American Cream News

American Cream Drafts on a Heritage Breed
USPS Forever Stamp

On Monday, May 17, 2021 the Livestock Conservancy and the United States Postal Service hosted a First Day of Issue Dedication Ceremony. The event was held on the grounds of the home of President George Washington, Mt Vernon, Virginia, and named the Heritage Breeds Commemorative Forever Stamps First Day of Issue. 10 different endangered breeds are on the stamps and had representation of their breed at the event.

The DiPietro and Tremel Families were contacted to see if we could bring one of our Cream Horses. Of course the answer was yes. Mt Vernon is only a 50 min drive from our homes in Maryland. The decision was made to take our mare Devon who was our first foal out of a Cream to Cream breeding 23 years ago.

On Saturday, Granddaughter Katie, daughter Kimberly assisted by grandson Luke all worked on shampooing and making her look good. Without saying, all of you know what she looked like Sunday morning and then again early Monday. They do like to get dirty so she got washed 3 times!

Originally the forecast for Monday was showers but it turned out to be a beautiful cool sunny day.
President’s 20/21 Report

Summer Greetings to all of our Cream Family & Friends!

It’s almost time to pack your bags to attend the 20/21 ACDHA Annual Meeting at the end of July in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. The 2020 Annual Meeting became a casualty of the Pandemic and was postponed until the weekend of July 30th 2021. Therefore, we’ll be holding our 20’ & 21’ Meetings as one: 20/21 in 2021.

The annual gathering of the American Cream Draft Horse Association’s Family and Friends is much more than a Meeting, it’s really our Family Reunion. It offers us time to reaffirm relationships that span from Coast to Coast. Members tend to visit and network late into the evenings during the entire weekend and start right back up around the coffee pot each morning.

The Lectures and Seminars at the gathering will be Fun and Informative, which helps to expose new Members to all of the marvelous qualities and achievements of the American Cream Draft Horse Breed. There will be many opportunities to share your excitement about “Cream Horse” activities taking place in your respective Regions across this great Country. It’s finally the time to break out and get back together with our “Cream” Family!

Out West we’re currently legging up the Teams for their mid-June 2021 Reno Rodeo & Cattle Drive across the desert in Nevada. Sandy will be posting Cattle Drive photos on the ACDHA Facebook page.

Be sure to remember to fill in your ballot for the Election of Directors and mail it back to the Secretary by the due date.

Hope all of you are enjoying getting back to your “Cream” Horse activities!

John
ACDHA President
Why is Devon so alert? Took a little while to figure out what she was watching. Mt Vernon is probably on a hill 400ft High, a quarter of a mile from the Potomac River which is almost a mile wide. There was a small motor boat in the middle of the river which she watched until it got out of sight! Guess she doesn’t need glasses.

The event was held on the North lawn of the home, overlooking the Potomac River. Devon stood for over 3 hours either secured to a tree or held with countless children and adults admiring her and asking questions and taking picture. I estimate that 500-600 people attended the event which was very well planned. Lots of questions and many visitors to the display table which Paula created. A number of pamphlets were given out. Our Association received a lot of good publicity.

Livestock Conservancy members Karena Elliott, Jeanette Beranger and Charlene Couch were extremely helpful and I would like to acknowledge their assistance. We are extremely fortunate to have the assistance of the Livestock Conservancy supporting us with their publicity, scholarships, advice and in the past they have provided us with speakers for our annual meeting. It would be nice if more members of our Association joined and supported them.

It was delightful to meet with Elaine Shirley from Colonial Williamsburg who I first met in the early 1990’s when I bought my first stallion, C W Cream of Wheat Jeremiah (Jerry); she was with C W when they first got involved with the American Cream Draft over 30 years ago.


The stamps are for sale at the post office but you will probably have to special order them through your local post office.

Fun day and very educational for the kids who were happy to skip school!

by Frank Tremel
Letters of Intent for Directors 2021

ACDHA Membership,

This letter is written to place my candidacy before the Membership for consideration for re-election to the post of Director on the American Cream Draft Horse Association Board of Directors. My previous experience as a Director on the Board has been a privilege and has aided my focus on dealing with the challenges and opportunities the ACDHA will face in the future. My personal focus continues to be in driving our Cream Draft Horses at high visibility Events that help to Showcase the splendid qualities of the “Creams” before the Public.

