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Happy New Year to all!

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FMHA ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET

JAN 21 2012

"A Day at the Races"

at



**TAMPA
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We have a very exciting day planned for you. This year's Banquet will take place at Tampa Bay Downs on Racetrack Road in Tampa. We will start the day with free admission to the grandstand for all.

Races start at 11:30 and we will have a section for Members. Just *clip the coupon below and present to ticket taker.*

Starting at 5:45 -after the races we will have a Business meeting/Cocktail hour in the Clubhouse II . The at 6:45 we will have our banquet, high point awards and raffle and auction. Please bring items to sell or raffle as this is one of the few ways our club raises money to support all events. Ann Smith will be on hand to take memberships/renewals

The meal is a Buffet with options for all tastes. The cost is \$35 per adult and \$20 for children 10 and under.

This promises to be a fun activity for members and guests of all ages- we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Look for invitations to follow in your e-mail
please RSVP to Glenn@cesfl.com if you can attend and how many.

clip & present to ticket taker.

Admission for A Day at the Races

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PROPOSED SLATE FOR ANNUAL ELECTION

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Kellie Ramsower (will take over Bev Skovgaard vacated directorship and serve 1 year)

All others will be for 2 year term

Prior to voting at the Annual Meeting, nominations from the floor will be accepted.

A voting member is an individual, family, or farm/business member age 18 or over.

2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

Now it is time to send in those membership applications or renewals that can be either downloaded from your FMHA site or found at the bottom of page 2 in this newsletter

This will save so much time and effort at the banquet, even those who usually seem to pay there, think about it, no fuss, no bother and get right to the food portion of the day! You will get your membership cards faster, no waiting in lines, no check to remember, how much easier than to stick it in an envelope and mail it to me. You have to do the AMHA and USEF's ones anyway, so send me Florida's and you are done!

Ann Smith

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL

Please send Ann Smith your current email address if you have not done this.

Make sure she has your most recent physical address & e-mail as FMHA, from time to time, sends out important messages , information, reminders etc

Also make sure you note any changes when sending in your membership renewals.

FMHA HIGH POINT

Anyone that showed at Summer Fun Show please send Jim Wundele or Diane Tanguay your results/placings . The show has misplaced them for now . Send the Hi Point tabulators your horses name , owner name ,rider name in each class and name of class and what place you were . Or send info to FMHA President Rick Davis 727-421-2387 4005 57th st E. Palmetto FL, 34221
Deadline is December 15th to have your points to count.

2012 AMHA CONVENTION NEWS

CONTEST FOR CONVENTION

We are very excited about our 2012 Convention!

We have a special opportunity for Region 4 AMHA Members.

Raise \$1,500 in sponsorships and earn a full registration package for the Convention (worth \$250)!

Think... Small local horse-related businesses, or local businesses, friends, family or anyone else who has an interest in you and/or the Morgan horse.

If you raise \$1,500 you will receive a free Convention Registration Package.

If you raise \$3,000 you will receive TWO free Convention Packages.

The contestant with the highest level of donations in the region, more than \$3,000, will receive one night free stay at the Hilton during the Convention.

Rules:

Must email to register: Pat West at pwestward@bellsouth.net and register yourself as a contestant. (Must be a current AMHA member in good standing)

Rewards will be given in increments of every \$1,500 collected.

Donation money must be collected prior to awards being handed out, no later than February 1, 2012.

Contest Ends: January 30, 2012

Note: No substitutions shall be made for awards.

AMHA MASTER'S CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE

AMHAMaster's Certificates recognize our Morgan owners, 60 years or older, who have taken an active role in enjoying the Morgan breed. Nominees must be nominated by an AMHARecognized Club because the Master'sCertificate awards are presented at the AMHA Annual Convention. Nominations will not be accepted unless accompanied by this form, a photo, and a brief biography (400 words or less) describing the nominee's involvement with Morgans. It must be signed by the current club president or secretary. Failure to provide these materials will result in the nomination(s) being returned.

Nomination Requirements

1) Nominees must be at least 60 years old and have a current AMHA membership.

2) Nominees must actively pursue endeavors with a registered Morgan(s). Activities may range from occasional pleasure rides and drives to breeding, showing, and promoting the Morgan horse.

3) Each recognized club may nominate two members annually. Nominations must be signed by the current president or secretary.

