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Greetings ACDHA Family and Friends

Member Alert! The ACDHA’s 75th Anniversary Family Reunion Meeting will be held this Sept. 27th to 29th in Iowa Falls, Iowa.

It's shaping up to be an exciting gathering of the American Cream Draft Horse Association’s Family & Friends. Friday will kick start with a special presentation on the Science and Benefits of DNA Testing by Dr. Gus Cothran from the Equine Genetics Dept. at Texas A & M’s School of Veterinary Medicine. Friday afternoon we will travel to Radcliffe, Iowa to visit C.T. Rierson’s Farm & Barn which was the birthplace of the ACDHA. There will be a gathering of Members and Family from several of the original Charter Members of the American Cream Draft Horse Assn. You’ll want to hear their memories first hand, so plan to attend all the activities. We will be dedicating a Plaque to that Historic beginning. The Radcliffe Museum will be open to visit the history of Radcliffe and a section with American Cream Draft Horse History, followed by a dinner at the local Steak House in Radcliffe.

The ACDHA 75th Annual Meeting in Iowa Falls is shaping up to be an epic Celebration. It will be very busy with a full Agenda that includes recognition of Members, updates on the Status of the Cream Draft Breed, the Election results of Directors, Voting on by-Law revisions, the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy presenting Youth Educational Grant Awards to Jr. Members, and much, much more. The Annual Meeting will be followed by a “Showcase of American Cream Draft Horses” presented inside the Ellsworth College Equestrian Arena on Saturday and Sunday afternoons along with other educational opportunities. We’ll have brunch on a River Cruise Boat cruise on Sunday.

Get your rooms and flights reserved soon, because you won’t forgive yourself should you miss out on this very special Meeting!

We’ll plan on seeing you all soon in Iowa Falls,

John Schwartzler

President

L to R: Beattie's Dolly #225 & Daffy #227; Ziebell's full sisters, Cindy #247, Camy #246 & Mae #271 ; JD's Nellie #262 & Sally #200 ; C T Rierson's 4 horse hitch
Welcome to the year of the ACDHA 75th Anniversary

Now that we are enjoying our Summer and waiting in anticipation of Fall, we are grateful for the members that have served and still serve to preserve the Heritage Breed that is recognized as the American Cream Draft horse. We hope you have made plans to attend our celebration.

Our big meeting and celebration is planned in Iowa on September 27-29 so get your reservations early. Information about hotels and airports are on page 5 of this newsletter. If you want to bring any horses in for our “Cream Showcase” on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, contact Wendell Lupkes for details and reserve a place for your horse to stay. There will be a limited number of stalls so if you are serious about hauling your horse in book ASAP. You can contact Wendell by email: wjlupkes@mchsi.com or phone (319) 230-8465.

This edition contains all the nominees running for the director positions available and will be announced at the meeting. Our directors who were up for renewal Connie Purchase and Michael Bradford, have declined not to run and we all want to thank them for their service. The ballots will be sent out by Kerrie Beckett and must be returned promptly. Members please exercise your right and vote.

Any By-law change requests to be presented at the meeting need to be submitted NO LATER than August 15, 2019, so that they can be distributed to members for review prior to the meeting. Thank you.

I hope all who bred mares and foaled sent foaling reports to Kerrie. They were due on December 31, 2018. Stallion reports for mares covered were also due then from the 2018 breeding season.

The annual dues to the Association are $25 for each membership and are due on June 1 of each year. Send your payment to Kerrie Beckett. There is a form for renewing on page 11.

If you want your horse or horses pictures added to the newsletter please send pictures and information to me (Sue), your editor. My contact information is as follows: 54658 Bent Rd, Marcellus, MI 49067 and sulynnengel@yahoo.com.

