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2011 Meeting Schedule

- January 30 - @ Donna Peterson's house
636-397-5015
Directions follow at the end of the newsletter
- April 24 - @ Dee Dee Presley's house
- September 25 - Val Pilliod's house
- *November 20** - Annual Election Meeting @ The Parton's house
- *This is a date change based on member requests

All Meetings Start at 1:00pm



The Horse That Chooses You

Message from the President

Dear fellow club members,

I hope all of you have a great holiday season. I am looking forward to another year with the Show Me Morgan Horse Club. I'm sure you are also.

We need to continue working on recruiting new members. If any of you have ideas that will help us let the club know. Be a player in your club! I think the events we have planned for next year will be fun for everyone. It would be very good for our club if our events would pay for themselves. I am sure we could make that happen if we put our minds to it!!

Please join me in the New Year, 2011, as we strive to make it the best year ever for our SMMHC.

Robert Parton

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Lewis & Clark -
Donna Peterson

Trail Rides - Jeanine Key

Show -

Scrapbook - Pat Parton

Newsletter - Donna Peterson

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ATTENTION!!

It's MEMBERSHIP

RENEWAL time!

Don't forget to

renew for 2011.

The Renewal Form

is included in this

newsletter.



*"What we need are
people and horses!"*

Calendar of Events

January 21-23 Missouri Equine Council

Volunteers needed to man the booth. Contact Nancy Allen if you would like to participate.

April Tack Sale Details following

May 21 – 22 Lewis & Clark Heritage Days

<http://lewisandclarkheritagedays.com/Schedule.html> for information about the event.

June 18th St. Peters Old Tyme Fair – Morgan Horse Demonstration. Details following.

Lewis & Clark Heritage Days

By Donna Peterson

Believe it or not, it is time to start preparing for our club's participation in the Lewis and Clark Heritage Days that will take place May 21 & 22, 2011. If you are unfamiliar with the celebration, it is a flashback to the days when Lewis and Clark left St. Charles, MO for their exploration of the Louisiana Purchase. Participants dress in time period appropriate clothing and demonstrate how people lived in that era. The Morgan breed was at its beginning and starting to grow in popularity. The club participates in the celebration by riding in the parade on Saturday morning, offering Morgan horse demonstrations, and having the horses available for the public to meet.

What we need are people and horses! We are organizing a drill team to perform during the demonstrations. Practice is starting soon! Additionally, we need ground crew; people interested in assisting with set up, tear down and other tasks as assigned! Please let me or Diane Walker know if you are interested in participating. The club is on the site from Saturday morning until late Saturday afternoon as well as most of the day on Sunday. Last year the group that participated in the parade had the opportunity to ride the parade route and the grounds with the mounted police on the Friday before. We hope to have the same opportunity this year. There will be more information available as we get closer to the event.



2010: A Big Year For Show Me Morgan Horse Club Youth

By Val Pilliod

The year began with a great visit to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch. The group received a tremendous educational tour from the Longmeadow staff. The visit was completed with presentation of a check to the Ranch. The money was collected through the Ride-a-Thon which was done the previous September.

In late January, members Anna Ehlen and Kaite Staff promoted the club at the Missouri Equine Council's annual Celebration in Columbia, MO. In March the group received a vaulting riding lesson. Members really enjoyed developing their balance on the barrel and then getting a chance to ride the real horse. The cost of the lesson for each club member was provided by funds they earned throughout the previous year.

Fundraising for 2010 was also on the agenda in February. Show Me Morgan Horse Club held its annual tack sale and the youth along with terrific parents manned the concession stand. Member Anna Ehlen presented a very nice clinic on riding Saddle seat in May. Members Elle Holden and Kaite Staff learned a great deal about saddle seat riding and received an extra treat by riding Ashdon's Commando Topic, Anna's Morgan.

