope to see many of you there. This will be the first time in years that we will have by-law changes to consider. If you can't make the meeting, please exercise your right to vote by mail.

Frank Tremel
President

Candidates for Director (two positions up for renewal)

Connie



Stephen



Frank



Catherine



Frank Tremel

Dear Fellow Members:

It is an honor to have been asked to place my name before you for re-election to the ACDHA Board of Directors. I have been a member of the Association since 1991 and have been active in breeding, raising and showing Creams since that date. When I acquired my first mare she was the only registered Cream in Maryland. The showing of this mare and others helped to create an interest in the breed to the point that Maryland now has a very large population of Creams.

I am married, have two married children and four grandchildren. Creams are a family affair with everyone involved. I am a member of the ALBC and the Maryland Mule and Draft Horse Association and serve on the Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. In 2005 I retired as a Deputy Fire Chief from the District of Columbia Fire Department where I

had served for 43 years. I now farm full time raising hay for personal use and resale, and horses.

While I believe that change is necessary, my philosophy is to go slow, talk it over and arrive at a consensus of the members. My involvement with the Association has given me the opportunity to know most of you personally. I always look forward to our meetings in another part of the country. This has given me the opportunity to visit places that I would have never gotten to.

Thank you for considering me for a seat on the Board.

Frank Tremel
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Connie Purchase

Dear members,

My name is Connie Purchase and the intent of this letter is to ask for your consideration to allow me to serve as a director of the ACDHA.

My husband, Dennis, and I live on a farm in North West Iowa. Our present 4-legged family consists of 10 horses (9 Creams), goats, cats and dogs. Add in some feathered friends (chickens and ducks) and you have the whole crew. My husband is a building contractor while I run a recordkeeping service for livestock operations.

About 1995 I first heard about American Creams. I researched the breed and I WAS HOOKED. I was able to purchase my first boys (Ben and Jerry) from Don Johnson in 2002. "The Boys" were all I had hoped for and more. I was so enthralled with the Creams that I knew I wanted to expand to breeding. In 2004 I bought my first girls, Baskin Robbin and Wells Blue Bunny. Then I raised Breyers and Edy. (Yep, we do love our ice cream here). And finally, I was able to add Sandy to the herd. At present I am leasing 2 additional mares for breeding purposes. Three babies are due in June and July, and yes there are still ice cream names available. My boys are geldings, and all of my horses both ride and drive. They have been in parades, on trail rides, in driving competitions, and on exhibit at state and county fairs. My most recent addition was one of the "rescue horses". He was the aged gelding in very poor health. Wendell Lupkes called him "a real project". Well I found some young 4-H girls looking for a project and now I'm partnering with them on the rehab of Youme Mike. He's gained over 300#s but still has a long ways to go.

I became a member of the ACDHA in 2002 when I bought my first horses. When researching the

breed I had the opportunity to meet many long time members of the association and then I had the privilege of spending time with them when I attended my first annual meeting in 2003. I found the 2-legged members were as neat as the 4-legged. I've attended many annual meetings since (Vermont, Missouri, and several in Iowa). When the meeting was held in Waverly, IA I was able to help, then in 2012 I had the privilege of co-hosting the annual meeting in Spencer, Iowa. I'm looking forward to the California meeting. It will be a great opportunity to meet more 'Cream Addicts'.

I feel the current role of the ACDHA board is to provide resources to the membership and to keep the association pertinent while maintaining the foundations this breed was based on. We have a history to be proud of. When I joined this association we didn't have face book, we didn't have a web page, we didn't understand DNA color testing, and we were just recognizing JEB. I feel the past boards have done a good job of handling those situations and bringing us to today. There are many situations facing the association presently; economic effects on the entire horse industry, scientific advancements, low membership numbers, limited finances, etc. My hope is to be a part of the leadership addressing these issues and whatever else the future brings us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Happy Trails,

-c

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In updating our website a new section is being added. A listing for people of available breeding stallions and where they are located. You can access this page at the following link:

<http://acdha.org/stallions/stallions.html>.

If you have a registered ACDHA stallion you want to have listed contact Wendell Lupkes at wjlupkes@mchsi.com.



Catherine Murphy

Dear Members,

Please accept this letter as my formal intention to run for Board of Directors of the American Cream Draft Horse Association. I would like to continue to serve the membership as a director. It is a privilege to work with this breed and the people who care so strongly about it.

