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Morgan Tales - March 2007

MVMHC Budget Report – January 2007

(revised 2/20/2007)

Income:	Proposed 2006	Actual 2006	Proposed 2007
AMHA Awards	0	300	0
CD Interest	20	31	35
Copier Income	180	360	180
Directory Ads	250	544	300
Directory Horse Listings	400	580	400
High Point Fees	400	0	0
Horse Clinic Promotion	0	1,000	0
Membership	1,500	1,560	1,300
**Miscellaneous Income	1,845	6,097	1,294
Promotional Sales	0	320	0
Reimbursements	0	105	0
Scholarships	0	0	0
Versatility Show Entries	2,800	1,954	2,000
Versatility Show Sponsors	800	330	300
Tales Ads	100	80	100
White Elephant Sale	800	1,049	800
Total Income:	9,595	14,310	6,709
Expenses:			
AMHA Membership	40	40	40
Annual Filing Fees	5	5	5
Awards Banquet	0	100	0
Bank Charge	0	40	0
Business Machine/Copier Expenses	250	182	250
Donations	200	200	0
Futurity Luncheon	700	716	725
Hall of Fame Awards	50	0	50
Highpoint Expenses-Other (MVMHC)	0	0	0
Highpoint Trophies (MVMHC)	400	0	0
Horse Fair Fees	700	729	600
Illinois Horse Council Dues	50	50	50
Insurance	700	681	700
Memorials	250	145	150
Miscellaneous	0	99	0
Office Expense	150	95	100
Olde Tyme Horse Show IHPBEA Fees	0	0	0
Olde Tyme Horse Show	0	0	0
Postage	900	297	900
Refunds	0	43	0
Scholarships	500	500	500
Scrapbook	100	30	100
Show Trophies/Ribbons (MVMHC)	500	0	100
Sponsorships	100	0	50
* Travel Expenses (MVMHC Demos)	500	300	300
Versatility Show	3,500	1,600	2,000
**Uncategorized	0	5,254	0
Website	0	0	89
Total Expenses:	9,595	11,106	6,709

*Travel Expenses: \$25 reimbursement per demo event (Lewis & Clark, New Salem, Brunk Field Day) for announcer, or participants pulling horse trailer and driving over 50 miles (one way).

**Miscellaneous Income/Uncategorized Expense (2006): Includes a transaction involving the MVMHC Sale Account. The MVMHC Sale Account was closed in early January 2006 and the money (\$5,465.82) was deposited into the Club Checking Account. A new Sale Account was opened in late January and \$5,254.12 was transferred from the Club Checking into the new Sale Account. This transaction included a deduction of \$112.34 for two memorials, and \$99.36 for a club banner.

MORGAN TALES

March 2007

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President's Column

The ice, snow and cold can disappear anytime soon!! It seems every time we try to have a get together, the weather turns bad.

For those of you who missed the White Elephant sale, there was a lot of nice things and food.

The Horse Fair was busy again this year. Kudos to all who worked to help our club with the booth and the horse demo. I fear I will leave someone out and forgive me if I do, but I want to give a big thanks to Carolyn and Kathy Firch; Austin Ruzic, Stan Bodnar, Jeanne Kent, Jackie Wyandt, Emily Esarey, Jack and Vicki Wallace, Jim Hallbauer, Pam Wallace, Janet & Dave Williamson, Kalie Bozarth, for helping pull the Morgan horse demo together and make the booth a success.

Don't forget the horse sale is later this month.

See ya all later. Stay warm, healthy and happy.

Brenda

Horse Fair Wrap-up

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who worked at the booth, and brought horses for the demonstration. Our Morgan demonstration horses were Stan Bodnar with Merriehill Times Square, Jeanne Kent with Adrift, Clint Ramsey with Wild Stardust, and Kathy Firch with Royal M Kodi. Kalie Bozarth and Royal M Kodi also demonstrated in the saddleseat equitation clinic.

We had six new members join the club at the fair. Many copies of the listing of the horses consigned to the upcoming sale were distributed, and there was a lot of interest in the sale.

MVMHC Directory

The Directory is done, and many members picked up their copies at the Illinois Horse Fair. For those of you attending the MVMHC Horse Sale, please remember to pick up your copies. Copies will be mailed out following the Horse Sale for those of you who have not previously picked up your copy.

Silent Auction

The club will again be holding a silent auction at the MVMHC Horse and Tack Sale. We have several nice items already donated, including a weekend at Merriehill Farm, a Peter Stone Morgan model and a Morgan horse tote bag.

