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Annual Meeting
Oct 29 - 31, 2009
Bend, Oregon

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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Guess by the time you receive this newsletter the worst of the winter should be over and we go into one of the prettiest times of the year.

If you live where there is the possibility that a rabbit, rat, possum, raccoon, deer or any other mammal might die and decay in your pasture then you should pay attention to the article on Botulism. Until a few years ago my vet had stopped recommending the shot that helped guard against this disease. He had not seen this silent killer for years. I have personally witnessed the effects of this virus on 2 foals, one was normal in the afternoon, down at dark and dead the next morning, the other one recovered after many weeks of extensive hospital care at a high cost. Read this information then discuss it with your vet.

Now that spring is approaching, it is the perfect time to get some pictures and send them to Sue Engel for the next calendar. Even though we are a few months into the new year, there are still calendars available and they do make nice presents to your horse friends. Remember this is one of our main fund raisers.

Have you started making plans for our 2009 annual meeting in Bend, Oregon on October 30 & 31? Having never been in this part of the country, I am looking forward to visiting this area and meeting our members on the West coast. Remember, the web site is yours, use it. Send your information or ads to Wendell Lupkes, site coordinator. Take advantage of this service.

Frank Tremel
THURSDAY - Sight-seeing Options
Lava Butte and lava caves. Trail of Glass (obsidian at Newberry Crater). Smith Rocks (world renown climbing rocks). Mt. Bachelor Ski resort. The Cascade Mountain Range is in your face all day! Scenic McKenzie Hwy, right out of Sisters, where you can drive over and through some of the most recent lava flows in the continental US. (Mount St. Helens sent mud, not lava, down its slopes). These flows are over 1000 years old. The Elk Ranch on the side of Sisters and at the beginning of the McKenzie Hwy. Eagle Crest Resort (with golf). Central Oregon boasts more top 50 places to golf in the USA with many of the top 10 here.

FRIDAY
9:00 AM - Visit to The Small Farmer’s Journal office and talk with Lynn Miller.
Noon - Lunch at Bronco Billy’s and tour the quaint Western town of Sisters, known for many things including its blue grass festival, annual quilting weekend, and annual Sisters gathering where sisters from all over the world get together. Visit Elk Ranch near Sisters.
Supper - 7 PM - tba (in Sisters).

SATURDAY
9 AM - Annual General Meeting at Comfort Inn & Suites in Bend.
12:00 Lunch - Catered (details tba - bids still coming in). Silent Auction winners announced.
After the meeting - Caravan to Cream Acres Ranch for socializing. Buffet.

SUNDAY
9 AM - Play day at Cream Acres Ranch driving all the hitches from 6-up down to the Single.
Lunch - Weather permitting, BBQ cookout. Anyone wishing to help provide food is encouraged to do so, or beverages of your choice.

HOTEL: Comfort Inn & Suites - Bend, OR
           1-866-326-0271   K: $80.99/2Q: $85.99
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       Budget 541-255-5520
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PRESS RELEASE
January 16, 2009

THE NATIONAL SPORTING LIBRARY
A RESEARCH CENTER FOR HORSE AND FIELDS SPORTS

FROM: The National Sporting Library, Middleburg, VA
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Nathaniel Currier (American, 1813-1888) and James Merritt Ives (American, 1824-1895)

Rysdyk’s Hambletonian
1876
Lithograph 25 x 33 inches
The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame, Goshen, N.Y.

National Sporting Library To Host Exhibit,
The Story of Harness Racing by Currier & Ives

MIDDLEBROUGH, VA – Friday, March 13, 2009.

A collection of rare, original Currier & Ives lithographs will open at the National Sporting Library. The exhibition, entitled The Story of Harness Racing by Currier & Ives, will be on display in the Forrest E. Mars, Sr., Exhibit Hall through Friday, July 3.

This exhibit is on loan from The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame, located in Goshen, N.Y. Goshen, a colonial village known as "The Cradle of the Trotter," is the birthplace of trotting. Today, the sport is known as harness racing; its horses are Standardbreds. The museum's brilliant showcase celebrates harness racing's history and heroes. The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame is home to the world's largest collection of Currier & Ives trotting prints, and its educational and interactive exhibits are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of America's first pastime.

This show of more than 30 original lithographs features a selection from The Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame's main collection. It is sponsored by grants from: the Patricia S. Winder Fund; the CTW Foundation, Inc.; the Thomas W. and Florence T. Murphy Fund of the New York Community Trust, the State of New York; and the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund.

The more than 30 lithographs illustrate, in an artifact way, harness racing's important role in American culture and history. Prints depicting great trotting horses, bucolic mid-19th century scenes and comedic adventures convey a picturesque view of Americana prior to the advent and development of photography.