I was raised on a hobby farm with all types of heritage breeds, including draft horses, before the term was a catchphrase! I became interested in the American Cream Draft Horse as a pre-teen, after reading an article about them. While unable to acquire one at that time, I never forgot them. In 2000, after I finished my schooling and established my career as a C.P.A.; I bred my first Cream, became a member of the Association, and have been promoting the breed since that time. I have shown

and exhibited our Creams throughout the Mid-Atlantic and have represented the breed at multiple Horse Progress Days. I also started the American Cream Draft Horse Facebook page to help promote the breed.

I believe strongly in maintaining the quality – in type and personality, as well as color – of the breed, while increasing the numbers. I feel one of the breeds strongest attributes is their personality. The more that we, the membership, broaden the public's exposure to the American Creams, interest in them will increase.

It would be an honor to continue to serve the membership and the breed as a director.

Sincerely,

Catherine Murphy

Stephen Branson

Hello fellow American Cream Draft Horse Association members.

My name is Stephen Branson from Victoria, Texas. I'm announcing that I would like to represent you and our breed as a director of our association.

Let me begin by telling you a little about myself. I have a lovely wife of 27 years Sheila, two sons Travis 25, and Seth 20. I also have my girls Betsy and Flow my American Cream Draft Horses. My parents grew up on farms during the Great Depression when working with draft animals was the norm not the exception. From these two great people I learned many things; my father I got my work ethic, my mother gave me her love of draft horses. From both I learned to work with horses and mules and drive a team. Growing up we had everything from Belgians to Shetlands. As a kid I even rode a mule to 4H meetings. My first driving wreck happened when I was about 7. Sugarfoot was the first pony I ever trained to drive when I was only 9. My brother and I use to show mules at the fair, where we got to know some great teamsters of draft horses. So even though I may be fairly new to Creams I have a history of farming with draft animals.

I believe with all my heart that the American Cream Draft Horse has the right to be preserved as part of our farming heritage. As I tell my boys "Embrace the

Future but Preserve the Past".

I believe that we as members need to strengthen the By-Laws to define clearly what an American Cream Draft Horse is. We have the ability to utilize all the technology that is available to us today, and should. That includes but not limited to genetic testing, AI, and multimedia.

We members and all our beloved horses are ambassadors of the breed. So that being said it is our duty to promote this breed in the best light possible at all times. This will only bring more interest and the recognition this breed deserves, and with this more members.

A great lady once told me that "Creams are the Unicorns of the horse world" at first I did not quite understand the whole meaning. But I now understand it completely for they are a gift to us and it is our responsibility as stewards of the breed that we must not allow them to miss their place on history's ark.

To do these things it will ensure that the breed becomes stronger and thus enabling it to pass down to future generations.

Thank you for reading.
Stephen Branson



Dam: MCD Joshua's Candida #601
Sire: Barney's Incredible Ivan #590
3/22/13: Ivan's Song of Liluye (reg pending)
Cheyenne Kehoe
Thousand Oaks, CA



Dam: Barney's Baby Joy # 424
Sire: Barney's Big Jim Dandy # 475
April 11, 2013: Annie Rose
Carol Pshigoda
Bend, Oregon



Dam: Corson's Duke's Golden Carrie #T00126
Sire: Corson's Swedish Prinz Gustav #676
April 2013: a filly, Mary
Linda & Ben Corson
Bonnors Ferry, Idaho



Dam: Corson's Duke's Dottie #T00137
Sire: Cotson's Swedish Prinz Gustav #676
April 2013: a filly, Honey
Linda & Ben Corson
Bonnors Ferry, Idaho



**Dam: Lupkes CS Golden Rose
Sire: Forevergreen Clayton #701
May 15, 2013: a filly
Wendell Lupkes
Waterloo, Iowa**

**Dam: HnJ's Dick's Kate #T00111
Sire: Million Dollar Max #606
May 2013: stud colt
Sandy Kuenzer
Copemish, Michigan**



**HnJ's Dick's Creamy Supreme # 618
Million Dollar Max # 606
April 29, 2013 filly
Krystal Kruckner
Julesburg, Colorado**

**Dam: C.W. Whip Cream # 374
Sire: Ackerman's Danny Boy's Jack
Cream #463
April 2013: a filly
Terrence & Marilyn Precord
Maryland**





A local horse breeder practicing for a wagon train was killed Wednesday after she was thrown from the cart being pulled by her horse. Donna Popovich-Miller, 54, was driving the single-axle cart on Beyers Lane at about 12:15 p.m. when the accident occurred, said Nevada County Sheriff's Lt. Rich Fevinger. She was reportedly training the horse to walk over plywood when it spooked, throwing her from the cart. Her husband reportedly heard the horse running away and found Popovich-Miller unconscious and not breathing in the driveway. She reportedly sustained head trauma and was pronounced dead at the scene.

reported in a local newspaper

In response to many of the friends and/or family of Donna Miller

The family requests that In lieu of floral gifts you may send any contributions or memorials for Donna, by check or to PayPal online. Please make sure to include your name and email address so that we can respond in kind.