Respectfully,
John Schwartzler
ACDHA Director

Hello American Cream Draft owners,

My name is Sue Suehs and I would like to be considered for a position to serve on the American Cream Draft Horse Association's board of directors.

I currently live in east central Wisconsin with my husband Roy, next door to the dairy farm he grew up on. I used to substitute teach and drive school bus while we dairy farmed with Roy’s brother, up until Roy decided he wanted to do something else, and he dreamed of being able to sleep in on the weekends! After we left dairy farming I still continued to drive school bus and substitute teach. We don’t have any human children of our own, but I have several kids I have taken under my wing over the years and have shared my love of horses with each of them.

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We currently have 3 creams, 2 draft crosses, and my retired Appaloosa sporthorse. Horses have always been a large part of my life. I started riding when I was 6 years old and got my first pony when my family moved from Illinois to Colorado. I have ridden many disciplines over the years but dressage really caught my attention at a young age. I am a past breeder of the Trakehner horse, which is another rare breed that was nearly annihilated during World War II. Trakehners have made a comeback with a very small gene pool and is currently the only warmblood breed that I know of with a semi-closed book, only allowing registered Thoroughbreds and Shangai Arabians with a breed up program. After I gave up breeding Trakehners I concentrated on continuing my dressage riding and training on nontraditional breeds. As I was looking for a youngster to bring along, I stumbled across the American Cream Draft Horse. The description of the breed sounded like it would make a nice dressage mount and I found Angela Bleeker in Washington state who had BLC Joker’s Violet available for sale. As you can imagine, after Violet arrived at my farm, I fell in love. Violet was started to drive and ride, but had some ups and downs dealing with hoof abscesses, which required Violet to have hoof surgery. Then due to some health issues of my own, Violet didn’t get the dressage training I had hoped for her. And yet, the American Cream Draft story doesn’t end there, because we have 3 American Cream Drafts, but that is for another day!

My history with the American Cream may not be as long as others, but I have come to love the breed. I feel it is critical to keep our horses registered and papers transferred when sold, but to also utilize the science of DNA in case there is a “found” cream and to encourage our owners and friends to keep their membership active so the association can stay solvent. I also wish to encourage cream owners to share what they are doing with their horses and offer awards/certificates for their accomplishments. I also believe it is important to share our horses with our youth, even if it’s with the local 4-H group or FAA chapter so they can see how wonderful the breed is. Let’s not forget the American Cream Draft horse is an American Breed that is known for its calm, willing demeanor and versatility.

Our breed is endangered and it is up to all of us American Cream owners to keep the breed alive and well. If I am elected to the Board of Directors, I will do my best to assist the association and its members in preserving the breed we all have fallen in love with. Thank you for your consideration in this position.

Sincerely,
Sue Suehs
rsueshs@gmail.com
Hello ACDHA members,

My name is Mischala Walker and I would like your vote in running for the board of the American Cream Draft Association. I live in Russellville, Arkansas and have had a passion for this breed since I saw my first in the early 2000’s. I bought my first two Creams in 2007 and have been very vocal about educating and preserving this wonderful breed. We have two stallions and five mares. We work hard every year to put as many quality ACD foals on the ground as we can. This year, I offered free breedings to either one of my boys in hopes we could get more foals on the ground. I believe we need to take measures to preserve this breed. Our numbers are dropping every year. I believe we need to register every filly born regardless of outcross color. If we register a cream filly born out of a Belgian one year, but not the next because the filly is not cream, we are losing out on potential mares for this already shrinking gene pool. We should be taking every step in ensuring we get more members, educate more people on the versatility of the breed, and increase our number of horses registered. At this time, we are having more deaths than live births and this will have to change if this wonderful breed is to continue. I love talking about this breed and as anyone who has met me can attest, I will talk your ear off about these horses. I would love to serve on the board and see if I can help this awesome breed continue.

Thank you for your consideration,
Mischala Walker

*pictured here with my Izzy *

My name is Tiffany Corson and I would appreciate your consideration for Director of the American Cream Draft Horse Association Board.

