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2016 Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada



2016 ACDHA meeting host and hostess-John and Sandy Schwartzler, Greenwood, CA



President's Report: "ACDHA Past, Present, and Future"

Past: It was our privilege to host the ACDHA Annual Meeting at the Peppermill Casino Resort in Reno, Nevada. It was a pleasure to relax and visit with members from all parts of this great country.

Thursday several members arrived early and watched the Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive Drivers and Wagons push a herd of 300 cattle out of the sage brush onto the pavement, down the streets of Reno onto the Rodeo grounds finishing up an 80 mile trip across the high desert to kick off Rodeo week. The Hotel shower water never ever felt so good! Dining together as a group that evening allowed us to catch up with old friends and finally get to know some of the newer members. What a great family!



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From the Drivers Seat

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Friday found us all enjoying the panoramic view of downtown Reno from the 17th floor at the top of the Casino while we conducted our 2016 Annual Meeting. Congratulations to Connie Purchase and Michael Bradford for committing themselves to work as Directors. The 2016 Meeting marked the completion of Frank Tremel's tour as President of the ACDHA. It's hard to imagine anyone who has been much more dedicated to the work of preserving and growing the American Cream Draft Horse Association than Frank. Over the past 20 years his leadership working as Director, then President of the ACDHA helped us greatly in re-establishing the "Cream" as a viable draft horse breed. He saw us through a serious downturn in the National economy, while visiting and updating our Registration Guidelines & Processes, Breed Conformation & Standards, and Marketing efforts. We improved as we struggled with it all, and sometimes with each other, while Frank dealt with emotional Members by falling back on his talents with diplomacy. He knew the driving force behind it all was their passion to see the "Cream Breed" flourish. Struggle is good, as it keeps us healthy as Family. Thank you Frank for giving so much of your time helping our membership become good stewards of this wonderful Draft Horse! The Meeting held a few surprises, when Miss Reno Rodeo 2016 (Eva Werschky) broke into the room during the lunch break to plant a kiss on Frank's very red cheek to help us celebrate his 75th Birthday. She handed out tickets to the ACDHA members for that night's opening performance of the Reno Rodeo. Following the Meeting, we all enjoyed the Rodeo marketplace before attending a great Rodeo Show that evening. Might mention that we noticed the Rodeo Queen waving and winking at Frank every time she rode around the Arena.

Saturday found us traveling to the Wild West town Virginia City, Nevada which was made famous on the TV show "Bonanza". We rode on the steam locomotive train to Gold Hill, but never did see any of the Cartwrights! The entire group closed the evening with a fine dinner at the Resort followed by a lengthy session visiting in the lounge. Sunday found us all at breakfast for our final get together before parting ways for another year. We all left for home with a restored commitment to seeing the "Cream" continue to thrive come Hell or High Water! The fresh air out West and hanging out with excited new Members will do that to a person!

Shortly after returning home, the ACDHA membership received the news that Karene Bunker Topp had died from a fall sustained at her home in Radcliff, Iowa. Karene's passing represents the closing of the organizational chapter in our breed History. C.T. Rierson & Company was blessed to have Karene Topp to support them in building the American Cream Draft Horse Registry. None of us would know each other today, had it not been for the efforts of that small group of people in Iowa. Thankfully, much of Karene's and Clair's Rierson's knowledge of those early years efforts have been captured on Video thanks to the foresight of dedicated ACDHA members. We now realize how precious that information is to our Association. Karene's Memorial procession was led into the cemetery by an American Cream Draft Horse Mare thanks to Connie Purchase devoting her time to help show respect from all of the ACDHA Membership. It was a fitting tribute for a very wonderful Gal.

Present: "Cream" owners are busy around the country using their horses in a variety of disciplines: Farming, Tourist Rides, Parades, Competitive Driving Events, Draft Horse Shows, Trail Rides, Historic Re-Enactments, Rodeos, Living History Parks, Zoos, Horse Expositions and Breeding Operations. Our Membership is very active promoting to the Public the quality and the value in owning this exceptional Draft Horse.

