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**CHANGES IN THE NEWSLETTER......PLEASE READ**

The Newsletter that you are holding in your hand is the last Newsletter that you will receive from Nancy Phillips as the Editor. Nancy has resigned her position effective as of this publication, and Sue Engel has now become our Newsletter Editor.

Although many of us are reluctant to accept change, the computer age is here to stay, and it would be negligent of us not to utilize the abilities that we have. We, as a nation, have a responsibility to our future generations to be more mindful of how we use our natural resources. The American Cream Draft Horse Association must also do its part to “Go Green”, as well. The following decisions were unanimously passed at our 2010 Annual Meeting:

Sue Engel will become our Newsletter Editor.

The Newsletter will be e-mailed to all members with an e-mail address.

All members without an e-mail address will continue to receive the Newsletter hard copy.

The Secretary will print the copies and mail to those receiving hard copies.

Upon release of the next Newsletter, the previous Newsletter will be posted to the Association website, www.acdha.org, as will all back issues beginning with the very first one done by Colonial Williamsburg.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ACCOMPLISH THIS EFFICIENTLY - PLEASE SEE BELOW.**

- CHECK YOUR OWNERS LIST AND SEE IF YOUR E-MAIL IS THERE AND CORRECT.
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- THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ANTICIPATED COOPERATION DURING THIS TRANSITION.

Nancy H. Lively, ACDHA Secretary

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**THANK YOU TO NANCY PHILLIPS**

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the American Cream Draft Horse Association membership, I would like to send a huge “Thank You” out to Nancy Phillips for her many years of service as our Newsletter Editor. Nancy turned our Newsletter into the colorful, informational, and fun publication that it is today. We wish her the best in the future, and appreciate all that she has done for us in the past.

Nancy H. Lively

ACDHA Secretary
A letter from Karen Smith about the history of the Association ---

Dear Members of the American Cream Draft Horse Association,

In this issue is some history of the association which has just come to light. We have to thank Elizabeth and Clarence Ziebell for the providing us with this wealth of information. Anyone who had the good fortune to know Clarence Ziebell knew he was very passionate about the Creams. At one point, he was offered the opportunity to buy some old magazines which he did and Elizabeth (Betsy) Ziebell showed them to me.

But before we go any further, I think it is important to review some history for new members to understand the significance of this find. March 4, 1944, a group of small farmers in Iowa Falls applied for the organizing a new association. On July 11, 1944, the Charter was issued by the Secretary of the State of Iowa, thus the American Cream Horse Association came to be. It was not until February 15, 1950 that the American Cream Horse was recognized as a breed in the State of Iowa.

The following ads and news articles were published before the Creams were a true recognized breed. In one of the articles, it talks about the first annual meeting held August 13, 1944 and the members met every year after that. Another talks about a horse show in Weber City, where they held American Cream horse classes, and the winners.

There were minutes taken at the meetings in the beginning of the history of the association. The first secretary was a young teenager by the name of Karene Bunker (Topp), but she wrote news updates to this magazine so in a way, minutes were taken. We should give a good thanks that she the effort to write to the magazine at such a young age, I don’t know many teenagers who would do this today.

One last note, on May 4, 1991, at the annual meeting, it was decided by members to add the word “draft” to the association’s name to help end confusion about being a draft horse association. We had been receiving letters from light horses trying to join, thus the American Cream Draft Horse Association came to be.

The magazine was The Mid-Western Horseman, by the Iowa Horse Company, Leland K. Croll, Editor. It was issued in April, May, June, July, August, September, November and December. Betsy wonders if the lack of shows and weather during January, February and March is the reason they did not publish. They started in 1943, a subscription was $2.50 a year or $4.00 for two. No longer published, it holds a lot of the association’s history.

Enjoy ---

Karen V. Smith

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QUALITY & BEAUTY

Here is the formula for the new draft breed of American Cream Horses. For further information write the

American Cream Horse Association

Radcliffe Iowa

An ad found in the September, 1944 issue of The Mid-Western Horseman, Vol. 2, No. 6.
Below are articles from our first Secretary, Karene Bunker, that give information about a couple of our very first American Cream Horse Association meetings, when the association first started in 1944.

