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President's Column

We held our annual Horse sale on March 24th, which was busy and fun. We picked up new members and new Morgan owners. The Morgan Horse Magazine is going to run an article and a few pics, so look for it in a future issue. Our number of horses was down this year, but the quality was definitely up. We had a very nice group of horses.

I want to extend a huge thanks to: Ellen & Randall Collins, Terrie Jones, Jeff Whiteman, Dave and Janet Williamson, Melissa & Eugene Mathes, Terry Horner, Darlene Wise, Mary and Warren Hohmbraker, Frank Heigert, Jim Hallbauer, Jeff, Tina, Josh & Sara Law for all the help and assistance each provided to help get the sale set up and kept it running smoothly. Teamwork is a must for an event such as this to come together and run as efficiently as the sale did with all volunteer helpers. Great Job!!!!

My thanks also to all who attended the sale, brought a consignment or purchased tack or horses from the sale. We appreciate the consignments and being able to bring this sale to our members and the general public. A big thanks to Cheryl Bozarth (and Kathy Firch) on putting the Silent Auction together! The people who attend the sale is what keeps it in existence every year.

The month of April brings warmer weather, green pastures, and our meeting at the Williamson's'. April 29, we will have our monthly meeting and a driving demonstration by Stan Bodnar. It should be another wonderful time. Thank you Janet & Dave for hosting this meeting. Thank you Stan for taking your time to drive down to give the demonstration.

Don't forget the Mid-Illinois Charity Horse show May 5 & 6 at HOI Arena. It is a good start-up for show season show. It has Morgan classes, open classes and academy classes. There is something for everyone.

Brenda

Horses Needed for the Lewis & Clark Demo

Horses and people are needed for the Lewis & Clark Historical Demo on May 12th at the Lewis & Clark State Historical Site. We will present 2 or 3 demos around the feast they serve us. We need anything you can bring -halter, riding (all seats and disciplines), driving, carriage, endurance, trail (show and pleasure riding), family/back yard, log puller (the site has logs), historical costumes and/or vehicles, you name it and we will write you into the script. If someone has a mare and foal that they could bring we can use them, but we need to know ASAP as we will have to make special arrangements unless you have a trailer that they can stay on between demos. This is a great place for our southern Illinois & Missouri members to get involved as the site is south of Alton and almost within site of the Arch. If you can't bring a horse we also need people to hold horses, pass out literature, talk Morgan and just be available to help or visit.

Please contact Carolyn or Kathy Firch before May 5 so the script can get written and we can give a probable head count to the Site.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April

29 MVMHC Meeting and Driving Clinic, Williamson's, Bloomington

May

5-6 Mid Illinois Charity Horse Show, Heart of IL Arena, Peoria Ellen Ringenberg 815/875-3525

6 Otter Creek Saddle Club Open Horse Show, Palmyra 217/627-2295

12 MVMHC Historical Demonstration at Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, Hartford

June

10 Otter Creek Saddle Club Open Horse Show, Palmyra 217/627-2295

12-16 Midwest Charity Horse Show, IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield

17 Ridin' Fall 4-H Club Open Show, Springfield 217/629-9611

23 MVMHC Versatility Show, Heart of IL Arena, Peoria

July

1 MVMHC Scholarship Applications due

7-8 Brunk Museum Charity Horse Show, Heart of IL Arena, Peoria

10-14 State 4-H Horse Show, IL State Fairgrounds

18 Menard County Fair, Petersburg, IL (Morgan Classes)

19-22 Morgan Masterpiece, Oshkosh, WI

22 Otter Creek Saddle Club Open Horse Show, Palmyra 217/627-2295

28 MVMHC Historical Demonstration, Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, Petersburg

August

15-18 IL State Fair Morgan Division and Futurity

16 MVMHC Luncheon at the IL State Fair

19 Otter Creek Saddle Club Open Horse Show, Palmyra 217/627-2295

29-Sept 1 Jubilee Regional Championship Morgan Horse Show, IL State Fairgrounds

September

9 Celebrate the Morgan! MVMHC Historical Demonstration, Brunk Museum of the Morgan Horse, Rochester

15-16 Autumn Fest, Heart of IL Arena, Peoria

16 Otter Creek Saddle Club Open Horse Show, Palmyra 217/627-2295

21-23 United Classic/Morab Nationals, Wahl Equestrian Center, Sterling, IL

October

5-7 Youth Charity Horse Show, IL State Fairgrounds

14 Otter Creek Saddle Club Open Horse Show, Palmyra 217/627-2295

28 MVMHC Meeting, Brunk Museum of the Morgan Horse, Rochester

November

11 MVMHC Dinner and Election of Officers, Hamilton's, Jacksonville

December

TBA MVMHC Christmas Party

If you know of any events that would be of interest to our members, please send them to: Kathy Firch, 6009 Old Salem Rd., Springfield, IL 62711 for a free listing in the calendar of events.

MVMHC Directory

The Directory is out. If you didn't pick up your copy at either the IL Horse Fair, or the Horse Sale, and one hasn't come in the mail (they were mailed on April 3), please contact Kathy Firch, and a copy will be mailed to you.

Driving Clinic Feature of April MVMHC Meeting

The April meeting at the home of Janet, Dave and Andrew Williamson, Bloomington, will feature a driving clinic with Stan Bodnar of Merriehill Farm. You are invited to bring your horse and Stan will work with you and the horse on your driving skills. It can be a broke horse, or one you are just starting to work in harness. Auditors are also welcome!

Please let Janet Williamson know by April 27 if you will be bringing a horse. Limited stabling may be available.

The MVMHC meeting will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. in the Barn Lounge, with refreshments served. The clinic will follow. A map is included with directions to the Williamsons.

News from Briar Patch Morgans, Wauconda, IL

Alexander Maximilian Breyer (Don't look at me! I did not pick his name! I told Ray that it was as bad as my brother's moniker...Conrad Caesar Augustus) arrived several days early today, Friday, March 30, 2007 at 12:56 pm at good Shepard Hospital in Barrington, IL.

He weighed in at 7 pounds 10 ounces and 21 inches in length.....He is a screamer.....

Mother and son are doing fine. Not so sure about Ray.....

Kris & Al Breyer, proud grandparents

Silent Auction A Big Money Maker!

The silent auction at the Horse Sale netted \$500 for the club treasury. A special thank you to those who donated items: Ken Smith, Ruth Catlett, Cindy Koshinski, the Horse Menagerie, Brenda, Jeff and Tara Whiteman, Bill, Cheryl and Kalie Bozarth, Cathy McKinley, Jeanne Kent, Jackie Wyandt, Warren and Mary Hohmbraker, Eugene and Melissa Mathes, Emily Esarey, Stan Bodnar and Carolyn and Kathy Firch. The Morgan Horse also donated a year's subscription, which was raffled off, and won by Brenda Whiteman.

- Automatic Stall Waterer - \$25.00
- Throw Pillows: \$6.00
- Peter Stone Morgan Model: \$21.00
- Jolly Bali: \$15.00
- Morgan Jacket/Jog Pants: \$30.00
- Horses of the World Cards: \$7.25
- Horse Feed: \$7.00
- Morgan Horse Tote Bag: \$16.00
- Sweatshirt: \$8.00
- Morgan Postage Stamp: \$1.00
- Dance Costume: \$4.50
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- Morgan Horse Cookie Cutter: \$6.50
- Country Magic: \$3.50
- Sweet Potato Cookbook: \$6.00
- Cast Iron Horse: \$26.00
- MVMHC White Denim Shirt: \$7.00
- Red Saddle Cover: \$4.00
- Bath & Body Products: \$8.00
- Fashion Scarf: \$2.00
- Grand National Tote Bag: \$3.00
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- Kid's Morgan T-Shirt: \$10.75
- Fly Mask: \$10.00
- Grand National Tote Bag: \$5.00
- Denim Jacket: \$15.00
- Horse'n Around Cookbook: \$22.50
- MVMHC Green Shirt: \$14.00
- Throw Pillows: \$10.00
- All Occasion Cards: \$4.50
- Morgan Casino Token: \$10.00
- Bird Feeder: \$5.00
- Plain English Saddle Cover: \$7.00
- Throw Pillows: \$6.50
- Weekend at Merriehill Farm: \$125.00
- Equine Decorative Pillow: \$20.00
- My Morgan Smarter Bumper Sticker: \$1.00
- Morgan Horse Quilt: \$20.00

