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Texas Rescue Stallion has been Identified!
He is a full-registered American Cream



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ACDHA Presidents Report Fall 2017

Welcome ACDHA Members and Friends!

This season of activities with our “Cream” team has provided the opportunity to reflect on how we can enhance both the American Cream Draft Horse’s presence, and it’s stature within the Equine World. The key to developing a fresh and exciting image for our horses is by combining the very distinctive qualities and nature of this Horse with it’s “Roots” here in America. This would dramatically elevate our “Brand” that we currently present to the public. The Andalusian, Hanoverian, Iberian, Friesian and Gypsy Vanner Horse Societies do a splendid job with their presentation and “Brand” recognition. I encourage all of you to visit their websites to see their excellent marketing efforts for yourself. These other breeds do not offer more quality in a horse than we find within our “Cream” herds. ACDHA Members that own Cream horses are very familiar with their extensive capabilities, beauty, and wonderful demeanor. Much more than looks and performance is hidden within our horses. It’s also their history here in America that sets them well apart from all those more recognizable breeds. To understand this, we must look beyond “Granny” the Matriarch of the entire ACDHA Registry and consider her probable ancestry. Research into that History has revealed the following facts: First – There are no known immaculate conceptions in the Equine World, so



“Granny” had to have some roots pretty close to Story County, Iowa around the turn of the Century. At the time Granny emerged at a farm sale in 1905, only one heavy horse breed from that region was strikingly similar in appearance, color, conformation, stature, movement and possessed the same gentle demeanor. These horses were primarily owned by Egbert Howes of the earliest American Circus family. Egbert was the last active family member

involved in a long line of the Howes Circus. The Howes pioneered the development of much of the American Circus starting with Nathan Howes back in the late 1790’s. He joined forces with his younger brother Seth and a few partners over the decades, to develop the Great American Circus Shows of the 1800’s. Seth Howes took their Circus around America; the first to use tents, bleachers, wagons and later trains to transport the Show across the countryside. Not stopping at the Ocean’s edge, he took his Circus to Europe for seven years and impressed Royal audiences abroad. Egbert continued that heritage by bringing the first Circus Show to the West Coast, hiring the second train to ever travel over the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869. On board that train were very unique Circus Horses the family had been using all across America ever since Seth’s trip to France in 1834.



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Letter of Intent for the ACDHA Director Ballot

This letter is presented to the ACDHA Membership to request placement on the Ballot for the position of Director. Serving an additional term would allow the opportunity to work on more fully developing the Marketing program that promotes these fine American Cream Draft Horses. The focus will be to increase their recognition, while significantly elevating their stature of the within the Equine community. Please take the time to read the Presidents Report for specifics on how we can achieve these goals.

John Schwartzler

Letter of Intent for the ACDHA Director Ballot

Hello Fellow Creamers

I first want to say how excited I am to be a part of this great Association and having the chance to meet and work with the membership. It has been a great pleasure getting to know you and I look forward to meeting more of you in the future!

Me: I still live in Maine, and our winters are cold, but at least the summers are not too hot!! I started with just one Cream, Timex. If you count my personal Creams and the Creams in the Rescue (MerEquus Equine Rescue) I believe the count is up to 10 now! All occurring in a matter of a very short time! I do not believe there is ANY doubt that I have a passion for our American Creams and the preservation of this breed. I want to thank everyone that has supported my efforts and the Cream rescue so far. It has been a great journey that would not be possible without amazing ACDHA members that have helped along the way to HELP save these beautiful Creams!!

Why am I running for Director? I feel there are still so many things that we can do to help our Association come together and work better for our breed, and I would like the opportunity to have a go at it!

