

Mississippi Valley News

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The January meeting of the Mississippi Valley Morgan Horse Club at the Walhauk home had 28 members present in spite of the near zero weather and slightly hazardous roads.

Mr. Chas. Monfortably conducted his first meeting as our new president. Tentative plans were begun for our show to be held Saturday, June 29, at the St. Charles, Mo. Fairgrounds.

Show Committee consists of Neal Werts, chairman; Mrs. Chas. Monfort, Sec.; Mr. Marcel Wilhauk, Mr. John Gerhardt.

Requests for entry blanks should be sent to Mrs. Chas. Monfort, 2036 Briargate, Kirkwood 22, Mo., after April 1, 1963.

The officers were authorized to join the Mo. Horse Shows Assoc., if it is decided upon to include equitation classes in the show. This will allow participants of this class to gain points.

The possibility of having a Tack Stall at the Illinois State Fair was discussed; also whether or not to try to get some Western classes in the local shows in fairness to those MVMHC members who prefer to show their Morgans under Western tack. It would be a good opportunity to show the spectators that the Morgan can be shown in both types of classes, not only under English tack and in Harness.

I received a note from Mrs. Brachear of Waggoner, Ill., saying that Mr. Ray Brachear had been hospitalized for surgery. Surely hope he's up and around by now. We missed them at the meeting.

A committee was set up for the revision and third printing of our club directory. Mrs. Ray Searls, Pat Werts, and I were appointed to work on it. I hope to have the forms ready to be sent out with our next issue of the Morgan Tails.

A schedule was arranged for the 1963 Meetings. The next one will be held at the home of Dr. D. F. McCarthy in Florissant, Mo., on Feb. 23 and will feature a judging clinic with Mr. Roy Brunk conducting.

It seems I goofed in the last issue I said that Jubilee De Jarnette was the Grand Champion Mare at the World's fair, and was attended by Mr. Roy Brunk. It was not Jubilee but Senata. Please forgive.

March 17 — A regular meeting at the Chas. Monfort home in Kirkwood, Mo.

April 21 At the John Gerhardts, Bridgeton, Mo. — A Fitting and Showmanship demonstration.

May 19 A regular meeting at the Floyd Nieburegges in Valmeyer, Ill.

June 16 — Regular meeting at the Ray Searls in Medora, Ill. July, August and September are to be skipped because of the many shows held during those months.

In October we will begin again with a trail ride at the home of Mrs. Ann Wilhauk, Camp Don Bosco, Hillsboro, Mo.

November 16—Annual Fall Banquet, tentatively set for Shipman, Ill.

Dec. 15 — Christmas party and election, Truman Pocklington home, Shipman, Ill.

Our stallion "Amber Sun" has received quite a nice silver trophy and tri-colored ribbon as the Hi-Point winner of the Mo. Horse Shows Assoc. Morgan Division. We braved snow, sleet, fog and just about everything else the elements could throw at us to drive up to Columbia, Mo. on Jan. 19 to the MHSA Banquet and meeting where the awards were presented. Mr. Jos. O. Burns drove and we were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Willhauk and Drew who also won a second place in the Equitation Over 18 Division.

Miss Barbara Monfort took a second in the Morgan Division with "Fancy Dan" (Congo x Dellama) her high stepping black gelding. Another of our MVMHC members Renee Page won third in the Roadster Pony division with "Silver Maples Flambeau."

I wish more of our members would join the Mo. Horse Shows Assoc. and nominate their Morgans for the Point system Awards. We'd like some more competition. The family membership for the year is just \$10 and it costs \$1 to nominate a horse. The membership and nomination deadline for the 1963 show season is May 1. You can join now and receive the benefit of points if you place in one of the early spring shows. However if you join May 1 or later you will get credit for only those points won after you join. More information can be obtained by writing the Secretary of the MHSA, Mrs. Fern Bittner, Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo., or write or call me at Rt. 3, Hillsboro, Mo. Sunset 9-2583.

We'd like to welcome some new members this month. Mr. Ralph Bellm of Highland, Ill, and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Davis and Nancy of Crystal City, Mo., who have "De Jarnette King" (Cinnamon King x Fanny De Jarnette) the dark bay stallion who won the 1962 Illinois-Missouri Association Award for Reserve Champion Parade Horse.