For mailing please send to: 15022 Beyers Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949 (please make checks out to George Miller with note on ck. "Donna Miller Memorial Fund")

For PayPal send to: GLMiller@millerscreamdraft.com (for website go to PayPal.com Select TRANSFER then select SEND MONEY...Fill out form...follow the instructions.)

We are taking it one day at a time and appreciate your warm thoughts, prayers, and friendship on Donna's behalf. She is greatly missed.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Miller Masten (sister-in-law)

I am so very sad to hear this. She was such an instrumental person to the breed. She will be sorely missed. Our prayers and thoughts go out to family and close friends.

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Loss of Someone Special

Now that I am gone,
remember me with smiles and laughter,
and if you need to cry,
cry with your brothers and sisters
who walk in grief beside you,
and when you need me,
put your arms around anyone and
give to them what you need to give me.
There are so many who need so much,
I want to leave you something...
Something much better than words or sounds.
Look for me in the people I've known
or helped in some special way.
Let me live in your heart
as well as your mind.
You can love me most
by letting your love reach out to our loved ones,
by embracing them and living in their love.
Love does not die, people do.
So, when all that is left of me is love,
give me away as best you can!

Author Unknown

*Submitted by Karen Smith
In memory of Donna Miller*



MCD Joshua's Annabelle

DOB: 5/9/2003
Sex: Mare
Sire: JD's Will's Pride (JD's Billy x Hockett's Sara)
Dam: Jumper's Elvira (Rebel x Jumper's Dixie)
Asking price: \$4000
Height (estimated): 15.3 hands



Annie was my mother's primary driving horse. She has experience pulling alone or in a team, both in the show ring and on the trail. My mother took her on a handful of wagon trains and drove her nearly everyday around our property and on our road during the summer for the past few years. Even though she was pulling when my mother's accident occurred, I have no doubt that she would be a reliable puller on her own or in a team.

Ackerman Dan's Lightning Bridger

DOB: 6/1/2000
Sex: Mare
Sire: Ackerman Dan's Lightning (Ackerman's Dan x Clar Ann Blondie)
Dam: Clar Ann Cap's Babe (Ead's Cap x Hoffmeyer's Red)
Asking price: \$3500



Height (estimated): 15 hands

Bridger was my mother's trail horse and most prolific broodmare. For those of you who are familiar with Bobbi Sox, currently owned by the Davis': that was Bridger's first daughter, and she has made us all proud! Bridger has a very lovable personality - she was hard to photograph because she kept coming up to see me rather than graze. She's a solid mount, but generally ambles - if you're looking for a more spirited mount, look elsewhere! Bridger has produced some beautiful foals with our stud, and was bred to him again this spring. Unless she

can be preg-checked and tests negative, she MUST only go to a home that can also provide for a foal next year.

Fooler's Bonnie

DOB: 5/20/2002
Sex: Mare
Sire:
Dam: Rimrock Faith (no grandparents on record)
Asking price: \$2500
Height (estimated): 15.1 hands



Bonnie's a very pretty mare, even though she isn't a true Cream. She's half Suffolk - while she has cream coloring, she has dark eyes and dark skin. Bonnie was started in driving and my mother worked with her intermittently (when she wasn't busy with Annie's show and wagon train preparation). I believe most or all of her pulling experience has occurred in a team, not single. Bonnie has never gotten pregnant in all the years we have owned her - I do not think she is suited for a breeding program.

Hello all,

Preference will be given to buyers who have every intention of providing these horses with safe, loving homes and who wish to utilize them to improve the American Cream Draft breed, as my mother did. That said, if a potential home with no intention of breeding Creams will still be considered if it seems like a great fit for the horse in question. Their health and happiness are by and large my first priority.

All horses are up-to-date on deworming (Ivermectin - 4/10/2013) and annual vaccinations (West Nile, Eastern/Western Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus - 4/16/2013).

I have included the pedigrees, descriptions, and starting prices of each horse.

When you reply, I would appreciate if you would specify which horse(s) you are interested in, your intentions for them, and why your home would be well-suited for them. Please note that all prices are negotiable and I would be happy to hear all reasonable offers.

