



Brendan Heintz
AROUND THE ARENA

Congratulations to ... Northern Tradition Farm customers on some recent transactions. Don and Arlene Adler are new customers of Bob Griffin and Tom Thorpe's having come out of the lesson program at the farm. They recently selected Just For The Hal Of It, by Undulata's Man Of The Hour and out of a Sultan's Flashdance mare. Diana Schaefer's Leather Ridge Farm was the former owner and A.J. Bruwer represented her in this sale. Also selected from A.J. Bruwer was the elegant four-year-old mare Chardonnay's Phrangelica, a winning Texas futurity filly as a youngster, by The Mac Attack and out of a mare by Phi Slama Jama. Chardonnay Farms in Texas was the former owner and she was selected by Toni Henle of Oak Park, Ill., and Esther Diamond of Downers Grove, Ill. The mare was a recent winner at the Oshkosh Charity Show with Henle in the irons.

...Lynda Freseth tells of some recent activity at Hollow Haven Farm when Lynda found a new mount for longtime customer Barbara Brown of West Des Moines, Iowa. Brown's former mount, Midnight Express, passed away last year and she is now the new owner of In Your Honor, selected from Autumn Hunt. In Your Honor was a winner at the 2006 American Royal, amongst other top shows in the Country Western Pleasure division under the direction of Autumn Hunt. The Freseths also purchased the horse VVF's York's Coppertone from Sarah Lawson for their customer Susan Estes. Susan will show the new horse in the Country Pleasure Adult division. Nancy Leigh Fisher's horse, He's A Royal Pepper, a recent winner at the Madison Classic Horse Show, was sold



Chrome Commander seen at Tanbark 2007.

to Sarah Lawson for a pleasure equitation mount. Shelley Fisher represented Lawson in these transactions.

...Ellyn Dorsey is proud to announce that her Midwest Charity Amateur Three-Gaited Grand Champion Freakness has been sold to Sally Groub Gayeski with Rob and Sarah Byers' Premier Stables as the agent. Known as "Zach" around Strickland Stables, Ellyn was represented by Lisa Strickland in this sale.

...Judy Jensen and Todd Perkins, owners/trainers at Centre Pointe Stables in Delano, Minn., have announced that they have sold the country pleasure gelding Next Day Heir (Supreme Heir x Kilarney's Debbie Four) to first time Saddlebred owners Michelle Winer and her niece Lori Parks. The former owner of Next Day Heir is Nancy Fortner from St. Simons Island, Ga. Judy and Todd represented all parties in this transaction. Judy and Todd also report the sale of Wellington's Royal Treat, by Attache's Liquid Asset, to Flying E Farm customers Jeff and Paige Peterson for their daughter Logan to show under the direction of trainer/agent Renata Engel. Former owners of "Treat" are Lindsey Roeske and Evan Marchalt.

...to John Grant of Milwaukee, Wisc., on his selection of the nice yearling One Hot Debutante by Santana's Tropical Heat Wave and out of the mare Absolute Debutante from Mike Bletsoe and

Jennifer Duffy.

Condolences to ... Gary Ledo, husband of Lindsey Ledo and father of Courtney Ledo, all associated with Cary Bartz's Valiant Stables in Stillwater, Minn., on the loss of his mom very suddenly due to advanced cancer.

...to Alexandra Wille-Irmiter, a student at William Woods University, who has been enjoying success with the gaited pleasure horse The Great Gazoo this season. While on summer hiatus from studies at WWU, Alexandra has had Gazoo in training with Billy Jarrell. Alexandra's maternal grandfather died just prior to the 2007 Tanbark Horse Show where Jarrell was also learner judging.

...to the family and friends of Lois Vartanian, formerly of Arlington Heights, Ill., but more recently of Newport Richey, Fla., and Fort Wayne, Ind. Lois succumbed to brain cancer on the evening of July 11. Lois and her husband of 50 years, Dave, and her daughter, Lesa Rae, had been members of the Saddle Horse community for many years. Lois' time in the horse world dated back to her childhood. More recently, some of the horses that the family owned were Sean O'Casey, The Twelfth Of Never (a full sister to Storm's Fury), Savannah Jewel, CH Callaway's True Grit, Caldao's Lady Alice, Emanating, What A Keepsake, Black

Licorice, and Selvaggio, among others. Lois was cremated, and per her wish, her ashes will be scattered along the Gulf of Mexico. She is survived by a sister, Lynn (Carl) Zeschke, a brother, Lee (Ruth) Matthies, as well as two granddaughters and one grandson. Over the years, the Vartanians had associations with Bob Irwin, Kim and Fran Crumpler, Don Judd and Maria Gilman and Kurt Hufferd and Shanna Gish. Memorials may be sent to the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

...to Jo Rooksby and her family, including daughter Tracy Gelsosomo and Tracy's daughter Taylor, on the loss of husband, father and grandfather Lon Rooksby due to a sudden heart attack on July 6th. The trio of gals often traveled to the horse shows with their travelin' partner Sally Pavel. The show pleasure mare Salvation is boarded at Sally and Dick Pavel's barn in Hobart, Indiana.