If you have an item you'd like to donate, contact Cheryl Bozarth 217/415-3391 or Randall Collins 217/546-8306 ASAP so that the bid sheets can be completed prior to the sale day.

Bake and White Elephant Sale

Thank you to everyone who attended the Bake and White Elephant Sale in February. As you know, this is one of the Club's primary fundraising events, and this year, the sale netted \$467 for the club's treasury.

This year's top selling item (for the 3rd year in a row) was Melissa Mathes' world-famous bumbleberry pie. Her two pies went for over \$100!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March

24 - MVMHC Tack and Horse Sale, IL State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL

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 Tall 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

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

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.

Minutes of the MVMHC February 25, 2007 Meeting

Executive Committee members present: Brenda Whiteman, President; Darlene Wise, Vice President; Janet Williamson, Treasurer; Eugene Mathes, Secretary; Kathy Firch, Publicity Secretary; Carolyn Firch, Historian; Ellen Collins, Director; Jim Hallbauer, Director; and Jeff Whiteman, Director.

1. Jim Hallbauer moved and Randal Collins seconded that the minutes as published in the February 2007 Tales be accepted. Passed.

2. Janet Williamson presented the treasurer's report stating that the club had a balance of \$3,604.

3. Kathy Firch reported that the Directory would be run that evening and be available at the Horse Fair.

4. The club received a flier stating that the Mid-Illinois Charity Horse Show would be held May 5 and 6 at the Heart of Illinois Arena.

5. The proposed Bylaws addition to Article 4, "A member of the Executive Committee of the MVMHC must attend at least five club meetings/events per year or the member will be removed from the board," was discussed and a vote followed. The proposed change was defeated.

6. Darlene Wise moved and Ellen Collins seconded that the following sentence be removed from Article 8, Section 5 of the Bylaws: "However, in the event that a quorum is not met, those members present shall continue to conduct any business as if a quorum was present." The motion passed.

7. It was reported that Stan Bodnar had received a grant of \$700 to cover Horse Fair expenses. Six horses will

take part in the demonstration. Volunteers were recruited for the booth and barn.

8. It was announced that Stan Bodnar will present a demonstration on training driving show horses on April 29 at the Williamson's.

9. Jeff Whiteman moved and Doc Lawson seconded that the following be included in the Bylaws under Article 4: "A member of the Executive Committee of the MVMHC must attend at least five club meetings/events per year or the member will not be eligible for nomination the following year." The proposed amendment will be published in the Tales and voted on at the April meeting.

10. It was announced that MVMHC won Club of the Year for 2006.

11. Eugene Mathes moved and Doc Lawson seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Eugene Mathes.

Secretary

Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$5,137.82 in our club checking account. Income since 1/1/2007:

Memberships: \$950

Horse Listings: \$418

Ads: \$270

White Elephant Sale: \$467

(AMHA) Horse Fair Promotion of Morgan Breed: \$700

MVMHC History Quiz

1. MVMHC has been the Club of the Year how many times since it first entered the contest in 1994?

A) 5 B) 6 C) 7 D) 8 E) 9

2. Who is the longest continuous member other than the founding members? This person is 85 and just got her first computer. _____

3. When did Morgan Tails become Morgan Tales?

A) 1961 B) 1963 C) 1965 D) 1970 E) 1971

4. Why was the name changed?

A) It was more readable B) It was more printable
C) It was more sophisticated D) It was more logical
E) It was a typo

5. What new Morgan Horse movie was the highlight of the 1964 November Banquet?

A) Justin Morgan Had a Horse
B) The Pride & Product of America
C) The Artist's Horse
D) National Velvet
E) Black Beauty

ANSWERS: 1. D 2. DOLLY PARTON 3. B 4. C 5. B

A Snowfull Mouth

There are over 60 members & friends, five "real" horses, one "poodle cut" horse, numerous stuffed or stick horses, three dogs, one rabbit, one cat, a rooster and a skunk in this month's Mouth. Add to this Mouth already has a place for the 2008 (not a typo) Christmas Party.



She cried when she got last month's Tales. "It was like getting a piece of home" way down South in Florida (our 2nd member in this State).

One member of this Club is afraid that we don't know him so for second time he has signed his full formal mane.

Are any of our members left in Iowa? Mouth has learned that the Governor of Iowa called for an evacuation of the State before the Valentine's Day Ice/Snow Storm. He must have seen Jim Cantore or someone from The Weather Channel in Iowa.