Show Me Morgan Horse Club is always thrilled to participate in Lewis and Clark Days in St. Charles every May. This year many of the youth also participated. Shannon English on Dollar's Dark Shadow, Kaite Staff on PSR Winter's Blue Moon, Abigail Branum on PSR Miss Prairie and youth sponsor, Val Pilliod on PSR Crooked Prairie all braved the rainy drizzle and enjoyed the parade and Morgan demonstration.

June always provides a special opportunity for club members; participating in Camp Quality at St. Clair Saddle Club. Camp Quality is for children with chronic and life threatening illnesses and their siblings. For years St. Clair Saddle Club has been hosting the children to a bar-be-cue and a horseback riding opportunity on the club grounds. Show Me Morgan Youth members led four Morgans from Prairie School Road Farm around the arena to the delight of the campers. Early June always seems to be muddy but the smile on the campers' faces is worth the effort of club members and their parents.

July and August are consumed by horse shows, family vacations and various summer activities. Many members did very well in shows. Elle Holden received overall winner in the Pee Wee category with PSR Miss Prairie in the Jefferson County Trailriders series. She also received many speed awards on other horses. Shannon English received grand champion in youth western pleasure. Savannah Fletcher received a grand champion in the St. Clair Saddle Club series in youth walk/trot. Abigail Branum cleaned up in gaited classes in the St. Clair Saddle Club series. Kaite Staff received many awards in speed classes and pleasure classes at both St. Clair Saddle Club and Jefferson County Trailriders. Anna Ehlen took many blues with Ashdon's Commando Topic in the Discovery Show series held at Boone County Fairgrounds.

September is "Celebrate the Morgan" month. This year with the support of Jefferson County Trail Riders our club got to show off some Morgans at JCTR's September fun show. Abigail Branum on PSR Regal Hawk, Elle Holden on PSR Miss Prairie, Kaite Staff on PSR Winter's Blue

Youth Club continued

Moon and Rachel Epplin on Dollar's Dark Shadow presented the colors at the opening of the show. As part of the presentation there was a moment of silence in memory of 9/11 and a short drill as our National Anthem played. Our big fund raiser, the Ride-A-Thon, held at Prairie School Road Farm is also in September. Proceeds from this event fund the group's trip to the Morgan Horse Grand Nationals and 25% of the total is awarded to an equine related organization. This year Missouri Emergency Response Service (MERS) is the recipient. MERS is the organization that responds to emergencies involving large animals. They help in highway accidents involving trailers and in farm emergencies also.

October is our big event, the Morgan Horse Grand National and World Championship Horse Show. The club entered the Youth club of the year competition and the educational display competition. Members Rachel Epplin and Cindy Heyse along with their parents put together a very nice scrap book to enter in the youth club of the year competition. Their efforts were rewarded with the Show Me Morgan Horse Club Youth group receiving fourth out of the nation!! The educational display on Saddle Seat was compiled by Anna Ehlen. Anna's efforts were awarded with a first place ribbon and plaque for the club. This was the group's second trip to the judging competition. Elle Holden, Kaite Staff, Abigail Branum and Savannah Fletcher represented the youth group this year in the AMHA (American Morgan Horse Association) division judging competition. We are happy to report our overall performance in the judging competition improved with a seventh place ribbon. In the under 14 division Elle Holden received the sixth place ribbon, Savannah Fletcher the ninth place ribbon and Kaite Staff received 10th. Abigail Branum took 10th in the very competitive 14-17 age division. Congratulations to them. Their trip had some side benefits as well. The group met renowned saddle maker, Dale Chavez. The ultimate highlight was when they were invited to "take a spin" on the non-pro reining champion horse. WOW!

Our last event of 2010 was a trip to Stephens College to cheer on Team Morgan in the hunt seat invitational on November 20. We were not disappointed as Team Morgan took the Gold.

Plans for next year include our usual activities and advanced Saddle seat lessons, seminar on horse first aid, reining clinics and perhaps even putting together a small horse show!



