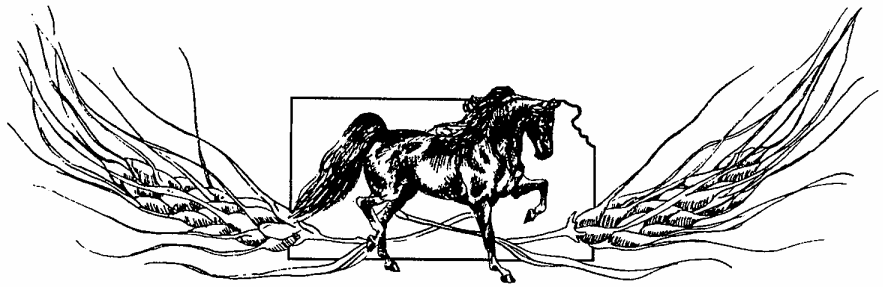


The WHEAT STATEMENT



February 2006

The Official Newsletter of the Wheat State Morgan Horse Association ♦ Published Monthly

Wheat State Show

Once upon a time,

in a land hot and dry, a tightknit band of fanatics set out to celebrate the virtues of a noble steed known as Morgan. In June the beautiful animals and their companions would gather 'neath a Prairie sky. Not many would be there, but all would participate in every offering. The little show grew, the venue changed, and friends from distant hamlets evolved into family. Then one day, an evil wind blew and threatened the very existence of the gathering. Word that the hippodrome was slated for renovation rocked the merry band. The thought of relinquishing their rendezvous broke the heart of even the fiercest of them. A sad year it was. A neighboring clan shouldered their burden and hosted the grand event but the Wheat State yearned for its return. One evening in mid-August a meeting was called to order. The

mood reflected that what had begun as a stage set for competition had become so much more. Although Debt the dreaded dragon had some quivering where they sat, the camaraderie that members craved in their hearts was not to be denied. And so, on that August night, it was decided that in 2006, The Wheat State Morgan Horse Show was to be the spectacle of old.

In an effort to promote a successful show, it is my wish that you would consider contributing what you are able. This might be in the form of items for the silent auction, class sponsorships, or use of your particular talents as volunteer. If you have interest in our annual reunion, please feel free to contact me and I will happily direct you to the appropriate individual. We of Wheat State most heartily welcome you to join us in 2006!

Compete, play and revel in being family.

Respectfully,

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2006 at the home of Jerry & Peggy Hatfield.

Jerry & Peggy's address is 2215 E 93rd St N, Valley Center, KS, located just 1 mile north and one-half mile east of the Kansas Coliseum. Their phone number is 755-1707.

Covered dish supper and meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Last Chance!

You will find a membership application in this newsletter. If you haven't already, take the time now to renew!!

The directory will be published in time for Equifest. This is a great chance to reach people with your horses for sale and/or your services you provide.

Please give Kelly a call if you haven't yet sent in your dues with your horse listings. She will then be able to list you in the directory.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- February 11, 2006 **Wheat State Morgan Horse Association Monthly Meeting**
Dinner 6:30 p.m. Home of Peggy & Jerry Hatfield
- February 15-18, 2006 **AMHA ANNUAL CONVENTION**
Hyatt Regency Lexington, KY Contact: erica@morganhorse.com
- February 24-26, 2006 **EQUIFEST**
Kansas Coliseum Wichita, KS
- April 29-30, 2006 **FLINT OAK TRAIL RIDE**
Contact: Paul Banzet 316-777-9942
- June 8-11, 2006 **WHEAT STATE REGIONAL MORGAN HORSE SHOW**
Kansas Coliseum Wichita, KS Contact: Peggy Hatfield 316-755-0395
- June 29-July 1, 2006 **STARS & STRIPES BENEFIT HORSE SHOW**
Kansas Coliseum Wichita, KS Contact: Kelly McFaul 316-722-4013
- June 30-July 2, 2006 **HERITAGE CLASSIC**
Henderson County Fairgrounds Athens, TX Contact: Georgie Green 972-727-3663
- August 3-6, 2006 **TULSA SUMMER CLASSIC**
Expo Square Tulsa, OK Contact: Kelly McFaul 316-722-4013
- October 7-14, 2006 **GRAND NATIONAL & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MORGAN HORSE SHOW**
Oklahoma City, OK Contact: Peggy Hatfield 316-755-0395



2006 Wheat State Morgan Horse Association Officers

Cindy Mullen President
Joan Kennedy 1st Vice-President
Ron Connell 2nd Vice-President
Ellen Berry Secretary
Tim Mullen Treasurer

Board of Directors

Paul Banzet
Carolyn Fleming
Jerry Hatfield
Winona Myers
Cheryl Phillippi

Wheat State Morgan Horse Association monthly meetings are generally held the second Saturday of each month. Time and place are published in this newsletter.