For the Young (and the young at heart)

Hidden in the block of letters is a smorgasbord of horse treats. See if you can find and circle all 14 of them. Some letters are used more than once. When you're done, print the leftover letters, in order, and you'll find out what else horses need their fill of.

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| Apples | Hay |
| Barley | Molasses |
| Bran | Oats |
| Carrots | Pellets |
| Clover | Salt |
| Corn | Sugar |

MVMHC Membership Information

Memberships are good for the calendar year. Memberships paid after September 1 count for the next year.

- Family memberships are \$20.00
- Individual memberships are \$15.00
- Youth memberships are \$10.00

Memberships should be mailed to Kathy Firch, 6009 Old Salem Road, Springfield, IL 627011.

**MVMHC Meeting
and
Driving Clinic with Stan Bodnar**

**Sunday, April 29, 2009
1:00 p.m.**

**Equi Venture Stable
Dave, Janet and Andrew Williamson
15118 N 975 E Road
Bloomington, IL
309/963-4371**

Banking Summary - YTD

1/1/2007 through 3/29/2007

| Category Description | 1/1/2007- 3/29/2007 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| INCOME | |
| CD Interest | 10.11 |
| Copier Income | 190.00 |
| Directory Ads | 177.00 |
| Directory Horse Listings | 418.00 |
| Horse Clinic Promotion | 730.00 |
| Membership | 1,100.00 |
| Promotional Sales | |
| Silent Auction | 500.00 |
| TOTAL Promotional Sales | 500.00 |
| Tales Ads | 95.00 |
| White Elephant Sale | 487.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 3,647.11 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Uncategorized | 0.00 |
| AMHA | |
| Membership | 40.00 |
| TOTAL AMHA | 40.00 |
| Annual Filing Fees | 5.00 |
| Horse Fair Fees | 595.00 |
| Illinois Horse Council Dues | 50.00 |
| Insurance | 634.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 35.00 |
| Office Expense | 21.80 |
| Postage | |
| Tales | 253.50 |
| TOTAL Postage | 253.50 |
| Promotions | 139.99 |
| Scrapbook | 115.44 |
| Website | 41.38 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 1,901.12 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | 1,745.99 |

SALE BARN

Advertising Rates: Full page \$10, half page \$5, classified ads \$2 per column inch. Ads due by the 25th of each month. Send to do Kathy Firch, 6009 Old Salem Road, Springfield, IL 62711. Payment payable to do MVMHC must accompany ad.



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MVMHC History Quiz

- Which of the following states has never had a MVMHC member living in it?
A) Ohio B) Georgia C) Hawaii D) Vermont
E) Alaska
- The first MVMHC Fun Horse Show held in August 1962 was noted for what "radical" new idea?
A) A Jack Benny Class B) Free entry fees
C) Free spectator admission
D) A Lead-line Class E) Junior Judges
- 1972 was a memorable year for MVMHC for what reason?
A) First woman Vice President
B) First woman President
C) First male Treasurer
D) First Youth Representative
E) Only male Historian
- By 1961 food had become an important part of this Club. Which of the following were included in the *Morgan Tales* to insure a good turnout at Club functions if known in advance?
A) The name of the caterer B) A menu
C) The name of the food stand D) The host
E) All of the above
- The first horse show sponsored by the Club in 1960 created the first major difference of opinion among the members because it didn't/wasn't/was what?
A) Draw enough horses B) Make money
C) Classy enough D) Bring spectators
E) Open to other breeds