4) Nomination deadline is January 15 of each year.

5) Master's Certificates are awarded at the AMHA Annual Convention.

Please note at the bottom of the nomination if the person will be attending the convention to receive his/her award.

Representatives of the nominee may also accept the certificate on the recipient's behalf.

AMHA CONVENTION HAS SET ASIDE A DAY FOR FARM VISITS FOR ATTENDEES:

If you would like to be included on a Florida Morgan Farm Map to be distributed with the AMHA Convention packets, please read on.

February 29th, 2012 will be the day designated as "Florida Farm Visits" during the Orlando convention.

If you would like your farm included on the map, please choose one:

☐ We would like to designate a 60 minute time slot for a demonstration/presentation at our farm.

We ☐ will / ☐ will not offer food or refreshments during our presentation/demonstration.

☐ We'll be open for visitors all day (10am to 4pm) on the Open Barns day.

☐ We'll be open "by appointment only" that day.

☐ Please list us only for information purposes.

Name: _____ Farm Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ eMail: _____ Website: _____

Please reply no later than December 15th, 2011 to be included in the maps for distribution to AMHA convention-goers. Reply to morgans@windenhill.com with your information and we will include your farm on the map. Any farms on the map need to be AMHA members.



THANKSGIVING TRAIL RIDE

The second annual thanksgiving Trail ride took place November 25-27. Led by Rick Davis, a group of FMHA members and friends enjoyed the lovely fall weather and great riding opportunities at Westgate River Ranch in Lake Wales.

They also have Rodeo and bull riding every Saturday night. Our Caitlyn Ferkile was invited to ride in the opening ceremony on HVK Marquise. She also won a prize out of 50 children chasing a calf around and pulling a piece of plastic ribbon tied to its tail. We didnt know Caitlyn was so FAST!! Much fun was had by all and we are already talking about where to have our next adventure!!

Rick Davis FMHA President



Our intrepid cowgirl, Caitlin Ferkile and HVK Marquis

MORE CONVENTION NEWS

AMHA PROMOTER AWARD

The Promoter Award recognizes club members who are diligent supporters of the Morgan breed, working hard to bring the Morgan into public arenas. Recipients of the Promoter Award actively promote the Morgan at fairs, parades, open barns, equine expos, and through many other activities. Selected members will be awarded a collectible "Morgan Promoter" pin as well as a certificate marking their accomplishment. All affiliated clubs and national service organizations are allowed to select up to three recipients per year.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Designees must be current AMHA members.
 - 2) Selections must be received by January 15 of each year.
 - 3) Recipients of the Promoter Award may receive the award only once in their lifetime.
 - 4) A photo and short biography (400 words or less) must be included for each nominee.
- Phrase or sentence that best depicts promoter:

FROM AMHA

AMHA COMPETITION PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE HALF MORGANS

The American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA) is pleased to announce a new competition program devoted to half Morgans. Titled AMHA's "Half Morgan Competition Program" (HMCP), horses that have either a registered Morgan sire or dam are eligible to participate for awards and recognition, "We wanted to recognize the beauty and fine traits that the Morgan horse passes on to its offspring, regardless of the cross," said AMHA Executive Director, Julie Broadway. "We have so many Morgans competing and winning in the open competition arena, we wanted a way to recognize their Morgan connection." The program is divided into five distinct divisions: Open Show, Dressage, Carriage/CDE, Eventing, and Endurance/Competitive Trail. Horses are accepted in the program by an initial enrollment fee, with nominal renewal fees annually thereafter. Full-blooded Morgans are ineligible for this program. Points are accumulated following each competition and submitted for year-end awards in each division. For more information on this exciting new program, contact Taylor Royals at AMHA, (802) 985-4944 ext. 401,

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN MANAGING AMHA REGISTRY TRUST FUNDS

At its quarterly meeting on November 5, 2011, the AMHA Board voted unanimously to take advantage of the willingness of a highly-esteemed organization, the Vermont Community Foundation (VCF), to manage the money currently in the Registry Trust. In order to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and to move funds to VCF, the Registry Trust must be officially dissolved. This requires 1) a vote of three-quarters of the Board members voting at a meeting of the Board; and 2) a vote of the majority of members voting at a meeting of members. So, following the November 5 Board vote, a vote to terminate the Registry Trust for the purpose of moving the assets from that Trust to a donor-designated fund of VCF, under the same conditions as applied to the Trust, will be on the ballot for the February 2012 AMHA election. The AMHA Board encourages you to vote in "FAVOR" of ballot item #1, so that the Registry Trust funds may be even better protected and generate even better investment returns.

