

Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club News

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It seems as though news has been piling up since the last report. Sales have been brisk, and some important meetings held. The Mississippi Valley Morgan Club held its annual banquet November 14 at the Leland Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. Following the dinner, nominations were made for officers to be elected at the December meeting. The rest of the evening was spent visiting and dancing. Approximately 100 people were present from five states, making this the largest banquet we've ever had.

The membership of the National Morgan Jubilee held a meeting on the same day to hear a report on the 1965 show, discuss plans for 1966 and elect a new board. Serving on the board for 1966 are Del Rutherford, Marlin Manning, Harry Andre, Robert Boardman, Jeanne White, Ernest McElhinney, Roy Brunk, Howard Behl, Linda Howard, Beverlee Stahl, Ray Brachear, and Pat Werts. A committee was appointed to draw up the by-laws. Another meeting of the membership was called for early January to get the 1966 show plans underway.

There was a large turn-out for the Christmas party at the Pocklingtons' in Shipman, Illinois on December 12th. Seems as though the good food and fellowship always present at this meeting makes it one of the best of the year. After a delicious pot-luck dinner, elections for the coming year were held. Congratulations to the following new officers:

President: Marlin Manning

Vice-President: Paul Capelle

Secr.-Treas: Linda Howard

Publ. Sec.: Pat Werts

Historian: Mrs. Ray Searls

Directors: Roy Brunk, Floyd Niebruegge, W. E. McAllister, Ray Brachear

Ambassadors: Ernest McElhinney, Renee Page, Stuart Hazard, Truman Pocklington

Marline Manning read a list of 1965 accomplishments of the club: the Field Day, Fun Show, films of Morgan breeding establishments shown, sponsorship of classes at various shows, trophies donated at the Illinois State Fair, monthly column in the Morgan Horse Magazine, the newsletter, and our yearly directory of horses and owners.

The club has gained many new members in the past two months. Included are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Orlando of Wheaton, Illinois, owners of the gelding, Williwaw, now 23 years old. The family enjoys him as a pleasure horse and also as an accomplished dressage mount. Daughter Shirley also joined the club; her mount is the coming 4 year old bay gelding Tap Nor Spider who compiled an enviable record the past year in pleasure and versatility classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pape have rejoined the club. They are well-known as the owners of the famous Mr. Breezy Cobra, who has been such a consistent winner and crowd pleaser over the past years.

Mr. James Brunk of Springfield is a newcomer to the club. He is well-known as the breeder of Maplecrest ponies which are known throughout the country for their show ring ability. But the Brunk name means Morgan, and now he and his daughter Cathy have six well-bred mares and we'll soon see Maplecrest Morgans in the show ring also.

The Buecker family interested in Morgans for years, purchased a two-year old filly, Witch Wand, by Indian War Chief out of Abby R., for their son Fritz last spring. They broke her to ride and drive, and by their first show in June, she was going well enough to earn a fifth place ribbon in a large pleasure class of mostly Saddlebred horses. They are so pleased with her that they now are looking for another just like her.

Cyrus Lounsberry of Springfield, owns a three-year old mare and a yearling filly purchased last fall at Mr. Hazard's sale.

Bill Baker, also of Springfield, though not a Morgan owner, has been interested in them for several years. He's helped in many ways to promote Morgans, including work on the National Morgan Jubilee last year, as well as doing all the announcing at the show.

A new member from western Missouri is Audrey Hoppe of Tina, Mo., located about 75 miles northeast of Kansas City. Audrey owns four good Morgans, including the well-known sire, Major Cotton.

Welcome to all of you - surely with so much enthusiasm the club should have a banner year in '66.

The Greenwalts had the misfortune to lose their great old producer Jubilee Joy the first part of December, following a stroke. One of the "Old Guard" at Highview Farm, "Joybell's" foals were always top competition at the Illinois State Fair and in the Mare and Foal Class she was unbeatable. By Flyhawk and out of Sentola (a full sister to Jubilee King), she was a full sister to such horses as the Airacobra, Stetson, Top Flight, Warhawk and Sentana. Included in her produce were Belafina by Senator Graham, a champion mare both in performance and in hand; her full brother Torchfire, an other many times champion and top sire: Foxfire by Bonfire, and his full brother Celebration, champions themselves and sires of many good horses in Ohio; Justin Jubilee and Mickey Finn by King Mick, typy, showy winners and sires, and several others. She truly earned the title of one of the great mares of the Morgan breed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brachear acquired a new stallion at Thanksgiving, purchased from Vernon Albers of Baraboo, Wisconsin. A little chestnut coming two-year old, Hi-Mist Buddy is by Torchfire out of Moro Hills Figurine. His full brother, the Sundancer, attracted much attention and favorable comment at the Jubilee with his style, carriage and motion in the fine harness classes. Buddy has a good disposition, excellent action and is well started in harness. Needless to say, the Brachears have high hopes for him.

