

# Mississippi Valley Morgan Club News

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HOLLYBERRY 13261 (Sugar Run King x Little Spook), coming four year old stallion owned by Amy Beckett of Harvester, Missouri

NATIONAL MORGAN JUBILEE! Never, here in the Mid-West, has there been a Morgan show of the, size and caliber of the show being planned! The dates September 25 and 26, 1965; the place Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois. The show will be a joint effort of Morgan people from all over the midsection of the country, and will take lots of effort; but enthusiasm is high and everyone is eager to go to work. A full schedule of Morgan classes is planned, including breeding classes, English performance classes, pleasure and western classes, plus miscellaneous Morgan classes (roadster, etc.). The show will have an AHSA Class A rating. Circle those dates and plan to be there this can develop into another "National" with YOUR support!

Several MVMHC members will have a hand in the planning of this show. Included in the Board of Directors are Stuart Hazard, Marlin Manning, Robert Boardman, and Roy Brunk; also Jeanne White, the Show Secretary. No doubt various others will add their talents as time goes on if you can lend a helping hand, let us know.

The Board of Directors of the MVM MC met on January 9 to discuss plans for the coming year. The biggest item to come out of this meeting was the Field Day, to be held the first weekend in June. Mr. Del Rutherford has generously offered the club the use of the facilities at Pendleton Farms for this occasion. Pendleton Farms is located at Belle Rive, Illinois, near Mt. Vernon in south central Illinois. Tentative plans call for a fitting and showing demonstration in the morning; in the afternoon, Morgans will be judged in hand and in their various roles as America's most versatile horse, with competent judges giving their reasons for placing. Plan to be with us for an interesting and informative day!

The Ray Searls were hosts of the January club meeting. Despite cold weather and snowy, icy roads in some sections, we had a big turn out. Following a short meeting, Mr. Robert Reese of Station WJBM, Jerseyville, Illinois, taped an impromptu discussion of the, Morgan horse, past and present. Taking part in this program were Linda Howard, Dr. McCarthy, Floyd Niebruegge, Ray Searls, W. McAllister, and Neal and Pat Werts. Mr. Reese has a bi-weekly program called "Just About Horses" and plans to use this tape in the near future.

Ray Searls has a new mare, King's Maid, purchased from George Burgess of Missouri. She is a blocky chestnut with three socks and a star, sired by Larruby King Royale and out of a Senator Graham mare. I understand she is quite a cow horse. In the same lot was the very pretty mare Rhythmette, and two good weanling stud colts. The little bay colt by Cinnamon King out of Jubilee's Pride is really a dandy.

One, interesting fact which came out during the radio interview was that one of our members used his Morgan stallion during deer season for hunting and packing deer. Floyd Niebruegge says that Mitchie Prince, coming four year old by the Duke of Lebanon out of Clover Queen, will do anything asked of him. He is already a veteran of many trail rides in both Missouri and Illinois.

Our May meeting, at the Ralph Bellm's, Highland, Illinois, will be followed by a Field Day and Judging Clinic, put on by Allied Mills. Mr. L. Freund, a well known local judge, will be present to do the judging. This will be open to owners of all breeds of horses. More details to come.

We'd like to welcome the Everett Mutzbauer's to the club. They hail from the Springfield, Ill. area and own a two year old stallion of Tom Brunk's breeding. Hope to have more information about him next month. Another new member from the Springfield area is Julian Boardmars. We are rapidly getting quite a few members from up north.

Renee Page and I took an afternoon to track down a new Morgan in this vicinity. On the way we stopped to visit Mr. V. B. Penny at his station in Harvester, near St. Charles, Mo. Out in the back lot, his gelding, Hytone Boy, looking fat and sassy, begged for attention. This is quite a Morgan looking individual, as well he might be, for his sire was Congo, and his dam Dellama. Hytone's full brother, Fancy Dan, has been a consistent winner in local Morgan classes. Hytone himself won the Morgan Gelding Class at last year's MVMHC show. He gives his owner lots of pleasure.

Mr. Penny gave us directions to the barn where Amy Beckett keeps her coming four year old stallion, Holly berry. 'She was waiting for us and obligingly led him down the road to a nearby subdivision where they live, to saddle and bridle him. Talk about Morgan disposition this horse really has it! With a dozen dogs and children running under foot, he never made a wrong move. Amy saddled him in the garage and rode him briefly up and down in front of the house again not a hesitation or indication that this was not just everyday routine! In addition to his wonderful disposition, he has the style and action of a show horse he has been shown in Ohio since he was a weanling, so is an old hand at it. Hollyberry, a chestnut, is by Sugar Run King out of Little Spook. He and Amy are a welcome addition to our Morgan community!

From there we visited Dr. McCarthy of Florissant and were pleased to see the three Morgans which he has at home. (The others are at his farm south of Hillsboro, Mo.) The coming three year-old chestnut Thor's Adonis has developed into a handsome individual, tippy, compact, with an especially good neck and head. He is being readied for the '65 shows and should do well. He is by Panfield's Thor out of Illawana Jean Ann, thus making him a half brother to the Champion Mare, Pleasant Lady. Doc also has a black two year old stallion Thor Ebony, who has the earmarks of a real harness horse. Finally there is a lovely little chestnut mare, three years old, Thor's Mercury, also by Panfield's Thor and out of Roselyne, a Senator Graham mare. She is slated for the Morgan pleasure classes and will be an attractive addition.

I must also mention a very choice filly I saw this one belongs to Mary Gerhardt and would be welcome in anyone's stable. Dark brown, well coupled up, with a good head, and an outstanding disposition Falcon's Ladylove is her name, sired by Funquest Falcon out of Dellama.