The National Sporting Library is located at 102 The Plains Rd. in Middleburg and is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The Museum of Sporting Art at Vine Hill next door is open by appointment during the Library's normal hours of operation.

The National Sporting Library is a non-lending research library open to the general public. Its 16,000-book collection covers a wide range of horse and field sports, including foxhunting, polo, coaching, shooting, angling, and Thoroughbred racing. It also includes biographies of sporting enthusiasts, newly-published fiction and non-fiction, current and back issues of periodicals, and scores of rare editions housed in the F. Ambrose Clark Rare Book Room. (The earliest editions date to the 1520s.) Films, magazine articles, and unpublished papers—diaries, scrapbooks, and manuscripts—round out its offerings. The Library also houses many fine works of sporting art, including paintings, sculpture, and such Americana as weather vanes donated by the late philanthropist Paul Mellon.
Frequently Careful nism owner) or muscle with cause disease The this vegetable. The poisoning”, in All by susceptible. Botulism, has appeared has last very prevalent in new areas from the last outbreak. What is resurfaced. What is being谩谩reformed by “forage poisoning”, in foals it is termed “shaker foal syndrome”.

CAUSE
The toxin is formed by the bacterium “Clostridium botulinum” and is found in soils across the United States. There are three major routes of infection. Actual ingestion of the toxin is probably the most important route in adult horses. Wound botulism has been demonstrated in other animals and can occur in the horse. I have personally treated only one case of this type. Toxico infectious botulism occurs when the animal (in this case the pregnant mare) eats the spores, which then vegetate and produce the toxin in the intestinal tract. The foal form of botulism is most likely this type. In this situation, the amount of toxin formed in the mare is not enough to cause problems in her; however, it will cause disease in the foal. Essentially, the foal is born with the disease.

CLINICAL SIGNS
Foals: Most affected foals are less than eight weeks old. Classical signs include difficulty in swallowing, muscle weakness of varying severity and muscle tremors.
Adult horses: Botulism can occur in any age or sex. Frequently the horse is presented as a colic (the animal will frequently get up and down because of muscle weakness which can be mistaken for pain by the owner) or as esophageal choke (the swallowing mechanism is being interfered with). Careful examination reveals a horse with varying degrees of muscle weakness, a decreased ability to swallow, low, poor tongue tone and poor tail tone. Many times the horse cannot swallow at all. The progression of the disease usually continues on to complete paralysis with death being due to paralysis of the respiratory muscles.

DIAGNOSIS
Presently, diagnosis of Equine Botulism is based primarily on clinical signs and history. Necropsy findings are usually unremarkable. Other diseases that must be considered are choke, EPM (Equine Protozoal Myelitis), guttural pouch disease, moldy corn poisoning (leukoencephalomyelitis), West Nile disease and Rabies. In foals, white muscle disease (Vitamin E/Selenium deficienCy), septicemia (blood infection), hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and Rabies.
Blood results are usually normal. This disease is usually diagnosed by “ruling out” other causes of the signs.

TREATMENT
Currently, treatment consists of administration of botulism antitoxin, optimum nursing care and top quality nutrition. Horses that cannot swallow can be fed via an indwelling stomach tube or by TPN (total parenteral nutrition – IV feeding). It must be noted here that treatment with antitoxin is very expensive but usually results in a survival rate of greater that 70%. Without antitoxin, mortality exceeds 90%.
Horses that have a rapid onset of signs (1-3 days) can be expected to have a worse prognosis than those that have a more gradual onset of signs. The rapidity of onset as well as the severity of clinical signs is dependent on the amount of toxin ingested.

PREVENTION
Presently there is a very effective prevention. Vaccination with C. botulinum toxoid adequately protects greater than 95% of those animals vaccinated. Even in the event that full protection is not achieved, enough protection is present to greatly increase the chances of survival. Initially, three doses of vaccine are administered at monthly intervals. After the initial series, yearly boosters are all that is required.
New Style Logo

While our official logo remains the same, we now have a new style logo to identify our breed. It's a sort of "American Cream Draft-at-a-glance" logo, similar to the line drawings that identify other breeds at a glance without having to see a full photo of the animal. This logo is available to be placed on a variety of merchandise through an online merchandise store:

www.zazzle.com/Am_Cr_Draft_Horse.

Our Merchandise Has Changed!

I presented an alternative to the expense our association was burdened with concerning our old merchandise. We now have a store on-line where anyone can purchase items that are produced as requested - anything from travel mugs to t-shirts to note cards to postage, etc. The new logo presented by member Connie Purchase has been incorporated into the merchandise. There are also other designs that I have added. The merchandise can be personalized when you order them by adding your farm name or any other wording you may want. The best part of all is that the association receives 10% from all products our on-line store sells.

