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**MORGAN OPEN
HIGH-POINT
AWARD SHOWS**

July 2, 2009
SHA Silver Summer Series
Open western horse show
Sacramento, CA
Contact: Kathleen Dooner;
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July 4-5, 2009
**Mason County Saddle
Club Show**
Open horse show
Custer, MI
Contact: Lorree Keating
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July 4-5, 2009
Treasure State Horse Show
Open horse show
Missoula, MT
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July 4, 2009
The CDE at Inavale
Combined driving event
Philomath, OR
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Maximize Your Horse's Points With Junior Exhibitors!

For an investment of only \$15, you can maximize your horse's points in the AMHA Open Competition Program by investing in youth! Any Open Competition enrolled horse is eligible to gain junior exhibitor points. Not only does your horse gain additional points for awards and lifetime achievement recognition, but you can prove their family-friendly usability with their open competition show record! A benefit to you, but also a wonderful opportunity to

expose a junior rider to the wonderful world of the Morgan horse. Perhaps you have you know of a young person who cleans stalls at your barn or a neighbor who is horse crazy, could they be the next Open Competition Junior Exhibitor winner?

Detailed information is available on the official program entry forms and guidelines available for download on www.morganhorse.com or by contacting Amanda Ryan at Amanda@morganhorse.com.



Yay Sigi!

Statesman's Signature ("Sigi"), a 15.3, 1997 Morgan stallion owned and ridden by Marthe Reynolds, won Reserve Champion First Level in the Paddock Saddlery Amateur Winter Circuit Championships for 2009. Sigi's score was 64.996. Sigi and Marthe are trained by Louisa-Marcelle Eadie of LME Dressage. Louisa spends her time between Greenwich and Millbrook, NY, and winters in Florida.

On June 13 at Ten Broeck Farm Sport Horse Show in Pepperell, MA, Sigi was shown in-hand by the respected professional Sara Vanecek. Sigi won the Stallions 4 Years & Older at Stud class with a score of 77.875% from judge Marijane Malouin. He also won the Stallion Championship, and was Reserve

Exciting New Changes for the Open Competition Program!

The AMHA Open Competition Program is in full swing and the support committees have been working diligently to respond to competitor suggestions and recommendations.

The AMHA Western Working Committee is please to announce some exciting new changes for the current program season. Effective for 2009, unsanctioned working western and Cowboy Mounted Shooting events will now be included in the Working Western division! The Working Western division will now offer two categories: sanctioned competition and unsanctioned competition. Entries from Reining, Cutting, Drafting, Team Penning, Roping, Reining/Working Cowhorse, and Cowboy Mounted Shooting will be entered into either the sanctioned or unsanctioned categories according to the event's recognition status, as determined by AMHA approved sanctioning bodies.

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Champion Mature Horse. Ridden by Marthe Reynolds, the pair placed third in Performance Under Saddle. The June 14 show was judged by Toine Hoefs of the Netherlands. Again, Sigi bested other breeds in the ring. He placed second in Stallions at Stud, Four



Trumax Rebel Yell.



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Versatility II Horse Show

Open horse show

Peoria, IL

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July 5, 2009

Open Horse & Benefit Show

By Rearin' To Go 4-H Club

Ballston Spa, NY

Contact: Alice Kuntzsch

akuntzsch@co.fulton.ny.us

July 9, 2009

SHA Silver Summer Series

Open English horse show

Sacramento, CA

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July 16, 2009

SHA Silver Summer Series

Open English horse show

Sacramento, CA

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Years and Older, with a score of 68.000% from Judge Hoefs. Sigi went on to win the Reserve Stallion Championship, and Marthe and Sigi won their Performance Under Saddle Stallions Four Years and Older class with a 71.000%. They finished the show by winning the Under Saddle Championship.

On September 24, 2009, there will be a Morgan Individual Breed class at Dressage At Devon in Devon, Pennsylvania. Marthe Reynolds is the contact for this class; please reach her at marthe@aboutsigi.com or (917) 674-1534 for further information.

IN MEMORY: Tumax Rebel Yell

Tumax Rebel Yell was born May 11, 1986, the son of Myana's Rebel Lad and BG's Shady Lady. With his Archie O blood, he was a substantial, sturdy horse. I guess "old type Morgan" would describe him. I purchased him in the fall of 1989; he had been broke to drive and had had a saddle on five

times. I rode him, he was kind, willing and it was an immediate sale.

