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On our cover: Fall scene photographed by Franne Brandon, Petersburg, Tennessee. Jennifer said it bugged her there was no horse in the photo so she added one.

Our lovely covers are designed courtesy of Jennifer Klitzke. Please visit her blog: www.NaturallyGaited.com for stories, videos, and information about training your gaited horse using dressage and natural humane training methods. Thank you, Jennifer!!

IHWHA memberships for Family and Individuals go from January 1 to December 31 each year. Enclosed in this newsletter is a membership application.

Come on join us! We are a sound horse organization and the only registry that requires gait certification and our fees are very low compared to other registries.

Sharon Loomis Corr, 76, of Syracuse, New York passed away October 15, 2017 in Iroquois Nursing Home after a brief illness.

The horse world has lost a friend. For over 30 years Sharon promoted the natural Tennessee Walking Horse, both as an exhibitor, president of IPWH Association, president of NYSPWH Club, and activist. Her passion for a sound horse took her to the US Senate in Washington DC, Denver, CO, Houston, TX, as well as California and Tennessee.

In Recognition of her outstanding contribution, she was presented the Prestigious Phoenix Award from the National Walking Horse Association.



Sharon receiving NWA's Phoenix Award

Before this, she was a volleyball official for NYS, taught boys volleyball and girls basketball at both Sacred Heart and St. Ann's Schools. Sharon attended Marcellus Central School from K - 11th grade and graduated in Madrid Spain while her father was in the Air Force. She attended the 1958 World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium. She received her degree going to Syracuse University part time after her marriage to Harry Corr in 1965. Sharon was well traveled, well educated, well versed in politics, and was a gifted writer. She loved teaching.

Sharon will be greatly missed by all her family, friends and horse team family. Contributions may be made in Sharon's name to the Humane Society of The United States, 1255 23rd Street NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20037

HERITAGE ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

At the recent IHWHA Executive Board meeting on October 9, 2017, the eligibility standards were discussed and revised to reflect decisions made in 2016, as well as new thinking for 2018 forward. Categories received simpler labeling to make it easier for breeders to remember the various categories.

The following applies to all horses registered with the International Heritage Walking Horse Association.

1. The IHWHA is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of horses with rare bloodlines which perform the evenly timed, nodding gait known as the running walk. Bloodlines without a basis in gait are not desired. For that reason, all horses, foals or adults, registered with IHWHA must be gait certified with a video following the video guidelines on the www.ihwha.com website.

2. Color genetics is a science and does not lie. It is one way to determine that horses registered prior to bloodtyping and DNA testing do trace to the animals indicated on pedigrees. Various colors and patterns are exhibited within the Heritage Horse ranks. All colors, patterns, and modifiers must trace, generation to generation, to horses of those colors, patterns, and modifiers registered in the original TWHBAA Studbooks.

NEW CATEGORIES

Level 1 – Full Heritage breeding – 100% Heritage. Candidates must have at least four older registration numbers prior to 1950. These horses will have **NO** Pride of Midnight or any performance horse breeding from horses shown after 1976.

Level 2A – Horses that do not have four Heritage numbers (prior to 1950) but are otherwise old bloodlines with no Pride of Midnight or modern show horses (1977-present). If bred to a Heritage Horse, their foals will be considered Full Heritage.

Level 2B – Horses that are all old bloodlines, and a minimum of 87.5% Heritage bloodlines, except for **one** line of Pride of Midnight or one performance horse shown after 1976. IF the horse meets this criterion and is bred to a 100% Heritage Horse, the foal will be registered in Level 1 as Full Heritage with the percentage of Heritage blood noted on the registration certificate.

Level 3 – Horses with a majority of older lines but no more than **two performance horses** shown after 1976. These performance lines can only trace to POM one time and may not be linebred to this stallion. These horses will not be Heritage nor will their offspring.

No horse registered with IHWHA will have more than two lines to any performance horses shown after 1976.

The IHWHA website and registration form will be updated to reflect the changes.

It was decided to change the required old numbers from five pre-1950's numbers to four pre-1950's numbers since it is getting more difficult to find horses with five numbers.

NEW VIDEO GUIDELINES FOR REGISTERING WITH IHWHA

At the October 9, 2017, meeting of the Executive Board of the IHWHA, all board members present discussed the videos for registration and reached the mutual agreement that a simpler version will be required from this point forward.

