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AROUND THE ARENA

Congratulations... to Mary and Susan Narko, Lemont, Ill., on the sale of their pretty park mare, Sultan's Sonadora, that Susan has been showing in the Amateur Park division during the 2009 season. The mare was selected by Scott and Carol Matton of Knollwood Farms for their customer Sue Vogel, a first time Saddlebred owner. Vogel is very excited to have this nice mare, who was just named the Illinois State Fair's Amateur Park Reserve Grand Champion with Susan Narko presenting. The Durants' Bell View Acres of Homer Glen, Ill., acted as the agents in this transaction. They also sold the handsome gaited horse, Stocco (by Shamrock's Santana) that had belonged to Lance Bohne of Lemont, Ill., to Donna O'Keefe and Amanda Murchison with David and Kristen Cater as agents for the purchasing party.

...to Susan Bekenstein of Grayslake, Ill., on the sale of her show pleasure gelding, Worthy's Son-In-Law to Marcia and Jerry Scott of Scott Trading Company in Wauwatosa, Wisc. Bekenstein has been involved in the show horse industry for more than 20 years. At one time she had a really nice gaited horse, Annie's Wings, with Dawn Atlas and Sarah Vogel Pranger at Fantasy Farm in McHenry, Ill. Mayo Moctezuma of Moctezuma Stables in Woodstock, Ill., represented Bekenstein in this sale and Lisa Strickland represented and will now train Worthy's Son-In-Law to be Marcia Scott's new western pleasure horse since selling Count Chocula to Cape Cod Farm during the 2009 Indianapolis Charity Horse Show.

... to Laurie Vinge on the sale of her multi-titled show pleasure mare, Holly Beth (State Of The Art x Splendid Rose) in early August 2009. Holly was purchased by Jan DeLong, a customer of Jim and Zale Hughes' Country Charm Farm

in Antioch, Ill. Jay Wood of Westwood Farm represented Laurie and Doug Vinge in this sale of Holly Beth.

Bulletin Board...Speedy recovery to Jerry Elmer of Brooklyn, Wisc., as this longtime Hackney pony trainer was injured in an unfortunate incident at the 2009 Illinois State Fair when another pony landed on him and his pony during a class. Elmer suffered some broken bones and some torn ligaments, but is expected to make a full recovery. Incidentally, Elmer's pony won the class, but he had to take the victory pass in an ambulance. He was back at the show "tout de suite".



Part of the nice memorial to Jane Mueller at the Mueller Museum in Decatur, Ill. Above is a portrait of Jane riding CH Winged Victory. (Right) Friends at the memorial tribute.

...on Monday, August 10th a group of friends from the Saddle Horse and Hackney Pony fraternity gathered in Decatur, Ill., at the Heironymus Mueller Museum to honor the late Kathryn "Jane" Mueller who succumbed to breast cancer on June 6th of this year. An obituary in the July issue of *Saddle & Bridle* magazine featured a summary of the various beloved ponies and horses Jayne had during her more than 40 years in the industry as an owner and exhibitor. There at the Mueller Museum, which was the brainchild of Jane and some dedicated staff members, a room with some memorabilia from the many years of Jane's life were represented, including the horses and ponies, but also her love of University of Illinois sports and her love of travel. Mueller Museum is a name synonymous with excellence in iron products such as fire hydrants and castings. The company was founded by her great-grandfather Heironymus Mueller. Among those from the horse

community who attended this special three hour evening in Jane's memory included: Shirley Parkinson; Vicki and Bob Whitmer; Jan and Pat McGlaughlin; Jerry McGlaughlin; Marjorie and Margaret Strano; Brendan Heintz; Susi Rambler Day and son, Griffin; Rita Rambler; Phyllis Harris from the Indianapolis Charity Horse Show; Gib Marcucci; Cindy and Kevin Ireland; Tom Fiedler; Dick and Jeanette Durant; Linda Fischer and daughter Rosemarie Wheeler. Others, who were unable to attend, sent flowers.

...word was handed down from "upon high", a/k/a Mary Strohfus of Hastings, Minn., that her beloved husband, Norm, will be honored posthumously by the Minnesota Horse Council with their "Pioneer Award" in a presentation at the Minnesota State Fair on Sunday, August 30.

It's Twins!...for Alan and Michelle Nastali. Alan is the son of Toni Nastali of Springside Stables in Downers Grove, Ill. The couple, who already had a daughter, welcomed twins on August 3, 2009. The babies, Luke Anthony (7 lbs,



6oz) and Gianna Marie (5 lbs, 15 oz) are doing well.