"Max" went on to a career in Dressage and eventing. He maintained the same kind and willing attitude I encountered the day I met him throughout his competition career. He would try anything that was asked of him. He even dragged my arena for me! He was the kind of horse who could be off work for weeks and when he was ridden again it was like he had never had time off.

Max placed in the top five in the AMHA Open Competition Program in the Dressage division at training and first levels and also received his bronze medallion in the same division. I evented Max at the beginner novice level and amassed several points in the category, but our path to bronze in the Eventing division was halted when I was forced to have knee surgery. I remember getting Max ready for competition; he had such a thick mane I had to part it down the center and braid both sides so he would look nice for his dressage classes. But what I remember most is Max's favorite thing—eating.

On February 19 I went out to feed him in the morning, he looked at his miniscule breakfast and didn't touch it. I knew something was wrong. After an intense physical examination by his veterinarian, she concluded there was nothing that could be done. Max is buried at the edge of his pasture near the woods, the

News from Overseas

Longtime open competition enthusiasts MaryAnn Schafer of Stormswept Morgans in Lake City, Florida, recently wrote to us with an update on two sport horses she sold to Australia to Diane Howard. She was delighted to hear about Fox Brush Custom Design's (Funquest Erick x Bowood Elusive Dream) debut in the Australian show ring.

"Rikki's" Australian debut couldn't have gone better or been more fun! With Diane, she took a first in the Morgan Mare In-Hand class at the Toowoomba Royal. Then Diane's son, Shane, participated with her in a demo showcasing the Morgan breed. Shane stood on Rikki's back, cracking a stock whip and Rikki stood like a statue, calmly scanning the crowds. As part of the demo, a young girl ran in the ring and jumped onto Rikki from behind and stood on her rump while Shane rode Rikki around the arena. Finally, Diane and Rikki did a long reining pas-de-deux with one of Kathy Lyon's Morgan mares to the enjoyment of the crowd. Another clinician at the show commented to the attendees on how impressed he was with Shane and Rikki demo, and encouraged the crowd to watch their next performance.

That demos were all the more impressive because Shane had been injured in an accident just before leaving for the show. But Shane could count on Rikki to be balanced and a steady!"



(Top) "Rikki" and Diane Howard take the blue ribbon; (Bottom) Shane Howard and Rikki performing a whip cracking breed demo.

first horse to be buried on the farm. He is missed by his pasture mate, Springcliff Grand Command, his people friends, and especially me.

Submitted by Judy Owens

Congratulations AMHA Morgan Open High-Point Award Winners!

The Morgan Open High-Point Award is sponsored by the American Morgan Horse Association and is available to open equestrian competitions around the country. Currently more than 150 events will be offering the award to competitors exhibiting with a registered Morgan.

Congratulations to **Wayne Tolbert** riding **Windstorm Sienna** (Funquest King Ofancy x Homestretch Brandie), who won high score honors riding in the Open Heavyweight division at the Spanish Trial Competitive Trail Ride held on March 13-14, at the Coldwater Recreation Area in Manson, Florida.

Gaye McCabe proudly accepted the high-score Morgan award at the United States Dressage Federation and Oregon Dressage Society's Adult Team Competition held April 4-5, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, Oregon. Gaye's Morgan **Ensbrook Trivanti** (Ensbrook Avanti x Triflik Reflection) competed against seven other Morgans in

attendance at the show.

In more Pacific Northwest Dressage competition Morgan **Starbucks Precisely Right** (Blacksaddle Starbuck x RDK's Dancin Uptown), owned by **Megan Jurasek**, took the high-score Morgan honors at the Spring Into Dressage Show held in Sherwood, Oregon, with a score of 61.666% at First Level. The show hosted a total of 71 horses with several Morgans in attendance.

In California, **Farceur's Wake Up Call** (Farceurs Falcon Morgan x Sky Ridge Kitty Wake), owned by **Megan Evans**, rose to the top scoring two Morgan awards in the Sacramento Horse Association's Fuzzy Furry Western and English Show Series held on March 15 and 22 in Sacramento, California.