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Annual Meeting and Celebration Itinerary

Thursday, September 26th

PM Arrivals (Horses and people)

Horses dropped off at Ellsworth Equestrian Center, 709 Ellsworth Ave, Iowa Falls

Contact: Dana Merritt – 641-648-8665 work, 319-321-3232

Wendell Lupkes 319-230-8465

Stalls have rubber mats, bedding is to be purchased there for $7.00. Need water bucket and hay bag.
Theisen's farm store is next door for grain mixture. Grass/clover hay provided no charge

6:00 +/- Meet at Pizza Ranch, 706 Washington Ave, Iowa Falls, IA 50126 for dinner

Friday, September 27th

Breakfast on your own

10:00 Gus Cothran - American Cream Genetics – Blood Typing and DNA testing

11:30 Lunch – Subway – individual orders delivered

12:30 Annual Meeting – Reports, Committees, and By-law changes

2:30 Head to Rierson farmstead – Presentations

4:00 Radcliffe Historical Society

5:30 Dinner at Babe's Steakhouse in Radcliffe – individual orders

Return to Iowa Falls, Ellsworth Equestrian Center for visiting, horses

Saturday, September 28th

Breakfast on your own

9:00 Resume Annual Meeting

12:00 Lunch - Delivered by Pizza Hut

2:00 – 5:00 American Cream Draft clinic/show

Judge/Commentator – Mark Sparrow

6:00-8:00 Dinner – Recognition of Descendants of Founders/Early Breeders

Ellsworth Equestrian Center

Dinner catered by HyVee – Chicken or Roast Beef - $13

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Sunday, September 29th

Breakfast on your own, or Empress Riverboat brunch cruise (cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee) Can upgrade to full breakfast if there is enough interest. Minimum of 20, maximum of 44 for catered cruise.

10:00 -12:00 Public Open House at Ellsworth Equestrian Center

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch - on your own (River Tap, Plaza Veracruz, Chuong Garden, McDonalds)

2:00 – 5:00 American Cream Draft clinic/show

Judge/Commentator – Mark Sparrow

Dairy Queen and then HOME

### Reservation Information for our 2019 Meeting

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**Airport Information:**

Des Moines International Airport (DSM) – Approx. 1 1/2-hour drive to Iowa Falls (87 miles)

American Airlines, Delta Airlines, United Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Allegiant Airlines

http://www.dsmairport.com/

Iowa Regional Airport - Cedar Rapids (CID) – Approx. 1 3/4-hour drive to Iowa Falls (114 miles)

American Airlines, Delta, Airlines, United Airlines, Frontier Airlines, Allegiant Airlines

https://flycid.com/airlines/

Waterloo Regional Airport (ALO) – Approx. 1 hour drive to Iowa Falls (56 miles)

American Airlines – 2 flights to Chicago daily

http://flyalo.com/
Letters of Intent for a Position of Director in the ACDHA

Hello all!
My name is Anne Murray and I would like to run for a position on the American Cream Draft Horse Association’s board of directors.

A little bit about myself: I am married to the love of my life, soul and work partner, Ken Murray. He keeps me sane! I have two grown children and a grand child on the way in August. I have had horses since 1980. My mom thought it was a ‘phase’ I was going through and that I would just have a horse until the fun wore off! Here I am, 15 horses later! Who knew?!!

I am an educator by profession, albeit newly retired as of May 2019. But do teachers REALLY ever stop teaching? I don’t think so. This is one of the reasons I am pursuing a position on the board. I am also on the board of directors for the Carriage Operators of North America. I am always teaching people about driving, farming, horses, draft horses and specifically our beloved American Creams.

My history with the American Cream began in when I wrote a letter to then secretary Karene Topp, hoping to get a list of breeders for a future purchase. I still have that old fashion typewritten letter and the pamphlet that she sent with it. It wasn’t until June of 2009 when my husband was out of town that I found an American Cream Draft mare on craigslist within an hour drive of me! What an awesome mare she has turned out to be...our foundation mare bred with another craigslist find, Noah #621...they have made some beautiful babies. I have subsequently purchased 2 other ‘found’ ACs. We have 4 foals from Dolly and Noah: Gus, Hope, Ike and Kane.