Throughout my career, it has been my great honor to educate the public about the American Cream breed. I currently manage the breeding and horse business here at Corson Acres. I joined the ACDHA when I was 17, and have spent my life working and showing American Creams. In 1997, I was the first person to represent the American Cream breed at the Youth Hostel Program, where I met trainers who taught me how to drive, train, and braid for show.
Since 2002, I have had the privilege of owning my own half-Cream gelding, Indy, who was born here at Corson Acres. Indy has become an ambassador for the American Cream breed. When I went to college at Meredith Manor, Indy came with me, and since then, we have represented the Cream breed in eventing, dressage, hunter jumper, Pony Club, 4-H, and so much more. In 2008, Indy was used as a model for a Stone Horse at the Stone Horse Country Fair, where he was the only half-Cream horse model they’d ever created. In 2017, Indy won the Half-Draft Horse Award at the Kentucky Horse Park, becoming the first American Cream cross to receive the title.

Corson Acres is a family-owned and operated business owned by Ben and Linda Corson. I manage the day-to-day operations, breeding, training, driving, and showing. My sons, Brint and Bradley are also ambassadors for the breed. They assist with training, breeding, showing, and daily operations for Corson Creams. Bradley, a Meredith Manor graduate, is the official farrier for Corson Creams. Brint is a junior member of ACDHA, and has won the Livestock Conservancy Award for representing the American Cream, which earned him a scholarship. Currently, Corson Creams has a breeding program where we breed both full American Creams and half Creams. We have a very wonderful stallion, Studley, five full cream mares, and a few warmblood mares that we are breeding to Studley. Our focus is to increase the numbers, promote the breed, and educate the public about the versatility of the breed.

My goal as the ACDHA Director is, ultimately, to help the ACDHA in any way necessary by continuing the work I do in service of the breed and the organization. I think my extensive knowledge would make me a perfect fit for the position.

I appreciate your consideration.
Tiffany Corson
Bonner's Ferry, Idaho

Tiffany showing Creams at the age of 17 and 18.
With heavy hearts, we announce the death of our member William D. Davis (Boaz, Alabama), born in Charleston, South Carolina, who passed away on May 30, 2021 at the age of 67. You can leave a sympathy message to the family at the memorial page of William D. Davis of the funeral home's website (Mcrae Funeral Home in Boaz, Alabama to pay them a last tribute. You may also light a candle in honor of William D. Davis. He was predeceased by: his mother Virginia Evelyn Shaw Davis; his former wife Sandra Kaye Davis; and his brothers, Clyde Davis, Marshall Davis and Hayes Davis.

He is survived by: his father William D. Davis, Sr. (Cecilia) of Ecuador; his wife Belle Davis of Boaz; his children, Kevin Davis (Rebecca) of Washington and Kimberly McAvoy (Nicole) of California; his grandchildren, Sullivan Davis and Dahlia Davis; and his siblings, Darrol D. Davis (Sana) of California, Daniel Davis of California, Carol Nelson (Bill) of California and Donna McFarlane (Rick) of California.

Visitation was held on Friday, June 4th 2021 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Mcrae Funeral Home (99 Glenda Dr, Boaz, AL 35957). A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 5th 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Bethany Baptist Church (344 Bethany Rd, Horton, AL 35980). The Family will accept flowers or suggests donations to Happiness Foundation in care of Bethany Baptist Church, 344 Bethany Road, Horton, AL 35980.

2021 Annual Meeting Registration The board has discussed and determined to help meeting hosts and secretary organize and plan for annual meetings that a meeting registration fee of $25 will be put in place to project numbers of attendees. For the 2021 meeting in Bonners Ferry, the registration will cover the lunch and the meeting material packets. There will be a registration coupon included in the pre-meeting packet (i.e., with voting ballots, etc.) or you are welcome to pre-register once we are set up to do so! We will keep you posted! We are looking forward to seeing you in Idaho!!

- A special thank you to ACDHA Members and Supporters who have donated to the Association. These donations (unless designated for a specific use such as the Youth Scholarship) help support things like special programs, promotion, and our Youth.

