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A Note from our President

Well it's that time of year again. To start off with, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. I haven't got a lot to report. We plowed at Booneville show grounds in early November, and had a very good turnout for a last minute get together. We had 7 or 8 teams. Plowing was good just waiting for spring to plant oats and corn. It seems like we went from summer to deep winter overnight, and it hurts my old bones.

Been to a couple of sales. Horses are still costing good money and weanlings are very high as well, and then the driving horses are really high. Thanksgiving was a real special time for us. One year ago Thanksgiving Day Elsie had her tumor removed and was 1-year cancer free on November 23rd. This year we have a lot to be thankful for, so God Bless and Happy New Year.

Billy and Elsie Meyer

A Note from our Vice President:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!!
I hope that everyone has managed not to freeze in the recent cold snap! Well as usual Christmas is HERE and I am not quite prepared but we will get through another holiday without incident!

The geldings and Belgians are well and are enjoying their winter break (still getting dinner without having to work for it who would complain!). The Percheron mares still have a couple more weekends of carriage rides before they get to come home and go on winter break (I imagine they are complaining!). We have had quite a year of horse travels, plowing, shows, shoeing appointments, wagon rides, I think the horses believe that we are gypsies.... I just feel so blessed to be a part of this group and want to thank you all for being such good friends!

We managed to plow all the way to the last weekend of November this year and are itching for spring so that we can start back up.... I guess I always fool myself into thinking that things slow down during the winter; so far I am finding this false as we will be busy every weekend through the end of January and I just haven't even started thinking any further ahead. Shelby has provided a pretty thorough list of our recent adventures so I will spare you having to read them twice.

I hope that you all have a safe and blessed holiday season and a very Merry Christmas. Hope to see you at the Cunningham's in February at the Annual Meeting.

Happy Holidays!
Art, Robyn, Shelby and Wyatt Holtgrewe

A Note from our Secretary/Treasurer

Hi everyone! The last meeting minutes have already been printed in the previous newsletter, therefore, I have no minutes to report.

I hope everyone has a safe, wonderful holiday with their family and loved ones! I hope to see you at our next board meeting in January!

Happy Holidays! Cassie



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We are updating the new membership list for the February annual meeting. Please contact Secretary Cassie if you want to change your information.



Teamwork Art Robin Dave Eichmen with teams plowing the ground. Below Art taking a break.

2017 MDHMA Board Meeting

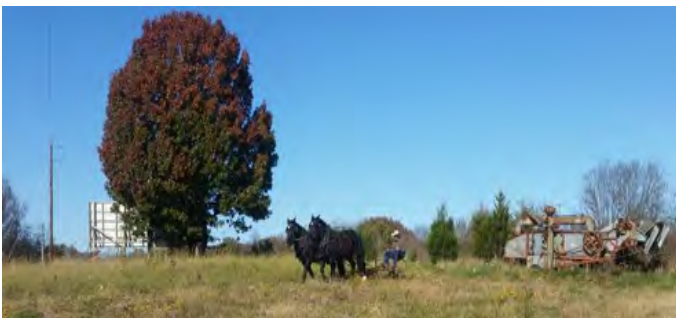
The next Board Meeting is @ 10:00 AM
on **Saturday January 14, 2017**
at Cunningham Barn, Columbia MO.
Everyone Welcome!

Directions: www.missourdrafthorse.com

**Annual Meeting will be Saturday
February 25, 2017
@ Cunningham Barn**



Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Ass. Plow Day November 10, 2016 postponed from muddy September gathering.



President Billy Meyer working the ground at Boonville.

A Note from our Youth Representatives

Hello from your youth representative. We had a great time at Bobby Wright's plowing. We got to wear nametags, which were different, and definitely not something we were used to. I let mom plow in the morning, but in the afternoon Wyatt and I stole the horses and got to plow. It was great to see everyone who made it to Bobby's plowing this year!). The following weekend we went to Tom Reiner's plowing which also had a couple fun games mom and I did the log skid. Dad on the other hand not only did the log skid, but he also did the pull and I think he ended up in the top 5 places. He was really proud of Sadie and Bell. We also got to see a bunch of cool stuff in his "barn" at supertime. I'd call it more of a museum though. My Aunt Tina even made in the afternoon!). The following weekend, we ended up going to a shoeing appointment and then headed north to Gary and Jody Moss's house