My promotion of the American Cream began the first Christmas we used Dolly in our carriage service. Everyone loves her. Her quiet temperament, double mane, and buxom proportions make her a great spokes model for the breed. Since then we have added another of our found mares, Amber, to drive carriages and work weddings. My husband loves to do some of his farming with the horses. He looks forward to replacing his ‘go to’ Percheron team with our up and coming team of ACD geldings, Goober and Gus. They are only 4 yo so they have not done a lot of farming but they did get the ground ready for the oats we planted this year. We also do parades and educational farming events with our ACDs.

We are members of Association of Living History Farms and Museums though our association with the Nash Farm in Grapevine, Texas. We also belong to the National Livestock Conservancy. This past Spring we joined up with The Calvary Group to try to get a bill passed here in Texas that is coming to every state called the ‘Working Animal Protection Act.’ If you have not heard of it, take a look. It is about animal welfare and the people who own animals, NOT animal rights. So be careful in googling that one.

Now, for the future. I see the American Cream Draft Horse Association needing more youth involvement. This is the only way we can hope for our numbers to continue. We must be good stewards and promote youth. How? We can foster the repeat of our ‘National Show and Exhibition’ which we are having this year in Iowa. It will
cost money, but any good promotion will cost money. We should adopt a system of awards for youth who document, spend time and hopefully show our beloved ACDs. Similar things are done in state draft horse associations as well as the longhorn association. I would love to see our association promote this type of youth involvement, regardless of their ownership of an ACD. We all have our opinions on genetics, found/fully registered horses, open/close books, the best lines for stallions....but these opinions will only continue if we continue the love of our breed in the youth of today.

So I hope you accept and support my running for this board position for the election to be held in September 2019. Thank you and know that I will be out there promoting our American Cream Draft Horse whether I am elected or not.

Sincerely,
Anne Murray
Workhorse Ranch & Olde Tyme Carriage Co.
www.workhorseranch.com
817-925-4993 or 817-929-6068

Dear members of The American Cream Draft Horse Association,

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your consideration in allowing me to serve as a Director for the American Cream Draft Horse Association. Ever since I was a young girl watching people riding their horses on the beaches of Brazil, I have loved and been involved with horses. Horses have been an integral part of my life. Although a teacher and high school administrator by profession, I continued to pursue and grow in my knowledge of horses. I have been involved and participated in working with many breeds and various breed associations. I have shown horses in English and Western Disciplines and apprenticed with a Natural Horsemanship Trainer. I continue to be very involved in the horse community through my relationships with other horse owners, trainers, breeders, suppliers, cowboy churches, and volunteering my horses for city and county events. I am the owner of a beautiful American Cream Draft horse mare named Triple Springs Lady Eleanor (aka, “Ellie”).

The time is perfect for us to increase recognition and status of the ACD horse. As a Director, I believe we can do this at the local, state, national, and international levels. This can be accomplished through marketing the unique abilities, beauty, temperament and versatility of the breed. Each member has expertise in a variety of disciplines that can be a tool to demonstrate and teach others about our wonderful breed. We should share and draw upon each other’s knowledge in order to accomplish our goals as an Association. Open lines of communication, sharing of ideas, concerns, and suggestions will help facilitate this.

Finding ways to allow the community to actually touch and see our endangered horses would bring us closer to accomplishing our goals. Demonstrations, hosting groups, and participation in various equine events allow opportunities for others to see why this breed is so special.

It is time for the American Cream Draft horse to shine! It would be an honor for me to assist the Association and its members in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

**Elizabeth Leonard**
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Candidate for Director

My name is **Belle Davis** and I would appreciate your consideration for Director on the ACDHA Board. I have been a Director in the past but have recently retired and feel that I have more time to dedicate to the Association and the Breed. I have been involved with ACD’s since 2005 when we (Bill Davis and I) purchased our first ACD: MCD Joshua’s Bobbi from Donna Miller. The herd grew from there and we got involved with breeding and raising American Cream Drafts and also training and showing them.

