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Kentucky

It's hard to believe that Louisville has come and gone. When Louisville came around I thought it should only be about the time for Jr. League. Summer has come to a close and the leaves are going to be changing. We all know what that means; the end of the 2007 show season. This month's article is about Louisville and what is next on the list to close out the 2007 show season.

Louisville started out with a bang on Sunday. Opening night was all the county fair classes to get people ready for what was yet to come. Monday night came along and had an unexpected twist. When the ladies fine harness class had just about ended, another show ring accident entered the Saddlebred world. No matter how many times this happens it still hits everyone as if it were the first. Tuesday through Thursday came in easy with more exciting wins and amazing horses. Friday night came quickly as it always does. The crowd was loud and excited with every class that entered the ring. After the show the junior exhibitors headed to the West for a fun night filled with music and dancing. Saturday came bright and early. For me Saturday night (stake night) came very quickly. Everyone was dressed up ready to see who would be crowned the new Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion.

Thursday night was very special for Sammyshine. He racked out of Freedom Hall for the last time just like the times before. Sammyshine racked out of Louisville with 10 wins at the World's Championship Horse Show. Sammyshine was a World Grand Champion in 1999, 2002, and 2006. He won the qualifier in 2001 and 2003, but not the championship. Sammyshine won the championship in 2000 and 2004. Sammyshine was the UPHA Horse of the Year – Five Gaited Pony from 1999-2006. Cyd Simmons is also the youngest winning rider of a five-gaited pony in history. Cyd and Sammy also had a Triple Crown event under the direction of Tammy DeVore. Good luck to Cyd in the Amateur division next year.

The Five-Gaited World's Grand Championship crowned a new winner on Saturday night. Congratulations to CCV Casey's Final Countdown and Michele Macfarlane. This was the third time Michele Macfarlane has won the stake class. Second in the class went to According To Lynn and Mary Gaylord McClean. Third went to my favorite Platinum's New Look and Todd Miles for Mr. Steve Chancellor. Those were the top three and congratulations to them all.

For the junior exhibitor divisions I would like to congratulate Eleanor Watkins, Kelsey Olson, Ali Judah, Shelby Ford, Alexa McWilliams, Camille Cowart, Katie Cunningham, Belle Owen, Jenna Palmeri, Dakota Reiser, Emily Scharpf, Jackie De La Parte, and Mollie Kregor.

I hope everyone has had a great year and are looking forward to KASPHA, Kentucky Fall Classic, and The American Royal. Good Luck to everyone.

The most important thing in life is to stop saying "I wish" and start saying "I will". Consider nothing impossible, then treat possibilities as probabilities.

— David Copperfield

Please send any ideas you have for this column - new horses in the Kentucky region, information or tips, etc.

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Midwest

It's already October and there are only a couple of shows left in the

whole show season! The weather is starting to cool down and fall decorations are everywhere!

Two months ago, back in August, the Kentucky State Fair took place in Louisville, the most anticipated show in the Saddlebred world. Everyone loves the feeling of riding down the long ramp and into the bright lights with the crowds cheering you on and feeling the excitement bubble up inside of you. Even if you didn't ribbon, it's an amazing experience.

Even though I didn't have the chance to go to Louisville this year, I had the privilege to interview Brittany Baird on her experience in Louisville!

HC: *What classes did you show in?*

BB: I showed My Pepper Ann in 17 and Under Five-Gaited Show Pleasure and we were third in the qualifier and sixth in the championship. I showed Crimson Blue in 14-17 Country Pleasure and in the qualifier we got fourth and in the championship we got sixth. I showed CF Night At The Castle in 14-17 Five-Gaited and we didn't place. I showed Tuff Hedeman in 14-17 Three-Gaited and we didn't place and Gigolo Joe in Amateur Park and we didn't place.

HC: *How did you prepare for Louisville?*

BB: To prepare for Louisville I actually didn't do that much. I did a lot of practice riding on school horses, but other than that the only horse I practiced on was Tuff because I have been working on getting his head set better. However, all summer long I have been taking lessons and riding school horses to keep improving my riding skills.

HC: *What was the toughest thing you had to overcome?*

BB: Getting over my nerves of being at Louisville and putting all those thoughts behind me when I was riding so I could just concentrate on riding without making a big deal that it was the World Championship.

HC: *What was it like to ribbon at Louisville?*

BB: To ribbon at Louisville is such an amazing feeling, especially since I didn't ribbon in all of my classes. I knew the classes that I did ribbon in I really earned them and that they just weren't handed to me. The best ribbon I got was my third with My Pepper Ann because I have been lucky enough to catch ride her for Toni Nastali a few different times and one other time at Louisville. We didn't do so good her first year, so I felt like her third was well deserved and I was so excited that she finally got her chance to prove to the world how good she can be. She is such a fun mare to ride and show and I am so fortunate that I get to show her. Any ribbon at Louisville is amazing!

