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American Cream Draft Horse Association **80th Anniversary**

President's Greetings and an Invitation to Annual meeting in Iowa Falls, Iowa July 11th -13th

Greetings fellow American Cream Draft breeders, owners, and admirers, our next annual meeting is quickly approaching and I am hoping many of you are planning on attending the meeting this summer. Wendell Lupkes, along with Maggie are our hosts this year for the 80th Anniversary back at Ellsworth College in Iowa Falls which will also include a parade in Radcliffe on Saturday. Barbara Knox Homrighaus has an amazing Expo prepared for the meeting. I have included a pamphlet produced by Wendell Lupkes, as part of this newsletter since it contains a wealth of



ACDHA Annual Meeting – Iowa Falls IA

information. The activities will start Thursday, 7/11 at the C.T. Rierson Arena with horse demos and a buffet meal that evening. Our annual meeting will be on Friday at the Ellsworth Equestrian Center.

Also in the newsletter are three letters of intent from three outstanding individuals for the Board of Directors, please read them carefully and be prepared to cast your vote when you receive the ballot.

I would be remiss if I didn't clue you in that this Newsletter was not produced by Sue Engle, our very competent editor but by your slow typing, learn as you go President. Please keep Sue in your prayers and thoughts as she recovers from Respiratory issues.

Please enjoy this newsletter and as always, if you have any questions just let me know.

Thanks, Belle Davis, President ACDHA, Belledavis59@gmail.com

Letters of Intent



Hello. I am Karen Smith Watson, and I am running for the position of Director of the American Cream Draft Horse Association (ACDHA). I have been with the association for well over 35 years, starting out as an associate member and then becoming a full member and in 2009 a Life member. During my tenure with the association, I have served as Vice President and Director. I had the pleasure of *meeting* Karene Topp in person the year she stepped down as secretary and worked with Betsy Ziebell on the board for many years.

In 1989 to present, I was instrumental in creation of the breeding program of the American Cream Drafts for Colonial Williamsburg Foundation (CWF) for the Rare Breeds Program. In my personal breeding program and CWF, I was the first to show the cream drafts at the Virginia State Fair, and several other venues with remarkable success and enthusiasm. Currently half owner of a cream draft and I am planning on expanding in the future.

In 1990, with the financial support of CWF, I became the founding editor of the American Cream Newsletter, which ran from 1991 to 2004. The intent of the newsletter was to keep members informed of the association news and nationwide happenings within the breed. Another goal was to record the history and preserve the history of early members and their stock. The current newsletter under the excellent editorship of Sue Engle, has now blossomed into a great periodical.

In 1996, Dr. Gus Cothran generously offers to blood typing/genetic testing, at no expense, for the association. It was a controversial idea but needed to be done to establish Creams as a genetically separate breed of draft horse, not merely a color breed. I strongly recommended members to submit samples and pulled many samples myself. As a result of this testing, it was established that American

Cream Drafts are genetically separate breed! It is our responsibility to continue preserving this amazing breed.

Over the years the members have spread American Cream breed recognition in many ways from a postage stamps, plastic model horses, books/magazines and hopefully the state horse of Iowa, all through their efforts. I would like to continue to promote the breed to every way possible, so that the American Cream Draft is recognized and appreciated for the unique breed they are. Many possibilities are there as continues to expand and promote the breed.

Our junior membership is our future and needs to be nurtured. Maggie Lupkes and Ben Corson are leading the way moving from junior to full members passing down the family's passion for the American Cream Drafts. The junior members are our future and our responsibility to educate, support and encourage them, so they can continue the legacy of the breed.

In 1994, the 50th anniversary of the association we had 34 full members and 17 associate members, last year 2023 we are up to 75 Full members, 27 Associate, 8 Junior and 21 Life members. Our members are very passionate about their ideals in where they envision where this breed is going in the future. I hold true to the core of what the ideal of the American Cream Draft Horse is. If I am elected Director, I can assure you, that to the best of my ability, I will listen, discuss and advise what is best for the preservation of the American Cream Draft Horse, and encourage and support the membership.

