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March 17, 2015

Upcoming Events 2015

- MEETING: March 28, 2015 at Forsyth IL Pizza Hut at 11:15 a.m. for lunch; meeting after
- * April 25, 2015 Trail Ride at Wolf Creek, Shelbyville - Join Cheryl to ride & see an Equine Massage demo featuring Kimberly Hancock
- May 9, 2015 Open Fun All Breed Horse Show

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From The President Betty Ann Horn

Fellow Officers and Members of the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association,

Another Illinois Horse Fair has come and gone. We arrived on Thursday to decorate the stalls and was it cold about 28 degrees! We could see our breath as we were working. We had a nice group of people helping us so we got most of it done that afternoon. We just had a few things that we had to put out Friday morning.

We had a really nice group of horses to show our breed off. They were well mannered and easy to handle. They helped out the 4-H kids by letting them judge the horses on Saturday morning in a Model class and also judge them while they were being rode. Most of the them had not seen a Missouri Fox Trotter as they ride stock type horses so it was something different for them. Over 200 children judged the horses. The 4-H children get points for doing this so they look forward to doing it every year.

The Fair offered a lot for everyone from clothes, saddles, feed, horseshoeing demonstrations, clinicians and a Trail Challenge Event. There was a soft gaited clinic to help everyone learn to ride their gaited horses by learning how to sit the saddle and to help the horse to gait by asking the horse to slow down so that you would have more control over the way the horse went. Gary Lane was the clinician. Several members commented on his clinics in this newsletter - Read on!

The weather turned nicer for Saturday and Sunday so we had a really big crowd come by on Saturday to look at our horses and to get information about Fox Trotters. Everyone wants to ride a smoother horse on the trails and the Fox Trotters seem to be their mount of choice. We gave out a lot of information about our breed as there were several people who wanted to know what a Fox Trotter was and what they could do. All in all we had a wonderful time promoting our horses. There was a TV playing "The Wonderful World of the Fox Trotter" DVD. Everyone could see how the horses gait and the versatility they are capable of.

I wish to thank everyone that brought horses, helped decorate and helped us to promote our breed - especially considering the freezing temperatures. You were all very wonderful and greatly appreciated.

Your President, Betty Ann Horn

Member News:

Member Directory - Huge Success!

Enormous THANK YOU to Betty Ann Horn for printing the inside pages and folding and stapling the Directory!! That is one amazing donation! WOW!

175 were distributed at the Illinois Horse Fair - your ad has reached thousands!

Two long overdue THANK YOUs!!

To Mary Sartori for creating our website and for publishing our very FIRST Newsletter

and

To Ron Jones for building the incredible signs we use at the Illinois Horse Fair!

THANK YOU to the Illinois Horse Fair Breed Demo Riders and Horses!

Jeff Dehner & Susie J.D. Otey & Marshall Maddie Stigall & Secret

usie Wyatt Mays & Dancer shall Danielle Sill & Sister Secret Tara Surratt & Stretch Jennifer West & Brew Because of all our new members,
Cheryl was able to send in our Affiliate Report on time
this year - the first time since she's been Secretary!
We need 20 IFTHA Members who are also
MFTHBA Members to remain an Affiliate.
This year we have 40 dual members and 54 Total!!
Thank you to all our incredible Members!
2015 is proving to be an unbelievable year!



Illinois Horse Fair thoughts



Hello!

I just wanted to say what a great job you all did for the Breed Demo this past weekend at the Illinois Horse Fair! I can't remember when I've seen such a finer group of horses representing our breed and their namesake gaits! Thank you all for the time

and energy it took to get your horses ready, haul up, set up and talk to folks about Fox Trotters all weekend!

It's so unfortunate that Thursday and Friday were so bitter cold - I actually had one of my Soft Gaited Clinician Gary Lane participants sleeping in the bathroom of Barn 14 because it was warmer in there than in her trailer!

If you didn't have a chance to watch any of Clinician Gary Lane's sessions during Horse Fair, I'm truly sorry as he is in my opinion the best gaited clinician in the nation. I learned so many helpful lessons in my riding and working with horses and will be passing these things on to those when I can. Gary Lane is a man of many hats - He served in the National Guard for 20 years teaching leadership skills at the Kentucky Military Academy, commanded a Military policy company in the Gulf War, shown and trained World Championship horses, is a certified Natural Horsemanship Clinician and works with top level Dressage riders in exercises to enhance stride. But his greatest gift as a clinician is his ability to teach these critical training methods in a way that anyone young or old can understand and do with their own horses at home.

