Colonial Williamsburg Has a New "Cream"

Colonial Williamsburg’s Coach & Livestock Department has acquired an eight-year-old American Cream draft horse, Feelin’ Lucky.

Lucky is the newest American Cream owned by the Foundation. Dennis Watson, when he portrays Mr. Purdie or a British officer, rides the other American Cream, Cavalier, in Revolutionary City. American Cream draft horse breeders Marilyn and Terrence Precord of West River, Md., owned both Lucky and Cavalier.

Joyce Henry, Head Coach Driver and Interpreter, has been working with Lucky since his arrival in October. She is trying to get him used to the potential sights and sounds throughout the Historic area of Colonial Williamsburg. For instance, a guest opening an umbrella in front of Lucky or any other horse may startle it. To get the horse accustomed to it, Joyce opens an umbrella and places it on the stable floor and asks Lucky to touch it. Lucky nudges it with his nose and looks to Joyce for a reward. “I take something he is afraid of and make a game out of it to make him more comfortable,” she said.
Dear All,

The 2015 Annual meeting is fast approaching. It is important that we have your reports so that this information can be included in the minutes of this meeting. Please send in the following to the Secretary

1. stallion report
2. breeding report
3. foaling report
4. information on any deceased animals since the last meeting

Membership Dues are due in June; they can mailed in with your reports/ballots.

If you want to run for a director position please send your Letter of Intent to the nominating committee; Sheila Johnson, Marilyn Precord or Belle Davis by April 1st so it can be included in the next newsletter. After that you will receive a mailing from Nancy Lively with the ballots. Vote - remember the ability to vote by mail has not always been available to those members who were not able to attend the meeting. At one time only those that were physically at the meeting voted in the election. Exercise your right.

If you have any By-Law changes you would like addressed submit them to Nancy Lively by April 1st.

Last item - if you are planning on attending the meeting please notify the secretary (Nancy Lively) so that she will know how many packets to prepare for the meeting.
Hope to see many of you in Shipshewana, Indiana

Frank Tremel
President

The 2015 calendar is available through Zazzle.com. If anyone has trouble with the website or doesn't have access to on-line, you can place an order with me and I will see that you get your order. My email is sulynnengel@yahoo.com or USPS mail @ 54658 Bent Road, Marcellus, MI 49067

A Brief History of the American Cream Draft Horse by Karene Bunker Topp a DVD available from the association for $15.00 + $2.00 shipping. Send payment to ACDHA, 193 Crossover Road, Bennington, VT 05201
Colonial Williamsburg’s New ACD Horse

Joyce said there are many situations unique to the Revolutionary City to which Lucky has to adjust to such as joggers. As part of his training, Joyce jogs near the horse to get him used to somebody who might be running near him.

Coach Driver Dan Hard places a plastic bag on a stick on the ground and asks Lucky to touch it. “This training teaches him not to be afraid of shopping bags that blow across the street,” he said.

Stable Supervisor Karen Smith said the sounds of the Fifes and Drums, pop guns and yelling from enthusiastic young guests are all part of Lucky’s training. “When Lucky first came to CW he spent his time in the Custis pasture [across from the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg],” she said. “He’s getting his first look at buses and guests.” Joyce and Karen believe it will be six months to a year before Lucky will be able to work in the Historic Area as a riding, cart or wagon horse.

Lucky – like all other animals new to coach and livestock – is now at Bypass Stable for initial training and housing. The 25-acre facility provides more room to work with animals and room for equipment. There is a ring for training horses and pasture to let them graze. The stables contain seven stalls. Five are box stalls adaptable for sheep, cattle or horses. Pastures are fitted with sheds so the animals can get out of the sun or rain.

Want to know more? Visit http://www.history.org/Almanack/life/animals/pr_rare.cfm or http://makinghistorynow.com/.

FOR SALE

I’m older now so I am looking for a good family home for two American Cream draft horse geldings that I have had close to 8 and 10 years; half brothers, 16 hands, medium cream, ages 15 and 19, sired by Captain’s Barnabus Gold. The older horse has been my riding horse. Both are beautiful and very good natured. Please call me, Chris Rider in Arizona at 602-919-1914 or email me at cpsrider@cox.net
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Hay there Junior ACDHA members,
Let me introduce myself, my name is Gabby
and I am the mascot of the American Cream News.
I appear from time to time and even though I'm
not as beautiful as the American Creams you have
at home, I'm proud to represent the
U.S.A. and their only breed
of draft horse.
We are happy to say that we are not just in America anymore since
we now have horses in Canada
and Germany. Feel free to follow
Rose Hill ADBJ463 Lincoln in Germany
on his very own web site at
http://www.americancreamdraft.de/

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Make check out to ACDHA
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Due by June 30th

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The Honor of Your Presence is Requested

2015 American Cream Draft Horse Association Meeting

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH
TIME: 9 A.M.