The strength of this Association is due to the Diversity, not the Uniformity of its Members. We all represent a variety of perspectives, and bring to the table a deep pool of talents which if focused properly, can help us grow this breed to a size that will protect the permanent future of the "Cream Horse". This will require our ACDHA Family to work alongside each other and contribute not only their passion, but also provide their skills in this effort. It's O.K. to be different, so let's all have a big group hug for representing a really unique Family of Horse Crazy Folks.

We as individual Members are the most effective tool we possess for expanding the "Cream" Herd, and the ACDHA Membership. Presently our numbers have leveled out, which is not healthy. Remember that old Farmer's slogan: "You're either green and growing, or you're ripe and rotting." So what can be done?

Future: The challenge before us is to focus and expand our efforts into these three major areas: Marketing, Membership, and Breeding Lots of Horses.

ACDHA Marketing is vital to our future, and is done in several ways. We currently have a Website, Face Book Account, Magazine Ads, Newsletter, E-Mails, Horses at Events, and the enthusiasm of Members meeting new people and sharing the excitement. Let's not forget the good old telephone either.

Future Membership needs to grow in two areas. First, we need to expand our group of Associate Members. These interested individuals needn't own a "Cream" to participate actively with the ACDHA. These particular Family Members bring a lot of passion, and a toolbox full of talents that is vitally needed. It may not be in the cards to presently own a "Cream", but their excitement can lead us to those folks who are able to make that level of commitment. Value these members as you would our "Tracking Cream" horses, and you'll see the potential in what they can bring to the ACDHA table. Clair Rierson is a fine example, and there are several more in our ranks. Secondly, We need to recruit new Horse Owners, and provide them support, by staying in close contact while helping them find needed resources. Let's all help out welcoming new Members into the ACDHA Family. We're looking to share contact information for our Membership to more effectively communicate with each other, and for the Public to contact us for information. This will provide more opportunity to educate, then recruit future "Cream" Members.

Breeding Horses is where the rubber meets the road and our future depends on activity. The need for more "Horses" is always a product of supply and demand. Create the demand in the Marketplace, and the breeding efforts will follow closely behind. When horses are selling, Breeders are getting the Mares covered it's that simple.

The task at hand is to promote, recruit, and eventually sell high quality Cream Horses to new people. In supporting that effort, we're working to improve the "Wow" factor when opening our ACDHA website, encouraging more activity on the Face Book pages, figuring out how to improve on our follow up with new members, while further developing the Brand that represents the uniqueness of "Creams". Bring us your ideas, and join in on the fun ahead. You may be gifted in vital areas where we can use lots of help, so please feel free to contact any of the Directors and get more involved.

John Schwartzler

**WELCOME
to a New Member**

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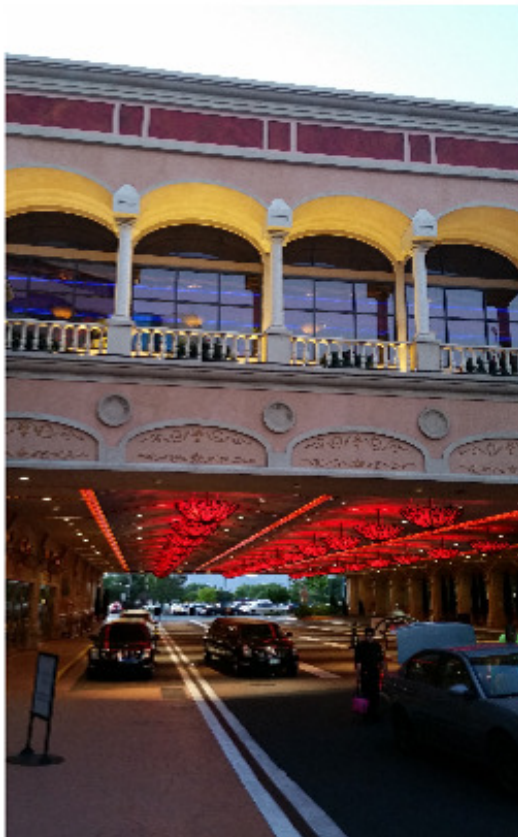
HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!! This is to inform and announce the addition of all members names and contact information to be added to the ACDHA website at ACDHA.org by October 1, 2016. It will be taken from the membership list that you are provided with in your membership materials. The members attending the 2016 meeting made a motion and discussed the addition of members names so that anyone looking for ACD horses or information about them can connect with people in their area with the possibility of seeing a horse or horses and become familiar with the breed. If you are also a breeder and want to make your stallion available, please send a note to that effect to director Connie Purchase at conniepurchase@spenceragcenter.com or by USPS mail: 2120 177th Ave., Milford, IA 51351.

