



Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club Newsletter

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2013 VCMHC Board

President: Dini Swanson
Vice President: Mary Daughtry
Treasurer: Rob Marsh

Dear Friend,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. It already seems a distant memory as we surge forward into the new year. This addition of our bi-monthly on-line club newsletter shares a message from our president, results from the club's 2012 high-point awards, a member spotlight, some news flashes regarding our 2013 Southern States Regional Morgan Horse Show and much more. We have many great initiatives underway for 2013 and need volunteers. If you would like to meet more of your Morgan friends and get involved please contact us. I have learned that previous newsletters sent to you have temporary URL addresses and are no longer available when you try to look at them. I would be more than happy to send you any previous additions. Just email me and I will sent it to you.

Sincerely,

Andrée Vetrano

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Message from Our President

Dear VCMHC members,

I hope everyone is having a great start to their year. Shedding, better weather, and show season are just around the corner!

To close out 2012 we had a fantastic year end banquet in November, thanks to Andrée Vetrano and Elizabeth



Secretary: Betsy Buchanan
Show Chair: Andrée Vetrano
Past President: Pete Jaeger
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Frances Pugh
Nancy Warren
Anna Beeber

2013 Committee Chairmen

Awards: Elizabeth Abernathy
Promotion: Mary Daughtry
Newsletter: Andrée Vetrano
Program: Gael Jaeger
Roster: Deb Zakrajsek
Youth Activities: Deb Zakrajsek
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Deb Zakrajsek
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Quick Links...

[Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club](#)

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**Now is the time to renew
your VCMHC
Membership!
Renew your
2013 VCMHC
Membership so you have
one less thing on your
"to do" list!**

[Click here to download the 2013 Club Membership Form](#)

Abernathy for all of your hard work.

2013 has brought a new streamlined website for the club, please check it out at www.vcmhc.org. The club is very interested in having a clinic, one day show, or trail ride in the near future so please let us know what you would like to see offered.

Southern States just keeps getting better and better and I am already hearing of new people planning on coming to the show this year largely due to our always famous hospitality.

The big news is that the 2014 AMHA National Convention will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, Raleigh, NC February 20-22nd. This is a great location and lots of interesting, educational and fun events are already being planned. A convention committee to represent the club will soon be formed.

I have also been enjoying my first year as your AMHA Region 10 Director . I highly recommend that you peruse the AMHA website and check out all they have to offer for everything and anything Morgan. From Open Competition and Half Morgan Programs, to instructions on how to train your horse to drive. The new Title Program has been a success and now will include A Sire and Dam of Merit designation, for more info go to www.morganhorse.com .

Most importantly don't forget to vote in the AMHA election, if you ever have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

All of my best, Diana Swanson... tarafarm@bellsouth.net

VCMHC Membership Roster

by Deb Zakrajsek

The VCMHC Membership Roster is finally back and is available for purchase. This valuable resource contains the club By-Laws, History, and Membership Directory as well as other pertinent information. The complete roster (including the VCMHC binder) may be purchased at a cost of \$18.00, the roster contents (inserts) may be purchased for \$8.00 and replacement binders \$10.00. A roster and binder is provided free with each new VCMHC membership (limit one per family).

A digital copy of the roster will be posted on the club website, which may be downloaded for free (adobe acrobat reader and a printer with duplexing capability is necessary for printing your own copy).

Copies will be on hand at club functions or your order can be mailed to you with a \$3.00 mailing charge. For information on placing an ad in the roster, or ordering your roster please contact Debra Zakrajsek [919.240.4611](tel:919.240.4611) or by email: debra.zak@gmail.com



Southern States Regional Morgan Horse Show

May 22 - 25, 2013

Setting a new standard in
Southern Hospitality, don't
miss out on the action!

Phil Fountain: English Pleasure &
Park

John McDonald: Hunt & Western
Dressage: Fatima Pawlenko - Kranz
Carriage: Marsha Himler



The Schnell Family
Karen, Mark and their 2
children, Samantha and Lee
joined us at the 2012 November
Awards Banquet

VCMHC High Point Awards -

Club Chair: Elizabeth
Abernathy



Thanks to all who
participated in the 2012 VCMHC High Point
Awards. This is a wonderful program and we
encourage all club horse show exhibitor's to
participate.

