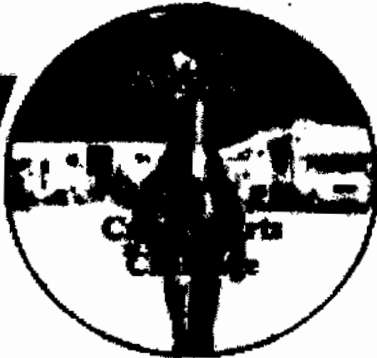




**MORGAN
TALES**

May 2007

Pin Your Youth



The Contest...

- The creative arts challenge for this year is to make a pin featuring your youth club or logo.
- Youth members who are not part of a youth club are encouraged to participate too! Design a pin based upon promoting the Morgan breed.
- We want youth from around the country to socialize and share the Morgan horse, and so we want everyone to swap pins!
- Wear your pins, and those you've collected, at local horse events or meetings. Be sure to have extras on hand to swap!
- All clubs are encouraged to send a pin to AMHA with the entry form by September 1, 2007 to be eligible for awards.
- The swapping of pins can take place throughout your region, around the country and at Grand National.
- Pins can be hand drawn or made on the computer.
- For pin machines, look on amazon.com for "button makers," or check your local craft supply store.
- If a club or individual does not want to buy a pin machine, then they are permitted to use card stock and glued pin backs.

Rules...

- The pin must be no bigger than 3" in diameter.
- Nothing can be extending off of the pin.
- Pins must say the name of the youth group if coming from a youth group, or the word 'Morgan' if coming from an individual; other than that, there is no color or design limit.

WINNING...

- All pins submitted to AMHA by the deadline will be reviewed by a panel of judges.
- Winning categories may include: best hand drawn, best computer generated, best black and white design, best use of color, best promotional value, most colorful.
- There will also be a champion individual design and champion club design.
- Winners will be announced at the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show. Winning designs will be featured on the AMHA website and in *The Morganizer*.
- Exciting prizes will be awarded for each category and for the best overall design by an individual and by a youth club.

For more information, or to submit an entry, please contact the AMHA Youth Department at:
802/985-4944 ext 18 kyrcs@morganhorse.com 122 Boetwick Rd, Shelburne, VT 05482



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President's Column

Hi Members!

On April 29th, we had a meeting at Janet & Dave Williamson's farm. It is a beautiful place and they are excellent hosts. We had great food and a fabulous place for holding a training clinic. After our meeting, Stan Bodnar from the Merriehill Farm conducted a harness training session. It was great. Stan demonstrated what various training aids do to improve your horse's performance. The session was very informative and helpful.

A big thanks to Stan for taking time from his weekend to provide assistance to those of us who attended. Also, a big thanks to our hosts, Dave & Janet Williamson.

Andrew Williamson will be joining the Airborne Rangers in August. Wish him well with his path to the future. Good Luck Andrew.

There will be a demo at the Lewis & Clark site in Southern Illinois. Get in touch with Kathy or Carolyn Firch for details or to volunteer. We are always well received by the Lewis & Clark program.

Our Versatility show will be June 23rd at the Heart of Illinois Arena. Hope you can participate.

Brenda

Bad Pictures

Your Historian is looking for those bad shots that you sometimes take. I have one submitted, but need many, many more. There will be a great prize for the winner of the worst picture submitted. I know with digital pictures that you usually delete them, but please save those really funny, bad ones. Judging will be at the November meeting.

MVMHC Scholarships

Applications are due by July 1, 2007 for the two, MVMHC scholarships (one sponsored by the club, and the other, the Charlotte Dove Memorial Sponsorship sponsored by the MVMHC Sale). In order to be eligible, applicants must have been a member of MVMHC in 2006 and 2007. Applicants are eligible to win each scholarship once.

To obtain a scholarship form, contact Kathy Firch at 217/793-0723 or rockinghorseorgans@springnet1.com.

IL State Fair Premium Books

Premium books and entry forms are now available on line in pdf format at <http://www.agr.state.il.us/isf/premium>.

