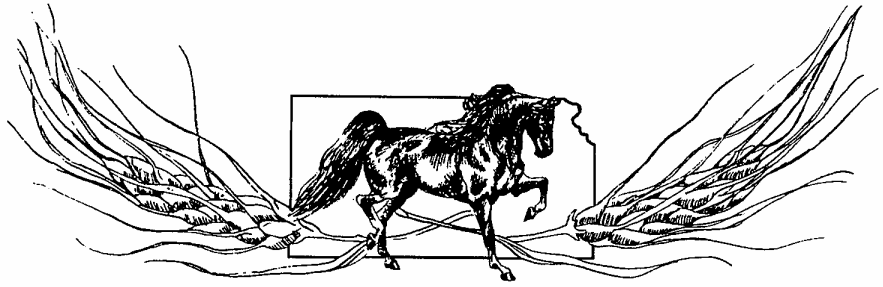


The WHEAT STATEMENT



March 2007

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

Equifest—2007

A very successful Equifest was held February 25—27 at the Kansas Coliseum. This year the Wheat State Morgan Horse Association had opted to have Morgans in the breed presentations, instead of just a booth. Ron Connell headed up this effort. The AMHA Morgan booth was at the stalls, with plenty of literature, promotional items, Wheat State membership applications, etc.

Cheryl Manahan of Wichita Riding Academy organized the presentation of the horses and her students presented Morgans in a variety of disciplines, aptly demonstrating that famous Morgan Versatility. The following riders and horse teams were: Breeanna Connell and her Fox Brush Legacy—Hunter Seat, Anya Pierson and Grandlee Mr. Fantastic—Pleasure Driving, Maci Crowder riding

Hylee's Phantom—English Pleasure, Margaret Ussery and Missy's April Storm —Western Pleasure. The Morgan demonstration was held each of the three days. All riders showed their horses to the large crowds while the announcer read a narrative of the breed's history and characteristics. A big thank you to Ron Connell, Cheryl Manahan, Anya Pierson, Bree Connell, Maci Crowder and Margaret Ussery.



Left: Bree Connell demonstrates her Canadian dismount. Upon landing (on

her feet) she unsaddled "Lego" and rode the rest of the demonstration bareback!

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2007 at the Red Beans Bayou Grill.

The restaurant is located in northwest Wichita at 7447 W 21st St (316 721-4100). They serve Cajun, Mexican and American cuisine.

We have reserved the "Patio" which is heated and will be comfortable for our group. Ask for the Wheat State Morgan Horse group.

Dues Are Due—Sponsorships Welcome, Too!

Please take a moment to fill out your membership form for 2007. You will find one in this newsletter or on our website at www.wheatstatemorgan.com

Paul & Katie Studebaker have graciously agreed to head the Wheat State Sponsorship effort again. Help them out by returning the attached sponsorship form.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- March 9-11, 2007 **MORGAN YOUTH ON ROUTE 66-JANE BLUE CLINIC**
Information within this newsletter
- April 28-29, 2007 **FLINT OAK TRAIL RIDE**
Flint Oak Ranch Fall River, KS Contact: Paul Banzet 316 777-9942
- May 4-6, 2007 **RED RIVER CLASSIC**
Ardmore, OK Contact: Kelly McFaul 316-722-4013
- June 7-10, 2007 **WHEAT STATE REGIONAL MORGAN HORSE SHOW**
Kansas State Fairgrounds Hutchinson, KS Contact: Peggy Hatfield 316-755-0395
- July 4-8, 2007 **CIRCLE J REGIONAL MORGAN HORSE SHOW**
Denver, CO Contact: Kelly McFaul 316-722-4013
- August 2-6, 2007 **TULSA SUMMER CLASSIC**
Tulsa, OK Contact: Kelly McFaul 316-722-4013
- October 6-13, 2007 **GRAND NATIONAL & WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MORGAN HORSE SHOW**
Oklahoma City, OK Contact: Peggy Hatfield 316-755-0395



2007 Wheat State Morgan Horse Association Officers

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

Board of Directors

Paul Banzet
Carolyn Fleming
Jerry Hatfield
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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:

Peggy Hatfield
2215 E 93rd St N
Valley Center, KS 67147
316 755-1707
Fax 316-755-0395
peggyhat@aol.com

no later than the 23rd of each month.