NEW USEF MORGAN JUDGES

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Licensed Officials Committee met on August 29 and approved individuals for licensure in the Morgan division. Below are the individuals and the level of license approved.

Approved for 'r' status:

Margo Hepner-Hart

Jennifer Sullivan

Approved for 'R' status

Heather Boodey

Betsy Boone

Susie Day

Richard Harris

Katherine Mair

JUBILEE OF BREEDS RETURNS

Date: Feb 3-5, 2012

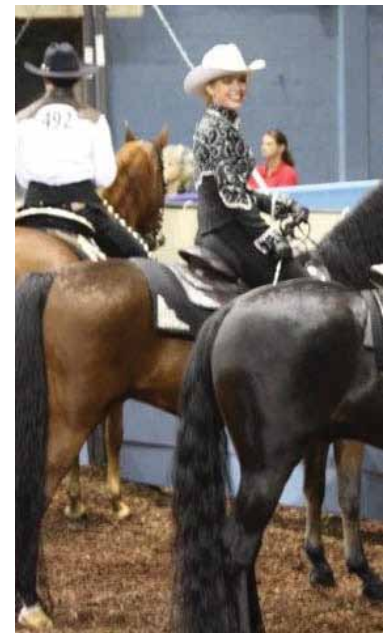
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Katie Page Richards



Taylor Ekovich



Kelsey Thomas



Barbara Nesse

FMHA MEMBERS AT OKLAKOMA

As usual, FMHA members enjoyed another successful Grand National. Among the many good placings were the following World Championships. Congratulations to all!

Res WC WEST PL- GRAYWOOD'S BELINDA BREEZE, Gervasio, Ricky
 WC PL DRIV 4-YR TREBLE'S HIGH END PIECE, Manasota Morgans, Llc
 Res WC ENG TRAIL-BE MY PRINCE WILLIAM, Nesse, Barbara & Anton
 Res WC WESTERN TRAIL- GRAYWOOD'S BELINDA BREEZE, Gervasio, Ricky
 GN CHW/T HUNTER SEAT AGE II Richards, Katiepaige

Apologies If I missed anyone, please submit additional placings and/or photos that you'd like to share



Casey Stein

HORSE SLAUGHTERHOUSES MAY REOPEN

After Five Year Ban

Horses can now legally be butchered for human consumption in the U.S. after Congress lifted a ban on funding horse processing inspections this month.

The measure was part of an agriculture spending bill President Obama signed on Nov. 18, reversing the 2006 decision by Congress to defund horse meat inspections.

The likelihood of Americans dining on horses, however is slight since there is no culture of eating horse meat in this country, they are revered as pets and many states have strict controls on horse meat. California and Illinois have laws banning the consumption of horse meat. The meat, however, could be exported to Europe and Asia.

Animal welfare advocates pushed for the ban when it passed five years ago, but horse industry advocates and the Government Accountability Office say the ban had a slew of unintended consequences: More horses were left abandoned when owners could no longer afford to keep them or use them for work; owners who wanted to sell their horses for slaughter were forced to have them shipped to Canada or Mexico, where slaughtering is legal; and horse prices became depressed in the United States, according to a report released by the GOA in June.

The last horse slaughterhouse in America closed in 2007. In the years since, horse abandonment and export has grown significantly, according to the GAO report. In Colorado, for example, data showed that investigations for horse neglect and abuse increased more than 60 percent, from 975 in 2005 to almost 1,600 in 2009, the report said.

According to one advocate, the ban also forced the bottom to drop out of the horse industry entirely.

"It's basic economics," said David Duquette, president of United Horsemen, which advocated for lifting the ban. "Horses used to be a \$102 billion a year industry, with at least 500,000 direct jobs in horse industry. That's been cut in half."

The ban was lifted quietly in this year's agriculture spending bill. The Senate, breaking with the past five years of agriculture bills, did not include language on continuing the ban in their version of the bill. They attributed their decision to the GAO report, according to a Senate Appropriations Committee spokesman.

The House, as in previous years, did include the language to continue the ban. When lawmakers reconciled the two bills, the ban was not included.