Fridays sessions were addressing horses that are ridden in a hollow back frame and how that makes them pace or stepping pace and why the rider has to correct it and how. Saturdays sessions also addressed this topic with his clinic riders and with his own horse. On Sunday, Gary worked with his riders on body position and other exercises that relaxed and rounded their horses which he stressed would stop jigging issues on the trail, pacing issues, etc. His last session probably had the most impact for his audience. He demonstrated how a deep seat can save your life and had members of the audience participate in sitting astride a saddle and how to achieve a deep seat for safety. He also addressed saddle fit, rider posture for a rounded effective ride, disengaging the hind end on the ground and on your horse and why it is the most important tool you have to achieve your gaits and be safe.

So, if you missed him, I'm truly sorry. But, the good news is - he's agreed to come back to the Illinois Horse Fair next year! I have promised him that I will have a good representation of many different gaited breeds. Gary was very complimentary of the Missouri Fox Trotters he saw ridden during Horse Fair and recognized a few faces. IFTHA members Ricky Cummings and Sandie Kappes brought Gary Lane here several years ago to do a clinic for the club. I have already been discussing the possibility of putting on a clinic with Gary again this May so will keep you posted!

Happy Trails!

Stacy Bowman

One of my fondest memories of the Illinois Horse Fair was asking the little girls to color my pony. Ahhhh! They were all more than willing and did a magnificent job! Keep the youth happy! I just hope they remember it was a Missouri Fox Trotter ;-)

HUGE **Thank You** to all those mentioned in this newsletter for their various roles in the Fair - I really hope we didn't miss anyone.



Cheryl Crowdson

Illinois Horse Fair Thoughts Continued

Over the years I have been to numerous horse fairs, all over the Midwest. This year; however, was different. The story won't be *that* long, but I have to begin with what happened last May.

In May, 2014 I purchased my second horse, a Missouri Fox Trotter named Black Bobbi Sue, from Hal Burgener. It was he who talked me into joining the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association and that is what led me to this year's horse fair as what I would jokingly call an "art assistant" to Cheryl Crowdson.

I had been furiously texting Cheryl about decorations for the horse fair. While she had it all under control, I offered my help in any form I could. I had shared with her my background in art and one thing lead to another. I loved helping out with stuff like this so I was excited and in my element. Horses AND art, what more could I want?

The first day of the Illinois Horse Fair began at -1 degree Fahrenheit. I was not as prepared for the cold as I should have been and soon became a "shopper" for gloves, socks, and other necessities. My job was to put up the pictures on the display boards and help Cheryl in any way that she needed. Over the next 2 days I would help video tape the demos, fix decorations, and make extra decorations in my hotel room at night... and ask questions. The biggest thrill I

got was talking to all of the Missouri Fox Trotter owners and riders at the function. I had a mental list of questions that I brought with me and I got all of them answered. I appreciated the helpfulness, generosity, camaraderie, and horse sense of this group. I was impressed how friendly and open they were to discussion with all visitors to the booth, both young and old.

So, next year if you have some time on your hands, volunteer at the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association's Booth to share your knowledge of the breed, or like me, learn something new!



Kimberly Douglas Hancock

"Don't let your heart be troubled" were clinician Gary Lane's words to those who were riding and those who volunteered to demonstrate a technique such as the right seat in the saddle - pushing us forward showing us we were unbalanced and then showing us how to put our knees up by the cantle, jockey style, and then lower them again to achieve correct position. When he pushed us this time, we didn't budge - had a solid seat.

He showed us how we get distracted- waving to friends, getting texts on phones, talking and turning around. He pushed our backs again, and we were unbalanced. The audience laughed as he said we need to concentrate and relax to keep our horses gaiting. Start out with a slow gait for shorter miles and then work up to 15 miles or so, keeping the rhythm. He demonstrated this on his black Tennessee Walker (one of his unwanted horses that came to him after wearing a long shank bit and lead on its feet). My friends and I were impressed by his calm manner and humor.

He then had the 3 ladies in his clinic demonstrate on their Rocky Mountain horses and the one anxious pony who calmed down considerably.

He was wishing for a Missouri Fox Trotter in his clinic, so next year we need some. People were also signing up for a clinic in the area and I hope he does one in the Central Illinois area. Thank you, Stacy Bowman, for having him at the Horse Fair.

I stopped in at the IFTHA display in Barn 18 and met Cheryl and reconnected with Betty Ann again - two determined ladies. The Fox Trotter breed demonstration was a highlight - all riding well and looking sharp. Cowboy Church with Richard Winters was a welcome time of reflecting.

Hope to meet more of you in the near future.