Starting with a conformation still, showing all four sides, the horse will then demonstrate one minute of flatwalk and one minute of running walk, then halt and back up. Horses with training beyond the basics may also demonstrate these skills on their videos. If owners of such horses elect to present cantering on cue, sliding stops, flying leading changes, etc., the hoof pickup should be at the beginning of the video.

Either with the conformation shot or after the stop, back and dismount, the rider or a groom will pick up one foot to illustrate how the horse is shod.

Foal certification will continue as it has been done up to this point. As in the past, older horses no longer ridden can be videoed in hand or in a round pen, with or without halter and lead.

Another item discussed at the meeting were that a question had been posed about dropping the video requirement for certifying horses. Does the association want to drop the video certification once a sire and dam have proven that they can produce gait and forget certifying foals by video from that mating? After a brief discussion, the board concluded that foal certification videos are an integral part of the association's work and they will continue to be required. The new video guidelines should make certification simpler.

In response to a question raised about allowing inbreeding within the ranks of the Heritage Walking Horses, the board decided that at this point, it is not our decision as to how much is too much of one line. The board hopes that breeders will use discretion and know when linebreeding is too tight and look for complementary lines for their horses.

Mary Ann Funk has requested that a Heritage Horse Trail ride be organized in the near future. Some of these have been done in Tennessee in the past. The board voted that this sounds like a good idea and Mary Ann is welcome to work on one in an area convenient for her and to let everyone know when the event will take place and location.

TWEAK

By Joan Hendricks, Owen, Wisconsin

Sometime way back in 2005 or 2006, Danny Taylor had a Heritage outcross filly named No Fear Merry. Sandra van den Hof of Pleasure Gaits was visiting in Tennessee about that time and there was a picture of Danny standing next to No Fear Merry with a grandchild on her back in Heritage Highlights. Sandra was standing nearby watching. No Fear Merry was not even two years old and not trained. They were out in Danny's pasture. There was no saddle, bridle, halter or even a string around this filly's neck. She was just standing there in the pasture completely unconcerned about having a rider on her back.



Tweak as a long yearling with one of Danny's grandchildren on her back as Sandra van den Hof looks on

Probably no one else remembers this from so many years ago but I do because I happened to take a trip to Tennessee with Diane Szczepanski and Nancy Bergman near that time. Luckily, we had taken a horse trailer along because Diane had plans to bring another horse back to Wisconsin with her. I ended up buying No Fear Merry from Danny and loading her in the trailer for the trip back to Wisconsin.

"Training" that filly could not really be called "training" at all. She just needed to be "tweaked" a little bit so she could learn what a person wanted her to do. Her barn name became Tweak. She was my perfect people-loving guest horse.

One frequent guest rider was my friend, Christie. We went on a lot of rides together and I ended up selling Tweak to Christie. But then Christie's daughter, Katie, (whom I think was 10 years old at the time) liked her so much that she claimed Tweak as her horse. Not only was Tweak the perfect guest horse while I had her but she became the perfect kid's horse when Katie got her.

Christie has another daughter, Kenzie, who will be 2 years old in November. The other day, I got this photo from Christie of Kenzie on Tweak:



Kenzie on board Tweak

I wonder how long it will be until Kenzie claims this wonderful kid's horse as her own and Katie will be horseless????

MONTANA ROUNDUP - 2017!

By Mike Davis, Wabasha, Minnesota

Four guys and five horses headed for mid-Montana at 3 AM on September 22 to help with a cow/calf round up on the 1,000 cow Bill Solf Ranch in Petroleum County. Bill is 79 years old and flies his small plane to spot where cattle are hanging out in each pasture. If they are in a deep draw or under the dark timber, he swoops down at them to drive them out where we can get them moving. It looks like he's going to land on their backs sometimes! Good news is we all made it back, including Bill Solf! And we are all better off for the experience! Nobody got hurt, including the horses. We did ride some rugged country on huge pastures – like 7 square miles, found the cows and calves and roused them out of their hidey spots in ravines and timber and pushed them into sorting corrals. Separated cows from their calves, pushed the calves into chutes, vaccinated them all and then let them “mother-up” again before pushing them into the winter pastures.

We encountered wildlife, elk, antelope, mule deer, coyotes, turkeys, eagles, vultures, grouse and even rattlesnakes. At night you could see stars that you would never detect in most of the USA because of all the artificial lights, and coyotes yipped and sang all around.