2010 SMMHC Youth



Presenting the Check



Vaulting Lesson



Helping at the Tack Sale



Lewis & Clark



Celebrate the Morgan



Ride-a-thon

Camp Quality



Stephens College



Morgan Grand National

Lewis and Clark Scholarship

Presented by Show Me Morgan Horse Club

By Val Pilliod

At the September 2010 meeting of the SMMHC (Show Me Morgan Horse Club) it was decided that the club would sponsor a \$200.00 scholarship for a youth club member. The club reviewed and revised criteria presented by the youth sponsor, Val Pilliod, at the November meeting. The final criterion for awarding of the scholarship is listed below. The applicant with the most points based on the criteria will be the awardee. It was also decided that the scholarship would be awarded on a yearly basis contingent upon continued involvement in Lewis and Clark Days. The scholarship name was determined by the source of the funds for the scholarship. At this time the amount of the scholarship is \$200.00.

Criteria

- I. Must be a High School Senior (or equivalent) at time of application.
- II. **Be a member of Show Me Morgan Youth and have participated in at least two club activities the year prior to application.**
 - 10 points for each year of membership.
 - 5 points for each year of being an active officer.
 - 5 points for each activity participation that promotes youth group.
 - i.e. scrapbook, educational display, power points.
 - 5 points for each year a member of American Morgan Horse Association.
- III. **Promotional Activities**
 - 5 points for each activity which promotes the Morgan Horse
 - i.e. parades, MEC, drill teams, flag presentations.
 - 10 points for planning/organizing events.
- IV. **Fundraising Activities**
 - 5 points for each activity that is a fund-raiser
 - 10 points for planning/organizing events.
- V. **Showing Activities on a Morgan.**
 - 5 points for each show that is non-sanctioned
 - 10 points for each sanctioned show.
- VI. **Educational Activities**
 - 5 points for each educational activity participated in: clinics, seminars, workshops.
 - 10 points for organizing and/or presenting an educational activity.
 - 10 points for each horse mastership badge earned.
- VII. **Service Activities**
 - 5 points for participation in each service activity.
 - 10 points for organizing a service activity.

Scholarship Continued

VIII. **Owning or Leasing a registered Morgan:**
15 points.

Each activity must be verified by an adult club member.
Any activity can only be used for credit only once.
Winner will be announced at Lewis and Clark Days in May.
Awardee will receive money after proof of college enrollment.

November 28th Meeting Minutes

Show Me Morgan Horse Club Meeting of 11/28/10 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. at Diane Walker's house.

Attendance: Nancy Allen, Robert Parton, Pat Parton, Diane Walker, Val Pilliod, Donna Peterson, Mark Grimes and guest Dee Dee Presley

Welcome and introductions were made.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting of 09/26/10 were approved with a nomination by Diane Walker and second from Donna Peterson.

Treasurer: Treasurer reports the club's balance as of 11/28/10 to be \$6,659.15. Of this amount \$122.38 is assigned to the youth club. Diane passed around a comparison of actual expenses compared to budgeted amount. The treasurer's report was accepted by unanimous vote.

AMHA Liaison Report: No report due to absence of the AMHA Liaison. Justin Morgan DVDs were available at the meeting. Members were reminded of the upcoming vote with the AMHA on the proposal to replace regional representation with "show" and "use" members.

Lewis and Clark/Reenactment Committee: Dates for 2011 are May 21st and 22nd. Bringing pre-prepared treats for the audience to give to the horses was a successful idea from 2010.

Trail Committee: The October ride at Greensfelder had nice weather.

Show Committee: Discovery show happened in October but the Lake St. Louis show was canceled.

Promotion Committee:

Newsletter- Next deadline is Dec. 15th for the January newsletter.

Scrapbook- Pat Parton will try to get the scrapbook to the AMHA by January 1st for the club of the year contest. Val made the youth book available at the meeting for review and provided many of the pictures from the youth book on disc for inclusion in the adult book.