Kathy Skoza

Illinois Horse Fair Thoughts Continued

It was nice to have a Thoroughbred horse person come to our Booth twice. They wanted to ride a Missouri Fox Trotter. As they were riding, the expression on their face was priceless. A 14 year old girl and her mom had never ridden a Missouri Fox Trotter. When they did, their faces almost exploded with happiness. There were several people looking for horses of all ages and some were looking for a stallion to breed to their mare. It was unreal. The best part of the Illinois Horse Fair was being judged by 200 FFA and 4-H kids. The questions and exposure the kids had afterword was unbelievable. The Fox Trotters demonstrated their versatility and that they can be an all around horse for all ages. Fox Trotters are popular!

Jeff Dehner

Breed Demo Owner/Rider and a Founding Member of the IFTHA

The Seward Stables gang competed in three events at the 2015 Illinois Horse Fair in Springfield, IL. A fun time was had by all.

Owner Larissa Seward-Malott rode Sensation's Fire Marshal in the stallion parade. Marshal was brought out of a three year retirement for this event and although he took it upon himself to prove that at 24 years old he could still act like a 3 yr old he still received third place in the audience appreciation on Sunday.

J.D. Otey and Danielle Sill, along with Jennifer West, Maddie Stigall, Jeff Dehner, Wyatt Mays and Tara

Surratt, participated in the breed demos on all three days. Danielle Sill show-cased how versatile the Missouri Fox Trotter can be on Sister Sue. Sister and Danielle completed a series of ranch horse moves, spins, lope, side passing, etc. During the Sunday breed demo a couple of spectators made the comment that they have had quarter horses all of their lives and had no idea that a gaited horse could move like that. The couple was now retired and looking for smooth gaited horses for trail rides and decided to check out the Missouri Fox Trotters. They were sure glad they did when they saw all of the demo riders on smooth horses and saw Sister Sue moving like a ranch horse. J.D. showcased Sensation's Fire Marshal in the breed demo and did a wonderful job showing how a stallion can behave around other horses and with Fire Marshal



being 16.1 Hands tall the comment was made by several folks that they didn't know Fox Trotters could get that tall.

All in all the breed demo riders did an excellent job showing the different qualities of the Missouri Fox Trotters to spectators. It was a wonderful weekend to bring new light to the versatility of the Missouri Fox Trotters.

Danielle Sill was sponsored by The Illinois Fox Trotters Horse Association and competed in the Illinois Horse-man's Council queen pageant. After three days of interviews, public speaking and horsemanship young Danielle stated that "It was a fun time and I can't wait to try again next year, now that I know what to expect."

One of the highlights for Danielle was that she was the only contestant that competed with a gaited horse. She took every opportunity she could to talk about Sister Sue and the Missouri Fox Trotter breed.

Larissa Seward-Malott

Taking part in my first Illinois Horse Fair was a lot of fun and very informative. There were many opportunities to meet new people and make new contacts in the horse community. The seminars were really helpful to people who were learning how to work with horses. It was also great to be able to promote my favorite breed of horse, the Missouri Fox Trotter. I am thankful to every one who helped make the Illinois Horse Fair possible so people like me could learn more about horses.

Wyatt M. Mays, Breed Demo Rider

Illinois Horse Fair Thoughts Continued

The Illinois Horse fair was an interesting event this year. Mother Nature was mad at us and tried to freeze us out on Friday, but never the less we dressed warmer and so did the few people that braved the cold weather to come out to the Horse Fair. The main attraction was a rodeo in the Coliseum every evening over the weekend. All the cattle were in the main arena off to one side. It is Interesting when you have horses that have never seen a cow, let alone smell one! But horses and riders did really well. Even when they started bringing in the bulls and broncos in the middle of our Breed Demo and they were slamming the gate and making all sorts of noise. Our horses were brave and never budged! They kept on trucking like they had seen and heard it all their lives. Wooohoooo!!

We had people interested in our breed after our horses didn't seem to be affected by the cold or the goings on in the arena. It helped draw the people to us!

Saturday was a big day for us. Whoever made Mother Nature happy; we thank you!! It was warm and beautiful! Tons of people!

We were asked to help/participate with the All Youth Horse Judging Trials competition. There were over 200 kids/advisors that got exposed to our breed. Afterwards we had a ton of kids and advisors come by our stalls asking questions and wanting to know more info! No matter where we went, we had kids stopping and saying hey and asking questions. I Love that part of being at the Illinois Horse Fair and having people recognize us and wanting to talk. We had people following us back to our stalls after our demos.

Several people that own Missouri Fox Trotters followed us back to our stalls too. Also, people that saw our Breed Demo came to our stalls asking questions and wanting to know more information. YEA exposure, exposure, exposure!

Sunday was another good day. Our Breed Demo was moved to another arena. We had a different announcer. Our demo took an extra 10-12 min. It was only 9 min. to start with. So we rode for what seemed like forever! But our horses and riders were troopers!