Open House Farewell For Andrew Williamson

Wanted to let you all know so you could mark your calendars that we are planning a "Farewell Open House" for Andrew on Saturday, August 11th. He will be leaving the following Wednesday, August 15th for Basic Training. We realize this is right after our County Fair and just before State Fair, but this is the best time we could work it in. You all are very special to him (and us) and we wanted to give you a chance to say goodbye before he leaves. We will send out more details later.

Janet and Dave Williamson

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May

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

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

11 Andrew Williamson Good-Bye Party, Bloomington

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.

Minutes of the MVMHC, April 29, 2007

Executive Committee members present: Brenda Whiteman, 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. Kathy Firch moved and Dave Williamson seconded that the minutes as published in the April 2007 Tales be accepted. Passed.

2. Janet Williamson presented the treasurer's report stating that the club had a balance of \$5,374, (plus \$600 for Club of the Year).

3. Brenda Whiteman reported that the club had received a request from the Prairie State Classic for a sponsorship. Jeff Whiteman moved and Eugene Mathes seconded that the club send a \$60 sponsorship. Passed.

4. Stan Bodnar suggested that the club advertise its sale in the Prairie State Classic program and club newsletters. His suggestion was favorably received and will be acted on.

5. Jeff Whiteman withdrew his motion to amend 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."

6. Brenda Whiteman announced that Kathy Minder would be judging the Versatility to be held on June 23 at the Heart of Illinois Arena, Peoria. Jim Hallbauer was recruited to announce; Jeff Whiteman will hopefully be able to make arrangements so he can be ringmaster.

7. Lewis and Clark is May 12. Jim Hallbauer will announce. A number of people have volunteered to be a part of the demonstration.

8. Janet Williamson moved and Carolyn Firch seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

9. A very informative driving clinic followed, presented by Stan Bodnar, featuring the horses, China Doll, a two-year-old brought by the Matheses, and Georgie and Izzy, brought by the Firchs.

Eugene Mathes,
Secretary

TV Horses



TV Horses

- ARGO – Xenia, Warrior Princess
- BLUE BOY – The Rifleman
- BUCK – Gunsmoke
- CHAMPION – The Adventures of Champion
- CHARGER – The Big Valley
- CHUB – Bonanza
- COCHISE – Bonanza
- COCO – The Big Valley
- COMET – The Adventures of Brisco Country Jr.
- DIABLO – The Cisco Kid
- FURY – Fury
- HORSE – Dudley Do-Right
- LITTLE BUCK – The Virginian
- MR ED – Mr. Ed
- NIGHTMARE – Casper the Friendly Ghost
- PECOS – F Troop
- PHANTOM – Zorro
- PIXIE – Annie Oakley
- POKEY – The Adventures of Gumbo
- SILVER – The Lone Ranger
- STEED – Dudley Do-Right
- TRIGGER – The Roy Rogers Show

MVMHC Membership Information

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

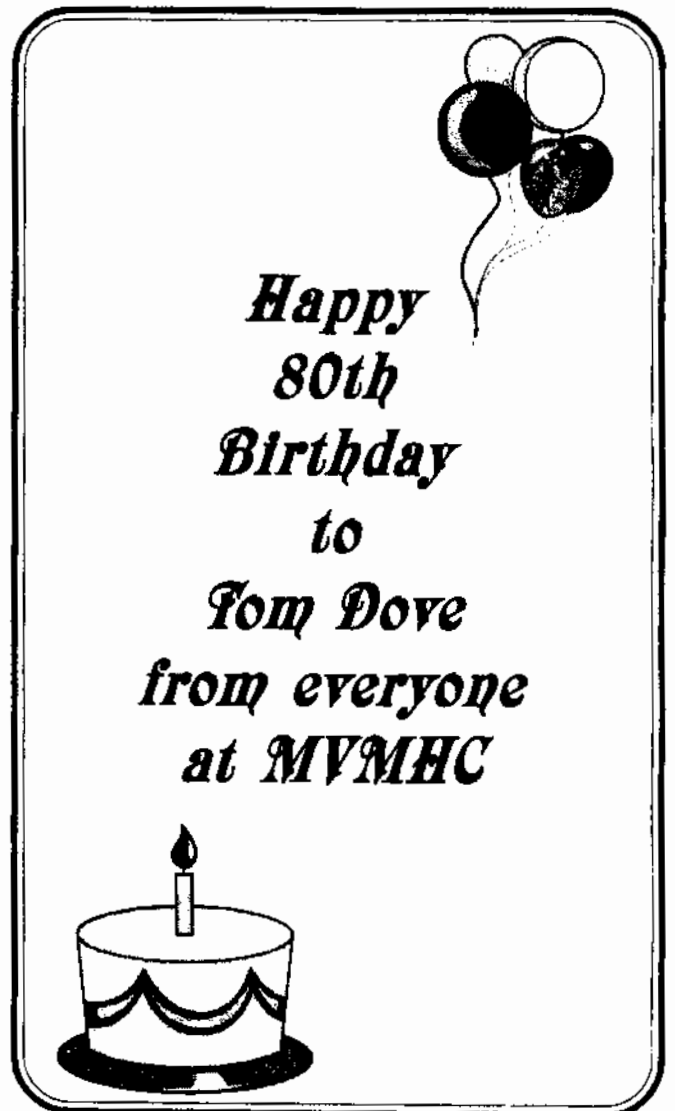
- Family memberships are \$20.00
- Individual memberships are \$15.00
- Youth memberships are \$10.00