Answers: 1. D 2. C 3. B 4. E 5. C

Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following new members to MVMHC:

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Mouth is Springing Out All Over

There are almost 60% of our members, quite a few horses and many other strange things in this month's Mouth as almost 70% of our members were at the Sale and we welcome at least seven new members/families. That 10% who did not show up for the picture will see themselves pictured someplace really bad. It may not happen in this Tales, but will appear someplace/sometime (probably in the Photo Contest and the scrapbook).

Dr Karl Luthin was the featured speaker at the IHPBEA Spring Banquet. He talked on supplying horses and equipment for the movies. He also talked about the Humane Society rules for using animals of any kind in the movies. There are rules for everything from horses to those big hairy spiders. If you see a dead animal in a movie it is either a stuffed one or a dummy. "Dead" horses rent for as much as \$1000. Even if a fly gets swatted the actor isn't killing a real fly, but a raisin.

Carl also talked about why they use certain breeds for various parts of the movies. Arabs are no good for the action shots where the ground blows up around them. They, like another breed (called out from the back of the room), remember the exact location of every explosion pit and will not go near it a second time. There is one breed that will run by and even step on those things all day long.

As a little side piece of history - why did so many Cavalry Units ride the same color horse? It wasn't for looks but for safety. Hoses like horses that look like them. Carl has learned to ship and tie horses of one color together. He gets less damage to the trailers and horses, as they don't fight near as much.

One person broke the dinner rules when she pulled a bottle out of her briefcase, opened it and set it in the middle of the table. It was a bottle of Tabasco sauce.

Someone should invent safety helmets for cats. Her lone cat likes to run and slide across the floor. The big problem is that he slides into things. Two friends from two different families e-mailed him and are now trying the same stunt.

He may only weigh 81 pounds, but he can lift two full horse feed sacks at the same time. His Uncle bet that he

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THE HORSE'S
MOUTH



couldn't even lift one. There are pictures to prove this feat.

There was a second skunk attack. This time he was outside when the skunk showed up. He ran inside to get his pistol and emptied six rounds point blank into the skunk. The skunk didn't die, didn't spray and kept coming at him. He then remembered that the gun was loaded with blanks. He got the varmint with one real shot.

From the Sale there was the swamp person (photo proof), the stick horse kids and adults (photo proofs), how many doughnuts did you eat (photo proofs), you paid 50 cents for what, "are you gullible" (she needs to look this word up in a dictionary as she really is), "go ask Darlene" (both censored and non), squish for the Club photo and the Family Feud over the pop tops.

The Club has a budding artist, except she is giving away her creations. She gave away at least \$xxxxxxx of her colored pictures at the Sale.

As a PS to the first skunk attack last month, she is the swamp person who tried on the "gas mask". She was one of two people who got gassed in bed during Horse Fair.

MRI Expands Diagnostic Options for Equine Patients. Sarah Dowling, University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine

"When presented with a lame horse, veterinarians use a variety of diagnostic tools to attempt to pinpoint the problem," says Dr. Kristen O'Dell-Anderson, a veterinary specialist in diagnostic imaging at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana.

But when routine approaches—such as a general lameness examination, radiographs, nerve blocks, nuclear medicine, and ultrasounds—fail to find the source of the lameness, specialists at the Illinois referral center have a new option: magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

While the teaching hospital had previously offered MRIs for its small animal patients, in March it acquired a new MRI machine with an open-magnet design capable of imaging the neck, brain, and lower extremities of horses and other large animal patients.