Events- MEC is Jan. 21-23 and the club reserved a booth. Adult club will attempt to recoup

Meeting Minutes continued

cost of booth with a raffle of donated items. Val reports the youth club will have a youth corner at MEC with interactive crafts and a showing of the Justin Morgan Had a Horse DVD for a fundraiser for the youth. The Celebrate the Morgan event the youth club did at the grand entry at the Jefferson County Trail Riders (Grubville) horse show in September 2010 was well received. The group was invited to perform next year. Electricity will be available so the booth can be expanded to include DVD promotional material.

Website/Chat group- No updates planned until after the January meeting to the web site. The plan is for Erin Briggs to continue maintaining the web site. The group determined to update the chat group member list. Nancy Allen will send notices to the group to renew membership or be deleted.

Member Packets- Directories/ Club Brochures-The club will produce a directory for 2011. Each member is encouraged to solicit at least two (2) advertisements for the directory. Member renewal and ads are due by March 15th to be included in the directory which is targeted for April 1st print date. Nancy Allen will put the directory together. Ads are \$30 for front or back inside cover, \$20 for full page, \$15 half page and \$5 for business card ads. Placement of the ads was discussed with decision to continue to intersperse them throughout the directory.

Youth Leader: Youth leader Val Pilliod reported that the youth club placed fourth in the club of the year contest. Anna Ehlen made the educational display which took first place.

The youth club sold the magazines donated by Walter Gaertner to Debi Donoho for \$50. Val Pilliod requested a version of the logo that includes "Youth". Val Pilliod distributed proposed criteria for a scholarship to fund college expenses for youth club members. The group made some additions to the criteria. The group determined to fund the scholarship with money received through our participation in Lewis and Clark. Should the amount raised through our Lewis and Clark reenactment change or be discontinued the club will re-evaluate if it can continue to fund the scholarship. Until such time up to one scholarship will be awarded each year for \$200. A motion was made by Diane Walker and seconded by Donna Peterson to fund a youth college assistance scholarship in the amount of \$200 up to one time per year called the "Lewis and Clark Scholarship presented by the Show Me Morgan Horse Club" until such time as the funding level of our Lewis and Clark re-enactment changes from its current \$1000 level. Motion passed by unanimous vote. See attached criteria.

Old Business: Further discussion of fundraising revealed club will do directory with ads and a raffle at MEC. Members discussed possibility of hosting ACTHA ride. Can raise thousands of dollars in a single ride but is a great deal of work and requires many volunteers. Nancy Allen will bring additional information on work involved to next meeting.

New Business: Donna Peterson indicated there may be an opportunity for unpaid re-enactment at the St. Peters old time picnic in July. She will provide additional information

Elections:

The following panel of officers was nominated by Val Pilliod with support from Donna Peterson and passed by unanimous vote.

Minutes continued

President - Robert Parton
Vice President- Donna Peterson
Secretary - Nancy Allen
Treasurer - Diane Walker
AMHA Liaison - Ling Fu Wylie

The following Board of Directors was nominated by Pat Parton with support from Donna Peterson and passed by unanimous vote.

Gary Valade
Nancy Allen
Diane Walker
Pat Parton
Donna Peterson

The President made the following appointments:

Newsletter: Donna Peterson
Member coordinator: Nancy Allen
Youth Leader: Val Pilliod

Next Meeting: January 30st 1:00p.m. @ Donna Peterson's house.

2011 Schedule:

April 24th at Dee Dee Presley's house (across from Val Pilliod's farm)

September 25th at Val Pilliod's farm

November 20th at Robert and Pat Parton's house. **Note: This is a date change** to accommodate requests from members to move this meeting off of the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

Announcements:

Val Pilliod- SMMHC Youth members and members from Nancy Allen's farm attended the Team Morgan huntseat equitation competition held at Stephen's college. Ling Fu Wylie was involved as was Julie Broadway from the AMHA.

Dee Dee Presley- Contact her for woodworking crafts or computer/computer parts needs.

