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## 2015 Meeting Shipshewana, Indiana



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Once again we are planning the annual meeting of the ACDHA. It will be a challenge after the fantastic meeting in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia last year, but we have a very unique community in our region of the Midwest. Shipshewana, Indiana for those of you who have never visited is a quaint and diverse area that has a lot of Amish and Mennonite influences to bring together devote and hard working people. True craftsmen at their given talents, whether it be cabinet and furniture making or farming; quilting or baking. Their farms are powered by horses and thus what better place to have a "draft" horse meeting.

Our main focus is the meeting and discussions about increasing our numbers, both horses and members so we can continue with saving our draft horse breed of choice, "the American Cream Draft horse." This hard work does come with advantages; fine food, plenty of shopping and free time to soak up the ambience of a unique community. Also there will be time spent with your hosts at their homes in Michigan.

As members, there are important issues that can only be resolved by attending, it is your responsibility to make every effort to attend so that all ideas and thoughts can be shared. It is only once a year and in my honest opinion is well worth the trip.

Hope to see old and new faces, especially our new junior members.

## FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT

Dear All,

As our Annual meeting on June 18 quickly approaches I will remind you that as owners/members of this Association you have certain yearly responsibilities that need to be fulfilled so we can keep our records current.

Please notify our Secretary with the following information: 1) stallion breeding report 2) mare breeding report 3) foaling report 4) list of deceased animals, registration papers should be mailed in for cancellation 5) all foals registered. Hopefully everyone completed transfer papers for any animals bought or sold last year.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on June 18 in Shipshewana, Indiana. At this meeting we will consider some recommendations from Dr. Phil Sponnenberg. We will also need to make a decision on the meeting place and date for 2016. If you have anything that you would like placed on the agenda, please notify the secretary.

We held our meeting in Shipshewana a number of years ago and had a very enjoyable time then. This year the committee has selected many new different sites to visit. Please refer to the newsletters on the web site for in depth information. I would like to thank members Shelia Johnson, Nancy McBride and Sue and Larry Engel for all of their hard work in planning this years meeting. They have done an excellent job of planning activities that will make this an enjoyable time.

One final reminder. VOTE and PAY your DUES

Frank S Tremel  
President



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## 2016 ACDHA Annual Meeting

We are interested in hosting the 2016 ACDHA Meeting out West in Reno, Nevada during the Reno Rodeo June 16th to the 25th, 2016. We present the following information for the members' consideration: The Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive comes into town on Thursday June 16th and kicks off Rodeo Week in Reno. The Reno Rodeo Parade through the Casino strip is held at noon on Saturday June 18th. The ACDHA folks could attend Saturday night's Rodeo performance and sit together as a group if we reserve the seats in advance. Sunday June 19th would work best for holding the Annual ACDHA Meeting in Reno. It allows folks that need to head out after the meeting, to fly out of Reno's Airport in the late afternoon. Locally, Lake Tahoe, Truckee-Donner Lake area, and Historic Virginia City offer wonderful side trips that could be enjoyed within 45 minutes of Reno, not to mention the Casino shows & gaming action.

We'll provide flight information and the estimated costs for hotel rooms, meeting room, rodeo tickets, etc. for the ACDHA to review prior to the 2015 ACDHA Meeting.

John & Sandy Schwartzler  
Greenwood, California

# Director Candidate # 1 aka Superman



Hello ACDHA members,

My name is Wendell Lupkes and I am asking you to allow me to serve as a director of the ACDHA.

I live in Waterloo, Iowa with my wife Renee and daughter Maggie. I am a land surveyor by profession, and am a principal in the firm of VJ Engineering, as well as the manager of our Cedar Falls office.

We currently have 3 creams, and Hickory, a sorrel colt from last year. I became involved with Creams in 1996 when my father purchased Ead's Captain, Hockett's Belle, and an unregistered mare from Arnold Hockett of Estherville, Iowa. For about the last ten years, we have provided a Cream to the National Cattle Congress for the Hall of Breeds. In the last few years we have also provided a Cream to the Iowa Horse Fair at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. We feel our biggest contribution to the breed are the horses we've placed with mostly new members around the country.