Congratulations to all of the 2012 high point award
recipients:

[VCMHC High Point Winners 2012](#)

For participation in the 2013 VCMHC High Point
Awards, you will need to submit a declaration form
for each horse and exhibitor. After each show, you
will then submit a tracking form for each horse and
exhibitor which will be tallied into your overall high
point scores. The rules and forms can be downloaded
from the links below. Good luck and have a great
show season!!!

[VCMHC 2013 High Point Rules](#)

[VCMHC 2013 Youth Rules](#)

[VCMHC Adult Declaration Form 2013](#)

[VCMHC Youth Declaration Form 2013](#)

[VCMHC Point Tracker 2013](#)

Member Spotlight - The Schnell Family

Schnell Farm is the name of our farm in northwest Orange
County North Carolina. We moved in 2004 from Apex to
the Mebane community to have more land and to retain
the country sense of living that was rapidly vanishing from
Wake County. We moved into a craftsman style house
built in 1933 by the Lynch family that was a wedding
present for their daughter. The farm has been a labor of
love, at least we keep telling ourselves, as we have been
clearing land and doing renovations.

We brought with us our twin children, three dogs, four cats
and six horses. To date, this has increased to 12 cats and
20 horses, give or take, and three dogs. Our horses vary in
numbers when I started to help friends needing to rehome
their horses because of droughts, divorces or changes in
income. All these horses were healthy and loved so I can't



Paint Rock's Sky Hawk (aka Sky) is looking for a new home



call them them typical "rescue". Also, I happen to be friends with a vet that keeps her three horses (all rescues) on our farm.

But how did we get into Morgans? Andrée was the first to tell me about her love for the breed. Then, I met Tom Simmons of Lincoln Hill Farms in Roxboro, NC. He has trained many of our horses both Morgan and non-Morgan. Then it kind of snowballed from there when I got involved with Forever Morgans. We have quarantined horses for them that were rescued from the New Holland Auction. We call these horse our Bed and Breakfast horses since they come here for a "visit" and get to enjoy our hospitality then onto their new homes. We have kept some of the horses that were suppose to be "rehomed" because we fell in love with them.

Currently, we have Paint Rock's Sky Hawk aka Sky looking for a new home. He is a pretty sorrell with star, 1995 gelding that was Morgan Jr National Reining champion. He is now retired from reining and enjoying learning to be a trail horse or someone's western show horse. No spurs please - just a quiet and gentle hand is all that is needed to enjoy this guy. His former owner went to serve his country in Iraq and he came to us. We had him retrained to enjoy pleasure and trail riding. Since our horse numbers continue to grow with more rehomers, we would like to find him his person to enjoy and cherish in the Morgan special way well known to all Morgan horse lovers.

I am excited that this summer we will be having Ellen Tobin of Woodlawn Stables staying with us and working with our green Morgan horses and teaching my children to ride.

Visitors are always welcome. Especially if you leave with a horse or two:)



2013 Southern States Regional Morgan Horse Show is dedicated to our beloved Pay Wyatt

[Pat Wyatt Memorial Tribute by Mary Daughtry](#)

Southern States Regional Morgan Horse Show Update

This year we are dedicating our show to Pat Wyatt who passed away last fall. Pat was a beloved member of our Morgan Horse community and gave us her beautiful artwork as the cover for our show program for many years. We will also once again be a venue in support of "Forever Morgans," a non-profit, Morgan horse rescue organization.

This year's show promises to be very exciting again this year as we keep up our momentum from last year's show. We are delighted that all of the social events will once again be orchestrated by EventMix Promotions. We are also excited to announce that EventMix will be our videographer and will not only provide a private video viewing room for exhibitors but will also provide us with "live streaming" for the show.

Our very entertaining "Mint Julep" class will be offered again on



Friday Night Live Exhibitor's Party

Friday evening. The exhibitor with the most Mint Julep left in their glass wins. This year, exhibitors in this class will be competing for the new and spectacular perpetual trophy that we have named the "Southern States Holy Grail".