While most of the Club was trying to cope with the snow and ice of the Valentine's Blizzard other members were freezing and bailing at the AMHA Convention in Atlanta. Five members and a couple of dogs made it to Atlanta where the Club did it for the 8th time as the Club of the Year. That was after Georgia got hit with as much rain as Illinois got snow.

Mouth invited Club members in the room to join her when the Club of the Year Award was presented (Junior Mouth was trying to take pictures). Instead of joining Mouth one member told everyone at the banquet about Mouth. He was the Official MC for the Awards Luncheon.

When this family from down South moved last year they moved the old family barn intact and had the medal barn taken apart and moved on a flat bed. Like some of the people at Lincoln's New Salem, they moved the important buildings and left the house. The Eyes of Mouth Are Upon You.

The weather in Illinois was so bad that she rode her horse into town to see where the plow was and to get some cash. While in town she went through the drive in and someone snapped her picture. It was a Blessing that she was wearing her snowsuit so no one recognized her although everyone in town recognized the horse. She ended up on the local paper's web site.

The weather was so bad that a four-wheeler got stuck multiple times, two tractors were stuck in the drive, the horses were in up to their belly's, so everyone had to walk over to feed and 36 hours after getting home the car was still at the neighbors with most of the luggage & stuff.

Her 107 pound dog was chasing a squirrel and fell through the ice on their pond. Being a long haired dog, her coat soaked up the water and she couldn't get out.

"Mom" slid across the pond, pulled the dog on top of her while on her backside and slid the two wet "mutts" to safety.

The February Bake & White Elephant Sale almost got postponed when one officer panicked over the weather report. A second officer then panicked because she had half the food done. The weather was cold, dark and windy, but for the most part dry unless you count the flooded roads.

This club can really eat so decided to eat before the meeting, during the meeting and even after the meeting. One young member tried to take the entire tub of animal crackers, but had to fight off the adult members who hadn't eaten them in 20+ years.

One non-Club member contributed to the meeting and sale through his salsa. He agonized over it for days and even took it to the Laundry Room Party to test it out. He wanted everything to be fresh so it took him longer to pick out the veggies than it took his partner to do the rest of the shopping. Did they ever get the avocado?

The Club Scrapbook is good for something other than winning. It is good for bad backs. Back backs trying to carry it, read it or bend over to look at it.

The February Sale was good for a number of things. One member did her Christmas shopping, and a couple of others did their Birthday & Anniversary shopping. One member hoped that a second member didn't see what she just bought (Christmas).

This is a family Club but what went on in the Ladies Room? It was all in good clean fun even if there were at least two members in the room and the noises were pretty bad. They were looking at pictures on a digital camera and a giggling cat was very vocal. Later it was someone's cell phone that was making strange noises. Cock-a-doodle-do.

At least 5 horses and one rabbit sold at the Sale. All of them were guaranteed to not make messes, need to be feed, or cleaned up after (unless it was bought by a family with two youth). That one may make a few messes and may kick or bite.

Don't make me put on my glasses to read the sizes of halters, jackets and T-shirts was the cry from the auctioneer. Later another member bought himself a new pair of glasses. His wife figured how to make them work.

The food items were hot sellers especially the bumbleberry pie. Many times the cry was nuts/no nuts or no it is not last month's cake. She didn't want to buy the cheesecake because she just lost 15 pounds. She could feed it to her husband (if it made it home). The cheesecake was being cut into before she even left the meeting.

Then came the Horse Fair. Mouth needed help and got it from almost a dozen Associate Mouths who roamed all over the fair grounds, Jungle Jim's (a great place to eat near the Fairgrounds), various motels and a PJ's & pizza party.

Friday night saw many good deals. At least one car is full of them and Mouth was given many nice things for the Silent Auction at the Sale.

Jungle Jim's on Sunday morning saw a ton of horse people getting breakfast. One young member left one of his favorite hats and another member recognized it and brought it back to him.

How many times do they have to pass the booth before they pick up their directory? For some members it was numerous times. Look at this month's new members list and you will find some of them in mouth. The question was "Are you talking about me?"

The demo horses did a great job and really got talked about except for "EEEEK THEY REVERSED!" At least in the demo they only reversed once unlike the Saddleseat Clinic where they reversed so many times that the horse finally came to the line up and snorted "Stupid Judge. I know the routine." This horse looks like a poodle with his partial body clip.

