As We Start a New Year

You are going to see some changes in the newsletters. I am going to be adding categories and encourage participation from members to make this newsletter more personal for our members. The Facebook page is going to be a good source of topics but I want our members to have their own place to interact among members and not the entire social media audience.

2017 Meeting Attendees and Business

We had full, associate and junior members at our Friday October 27th meeting in Lebanon Tennessee hosted by Michael and Kimberly Bradford. All officers and directors were in attendance to discuss issues and goals of the ACDHA membership.

Directors John Schwartzler and Kerrie Beckett were re-elected to serve another 3 years. In the section of this newsletter with the contact information of each officer and director a number appears before each entry which shows the date they were elected.

It has been suggested that we have a live feed of the meeting for members unable to attend. It was discussed and the conclusion was that it would affect physical attendance of the meetings. So it was voted down at this time.

We also discussed how to restore and add to our membership for people who own Creams.

The 2018 meeting was presented by Kerrie Beckett in Poland Spring, Maine on July 27th. Check-out information within this newsletter for reservations about lodging and all the fun activities she is planning.

Other topics of interest were fundraising, marketing, micro-chipping (currently available), obtaining a 501c3 non-profit status (in the works) and adding a half-Cream registry to our association.

There will be further discussion on a number of these topics at the 2018 meeting. Hope to see you there.

❤ Nancy McBride is promoting a challenge she initiated in Lebanon, Tenn. at our 2017 meeting. She challenged members to match her donation of $100.00 to MerEquus Equine Rescue and Sanctuary in recognition of Kerrie's effort to rescue American Cream Draft horses. Nancy and 3 other members present took the challenge to help Kerrie Beckett with her mission. The donation Nancy gave was in memory of Mike McBride.

Nancy is opening the challenge to the entire membership with a plea to donate whatever you can to MerEquus Equine Rescue and Sanctuary, PO Box 7, Poland Spring, ME 04274 to help save unwanted American Cream Drafts found in a multitude of situations without their own barn and pasture. Thank you.
HAPPENINGS FROM OUR PREZ

Winter Greetings ACDHA Members!
February 2018

Spring is on the distant horizon and it’s time to get busy planning your “Cream Draft Horse” activities for the 2018 season. Be sure to plan on attending the 2018 ACDHA Annual Meeting in Maine this July, as we’ll be engaging in in-depth discussion of topics on Registration, Genetic Tracking, Marketing and Funding efforts for the “Creams”

Getting off to an early start this year, as we recently returned from the National Endangered Equine Summit hosted at Texas A & M by the American Livestock Conservancy. ACDHA Member – Anne Murray attended as a scribe for the Conference. It was a very productive gathering with over 40 Breeds represented, and over 20 key speakers covering areas in Equine reproduction & genetics, marketing & communications, and Breed program funding. Eight common issues were identified, and potential solutions were round tabled. The results will soon be published and the access link to the information will be found on the Livestock Conservancy’s Website. Found time to meet with Dr. Gus Cothran and Dr. Rytis Juris at the Texas A & M Equine Genetics Lab and had a lengthy tour of their operations. Gus has recently retired, yet still stays active in research projects. He is willing to address the topic of Equine Genetics and the use of DNA/ Blood Typing at the ACDHA 2019 Annual Meeting.

Out West, the next event for our “Creams” will be at the St. Patrick’s Day Parade March 17th. We’ll spend the last week in April driving through the mountains and several mining towns on the 49r Wagon Train, then head to the high desert mid- June for the Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive. Reno Rodeo has requested the Horses to again provide an entertainment act for the first three days of that ten day event. We anticipate returning to Gold Rush Days in Old Sacramento next Labor Day weekend. We’ve repainted our Victorian Hotel Depot Wagon red & black and added it into the Fire Brigade wagons to pull our new 1800’s “Gold Rush Fire Brigade Brass Band” at events. We’re currently at work putting together the sponsorship to send our Cream Horses back to the 2018-2019 Rose Bowl Parade Event in Pasadena, Calif. Parade theme this year is the “Melody of Life” – celebrating music bringing back memories and moments in life.