First, I would like to make it one of my efforts to get the voices of the membership heard more often and regularly, as well as more involved in the Association. We as directors are available for you the members, but if you do not contact us we cannot hear your needs and/or questions (thus, be of help to you). The ACDHA meets once a year, which addresses Association business as well as concerns that require membership voting etc. That is also when you as a member can voice your thoughts and accomplishments, changes and concerns. In addition to this meeting, I would like to talk with the membership and get your thoughts – ideas – comments, and be available throughout the year (and not social media which makes it a free for all). We HAVE to build our membership strong; it is our members who will continue registering our Creams and making sure they remain a magnificent breed. This will take some more planning and listening and see where it will take us, but we must try.

Second, I think it is important to work at finding a way to build a stronger database for tracking our horses, which should include identification and DNA. With such a small number of horses we should be able to tackle this effort as an Association. Other large associations have done it! What we need is participation and also commitment from not only our Cream breeders, but all of our Cream owners. This will be a BIG effort that will span a long time, but the ideas are swirling! Stay tuned for this effort as things get lined up!

Well, that is me and the ideas I have to help our Association and our Creams. Remember, there is a perfect Cream out there.....it is the one (or several) you own and love!

Thanks, Kerrie
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Texas Cream Stallion Rescue



Another Cream has been rescued and is safely owned by MerEquus Equine Rescue (MEERS). This Cream was saved with the help of the Murrays in Texas and would not have been possible without them. Anne was notified by a friend of a possible Cream stallion going through an auction near them in Texas. A late-night sale, however, and the opportunity to bid on him was just missed. Word was that he was going on to a sale to upcoming Saturday night. Anne contacted MerEquus and we jumped in to help and make this rescue happen. While in communication, we laid out a plan with certain contingencies along the way. At the same time, we continued to make every effort to properly identify this stallion. We determined early on, he was not #581 as he was announced at the first sale. Doubts – decisions – emotions – plans – all made up the choice on whether we move forward with such a big commitment. We would not have been able to do this without the generosity of the MURRAYS. They are the Rock that this rescue effort was possible!

Without the Murrays on the ground and local, there is no way we could have made this happen. Ken graciously offered to go to the sale on Saturday to get eyes on him, as well as try to talk with people who might have information about the stallion. We also wanted an idea who else might possibly be bidding on him. If the stallion looked to be Cream, was healthy (enough to be rehabilitated at least), and was manageable, Ken was going to bid on him for the rescue. It turns out that Ken is SO GOOD at this!!! I wish he was at all the locations all the time! Well, we WON the stallion!

Ken was able to talk with some people, and learn a few things. Because the stallion was not #581 based on his markings (thank you Wendell for sending photos to confirm this) as announced at auction, Mr. Murray was able to talk with announcers at the Saturday auction. They kindly did the right thing and said he was being sold without papers. We have determined that the previous owner was not trying to be fraudulent – he was mistaken on #581 as the papers had never been transferred, and it was this man's wife that usually would handle any of the horse related activities – that was the number he thought he remembered – that was all. However, this is a GOOD lesson for people to TRANSFER your horses, and please microchip!

What Ken did find out: He was originally purchased from the breeder by Laura Peterson (spelling unknown) and she lived in the Montana area. She sold the horse when he was about 9 years old (yo) to the man who sold him at auction. He was used for pasture breeding haflingers and quarter horses for the last 6 years or so. That puts the horse around 15 yo. However, the Murrays did not see the Gullivers Groove on the tooth, possibly putting the age of the horse around 20. The horse was called "Dom", but no horse was identified in our registry with a hint of that name.

We have identified all the horses (stallions) in our registry that would fall within the appropriate age bracket, and have discounted those that do not fit the description, have been gelded, or know their whereabouts/fate. We are following up on the few remaining leads that we have, though we are on a promising lead that requires verification at this point. Please stay tuned for our update!

Two things: 1. Why did we save him?

In short, it was about doing the right thing for the breed. Sure, there were others interested in him, and I am sure several that would have loved to snatch him up to cross-breed whatever to because he was “so rare..”! So, no this guy probably was not in danger of slaughter. That is not what is going to help our breed survive in the long run. There is an overabundance of MUTT horses and we surely didn't need any more just because he is rare and pretty! We also do not need any stallions that cannot be properly identified, that in and of itself may dictate his path into gelding-hood!