MORE EQUIFEST PHOTOS

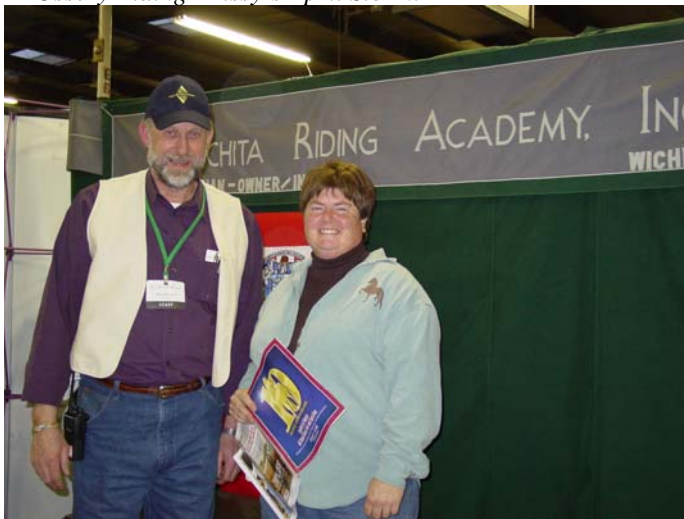


Demonstrating the Western Pleasure Morgan—Margaret Ussery Riding Missy's April Storm.



Above: Anya Pierson driving Grandlee Mr. Fantastic , showing the Morgan driving horse.

Below: Hylee's Moon Phantom, Maci Crowder, up



Paul Banzet and Cheryl Manahan. Paul once again served as head of security for Equifest. Thanks to Cheryl, her riders and their families for making the Morgan presentation possible.



Bree Connell with Fox Brush Legacy



Wheat State Members visit the Morgan booth at Equifest. From left: Ron Connell, Janie DeWitt, Dane DeWitt, and Jerry Hatfield.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO GAVE OF THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO MAKE THE MORGAN DEMONSTRATION A SUCCESS!

Meeting News

Wheat State Morgan Horse Association February 10, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The February meeting of the Wheat State Morgan Horse Association was called to order following a wonderful covered dish dinner at the home of Tim and Cindy Mullen.

Those in attendance included Tim and Cindy Mullen, Jerry and Peggy Hatfield, Bill and Sharman Podlena, Joan Kennedy, Zandra McIntosh, and Carolyn Fleming

Cindy asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December Meeting as published. Bill motioned to approve the minutes, Joan seconded. Motion passed.

Tim reported \$120.25 in the club's checking account and \$11,528.72 in the show account. Jerry motioned to accept the report. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

Peggy gave a brief Show committee report stating that we have a judge for the show and for dressage. A steward is still needed as are other positions to be filled. Show dates are June 7-10 2007 and the show will be in Hutchinson. Cindy suggested if anyone was staying in Hutch it would be a good idea to make hotel reservations soon as they fill up fast. There was a brief discussion about getting ads and information packets from Hutchinson Visitors Bureau and the Cosmosphere

Equifest Report, Brianne Connell is taking a horse(s) and the booth will be set up in the horse barn next to the stalls. Literature has been ordered and the display from the American Morgan Horse Association is being shipped in for our use.

Peggy has offered to do the newsletter for the months of March and April to give time to find a permanent newsletter editor. Anyone interested in taking over the newsletter should contact Peggy or Cindy.

Joan will make reservations at Red Bean's Bayou Grill for our March 10, 2007 meeting. (Our January meeting at this location was canceled due to weather.) Our April 14th meeting location to be announced.

April Trail Ride is reported to still be on at Flint Oak Ranch. Date will be in the newsletter.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Fleming, Director

Flint Oak Trail Ride

Flint Oak Ranch will once again be the venue for the April Wheat State Trail Ride. The club is so lucky to be able to meet there (thanks to Paul Banzet). It is known as "America's Premier Hunting Resort and the ambiance is wonderful! Flint Oak is located in the beautiful Flint Hills east of Wichita. More information and a map will be included in the April newsletter.

AMHA Selects New Director

The AMHA has just announced that Julie M. Broadway has been selected as its new Executive Director. She was selected based on her experience, skills and expertise. Ms. Broadway will assume day to-day oversight and responsibility for all business operations. In addition to her vast management experience, she has been involved with the Morgan breed for many years. Mike Goebig, President of the AMHA Board of Directors states "...her love for the breed will be a great asset to AMHA and will be instrumental in providing executive leadership to ensure that we accomplish our business objectives....."

Congratulations to Meredith Long and Missy's April Storm!
They are the recipients of the KSHA High Point Morgan Award
Meredith is a student of Cheryl Manahan, Missy is owned by Wichita Riding Academy, Inc.

WHEAT STATE MORGAN HORSE SHOW UPDATE

As has been previously reported, the 37th Annual Wheat State Regional Horse Show will have a new venue this year. Because of the scheduled renovation work on the facility at the Kansas Coliseum, the Show Committee has moved the show to the ExpoCenter at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, Kansas. The really good news is that the arenas there are very nice! There is also much to do in Hutchinson. The Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center houses one of the most comprehensive space museums in existence and also offers an Imax Dome theater. Another unique attraction is the Kansas Underground Salt Museum which is 650 feet below the ground! Other attractions include an indoor Water Park located in the Grand Prairie Hotel, the Dillon Nature Center, five area golf courses—three public and two private. For more information, visit www.visithutch.com/attractions.htm

Marti Lockwood from Michigan will be the horse show judge and Rebecca Rigdon will officiate the Dressage classes. Once again, we will be offering Reining Non-Pro, Reining Seat medal, Reining Snaffle-Bit Hackamore and Open Reining Classes and will have an approved National Reining Horse Judge for these classes.

