

## **Heather's World**

Bubbly TV hostess brings levity to harness racing

One of the most ubiquitous faces in harness racing is Heather Moffett, host of both Post Time, which covers racing in Delaware, and co-host of PA Harness Week, a show covering Pennsylvania harness racing. Moffett is such an exciting and engaging personality that Hoof Beats has asked her to tell us a little more about herself. If you're not on the East Coast, you can view her shows online at www.youtube.com/posttimeshow and www.youtube.com/HarnessWeek.

n 1955, my grandparents, Elmer and Helen Looney, took all of their savings (\$350) and bought a free-legged pacer named Reggy Scott. I'm sure they never could have imagined that five decades later their girly-girl-Hello-Kitty-loving-pageant-competing-granddaughter would still have the same passion for the sport as they did. But it's true - I do!

Not only do I love harness rac-

ing, but I hope that everyone I come into contact with can see my genuine enthusiasm for the sport. And, luckily, I get to come into contact with a lot of people.

For the past 12 years I have been producing and hosting a show called *Post Time* which airs on the Delaware-Maryland-Virginia (or Delmarva) peninsula. It's a weekly half-hour program that's seen on the local CBS and FOX affiliates. It reaches almost 200,000 homes. We've had almost 650 different *Post Time* shows and it's the highest-rated show for my time slot.

I work for the Delaware Standardbred Owners Association. The DSOA along with Dover Downs, Harrington Raceway and Ocean Downs finance the show and they pretty much have given me the creative license to do what I want. Thanks to their trust in me, I've had an absolute blast with it!

Not many days go by that someone does not recognize me from the show and I'm talking places away from the track—like the grocery store, gas station or restaurants. The one thing people always say is, 'You look like you're having so much fun!' I tend to do a lot of laughing on the show which can sometimes be contagious to my guests and I think my audience as well. I even get letters from the local prison. I like to tell people I have a captive audience.

I am very proud of my show. That's a major understatement. I love, love, love my show. I truly believe that I have a harness racing show unlike any other. I don't know everything about the sport or about training or driving horses and I'm not about to pretend that I do. I don't care about looking silly or asking a dumb question and I know that a lot of fans appreciate that. I suppose I should admit that not everyone loves me as a host.

And I do understand why. I am not your typical harness racing host and what you see—is what you get. I'm exactly the same on TV as I am