Thank you, Brittany, for doing that interview with me!!! To everyone who rode at Louisville, I hope your experience was a wonderful and memorable one.

Because next month is November, and Thanksgiving is in November, I am asking you: *What are you thankful for?*

That's it for this month! Have a great month and stay warm!

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Missouri

Hi everyone! As I said last month, FALL HAS ARRIVED! This is my favorite time of year, (aside from school and homework, of course). Fall days have to be among the best; can't you just feel the cool, fresh air on your face, a light sweatshirt around you, the smell of a bonfire, the tangy

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taste of apple cider, the sweet and saltiness of chocolate covered pretzels?! Though there are only a few horse shows left on the 2007 calendar, that doesn't mean us Saddlebred people are toning it down...no sir! We're just kicking it into gear. By the time you read this article, the St. Louis National Charity Horse Show (my favorite show of all time, by the way) will have come and gone, Western, Hunter, and *Saddle & Bridle's* Pleasure Medallion Finals and all. This month, we have the Calvary Episcopal Charity Horse Show in Columbia to look forward to. And then, in November, The American Royal!

This month, just to be a little bit different, I am starting a new series for my column. Ever wonder what it's like to show Saddlebreds in states such as New York or California? Thanks to the distance, it is impossible for us Missourians to show at a horse show that far away, and it's just about as difficult for us to get from coast to coast to watch such a horse show. Over the next few months, take a minute to meet kids from across the United States who share the same passion as you do. Take a peek into the horse show scene in states that may otherwise guzzle all of your frequent flyer miles.

I would like to introduce you to Anna Cole, and her ten-year-old American Saddlebred gelding, Tell Me No Lies, aka "Fibbs".

Anna rides at Denise Vespa Stables in Syracuse, N.Y., and shows in the junior exhibitor show pleasure division. She has been riding for a total of six years; three years in hunt seat, and the other three in saddle seat. She began riding Saddlebreds for the same reason many people do; "I thought it was the most awesome sport out there and when I saw a five-gaited class it gave me chills. I thought it was a very elegant and amazing sport to watch and I wanted so much to be a part of it. Once I rode a five-gaited horse I was hooked."



Anna Cole and Tell Me No Lies.

Anna is 14 years old, is in 9th grade, and is home schooled. Lucky her, she never has to worry about missing school work for a horse show! She says her favorite subject is literature.

Besides riding, Anna has been very involved in her local 4-H club's horse program for five years. She shows her Skye Terrier show dogs in AKC, both in junior handling and conformation classes across the country.

Anna attends four to five horse shows a year. New York is known for its inclement weather during the winter months, but luckily it does not affect her horse show calendar. "It makes it a lot more difficult when we have our New York storms and since my barn is so far away it is hard to get up there in the winter to ride very often."

Her favorite horse show is the ever-popular Syracuse International Horse Show. "It is a very fun and competitive horse show and it is practically in the back yard of my barn, not to mention the barn parties there are great!"

Anna's most memorable experience with horses was when she

showed Fibbs in a walk/trot equitation class at Syracuse International. It was only the second A rated show of his life and they won!

In the future, Anna hopes to stay in the Saddlebred industry. "Saddlebreds are and always will be my passion. I wish to continue to be involved in the horse and Saddlebred industry and my future career dream is to be a saddle seat riding instructor and to have my own string of show horses."

Thanks, Anna, for completing my interview and good luck in future classes!

Have a great October, everyone, and enjoy the final months of the show season!

"Concentrate on what you do best, and do it better than anyone else."

-John Schnatter

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Northeast

Hey Everyone!

Well fall is finally here! The long days of summer are slowly fading and the temperature is beginning to drop. Show season is wrapping up and everyone's planning out their winter training to get ready for when we do it all again next spring.