2. What is the fate of this boy?

It is in the best interest of our Creams to do the best possible thing to them in terms of our breed. We have spent countless hours trying to properly identify this horse to determine his lineage. The Murrays have opened their doors to him and provided unlimited hay and grain to get him healthy. He is being tested (DNA) and we look forward to reviewing the results. He is a very handsome boy that will make someone a very nice horse. Ken has said he does have some manners in there, but I am guessing after years of pasture breeding that it will take some work to polish them up! We have a few interested in adopting him at this point. Adopters and horses are paired together to allow for the most promising successful future. We are still evaluating and in that process, it does not happen quickly sometimes.

Right now this boy is getting healthy and fed. I am told he stands just about 16 hands, and is gaining weight. He is definitely heavy boned (draft), but test results will confirm this if any doubts. He currently weighs about 1700-1750 pounds, is a light Cream, has a full blaze, pink skin, and amber eyes.

We want to thank everyone who has offered kind words of encouragement, has donated, and supported us in every possible way. It is not just money that helps the rescue as this story tells us – transport, hay, going to the auction, fostering, and so much more!! Just getting the word out and fundraising is brilliant!! Anne and Ken, if ever you may want to be MEERS committee members, you just say the word!!

Please stay tuned for updates on the conclusion of this boy's identification. Also, what the next chapter may hold for him. He will certainly be up for adoption. If anyone is interested in submitting an application please contact me and I will get you one. Thanks again, everyone for your help, interest and support in securing a Cream-life for this boy. I am so happy that we were able to come together for him.

Kindest Regards, Kerrie Beckett and MerEquus Equine Rescue & Sanctuary

UPDATE: We have positively identified this stallion as Warland Farm Scout #561 (born 2003). His ID has been verified with the two previous owners and the breeder as well. We (Ken mostly) have done a TON of footwork to backtrack this horse as the transfers were not done properly. So tracking down original bill of sales, photos, registration papers, people that moved, etc. is a LOT of work! Please, people - do the TRANSFERS!



Sprouse's Corner Ranch

On July 12th, Triple Springs Farm, Dillwyn VA, and Roy & Cheryl Martin welcomed campers and counselors from Sprouse's Corner Ranch, Dillwyn, VA. The Martins hosted the nearly 20 members of SCR to their 80 acres of rolling green hills to meet and interact with these "Gentle Giants" of the Draft Horse world. As the breed is critically endangered, the Martins feel strongly about sharing their horses with groups such as SCR. They believe that education of the Public is vital to the promotion and preservation of Creams. In addition to the excitement of being up close and personal with such rare horses, the SCR group was able to love on the two, nearly 2 month old foals! "Lady Lucy" and "Sir Donald", born 5/9/17 and 5/14/17 respectively, round out a herd of, now 7, American Creams living on the farm. Demonstrations, discussions, games, pizza & ice cream, and of course lots of one-on-one time with these beautiful Creams, made it a great time had by all!



The horses were the Howes primary Circus equine performers from 1834 until the very early 1900's. These fine steeds are well documented throughout the archives of the World Circus Museum in Baraboo, Wisconsin. FYI – Baraboo was the annual winter grounds for the Great Shows and is located a couple hours across the border from



Story County, Iowa. Drop by some time and look at the collection of nearly 100 famous Circus wagons. We'll save you that trip to Baraboo's Research Library to research horses, as the Howes were famous for their Royal Hanoverian Cream Circus Horses throughout most of the 1800's. It's a plain and simple fact that those champagne colored Circus horses lived only a short drive from where Granny was found by the Nelson Bros. at that Farm Sale in 1905. It's more than likely that the Cream Circus horses had been bred into the horse we see today during their first three quarters of a century living here in America! Refer to the 1880's photo of Egbert Howes' Cream Circus Wagon Hitch photo. Look familiar? Compare it to the photo of the