Thank you again for your interest!

Warm regards,

Casey Miller
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Fooler's Betty

DOB: 5/10/2002

Sex: Mare

Sire: Gebel's Fooler (Hockett's Bill x unknown)

Dam: Rimrock Fay (no grandparents on record)

Asking price: \$2500

Height (estimated): 15.1 hands

Betty is Bonnie's half sister; the two are very similar in build. Betty has more of a broodmare's belly, though, because she's foaled for us a few times. Like Bonnie, Betty has cream coloring but is dark-eyed and dark-skinned. She's a bit generally more sedate than her sister and acts as lead mare in our herd. Betty has been started under saddle - she's been ridden in the arena and out on the trail a few times, but should have some more mileage put on her even though we have never had an incident with her. She'd make a great



trail horse for someone who wants a calmer mount. Betty has been bred this spring to our stud - unless she can be preg-checked and test negative, she MUST only go to a home that can provide for a foal next year.

ATTENTION.....ATTENTION.....ATTENTION.....

The next issue of American Cream News will highlight our 2013 annual meeting and will also be in memory of Donna Miller.

FYI: Donna was the member making all the plans for this years meeting. Anyone who would like to contribute a thought, word or photos of Donna, please submit your memorial message to me Sue Engel at sulynnengel@yahoo.com by September 30th, 2013.

Don't forget to send your membership dues to Nancy Lively at the address provided. Please note the place on the dues form to enter your e-mail address. This was a suggestion by Donna to help the association keep their lists up to date. Any by-law changes and ballots for voting on the director positions will be mailed to your current USPS address on record. If that has changed please notify Nancy Lively ASAP.



American Cream Adoptions

The process of adopting the rescued American Creams is nearly complete. In total, there were fifteen horses that the ACDHA worked to adopt in conjunction with this rescue. One registered stallion, three tracking mares (one with foal by her side), two registered mares, and eight horses of unknown pedigree, age, and JEB and PSSM1 status.

We were notified around December 10th that we had become the adoptive agent for the horses, and on December 13th the first adoption letter was sent to the membership, both by email and by US Mail. That was the adoption letter for Max, which we could easily identify. Max was moved from the foster home on December 16th to help out Second Chance Ranch and Rescue, as they weren't set up to handle a stallion. We continued to send out adoption letters for horses as we could identify them. Keep in mind, at that point in time, the animals were at four different locations and fostered by people that knew nothing about the identifying traits of an American Cream. The ACDHA board decided the best way to properly adopt these horses was to DNA test all of them and test for JEB, PSSM1, and determine parentage, when needed. A package deal was made with Animal Genetics to test 12 horses for \$60 per head. Even after the testing, several horses did not have two parents identified, so per the by-laws, we sent DNA samples to Gus Cothran of Texas A&M to determine if they carried the Cream (champagne) gene and had only draft breeding.

Then the adoptions began to come together and it was time to see about arranging transportation if possible. We planned, and changed plans a few times, but on January 15th we moved the first group of horses from the foster homes to a volunteer near Lansing. By January 17th, the first two horses were on their way to their new home in Colorado. Then on January 20th, another five horses left for Iowa. The remaining young horses were tested, adoption letters sent, and the last youngster left the foster home on April 2nd.

There is only the young stallion left to place. He was DNA tested, but was not sired by Million Dollar Max, nor was he foaled by any of the mares from the rescue. He has been tested by Gus Cothran and has been determined to be of draft breeding. That adoption letter will be going out soon.

Thanks to members who adopted: Sue Engel (Million Dollar Max), Joe and Ruth Dolan (Ackerman's Allisha, #462), Kerrie Beckett (mare #2), Barbara Wright (mare #1), Connie Purchase (gelding #19).

Thanks to new members who adopted: Jessica Bassett (filly #23 & filly #32), Sandy Kuenzer (HnJ's Dick's Kate), Clark and Anita Miller (Ackerman's Flory and filly), and Krystal Kruckner (Lupkes' AD's Harmony & HnJ's Dick's Creamy Supreme).

Special thanks also to Myron Karsten for transport and boarding, to Jeff Koenig for transport to Iowa, to Dan Zarske for boarding Max and assistance with identification. In addition, very special thanks to Suzanne and Pam of Second Chance Ranch and Rescue for finding a way to make this all work out.

Overall, this undertaking went better than expected, thanks to so many members, new members, and volunteers. However, we did lose two nice 2-year-old fillies that would have made one of the nicest team of mares a person could want. It just goes to show that no amount of effort can undo neglect once it gets bad enough.