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## President's Column

Howdy Folk!

I apologize for the length of the president's column in advance.

It's been quite a while since I have been to a New Salem demonstration and I can tell you that Carolyn and all of the volunteers do a great job promoting the Morgan breed. Thank you for everyone who showed up and participated. I heard a lot of positive feedback from the audience and we even had a Peoria film crew from WEEK-TV show up.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Illinois State Fair this year. If I can remember that far back, I think that the weather was pretty nice and we had a nice group of Morgans representing the breed. Congratulations to Melissa Bates on being the 2008 MVMHC Scholarship recipient. It was nice to see around 100 people at the Futurity Luncheon also. I wish I could have spent more time meeting and greeting everyone.

September brought the Celebrate the Morgan demo at the Brunk Museum and the Heart Classic Horse Show. They both were well attended. Once again, thanks for Carolyn Firch, Lois McDermand, and Betsy Bishop's coordination of the demo. Also, thank you so much for all of the folk who brought horses. Ashley Hellemann, Jeannie Kent, Gail Rocke and Diana Vannaken throw a mean horse show. Congratulations on a successful Heart Classic!

We are now well into what I hope is a beautiful Indian Summer and at the end of October we will be having a Fun Show (see the class list below) out at the Brunk Museum followed by a weiner roast. Hope see everyone there, even if you don't plan on bringing a horse.

Don't forget the Fall Banquet. This year is the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and it would be nice to have a big turn out. This is also when elections will be. Wouldn't it be great if we had a real election, where there were more than one person running for each office. To me, that would mean there is renewed interest in this club.

Well, I've taken up enough of your time. I just wanted to catch up.

Randall

## Calendar of Events

### October

- 4-11 Grand National and World Championship  
Morgan Horse Show, OK State Fairgrounds,  
Oklahoma City
- 5 Otter Creek Saddle Club's Open Show, Terry  
Park, Palmyra
- 26 MVMHC Fun Horse Show, Brunk Museum  
of the Morgan Horse, Rochester

### November

- 15 MVMHC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration,  
Springfield

### December

- 7 MVMHC Christmas Party, Bozarth's,  
Pleasant Plains
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## News from WCC Morgans

Hi Members:

We have been busy this summer, Jeff has been putting up hay between rains, and I have been working with our county 4H group & kids. We just finished our last show about 10 days ago.

I wanted to give kudos to Randall for doing a great job through this most difficult year! He has been busy incorporating new ideas and that is what this club needed. Thanks so very much Randall!! I also want to thank Janet Williamson because she is an awesome support person in assisting the president.

I have to give a big thanks to Kathy Mayes at Cotton Hill for doing another great job with Cindy. Kathy has truly brought out the fine show horse qualities that Cindy possesses. Many thanks also go to her assistants, Diane Womack and Craig Prior for helping in the show ring and looking after Cindy.

Wasn't the Heart Classic fabulous? Loved it! The show committee did a great job and working those shows is very difficult and demanding.

The weather was nice for the Brunk Museum demo. We enjoyed it. But I was glad to get out of that dress. Sold my side saddle last week to someone in Omaha.

My best to you all. Have a safe and enjoyable fall.

Brenda

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Congratulations SMS Justmine and Ashley  
Hellemann on being the AMHA Open  
Competition High Point Morgan at the 2008  
Heart Classic Horse Show!

## Straight from the Horse's Mouth

Some of you were lucky earlier this summer when Mouth misplaced both the New Salem Demo and V-2 Show jottings. Well, guess what surfaced. There is a new "mouth writer" in the form of pocket size notebook and attached pen that will be hard to lose, except that it got lost before it even got started. Luckily it was found. There are at least 45 people and dozens of horses in this expanded Mouth.

From the New Salem Demo there were twenty members and eight horses participating along with a TV crew from WEEK-Peoria. Before the Demo even got started there was some interesting things like putting the tent up by oneself, how does the PA system work, and trying to Bay to the demo without stopping to greet every person and eat every blade of grass. Bay also embarrassed the Club when he gave his impression of his TV interview - he watered the grass.