2016 Meeting Accommodations: A Place to Meet, Relax, Visit, Eat and Gamble In one Beautiful Package

Photos courtesy of Karen Watson



Luxury at it's finest, Peppermill Casino and Spa





Meeting attendees: Darlene Doerr, Pat Mahoney, Sandy Schwartzler, Eva (Reno Rodeo Queen 2016), Sue Engel, Sheila Johnson, John Schwartzler, Lindsey Dyda, Cheryl Martin, Nicole Dyda, Connie Purchase, Karen and Dennis Watson, Dennis Purchase, Mike Dyda, Frank Tremel, Paula Tremel, Belle Davis, Angela Bleeker, William Davis, Kerrie Beckett, Nancy Lively, Sandie Bowers, Dwayne Miller, and Clair Rierson

Photo courtesy of Betty Sharpio not pictured



Frank's last meeting as our ACDHA President. Thank you for all the years you served and spent your vacations with us.





Let's Go to the famous Reno Rodeo

Thursday: The cattle drive of 300 Corriente roping steers rolls into town. It's been a long week sleeping in the antique covered wagon. -Sandy Schwartzler



Kerrie Beckett greeting Sandy as she minds the lines.



Sheila Johnson the team is watching you.



Head 'Em Up, Move 'Em Out



Sandy Schwartzler beautiful as ever.



John Schwartzler looking a little rough.

Friday (the meeting day) concludes with the **RODEO**



Bronc Riding



Mustang challenge



Side Trip to Virginia City, Nevada - Silver Dollar City



Dennis Watson getting his Western look on with the Silver Queen.

Kerrie Beckett poses with Gertrude



Nancy Lively (top-left) pauses to buy carrots for Gertrude.



Members Cheryl Martin, Lindsey & Nicole Dyda, Darlene Doerr and Nancy Lively settled in for the train ride around the old mining operations.



2016 ALBERT CITY THRESHERMEN & COLLECTORS SHOW

Connie Purchase breeds rare American Cream Draft Horses



Connie Purchase with her mare, Robin who is expected to foal about the time of the show.

For Connie Purchase, participating in the Guinness World Record attempt may not be the only highlight of this year's show. Connie is a breeder of American Cream draft horses and she specifically bred her mare, Robin, to give birth during this year's Horsepower feature. "Robin is my best mare and she has always given birth within 24 hours of her due date," said Connie. "Her due date is Aug. 11, so we expect her to foal just before or during the show."

Connie has been to the show for many years, but this will be the first time for her to exhibit her cream colored drafts. Along with Robin, she will bring a team of two to participate in the record plowing event.

After reading an article about the American Creams, she searched them out. The American Cream is an endangered breed that originated in Iowa and is the only draft horse that can claim to be native to the U.S. According to the American Cream Draft Horse Association, there are fewer than 400 horses currently registered. "After I saw the first ones, it was all over. That was 15 years ago. I started with Ben and Jerry that I purchased at the Waverly Draft Horse Sale. I have found that people with draft horses are wonderful people and I've known several who have been very inspirational. It is neat that this breed started at the turn of the century in Iowa and basically the people of Iowa saved the breed. They are the success story," she said.

Over the years, she has added additional drafts, and breeds her mares at her Spooky Hollow farm near Milford. She currently has a dozen draft horses and says she has sent her young horses coast to coast and this year will send one to New York State and one to Washington State.

Connie used to do more showing and driving with her unique horses but now enjoys breeding.