If you are interested in ACDHA merchandise, visit our webpage at http://www.ACDHA.org and go to the merchandise link. An alternative to that is http://www.zazzle.com/Am_Cr_Draft_Horse.

2009 Calendars are still available for $15.00 from Nancy Lively or me. I also have small stuffed American Cream Draft horses from Colonial Williamsburg: Mary the American Cream Draft foal is $10.00 and an American Cream Draft horse finger puppet is $4.00.

Sue Engel

Photos from Equine Affaire - MA

See page 10 for the article by Nancy Lively. Photos courtesy of Equus Survival Trust.
Dennis & Betsy Aufdenkamp’s Refurbished Wagons & Carts
Equine Affaire (MA) - The Metamorphosis of Sandy

Hot on the heels of hosting the Annual Meeting was the Equine Affaire. This is a huge event with 100,000 attendees coming through the gates in four days. There are three of these each year in various parts of the country - California in January, Ohio in April and Springfield, Massachusetts in November. 2008 was the fourth one that David and I have brought horses to, and the second one where the ACDHA has shared a spot in the Breed Pavilion under the Equus Survival Trust umbrella.

Since all of our focus and energy had been geared toward the Annual Meeting, there was little time to prep a horse to perform in the breed demo. Instead, we opted for an extra spot in the display stall each day and brought our 4-year old mare, Sunny, her 4-month old foal (everybody loves a foal) and our 3-year old filly, Sandy. The best story of the week was definitely wrapped around Sandy.

Sandy was the only foal that we had the year that she was born. Therefore, she wasn’t growing up with a potential teammate and was always the odd man out in size, as well as, securing a spot in the training line up. She spent most of her three years being chased by the other horses with the ultimate insult being when the two 2-year old geldings would gang up on her. Now, all of a sudden on a day in November, she was being washed, clipped, combed, and trucked to the Equine Affaire where she would stable with hundreds of other horses. She walked with her head held high and graciously greeted the thousands of people that were sticking their fingers, cameras and coffee cups through the bars of the display stall. Everyone was impressed with her disposition. She was a fine ambassador of the breed and we couldn’t have been prouder. Cinderella had become a Princess!!

As it is with all Cinderella’s, there had to be a “prince”, and Sandy’s “prince” came in the form of a very nice lady from Maine named Jennie Bichrest. It was definitely love at first sight. Jennie and Sandy bonded within moments, and at the end of the Equine Affaire, Sandy went to her new home in Maine. Since then Jennie has become a member of the Association making our record 3-for-3 for people that we have met at the Equine Affaire, sold horses to, become friends with and who joined the Association to boot. Guess it would be stupid for us not to go next year!

Nancy Lively

Correction to owner’s list: Move T00153 Ivan’s Image (M) 2004 to horses owned by James and Charmagne Fraser.

DON’T FORGET YOUR DUES.
See page 10 for a fee schedule and info.

Fair and show information needed for May issue. Send event, dates, and contact info to creamnewseditor@yahoo.com.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH: www.KyEHC.org

HORSE COOKIES

HAM & CHEESE QUICHE

1 unbaked 9” pastry shell
2 Tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 C Half-n-Half
5 eggs
2 slices Swiss cheese
1/2 C fresh spinach, chopped
1/2 C canned mushrooms, drained
5-6 oz ham, chopped
1/2 C cheddar, shredded

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, beat together flour, salt, Half-n-Half and eggs. Place Swiss cheese in bottom of pie crust. Arrange spinach evenly over cheese, then cover with mushrooms. Pour the flour and egg mixture over mushrooms. Cover with ham and top with cheese.

Bake for 45-55 minutes until top is golden brown and center is set.

Cool 10 minutes before serving.

Good hot or chilled.

Farm Equipment Sale (KY)

On May 21, the Fayette County Farm Bureau Machinery Auction will be held at the KHP beginning at 9:30am. Nearly 1,000 pieces of used farm and landscaping equipment will be auctioned. The auction is open to the public. Proceeds will benefit the Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation, which awards an annual scholarship of $20,000 to a Fayette County student. For more information, or to donate equipment for a 100% tax write-off (instead of letting it rust in the field), please contact Carrie Johnson 859-253-0023.
Multi-Tasking Livestock - 31st Annual Conference
(This article is paraphrased from the original presentation, but okayed for print by Jennifer Kendall.)

This conference concentrated on the Multi-Tasking abilities of livestock. The seminars included everything from bunnies to turkeys and how we can take advantage of their abilities in these days of higher prices.

A slide show presented by out-going Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ann Wells, DVM, over-viewed the reasons for having our livestock multi-task for both their good and ours. Particularly, by working with some of the heritage species, we can increase efficiency in both the breeding and production abilities, disease-resistance, sustainability, survivability, and the retention of traits we don't recognize in the physical appearance of the animal.