We had amazing help from our Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association members! Thank you everyone that came, helped and supported us. A huge thank you to the horses and riders for donating their time. I can't wait for next year!

Jennifer West, Breed Demo Owner/Rider



Danielle Sill - 2015 Illinois Horse Fair Queen Candidate
Sponsored by the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association and Seward Stables

Danielle's short essay for the contest:

My passion for horses lead me to believe in myself and strive to be the best person I can be, in and out of the saddle. I started riding horses two years ago and it has helped me grow and become the mature person I have become from seeing my accomplishments.

When I began riding for my trainer we jumped into the show season head first. I received a lot of six and seventh place ribbons, also sometimes none at all. At first I got angry, but I channeled that anger into determination. I believe my trainer did this to show me that it's not all about winning and to teach me one of the most important things about showing horses – sportsmanship. I entered the Youth Charity Horse Show for the first time in 2013. The highest place I received was fourth place and I was proud of my horse and the progress we had made and how much better we worked together. The 2014 Youth Charity Horse Show I received first and second place ribbons because I worked hard all year to achieve this goal.

In conclusion, I have become the rider nobody expected from me because of determination. I have so much more confidence in myself because I have seen the improvement in my riding ability. I can now stand with my head high and help others believe in themselves also. I was shy and lacked confidence because I could see who I wanted to be, but I couldn't achieve it. I have achieved my goals and I feel more comfortable being me because I have no reason to be ashamed of doing what I love.

Editor Note: BIG Thank You to Yvonne Dehner for making Danielle's Sash for the Contest - VERY NICE!!

Open All Breed Fun Horse Show



BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Do you know or remember any of these members - past and present?



Captain's Diamond, shown by Erin Stevens, and owned by Haldon and Janet Burgener, Moweaqua received 1st place in the LOL Performance and Model classes.

If you have any "Blast From the Past" pictures you'd like to share, please do. Email them to Cheryl Crowdson please



Taken at our 2012 Illinois Horse Fair Breed Demo. As you can see from their attire - the weather hasn't changed a bit ;)

MFTHBA News



MFTHBA Survey

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Feedback is a powerful tool for helping MFTHBA committees develop new programs and improve existing MFTHBA services. To facilitate needed feedback, the MFTHBA Membership Committee has developed an online survey. All Missouri Fox Trotting Horse owners are invited to participate in the survey.

"Feedback from previous surveys has helped the committee to develop new events, such as the Stallion Tour and the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Expo," shared Amy Stangl, MFTHBA Membership Committee Chairman. "Information within this survey will assist our committee in collecting information to better approach companies to join our Member Benefit program and to gain a better understanding of what type of companies our members are using. Other committees will be able to use the feedback to improve services, programs, and other areas that their committee is responsible for completing."

The survey will be open until March 31, 2015. "We encourage Missouri Fox Trotting Horse owners to share this survey with their friends and family whether they are currently MFTHBA members or not," added Stangl. "All feedback is valuable."



YOUTH RIDERS:

The MFTHBA is happy to announce that there will be no youth entry fees at the 2015 Show & Celebration!

Longtime MFTHBA member and MFTHBYA supporter, Lee Hackler, has offered and the MFTHBA board has accepted a sponsorship donation that will cover all youth entry fees for the 2015 Show and Celebration. The Celebration will be held **September 6-12**, **2015** at the MFTHBA World Headquarters in Ava, Missouri. Youth will have the opportunity to enter Age Group classes, such as 11 and under, 12-14, and 15-17 years, as well as youth novice and youth equitation classes.

Mark your calendars.

New Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association Members - They're not just from Illinois ...

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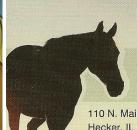
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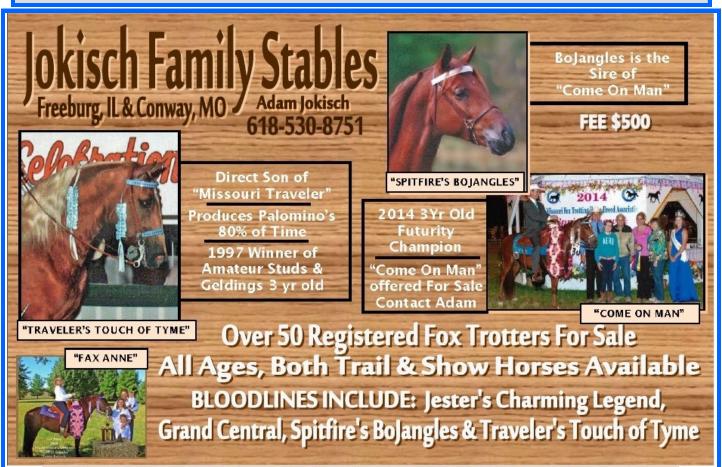
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