As you may remember a couple of issues back I wrote about El Presidente. This Saddlebred's owners dedicated a brick in his name to the sidewalk outside of the Saddlebred Museum at the Kentucky Horse Park. This month we have another Saddlebred whose loving owner, Nathan Hinds, has also dedicated a brick in the sidewalk. Nathan's horse named What An Attraction (aka Willy) is an 18-year-old gelding. Willy is by Sultan's Main Attraction, by Supreme Sultan and out of Sundown's Lady. Nathan has owned Willy for seven or eight years and says that Willy is very sweet, very loyal and has helped him to become a good rider. Willy has been shown in academy classes by Nathan and in country pleasure classes by previous owners. As for memorable



What An Attraction (aka "Willy") and Nathan Hinds.

horse shows and classes this pair has many. At the Calvary Horse Show they won a neck ribbon out of a big and tough academy class. Then at the Germantown horse show a few years ago, Nathan and Will won a lot of classes and had a lot of fun too! Nathan also recalled one particular show season when they won a lot of local shows together. Despite being at numerous barns throughout Missouri, Willy's favorite place is with his best friend Mickey at Mark Hulse Stables. Willy's favorite food is carrots; however, he is a picky eater and doesn't like anything too sugary or fattening. Also Willy "created" his own gait called a "crack", which is a cross between a canter and a rack. Overall Willy sounds like a great horse. Nathan, thanks for sharing him with us!

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Well that's all for this month. Until next month keep in mind ...
"Live simply, laugh often, love deeply."

– Anonymous

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Hello everyone. What an amazing week we had at Louisville. I hope those that went had awesome rides and good times. I also hope that those who were unfortunate not to go will be able to go next year.

This month I interviewed a trainer I have known for awhile. She is such a pleasure to talk to and always fun to watch showing. I am, of course, talking about Ms. Anne Judd of Zebra Ltd.

What is your barn's name?

Zebra Ltd., at Bashford Manor.

What is your name?

Anne Durham Judd.

Where are you located?

Dade City, Florida (just north of Tampa and Orlando).

What do you specialize in?

(Equitation, jumping, etc.) I train American Saddlebreds and Morgans and teach saddle seat equitation. I have also gotten interested in riding and training western horses too. I also do clinics worldwide, write articles for equine publications both here and in South Africa, and am a large "R" judge in Saddlebreds, Morgans, Hackney/Harness Ponies, Roadsters and Saddle Seat Equitation.

I started riding and showing in Kentucky when I was four years old ... would you believe it and there was no "walk and trot" division then! I rode with wonderful trainers/teachers such as Helen and Charlie Crabtree, Tom Lavery and Jim B. Robertson (that would be Jimmy and Walt's dad!). All that was at Rock Creek Riding Club as I grew up. I married the assistant trainer there Don R Judd and for 30 years we had a successful show string winning all over the Southeast as well as at the World's Championship Horse Show! Don and I parted ways and I left to work in South Africa where I trained and ran my own public show barn for four years. What a wondrous experience that was. When I returned to the States for the birth of my granddaughter Annelise (my daughter is Christy O'Donnell and my two stepsons are Rick and Ron Judd), I stayed and opened Zebra Ltd. That was in 1999.

My horses are all interesting to train, especially if you are like me and want to get inside their little heads and figure out what they are really thinking! One grand gelding who I remember was Society Selection. He taught me so much, and he loved to make me sweat. I finally realized he knew his equitation work, but loved to make me think he didn't when we were at home or when working at a show. BUT what I finally learned was he was messing with my head. That horse would never embarrass himself in a class before HIS public. He never made a mistake in a pattern while Todd Buchanan showed him, yet at home as I schooled him he was constantly making errors. What a sense of humor he had. If only I had shared that sense of humor then...*GRRRRRR!!!!!!!!!!!!* My latest horse, My Teddy Bheir, was one of the more challenging I have ever worked. I actually went to another trainer to have him show me where his buttons were. It took us quite a while. I just got him to my new

place and he got sold. I will miss the thrilling rides on him, and his wonderful and zany personality.

All my riders and horses have touched my life in ways that allow me to dismiss the bad moments of life and continue in this business. The friends that I have made, the places I have traveled, the horses I have had the honor to show and train ... all are memorable. I have had the honor to become a small part of the many riders who have walked/ridden through my life. They all have left me with wondrous memories and I have let them leave with a small part of me as they go on through life. It is a joy to hear from riders whose lives I touched years later. It validates my teaching. As for the horses, well ... they all get too close to my heart even the not so good ones. The tough ones that I figured out, the unsound I have made better, the good ones I have not messed up ... they are all part of the passion that has kept me driven to learn more, think outside the box, and try to help improve the lot of horses everywhere in some tiny way. Just recently I was asked by a veterinarian and three remarkable and successful horsemen who are of completely different seats and background and breeds to join them in a clinic dedicated to the good of horses – Light Hands Horsemanship. It is one of my proudest new accomplishments, showing I really do look to continually improving my methods and hopefully the lot of the horses and riders whom I touch.

Thank you for the interview, Ms. Judd. I wish you continued success and I hope to see many more of your students and horses in the ring.

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