Foxbrush Lief Erickson (Funquest Erick x Timberloft Mary Mead), owned by **Jon and Francine Arrington**, won the Morgan high-score award at the Florida Carriage and Horse Show held at the Florida Carriage Museum and Resort in Weirsdale, Florida, on February 20-23.



REMINDER TO ALL OPEN COMPETITORS

Each year, AMHA sponsors several awards that are distributed by other discipline organizations. In order to be eligible for these awards, you must abide by the following criteria: your horse must be shown under their registered Morgan name with the correct owner on file as well as having proof of registration with either AMHA, Canadian Morgan Horse Association, or the British Morgan Horse Society. Additionally, both the owner and rider must be AMHA members.

For more details and to learn what organizations AMHA is sponsoring awards for this year, please download the AMHA Sponsored Award Guidelines from the downloadable forms section of www.morganhorse.com and visits the calendar of events listings.

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AMHA Open Competition Program High-Point Updates

Congratulations to the early leaders in the 2009 Open Competition Program rankings! The results listed below are comprehensive of entries received as of June 8, 2009. Good luck competitors!

Combined Driving Event Single

RG Cowboys Black Cadillac, Donna Crookston
GJL High Anxiety, Suzan & Walter Sallstrom
Hotspur's Red Rowl, John Merritt/Karen Chandor
Canequin's Fort Knox, Elizabeth Gesler
Malvern's Firefly, Suzan & Walter Sallstrom
Canequin Reachforthestars, Elizabeth Gesler
Bobcat's Wonderful Tonite,

Catherine Labarre/Robert Armstrong
Rum Brook Immortal Vision, Colleen D'Alessandro
Ebony's Golden Blaze, Susan Kary

Carriage Pleasure Single

Sunny Acres Ebony Nite, Bernard & Lore Homer
Canequin's Fort Knox, Elizabeth Gesler
Cal Shining Star, Deborah Camplone
BPM Prairie Lily, Allen & Kristen Breyer
Ebony's Golden Blaze, Susan Kary
Hotspur's Red Rowl, John Merritt/Karen Chandor
LCS Ice Princess, Pat Gesler
GJL High Anxiety, Suzan & Walter Sallstrom
Bobcat's Wonderful Tonite,

Catherine Labarre/Robert Armstrong
Chicago Nickelodeon, Nancy Johnson Tobiasz

Eventing

Starbucks Precisely Right, Megan Jurasek
Ragtime Bojangles, Frances Luse

Canequins Leatherstocking, Nancy Johnson
Seraphim Heckyll And Jive,
Amy & Russell Tuckerman

Competitive Trail Riding & Driving Limited Distance

CAL Shining Star, Deborah Camplone
Canequins Leatherstocking, Nancy Johnson
LBF Hickory Smoke, Esther Fiddes
Canequin's Torchlight, Nancy Foster

Competitive Trail Riding & Driving Medium Distance

Windstorm Sienna, Wayne Tolbert

Endurance Trail Riding

Misty Sea Brilliance, Gail Thompson
Grandlee High And Mighty, Carole Jo Rench
CAL Shining Star, Deborah Camplone
Stone Pine Xena, Scott & Cindy Dulaney

Western Pleasure

HDEF Miss August, Sondjia Leigh Edwards
Lignite's Emrys, Claudia & Gary Shipshock
Moonmist Dustbuster, James Duchnowski
Triple S Dark Eagle, Miss Margaret Gardiner
Ka'nonnee Just A Jewel, Claudia & Gary Shipshock

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July 17-18, 2009

Beavercreek Combined Driving Event

Combined driving event
Beavercreek, OR
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July 18, 2009

Happ's Outdoor Trail Horse Challenge

Trail competition
Ethel, WA
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maureen@happs-inc.com

July 18-19, 2009

Challenge of the North

Competitive trail ride
Fairbanks, AK
Contact: Laurie Knuutila
(907) 378-9190
wildroseph@yahoo.com

July 18-19, 2009

Lorenzo Driving Competition

Carriage pleasure show
Cazenovia, NY
Contact: Molly Pew
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mollypew1@yahoo.com

July 18-19, 2009

Freedom Classic Open Horse Show

All breed open horse show
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July 19, 2009