"This is really turning into something special. Just being involved is so cool. I see this as a way to honor and give back to all those who have helped and taught me about draft horses through the years. By bringing my horses to the show, I will pay tribute to three men. First, my dad who took me to the Albert City show for the first time, and then we went every year together. He passed away, but he would love to see me there with my horses. Second, to Don Johnson, who has been an inspiration and great teacher. Third is my husband, Dennis. He is not really hands on with the horses but he is always my biggest support."

Connie bought a walking plow to use in the plowing events during the show and planned to get practice in over the summer. She is most looking forward to the plowing events. "Not even the Guinness event really. Just the idea of all those people getting together to plow. How cool is that?"

As for having a foal at what is expected to be a very busy show, Connie says she will take it in stride. "I am always concerned for my mares when they foal. Robin has always been a good mom and we will make sure she is comfortable and safe during the show. But, we do want people and especially the kids to see the new foal. We already have a name, either Albert or Alberta.

"Using horsepower for the show this year is a great demonstration of history since they were used for farming years before the tractor. The kids are especially drawn to the animals and typically draft horses are very friendly."

Connie was raised in the area and calls herself a farm kid who grew up riding horses. Her husband is a semi-retired building contractor who now keeps very busy with remodeling projects around the house.

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Connie is very involved in the American Cream Draft Horse Association and in 2019 will co-chair hosting the 75th anniversary gathering in Iowa Falls.

Taken from the Albert City Threshmen & Collectors Show Guide



Carl Ingwersen on the lines of Rebecca and Penny Puff, American Cream Draft Horses participating in the World Record for draft horses plowing.

The Albert City Threshermen & Collectors were successful at their world record attempt for the greatest number of draft horses plowing which took place Saturday, Aug. 13 at 4 p.m. There were 120 draft horses that plowed simultaneously for one minute and eighteen seconds. To break the record, the furrow had to be plowed to a depth of at least six inches. The event was made even more difficult as a thunderstorm approached minutes before the start and dumped rain over the 800 foot plowing field. This record will still need

to be verified, but it is expected to break the current record of 84 draft horses plowing simultaneously for one minute. That record is held by a draft horse organization in the U.K.

An attempt to set a new world record for the greatest number of mules plowing simultaneously was also made during the Albert City Threshermen & Collectors Show. It was done Sunday, Aug. 14 at 1 p.m. The event was successful with 27 mules plowing for one minute and six seconds. The furrow was plowed to a depth of eight inches. Once verified, this would be a new world record.

Both of these events were held during the 46th annual Threshermen & Collectors Show which featured Horsepower this year. The feature brought over 200 horses and mules to the show to participate in a wagon train, plowing and other horse-powered farming activities. They came from far and near including the states of Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Michigan, Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa.

by Connie Purchase

Twiggy and Angel

The 4th of July was a busy day here at Bonnie Lake Creams. I woke up around 1:00 AM; don't ask me why, to find that Twiggy (Sandie Bowers' mare) had delivered a little cream filly, two weeks early. At that time the mare had not cleaned and the baby (Angel) had not learned how to eat. I continued to check on momma and baby, till around 5:30 am, at which time I knew we had a couple of problems, momma had not cleaned yet and baby had not learned how to eat. After a phone conversation with my vet, it was decided that we needed to get both momma and baby to WSU vet hospital. We arrived at WSU around 9:30, at which time the great staff there, went to work on momma and baby. Twiggy was examined from head to toe, flushed and most of the remaining placenta was removed, she was started on antibiotics. While momma was being worked on Angel finally figured out how to eat. Because of how long it took her to eat they went ahead and gave her a plasma transfusion. After about 4 hours at the hospital, we finally headed home, momma and baby stayed; they were both looking good when we left. Tuesday morning we got an update that Twiggy was stable; they still felt she had a couple small pieces of placenta left, so they were watching closely. Angel was doing better, learning to eat, she was still a little weak, but that didn't bother anyone considering her first day was very rough and she was almost two weeks early.

We were feeling pretty good about how both Twiggy and Angel were doing, until about 9:30 pm, when I got a call to tell me that Twiggy had, had a seizure, she was able to get up and stand on her own afterwards, but showed some neurological problems, she was having trouble seeing and was circling to the right. Fortunately Angel was sleeping in the other corner when it

happened, after the seizure they kept Angel apart from Twiggy, letting her in every hour to eat. On Wednesday Twiggy had two more seizures; she lost all vision in her right eye and was very unsteady on her feet. Updates from the vets at this time were bittersweet, Angel continued to improve and Twiggy was getting worse.