Our first horse Bobbi was trained to compete in Combined Driving Events and did very well. Our first foal B & B’s Lucky Lad became a great carriage horse as well and is still going strong to this day.

In December of 2017 I retired from USDA FSA after 38 years and Bill and I moved to Boaz, Alabama to my parents’ farm. They deeded us 11 acres and we’ve been busily developing it and turning it into B & B Farms, home of American Creams in Alabama. We had three horses shipped to Alabama in January of 2018 and just recently had our stallion B & B’s Don Ivan Junior shipped home. I am planning to work with the Equine Unit at Auburn University to collect and breed Junior.

I believe the American Cream Drafts deserve to be preserved and saved, they are magnificent animals and have many unique qualities that need to be saved. Though the numbers are small, the current owners and breeders are dedicated to the breed and doing everything to heighten the public’s awareness of our breed. I would like to be back in the forefront of saving this breed and that is why I am asking your consideration for Director.

Thank you,
Belle Davis
I had never heard of American Cream draft horses until I got a call from a friend in Maine. “Could you check out a horse near Three Rivers Michigan and let me know what you think”. That friend was (and still is) Kerrie Beckett and the horse she wanted me to look at was Timex. My name is Myron Karsten and that was just the first of many opportunities to interact with some great horses and meet some wonderful people of the American Cream family. When Kerrie purchased Timex, I agreed to transport him to Maine for her and had my first chance to handle a Cream. I was impressed with his temperament, demeanor and personality. By the time we reached Maine I was hooked!

The next call I got about Creams was when the Association was trying to get possession of the rescue horses from Northern Michigan. Kerrie asked if I would step up and move horses from upstate and hold them at my place near Lansing until they could catch rides to their new homes. After lots of coordination with Wendell Lupkses and several trips through winter weather to the northern part of the state, we accomplished the move. Handling the different horses just reinforced my experience with Timex. And the result of the experience was my acquiring my own Cream, Dolly.

The confusion in trying to properly identify the different rescue horses and attach names and registration to them reinforced the need to track and chip our Creams. DNA testing as it’s become more affordable is another tool. With the small number of Creams, it becomes critical to identify our horses and track their genetics both for maintaining the integrity of the breed and improving desirable characteristics. And with improved testing those horses that in the past might have been misidentified can be confirmed.

I see a big part of the future mission of the Association in this area as well as continuing to promote the breed and encouraging new members to join the Cream family. I would be proud to serve as a director if given a chance and to work in this direction.
Letter for Consideration as Secretary - Treasurer

Kerrie Beckett, Running for Secretary

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me during the past few months as interim secretary-treasurer. It is now with hopes that I ask for your consideration and support as I run to be your full-term secretary-treasurer. I am enjoying the position and getting to know more members, talking with prospective new members, and answering all kinds of questions including the public interested in learning about the creams. I find it interesting to run statistics on our Cream numbers (BTW, please get your stallion reports and foaling reports in if you haven’t already!) During the interim, we have launched a very important advertising campaign, in which I designed ads highlighting our 75th Anniversary and meeting in Iowa (September 27-29, 2019). I hope to see you all there, it is going to be a fantastic meeting! This is a very important celebration for our 75th Anniversary of our Association and our amazing breed as well!

I have served twice on the Board of Directors. Additionally, I have served in the capacity as your Vice President (2018) before taking on the role as interim secretary-treasurer when our long-term secretary, Nancy Lively, resigned. If I am voted in as your secretary-treasurer, it will be my job to serve you and the Creams you love. It is also part of my job to help bring the Creams into the future, which includes keeping members active, presenting advertisements to make the public aware, acknowledging trends with our horses, and being available to help where I can.