Hutchinson is about 50 miles northwest of the Kansas Coliseum. Hotels there fill up early, so the Show Committee has arranged for rooms at special rates at the following motels:

Grand Prairie Hotel & Convention Center
1400 N Lorraine
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620 669-9311

Hampton Inn
1401 1/2 E 11th St
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620 665-9800

Hutchinson Holiday Inn Express
1601 Super Plaza
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620 669-5200

Microtel Inn & Suites
1420 N Lorraine
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620 665-3700

Ask for the Wheat State Morgan Horse Show rooms. All rooms will be released by May 15, so be sure to call early!

Morgan Youth on Route 66 Presents: **Getting a Start to Your Blue Ribbon Season with Jane Blue**

Are you ready for show season? We are all excited for a new year of horse shows, but some of us have gotten a little rusty over the long winter break! Well, its time to pull out our riding boots and gear up for show season!

The Morgan Youth on Route 66 will host an exciting forum, schooling show and clinic with Jane Blue on March 9, 10 and 11, 2007. We will hold a Junior Exhibitor Forum dealing with equitation, pleasure, showmanship, and show attire for the youth riders on Friday, March 9 at 6 pm.

On Saturday, everyone is invited to compete in a schooling show, officiated by judge Blue. Bring your horse for a weekend excursion, whether it is a Morgan, Quarter Horse, Miniature Horse or Donkey, Jane will help you start your blue ribbon year! All ages, all seats, everyone is welcome! The fun part of this will be the on-the-spot commentary and guidance that the exhibitors will receive from our judge. All exhibitors will have the opportunity to be critiqued by one of the nation's top judges.

On Sunday afternoon, we will offer riders one-on-one clinic time for you and your horse with our expert clinician!! More details and location of events will be available following the AMHA convention this week.

Jane Blue has over 50 years of experience judging/officiating multiple breeds and disciplines and has graced the arena at the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show seven times. She has been a nationally successful exhibitor, trainer, and catch rider in areas from breed competitions to dressage, sidesaddle, barrel racing, combined driving, and everything in between! Mrs. Blue serves as an expert witness, clinician, USEF steward, USEF Morgan Rules Committee member, mentor and author in order to teach and reinforce equine traditions and techniques.

The Morgan Youth on Route 66 is honored to have such an accomplished and esteemed individual to offer her help and suggestions. We extend this invitation to any youth (or adults!) who are interested in attending with their horses or as a spectator. - Please e-mail for more information: youthonroute66@hotmail.com

2007 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:

**Joan Kennedy
 12 Quail Valley
 Garden Plain, KS 67050**

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.
Directories have been printed for 2006, but listings can still be placed on the website.

Name _____ Yr. Of Birth _____ Color _____ Sex _____

Sire _____ Dam _____

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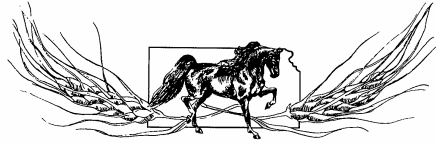
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WHEAT STATE REGIONAL MORGAN HORSE SHOW

June 7—10, 2007

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO PRINTER: May 15, 2007

PROGRAM ADVERTISING

Art work to be provided by the following method: _____ \$175 Inside Front Cover
 _____ \$175 Inside Back Cover
 _____ \$150 Full-Page Ad
 Total Amount Due for Advertising: _____ \$ 75 Half-Page Ad
 \$ _____ \$ 50 Quarter-Page Ad

SHOW SPONSORSHIPS & PATRONS

All sponsors will be listed in the Show Program and announced during the show.

_____ \$600 **GOLD MEDAL PATRON LEVEL**
Includes: Full-Page ad in program, 6 exhibitor party meal tickets;
 Class sponsorships

_____ \$450 **SILVER MEDAL PATRON LEVEL**
Includes: Full-Page ad in program, 4 exhibitor party meal tickets,
 Class Sponsorships

_____ \$300 **BRONZE MEDAL PATRON LEVEL**
Includes: Full-Page ad in program, 2 exhibitor party meal tickets,
 Class sponsorships

_____ \$150 **CONTRIBUTING PATRON LEVEL**
Includes: Half-Page ad in program, 2 exhibitor party meal tickets,
 Class sponsorship

_____ \$ 90 **CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS**
 Class Preference: _____

_____ \$ 40 **QUALIFYING CLASS**
 Class Preference: _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE FOR SPONSORSHIPS**

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ SIGNATURE _____

RETURN TO: Paul & Katie Studebaker

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