The Wheat Statement is the official monthly newsletter of the Wheat State Morgan Horse Association. Classified ads are free to Wheat State members.

To submit news or place an ad, contact:

Kelly McFaul
206 S Lark Ln
Wichita, KS 67209
316-722-4013 or 316-650-2287
Fax 316-361-0847
kellymca@aol.com

no later than the 23rd of each month.

Meeting News

Wheat State Morgan Horse Association January 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The January meeting began with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Gretchen and Brad Majher. Those in attendance included: Bill and Sharman Podlena, Peggy Hatfield, Paul Banzet, Gretchen and Gillian Majher, Roger and Ellen Berry, Robert, Ellen and Cameron Haig, Ron Connell, Kelly McFaul, Cindy Mullen, Carolyn Fleming and guest Zandra McIntosh.

Cindy asked for a motion to approve the December minutes. Carolyn asked that it be noted that Carolyn Fleming, Zandra McIntosh, and Kelly McFaul had been in attendance but had not been listed. Correction made. Bill moved to approve the minutes as amended, and Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cindy gave the treasurer's report in Tim's absence. The checking account consists of \$1,726.02 and the show account stands at \$10,298.16. Bill moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

Kelly reported that paperwork had been received regarding the club's option of becoming approved by MHSA (Missouri Horse Shows Association). Paul asked what this would benefit. It was shared that individuals who were members of the association would be able to accumulate points at our show. It was agreed that Paul would investigate further.

Cindy reported she had received the paperwork to be filled out and sent in for AMHA club approval. She obtained the information necessary to complete the paperwork and send it in.

Ron asked for individuals to volunteer to work the club booth at EquiFest. Through a written report, Winona Myers shared that AMHA had a display and literature the club could use for the total cost of approximately \$170. Paul moved to obtain the promotional aids, Peggy seconded. Motion passed. Ron reported that AMHA provides a form through which the club may be able to recoup some EquiFest booth expenses. He was not sure, however, that EquiFest constituted enough of an event attendance wise. Individuals who pass by the booth at EquiFest often request the names or numbers of Morgan owners. To aid them in making contact with those who might have horses for sale, Peggy and Kelly offered that having current club directories available would be a good thing. It was noted that past members should be urged to get their dues in as soon as possible.

The Show Committee report: Show Judge: Glynis Snowden, Dressage Judge: Janet Hannon, Photographer: Casey McBride Robert Haig agreed to line up the EMT's. Paul asked for a volunteer to obtain a block of motel rooms for the show. He got no response. Cindy asked whether Tim should go ahead and send the money for insurance and was told to do so.

Carolyn Fleming was recognized as having won the 2005 KSHA Morgan Hi-Point award. She will receive the customary \$50 from the club but stated she would like to donate the monies back as a class sponsorship for the show.

Kelly reported that the Stars and Stripes show is on again this year and they had asked if it might be possible to borrow the club's center ring. It was agreed that they could use the center ring if they put it back in Paul's loft where it is stored.

Carolyn asked if Peggy could give her a good copy of the Wheat State logo as she would like to include it in some leather stamping projects. Ideas were tossed around for give-away coasters at EquiFest or Wheat State or even something larger for the Silent Auction.

The annual Flint Oak weekend will be held April 29 and 30. Contact Paul for reservations.

Paul reported that the Kansas Horse Council would be meeting January 28th in Lawrence. The focus of the meeting would be covering the "check-off" program, with monies to go toward helping the equine industry in Kansas.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2006. The meeting will be hosted by Jerry and Peggy Hatfield. Cindy asked that the officers and directors plan to meet at 6:00 p.m. with the regular meeting potluck commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Kelly won a prize of Nicker Nibbles (horse treats) and chocolate cookies (people treats) for being the 14th person to sign the attendance sheet of the January 14th meeting. The club thanked Gretchen for hosting and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Berry

Member News

Submitted by Pat Michael

Greetings from Jackson Hole. This winter has been very different from last year. We hit -30 several weeks ago. In case you are wondering, yes, that is cold. It is beautiful here and I love seeing the Tetons with snow covering them. If you haven't been to Jackson Hole, I definitely encourage you to come, as there is no place more beautiful.