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for the night. On Saturday, we went down to Boonville and mom helped plow on the little land available for all the many teams that came. Then we headed back North to Gary and Jody Moss's house. The following weekend we went up to Richard Yoder's farm in Bloomfield, Iowa, and we got to plow at his house. On the weekend that we normally go to Rick's plowing, we ended up plowing at Boonville for a couple of hours and then we headed back north afterwards. The following 2 weekends, we went to Erwin Henson's house and helped him out with wagon rides. The first weekend Wyatt and I got to go skating for the first time. Last weekend, we got to stay home. We worked on making Christmas presents...at least the kids did. We made lots of pillows and are working on some blankets too. I can't wait to see everybody next time.

Your Youth Representative,
Shelby Holtgrewe

Greetings from Bobby and Genny Wright

It's a cold and gray winter day here close to Wien, MO. I'm praying the snow misses us, as there is still ice left over from yesterday. Bobby started to go to Macon, but, after spinning around on the blacktop, he decided he didn't really need anything after all!

I had quite an experience with my back in November. I went to election training on the Thursday before and all was well. Sometime on Friday, I moved wrong and got an awful pain in my lower back. By Saturday night, I was afraid it might be kidney infection, so we went to the Macon ER. No infection and the doctor adjusted my back and I felt a bit better. We went to church the next day and I asked for prayer that I would be able to get through working the election. I got to Wien at 5:30 and, with a bit of babying from my co-workers, I was even able to deliver the ballots to Keytesville that evening. I got home and, before I got to the

basement steps, the pain hit again with a vengeance. I got exactly what I had prayed for though. Thankfully, I had an appointment with an orthopedic doctor the next day for another issue. I told them my left side was much more of an issue than my right. Dr. Main looked at me and said that I have scoliosis. The X-ray showed a mild case, but lots of inflammation. He gave me a cortisone injection the next day and after having a numb leg for two hours, I have not had any more pain. I am very careful how I move though as I cannot have another injection until February if it happens again. I had an injection over 10 years ago and I will be very happy if this one lasts that long! I had surgery on my foot the Monday after all this happened.

My foot is healing nicely after my surgery and I will be able to wear the shoes that keep my other foot from hurting so badly. My Mom's genes and 35 years on concrete did not do my feet any favors. Those high heels in my teen years were not smart either. It makes me cringe when I see anybody wearing them now!

Bobby is finished with his Physical Therapy and the head guy told me he was amazed at how far he has come since his shoulder replacement. It is good not to see him flinching as often as he did for a while.

The folks at Hamilton, Mo are really hoping to make a big event out of their 2017 show. They are amazed at how much interest there is in plowing with draft horses and mules. Bobby, Mike and young Taylor went in October and were really treated well. The plowing land needed some work, but they are open to all ideas and already have a plan to make it better. They are figuring on the third weekend in October again and I hope a lot of you teamsters can be there. Northwest Missouri Steam and Gas Engine Show is their page on Facebook. There are several good pictures to see.



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bit to get back in the field but wish to be fit when the season begins!

Have a safe, warm & wonderful holiday!

See you soon

Neal & Terri DeVasher

From Witness Tree Land & Livestock Farm

I don't know what it is about the newsletter deadline, but once again I had to have my chained yanked about submitting an article. I like to think that I am a pretty organized person, but Mila and Terri might disagree, since they have both had to remind me, now and in past months, that "the deadline was, like, yesterday".....forgive me, gals, it's obviously some kind of quirk in the genetic hardware.

First, my heartfelt condolences to Valerie on the loss of her wonderful Dunny. The cursed colic is no respecter of age or breed or devoted care. It steals too many good animals, with little or no warning, and leaves nothing but tears and a feeling of helplessness. Rest in peace, Dunny boy.

Thanks to Robyn for the nice feedback she gave about our event in the last newsletter, it is much appreciated! And I got a kick out of Shelby's column --reporting the unvarnished facts, like a true journalist! We had an increase of about 300 people in attendance over last year's number, and I had a terrific amount of inquiries on Facebook in advance of that weekend, so I call that a win! Looking forward to next year, which will be Oct. 7 & 8.