Each morning we arose in pre-dawn light, pulled on our clothes from the security of our cozy campers/horse trailers and then scraped the morning frost off the outdoor tables as Robin Secrist, our volunteer chef, fixed coffee and a hardy breakfast of his home-grown Wisconsin eggs scrambled up with various other goodies like sweet peppers, onions and venison ring baloney. After Breakfast clean-up and considerable BS-ing we retrieved our horses from the corral and got them all tacked up for the day.



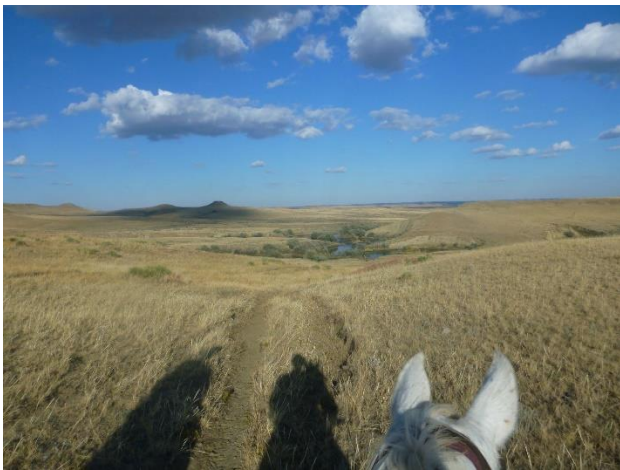
Heading to “Blood Creek”, a pasture in the Missouri Breaks (in the distance), to collect up the cows and calves



We're heading into the deep draws of Blood Creek's Missouri Breaks to search for cattle, picking a trail that's possible to ride and negotiating it is a joint venture between rider and horse!

Livestock trailers rolled into our corral camp by mid- morning to pick us up and haul us to whatever BLM pasture that needed to be emptied of cattle for the season. We were camped at an abandoned ranch, the old house and other buildings all in ruins, bearing testimony to the hard life that many succumbed to over the years. But a water supply brought in by the CCC crews during the Great Depression led to keeping up the sorting corrals over the decades. Our camp was within sight of the once flourishing oil town of Cat Creek, MT and around 20 miles from the county seat of Winnet, Mt – population 110, the biggest town in the area.

Cat Creek was the earliest oil town in Montana, discovered in the early 1900's, the oil was of such high quality that local folks scooped it up in pails and poured it into their model T Fords as fuel! There are still oil wells producing there, at pretty low volume though compared to today's oil boom places. We were in pretty much the very middle, center, farthest from anywhere, place in all of Montana. It was grass, sage brush, piney timber, dirt roads that were impassable with a heavy dew, and totally awesome to find yourself surrounded by!



On another less rugged pasture - searching for cattle, could there be some down in that oasis? Oh yes, one lone dry cow!



Moving angus cows and calves to the sorting pen, another few miles to go to get to the sorting corrals.

The pictures show the terrain we rode each day, quite variable from not even walkable to flat pasture cut through with deep ravines that branch in all directions. I was really happy with my walking horse working among the other breeds of horses. She never tired and we covered a lot of ground in comfort with her running walk, up to 6 hours riding each day. Della never spooked once in spite of being in a territory that she had never encountered before. Even the rattle snake we rode over the top of didn't seem to perturb her as it buzzed in warning. I don't know if she had ever been around cattle before, but it seemed like she had as she took to herding and cutting without hesitation. All in all, a great trip that helped a ranch family get some critical work done.



Ostella's Della Ann takes a break with her riding partner for a snack on the Montana prairie. One good thing about taking your horse on a trip into a vast unknown area like this is that YOU are now home to her, there's not much need to hold on when they don't have a place to go home to. We become partners.

From **HARDSCRABBLE HOLLOW FARM**

Tim & Annie Leaverette, Sheffield, Vermont

Annie emailed that several of their horses have found new homes. The Leaverettes wish to congratulate Debbie Zaktansky, Watsontown, Pennsylvania on the acquisition of Snow's Glitter HHF.



Glitter

They would also like to thank and congratulate Stephanie and Jared Langston, Westwood Farms, Locust Dale, Virginia on the acquisition of Remembrance's Jubilee, Remembrance's Hot Tamale, and Remembrance's Merry Snip



Remembrance's Jubilee



Remembrance's Hot Tamale



Remembrance's Merry Snip

There are several more horses who need homes before winter. Annie wrote that they are willing to waive the cost of the horses in return for the new owner paying for health certificates for the horses.