There are several great photos and videos floating around, taken by our Members that need to be added to the ACDHA Website to show off the “Creams”. Sandy has observed that some Members and Visitors are relying on the Cream Facebook page to ask & answer questions that could more readily be addressed on the new ACDHA website. The ACDHA By-Laws and Events Calendar will soon be up on the web page. Look to the website for advertisement & sign-up information on the 2018 ACDHA Annual Meeting at Poland Spring, Maine this July 27th – 28th. Highly recommend this event to our new Members. It’s an opportunity to meet Members Vis- a- Vis, and help shape the future efforts and activities of the ACDHA.

It’s looking to be a really good year to promote your “Cream Drafts” at Shows & Events around the Country. Contact your ACDHA Directors about what’s planned in your areas this season, and it will help us all involve more “Creams” in the activities.

John Schwartzler
OWNERS OF AMAZING RED, WHITE & BLUE RIBBON CREAMS
A feature for Owners to brag about their outstanding Cream(s)

May 11, 2016

Sometimes in life you get lucky, the puzzle pieces just all of a sudden fall into place. Welcome to our family Yukon! - Alix Nash, San Marcos, CA

May 13, 2017

Yuki, Tucker's Yukon Gold, scored a 70% today at his first big dressage show. So proud of him!!!

September 12, 2017

My entry for the under saddle contest. Cantering in our dressage test in beautiful Del Mar, CA. We placed second and had great scores all weekend.
Survived our first show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. It was a small show but we had 6 people in our class and we got a 4th and 3rd with a 60% both days. Not our best but I'm still proud of my boy. Yuki handled the new place way better than I thought he would. We are still learning to trust each other but we are getting there with every show and every new place we travel to. Looking forward to more shows and loosing these crazy show nerves. Haha

January 7, 2018
So proud of Yuki this past week. We competed at the west coast dressage festival at Galway downs and it was by far our highest competition yet. The first two days we scored in the lower 60% but on Saturday we pulled it together and scored a 66.9%! Yuki was a gentleman all week and I can really see the transformation over the last 8 months we've been showing! Thank you Emily, my trainer, for all ur help preparing us to compete at this show.
Everyone Loves a Parade

Dolly and Amber, two American Creams owned by Anne and Ken Murray of Texas were a great hit in the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Parade Saturday 13 January, 2018. The exposure for the ADCH was fabulous as the team, being driving by Sam Yoder with help from Katrina Dalrymple (friends of the Murray's) was accompanied by NBC DFW station. Additionally, Anne posted some great video on the Facebook page American Cream Draft Horse, if you get a chance to view it.

Thank you, Anne for sharing this great event with us!!

Greenwood Ranch Creams
John & Sandy Schwartzler

Top: Gold Rush Fire Brigade Brass Band

Left: 3 Cream Fire horses pulling the steamer at the Indianapolis 500
We are thrilled to share this first segment of Fields of Cream: Rescue Success Abound!

**Scout’s Journey to Success!**

First, the story of Warland Farms Scout continues! Scout lives in Texas, and is happy and healthy! He has been taking refresher courses in riding. He knows the ropes, though it has been a while. He has become the talk of the town and the girls swoon over him! Like the typical Cream, if we had 10 more just like him – they would all have wonderful homes! Look how amazing he is! Wow, he is one handsome boy!!

Did someone say cookie? (Again, with those eyelashes!)

As the story continues, the lovely foster home also could not resist his charm (haha - we all know how this story goes!). So, guess who will be adopting him? Welcome to the world of Creams! AND…. Welcome to the ACDHA, Stacy and trainer/friend Saydea! Thank you for your interest in becoming members as well!

Look at those eyelashes!!

Stacy and Scout on their first ride together! Beautiful!
Rescue Success Number 2!
Sweet Guinness has been Adopted!!

and beautiful story……
Heather, please keep us updated! And thank you for also becoming a member of ACDHA!! We love having wonderful people like you, with a personality that lights up Fields of Creams!!

Guinness, “Oh boy, I am not sure I want to get on that trailer…. Where am I going this time?? Are you sure this is the last time?? Are you positive Heather will be at the other end?? Please, will Heather be there to catch me…..?”