We are still currently a one-vehicle household here (1997 Ford Ranger) ever since my Nissan Frontier blew a head gasket. It is in the bullpen waiting for a motor transplant. It took me a few months, but I finally found the right motor for it, so now it's a waiting game

We had the Wright Christmas in Hannibal last Saturday and will have the Bocke Gathering on Christmas Eve Day out in the country near Gower, MO. It's my sister's turn and she is willing to have it at her son's house. It's a bit closer for my brother and I and the house is bigger. She is still in charge of the menu and really enjoys that. I would be happy to go with pizza and Pepsi!

Bobby and I both hope that all of you have a joy filled 2017!

Bristle Ridge Percherons

Let us all take time to reflect & be thankful for our families & friends.

We once again have enjoyed the comradery, fellowship & the shining of the plows for the 2016 season. We also made a new circle of friends & enjoyed stories from our old ones.

Our club has lost a few members along the way, but know they are gone but not forgotten, nor have they put away their passion. Those fluffy clouds above may look bellow but also look plowed up (could it be Rick, Wilbert or Valerie's Dunny?!)

It has been one of those years that is lacking in accomplishments for me. Not yet running the mile, but have gone many a mile. I wish to thank my friends for letting me tag along to the plowings & allowing me to refrain from being part of the furrow! I'm learning the power of patience tho kicking & screaming at times. The old adage "Those who play & pray together can get through anything." 2016 was the test & now 2017 will bring "good" answers hopefully. Due to slow progression on my back it has brought on a few health issues hopefully minor that an aspirin can fix.

I, like my fellow teamsters are faunching at the



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until my ace-mechanic son can set aside a block of time to put it in. Even though it is only two-wheel drive, this little Ranger that I bought for cheap has always started on the coldest day and has traveled up & down snow-covered hills (with a little weight added in the bed) and gotten me where I needed to go. So I tell it every day what a wonderful, sweet ride it is, LOL!

The only snafu we had over this last single-digit cold spell was one cold water line in the garage kitchen that froze up on the third day. We did have hot water there though, and no busted lines so that was a big relief. The outside hydrants faired well considering, and all large livestock had tank heaters in their water, so all good there too. For my goats, poultry, and waterfowl, we used rubber buckets and bowls, and just refilled them a few times a day with warm water. It's days like those that I REALLY love our woodstove and am grateful for a steady supply of our own firewood.

We and all the critters want to wish each of you & yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe, be happy, be healthy, and we'll see you at the always-fun annual meeting!

In the Spirit of Teamwork,
Gail & Dennis

Holiday Greetings from Northwest Missouri

Well the first ice storm of the winter stranded Larry and I on 1 29 for 4 hrs and we were lucky! Hope everyone survived without too many problems. Waiting arrival of 5 sons, 1 wife, 1 fiancée, 2 girlfriends and THE GRANDson. All will get to be here for a week and will the grocery store profit! We will make great memories and enjoy each other immensely.

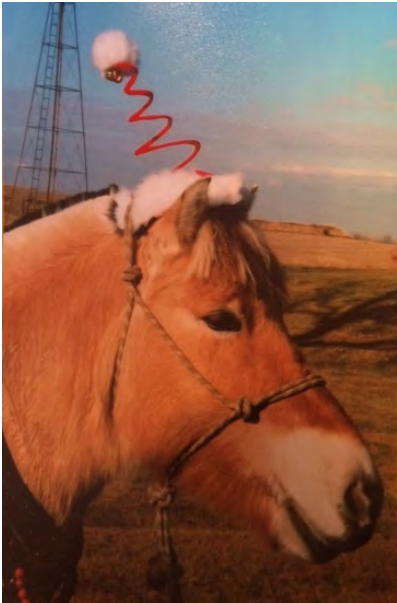
We took Elsie her family sleigh that Larry redid for her and she was thrilled. Was truly a labor of love and it looked fantastic! We agree that it was the last time a project like that is

coming our way. But Larry said the look on her face made it all worthwhile. Again this year we have given carriage rides for Duncan Carriage services in Atchinson and Fort Leavenworth, KS also Weston and St Joe and I did Platte City while Larry was in Vietnam. He said at least this time they weren't shooting at him!