Being in Iowa, I've had the privilege of visiting the Rierson homestead, arranging for video interviews with Karene Topp and Betsy Ziebel to document the ACDHA history. I plan to continue to search for the history of the Creams and document whatever still exists.

The most important issue currently facing the American Cream Draft Horse is low foaling rates. I have decided one thing I could do to best help the breed is to offer A.I. for those members geographically distant from a Cream stallion. I think it's the most important contribution to the breed to help our members enjoy new foals all across the country.



I still believe the ACDHA's biggest challenge is that we are not gaining enough new members. Without increasing our membership, the existing breeders have little market for foals, and we are unable to justify raising foals simply for the sake of the breed. We also need to expand the number of our members who breed Creams, primarily to strengthen the genetic diversity of the breed, but also to share the economic burden of raising foals that will need to be sold to new members.



I will bring my enthusiasm for the breed, along with my experience as an ACDHA director and my business experience to advance the American Cream Draft Horse breed if you allow me to serve again as director.

Thank you,

Wendell Lupkes

## Director Candidate # 2

Hello fellow ACDHA members,

I live near Marcellus, MI with my husband Larry. I am employed by St. Gregory's Abbey, an Episcopal Monastery just over 2 miles from our home.

We currently have 6 creams and are expecting 2 more by the time we meet at the 2015 annual meeting. We also own 6 miniature horses, 3 miniature donkeys, and 2 saddle horses. I come from a farming family and have always had horses and been riding since I was 3 years old. I had admired the cream horses and foals for quite a few years as we drove to and from work and passed the farm of Sheila Johnson. After I lost my 32 year old Morgan in 2002, my love of the American Cream began. In 2003 we purchased a yearling filly from Sheila and the rest is history. I have represented our Association at Horse Progress Days for 3 different years with a booth to educate people about our breed. I have put together Association calendars since 2007 and became the newsletter editor in 2011. I have put the designs on merchandise through Zazzle.com and also manage our Zazzle store.

One issue currently facing the American Cream Draft horse is that horses born are not being registered but left to be registered later with no record of parentage. I would like to see the Association do more to impress the importance of being members to those who own American Cream Draft horses and for one reason or another have dropped their membership and to follow up on registering the horses so we can be better informed about the critical situation our breed faces. Without an increase in our membership, the existing breeders have little market for foals, and we are unable to justify raising foals simply for the sake of the breed. We need to expand the number of members who breed Creams, primarily to strengthen the genetic diversity of the breed, but also so there are new foals available and thus new members.

I will do my best to represent the ACDHA by publishing an informative newsletter and also on social media as much as possible. As a breeder I will make sure my foals are registered and any new owners become members.

Thank you,

Susan Engel



## 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. Lunch will be brought in from Subway and furnished by the Engel's. 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 and by 9:30 AM we will head to Three Rivers, Michigan and get everyone settled in at St. Gregory's Abbey, a Benedictine Episcopal Monastery where Sue and Sheila work. 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 a farm tour at the Engel's and stop by for a visit at Sheila Johnson's. There is a Vesper's service at 5:00 PM at the Abbey if anyone cares to attend. The evening meal will be announced.

Sun. June 21st: The Abbey will have morning mass at 8:30 AM and all are invited to attend. We will gather in the parking lot at 9:30 AM and drive to Three Rivers for a breakfast buffet at the Oasis Restaurant. Further activities will be planned for those left and will be announced later.

The Abbey will require you to depart on Monday unless you want to book for a longer visit.

You will be welcome to attend all or just some of the activities but please fill out the included questionnaire so we can confirm how many are attending and 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.

Once again please make your reservations by May 9, 2015 at the Blue Gate Garden Inn. It is important that you mention you are with the "American Cream Draft Horse Association" to get the group discount. The phone number to the Inn is (800)535-4725 and website is: BlueGateGardenInn.com.

### AIRPORTS

#### Closest:

South Bend, Indiana (SBN)

[flysbn.com](http://flysbn.com) PH (574) 282-4590

#### Alternative Airport:

Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International (AZO)

[azoairport.com](http://azoairport.com) PH (269)388-3668

## Meet Junior ACDHA Member # 5



## 5 + 686 = Happiness

Sarah Lasko, Junior Member # 5, and American Cream H-N-J Dick's Perseus # 686, enjoy time together, whether it's grooming, feeding, or just hanging out since she acquired this beautiful animal in the fall of 2014.