On Thursday we were to the point of making the decision to put Twiggy down and what and how to care for a 5 day old orphan. The vets had run a couple of tests to rule things out, and the results were due back on Friday, we made the decision to wait for those results before we put Twiggy down, hoping they might tell us something. The tests results on Friday showed us that the seizures were not caused by a virus, so we were left wondering what the cause was. Twiggy was stable on Friday, and Angel was doing great, so we decided to just wait and watch. I believe it was Saturday morning, when Dr. Gold called with an update that I never thought I would hear. Twiggy had slightly improved over the night and she was cautiously



optimistic. Never thought those words would make Sandie and I so happy. Over the next couple of days Twiggy was taken off the anti-seizure meds and continued to improve. On Sunday night I spoke with Dr. Gold, and she said that if Twiggy continued to improve we would be able to take her home on Tuesday. Twiggy was off most meds by Monday and was doing good, the staff took momma and baby out and let them play in the round pen. On Tuesday morning Sandie, Pat and I headed for Pullman, after paying the bill (which was kind of scary) we got to see Twiggy and Angel, and they looked wonderful. The staff had even given Twiggy a bath, her very first.

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Exciting news from Triple Springs Farm

We have some news, below, we'd like to share in the newsletter! I've included some photos as well. The first picture is baby Ellie. Second is the stallion, Jack. Third is Black Eyed Susan, and fourth is Barbara Fritchie. Thank you!!

Roy and Cheryl Martin of Triple Springs Farm, Dillwyn, VA, are proud to announce the arrival of Triple Springs Lady Eleanor (#760). "Ellie", born to Deep Valley Black Eyed Susan (#658) and sired by Ackermans's Danny Boy's Jack Cream (#463), made her debut on May 9, 2016.

In other exciting news, the Martins would like to share that both their mares, Deep Valley Barbara Fritchie (#624) and Deep Valley Black Eyed Susan, have been successfully bred and are in foal! The new arrivals are expected in May 2017. Both mares are in foal to Ackerman's Danny Boy's Jack Cream.



**Triple Springs Lady Eleanor # 760
May 9, 2016**



Susie



Jack



Barb

Horse Progress Days 2016 near Howe, Indiana



Pictured at our ACDHA booth (L to R): Sheila Johnson from Three Rivers, MI; Ryan Bazant from Marcellus, MI; Anne Murray (Ken was out watching the equipment demonstrations) from Boyd, TX; and Sue Engel from Marcellus, MI. We were positioned between the Suffolk Punch folks and the Percheron folks. We were right at home in the draft horse lineup. Unfortunately the Murray's didn't bring their team of Creams this year since their mare Dolly had just given them a little filly.

We were able to educate a few very interested persons in the value of owning American Cream Draft horses, not in the monetary sense but in the perfect size and temperament sense. Sue brought her collection of horse books that have American Cream Draft information and photos to prove to people that they are indeed a "real" breed.

2017 HPD will be in Pennsylvania.

Twiggy and Angel conclusion

After finally meeting Dr. Gold, she told me that when she took over Twiggy's care, she never ever thought that she would be able to tell me that Twiggy was ready to go home. After some discussion on continued care for Twiggy and Angel, we loaded up and headed home. Twiggy seemed very happy to be home and Angel loved having room to run. What a rollercoaster ride that week was, we went from relieved that we had gotten momma and baby the help they needed, to the pain of having to make the choice to put Twiggy down and deal with a 5 day old orphan, to the complete joy of being able to bring both of them home.



I have never thought of myself as a writer, but I hope you all enjoyed reading about Twiggy and Angel's journey. Would like to say thank you, to everyone that sent thoughts and prayers and the staff at WSU, they are great. Also need to thank everyone that made a donation, to help pay for Twiggy and Angel's vet bill, you are all great.