We have resident moose that come through the yard and lick the salt that is put out. I saw a herd of elk in the creek earlier this week as I crossed the bridge. They are magnificent. This winter is hard on the elk as there isn't a lot for them to eat. The moose do much better as they can move through the snow much better and their diet is much different.

I lost my beloved Guy this past summer in a terrible accident and had to have him put down. It was the worst day of my life. My daughter, Rachel, and her husband, Karl, were visiting when it happened, so I was fortunate to have them here to give me support, as I was a wreck. I have made some wonderful friends here and realized how many after the accident. He is buried on the hillside overlooking the valley.

I am thankful I have Guy's son, Talisman. He is three now and is doing very well. There is a very talented horse whisperer here and he used Talisman in two demonstrations, which gave him a wonderful start. After losing Guy, I sent Talisman to him for 30 days. His progress was amazing. After only three weeks, Grant was riding him without a bridle (in a controlled area) at a walk, trot and lope, including turns. I was amazed. I will be sending him back this spring for a tune up and then we should be good to go.

I'm glad to see you are continuing with the Regional show. The club in Wyoming is spread all over the state, so it is impossible to put on a show. The only Morgan show in the state is the State Fair, which is too far away to attend. I did show Guy at our county fair and he did very well, especially since we were competing against Quarter Horses. I had no idea it would be our last show. I'm looking forward to taking Talisman this year, although it will be a while before he is competitive.

I wish all of you the best in the New Year.

Submitted by Winona Myers

Rod and I visited Rod's gelding, Bud, at his trainer's farm near Collinsville, Oklahoma. Drew Callahan is a young man with a solid background in dressage and combined driving. Rod is interested in obstacle and cross country driving so this was a good match. Bud has been there two months and we were very happy with his progress and attitude. We have already learned some new things from Drew and are looking forward to having a safe driving horse again. We still miss Rod's Brown Falcon/Donbelle daughter, Liberty Lee who did everything he asked of her-racing, showing, obstacle driving, cross country and rickety carriage driving.

Our other news is that Funquest Reino is officially 35 years old this year. His vet, who has been his vet for 34 years, says he is his oldest client. Funquest Amo is 30. We bought both as yearlings from Mr. Hazard.

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Congratulations to Paul & Barbara Banzet! Their daughter Kendra and her husband had a baby girl this week. Her name is Teagan Lane.

Meeting Schedule for 2006

The meetings for 2006 are as follows:

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| January 14 | Brad & Gretchen Majher |
| February 11 | Jerry & Peggy Hatfield |
| March 11 | Bill & Sharmin Podlena |
| April 8 | Open |
| May 13 | Open |
| June | No meeting |
| July 8 | Open |
| August 12 | Dan & Cheryl Phillippi |
| September 9 | Open |
| October | No Meeting |
| November 11 | Open |
| December 9 | Open |

If you wish to host a meeting or have suggestions for where the open meetings should be held, please notify President Cindy Mullen.

2006 WHEAT STATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Website _____

Services (lessons, training, etc.) _____

MEMBERSHIP RATES

- FAMILY (two votes) \$30
- INDIVIDUAL (one vote) \$15
- YOUTH (16 & under, no vote) \$ 5

_____ Horse listings @ 50¢ ea. \$ _____

Directory Advertising _____ @ \$35 \$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Check here if you wish to receive this letter via e-mail instead of snail mail.
 (Newsletter will be in pdf format, you need Adobe Reader to open the file. This is a free download from Adobe.com)



Include your check payable to Wheat State Morgan Horse Association in the appropriate amount and mail to:

Kelly McFaul
206 S Lark Ln.
Wichita, KS 67209

Directory/website advertising—full page, camera ready only—\$35 each.

Include your Registered Morgans in our directory/website—50¢ each

Attach sheet for additional horses. Note horses for sale with * and standing at stud with X. To be assured of your listing in the 2006 directory, applications and payment must be received by February 1, 2006.

Name _____ Yr. Of Birth _____ Color _____ Sex _____

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