Sarah is the 10-year old granddaughter of John Lasko, longtime member of the American Cream Draft Horse Association. She has always loved animals, especially horses, and has taken riding and driving lessons for three years. Sarah loves plowing parties, field days and thought attending Horse Progress Days in Ohio was awesome.

Sarah is a member of 4-H and raises market lambs for her county fair's youth auction. This past November, she won a registered red Holstein heifer calf in a contest, which she will raise as an additional project.

Sarah traveled with her grandparents to Williamsburg this past summer and thoroughly loved the Association's annual meeting. She was surprised to see so many youngsters there, and hence, made several new friends. Sarah is really looking forward to the 2015 meeting in Shipshewana.

*by John Lasko*

### Membership Dues for 2015



Cream draft horse on the Carousel at Shipshewana's Davis Merchantile

Voting Member: \$25.00	Number of Voting Members: _____
Associate Member: \$25.00	Amount: \$ _____
Junior Member: \$5.00	Number of Associate Members: _____
	Amount: \$ _____
Mail Dues to: ACDHA	Number of Junior Members: _____
193 Crossover Road	Amount: \$ _____
Bennington, VT 05201	Check # _____
Pay by June 30th, 2015	Amount Enclosed _____
Update e-mail address for ACDHA records	
_____ @ _____	

**Junior ACDHA Members Page**

*Hay Junior Members,  
How about that Sara Lasko?  
She is one lucky member  
to have her very own ACDHA stallion.*

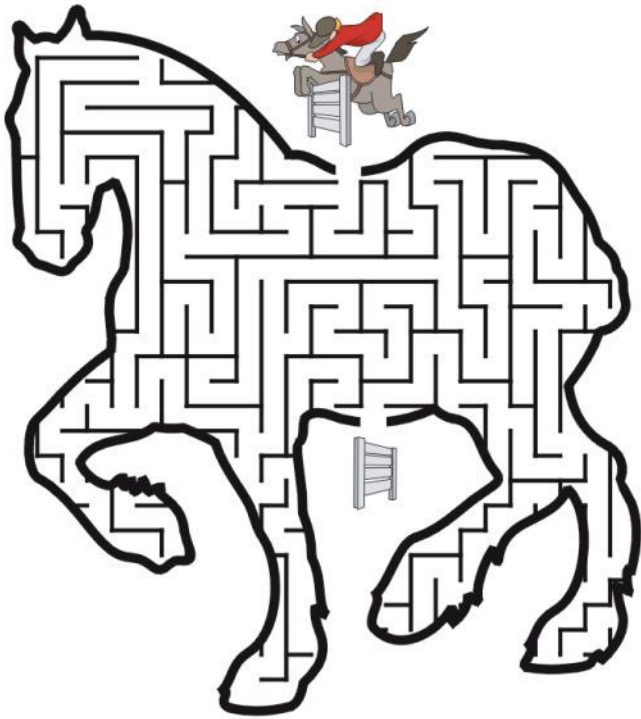
*I really want photos and stories of you  
and your ACD horses to share with everyone.*

*Happy Spring,  
Gabby*



**Horse Word Search**

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- mane
- colt
- english
- fetlock
- filly
- dressage
- hoof
- blaze
- girth
- withers
- saddle
- western

## Meeting Questionnaire

Personal Information	
Member's name	
Number in family attending	
Expected arrival date	
Expected departure date	
Scheduled Meals	Number attending
Wednesday, June 17 <sup>th</sup> Blue Gate Restaurant @ 6:00 PM EST	
Thursday, June 18 <sup>th</sup> Das Dutchmans Essenhaus @ 6:00 PM	
Friday, June 19 <sup>th</sup> Emma Café @ 5:00 PM	
Saturday, June 20 <sup>th</sup> Checking in at St. Gregory's Abbey Lunch at Nancy McBride's Dinner in the evening	
Sunday, June 21 <sup>st</sup> Breakfast Buffet at Oasis Restaurant	

Please return this to Sue Engel by May 17<sup>th</sup> to insure a place for you at any meals you will be attending. Any questions about meals contact me by any of the below ways:

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