- Saving the American Cream Draft Horse: Survival of this critically endangered breed starts with each of us! We each play a role that is important and valuable. Some of us are breeders, some put our Creams in the public eye in carriage businesses, some enter equine shows to promote the breed, some trail ride and meet strangers along the way to become friends and future Cream owners, some teach lessons with our Creams and teach the next generation all about the breed, some give the tired Creams a retirement home and a place to educate visitors, some are members helping to support the Creams through the Association in many ways, and the list goes on and on. We thank each and every one of you for your interest and passion in the Creams, and being a part of the ACDHA.
From our Secretary/Treasurer- Kerrie Beckett

New Members

Associate:
Kelly Moore A-184
1356 Rogers Hwy
Adrian, MI 49221

David Ackerman A-185
3050 Mann Rd
Cheboygan, MI 48616

Full:
Tracy Pratt F-441
7001 Contrary Creek Rd
Gransbury, TX 76048

2021 ACDHA Membership Dues (To be paid by June 1st, 2021)

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

Please mail the Registration Coupon with the $$ needed with your ballots to Kerrie before attending. All paid members will get a lunch coupon and meeting notebook. All non-members (spouses, children and guests) must pay separately for lunch.

There will be a charge for the BBQ to be determined at the meeting.

ACDHA 2021 Annual Meeting Registration

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Please pick up lunch tickets for registered members at meeting when you check in!
Thank you for registering! We are so happy you will be joining us for great FUN in Idaho!!
Thursday
- Everyone arrives
- Board meeting
- Casual get together

Friday
- Get breakfast on your way (there is a very good bakery just north of the Inn called Bread Basket which is part of The Gathering)

- Meeting starts at 9 am (the meeting will be up at our farm in the Carriage house)
Our Address is 93 Inner Way Bonner Ferry, ID 83805 (Will have a map for everyone)
- Lunch at noon (catered by Jupiter Jane Traveling Café—see menu below)

Meeting normally lasts until 4-5pm
- Silent Auction during meeting

- Go out to eat Friday Night (Feist Creek Restaurant is just up the road from our farm)
SATURDAY’S BBQ AND DEMO DAY

We have a fun packed day
Come up for lunch
Demos and hay rides
Demos;
Vaulting on Earl
Indy Jumping
John Training
Braiding for Shows
(Open to other suggestions)
Dinner around the campfire
After a long day of demos and hands-on work with the horses, we will have a nice BBQ put on by Nick Corson and Natasha Berg, around the campfire and will all listen to Dr. Marilynn Moyle DVM talk.
(Marilynn is our local vet that specializes in breeding of draft horses and challenging cases. ) She has helped us with our breeding challenges with breeding our older mares with good success.

Sunday
- Tourist time (Will have a whole list of fun activities and places for everyone one to check out)
- Or you’re welcome to come back up and hang out at the Farm
If you have NOT made your reservations to attend the 20/21 meeting, PLEASE do so by July 1st. Our hostess Tiffany Corson had to reserve rooms with her Credit Card and needs to have that released from the INN. There are other places to stay but you may not be able to find a room if you procrastinate too long. Thank you.

Accommodations:

I have put many rooms and cabins (see below) on hold at:

Bonners Ferry Log Inn, Cabins & RV
43 Tobe Way
Bonners Ferry, ID 83805
1-208-267-3986
Website: loginbf.com

Please call the inn or go online to reserve your rooms.
I have reserved fifteen King rooms at $115 per night, three 2-Queen beds at $115 per night, one Family room at $120 per night and two Cabins at $175 per night. They also have RV hookups available. If anyone is bringing an RV, you are welcome to set up at the farm as well. Not sure why there are 3 confirmation numbers (Confirmation number - LH2103152022904 & LH2103152022865 & LH2103152022830), but I put the reservation under my name (Tiffany Corson) for the American Cream Draft Horse Association Meeting.

If you would rather stay elsewhere, there is the
Best Western Plus Kootenai River Inn Casino and Spa
7169 Plaza Street
Bonners Ferry, ID 83805
1-208-267-8511

I have not called them to put holds on the rooms, since I booked the Bonners Ferry Log Inn.

Flight Info:

The Farm is 2 hours and 45 minutes from the Spokane International Airport in Spokane, WA.
It is a 2 hour drive from Spokane International Airport to the Bonners Ferry Log Inn.

The Farm is 3 hours from the Glacier Park International Airport in Kalispell, MT.
It is 2 ½ hour drive from the Glacier Park International Airport to the Bonners Ferry Log Inn.

The Farm is ½ hour drive from the Bonners Ferry Log Inn. It is a beautiful drive and I will have illustrated maps for everyone to make the journey easy.

We understand that we are a bit off the beaten path, but will help in any way we can. This area is so beautiful and the drive is full of picturesque views, it will be worth your while to attend.

We hope everyone will be able to come and we look forward to seeing you all!