The "Bridle Club" area will be open during the Thursday, Friday and Saturday night sessions to allow you to mix and mingle with friends while you enjoy the show in the main arena! We are also introducing special "VIP tables" that will be located on the main floor behind your box seats. You absolutely do not want to miss the Exhibitor's Party on Friday evening after the last performance. This year's theme will be "Saturday Night Live" with the return of the very popular band from last year, Retro Vertigo. We are making sure it's an event that you will be raving about for days! Come dressed in your favorite "Saturday Night Live" costume. Prizes to be awarded.

Visit our website at www.southernstatesmorgan.com and our facebook Southern States Morgan Horse Show

REGION 10 Announcement!

Region 10 has been selected to host the 2014 AMHA Convention

and it will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina.

This is great news for our club. Stayed tuned for volunteer opportunities!

Sheila England and Elizabeth Abernathy compete for the High Point Awards for the Virginia Arabian Horse Association District 6 Open Division

Sheila England and Elizabeth Abernathy competed for the High Point Awards for the Virginia Arabian Horse Association District 6 in the Open Division and they won:

UDM Gold Mine and I won Champion High Point Open Halter Award
Marnos French Mystery and Sheila Englad got Reserve Champion Open Halter Award
and Marnos French Mystery also won the Champion High Point Open Pleasure Horse Award
and UDM Gold Mine won 4th in the Open Pleasure Division



The trophies were actually a beautiful MORGAN bust. It was beautiful. The Director of District 6 was so clever when she ordered the trophies and was able to order the morgan ones for us. It was really nice.



Two-Day Clinic:
Biomechanics of the
Classical Seat

Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club Youth Group Opportunities

Patty Gallivin and Anne Ebbert are kicking off a 7 clinic series at Bridlewood Farm!

The first clinic will cover "Biomechanics of the Seat" for all disciplines, and all breeds. The entire clinic will consist of one half-day of theory and one day of instruction on the horse. All horse people welcome!

March 16th - Theory from 10AM-2PM.

March 17th - Rides will begin at 9AM.

Riding slots are available on a first come first serve basis and auditors are welcome. We have horses available but if you are interested in trailering in, contact us.

\$150 for the whole weekend
\$50 auditing fee (\$25 per day)

Scholarships are available.

Contact Bridlewood Farm or visit us on facebook for more information or to register or visit.

Volunteer Opportunities!

If you would like to become more involved with the Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club, there are a ton of opportunities to help out!

Contact: Andrée Vetrano
avetrano@earthlink.net

or
Dini Swanson
tarafarm@bellsouth.net

Old Morgan Magazines Available

If you are interested in old

BridleWood Youth Group Interest Meeting



The BridleWood Farm Youth Group is gearing up for 2013! Do you love horses? We do! Come experience what the BridleWood Farm Youth Group is all about! Kids and teens of all ages are welcome. Snacks and fun horse activities will be provided, and we will be announcing our plans for this summer!

March 2nd: 1st Open Youth Group Meeting at 2:00pm

- May 4th Youth meeting
- June 1st Youth Meeting
- August 3rd Youth meeting
- September 7th Youth Meeting

Please contact Nancy Merritt for more information at nemerritt@att.net.

New Youth Club Forming

A New Youth Club is asking members to complete an online survey to aid in planning 2013 activities.

[Take the Survey](#)

Fill it in and click DONE -
Please respond by FEB 10.

Please contact Debra Zakrajsek [919.240.4611](tel:919.240.4611)
or by email: debra.zak@gmail.com.

April Newsletter Submissions

Our next newsletter will be the 2013 April issue. Please send your print ready articles along with photos to me by

Morgan magazines from 1960 to 1995, please contact Peggy Carter at peggycarter.macmail@me.com

March 30th. Email your submissions to me at avetrano@earthlink.net.

Thank you for being a valuable member of our club. I hope you have enjoyed this edition and look forward to getting submissions from you on future newsletters.

Sincerely,

Andrée Vetrano
Virginia-Carolinas Morgan Horse Club