American Cream's Hitch photo from the 1940's/50's. We'll be presenting a History and Marketing Plan at the upcoming ACDHA Meeting in Lebanon, Tennessee. Do show up with your view points, ideas and information in October as the time is now ripe for the American Creams Draft Horse to come out of the closet, and take it's rightful place in Equine History. Marketing will be a primary topic for general discussion at our 2017 ACDHA Meeting this October, so get on-board the "Cream" wagon, and we we'll accomplish a lot in Lebanon!



Who would like to join our ELITE GROUP as an OFFICER of the ACDHA?

Each year before our annual meeting we have an election for directors who would serve for 3 consecutive years as a quorum to make decisions between meetings. If this is something you would be interested in participating in; 1. write a campaign letter explaining why the members may want to vote for you and what you hope to accomplish by becoming their voice, 2. submit your letter to the Secretary/Treasurer. The directors will always be available to members who have questions about registering, new memberships, and any duties that are expected to stay in compliance and thus helping to keep our records current.

Here are the requirements as posted in our By-Laws:

ARTICLE III. POSITIONS

Section I. Directors

- A. Directors must be full members in good standing.
- B. Only one member per immediate family may serve as a Director for the Association at a time.
- C. At all board meetings, four directors shall constitute a quorum.
- D. All Directors shall have regular access to an e-mail address.
- E. The Board of Directors shall have the following positions: President, Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer and have six Directors.



Being as our Breed is endangered, it's quite an honor to meet as many American Cream Draft horses as possible.

What a lovely day we had visiting the Doran's in South Carolina at their farm, Carolina Creams!

It was an extra special treat to, once again, see now 2 year old "Sonny". We first met Sonny when he was a newborn at Sue Engel's farm in Michigan, on a road trip during our annual meeting in Shipshewana, Indiana.

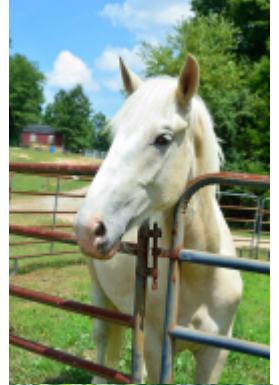
We also loved on River, and the rest of their beautiful herd. We can't wait for our next time together!

I highly recommend that everyone try to visit other Cream farms, and continue to promote every chance you can.

Thank you to all Cream owners. Please share these Gentle Giants!!

by Cheryl Martin

with photos by Betty Shapiro



NEW LOGO MERCHANDISE



We will have new embroidered shirts, jackets, etc. available by special order at the 2017 meeting. After the meeting, the newsletter will have order blanks for placing your very own custom order.

This new logo is available because Karen Watson worked with A LOGO FOR YOU, using our LOGO that was approved several years ago; making sure the end product matched our digital design. This embroidered design was also done with our 75th anniversary coming up in 2019. The merchandise will be available with or without the 75th anniversary design and with or without it on the pocket position and the sleeve position.

Prices will vary by product ordered and embroidery wanted. The set up fee has been donated to the Association by Karen and Dennis Watson, so the next time you see them don't forget to give them a big THANK YOU.

HORSE PROGRESS DAYS 2017

Horse Progress Days 2017 was held in Leola, Pennsylvania on June 30th and July 1st . The last time it was held in Pennsylvania was 2011 and our Annual Meeting was planned around it. David and I had taken a team of horses in 2011 and had planned/hoped to bring another team down this year. Unfortunately, one of the horses had other ideas, as we all know horses can do. So, it was our reluctant decision not to potentially compromise the safety of thousands or be the fodder of HPD conversations for years to come.