News from the 1st Meeting of the American Cream Horse Association, submitted by Karene Bunker to The Mid-Western Horseman September, 1944, Vol. 2, No. 6

AMERICAN CREAM HORSE NEWS

By Karene Bunker

The American Cream Horse Association held a picnic dinner for its members and their families on Sunday, August 13th at Oak Park in Iowa Falls. There were fifty persons present with only six members unable to attend. The main part of the day was spent socially in getting acquainted. Most of the members and their families had met previously. There was an abundance of food and plenty of ice cream was provided for everyone present.

The following towns were represented by one or more families: Alden, Blairsburg, Dougherty, Eldora, Garner, Iowa Falls, Jesup, Klemme, Melbourne, New Providence, Radcliffe, Williams.

Interesting also was the fact that the oldest person present was sixty-two years of age and the youngest had just reached four weeks.

During the course of the day, the membership certificates were handed out. Also each member received the registration certificates for his horses.

The total number of members at this time is twenty, all of which are charter members. Following is a list of these: C. T. Rierson, Radcliffe; Verner Stromer, Klemme; H. L. Bavender, New Providence; Joe H. Twedt, Roland; Ray H. Veldhouse, Garner; John King, Hubbard; Gaylord Engle & Son, State Center; Myron Cookerham, Clemons; Karene Bunker, Radcliffe; Wayne Rierson, Radcliffe; E. S. Reece, New Providence; Glen Ball, Eldora; Ites Brothers, Alden; Paul Ackley, Blairsburg; Al Staudt, Dougherty; G. A. Lenning & Sons, Melbourne; Ernest Werling & Son, Renwick; John T. McGuire, Algona; W. M. Droste, Jesup.

At present eighty-eight register numbers have been issued, of which sixty-four are mares and twenty-four are stallions. One stallion and three mares have been transferred thus far. These are:

S. Bavender’s King 15—C. T. Rierson to W. M. Droste, Jesup, Iowa.
M. Ardmore Jeanne, 34—C. T. Rierson to W. M. Droste, Jesup, Iowa.
M. Ardmore Leona, 41—C. T. Rierson to Ernest Werling & Son, Renwick.
M. Ardmore Lulu, 68—C. T. Rierson to Al Staudt, Dougherty, Iowa.

An article from a page in The Mid-Western Horseman November, 1944, Vol. 2, No. 8

AMERICAN CREAM HORSE NEWS

A new member was added to the list this month. Mr. J. Howard Payne of Woolstock, Iowa joined the group the first part of September. He has a cream stallion which he plans on registering.

One mare colt was registered and transferred. This was Ardmore Lady No. 89. C. T. Rierson transferred her to Ernest Werling & Son of Renwick, Iowa.

As many of you probably know, the breeders held their first show of its kind at Webster City on August 29th to September 2nd. Six breeders exhibited horses at the show with about twenty-five head. Following is the list of winners:

Stallions, 3 years and over. First, Stromer’s Duke 1st, Verner Stromer, Klemme, Iowa.
Stallions, 2 years and under 3: First, Trigger, Ites Bros., Alden; Second, Keno, Myron Cookerham, Clemons.
Stallions, 1 year and under 2: First, Bavender’s Pal, H. L. Bavender, New Providence; Second, Golden Flash, Ernest Werling & Son, Renwick.

Stallion, foal: First, Bavender’s Prince, H. L. Bavender, New Providence.

Mare, 3 years and over: First, Ardmore Rachel, Ites Bros., Alden; Second, Ardmore Roxey, Ites Bros.; Third, Ardmore Leona, Ernest Werling & Son.

Mare, 2 years and under 3: First, Golden Dot, Ernest Werling & Son; Second, Ardmore Sunbeam, C. T. Rierson.

Mare, 1 year and under 2: First, Ardmore Fayette, C. T. Rierson; Second, Golden Betty, Ernest Werling & Son; Third, Golden Pet, Ernest Werling & Son.

Mare, foal: First, Ardmore Lady, Ernest Werling & Son; Second, Ardmore Sunette, C. T. Rierson.

Champion stallion: Stromer’s Duke 1st, Verner Stromer.

Champion mare: Golden Dot, Ernest Werling & Son.

Produce of dam, 2 colts either sex: First, Ardmore Rachel and Ardmore Roxey, Ites Bros.; Second, Ardmore Lady and Golden Pet, Ernest Werling & Son.


Mare and foal: First, Ardmor Leona and Ardmore Lady, Ernest Werling & Son; Second, Bavender’s Bonnie and Bavender’s Prince, H. L. Bavender; Third, Ardmor Susanne and unnamed stud colt, C. T. Rierson.
Dr. Dawna Voelkl gave a very informative slide presentation on Reproductive Technologies as part of the tour for the Association members.

