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# Mid-A Morgan **MURMURS**



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## **Mid-A 2007 News**

The good news is we have dressage back again at the Mid-A Show; the bad news is that the division will not be USDF recognized. A number of things contributed to this, but we did try hard to rectify it.

A lengthy conversation with someone at USDF revealed that in order to be recognized this year, we would have to be very sure that every single person who received a prize list received the news that we were going to be recognized by USDF. The representative went on to acknowledge that this would probably be a logistical impossibility and could lead to legal problems for the show. Their advice was to proceed as unrecognized this year and do whatever is needed to submit an application to be recognized for next year's show. So that is what we plan to do. We understand the disappointment of the dressage competitors, and we hope they understand that we are just as disappointed.

We hope to attract many competitors for dressage, even without the USDF recognition...next year, we will be recognized. If you have questions about this division, please contact Al Lucine at [JLMidA@aol.com](mailto:JLMidA@aol.com) (610-388-3340) or Kathy Newcomb at [KMNUkem@att.net](mailto:KMNUkem@att.net) (908-996-6495).

In other Mid-A news, the prize lists for the show were sent out in the mail to all members recently. If you have not received one, please check the Mid-A website, or contact [JLMidA@aol.com](mailto:JLMidA@aol.com). Sponsorship forms are provided in the prize lists/ please make sure to get your sponsorships in.

In preparation for the show, we are looking for people to volunteer some of their time at the show, helping it to be a Show to Remember. Help is needed in the outside ring with jump setup and jump crew, in the main ring with help at the in and out gates, and help with ribbons. If you can spare any time while in Lexington, see CP or Mike Staley, Show Manager Kent Moeller, or Dr. Al Lucine, they can and will put you to work!

## **Spring Fling Horse Show - Rescheduled**

The Spring Fling Horse Show originally

scheduled for April 15th was rained...no!...monsooned out. We were able to find a new date at the Horse Park of NJ for the show. The show is now rescheduled for **Sunday, May 13th**. We hope that more people will enter at this later date. The show is designed to give amateurs and junior exhibitors a place to get a start on the show season without professional competition.

We are very grateful to the sponsors who have contributed to help this show sustain itself; without this support, the show would not be able to survive. There are many classes open to other breeds, so if you have friends with other breeds of horses, let them know about the show and encourage them to join you there. The carriage division has been expanded with a cones class as well as offering a novice horse/driver division. We hope to see you there at the show. For more information, contact Gail Catlow at 973-361-1815 or [GailLBF@aol.com](mailto:GailLBF@aol.com).

A copy of the prize list is available on the Mid-A web site.

## **AMHA News**

The Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) is seeking a representative of the Morgan breed to be on display and used for demonstrations for one year (April - November 2007). This is wonderful opportunity to showcase our fine breed.

Specifically, KHP is seeking an English pleasure gelding, 4-10 years old, sound and healthy (vet check required). This representative must be in good working condition (well broke) and ready to use for demonstrations. Charisma and presence are always a crowd pleaser! All expenses are paid by KHP during the stay. For more information or to submit your horse for consideration please contact Ed Creighton at [ed@morganhorse.com](mailto:ed@morganhorse.com).



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## Mid-A Dates

2007 Spring Fling

May 13, 2007 – Horse Park of NJ

Contact: Gail Catlow – 973-361-1815 or at  
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2007 Mid-A Morgan Horse Show

June 27 – June 30 2007 – Virginia Horse Center –  
Lexington, VA

## Member News:

Mid-A member Jim Burdette is recovering from surgery to repair a collapsed lung.....UGH.....he has been out of the hospital for about 10 days, behaving and doing well. You can email him get well wishes at jimandturner@verizon.net or 8031 Broken Reed Court, Frederick MD 21701.

Ellen Palillo of Endless Mountain Morgans in Meshoppen, PA showed her five-year-old bay Morgan mare, Disco Patricia, at Chief's Spring Classic on April 21st. The fun show was held at Josette Conti's Performance Horses in Kutztown, PA. It was open to Josette's non-pro riders, and 15 riders competed before Morgan owner and NRHA judge Karen Myers.

Ellen and 'Patti' were the only Morgan team as other Morgan owners, Donna Franchetti, Kathy Gutting and Caitlyn Harrison were practicing on their Quarter Horses. They scored a 67 1/2 in the Rookie class and stayed penalty free, so Ellen was very pleased.

## Blythewood Farm News

It has been a busy month at Blythewood Farm! We have welcomed four new foals beginning March 18th through April 14th. First to arrive was a handsome bay colt to be named Blythewood Tommy Hawk. Tommy is sired by Burnt Mtn Ebony Hawk out of Blythewood Royal Isabella. Tommy is the third foal from this great cross that doubles up on Equinox Royalty, with Courage of Equinox and some Brunk breeding as the outcrosses.

Second foal had us on the edge of our seats because he was 3 weeks late, but it turns out the wait was worth it because this guy, who was our first foal by Raynyday Squire Jack is a handsome black colt with 3 white stockings. Mom to this guy (named Blythewood Bolero) is Culpeper Sonata, who is 21 years old. Mother and daughter Callie-Ann and Blythewood Polly Vermont were too close to call for the next delivery by Raynyday Squire Jack, but Callie-Ann won out, delivering a huge 118-lb chestnut filly at 6AM on April 13th. This very beautiful, robust filly is to be named Blythewood Abby Jaquith ("Jackie").