Guinness has finally found the right person, HIS person, to love, spoil, and guide him on a path of trust and fulfillment. Heather fell head-over-heels for Guinness, pretty darn quickly I might add! And in the process to make Guinness a happy pony, she made the decision to get him some company so that he would not be alone (the only issue I had with her application was that G might be alone!). Not only did she get him his own pony, she got Bulmer, his pasture mate from his foster home, so he would have a familiar and friendly face!! If this isn’t the biggest hearted person who loves her ponies and wants the best for them right off the bat…. I don’t know what is!! BING-BANG-BOOM!!

Ponies have already traveled to their new home! Of course, it will take some time to settle in and feel comfortable, but they are well on their way. Guinness has not had his own person in a very long time…..maybe ever? He is so sweet, though, and I am sure he has been waiting for Heather to be his one-and-only.
I cannot wait to listen as this story is told and builds along the way. I am sure it will continue to be a kind, happy,
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**Classifieds**

*Please contact the editor if you would like to post a classified ad. *Please make sure to have ads in before the deadline!

CREAMS for SALE

*Sarah Dorsey, Louisa, VA
http://www.hollyhavenfarm.com
Contact us to get on our list: 2 mares in foal for 2018. Barney’s Beautiful Maya (#690) x Duke’s Colonel (#712) and Secret Unicorn Elsa (#661) x Duke’s Colonel (#712). Also, Duke’s Colonel (#712) standing for live cover and AI: contact for details. Call or text (931) 581-6876, or e-mail: ssdorsey0231@gmail.com

Your FREE AD could be HERE!
Send me your ads by May 15th.
sulynnengel@yahoo.com
EVENTS BY REGION

NOTE - To make this category complete as a listing where you will be showing your Cremas and sharing them with the public, I need your input. Send information to Sue Engel by email sulynnengel@juno.com or by USPS to 54658 Bent Rd, Marcellus, MI 49067. County fairs and special events in your area all apply here. So please share.

East Coast:

Jul 21, 2018
Rodale Institute Annual Field Day, Kutztown, PA: Maria Pop, phone: (610) 683-1481, email: maria.pop@rodaleinstitute.org, web: http://www.rodaleinstitute.org

Midwest:

Apr 3 - Apr 6, 2018
Draft Horse Basics, Scotts, MI: Jonathan Kline, phone: (800) 498-2700, email: tillers@tillersinternational.org, web: http://www.tillersinternational.org

May 19, 2018
Plow Day at DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso, MI: Dirk Oudman, phone: (989) 723-3365, email: douman@devriesnc.org, web: http://www.devriesnature.org:80/resources/Plow%20Day%20Teams%20Flyer.pdf

May 20 - May 26, 2018
Doc Hammill's Driving, Working, and Training Horses in Harness Workshop, St. Ignatius, MT: Doc Hammill, phone: (406) 250-8252, email: workshops@dochammill.com, web: https://dochammill.com/?page_id=2499

Jun 29 - Jun 30, 2018
Horse Progress Days, Clare, MI: Dale Stoltzfus, phone: (717) 940-4412, email: logcab7@ptd.net, web: http://www.horseprogressdays.com

Aug 10 - Aug 12, 2018
Albert City Threshermen & Collectors Show, Albert City, IA: Kelly Kraft, phone: (712) 299-4409, email: info@albertcitythreshermen.com, web: http://www.albertcitythreshermen.com

Oct 18-21, 2018
Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show and Pull, East Lansing, MI at the Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education at Michigan State University web: http://www.mgli.org e-mail: mglidrafthorseshow@gmail.com

South:

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West Coast:

Sep 20 - Sep 23, 2018
Draft Horse Classic and Harvest Fair, Grass Valley, CA: General Information, phone: (530) 273-6217, web: http://nevadacountyfair.com/draft-horse-classic/
2018 Annual Meeting in Poland Spring, Maine
Please join us for the ACDHA annual meeting!

We will be staying at the Poland Spring Resort, in Poland, ME. There are several room options, and you may select from standard to deluxe, various buildings (Maine Inn, Presidential Inn) even cottages for several people (including one lake front). Call (207) 998 4351 or at polandspringinns.com. The Resort address is 640 Maine St (Rt 26), Poland, ME 04274. Please make reservations ASAP, this is Maine at the height of summer tourist season! This is a 500-acre Resort with pool, golf, hiking, and more. Maine has the slogan of VACATIONLAND, so please come and enjoy the natural beauty that Maine has to offer – ocean, mountains, lakes, forests, history, and lobstah!