Ann Blakey, PhD, [Genetics, Ball State University] was our guest speaker. Dr. Blakey presented information on a new genome database that is available to us as a critically rare draft horse breed, a project which she is heading. Known as B.R.E.E.D.S., and supported by scientists around the world, she is gathering information on rare equine breeds in several categories. This information will be stored for future generations to help each small rare breed survive, in one way, by providing breeding statistics for each horse for its respective association. The associations will have control of the level of access to the information. Each horse within the breed will have its own information page, complete with a variety of statistics on that animal. DNA information, progeny reports, lineages, photos, and many other pieces of information will be available on each horse. Our American

Artificial Insemination and Assisted Reproductive Technologies

Dr. Dawna Voelkl, D.M., Dip. ACT
Assistant Teaching Professor
Theriogenology Section

Embryo Transfer (ET)
Procedure

- Recovery of the embryo

Take Home Points

- Use of artificial insemination and embryo transfer could assist with increasing of the number of horses registered in the breed more rapidly than would occur with mares bred naturally to carry foals to term only.
- Given the relatively small gene pool and draft-like phenotype of the breed, expect success rates for artificial insemination and embryo transfer to be poorer than for light-horse breeds.
- Preservation of gametes and somatic cells from genetically valuable individuals is relatively inexpensive. Consideration should be given to such preservation to allow for possible later use when assisted reproductive technologies may become more financially accessible.
University of Missouri
College of Veterinary Medicine
Veterinary Hospital

Tour of Hospital by
Dr. Joanne Kramer, DVM

Slide Lecture by

Receiving Dock

Breeding Arena

A Beautiful Stained Glass Window Hanging in the Vet Hospital

One of the Treatment Rooms
A few old pictures

1944: Topsy #49, Queenie #50

Karene Bunker, original secretary of the association, with her mare, Sunshine

Silver Lace #9, founding sire for much of the breed

Silver Lad

C.T. Rierson, early 1940s, with his 4-up team

50th Association year gathering at Betsy Ziebell’s, IA

We now have the First 199 registrations of American Cream Draft Horses listed on CD. The CD is available for only $25. Make check payable to ACDHA and send to:

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A Typical American Cream Mare and Foal

County promoted what was known as the Silver Lace Horse Company and routed the stallion, Silver Lace, amongst shareholders in parts of Hardin, Grundy, Marshall and Story counties. This continued for about three years or until the horse suddenly and mysteriously died. During that time he became the envy of other stallion owners, but was very much admired by the general public and soon became the most popular stallion in that territory.

The Iowa state law at that time required all stallions standing for public service to have a certificate of soundness and a permit issued by the State Department of Agriculture. This permit could not be issued to other than registered stallions of a recognized breed. Silver Lace was not, of course, from a recognized breed. This permit was not necessary, however, for a horse jointly owned by those requiring his services. This was the main reason for the organization of the Silver Lace Horse Co., for it was the only way to legally stand him for public service. In due time, cream colts sired by him became numerous in small localities in this territory.

About 1935, C. T. Riersson, owner of Ardmore Stock Farm, near Radcliffe, Hardin County, Iowa, became interested in these new attractive horses and proceeded to buy all the good cream colored mare colts sired by Silver Lace that he could find for sale. Ardmore Stock Farm had been the home of Percheron horses and Aberdeen-Angus cattle for a number of years and now a new interest had come Mr. Riersson's way.

These mares which Mr. Riersson had purchased were used with the thought in mind of creating a new breed of these beautiful draft horses. The records of their ancestry were still available and with the help of the afore-mentioned pioneer breeders, was procured with almost complete accuracy. From then on records were kept of them and their offspring.

In order to create more interest in the new breed he then began showing his horses at local county fairs where they were the center of attraction both in the individual and hitched classes. It was at one of these fairs, that the inspiration for the name of "American Cream" came to him. The name seems particularly appropriate because these horses are entirely American to the best of our knowledge and they do have the rich cream color.

Among other men who became interested about this time were H. L. Bavender of New Providence, Iowa, who raised a few colts by Silver Lace and bought others to add to them. In a few years he was in possession of a very nice group of Creams. His stallion was Bavender's King No. 15, a horse of his own raising sired by Silver Lace. This stallion attained the weight of 2100 pounds and was a well made, attractive horse.