As we started to clean stalls the following day, Polly Vermont decided she did not want to be left behind, so she quickly delivered a very lovely, feminine chestnut filly who will be known as Blythewood Molly Bridget ("Bridget"). All babies are doing well, torturing their moms, and trying to entice us to let them examine all items on the farm between the barn and their paddock. We think this is a foal crop to be proud of.

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Fred and Pat Dills of Chestnut Pride Morgans in Indiana, PA are the proud new owners of MEM Heart And Soul. The seven-year-old bay stallion is by Futurity French Command and out of Miss Bluegrass. He was previously owned by Kourt Jester Morgans of Falmouth, ME, and

was trained and shown by Tim Roesink of Grove Pointe Stables. He is the reigning Amateur Park Saddle Champion at the Gold Cup and won the 2005 Grand National Amateur Park Saddle Stallion Champion. He will continue his breeding and show career under the direction of Mike Goebig and Dwayne Knowles of Broadmoor in Kutztown, PA.

Abbie Felton's mare, Charlestown Carole Ann, had a bay filly by Astronomicallee for the Baja Partnership. The filly was foaled on Dr. Johanna Andrews and Brian Soellner's farm in Pine Grove, PA. Abbie recently relocated back to New Tripoli, PA from California, and is excited she will be able to watch this filly mature.

Mike Goebig and Dwayne Knowles are pleased with their filly by Astronomicallee and out of FPM Fantasy. 'Bunny' was born on Easter morning, and they've applied for the registered name of GK Magic Hat.

Sharon Picus welcomed a bay colt at Tempest Morgans at the end of Easter Day. Dwayne Knowles nicknamed him Peter Cottontail, and he is by Stand And Deliver and out of Tempest Ariel. The fearless colt is a full brother to Signed Sealed Deliver.

## More New Arrivals

Rhoda Hoenmans of Whitemud Farm in Castleton, VA, announced a bay filly, Whitemud Flite of Fancy (The Master's Touch x Whitemud Vanity's Bonfire), was born in mid January. Another bay filly, Whitemud Stardust (RFF Stars N Stripes x Anamosa), was born about a month later.

Tony and Linda Brewer's mare, CN The Valiant Touch, had a light chestnut filly during the first week in March. She is by Liberation First Star.

Jim, Pam and Caitlyn Harrison of MacInnes Morgans in Brookline, NH, announced their mare, Tomeri Tiamo, had a bay filly by The Masters Touch. The foaling time was perfect as Cait was home from college on Spring Break, so she was able to help as 'Dolly' adjusted to her first foal.

In March, Mike Goebig hosted a group of more than 20 4-Hers and their friends from the Eastern Lancaster County Trot 4-H club at Broadmoor, and shared his enthusiasm of the Morgan breed with the group. Abbie Felton, Dr. Johanna Andrews and Suzy Lucine were on hand to help and answer questions. While Mike presented 8 horses, Abbie gave very educational descriptions on the Morgan breed standards and the individual horses' conformation and traits. Everyone also answered many questions from a very inquisitive group of young equine enthusiasts.

## In Memoriam

Loth-Lea Dona Blair from Ruth Goeb

A long time ago there was a little farm in New Jersey names Loth-Lea, run by Barbara Lothian. I had the pleasure of knowing Barbara L and sharing some of her treasured horses. When Barbara was ill and having trouble keeping up with her horses, I stepped in to find suitable homes for several and leased 2 of her older mares, Flaire and Dona Blair. I leased Dona Blair and Barbara Hobday leased Flaire. When I lost contact with Barbara L, I assumed the worst, but she was at peace knowing her horses were well cared for.

Dona Blair was a hot little number with a big engine and didn't take too kindly to my husband at the time and I move here in with Flaire and Barbara Hobday. Flaire and Dona were very productive for Barbara H. I really hadn't kept track of Barb's herd, and had assumed Dona had closed down and was just living the good life with my stallion Coachman's Shogun. Well, when I was talking casually with Barb, and going over her herd, I found there were several grown babies of Dona's. Dona was 30 years old and not DNA'd, I almost panicked in getting mane hair and a letter off to AMHA getting the paperwork up to date to prevent these horses from losing their registered status.

Loth-Lea Dona Blair was put down this winter, and not two weeks later Coachman's Shogun followed her, just lying down in their shared pasture, as if to say, "I'm ready to join my companion" and closing his eyes. Dona was 32 years old and a true old type morgan with "Bottom"

Barbara Hobday wrote this poem to honor Dona Blair:

Ode to a Grand Old Mare –“Loth Lea Dona Blair”

I had a mare named Dona Blair  
Oh, she was so very fair  
There were few who could compare  
To our lovely Dona Blair

When she had a little son,  
We name the lively colt Top Gun  
Because he was her favorite one  
Boy, could that guy run  
Watching him was so much fun

Before she got too very old  
She blessed us with three filly foals  
Two chestnuts and a bay are they  
And with us we hope they'll stay

Then on a bright November day  
We sent our Dona Blair away  
Peacefully at thirty-two  
With saddened hearts we thanked you  
You truly were a grand old mare!

Barbara Hobday  
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