One supporter of the bill, Rep. Adrian Smith, R-Nebraska, said the ban was bad policy.

"While we have a long way to go, responsible processing represents a vital first step in reversing the unintended consequences to blame for the dismal state of

neglected horses and their frustrated caregivers across our country," Smith said in a statement. "Reinstating a humane, accountable, and legal management tool is good for horses, good for owners, and is good policy."

Now, advocates say that the \$62 million-a-year slaughter industry could be back up and running in as little as 30 to 90 days.

"There are people from North Carolina all the way out West that are wanting to set up a (slaughter) plant or invest in a plant," Duquette said. "There's a tremendous amount of desire to get it going."

Opponents of the measure say that they will fight any meat processing plants that open in the coming months.

"If plants open up in Oklahoma or Nebraska, you'll see controversy, litigation, legislative action and basically a very inhospitable environment to operate," Wayne Pacelle, president and chief executive of The Humane Society of the United States, told the Associated Press. "Local opposition will emerge and you'll have tremendous controversy over slaughtering Trigger and Mr. Ed."

The USDA issued a statement Tuesday saying there are no slaughterhouses in the U.S. that butcher horses for human consumption now, but if one were to open, it would conduct inspections to make sure federal laws were being followed. USDA spokesman Neil Gaffney declined to answer questions beyond what was in the statement.

ACTION NEEDED TO SAVE TRAIL FUNDING

The Recreational Trail Program (RTP), a federally funded program that is the primary source of trail funding in the United States, is in jeopardy of losing federal monies. The RTP is a program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), providing funds to the states to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses. On July 7, U.S. Congressman John Mica, chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, released an outline of a "Transportation Reauthorization Proposal." Key points of this proposal include:

- Consolidation or elimination of most "special" programs, including RTP, enhancements, safe routes, etc.
- States will be permitted to fund such "non-highway activities," but will no longer be required to set aside funds.
- Funding is reduced from the \$50 billion authorized in 2010 to nearly \$35 billion in annual revenue with current fuel taxes.

The Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT), formed in 1992 to ensure that RTP receives adequate funding, is encouraging an amendment to the proposal, should it be introduced as a House bill. Contact your senator and congressman today if the RTP program and equestrian trails are important to you and your family.

MEMBER NEWS

FOR SALE

Seven year old Chincoteague pony, 11 1/2 hands, rides and has had basic driving training by a professional. Easy keeper, stands for farrier, current on all shots, chestnut with white stripe. Very cute pony and would make a great Christmas gift. Free to a loving permanent home. Child's hunt and western saddles \$100 each and work cart \$250 also available for purchase. I need the pony's stall. Can email photos. Contact Pam Stephenson 772-465-8399 or email primetimesfl@aol.com

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At the end of July, we became permanent Florida residents with the purchase of a small farm in Morriston, just 15 minutes west of Ocala central. Although the house is a bit smaller than we're used to (which we hope to remedy soon), the location is great and we have lots of friends just minutes away, including Chuck & Carol Hudson, Sally Lyle, Mary & Don Geisler, Rick Gervasio, and many others. We're down to four horses at home and our newest arrival, Trillion (Stonecroft Trilogy x Beadazling), foaled April 25th, is bunking down the street at Camp Trebles with his new partner in crime, Treble's Facebook (Mizrahi x Stonecroft Chanel). The two boys are having a heyday romping in their paddock and have already forgotten they were Momma's Boyz just a few weeks ago.

Marv and I took a trip up to Akron, Ohio to photograph the Randolph Charity Show in mid September and enjoyed meeting up with a few old friends (horsey and college) during this relatively young show that attracted over 200 horses of all breeds. On the way back, we stopped in to do some photography and visit Joyce Metters and John Coppley at Hollybrook Farm in NC, which is always fun.

Since we still need to build my dream barn, my showing plans are temporarily on hold, although I hope to have someone working and ready to show by Gasparilla/Tampa Charity at the latest! Visitors are always welcome and we're really easy to find.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 21, 2012 ***FMHA Annual Meeting & Banquet***-Tampa Downs, Tampa, FL

February 3-5 2012 ***Jubilee of Breeds show***, Newberry, FL

February 29-Mar 3 ***AMHA Convention***, Orlando, FL

March 22-25 ***Live Oak CDE***, Ocala Fl *tailgate spots available March 24-benefit FMHA

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