As a Senior Scientist when working in consulting, I managed various project types and clients from small to multi-million dollar, as well as international. I am able to manage budgets, timelines, and clients, while still performing my scientific duties within the environmental laws which are applicable. Personally, I have PhDs in Animal Science and Ecotoxicology, from Michigan State University with additional degrees in Marine Biology, Biochemistry and Zoology. I did my graduate research on animal cancer, and health associated with environmental factors including toxins and nutrition. I completed much of my graduate work in the veterinary school at MSU, where

I still maintain strong working relationships. I have been involved in high-risk equine rescue for almost 30 years, which is perhaps part of the reason I combined my passion for creams and love of rescue. I find great passion working with the Creams ever since Timex stepped into my life in 2011, and there has been no looking back.

Since Timex, I have added a few more creams. There are 4 mares here (Buttercup, Puppy, Ivy, and Clar), as well as Finn (gelding) and a stallion, Duke. I also have a ‘chocolate cream’ (bay, QH), Wizard who is 34 yrs old. He is happy to think he is a cream. I now hope to bring my Cream passion into the secretary-treasurer position with your vote and bring the Creams into THEIR time.

Thank you for your consideration, Kerrie Beckett
2019 ACDHA Membership Dues

Member’s Name and Address: ____________________________

Number of Voting Members: ________
Amount: $ _________
Number of Associate Members: ________
Amount: $ _________
Check #: _________
Amount Enclosed ________
Update e-mail address for ACDHA records _____________

Voting Member: $25.00
Associate Member: $25.00

Make check out and mail to:
ACDHA
226 Schellinger Rd
Poland Spring, ME 04274

We have 75th Anniversary Polo Shirts Available

Shirts are a beautiful royal blue with silver embroidery. Available stock on hand would have to be ordered by September 1, 2019 for delivery before the meeting. They are $30 each and shipping is included in the price. They will also be available for purchase at the meeting in September.

Sizes available are men's small, medium, large, extra-large and 2x-large, others are available by special order.

Send the size information, quantity and payment to Kerrie Beckett, 226 Schellinger Rd, Poland Spring, ME 04274.

If you have requests for other sizes that we don't have on hand send them, no later than August 20th, to Sue Engel, 54658 Bent Rd, Marcellus, MI 49067 or sulynnengel@yahoo.com.
Conservation Genetics and Youth Incentives for the American Cream Draft

This Summer, we are pleased to announce that The Livestock Conservancy will launch a project to support conservation of American Cream Draft horses and to promote the breed to young owners.

Breedsthat have small population size, like the American Cream Draft, often lose important genetic variation over time due to random chance or to inbreeding. The Livestock Conservancy, the American Cream Draft Association, and Dr. Gus Cothran of Texas A&M will partner together create a DNA snapshot of the breed's current genetic health. This work will help direct conservation breeding decisions and ensure the future of the breed. Announcements about which animals are needed for tail hair sample collection will be made at our 75th Anniversary Meeting on September 27-28, 2019. Sample collection envelopes and instructions will be sent to each owner.

The future of the American Cream Draft horse also depends on the recruitment of new young owners and breeders. The Livestock Conservancy will offer eight $250 youth scholarships for participation in events that will help recruit young people to own and work with the breed! Participants must be age 8-18 and be current youth members of the American Cream Draft Horse Association. Proposals must meet the following criteria for consideration: 1) Have a clear goal and a detailed time line for achieving that goal, 2) have a plan for use of the funds to benefit the breed, and 3) describe the impact the project will have on the participant and on the breed. Project proposals are due on Sept. 16, 2019 and scholarships will be awarded at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

One of our lovely junior members Lyndsey Dyda

Attention ACDHA Junior Members!

Junior Members be sure to submit to the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy and share in hundreds of dollars in ALBC Youth Education Grant Funds that will be awarded to ACDHA Jr. Members who send in their Research Presentation or their 4H/FFA Horse Project on the American Cream Draft Horse. We encourage all ACDHA Jr. Members to participate. The Grants will be awarded at the Annual Meeting in Iowa Falls this September. You needn’t be present to win, provided you had returned your application to the ALBC by the Sept. 20th deadline.

Apply to: American Livestock Breeds Conservancy
ACDHA Junior Member Grants
c/o Charlene Couch
P.O. Box 477
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
Email: ccouch@livestockconservancy.org