Problems of the foot and fetlock are the most common reason to use MRI for equine patients. The hoof surrounding the bones in a horse's foot makes it extremely difficult to diagnose soft tissue lameness with conventional methods. An MRI can distinguish between soft tissues and bone in a way that other diagnostic methods do not allow, so that veterinarians can assess the health of all tissues within the foot and get a clearer picture of the disease or injury.

"If other approaches fail, we can use MRI to examine the soft tissue and bony structures more closely," says Dr. O'Dell-Anderson. "We have been very happy with the image quality and diagnostic ability of the machine."

Radiographs of the feet are taken prior to the MRI exam to ensure that no metal that may negatively affect the exam, such as from horseshoes, is present. Like all MRI magnets, this 0.3 tesla unit will also wipe out credit cards and interfere with pacemakers that come within a range of about 12 feet.

The equine-capable MRI machine is also used to image a variety of ailments in small animal patients. Dr. O'Dell-Anderson explains that an MRI is helpful when diagnosing neurological problems in cats and dogs, as well as distinguishing between an infection, trauma, or a tumor in the brain. Dogs are also frequently referred to diagnostic imaging to discover the cause of sudden-onset paralysis or other problems of the spine. In the future MRI may be used to evaluate musculoskeletal disorders, such as injuries in the stifle (knee), in small animals.

The MRI room contains its own anesthesia and monitoring equipment for both equine and small animal patients. Patients must be anesthetized because of the length of time an MRI takes. Unlike human patients, animals can't be asked to hold still for an extended period.

"One benefit of the MRI service at our hospital is our ability to offer 'one-stop shopping' for our patients," says Dr. O'Dell-Anderson. "Animals under general anesthesia for the MRI can be moved immediately to the O.R. if the findings from the MRI suggest that surgery is needed."