2nd letter



Kris Vandenburg, Lamoni, Iowa 50140
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I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving as a board member for the ACDHA. As an avid enthusiast of our beloved Creams and a dedicated member of the equine community, I am eager to contribute my passion, skills, and vision to further the association's mission of preserving and showcasing our unique breed for future generations. I recognize the importance of proactive measures to secure the future of our breed. I

am driven by a profound commitment to not only maintaining the breed's distinctive qualities but also to elevate its prominence and appeal in the ever-changing landscape of the equine world. My husband Chris and I dove into the world of creams back in 2021 with our colt Hawkeye, followed by Luna in 2022. Since then, we've been laying the groundwork for a show and breed program at Ridgeview Ranch. Luna's been turning heads at events like the Iowa Horse Fair and parades, and we're thrilled to announce we'll be breeding her this season for our first cream foal in 2024! Meanwhile, Hawkeye's gearing up for a career in western dressage and we are aiming to showcase him in the Oklahoma circuit soon. Plus, we have been pushing for more breed classes and shows locally and statewide. We are firm believers in responsible breeding and giving these stunning horses the exposure they deserve. I possess a steadfast dedication to ensuring the breed's sustainability for future generations. I believe in implementing strategic initiatives that not only showcase Cream's excellence but also create educational opportunities and events to engage and inspire a new generation of enthusiasts.

My skills align perfectly with the association's mission of advocating for the Creams. With my collaborative approach, effective communication, and innovative thinking, I'm *confident* my skills will complement the existing members and I can add significant value to the board. Together, we have the power to amplify the association's impact and truly make a meaningful difference for our breed.

I humbly request the opportunity to contribute and work alongside the passionate individuals who make up the ACDHA board. Collectively, we can build a future where our Creams thrive, while capturing the hearts of new enthusiasts and preserving its legacy for generations to come.

Thank you for considering my nomination. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss in greater detail how my skills and vision align with the association's mission and objectives!

3RD letter



My name is Tiffany Corson, and I would appreciate your consideration for Director of the American Cream Draft Horse Association Board for my second term.

Throughout my career, it has been my great honor to educate the public about the American Cream breed. I currently manage the breeding and horse business here at Corson Acres. I joined the ACDHA when I was 17 and have spent my life working and showing American Creams. In 1997, I was the first person to represent the American Cream breed at the Youth Hostel Program, where I met

trainers who taught me how to drive, train, and braid for show.

Since 2002, I have had the privilege of owning my own half-Cream gelding, Indy, who was born here at Corson Acres. Indy has become an ambassador for the American Cream breed. When I

went to college at Meredith Manor, Indy came with me, and since then, we have represented the Cream breed in eventing, dressage, hunter jumper, Pony Club, 4-H, and so much more. In 2008, Indy was used as a model for a Stone Horse at the Stone Horse County Fair, where he was the only half-Cream horse model they'd ever created. In 2017, Indy won the Half-Draft Horse Award at the Kentucky Horse Park, becoming the first American Cream cross to receive the title.

I manage the day-to-day operations of Corson's Creams, as well as the breeding, training, driving, and showing. Currently, Corson Creams has a breeding program where we breed both full American Creams and half Creams. We register the half Creams with the American Warmblood Society & Sport horse Registry. Last year, we had the very first ACDH born via embryo transfer. So far this year, we have had another successful embryo transfer foal born! We are expecting two more full Creams from surrogate mares, in addition to our two ACDH mares that are carrying their own foals. That makes five full creams due this year! We also have one half Cream due, and my Oldenburg mare is expecting a full Oldenburg foal. THAT is SEVEN foals this year! We are going to be so tired and extremely grateful.

My goal as the ACDHA Director is to help the ACDHA in any way necessary by continuing the work I do in service of the breed and the organization. I think my extensive knowledge would make me a perfect fit for the position, and I appreciate your consideration again.

Meeting Registration

Please register for the meeting! Below is the registration form for Iowa; please include the number attending and payment for the meeting. Also, please tell us the number attending the Thursday evening buffet so that we can get a head count in order to plan (pay for the buffet at the meeting).
 ~ Thank you!