The following horses need homes yet:



Remembrance's Legacy

"Sharkey" is a beautiful bay stallion, 15 hands, 900 lbs, foaled in 1989. He has an easy-going nature with a kind eye and possesses an animated gate with a deep over-stride.

Sharkey's sire, Sun's Remembrance (1966-2004), is the last living son of Midnight Sun (1940-1965). Sharkey's dam, Large's Allen, was sired by HF Midnight Allen (1966-1988), another son of Midnight Sun. Sharkey's pedigree includes two foundation horses.



Jubilee's Jitterbug

"Jitterbug"is a 15 hand black mare, a product of our breeding program, foaled on our farm in 2003. She has her sire's golden brown eyes, beautiful mane and tail and flowing natural four beat gait. Jitterbug's sire is Remembrance's Jubilee and her dam is F88's Memory Lane thus Jitterbug is a double bred Sun's Remembrance granddaughter.



Jubilee's Naughty Kisses

"Kisses" is a large solid black filly foaled in June, 2008. Her sire is Remembrance's Jubilee (buckskin), and her dam is Prowlin' Woman (black)



Remembering God's Promise

"Promise" ...is a 15 hand chestnut mare foaled in 1999. She has a petit face, dark mixed mane and tail and well-defined four-beat gait. Promise's sire, Sun's Remembrance (1966-2004), was the last living son of Midnight Sun (1940-1965). Promise's dam, Carbon's Gypsy Gal, has five World Grand Champions on her pedigree (Midnight Sun, 1945 and 1946; Merry Go Boy 1947 and 1948; Rodgers' Perfection 1959; GLL's Carbon Copy 1964; Mark of Carbon 1978). Promise shows two foundation horses on her registration.

If anyone can give any of these horses a home, please contact the Leaverettes at:

Phone: 802-626-3561

Email: twhvermont@hughes.net

TRAIN THE TRAINER



The *Train the Trainer* program was designed to assist individuals from different disciplines who may not be familiar with the gaited breeds. The program will assist trainers, owners, and riders to recognize and/or achieve gait in both American and Spanish gaited breeds.

Our clinics, lessons, and horse training are tailored to each situation, location, and/or group. Individuals can bring horses to the ranch in Idaho, or plans can be made to travel to the local area.

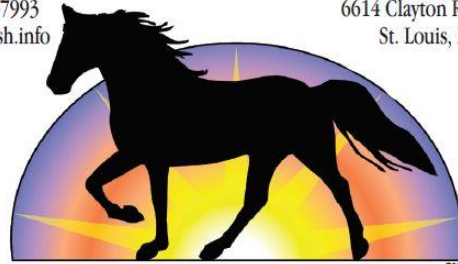
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Readers seem to be enjoying the stories of every day people and their horses so we thought we'd share a publication dedicated to Tennessee Walking Horses that are not show oriented:

Canadian Walking Horse News, is published bi-monthly by Marjorie Lacy of Alberta, Canada. The magazine is dedicated to the plain shod horse in Canada and features articles by the Heritage Society's Franne Brandon on the history of the Walking Horse breed.

Website: www.walkinghorsenews.ca



IHWHA Membership Application

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE OR PROVINCE _____

ZIP CODE _____

COUNTRY, IF OTHER THAN US OR CANADA _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Enclosed is my check or money order for:

☐ \$ 40 Family Membership (Husband, Wife, one child under 18)

☐ \$ 25 Annual Adult Membership (18 years or older)

☐ \$ 350 Lifetime Membership (18 years or older)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE OF APPLICATION

SEND APPLICATION TO: IHWHA, PO BOX 267, Whitehall, WI 54773-0267

Advertising in Highlights:

If anyone would like to place a classified ad in Highlights, our set up fee is \$10 for photos and text.

Also, if you purchase a Heritage Horse from someone who already has a certificate for the horse and you would like the certificate in your name, we can print a new certificate and mail it for a \$5.00 fee to cover the certificate, mailer and postage.

You can find us on Facebook!!

The Heritage Society does not endorse any trainer, style of natural training, or tack and horse equipment, to the exclusion of others, as each horse is an individual and not all will respond positively to a particular trainer or training style. Articles published by the Society, which include such endorsements, reflect the view of the author, but not necessarily that of the Society.

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