

Mississippi Valley Club

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The July meeting of the Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club was held on Sunday, July 21st at 1:00 o'clock± at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls, Medora, Illinois.

The reports on our show held June 29; show that it was a big success in every way. Our judge, Mr. N. K. Carnes wrote saying many of our horses and riders were fine enough to show any. where, and in the biggest shows. The show officials have received many congratulatory messages, some of which were read at the meeting.

A complete financial report was given showing that we came out over the hump and on top.

President Charles Monfort and Show Chairman Glen Bartley expressed their thanks to the show committee and to the people who worked in the ring and in the office the day of the show. And to all those, without whose help, the show would not have been such a success. Special mention and thanks to Esther Searls, Frank and Marie Foley, Barbara and Grant Davis and Dorothy Bellm.

There will be no August or September meetings due to busy vacation and show schedules. Next meeting will be Sunday, October 6 with a Trail Ride at Camp Mater Dei at Goldman, Mo. The D-B Ranch will be the spot.

The MVMHC Directory will be mailed to members as soon as it is off the press. Cost is free to members but additional ones may be purchased for 50¢ They list all members and their horses (registered Morgans) and the horses' name, number, sex, height, weight, date of birth, and sire and dam. Anyone interested in knowing the Morgans in this area would do well to obtain one. Just mail your request to Rt. 3, Box 100, Hillsboro, Mo.

John Gerhardt and Neal Werts are going to investigate places where we might hold our Nov. Banquet. They are going to try to choose a central location, good food of course,, and a reasonable cost. It will be Dutch treat this year. Happy Sampling, you two!

A Morgan Display is planned for the Illinois State Fair. John Gerhardt is to purchase a bulletin board for showing pictures. The Morgan story from our show program will be distributed. Also Directories will be sold and a sheet with club information and subscription blanks for the Morgan Magazine will be available.

Dr. McCarthy suggested the club hold a Morgan Sale or Auction next year. Mr. Clarence Test had many good ideas about this too. Kay Hartley is going to get more detailed information about such an affair from Mr. Walter Lotkin who is a well known auctioneer. More will be heard about it at our October meeting.

Coming shows in September:

Kirkwood, 14th and 15th — Sunday 15th, Morgan Saddle Class.

Diabetic Benefit — 21st and 22nd. Mo. Stables

Palmer — 29th at Clayton Stables

Also on the 29th, a Field Day and Judging Clinic will be given by Mr. Wm. Barton, Big Bend Farms, Rockford, Illinois. For more information, contact Clarence Test, Centralia, Ill.

Friday evening, July 26, was the date of the Hillsboro Horse Show and Festival Morgan Fine Harness Class. Winners of that event were: 1st, Pleasant Lady, driven by Bill Bartley; 2nd, King's Magic, driven by Mr. Ray Searls; 3rd, Fancy Dan, driven by Miss

Barbara Monfort; 4th, Black Banner, driven for Dr. D. F. Mccarthy by Miss Larry Ann Moran; 5th, Panfield's Thor, driven for Dr. McCarthy by Mr. Fran Renshion. Former member Mr. Jackson Kemper sends word that he has taken a position with Clayton Mark and Co in Evanston and is moving his family and stables to the Chicago area. He sends all his best regards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Searls have donated the American flag and staff to the club. It was used for the first time at our show June 29. Many thanks to the Searls from all the members.

Six Morgans in the Shipman, Illinois Homecoming parade July 30. Ray Scans riding Cinnamon King carried the American flag, Roger rode Rhythmette. Arlene Pocklington rode Prince, Truman was on Del Emma, leading her colt. Charm was ridden by the young man who helps Pocklingtons. Esther Searls says all would have been proud of the showing they made.