E. E. Reece, also of New Providence, was among the early breeders. His mare, Pet No.
An ad showing one of the founding sires of the breed:

**Bavender's King**, registration # 15,
foaled March 21, 1935

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**OUR MOTTO:**

*A GOOD BREED TODA Y . . . . A BETTER BREED TOMORROW . . . .*

The number of American Creams to be found today is comparatively small, but the quality is surprisingly high for such a small group. Our resolution for the new year, and for all the new years yet to come, is to build a better breed for the world of tomorrow.

We extend to you the wish for a prosperous and successful new year!

**AMERICAN CREAM HORSE ASSOC.**

Radcliffe, Iowa

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Carol Pshigoda, who never left me in need of a photo, and for the many discussions on dozens of topics about horses.
**HORSE COOKIES**

**GINGERBREAD MEN COOKIES**

1/2 cup butter  
1/2 cup vegetable shortening  
3/4 cup light brown sugar, packed  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice or ground cloves  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
Add 1 large egg, and 2 tablespoons molasses  
Beat until smooth. Add 1 1/2 cups flour. Mix until thoroughly combined, then add an additional 1 1/2 cups flour, for a total of 3 cups. Add 3 tablespoons cornstarch, along with the second batch of flour, until everything looks well mixed, with no dry spots.

Divide the dough in half, flattening each half slightly to make a disk. Wrap in plastic, and refrigerate for 1 hour, or overnight. This chilling period will make the dough easier to handle.

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Take one piece of dough out of the refrigerator, and place it on a piece of parchment (16 1/2” x 12 1/4”). Roll it 1/8” to 1/4” thick. A thinner cookie will be crispier. Cut your dough in half, using a knife or pizza cutter. Your goal is to cut cookies that will fall on one or the other half of the paper; you’ll see why in a minute. Cut out cookies, removing and saving the dough between them to cut for scraps. Cut the parchment right down the middle. Continue to roll out dough and cut cookies, lay the sheets of cookies into a 9” x 13” pan. Continue until you’ve used all the dough.

Bake the cookies just until they’re slightly brown around the edges, or until they feel firm, about 10 to 13 minutes. Remove them from the oven. Decorate using Royal Icing when the cookies are completely cool.

**Royal Icing** ---  
1/4 cup meringue powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
3 to 4 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted  
3/4 cup cool water

Place the dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Add the cool water, and stir slowly to allow the sugar to dissolve. Mix on low speed at first, increasing to high speed over several minutes. Beat until the icing is fluffy. Keep the frosting covered with a damp towel until it’s used.

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**FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT**

A few weeks ago we were in Columbia, Missouri for our Annual Meeting hosted by Nancy and Jeff Phillips. The weather was beautiful and the tour of the University of Missouri was very interesting. A big THANK YOU to Nancy and Jeff for their efforts to ensure that we had an enjoyable time. The report on the meeting will come to you in a separate mailing.

Mark your calendar. Next year’s meeting will be held in Bird in Hand, Pennsylvania, east of Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Thursday, June 30, prior to Horse Progress which will be held on July 1 & 2. They expect 20,000 attendees, make your reservations early.

The Schwartzler’s ranch was featured on RFD-TV’s show California Country. Very nice 10 + minutes featuring their Cream horses and an interview with John about the breed.

Nancy and Mike McBride were either mentioned or pictured in Draft Horse Journal and Rural Heritage magazines in their write up of the 2010 Horse Progress show. Very good publicity for our breed.

Remember dues are due, foaling and stallion reports need to be sent to the Secretary.

We would like to do a calendar for 2011, it is not too late to send photos to Sue Engle. If you have a favorite photo please send it to her. It does not have to be from last year. It can be an old one.

This is Nancy Phillips’ last issue as Editor of our Newsletter. She has been our Editor for six years and has taken us from black and white to a full color newsletter. Nancy has spent hours obtaining information and articles for our enjoyment. THANK YOU Nancy for a job well done.

Sue Engle will be assuming the role as Editor. The newsletter will be offered electronically to those who wish to receive it that way. Make sure we have your current email address. This will be a savings, as the cost of postage continues to climb. Paula and I wish all of you an enjoyable and meaningful Holiday Season.

Frank Tremel, President
Born and bred in the U.S.A.

The Grand Dame

*Hockett's Belle #235*