Please be our guest

The annual meeting of the members of the ACDHA will meet on Thursday, June 18, 2015 in Shipshewana, Indiana. Hosts will be Sue & Larry Engel, Sheila Johnson & Nancy McBride. The festivities however will begin on Wednesday, June 17th. A meet and greet will be at 4:30 PM EST in the lobby of the Blue Gate Garden Inn. We will then gather and dine at the Blue Gate Restaurant at 6:00 P.M.

Blue Gate Garden Inn
800 S Van Buren St.
Shipshewana, IN 46565
Phone: 800-545-4725
Website: BlueGateGardenInn.com

For the group discount, you must tell them you are with the American Cream Draft Horse Association

There are 15 rooms blocked and will be reserved if booked by May 9, 2015. This is very important and you will not receive the discount unless reservations are made by the above date. A full hot breakfast is included.

Room Rates:
Doubles $99.30 per night
3 to a room $109.30
4 to a room $119.30

Make Reservations by May 9, 2015
Meeting Itinerary

Wed. June 17th: Meet and greet at the Blue Gate Garden Inn at 4:30 PM EST. Leave Inn and arrive at the Blue Gate Restaurant at 6:00 PM EST.

Thurs. June 18th: Meeting will start in the Lilac Room at 9:00 AM sharp. After meeting adjourns we will gather and drive to Middlebury, Indiana at the Das Essenhaus Restaurant. There will also be a “Classic Car Drive-In” that evening.

Fri. June 19th: Gather after breakfast and caravan to Topeka, Indiana to the Topeka Carriage and Antique Auction. They will auction all kinds of horse drawn vehicles and harnesses. There will also be area vendors selling their wares. Late afternoon we will head to Emma, Indiana to have supper at the Emma Café.

Sat. June 20th: After breakfast and check out of hotel we will head to Bristol, Indiana to Bonneyville Mill, a working grain mill from 1832 that still is used today. After the day in Bristol we will head to Three Rivers and get everyone settled in at St. Gregory’s Abbey, a Benedictine Episcopalian Monastery where Sue and Sheila work. This is where you will be staying the next couple nights. We will then gather in Three Rivers at the Oasis Restaurant on US-131 for dinner.

Sun. June 21st: The Abbey will have morning mass at 8:30 AM and all are invited to attend. At 11:00 AM we will all leave the Abbey and arrive at the home of Nancy McBride for lunch. When finished we will then have the farm tour at the Engel’s and stop by for a visit at Sheila Johnson’s. From there you will return to the Abbey and can attend the Vespers service at 5:00 PM if desired. At 6:00 PM we will leave for dinner. TBA

You will be welcome to attend all or just some of the activities but please decide before the next newsletter since we will be confirming how many are attending so we can make reservations and plans for dinners, etc.

Modes of Travel to Shipshewana include: Driving, Air or Train. The Air or Train may best be booked to SOUTH BEND REGIONAL AIRPORT where you will rent a car. Other air travel can be from the KALAMAZOO BATTLE CREEK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT where we can make arrangements to pick you up and then drop you off.
Hi everyone,

Well hopefully our winter will be over soon and before we know it our annual meeting will be upon us. I wanted to remind you not to forget your **silent auction items**. For members who are attending for the first time these items can be something from your tackroom or some other horse related item of your choosing. We will have sheets of paper for people to put there bid on and the one with the highest bid gets to pay for the item. All the monies raised from this goes to the Association. You could also refer to this as a charity auction to help our group cover expenses throughout the year.

I will be staying at the hotel on Tuesday evening and will be there to welcome you if you arrive early. (Sue and Sheila will be at the hotel on Wednesday.) I will be attending the Flea Market just across the street from the hotel within walking distance. It is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and is the Midwest's largest. There is also a cheese factory where they make different kinds of cheese out of a lot of the Amish milk from the area. I could take anyone who would like to go there.

I'm excited about seeing everyone in June.

Nancy McBride

Our merchandise can be purchased through our website www.acdha.org and going to the merchandise tab. When you see the active Zazzle banner click on it and you will be directed to the Zazzle webpage. When you are redirected you may search for American Cream Draft Horse to see the listing of products sold. Our Zazzle store is [http://www.zazzle.com/am_cr_draft_horse](http://www.zazzle.com/am_cr_draft_horse). Some products can be personalized using the designs we feature in our store. There is a wide assortment of products and all earn a royalty for the ACDHA.

The stuffed American Cream Horses must be obtained from the ACDHA directly. They are made available to us by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.