



Congratulations...to Diane Balagna, of Eden Prairie, Minn., and customer of Todd Perkins and Judy Jensen's Centre Pointe Stables in Delano, Minn., on her selection of the bay five-gaited mare Roja Rosa. Former owner and trainer of this horse was Kris and Bill Knight's Pleasantview Farm in Simpsonville, Ky. Todd Perkins recently won the Novice and Five-Gaited Stake classes at the 2009 Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses Horse Show with the mare. Perkins and Jensen acted as agents in the sale of the country pleasure and equitation mare, Diamond Memories. She was selected by some new clients at Bob Jensen Stables in Lakeville, Minn.

...Jared Ratzloff and Lenny Peterson of Cornerstone Stables in Prior Lake, Minn., report that their customers Keith Trakalo and Lisa Anderson Trakalo have selected two bay horses for their daughters, Andra and Alexa Trakalo. Alexa has the bay five-gaited horse, Champagne & Jewels, who was selected from Elizabeth Haydon and trainer Gregory Maldonado; and sister Andra has the three-gaited Back To Business, who came from John Hill; his daughter, Kelly, showed Back To Business under the direction of Biggins Stables in Simpsonville, Ky.

...to Donna Beck of Greenwood, Minn., who has selected the flashy newcomer, Crave (Merchant Prince x Faberge) from Roman and Cayce Marcos' Seahorse Stables in Scottsdale, Ariz. This neat horse had been successful since his debut on the circuit having been started by Michael Craghead at Doug and Janine Hill's place in Livermore, Calif.

...Ginger Schinktgen, trainer at De Equus Stables in Cato, Wisc., reports that she has selected the upheaded son of The Last Don, Carlucci, from Joe and Bette Russell's Hickory Knoll Farm in Belvidere, Ill. The horse has been trained by Mayo Moctezuma of Woodstock, Ill., throughout his career. The four-year-old gaited entry, Carlucci is being readied for young Emily Teehan, whose mother Tressa selected the entry from Moctezuma Stables.

...to Tanya Champagne, a new customer in the Saddle Horse industry and client of Curt

Kligora and Ryan Rongers at Clean Sweep Farm in Milton, Wisc. Champagne is the new owner of the pretty pinto country pleasure mare, Spotlight Dancer. Former owner Louise Eversman was represented by Austin Eversman and Eric Antman at Majestic Farm in California.

...to Glenn and Michelle Werry of Edwards, Ill., and Madison, Wisc., on their selection of the two-year-old filly, The Cat Walk (Catalyst x She's In Style). Bill and Nancy Becker at Shadow Run Stables in Versailles, Ky., represented the former owners, Bill and Lynn Keys of Gresham, Ore., in this sale. The Cat Walk was the 2007 All American Cup Limited Breeders Weanling Stake Grand Champion as shown by Max Ciampoli.

...to Christy Parker-Cordell, owner of

third child, a son named Cullen James Corcoran, on June 17, 2009. Jay says of the young son, "He's just a goatee short of perfect," referring to the fact that Cullen favors Jay's looks.

...a wonderful gathering of friends and family were seen on Sunday, June 28th at Margo Baird Valentine's MBA Equestrians in Willowbrook, Ill., and the occasion was to honor one of the instructors, Chris Schmidt, who many will remember from more than 20 years associated with Martha Thompson Hoyt's Palos Hills Riding Stables. Chris has been teaching at MBA Equestrians along with Karen Greenwell, instructor, for close to a year now. Chris was diagnosed with breast cancer and the get-together was held under the "Pink Ribbon" and the moniker "Schmidty-



1. Aimee, Jan and Laura Langer. 2. Chris Schmidt with Penny and Amanda LeBlanc. 3. Laura Langer, Chris Schmidt and Megan Mahoney Novak. 4. Patty Del Favero and Chris Schmidt. 5. Rachel Birgells (r) and her mom, Bonnie.

photos by Brendan Heintz

Pinehaven Stables in Hortense, Ga.; one of Christy's customers recently selected the four-year-old Reedann's Top Gun son, Fire Sale, from Dr. and Mrs. R. Scott Cairns' Cairns Farm in Dubuque, Iowa. Dick and Jeanette Durant's Bell View Acres in Homer Glen, Ill., represented the Cairnses in this transaction.