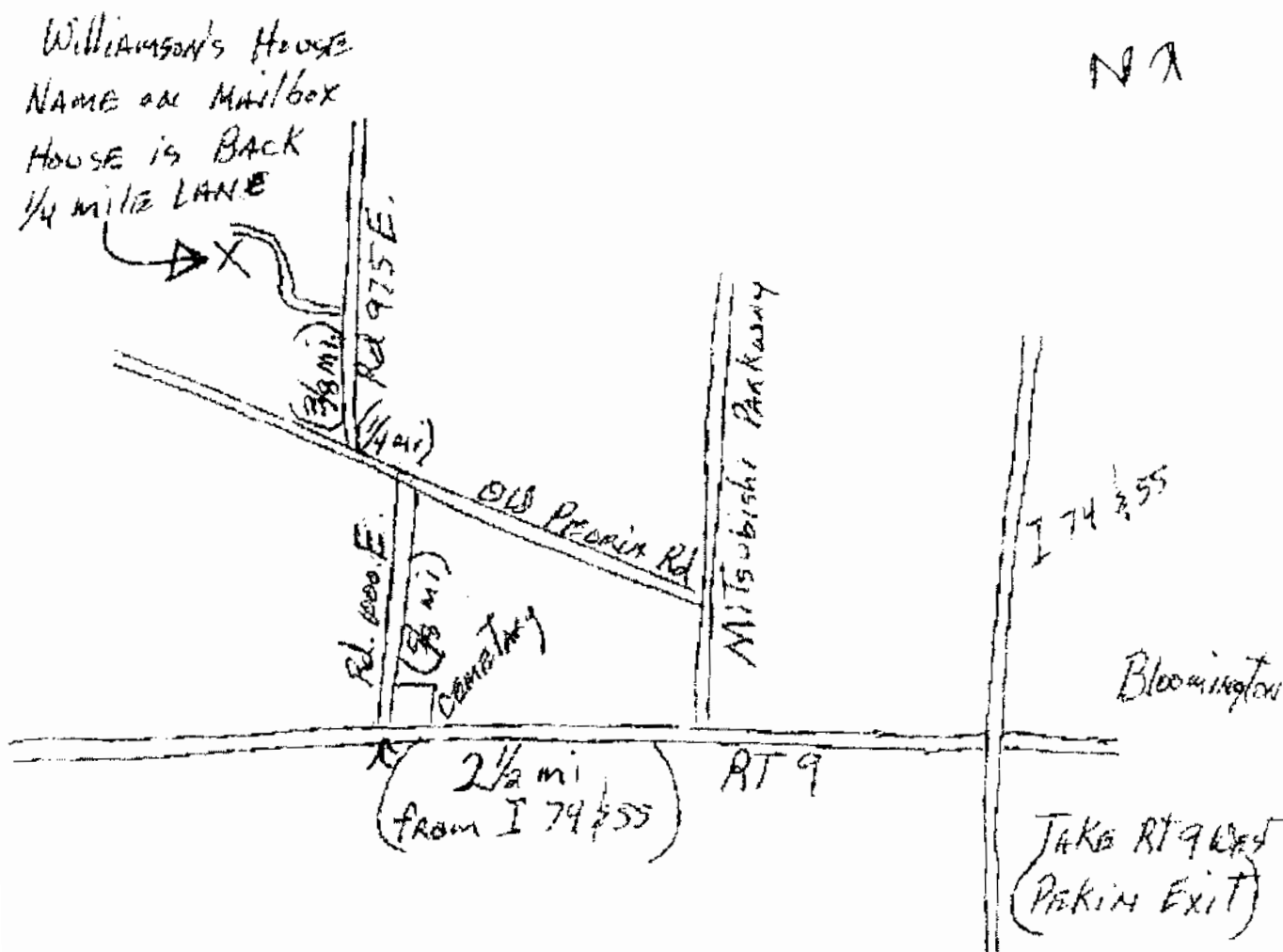
A related technological advance at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital is the updated Picture Archiving and Communications System, which has virtually eliminated the need to print images from radiographs (X rays), ultrasounds, MRIs, etc. Instead the images are accessed from a networked database or copied to a CD. The Illinois college was one of the first veterinary schools in the nation with this capability in the late 1990s. The updated version of this system is much more versatile and user-friendly.

"Our goal is to be able to email the diagnostic images taken at our hospital to the veterinarian that referred the patient," says Dr. O'Dell-Anderson. This service would improve the transitional care for patients when they return to their veterinarian and improve the partnership between the hospital and referring veterinarians.

Yet if man, of all the Creator plann'd
His noblest work is reckoned,
Of the works of His hand, by sea or land,
The horse may at least rank second.
-Adam Lindsay Gorman, "Hippodromania"

[He was} so learned that he could name a horse in nine
languages ... So ignorant, that he bought a cow to ride on.
-Benjamin Franklin

Map to the April 29, 2007 MVMHC Meeting



News from Equi Venture Stable, Bloomington, IL

It's with a lot of apprehension, pride, and all the other emotions you can think of, that we tell you that Andrew has enlisted into the Army. Yes...Andrew has signed a contract to go into the Airborne Ranger Program. He has put a lot of thought and research into this. Although his original plans were to go to SIU Aviation School, we really believe now he was doing that for us.

He has mentioned to us his interest in the military from time to time over the years. We just didn't think he was serious. At least we didn't want him to be. We love our son very much, and would prefer he made a different choice other than the military. However, we would be selfish to expect Andrew to make life decisions based on what we wanted.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Airborne Ranger Program, it is intense, specialized training, and you must pass physical and mental tests to become a Ranger. Many go into this and only a few make it. He is determined to be included in the "few" that make it. It's quite an accomplishment and we will be extremely proud of him, even if he doesn't make it.

His contract is for 6 years and 21 days, and he will report on August 16, 2007. I can't tell you how proud we are of him, and yet scared because our "little boy" is going off to become a man.

We will support him 100% and hope you will too.
Dave and Janet Williamson