As this was the first demo of the year the usual things happened like "who's on first", "who's doing what" and what happened to all the stored scripts. Your historian spent almost 12 hours retyping the whole demo. Thank heavens there are copies of every demo for the last ten years in the scrapbooks. Everything went pretty smooth for the first demo including the last minute added segment.

The trail segment was again a big hit with the crowd and the trail obstacles were an even bigger hit with some of the horses between demos. One yearling got some really good training and one older gelding played King-of-the-Hill with the bridge. The driving segment had a real certified or was it certifiable driver. No one (including the driver) was really sure.

There is one bit of gossip from the Morgan Masterpiece Horse Show. In the Amateur Western Pleasure class what or who was a Be-Boo-Stu?

From the V-2 Show many people were seen multi tasking, screwing up the computer, trying to hide from Mouth (who was caught napping), wearing squeaky tiaras, forgetting their back number or seen doing a pretty fancy two step as they tried to keep their stud from biting and kicking them or handling some really fancy airs above the ground.

At least two people had some interesting flying

(or was it landing lessons). One got bucked off a horse and another had such a rough flight home the he wanted to jump out of the plane. Of course he can't say too much about it as he is classified.

There should be some really good pictures from the show as at least two people had multiple cameras - one was Mouth and the other was a really proud mama.

From State Fair there were some new, fancy tack curtains that were sort of crooked. Was it that the material was crooked or was it that the "old lady" who sewed them was crooked. One person's t-shirt with horse sign language on it was a real hit with the people from the Illinois School for the Deaf. What Brother/Sister combo almost wore lime green shirts for the Futurity classes. It's a good thing that they didn't as they have blended in with the ring man. The Breeders Award trophy was so shiny that the winner was using it for a mirror.

Most three year olds need something to calm them down at the fair but this one needed spurs to wake up for the Junior Western Class.

Mouth thinks that she got a picture of everyone at the Fair. Most of them were taken as they went through the food line at the luncheon. One person who didn't get caught there got her rear end shot.

Maybe this Club needs to have a clinic on driving, actually more like cart 101. Included needs to be how to gracefully enter and exit a cart (while wearing a skirt), how to check tire pressure, why the tires should be checked before the horse is hitched and how to use an old fashioned tire pump.

From the Brunk museum Demo, Mouth was so busy with pictures and the script that she forgot to write down the goofies and there were a number of them.

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## Pop Tops for Ronald McDonald House

Yes we are still collecting pop tops. The Club already has a credit of 50 pounds for this year and your Historian has about 10 pounds on the garage. Remember that not just pop and beer cans have aluminum tops. Some soup cans, cat & dog food, microwave bowls of food and some cans of food are aluminum. The side of the can will say aluminum or steel. If the lid has printing on it it is probably steel.

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## Goofy/Ugly Pictures Needed for the November Meeting

Your historian has about 10 pictures already for this Annual contest but could use more. If you have a caption for your picture but it on a sticky note on the back, otherwise I will come up with something. If possible get them to me ahead of time so I can get them mounted, numbered and the captions typed.

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## Scrapbook Reminder

Your historian needs member news, pictures of events and anything else you may want saved. Member news does not have to be horse related but I need newspaper articles, programs, pictures, ticket stubs or anything to document your news.

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## Heels for Horses Author: Ashley Mitek

Many people think of farriers as blacksmiths, or someone who molds metal shoes for a horse's foot. With the advent of items like specially-made shoes, digital x-rays, and epoxy cushioning, modern day farriers are much more than someone who works over hot coals.

Travis Finn is the farrier for the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. He has been around horses and, more specifically, their feet, since birth. His father, Michael Finn, recently retired from the position that his son now holds at the College's Large Animal Clinic.