As mentioned earlier, sales have been numerous. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls of Medora, Illinois, sold three, including Lady K, a bay yearling filly (Cinnamon King x Fanny de Jarnette) who joined her older sister Magic Maid with Nelson and Phyllis Laver at Greenfield, Pa. Another Searl's Morgan going to Pennsylvania was the mahogany bay weanling filly by Cinnamon King out of Jubilee's Pride, making her new home with Ray and ma First of Fredonia. A sharp little yearling stallion, Cinnamon Mist, was sold to Allan Ross near Chicago. Ray Searls has fully recovered from his eye operation last fall and is riding his stylish coming three-year old stallion Brown Bomber.

L.D. Robbins of Kearney, Mo. sold a good chestnut yearling filly to some near neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moore of Liberty, Mo. Kedron Golden Dawn, by Sunsico out of Kedron Cutty Sark, was purchased by Mr. Robbins as a weanling with her dam at Dr. Ina Richter's sale in 1964. The Moores own a good young stallion also purchased from Mr. Robbins some time ago.

Two bay mares were purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Michelson of Scottsdale, Arizona, from Mr. Henry Poos of Lee's Summit, Mo. One was the aged mare, Timsbury Violet, a daughter of Silver Dick and Mary Blossom x Querido. The other is her daughter by Independence Jubilee. The Michel Sons have acquired two excellent individuals.

Dr. D. F. McCarthy of Florissant, Mo., who suffered a heart attack last summer and then had to have both legs amputated, has been selling all of his Morgans. His pride and joy, the trappy-going bright chestnut coming four-year old stallion, Thor's Adonis, has been sold to MVMHC members, the Bantas, of Bridgeton, Mo. Adonis has an enviable record as a three year old in 3-gaited and fine harness and will be one to beat in 1966. Renee Page is working him for the Bantas at the present time. Mary Gerhardt bought Hi-Lo Belle, a typy dark chestnut mare by Milaca Query out of Hi-Lo, and her pert, airy-going filly the black coming three-year old Thor Ebony, his darn, Illawana Jean Ann, and Cin-dee a typy bay mare by Pride of King out of Princess Toby, have been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huggins of Plainsfield, Indiana. Mr. Huggins also took Amberosa, a two- year old son of Amber Sun out of Roselynn on consignment.

Mr. F. K. Dzengolewski, long-time Morgan breeder at Lebanon, Illinois, delivered a Morgan mare recently to the above mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Huggins at Plainfield, Indiana. June Dawn, a pretty six-year old mare sired by Duke of Lebanon out of Lilita, is the last of many good ones he has breed, including Pride of King, Duke of Lebanon, Sand Man, Cinnamon King, Shenandoah Sue, Cinnamon Queen and many others.

Linda and John Howard sold their cute half-Morgan, half-Shetland pony colt just before Christmas. "Jim Dandy", as he was called is now the pride of the Mathenys in Shelbyville. His sire is Danny de Jarnette, the Howards' good old stallion.

Mr. Milton Ash of Springfield recently sold his lovely coming two-year old black filly Cindy Hawk (Shadow Hawk x Tosto Tar) to Mr. Walter McMullen of Streator, Illinois. Cindy was purchased as a surprise Christmas gift (what could be better?) for daughter Diane. She was delivered just before Christmas, sporting a new red blanket from Mr. Ash. He also presented the McMullens with a subscription to the Morgan Horse Magazine wouldn't it be nice if everyone gave a subscription to new Morgan owners when they sold a horse! Cindy has a fine record in hand and Mr. Ash hopes Diane will continue her show ring career.

I have just returned from a sojourn to Albuquerque, New Mexico, accompanying Skeeter Mills as she delivered two horses which she had sold. For anyone wishing a novel way to spend a Christmas vacation, this might be it, as we had with us five young children. Add to this horses unaccustomed to being trailered, a six cylinder Nash Rambler pulling a double trailer and a strong headwind and you have all the ingredients of a real Keystone comedy. However, we did enjoy our brief stay out there, visiting with old Morgan friends Bill and Lorraine Byers, and meeting many new ones. Sue Mulvaney was most happy with her new mare, the four year old Jo-Lesa, a big chestnut mare by Independence Jubilee out of Missouri Lady. She is the hottest roadster prospect to hit that section in the past few years, with outstanding drive, stride and action. We'll be hearing about her in the future. The Cillesons, owners of the gelding Billy J. Joker were equally pleased with their weanling stud colt, Captain Rowdy, a sharp-looking, high-headed youngster, a full brother to Jo-Lesa. It was almost a family reunion, since another full sister, Jubilee's Pastime and two half sisters, plus their offspring also live in Albuquerque. We enjoyed seeing Rex Linsley as we had heard so much about him, and he certainly is a credit to the breed in many ways and is siring some promising colts. We also saw Sue Mulvaney's typy little Saber, who is Morgan from the tips of his ears to the end of his tail. Time did not permit seeing all the Morgans in the area but we did meet the Galloways and Seelbachs and see their horses. Thanks to all of you for your friendliness and hospitality during our stay out there.