Milestones and Miles Traveled ...

Chryse and Vaughn Veit of Monticello, Wisc., announce that the "Chrome Commander" has been officially retired from traveling the country effective with the 2007 Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses Horse Show. Chrome Commander was the pairing of Vaughn's love for automobile horsepower and Chryse's lifelong affection for the American Saddlebred. The results were "The Chrome Commander", a "glistening work of art created from more than 100 classic car chrome bumpers including some bumpers from Vaughn's own personal collection. Weighing in at more than a ton and standing more than 12 feet tall, the sculpture was completed by a very talented, private western artist. The statue was named in honor of the great CH Wing Commander, a six-time World's Champion Gaited Stake winner at Louisville. His tremendous record was, perhaps, overshadowed by his huge success as a sire. His blood flows in most of today's champions, both in American and South Africa. Chrome Commander made an appearance at the Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses Horse show this past June at the party honoring the 50th Anniversary of Keith and Carol Bartz, parents of professional horsewoman Cary Bartz, who is also the trainer for the Veit's show horses. Cary's son, Tyler Volz, was also honored with a graduation from high school party in conjunction with his grandparents' anniversary.

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Sleeping Beauties: (Left) Alice-Mithali Unger Singh, and (Right) Lyla Wroble.

... to Barbara and Stephen Hendrickson of Hendrickson's Horses in Wayzata, Minn., who recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 30th. The Hendrickson name has been associated with such winning show horses as Let's Dance, CH Havana Cabana (the first Country Pleasure Driving and Riding World's Champion), Madame X, Sultan's Katmandu, Matchbox, RWC Salt Heir, CH Gold Bullion, Mack's Golden Lucky, and currently Royal Crest's Freedom Rock and Pierre Cardin who are under the direction of LaFleur-Van Ess Stables in Madison, Wisc.

Something in the Drinking Water ...

Congratulations to new parents Jaspal and Alice Unger-Singh on the arrival of their daughter Alice Mithali Unger-Singh who weighed in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Alice has shown such horses as CH Heir's Town, CH Ninety-Eight Degrees, Downtown Strutter, Sky High Money, CH Let's Burn a Debt, Cherished Jewel, Desirable Beauty, Confetti AMU, Radioactive RWF,



Toree Lewis Hefner of Spencerville, Ohio, and her champion country pleasure mare Highpoint's Fancy Cat, share a "horsey bag".

and CH Callaway's Forecaster during her riding career. Nancy-Leigh Fisher is the proud grandmother.

...Oshkosh, Wisc., resident Liz Pinkerton-Krings and husband/farrier, Ross, also welcomed a little bundle of joy, their son Mason, into their lives in mid-June 2007.

...congratulations continue to Cathy Warner-Williams and her husband, Mike, as they welcomed their second child into the family with the 6:42 a.m. arrival of daughter Campbell Ann Williams on June 23, 2007. Proud "horsey" grandparents are Guy and Pauline Warner of Mound, Minn. Campbell Ann weighed in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20^{1/4} inches long. Cathy says of the baby and herself, "We are both healthy and doing great." Many will remember Cathy Warner to be a WC equitation rider from her days riding under the Hollow Haven banner on such horses as Bubble & Squeak.

...Proud Grandma Dale Arnston sent out a note to announce the arrival of her granddaughter Lyla who arrived about three weeks early on July 15th at 7:58 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds and was 18 inches long. Proud parents are Jay and Julie Anne Wroble. Julie works with her parents, now the proud grandparents of Lyla, Mike and Dale Arnston at their Country Meadow Farm.

Speedy Recovery ... to Janet Glasgow, mother of Amy and Amanda Glasgow. The Glasgows have horses with Fonzie and Karen Del Rio at Rancho Del Rio in Eagle, Wisc. Amy and Amanda and their mom were on the way to the Glen Valley Horse Show at the end of June and they were hit from behind and their truck flipped over frontwards, then rolled over sideways twice. "Amazingly Amanda and Amy were unharmed and

Things That Make Me Say Hmm ... T-Shirt Philosophy



The last thing I want
to do is hurt you...
but it's still on the list.

went on to win four blue ribbons at Glen Valley,” says Janet. Janet, however, was not so lucky. She was hospitalized with a fractured spine. Janet has a message for us all at this time of the year when we are all traveling to the shows, “Wear your seat belts. Ours completely saved our lives!”

Foal Watch '07 ... Liz and Tom Simmons of Hampshire, Ill., announce that they recently had a new addition when Liz's nine-year-old mare, A Sweet Surprise, (Lunar Fire G.S. x Santana Luanna) had a filly by Trust Fund (Attache's Liquid Asset x CH Stonewall's Crimson & Clover) on May 25th.