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

MVMHC History Quiz

1. Which Club Historian wrote and printed the 25th Anniversary History?
 - A. Renee Page B. Sharon Gosney C. Lynn Ingles
 - D. Carolyn Mattson E. Lois McDermand
2. Where was the 25th Anniversary party held?
 - A. Fleetwood Restraurant B. Blackhawk Restraurant
 - C. Wedgewood Terrace Roundhouse D. Washington Park Pavilion E. The Heritage House
3. Where was the 40th Anniversary party held?
 - Same answers as question #2
4. Who catered the 25th Anniversary party?
 - A. The Club (potluck) B. Hamilton's C. Fleetwood Restraurant D. Stork's E. Kentucky Fried Chicken
5. Who catered the 40th Anniversary party?
 - Same answers as question #4

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



A May Day Mouth

The are whole bunch of people, horses, horseless carriages, probably 3 Angels and other things in this month's Mouth. We want to welcome a new Club member to Mouth. She and her horse really didn't do any Mouthful things at the Peoria Show, but we wanted to welcome you anyway.



The April meeting saw three horses and probably three angels along with many other members. The three angels discussed that fact that one of the horses was Lyman's horse Georgie. Truman's harness on Georgie that he bought for Pete and Keith's dream to hold a driving clinic. The angels saw to it that the weather was perfect and then watched the whole thing and laughed at what happened. Especially funny was the fact that the clinician called all the horses guys, but all three were mares. The same clinician had to call for directions as he was in Springfield to take an honorary member out for Sunday brunch.

How do you spell gullible? One youth member can't spell it, doesn't know what it means but really is it. She thought the tree in Monical's pizza place was real

Many people give their vehicles a name or refer to them as a he or she, but how many check under the chase before deciding? The verdict is that she's definably a she with a permanent red blush. This same vehicle may be like the whale spewing Jonah as it spewed out one pedal harp, one lever harp, two music stands, music and who what else.

There are two new mid wives in the club. They successfully delivered two kids - twins with help through contact with the cell phone.

There was a visitor in the area of Springfield the weekend after Easter. Besides doing the Lincoln sites he was lead to the Brunk Museum were all the magpies talked until almost frozen then found a warm place to eat. The warm place to eat was after the tour of the old barn where a gray (???) Wild Cat attacked. It and the attackee were moving so fast that no one was sure of the color.

Two National Directors from two different Regions were in the same Sate and didn't get to meet unless cell phones count.

The Sangamon County 4-H had to hold the county horse show in April to get the State Fair Grounds. Fuzzy horses, badly body clipped horses, missing pieces of tack, two left boots along with very fat horses made the first show of the season quite memorable. Three MVMHC youth participated and one saddleseat horse put all the western horses to shame when he went flawless in the trail class and won it. He also won all the saddleseat performance classes, driving, flags, costume and was third in

poles. He sure looked funny gaming in saddleseat tack. A second youth and her mount had fun in the Society Western class. Her horse wanted to make sure that no pigeons attacked so watched the rafters the entire class. The horse redeemed himself in the costume, showmanship and poles. A third youth member did very well with her non Morgan especially in costume.