Near the end of the horse demos the Andalusians were performing and one of the riders was throwing roses to any lady who cheered. Well one adult member got a rose but the youth member wanted it so she took it from the car but then left it at PJ & Pizza Party. This PJ & pizza party saw two youth members brave the night air in their PJ's (about the time they ordered the pizza) over ½ mile after they got word that a horse had its head threw a gate. Their voice mail was slow and the horse was fine long before they got there.

Some quotes from the Horse Fair - "Where's my parents?" "I'm not going to be seen naked at the Horse Fair" (unless they took him to the Men's Room) "No one can age unless you see them all the time" "It is easier to roll down than it is to roll up" and "Is it a Morgan person wearing a QH badge or a QH person riding a Morgan?"

Finally this month there was the skunk attack. It happened about 3 AM on Saturday morning of the Horse Fair and two Members, 2 dogs and heaven only knows how many horses nearly died from the "perfume" as the skunk hit the house. One youth member may never spend the night again.

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.

For the Youth (and Young at Heart)

Dressing for the Occasion. There are 20 items hidden in this puzzle that English and Western riders need to outfit themselves from head to toe. Words are printed forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

S	H	I	R	T	S	T	S	I	S	B	T
J	A	C	K	E	T	B	L	M	R	E	E
P	O	O	A	B	Q	G	E	W	B	T	L
T	L	J	O	F	Y	C	Z	C	L	S	E
G	W	O	A	R	H	F	V	H	N	E	H
E	T	D	Y	E	R	E	L	A	F	F	R
S	I	H	S	B	S	E	E	P	E	R	S
W	U	P	G	T	R	J	K	S	R	A	T
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| BELT | JACKET |
| BOLO | JEANS |
| BOOTS | JODPHURS |
| BOWLER | SCARF |
| BREECHES | SHIRT |
| CHAPS | SPURS |
| CHOKER | STETSON |
| DERBY | STOCK |
| GLOVES | TIE |
| HELMET | VEST |

Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following new members to MVMHC:

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Michelle, Jared and Nicole Ferguson
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Rt 2 Box 142
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217/728-8920
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8690 Old State Road 37N
Martinsville, IN 46151
317/831-5480

Samantha Sobol
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21063 Crystal Blvd.
Brighton, IL 62012
61/8946-4260
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Rick, Diana & Danielle Valois
Pin Oak Farm
3375 Hazlett Road
Springfield, IL 62707
217/546-3640

Debra Welch
11611 Friendship Road
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217/932-3652


Members renewing after the directory was printed:

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Roger and Jeannie Landon
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23162 Questing Hills Dr.
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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.



FOR SALE: Crump Fine Harness good condition \$850. Old wooden Hi-wheeled cart, off set spokes, good condition, \$1250. 217/622-7053

Only horse people...

- * Believe in the 11th Commandment: Inside leg to outside rein.
- * Know that all topical medications come in either indelible blue or neon yellow.
- * Think nothing of eating a sandwich after mucking out stables.
- * Know why a thermometer has a yard of yarn attached to one end of it.
- * Are banned from Laundromats.
- * Fail to associate whips, chains and leather with sexual deviancy.
- * Can magically lower their voices five octaves to bellow at a pawing horse.
- * Have a language all their own ("If he pops his shoulder, I have to close that hand and keep pushing with my seat in case he sucks back".)
- * Will end relationships over their hobby.
- * Cluck to their cars to help them up hills.
- * Insure their horses for more than their cars.
- * Will give you 20 names and reasons for that bump on your horse.
- * Know more about their horse's nutrition than their own.
- * Have neatsfoot oil stains on the carpet right next to the TV.
- * Have a vocabulary that can make a sailor blush.
- * Have less wardrobe than their horse.
- * Engage in a hobby that is more work than their day job.
- * Know that mucking stalls is better than Zoloft any day.

Life Lessons Learned From a Golden Retriever:
If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.

Cat's Motto:

No matter what you've done wrong, always try to make it look like the dog did it.

"As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat."


—Ellen Perry Berkeley

"Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you later."

—Mary Bly

"The wind of heaven is that which blows between a horse's ears."

—Arabian Proverb



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MVMHC 17th Annual Morgan Horse Sale

March 24, 2007

Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL

Tack – 8:30 a.m. Horses – 1:30 p.m.

Contacts: Horse consignments

Brenda Whiteman 309-647-1818 (evenings or leave message) or

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Sale information:

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Horses consigned listing:

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