Retiring From the Show Ring...It's a job well done and one that lasted 14 show seasons for the handsome liver chestnut son of CH Caramac (and out of a Champagne Fizz mare), My Matinee Idol, who is owned by Diane Nyhammer of Harvard, Ill., and currently trained by Lisa Strickland of Marengo, Ill. "Mac", competed in the Illinois State Fair Society Horse Show in August '09 in the Amateur Park division and received ribbons there at the age of 17 years young. Mac has been a winner in the Fine Harness and Park divisions over his lengthy show career after being first brought out in the Fine Harness division

as a three-year-old under the direction of Jay Larkin at the 1995 Wisconsin Futurity Horse Show, where they were in the winner's circle. Other professionals having a hand in Mac's lengthy show career include Dave and Sarah Patton and John Willis. Mac is a three-time winner of the Amateur Park class at the Illinois State Fair, so this seemed a fitting place for his final show ring performance. Diane will continue to show her show pleasure gelding, Seaforth's Heiristotle ("Flynn") under the direction of Lisa Strickland. This duet has been a fanciful tune at such shows as Lexington Junior League and the Adult Show Pleasure Grand Championship at the '09 Illinois State Fair. Diane has many allegiances to the State Fair given she was in the winner's circle there in 1980 under the direction of Carolyn Folkers' Windy Hill Farm in the equitation division with her mare, Kathleen Of Erin.

Condolences...to everyone at Martha Thompson Hoyt's Palos Hills Riding Stables on the loss of one of their longtime and much loved school horses, "Remmick" who went over the Rainbow Bridge in early August 2009.

...to everyone at Judy Jensen and Todd Perkins' Centre Pointe Stables in Delano, Minn., on the sad news that "Ozzie, the Rooster" was euthanized. Ozzie was a fixture at the stable and one of the many "critters" collected by Jensen. Ozzie had been given to Judy by Wyatt DeHart.

...to the Bill Kruppiak family and

everyone at Jared Ratzloff and Lenny Peterson's Cornerstone Stables in Prior Lake, Minn., on the news that the Kruppiak's home-raised and handsome bay gelding, The Perfect Gentleman (a/k/a "Duke") succumbed to colic. Duke had been shown by the Kruppiak's daughter, Kristi.

...very sad news for longtime midwestern exhibitor Sally Stewart Pavel of Hobart, Ind., and her husband, Dick. The couple lost their champion and World's Champion Five-Gaited pleasure horse, CH Catch The Fever on July 22 of this year. "Catch", who had been bred by Randi Stuart Wightman, had been part of the Pavel's family since he was a yearling and had carried Sally to many wins in the Gaited Pleasure division before making a switch at the tail end of his career to the Country Pleasure division. Catch The Fever was 19 years old and had been fighting an Immunity deficiency disorder for the past year.

...many of the longtime members of the Illinois Saddlebred fraternity will remember Florence Riley, former owner of Sugarbrick Farm in Lake Zurich, Ill. News came during late July 2009 of Florence's passing in Rolling Meadows, Ill. Florence owned and raised many horses over the years, but the two stallions Stonewall's Sugarbrick Decision and Bourbon Salute were her two beloved breeding stallions. Bourbon's Salute was the sire of the nice show mare Petit Parfait, owned by the late Lynn Hirsch and trained by David Kerger.

Petit Parfait is the dam of CH Uncle Abe. Others representing these breeding lines who were successful in the show ring were Terri Natale Pilot's Belle Silk, Linda Larson's Spring Kiss, Bob and Denise Trethaway's Superstitious Miss, Sig and Mary Ann Helland's Surefire Decision and Pat Johnson's Jubilee Banner.

"A Special Thank You" ...from Mike and Sue Worzalla Family, owners of Spring Creek Farm in Cedarburg, Wisc., after the serious car accident earlier this summer in which they and Jordan Linzmeier were involved in. Sue sent a note that she wanted "Arena" to pass on: "The Worzalla and Linzmeier Families would like to express their deepest heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the family and friends at the ASAW Summerfun Horse Show and in the horse community. You have kept our families in your thoughts and prayers. The generosity and support that was shown to us was truly overwhelming and made us even more aware of how God blessed our lives with so many wonderful people. God Bless you All and thank you once again!!!!!!!"

Things That Make Me Say Hmm...American Pride Style! A recent study found the average American walks about 900 miles per year. Another study found Americans drink, on average, 22 gallons of beer a year. That means, on average, that Americans get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud to be an American!

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