With the help of Frank and Paula Tremel from Maryland, and Rich and Deb Osborn from New Jersey, the Association did have a booth there. Our "indoor" booth was in the corner of a tent with no sides. As much as we appreciated the constant breeze - make that wind - in the 90+ degree heat, it didn't bode well for pictures standing up or table cloths staying down. But we forged on...Leonard Offutt and Catherine Murphy stopped by, people that we knew from Massachusetts were there, and Frank and Paula's daughter, Kim DiPietro, came with her family. The banner that Sue had made up last year drew a lot of attention and we chatted with several people during the course of the two days.

So far this season, Leola has been dry and dusty. Mother Nature picked Saturday to make up for that. You could see the black clouds rolling in throughout the day. By the time 4:00pm hit we were told to hightail it out of there, and we did. The skies opened up when we were almost back to the motel so the area got badly needed rain while we managed to remain dry.

All in all, it is an event that is worth having presence at. The Association has \$135 more than they had on June 29th and David and I have about \$1,800 less (trailer repair \$1,300 and 165 bales of straw \$500 – stories for another time). As with all of these events, people in the region do need to help each other out. We were fortunate to have had that help.

Nancy Lively – ACDHA Secretary

October in Vermont

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The American Cream Draft Horse family in Germany



1. Lincoln (sire)

Flew to Germany in 2014

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2. Connie (dam)

Flew to Germany in 2015

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3. Clara (filly)

Born in 2016

4. ???



Thank you Katharina Böttcher
for submitting your photos for
our newsletter.

In addition to the requirements for a Director as stated in the By-laws, a Director should to the best of his/her ability to:

- * Be available for the membership;
- * Attend the annual ACDHA meeting;
- * Be available for regular communications for ACDHA business;
- * Act professionally and in the best interest and representation of the ACDHA;
- * Be cautious and positive on social media, comments can often be misconstrued and that is an easy way to turn members away and we need to build our membership.

FYI: The letter on the right is some of the things we sign up for when we become directors.

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Dear Cream Leadership Team,

A number of my dear face book friends have suggested I contact you all since I can't seem to be getting anywhere with tracking registration from Nancy Lively. As you can see this lovely 14 month old



gelding has all of the necessary Cream characteristics, A medium cream color body, head, 2 ears, a tail, likes to eat a lot of hay and poops a lot. Color is off a little on tail and mane

but I blame that on the camera and the lighting.

My son and grandchildren decided I had to much spare time and was probably going to get in trouble sending nasty emails and speaking my mind to people. Thought it was better if I was busy at home instead of out with the general public. So Grandfather now has another project. This was done knowing that within a few days we should have a foal on the ground. Please help and my face book friends will speak well of you and the ACDHA.

SINCERELY

F. Stephen Tremel
Owensville, Md

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

2017 ACDHA meeting Information

The dates blocked off are: October 19, 20 and 21 (2017)

\$139 plus 16.25% per night

If anyone wishes to stay Sunday night as well, please let them know when calling to get the discounted rate. October is the busiest month for Lebanon motels and the prices are almost \$300 per night WITHOUT the discount.

The hotel is the Holiday Inn Express
You will have to phone the motel at: 615-994-3225

Anyone that answers the phone should be able to help you. There is no "code" for the block of rooms, just let them know that you are with the AMERICAN CREAM DRAFT HORSE ASSOCIATION.

These rooms are blocked until September 18, 2017

We are very excited about the honor of hosting the 2017 annual meeting! We look forward to sharing time with each of you!

The Bradfords

I thought you would like to know what becomes of retired ACDHA presidents. Obviously for Frank it's cultivating his crops. Looks like a fine way to spend your time.

Please note the request in the note from Frank below, maybe someone can help this old man out.



This is a picture of an old man here topping his tobacco today. This stuff was planted on June 2, grew like a weed! Donations being accepted to buy some new used work clothes.

Frank



This is Belle Davis' ACD mare Bobbi. She is competing in a combined driving competition. Learn more about this type of driving and what it takes to train your draft in our next issue of the American Cream News.