Bulletin Board...congratulations are in order for Jen and Jay Corcoran of Maple Ridge Farm as the couple welcomed their

Schmarty Party" to try to help offset some of Chris' medical expenses while she undergoes treatment. If you wish to donate something, you can contact Kyle Hansen at kyle.hansen@comcast.net.

...news from Missouri, where Tom and Nancy Scott are now hanging their shingle, that their daughter, Elizabeth Ostrander, gave her parents their first grand-child, a baby girl on the morning of June 25, 2009. Elizabeth and her husband and the little one reside in Princeton, Minn.

...An "Almost Perfect Party" was held in Eden, Wisc., by Liv LaFleur-Moyer and her husband, Tony. The occasion was to "Celebrate life and why we are all here!" Saturday, August 1, the couple held the

festivities in Eden, Wisc., honoring Liv's 40.5 years + Tony's 40 years + Tony and Liv's 19 years together = 99.5 years! Almost Perfect.

...Welcome home to Wisconsin is extended to Jimmy Bushard, son of Drs. Dan and Mary Hanrahan Bushard of Hanrahan Stables in Random Lake, Wisc. Jimmy spent the last several years in Kentucky working for Nelson Green and for Bill and Kris Knight at Pleasantview Farm, before taking a position at Callaway Hills Stables in Jefferson City, Mo., as trainer. In early July 2009, Jimmy and his wife, the former Brandi Foster, packed up and moved back to Wisconsin to Jimmy's parents place in Random Lake, Wisc., to work horses from the family's Hanrahan Stables. Among the horses shown by the couple to some success is Pecan Andy, Odds On Spectre, Lydian, Callaway's Gentleman's Agreement, and Callaway's Pay It Forward.

Condolences...to the family and friends of Shirley Oder, 78, of Macomb, Ill. Shirley was the loyal and loving spouse of the late horseman and road horse master, Pres Oder. Shirley had been suffering for some time with Alzheimer's Disease and she passed away on the morning of May 22, 2009 at Heartland Health Care in Macomb. She would have been 79 on July 9, 2009.

...many longtime Minnesota exhibitors will remember Sam Roitenberg. The Roitenbergs were very active on the Saddlebred circuit in the Tri-State area back in the '70s and early 1980s and had horses with Tom Walsh at Brandywine Farm and Keith and Carol Bartz (and Andy Freseth) at Hollow Haven Farm. Sam Roitenberg passed away in early June 2009.

...sad news fell across the Chicagoland and southern Wisconsin horse community with news of the passing of one of the "matriarchs of horsemanship", Miss Dawn Atlas, of Grayslake, Ill. She was 81. Services were held for her in McHenry on July 1, 2009 and were attended by many in the horse community. There is a full obituary of Dawn's life and career elsewhere in this issue.

...to everyone at Knollwood Farm where the pretty bay Rifles And Roses daughter, Priscilla Vanilla was a member of the "family". The mare had at one time been owned and shown by Michelle Blau, a former Knollwood rider, before being purchased by longtime Knollwood clients Paul and Barb Schwemer, who allowed the mare to be used as part of the extensive school program at the stable as headed up by Nancy Turner. Priscilla Vanilla was 14 years old. She was also a half-sister to World's Champion Fine Harness horse, Night Odyssey, who also succumbed at an early age.

...to Tom Thorpe and Bob Griffin at Northern Tradition Farm in Minooka, Ill., on the loss of their much loved Great Dane,



Jimmy and Brandi Bushard.

"Raven".