"My dad watched us during the summer when we were kids, so I was always around when he was working," mentions Finn. After watching for so many years, he went on to complete a seven-year apprenticeship under his father. He has seen the field advance over the past decades.

For instance, radiographs (x-rays) are now frequently taken of horses with problem feet so the farrier can get a better look. "Radiographs are like a road map of the leg and foot," says Finn.

He explains that by looking at the digital image, "you can better understand the alignment of bones, how much sole the horse has and the point of break over." All of these things are important in properly shoeing a horse, especially if it has an underlying condition.

From the radiographs, one can visualize the point of break over, or the location at which the horse's foot rolls over when in motion. In horses with laminitis, a painful condition in which the bone in the bottom of their foot begins to rotate, or those with navicular, another disease of the foot, one form of treatment is to change the break over point with corrective shoeing.

In the past, one may have seen horses with sytrofoam under their hoof held in place by duct tape as a form of corrective shoeing, but thanks to a recent invention, Finn can use a specially made shoe. The "track-me" shoe looks like a normal horseshoe, except for the substantial heel on the ends.

Although horses sporting the new shoe tend to look like they are wearing the equivalent of high heels, the "the wedge on the back and the rolled toe in the front help move the break over point forward," explains Finn.

Another advancement in hoof health is the equivalent of custom made tennis shoes to fit a marathoner's foot, minus the laces of course. Equine Digital Support System, or EDSS, is an impression material that has been increasingly used in the past few years for "any kind of horse with a hoof problem," says Finn. From sore horses to those recovering from laminitis, the substance has worked miracles.

The material comes in two separate tubes that, when mixed together, form a moldable epoxy. The farrier then puts the material on top of a leather pad that is attached to the horseshoe creating a sole-epoxy-leather-shoe sandwich.

From here the impression material molds to fill every crevice of the horse's sole to create a custom designed pad for the hoof that will provide support for 6-8 weeks. In case you want to color coordinate your horse's new shoes with its tack, EDSS comes in several different colors and firmnesses.

If you have questions about horse hoof health contact your veterinarian or farrier.

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**Heatherwald Masquerade- 2003, 15.1 Hand Chestnut Morgan Gelding**

Price: \$3,000 SIRE: Whispering Warlock DAM: Rockridge Heather Wind

Masquerade is a 5 yr old registered Morgan gelding. Approx. 15.1 hh and 900 lbs. Warlock is a Noble Flaire grandson. He is an elegant mover and makes a nice hunter pleasure gelding. Great personality, beautiful mover and wonderful extended trot. He was jumping around 4 foot before he went back to Morrison, IL to his owners, Heatherwald Morgans. He has been to a professional training for 120 days.

**RDS Margarita – 2005, 14.3 Hand Bay Morgan Filly**

Price: \$10,000 (NEG) SIRE: Radiance Command DAM: Taras Cartier

Margarita is another one of those fantastic horses produced by wonderful Morgans. She has Park potential for sure. She has shoes on and is ready to show In hand. She leads, loads, ties, bathes, stands for the farrier and wears leather. This is a sweet but spicy one. I have complete faith in this filly's ability to be a champion supreme! She could easily be a World Champion, no doubt! She has got it all, looks, bloodlines, conformation and talent. She has been long lined for 60 days. Please email for pictures. You have to see this filly! We will also sell Margarita with a free breeding to one of our studs on the property (RDS Hot Toddy or Heatherwald Wingman)

**RDS Night Dancer – 2003, 15 Hand high Black Morgan Gelding**

Price: \$3000 (NEG) SIRE: Hi-Bridge Regal Night DAM: Beauwest Dancers Image

Mikey is a very sweet and easygoing boy. He is a wonderful mover and has that nice extended trot. Great size, wonderful conformation, sound mind, powerful hind end, solid bone, straight legs, good looks! He will make a wonderful hunter show horse. He can collect naturally and very smart. He stands for the farrier, leads, loads, ties. Is current with all vaccinations, farrier, and Coggins. You can throw tarps over him and desensitized! He has had start of round pen work, has been long-lined and saddled. For a quick sale we are willing to give a continuing free 60 days of free training (includes training, board, feed, daily care, etc for those 60 days...free of charge!)

