

Mississippi Valley News

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We're leaving smoke behind us as we roll into our second year. Enthusiasm and active participation are high with every indication that next year will be even better! Realizing that young people and Morgans are a natural, we have adopted a new ruling accepting members under age sixteen with all privileges other than a vote. Our first new member under this new ruling is Miss Judy Bivert of O'Fallon, Ill., owner of the gelding Aladdin by Pride of King out of the Jubilee King mare Madell. Judy plus the youngsters of our adult members make up a very peppy Junior following.

Our MVMHC Trail Ride suffered the consequences of heavy gray skies and buckets of rain. But the rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of sixteen "Morganites" who showed up to tromp mud all over our host's hospitality! In addition to eating all the food and plowing through all the mud, we even took his mares out of the barn for the ride. Led by our host Earl MacMichaels and his dark chestnut stallion Redberry and Ray Searls' bright chestnut Prince de Jarnette were Mac's five mares, Brooklyn Scarlet, Tillicum, Jo-Jo, Bonnie Flash and Kay-K, and Sue Lutz' Cin Dee, Jo Test's Illini Luck and the Byers' Jubilee's Pastime and Sundo. Mean while 'back at the ranch' the Mac Michaels' comely trio of colts put up some strong verbal opposition at being left behind! Led by Durango, a very well grown mahogany bay yearling, were the two very unhappy weanlings the lively Cavalier and the coppery chestnut Morab. Trail riding will always be topmost on our list of activities.

We were treated with more nice gray clouds and spasmodic little showers for our Performance School too. Our very capable commentators were Pat Werts with the fine harness and 3-gaited points of view and Ernest McElhinney, the western slant. The animation and action necessary for fine harness or 3-gaited Morgans was beautifully displayed by Ray Searls' Cinnamon King, with King's stablemate Prince de Jarnette setting the pattern for pleasure driving. This little stallion came back under a stock saddle to rein easily through short figure eights, good stops and wand weaving to display a good share of that "Morgan versatility" we all prize so highly. Billy MacMichaels and his capable little Bonnie Flash, who willingly adapted herself to all of the obstacles devised, demonstrated what is expected of a good western trail horse. This pair, with Prince, also gave a smooth performance as western pleasure mounts. Conclusion of the program found twenty-six hungry faces around the Searls' table a situation for which Esther Searls and Sadie Mac Michaels were very well prepared! Several of Ray's mares were out in pasture, but receiving visitors throughout the day in the barn were the two yearlings Misty Lynn (Linsley Lee Kamiah) a pretty chestnut filly, and DeJarnette's King (Cinnamon King x Fanny de Jarnette) a handsome bay colt, and Prince's first foal, the rich chestnut weanling filly Wanona Princess with her gray dam Frosty Princess. This mare has been bred back to Prince with fingers crossed for a twin to the weanling and the other mares are bred to Cinnamon King.

Down from Iowa and tossing off the long trip like a walk around the corner were the Ernest McElhinneys for the Performance School and meeting. They came well supplied with a good collection of pictures of their Morgans their mare Annie de Jarnette is a half sister to the Searls' Prince, being out of the same dam June de Jarnette. Annie is the dam of their little chestnut weanling colt which sports a blaze and one white foot, sired by Fudge Royale and tentatively named Bald Eagle.

We are pleased to announce some new equine additions to our Mississippi Valley family. A. E. Swartz of Independence, Mo., has recently acquired a daughter of Independence Jubilee. She is Jubilee's Dolly, a chestnut with flaxen mane and tail out of Bar S Topsy. Mr. Swartz originally bred this mare and although a serious injury suffered as a yearling prevents her from being ridden he expects to get some good colts from her. All of the Swartz band of mares are in foal to Jubilee Flash, a chestnut two year old stallion by General Cotton out of the Byers' Jubilee's Pastime. Latest count of noses indicates twelve, so the pasture will be brim full next year.

Another addition is a nine year old gelding recently purchased by the John Gerhardt family of Bridgeton, Mo. His registration papers have been lost, but the Gerhardts are trying to locate them through previous owners. Mean time they have a good Morgan to ride while continuing their search for that "special" filly.

Comfortably settled in a nice new barn in Florissant, Mo., is a three year old stallion recently acquired by Dr. D. F. McCarthy, well known veterinarian of that area. He is Panfield's Thor 12003, sired by Sir Wrangler by Panfield, out of Flying Duchess by Silgi's Improver. A bright chestnut with a good looking head, he is a regular pet and pleases his new owner to a "T." He is started under saddle, and Dr. McCarthy intends to use him as a pleasure mount . . . with Thor's disposition he should make an excellent one! His stablemate is a very nice black half-Morgan mare in foal to Ray Searls' Cinnamon King. She is owned by the Jack Paul family, and they are looking forward to a good colt next year. It is interesting to note that this mare was bred to King as a result of his appearance on one of our model classes in a local show early this summer.

A sincere welcome is extended to a new member Mr. Maurice Jacobs of Overland Park, Kansas. Mr. Jacobs is also secretary of the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Posse, and if memory serves, this club is nationally known for both trail rides and large stock sales.

Mrs. L. S. Greenwalt of Pawnee, Ill., has sold two Morgans to Mr. Hinkson of Arizona. They are a two year old black Flyhawk mare named The Black Rose, and a thirteen year old chestnut broodmare Betsy Hytone by King Mick out of Hattie C.

A late show held at the Sam Davis Farm, Jacksonville, Illinois, on Sept. 20th had a 3-gaited Morgan class, with the blue going to Stuart Hazard's young mare Modelette. Roy Brunk's Maudette was second, Joe DeRose' stallion Tweedle Dee third, and Tom Brunk's mare Daisanna fourth.

We are always happy to hear from Morgan admirers in the area. Address inquiries or news to Mrs. W. C. Byers 11057 Breezy Point, St. Louis 36, Mo.