Hush Puppy Spokeswoman ... Toree Lewis Hefner of Spencerville, Ohio, has sent a photo of her champion country pleasure mare Highpoint's Fancy Cat who apparently will eat just about anything. She is shown here eating hushpuppies after a dinner of Toree and Don Hefner's produced a “doggy bag” or should the be a “horsey bag”?

90 and Countin' ... Friends and family and longtime

acquaintances of Minnesota horse lover and show secretary extraordinaire LaVarre Hollingsworth, are being asked to set aside the afternoon of Saturday, September 1st (at 4:00 p.m.) as the meeting place and life celebration of LaVarre turning 90 years old. The celebration will take place at Judy Jensen and Todd Perkins' Centre Pointe Stables in Delano, Minn. Anyone wishing more information about it is asked to call Judy at the farm at (763) 972-6397 or for those with e-mail access, Judy's email address is ctpointe@aol.com. Additionally, should you run into LaVarre in a grocery store in the time between now and then, the occasion is a SURPRISE!

...on a similar note, Hester I. Kerr, a proud member of the Midwest Charity Horse Show family, celebrated her 96th birthday with family at a luncheon at Bella Milano restaurant in Springfield, Ill. Cards may be sent to her home. Hester was born on July 9, 1911 in Illiopolis, Ill. She retired from Bisch Funeral Home in 2000 and is the mother of two children, Susan, of Springfield, Ill., and Charles of Chicago.

Correction

In our July issue's coverage of the Midwest Charity Horse Show, we incorrectly stated that CH Callaway's Pretty Penny was the unanimous champion in both her qualifier and championship class for country pleasure driving. In fact, CH Hard Day's Night, driven by Brendan Heintz for owner Jayne Tillman, had a first place vote in the championship class. Mrs. Tillman was the driver in the qualifying class.

Jim Cherry, Armon Effinger and Kelly Freeman will judge Mid-America Mane Event Show

Jim Cherry, Armon Effinger and Kelly Freeman will judge the 5th Annual Mid-America Mane Event Show, October 25-28 (Thursday-Sunday) at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The show is produced by Mid-America Horse Show Association, one of the largest charter clubs of the American Saddlebred Horse Association with more than 400 members.

Mid-America Mane Event is held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Coliseum, widely recognized by the show horse community and others as the country's best show facilities. The excellent arena, three covered warm-up areas (two are enclosed) and outstanding stabling are popular with Saddlebred stables as well as other breeds and disciplines. The facilities are in continuous use from March through October for regional and national shows, including the Midwest Charity Show in June.

During Mane Event, unlike at some other indoor fall shows, exhibitors have full access to warm-up areas 24/7 and to the Coliseum show arena except during maintenance and show performances.

Mane Event offers a full schedule of classes for Saddlebreds (performance, park, pleasure), Roadster Horses (bike, under saddle), Hackney Ponies (harness, roadster, pleasure ponies) and equitation (saddle seat, pleasure, adult, walk/trot).

Included in those divisions are Two-Year-Old Five-Gaited, Three-Gaited and Fine Harness classes, three Grand National classes (Five-Gaited Amateur Stake, Three-Gaited Two-Year-Old and Fine Harness Stake), four UPHA Three-Year-Old Classics, two Junior Exhibitor Driving Challenges, four AHHS Youth Medallions (two are under saddle), two USEF Medals and four UPHA Challenge Cups.

The Five- and Three-Gaited performance sections include two qualifying classes and a championship for amateur riders, plus a qualifying class and championship for ladies and junior exhibitors.

The Pleasure Division has large Show and Country sections with age groups and championships, novice horse and novice rider classes, junior horse and championship plus western, hunter and the Youth Driving Challenge.

Returning to Mane Event for the third year is the prestigious National Pleasure Equitation Olympics Finals. The Pleasure Olympics brings together riders from around the country who have qualified at local and regional shows to compete together for custom-designed trophies in three categories: 13 and Under, 14 through 17 and Adult. The National Pleasure Equitation Olympics is sponsored by Illinois American Saddlebred Pleasure Horse Association.

Equitation riders also have age groups (including adult) and championships plus USEF Medals and UPHA Challenge Cups, three of which qualify for this year's finals. The Challenge Cup and Medal adult classes and Pleasure Medallion will qualify for next year's finals.

The Hackney Pony division includes 18 classes for performance, pleasure and road ponies, including two under saddle classes.

Mid-America Mane Event is affiliated with US Equestrian Federation, Mid-America Horse Show Assn., Indiana American Saddlebred Horse Assn., Illinois American Saddlebred Pleasure Horse Assn., Illinois Horse & Pony Breeders & Exhibitors, Iowa Horse Shows Assn. and American Saddlebred Assn. of Wisconsin. Exhibitors' wins will count toward the CH designation of the American Saddlebred Horse Assn.

For a Mid-America Mane Event entry booklet, contact Show Manager Joy A. Meierhans at 43W734 Old Midlothian Rd., Elburn, IL 60119; call 630/557-2575; email JM@TheMeierhans.com; or download it from www.horshowcalendar.com or www.midamerichahorshow.org