**Walter Von Der Vogelweide – 1999, 15 Hand High Bay Morgan Gelding**

Price: \$2000 SIRE: Jada Banner Renegade DAM: Elisa Romance

Beautiful moving 15 hand bay Morgan gelding. This horse would be a potential for Dressage. Lots of trail miles, crosses creeks, mud, cycles, deer, etc. Floats down steep hills. Has been ridden extensively on trails barefooted. UTD on shots, trims. Loads, stands for farrier, etc. This horse does best in a home where gets regular training, and I don't have time for him (more horses than time). He's an easy keeper, used to being at liberty (trails).

**Lady- 1985, 14.1 hand high Bay Arabian Mare**

Price: \$900

14.1 Hand high bay Arabian mare has done it all! This mare has done so much, endurance, worked cattle, hundreds of miles of trail experience, three foals. Parelli ground manners, moves off a very gentle touch. Flashy bay with lots of chrome. She is 23 years old, but don tell her! Very athletic, loves to go, not for a timid rider, however, Owner learned to ride on her! Stands to clip, farrier, grooming, tacking, loads well, ties to picket, crosses water, mud, etc. UTD on shots and trim. She has been barefoot on the trails for years. There is so much potential left in this horse, don't let the age fool you!

*You are cordially invited to  
Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club's  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

*November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

*Hors d'oeuvres at 12:00 p.m.  
Dinner at 1:00 p.m.  
Program immediately following*

*Menu:*

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Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club's  
1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Fun Horse Show

October 26, 2008  
Brunk Museum of the Horse  
Lake Services Road, Rochester, IL  
COST: \$15.00 for all day!

1. Egg & Spoon
2. Ride a Buck
3. Catalog Race
4. Rescue Race
5. Boot Race
6. 3-legged Race
7. Blind Buggy Race
8. Bribe Your Horse
9. "Pole" Bending
10. "Barrel" Racing
11. Command Class
12. Musical Chairs
13. Ride & Run
14. Walk-about
15. Trotting Race

Weiner Roast to follow.

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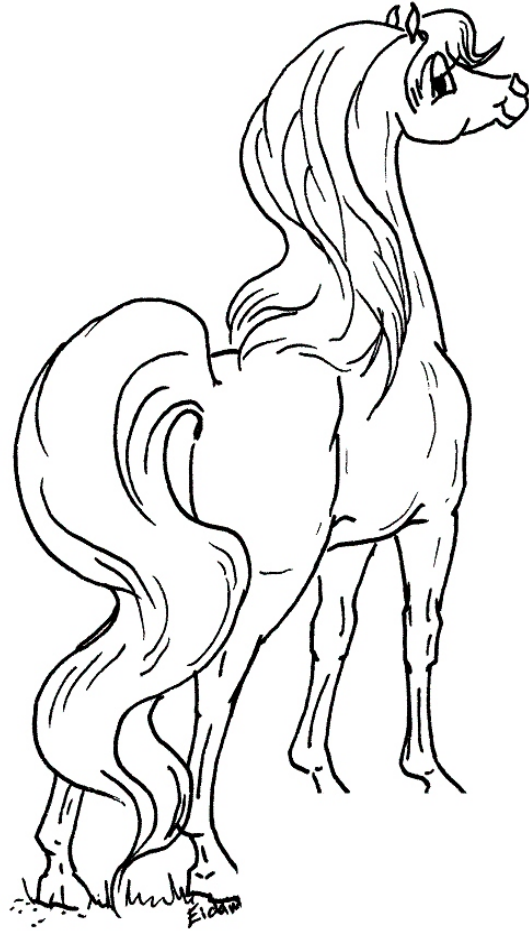
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