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 Colhan, 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.

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.

Frank Tremmel
(301) 261-5327
New Cream Products

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation has introduced two new product items that deal with Rare Breeds.

Colonial Williamsburg's rare breeds program, one of the largest in the United States, is dedicated to the preservation and continuation of animals that were once a vital part of our American heritage but have been brought to the brink of extinction. Colonial Williamsburg's Rare Breeds include the Milking Devon, Leicester Longwool Sheep, Dominique and Silver, spangled Hamburgh, Old English Gamecock, and the American Cream Draft Horse.

Child's wooden puzzle with the rare breeds at Colonial Williamsburg. The product number is 492207 and it measures 8½"x11¾". made of laminated wood. The front has a full color design and on the back a description of each animal. The cost is $9.95 plus s/h. This puzzle is recommended for ages 4 and under.

A new rare breeds tee shirt is also available with various scenes of animals, including an American Cream. The shirt is available in light blue, tan, and white. The cost is $17.95. Karen Smith will have examples for viewing at the July 12th meeting.

The sign shown here (a road sign in yellow with black letters and horse) is available for $20.00. You will want to make certain your state laws permit placement of this sign where your horses cross. Because it is a crossing sign there may not be much call for it. Let the secretary know if you are interested in ordering.

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE JULY 1**

Annual membership fees of $10.00 are due July 1, 1997. Both full and associate members are required to pay, due to fund raising. Make checks payable to A.C.D.H.A.

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