Rode 14 hrs at the stockyards the feeder sale we had 4,000 head. About decided I am too old for that but as long as weather stays decent I do like it. Got to be a loose screw somewhere! Had notice my Fjord geldings had earned their collar marks and was rather proud of those marks. And that brings me to a very sad subject. I found my big fjord gelding Dunny who was my furrow horse and the foundation of my 3 up dead in the pasture on December 8. I am not ashamed to tell you that I have cried buckets and still could. I like all my horses but I loved Dunny. He and I learned so much together plus all the things he taught me. More people should be like him; he was kind, honest, and dependable and had a great work ethic. He was always glad to see me no matter how hard he was worked the day before. I will always be grateful to Tom for awarding us the best multiple hitch at Ricks plowing last fall. Tom told me he didn't care what color, breed or size a team was but what was important was how they worked together and listened. I was so proud! So farewell my beloved friend and thanks for enriching my life and for being in my life at a time I really needed you. You were only 9 but we had a wonderful 9 yrs, I will miss you always.

Life goes on so in closing a very blessed and wonderful Christmas season from myself and all the E 7 critters and a Happy New Year!

Valerie and the E 7 critters



My friend
"Dunny"
may you always
watch over us.



Larry Whitham returns Elsie's sleigh after he restored it

From Our Kitchen to Yours:

Genny's Mexican Cake

Cream 2 cups sugar and 2 eggs
Add 1 can undrained crushed pineapple 1 lb. 4 oz.

2 cups chopped pecans

2 cups flour

1 tsp. baking soda

Mix well and pour into 9x13 pan

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes

Frosting:

2 cups powdered sugar

8 oz. cream cheese

1 stick butter

1 tsp. vanilla

Mix well

1 thin a bit with half and half

Mix and spread on cooled cake



Valerie gave carriage rides for Duncan Carriage Service.



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Tues-Fri 14-17 Topeka Spring Draft Horse Sale Topeka, IN 260-593-2522

Tues-Fri 28-31 Waverly Midwest Horse Sale Waverly, IA 319-352-2804

APRIL

Sat 1 Spud's Memorial Plowing Greenview, IL Jim Buzzard 217-821-5930

Fri-Sat 7-8 Kingman Draft Horse & Mule Sale Kingman, KS 620-538-2333

Mon-Tues 10-11 Kalona Spring Draft Horse Sale, Kalona, IA 319-656-2222

Sun 16 Easter Sunday Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior

Wed-Sat 19-22 Central Wisconsin Horse Sale Neillsville, WI 715-570-7749

Fri-Sat 21-22 Rich Hill Auction Rich Hill, MO 913-285-0076

Fri-Sat 28-29 Baumli's Draft Horse & Mule Sale Maryville, Mo 660-652-4454

MAY

Fri-Sun 5-7 Neal's Plowing Warrensburg, MO 660-909-4738

JUNE

Sat 10 Bruce Adams Mowing at Steam Engine Grounds in Hamilton, MO 816-294-1230

Fri 16 Topeka Summer Carriage Auction Topeka, IN 260-593-2522

Fri 30 Sat July 1 Horse Progress Days Leola, PA 717-397-1051

JULY

Thurs-Sun 6-9 Mark Twain Old-Thresher's Paris, MO

2017 MISSOURI DRAFT HORSE & MULE ASSOCIATION EVENTS CALENDAR

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Circumstances could change dates, times and/or places. Some dates are based on last year's so please call or check websites.

Pro Horse Pulls Joe Miller 573-682-0048 Ray Smith 573-682-4608

Newsletter articles are due 20th of Feb, April, June, August, Oct., and Dec.