...to Bill Kase and the friends of Linda Kase. Linda Kase was a popular exhibitor on the circuit during the late '80s and early '90s with such horses as Hartlund H.P., Madame X, Admiral's Flight Status, Summertime Showers, and Just In. The Kases came to the Illinois circuit in late 1987 after visiting Tom Galbreath's Castle Hills Farm in Kentucky. They approached Lori Glickman, then at Pemberton Stables in Riverwoods, Ill., and Glickman selected the aforementioned horses for her over the next couple of years. Linda enjoyed showing them under her direction, and then under the direction of Bonnie Kittredge's Woodwind Farm in McHenry. Inactive on the show circuit for some 12 to 15 years, Kase enjoyed the time spent with these retired show horses at the farm she and her husband, Bill, relocated to out in Capron, Ill. According to Bill Kase, Admiral's Flight Status is still alive at the age of 31; as is Just In. Hartlund HP and Madame X (both acquired through the late Paul Priebe) had passed on over the last year or so; though Madame X's two foals (one sired by Santana Safari and the other by Sultan's Starmaker also remain there at the farm.

...to Elena Rozwadowski (daughter of Pete and Christine Rozwadowski of Chanhassen, Minn.) on the news that the very poppy-eyed, expressive gelding known as CH Triumphant, who is by Chubasco and out of the mare Perfect Model (affectionately known as "G.Q."), had to be put down due to deteriorating ankle joints in both front feet during mid-July 2009. G.Q. Had previously been owned and shown by Carlos Chavez of Minneapolis, Minn. He was 17 and was bred and originally shown by Michele Macfarlane of San Diego, Calif.

Foal Watch 2009...Good to hear from Jim and Doris Stewart of Columbia, Mo. The Stewarts are the owners of the bay stallion,

Gypsy Santana. Jim sent a photo of a Gypsy colt named Special Dark out of the mare Phancy Jamas by Phi Slama Jama, who is in training with Max Ciampoli for Louisville's Weanling Futurity. The colt is owned by Katilin Heisey of Charlotte, N.C., and was born at Brook Bend Farm in Rock Hill, S.C., which is owned by Wade and Felicia Fairey. The dam of this colt has been leased by the Faireys to be bred to their stallion, Born Contender who stands at Alliance Stud.

...good to see Drs. Rick and Lisa Balcerak, customers of Mayo Moctezuma Stables. Mayo trained their pleasure mare Miss Cuervo, a/k/a "Sassy", for Lisa's pleasure mount. The mare was bred in 2008 to Callaway's Northern Kiss and the breeding resulted in twin embryos which arrived via surrogate moms this spring. One arrived in late May on the 29th and the other around June 10th and one of "each flavor" (colt and a filly) were the result. The Balceraks live in the pretty equestrian community of Wayne, Ill., on "Mare Barn Lane" and they had a nice gathering of some horse friends at their beautiful home and barn on Sunday, July 19.

Speedy Recovery...to seven members of the Worzalla Family: Mike and Sue Worzalla (parents) and five of their children including daughter Sharon Worzalla (a frequent horse show exhibitor), who were injured in a frightening crash in Chilton, Wisc., on their way home from their cottage at the north of Lake Winnebago on Sunday, July 19. Along with them was young Jordan Linzmeier, son of Linzmeier Training Stables' owners Heather (Hayden) and Brian Linzmeier. Jordan, as well as the Worzalla matriarch, Sue, required surgery for their broken femur and shoulders, respectively. All are expected to be fine after some time on the mend. Sharon sustained broken ribs and lacerations to her kidneys. The Worzallas are longtime and frequent horse show exhibitors from Cedarburg, Wisc., at their Spring Creek Farm.

Things That Make Me Say Hmm...1. Always drink upstream from the herd. 2. Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. 3. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in. 4. If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try ordering someone else's dog around. 5. The best sermons are lived; not preached. 6. Don't judge folks by their relatives. 7. Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none. 8. Timing has a lot to do with the success of a rain dance. 9. If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'. 10. Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight, and bull-strong.