-Angela Bleeker

The next 4 pages are the forms needed by those who are breeding their ACD stallion. First is for registered ACD mares and the second is for other draft horse breeds as outlined in the By-Laws.

There are 2 pages for those who have foals born; first to registered ACD mares and second to other draft horse breeds as outlined in the By-Laws.



STALLION REPORT
American Cream Draft Mares

AMERICAN CREAM DRAFT HORSE ASSOCIATION
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Bennington, Vermont 05201

<http://www.acdha.org> e-mail – Lively123@comcast.net



_____ / _____

(Date of report) / (For breeding year)

As per the By-laws of the Association, this form is to be filled in and mailed to the above address no later than December 31 of each calendar year by members owning a registered American Cream Draft stallion.

(Use separate form for each Stallion)

Breeding record for _____ / _____

(Registered Name of ACDHA Stallion) / (Reg. No.)

Females serviced this year:

<u>Name & Registration Number</u>	<u>Name & Registration Number</u>
1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.
11.	12.
13.	14.
15.	16.
17.	18.
19.	20.

(Name and address of person preparing report)

Name _____

Address _____

The forms are necessary by our Association to have an accurate account of the number of horses being produced.

Please send your forms to Nancy Lively, ACDHA, 193 Crossover Rd, Bennington, VT 05201 before December 31 of each year as applicable.



STALLION REPORT

Mares-other Draft Breeds

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Name _____

Address _____



FOALING REPORT

American Cream Draft Mares

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_____ (Date of report) Foaling record for the year _____ (bred the previous year)

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Check all that apply (See notes below)

<u>Mare Name & No.</u>	<u>C / F</u>	<u>Crn / NC</u>	<u>PS / DS</u>	<u>AE / DE</u>	<u>WMT/OMT</u>

C – Colt/**F** – Filly; **Crn** - Cream Coat/**NC** - Coat color other than cream; **PS** - Pink Skin/**DS** - Dark Skin;

AE - Amber Eyes/**DE** - Dark Eyes; **WMT** - White Mane/Tail/**OMT** - Other than White Mane/Tail

(Name and address of person preparing report)

Name _____

Address _____



FOALING REPORT

Mares-All other breeds

AMERICAN CREAM DRAFT HORSE ASSOCIATION
 193 Crossover Road
 Bennington, Vermont 05201

<http://www.acdha.org>

_____ (Date of report) Foaling record for the year _____ (bred the previous year)

As per the By-laws of the Association, this form is to be filled in and mailed to the above address no later than December 31 of each calendar year.

Check all that apply (See notes below)

<u>Mare Name & No.</u>	<u>C / F</u>	<u>Crm / NC</u>	<u>PS / DS</u>	<u>AE / DE</u>	<u>WMT/OMT</u>

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Frank Tremel Retires

Well members, it is official, Frank Tremel stepped down from the position of director for the ACDHA and in doing so also stepped down from the title of President of the ACDHA. Frank became president in 2002, two years before I became a member. The first meeting I attended was in Colonial Williamsburg for the 60th Anniversary of the ACDHA. My travel companions and members, Sheila Johnson and Mike McBride introduced me to the group and I was swept up in the comradery of the organization. I already knew I loved the horses since I acquired my first Cream in 2003 from Sheila Johnson, a yearling filly named HnJ's Dick's Lady May aka Lady, but now I think of my membership as being part of a large family. Frank has been an integral part of that extended family and was very welcoming to the old members and new members alike.

As a president, he was always on top of the job at hand. He was good at reading people and knew when he had a "fish-on-the-line" and proceeded to reel them in "hook, line and sinker." I'm quite sure that is how I ended up becoming the newsletter editor and also now a director. I really have no ambition in becoming a president someday but I must say I've seen leadership from a good man and continue to keep in touch with him if I need his opinion on anything. Even though he has handed the lines over to John Schwartzler from his "Drivers Seat" position, I'm sure this isn't the last our association will hear from Frank Tremel.

Thank you for the direction and encouragement to me and all the many members you have touched and educated about the American Cream Draft Horse. Now you will have more time to breed horses and collect more antique fire equipment. Don't tell Paula about this last endeavor I leave you with.

-Sue Engel