JANUARY

Sat 14 MDHMA Board Meeting will be @ Cunningham Barn

Thurs-Sun 19-22 Draft Horse and Mule events National Western Stock Show

Denver, CO 303-296-6977 www.nationalwestern.com

FEBRUARY

Mon 6 Special Workhorse Sale, Kalona, IA 319-656-2222

Fri 10 Show-Me Draft & Driving Horse Sale Barnett, MO 573-378-4335

Tues-Fri 21-24 Mid-America Draft Horse Sale Gifford, IL 217-268-3444 Gordyville

Fri-Sun 24-26 Equifest of Kansas at Kansas Expo Centre Topeka, KS 785-776-0662

Fri-Sun 24-26 Show-Me Equine Summit National Equestrian Center Lake St. Louis, MO 573-234-1415

Sat 25 Sat MDHMA Annual Meeting will be @ Cunningham Barn

MARCH

Wed-Fri 8-10 Boone Cty Draft Horse and Mule Sale, Sedalia, Mo State Fairgrounds

Joe Raber 719-431-3137 Lonnie Miller 260-350-4637



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Thurs-Sat July 27–Aug 5 Ozark Empire Fair Springfield,
MO 417-833-2660

Thurs-Sun 14-24 Oklahoma State Fair Oklahoma City
www.okstatefair.com

Fri 28 Pro Horse Pull 8:00 Macon, Mo Flywheel Reunion

Thurs-Sun 21-24 National & State Corn Husking
Marshall, MO 660-886-2233

AUGUST

Sat 5 Mule Show Lathrop, MO 816-528-3000 during
show www.lathropantique.com

Fri-Sat 29-30 Baumli's Draft Horse & Mule Sale
Maryville, MO 660-652-4454

Mon 7 Special Workhorse & Driving Horse Sale Kalona,
IA 319-656-2222

OCTOBER

Tues-Fri 3-6 Waverly Midwest Horse Sale Waverly, IA
319-352-2804

Thurs-Sun 10-20-21 Missouri State Fair Sedalia, MO
www.mostatefair.com

Sat-Sun 7-8 Mid-Mo Horse, Mule & Ox Farming Days
Gerald, MO 573-764-2629

Fri-Sun 11-13 Albert City, IA Threshermen Show 712-
843-2076

Fri-Sun 13-15 Living History Show Lathrop, MO 816-528-
3000 during show

Wed 16 Draft Horse Pull Missouri State Fair Joe Miller
5:00 Mathewson Center

Mon 16 Draft Horse Pull Kalona, IA 7:00 P.M. Joe Miller
573-682-0048

Thurs-Sun 10-20 Illinois State Fair Springfield, IL
www.agr.state.il.us

Mon-Tues 16-17 Kalona Fall Draft Horse & Carriage Sale
Kalona, IA 319-656-2222

Thurs-Sun 10-20 Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA
www.iowastatefair.org

Fri-Sat 20-21 Plowing at Fall Festival at Steam Engine
Show Grounds at Hamilton, MO Alicia Moggy 816-284-
1654 Northwest Missouri Steam and Gas Engine Show
on FB

Fri-Mon Aug 25–Sept 4 Nebraska State Fair Grand
Island, NE www.statefair.org

Sat 21 Scott Moorehouse Hay Day 18783 Jasmine Dr.
Neosho, MO 417-312-0116

Thurs 31- Mon Sept 4 Old Thresher's Mt. Pleasant, IA
319-385-8937

Sat 21 Rural Heritage Day St. Genevieve, MO Jack Donze
573-883-5687

SEPTEMBER

Thurs-Sun 7-10 Missouri River Valley Steam Show
Boonville, MO

Tues 31- Fri Nov 3 Topeka Fall Draft Horse Sale Topeka,
IN 260-593-2522

Fri-Sun 8-17 Kansas State Fair Hutchinson, KS
www.kansasstatefair.com

NOVEMBER

Sat-Sat 9-16 SEMO Fair Cape Girardeau, MO 573-334-
9250

DECEMBER

Thurs-Sun 14-17 NE Mo Old Threshers' Shelbina, MO

Sat 2 25th Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade Lawrence,
KS 11:00 A.M.



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Mon 25 Christmas- the birthday of our Savior

2018 World Per heron Congress Des Moines, IA State Fairgrounds

Oct 8-13 So glad it will be close to us again!

RE M I N D E R

If you have items for sale or looking for an item, ADVERTISE for FREE HERE in our newsletter.

For all of our friends & members who have been on our prayer list, "Keep Up the Good Work".

You all are in our every day thoughts & hope you continue your healing progress,



Little Miss Mya Kaup & Uncle Rod Malchow grinding corn with the horses.



Mya lounging on Bob while enjoying the sun.