Pat Parton- Hopes the scrapbook does well in the AMHA contest.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned @ 3:10 p.m. with a motion by Mark Grimes with support from Donna Peterson.

Lewis and Clark Scholarship presented by Show Me Morgan Horse Club. The scholarship was discussed at the meeting. Please see the article on pages 6 & 7 to review the criteria for the Scholarship.

From the Editor

By Donna Peterson

Happy New Year! As your new Editor, I just wanted to take a minute to briefly introduce myself and ask for your help. My name is Donna Peterson and I'm a Morgan horse owner...sounds like the beginning of a 12-Step program doesn't it? I'm looking forward to putting together a newsletter that is a useful resource for the club. However, I have a few challenges to overcome to accomplish this. The first is that I am new to newsletter development. While I'm computer literate, I'm learning to use Microsoft Word in ways I never dreamed possible! I have been reviewing other Morgan Club newsletters to get a feel for what types of information they contain that is important to their membership. The second challenge for me is that unlike many of you, I own one little awesome Morgan gelding that I enjoy spending time with. Other than only owning one Morgan what is the challenge? It is that I'm not involved in the show world, with breeding or some of the other things that many of you participate in. Additionally, I'm relatively new to horse ownership so I am a newbie all around! This means that I need your help to make this newsletter useful. I need to know what information is helpful to you. What fun things are you doing with your Morgan companions? What shows have you participated in and how did you do? What deep wisdom do you have about horse care that you would like to share with the group? I look forward to hearing your ideas, reporting your successes and sharing all the wonderful things our Morgan horses add to our lives.

Directions to January Meeting

Address: 746 Estes Park Drive
St. Peters, MO 63376

Highway 70 to Mid Rivers Mall Drive. Go South on Mid Rivers Mall Drive to Mexico Road. Go West on Mexico to the first stop light. Turn left at the stop light (between Pizza Hut and American Cleaners. Follow Church Street around to Estes Park, on the left. 746 is the third house on the left. If you get to Grand Teton you have gone too far.

Call Donna if you need more information: 636-397-5015



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doing with your Morgan
companions?"*





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American Morgan Horse Association

Don't forget to visit the AMHA website for up-to-date information about a variety of topics . Below is an article from their news brief that relates to Missouri. The application for the Scholarship is available on the AMHA website.

AMHA and Stephens College to Offer Educational Scholarship

The American Morgan Horse Association is pleased to partner with Stephens College, located in Columbia, Missouri, to offer an educational scholarship to a deserving incoming first-year female student beginning in 2011.

By design, this alliance enables AMHA to directly influence the industry's young equine professionals. For Stephens College, attracting dedicated and passionate students through the gateway of the professional world is a winning combination. Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$5,000 equestrian leadership scholarship that can be reapplied for each year.

Prospective applicants will submit an equestrian application to AMHA in addition to applying for admissions to Stephens. Upon acceptance to the college, the Stephens College Equestrian Studies faculty will evaluate each applicant and choose the best fit for the program.

Potential candidates should possess the following:

- Passion for all things horse
- Academically oriented student interested in all phases of personal growth and development
- Community minded, interested and willing to be engaged in service activities
- Solid work ethic
- Desire to explore a profession in the equine industry
- AMHA Youth Member
- Breed and discipline involvement (showing, youth clubs, youth council; anything that shows involvement specifically within the Morgan community)
- Financial need

Applicants also need to submit at least one reference letter from a person in the Morgan community.

Applications are due to AMHA by January 10, 2011. Please email them to AMHA Executive Director, Julie Broadway, at execdir@morganhorse.com.

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Show Me Morgan Horse Club
2011 Membership Application

Name(s) _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

e-mail _____

Website address _____

Please establish my membership in the Show Me Morgan Horse Club for the year 2011. I understand all memberships are from January 1st through December 31st.

_____ Family Membership (2 votes) \$25

_____ Individual Membership (1 vote) \$15

_____ Junior Membership (1 vote) \$10 (18 yrs & under)

Mail to: Diane Walker
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