The April driving clinic at the Williamson's was very informative and diverse. There were three horses and three different things to learn. The first horse was a two year old who learned about rattles and other things while ground driving. The second horse who is an excellent carriage horse didn't need any work, but her young driver learned a lot. The third horse thought she died and went some direction when she heard "Dad's" voice.

The Mid Illinois Show had some really tight moments with tight tack changes, clothes that shrunk over the winter (or did someone put on weight), where is ????? as tack boxes were not in proper order for the first show of the season as people rushed to get ready, an adult who probably needed his helmet in the English Pleasure Class, and many other strange things. Who has been to McDonald's near the hotel umpteen times and almost drove past it because it had been remodeled? Hint it was more than one member. If we had needed a board meeting at the show we almost had a quorum at that same McDonald's on Saturday Morning.

For those of you who like Mouth watch for the June Tales as you will be getting a double feature and for once Mouth name names in a sterling silver mouth(ful).

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 Versatility Show
Saturday, June 23, 2007
Heart of Illinois Arena
9201 North Galena Road, Peoria, IL 61606**

**Judge: Kathy (Minder) Mayes
Announcer: Jim Hallbauer
Ringmaster: Jeff Whiteman**

**Entry Fees: \$5.00/Per Class ass
Leadline and Walk/Trot - \$3.00/class
Stalls available (no straw) - \$30.00
Contact Darlene Wise 217-243-1293
Show out of trailer - \$10.00/per horse**

Office Staff: Janet Williamson, Brenda Whiteman & Darlene Wise

9:00 a.m.

1. Morgan Halter
2. Open English Halter
3. Junior Morgan Halter
4. ASB Halter
5. Morgan Halter Championship (must participate in Class 1 or 3)
6. Arabian/Half-Arabian Halter
7. Open Pony Halter
8. TWH Model Halter
9. Halter Championship (Classes 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 qualify)
10. Leadline - No stallions (6 and under)
11. Open Side Saddle Pleasure (English or Western)
12. Junior Horse Pleasure (English or Western)
13. Junior Exhibitor Country Pleasure (17 & under) - walk and favorite gait (English or Western)
14. Harness Pony Long or Cob Tail (any breed)
15. Adult Country Pleasure - walk and favorite gait (English or Western)
16. Walk/Trot (English or Western) - riders 10 years and under (cannot show in a canter class)
17. Morgan English Pleasure
18. TWH Junior Horse English or Western)
19. Arabian/Half-Arabian Country English Pleasure
20. Morgan Classic Pleasure
21. ASB English Pleasure
22. Open Saddleseat Pleasure
23. Roadster Pony 52" and Under
24. Saddleseat Open English Pleasure Championship (must have shown in at least one qualifying class)

- Lunch Break 1 hour -

Afternoon Classes

25. Open Costume
26. TWH Plantation Two Gaited (English or Western)
27. Obstacle Driving Timed (wood or wire wheel)
28. Morgan Pleasure Driving
29. Open Pony Pleasure Driving
30. Open Pleasure Horse Driving
31. Morgan Classic Pleasure Driving
32. ASB Pleasure Driving
33. Pleasure Driving Championship (must have shown in at least one qualifying class)
34. TWH Light Shod Two Gaited (English)
35. Arabian/Half-Arabian Hunt Seat Pleasure
36. Morgan Hunt Seat Pleasure
37. Open English Hunt Seat Pleasure
38. Hunt Seat Pleasure Championship (must have shown in at least one qualifying class)
39. ASB Country Western Pleasure
40. Morgan Western Pleasure
41. Arabian/Half-Arabian Western Pleasure
42. Open Western Pleasure
43. Western Pleasure Championship (must have shown in at least one qualifying class)
44. TWH Two Gaited Championship (English or Western) (must have shown in at least one qualifying class)

USEA rules will apply except for obstacle driving where ADS rules apply.

Arabian classes will be open to full and half-Arabians.

Concession on grounds

*****Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club and The Heart of Illinois Arena will not be responsible for any losses or accidents before, during, or after the show.*****

For more information contact Brenda Whiteman at 309-647-1818,
Janet Williamson 309-963-4371 or Darlene Wise at 217-243-1293.