As for the farmer, land quality can be improved-upon, higher profits can be obtained through the animal's increased efficiency in feed intake-to-progeny or -market production, disease and parasite control is improved by rotation of crop and order of foraging, and vegetation can be kept healthy and weed control in hand with the proper handling of our stock. We can help by recognizing how each species forages or grazes, and rotate them according to how they eat.

Some of the tasks that our livestock can provide include meat, milk, eggs, muscle, manure, show, land management, companionship, fiber & leather, internal & external parasite control, motivation, and profit. The more tasks a animal can provide, the more valuable they are to us and to the species.

We can help by select breeding for quality progeny, by breeding for good temperaments, by breeding for increased production, and by breeding for retention of traits that carry on a healthy herd and species.

James Anderson, 1797
"Essays relating to Agriculture and Rural Affairs"
NORTHWEST HORSE FAIR & EXPO
Celebrating 10 Years with "Extreme" Pride!
10th Anniversary Celebration of the Northwest Horse Fair and Expo, presented by SilverLite Trailers, March 20-22, 2009 at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. Headlining the event are Craig Cameron’s Extreme Cowboy Race™ and the Extreme Mustang Makeover, presented by the Mustang Heritage Foundation.

$7,200 in cash prizes
Craig Cameron - Ride Smart clinics
Kay Meredith - Dressage
Linda Allen - daily Hunter/Jumper clinics
Peggy Brown - Centered Riding® & Centered Driving®
Steve Rother - Horsemanship Without Limits
TV/Radio host & author Rick Lamb - lectures

Northwest Horse Fair and Expo 765-655-2107
www.equinepromotions.net or contact Carol Wilson
impact-communication@embarqmail.com

Advance tickets for the Northwest Horse Fair and Expo are $10 per day for adults and $5 per day for children 6 to 12. Tickets at the gate are $12 per day for adults and $6 per day for children 6 to 12; children 5 and under get in free. Cash only at the gate. Advance tickets go on sale mid-January, throughout Oregon and Washington. Free admission Sunday for Pony Club and 4-H members, 18 and under, who show their current club ID at the gate.

American Cream Draft Horse Association
Statement of Fees

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updated January 1, 2005
BRAIDING THE LONG TAIL

There are times when it is an advantage to tie up the tails on horses that have not been docked. One such time is early spring when there is plenty of mud to go around. It also comes in handy in public sales if a seller wants to emphasize the rear quarters and hocks of a horse being sold.

In any event, there is little excuse for letting a horse’s tail get so long that it is dragging on the ground. Occasional thinning with a jack knife as they get their regular grooming can keep that long tail about hock length. That sort of long tail both looks better and stays cleaner.

Pete McDonough, Belgian breeder and horse farmer from Schaller, Iowa, does an extremely neat job when it comes to braiding the long tail. We visited Pete at his farm and he demonstrated his method to us. (For more on Pete and his horses, see page 19, Winter 84/85 DHJ.) His example and instruction were first rate but trying to illustrate this art with photographs proved to be almost impossible.

The Ohio Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Circular 181, entitled Draft Horses, does an excellent job of showing how this is done with drawings. This manual was prepared by Kristin Myers as a part of a master’s degree project under the supervision of Robert C. Kline, horse extension specialist. It is a very well-done pamphlet and about the only current model of a Draft Horse 4-H pamphlet that we know of. Some of you from other states might be interested in getting a hold of some copies for the 4-H colt club members in your area. Mr. Kline has kindly given us permission to use these drawings to go along with the photos we took at Pete’s.

Place a twine string down the middle of the tail. Pick up two sections of hair from the top of the tail, one from each side (1). Cross the right section over the left section (2) and over the top of the string.

Pick up a third section of hair from the left side (below the previous section) and cross it over the right so it becomes the middle strand. There should now be three strands of hair for braiding (3). Cross the bottom or right strand over the middle strand. The right strand now becomes the middle strand and the middle strand becomes the right strand (4).

Pick up a new section of hair from the right side (below the previous section) and combine it with the bottom strand (now the middle strand) that was just crossed over (5). Cross the left strand over the middle strand and add it to a new section of hair from the left side (6).

Continue this procedure until you have reached the end of the tail bone. Leave the string out of the braid and continue to braid to the end of the hair.

Tie the twine to the end of the braid and pull the twine from the top of the tail, feeding the braid behind the braided hair along the tail bone (8). If you have a tight braid, it will not be necessary to tie the twine at the top of the tail to keep the braid in.

The end results (9) gives a tail that will stay clean during muddy times or show your long-tailed horse to its best advantage.
Lupke’s AD’s Jupiter  
Lupke’s June / Ackerman’s Dan  
Owned by the Lupkes’ (Iowa)