The meeting on Friday will be held in the Water Museum on the Resort grounds. *Please remember your item for the silent auction!
Lunch will be supplied by the resort services. I will provide possible choices, prices, and any additional lunch information in the next newsletter.

Dinner has been arranged for Friday night as a group at one of the Resort restaurants. You will have menu options for dinner. However, as we will be taking over one of their restaurants, the secretary must have your remittance to hold dinner reservation, and there will be no refunds if you are unable to attend.

Similarly, for Saturday's picnic, I will provide additional information in the next newsletter (menu, prices, and such). The secretary must also have your remittance for your picnic reservation (as we will be ordering some special items such as lobster rolls, etc).

Saturday will offer an old-fashion Picnic with Creams, and food, with a Farmers Market style flare of homemade and Made in Maine. We are extending the invite to Cream members, Cream owners, and people interested in Creams, period!! We want to share this love of Creams! We will have a raffle and fundraising auction for MerEquus Equine Cream rescue as well. So, we hope you will join us to make this a grand party to celebrate everything Cream – friends, fun, food, ponies, and more!!
The Hall of Fame Plaque is a dual honorary tribute to the men and women who’s passion was saving a breed of draft horse that was to become the American Cream Draft horse we know today and a horse recognized for their contribution to the breed. John Schwartzler crafted the plaque and it was brought to the meeting at Bird-in-Hand, PA in 2011. The honorees nominated in Tennessee:

2017 – Voted – Clarence & Betsy Ziebell 8th person; Clar Ann Dick 8th horse

2018 ACDHA Officers and Contact Information

(2017) President-John Schwartzler – johngfd@csfa.net
(2015) Vice President-Wendell Lupkes – wjlupkes@mchsi.com
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(2015) Sue Engel – sulynnengel@juno.com
(2016) Connie Purchase – conniepurchase@spenceragcenter.com
(2017) Kerrie Beckett – kerrie.beckett@yahoo.com
(2016) Michael Bradford - jmichaelbradford@hotmail.com

Reminders:
1. Breeders-send in your 2017 Stallion Reports (they were due December 31st, 2017
2. Register horses (ACDHA members-$25 for 12 months of age and under, $50 over 12 months of age; non-members- $40 for 12 months of age and under, $80 over 12 months of age)
3. Make reservations for your stay in Poland Spring Maine for the 2018 annual meeting on July 27th (see the info in this newsletter)
4. Send all photos, activities and events to Sue Engel, 54658 Bent Rd, Marcellus, MI 49067 or e-mail to sulynnengel@yahoo.com (deadline for next newsletter is May 15th, 2018)
5. Pay your membership dues of $25 to Nancy Lively, Bennington, VT by June 1st, 2018
Would YOU like to be a DIRECTOR of the ACDHA?

Each year before our annual meeting we have an election for directors who would serve for 3 consecutive years as a quorum to make decisions between meetings. If this is something you would be interested in participating in; 1. write a campaign letter explaining why the members may want to vote for you and what you hope to accomplish by becoming their voice, 2. submit your letter to the Secretary/Treasurer by May 1st, 2018. It will then be published in the "American Cream News." Ballots will be sent our by our Secretary/Treasurer and returned to her before the annual meeting.

The members who will be ending their 3 year terms this year are Wendel Lupkes and Susan Engel. They will both be invited to submit a "Letter of Intent" and may either accept or refuse. We would like to see other members who want to become involved in the day to day decision making for the ACDHA. If that is of interest to you here are the guidelines as set in our by-laws:

**ARTICLE III. POSITIONS**

**Section I. Directors**

A. Directors must be full members in good standing.
B. Only one member per immediate family may serve as a Director for the Association at a time.
C. At all board meetings, four directors shall constitute a quorum.
D. All Directors shall have regular access to an e-mail address.
E. The Board of Directors shall have the following positions: President, Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer and have six Directors.

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The Livestock Conservancy
https://livestockconservancy.org/

The Livestock Conservancy works to protect endangered breeds of livestock and poultry from extinction. They also help organizations and associations like ours. Let’s show our thanks and support by becoming a member and joining The Livestock Conservancy. It is another path that helps our American Cream Draft Horse, a true American Heritage Breed!

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New Merchandise Coming Soon!

Watch for details in the next newsletter.