<u>ACDHA 2024 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION</u>		
Member Registration for Meeting (\$30/pp)	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Number of Members Registering	_____	_____
(Names) _____		
Number of Non-members Registering	_____	_____
(Name) _____		
<u>LUNCH at Meeting:</u> Lunch is separate and group orders from subway will be made during the meeting (morning) at an additional charge collected at the meeting.		
We need a head count for the Thursday evening buffet (cost is \$14/pp collected at the meeting)	_____	_____
Thank you for registering! We are so happy you will be joining us for great FUN in Iowa!!		

Mail registration form and payment to:

ACDHA
 226 Schellinger Road
 Poland, ME 04274

[Our 2024 ACDHA 80th Anniversary Expo in Iowa Falls Saturday July 13th, from 2 until about 5 pm](#) has American Cream Draft horses coming from Texas, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and of course, Iowa. Featuring Creams in a variety of ages and genders at the Ellsworth Equestrian Center, 709 Ellsworth Avenue, just south of Theisen's on the west side of US Highway 65, Creams will be shown in halter, ridden and driven, with examples of multiple



generations demonstrating improvement in conformation, while staying true to the 1944 established breed standards.

Prior to the Expo at 2 pm on Saturday you may want to take in the following:

- 1) View American Cream Draft Horses in the Radcliffe Summerfest Parade on **Saturday morning at 10 am** in Radcliffe
- 2) Look over **“The Charter Horses”** exhibit of photographs and memorabilia related to the First 200 Creams on the ACDHA Registry, shown **at the CT Rierson Arena from 9 to 5 on Saturday**. Free and open to the public, the descendants and extended family of the early Owners and Breeders of

the First 200 Creams are especially invited to attend July 11th – 13th.



3) Go to the stall area, visit with the Expo exhibitors, and see the horses up close in a meet and greet at 1 pm, one hour prior to the show, as they prepare for the Exposition at 2 pm at the Arena, and afterwards. **Please follow any signs and announcements for your convenience and safety.**

See You Soon Associate Members...

We hope to see you in 6 weeks at the annual meeting!

There will be a special session over lunch on Friday, July 12th, just for Associate members.

Barb Clair

Associate Membership Co-chairs
Barb Knox Homrighaus 920-461-3236 and Clair Rierson 301-524-2097

ACDHA ASSOCIATE MEMBER PROJECT

AN EXHIBIT DURING THE ACDHA ANNUAL MEETING IN IOWA FALLS FOR THEIR 80TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

"THE CHARTER HORSES"

WHEN: THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 11 - 13TH

WHERE: THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER IN IOWA FALLS, IOWA

HOURS: 9 - 5 EACH DAY

OWNERS & BREEDERS ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED ALONG WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC, TO VIEW "THE CHARTER HORSES" AS PART OF THE

80TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CREAM DRAFT HORSE ASSOCIATION IN IOWA FALLS. "THE

CHARTER HORSES" BEGINS ON NATIONAL AMERICAN CREAM DRAFT HORSE DAY, THURSDAY JULY 11TH, AND RUNS THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 13TH.

Sneak Preview

When the American Cream Horse Association Charter was granted by the State of Iowa in 1944, there were 125 American Cream Draft Horses that had foaled between 1904-1944 on the Registry - they are "The Charter Horses". View photos, such as "Rachel and Roxey" (right) owned by Charter Members Robert and Leonard Ites¹, at the Equestrian Center in Iowa Falls July 11 - 13th from 9 am to 5 pm during the ACDHA Annual Meeting in Iowa Falls.



Reminder of Meeting Information

Plans are being made for the 2024 ACDHA 80th Anniversary meeting in Iowa Falls, Iowa on July 11th, 2024

Airline Contact Information

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Room	Type	Quantity	Rate (+ tax)
1 King Bed	5		\$105.00(+\$12.60)
2 Queen Beds	20		\$110.00(+\$13.20)
1 Queen Bed Accessible	1		\$110.00(+\$13.20)
2 Queen Bed Accessible	1		\$110.00(+\$13.20)

We have a no pet policy; we do not allow pets into the room or building.

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Email: super8iafallsia@hotmail.com

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Check Out : 11:00 AM

Rooms are \$85 - \$90 per night + tax

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Pets allowed

General policy

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Service animals are exempt from fees

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