Hunter/Jumper/Dressage Association Show II

Macomb, MI
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Trail

Smithfields Irish Angel, Melinda Cole
Aranaway Toranado, Ebony Acres
Wintergreen Treasure, Ann Taylor
Westfall Mike, Gina Marie Sist/Nadine Sist
Moonmist Dustbuster, James Duchnowski
PMB Justin Tyme, Patricia Marie Brown

Showmanship

Lignite's Emrys, Claudia & Gary Shipshock
Mair's Cruiser, Grace & Edith O'Brien
Smithfields Irish Angel, Melinda Cole
Triple S Dark Eagle, Miss Margaret Gardiner
Chicagos Nickelodeon, Nancy Johnson Tobiasz
HDEF Miss August, Sondjia Leigh Edwards
Lazy Creek Matinee Knight,
Claudia & Gary Shipshock

Pleasure Driving

LCS Ice Princess, Pat Gesler
Ebony's Golden Blaze, Susan Kary
Chicagos Nickelodeon, Nancy Johnson Tobiasz
Moonmist Dustbuster, James Duchnowski

In-Hand

Lignite's Emrys, Claudia & Gary Shipshock
Chicagos Nickelodeon, Nancy Johnson Tobiasz
Lazy Creek Matinee Knight,
Claudia & Gary Shipshock
Lucky Strike, Nancy Johnson Tobiasz
PMB Justin Tyme, Patricia Marie Brown
LCS Ice Princess, Pat Gesler
HDEF Miss August, Sondjia Leigh Edwards
Aliyahs Diamond, Nadine Paxton
BPM Prairie Lily, Allen & Kristen Breyer
NSP Diamond Sensation,
Nadine Scott-Paxton/Wyatt Paxton
Alves Diamond Grace,
Nadine Scott-Paxton/Wyatt Paxton
Mair's Cruiser, Grace & Edith O'Brien

Hunter/Jumper

Sea Cloud Charade, Kara Elizabeth Katona
SFX King's Braveheart, Kristin Betit
TRS Longfellow Saranade,
Julie & Margaret Pickering
Ragtime Bojangles, Frances Luse
Starbucks Precisely Right, Megan Jurasek
Lucky Strike, Nancy Johnson Tobiasz
Canequins Leatherstocking, Nancy Johnson
Grandlee High And Mighty, Carole Jo Rench

General Open Show

Westfall Mike, Gina Marie Sist/Nadine Sist
Love-L Texas Tornado,
Brittany Scott & Denise Schneider
EMR Jupiter, Kimberley Caruso
Starbucks Precisely Right, Megan Jurasek
PMB Meadows Spring Delight,
Patricia Marie Brown
Smithfields Irish Angel, Melinda Cole
Canequins Leatherstocking, Nancy Johnson
Mair's Cruiser, Grace & Edith O'Brien

Equitation

Sea Cloud Charade, Kara Elizabeth Katona
TRS Longfellow Saranade,
Julie & Margaret Pickering
Smithfields Irish Angel, Melinda Cole
Mair's Cruiser, Grace & Edith O'Brien
SFX King's Braveheart, Kristin Betit
HDEF Miss August, Sondjia Leigh Edwards
Lignite's Emrys, Claudia & Gary Shipshock
Triple S Dark Eagle, Miss Margaret Gardiner
PMB Meadows Spring Delight,
Patricia Marie Brown
Barr's Lucky Lady, Allen & Kristen Breyer
Ka'nonnee Just A Jewel, Claudia & Gary Shipshock
Moonmist Dustbuster, James Duchnowski

English Pleasure

Mair's Cruiser, Grace & Edith O'Brien
Smithfields Irish Angel, Melinda Cole
Lucky Strike, Nancy Johnson Tobiasz
Triple S Dark Eagle, Miss Margaret Gardiner
Lacy's High Fashion Magic, Louise West Fraser
Alves Diamond Grace,
Nadine Scott-Paxton/Wyatt Paxton
Ka'nonnee Just A Jewel, Claudia & Gary Shipshock
PMB Meadows Spring Delight,
Patricia Marie Brown
Chicagos Nickelodeon, Nancy Johnson Tobiasz
Lignite's Emrys, Claudia & Gary Shipshock

Working Western (Recognized Event Division)

Disco Fever, Cindy Nord
Disco Patricia, Ellen & Jo Palillo

Working Western (Unrecognized Event Division)

Westfall Mike, Gina Marie Sist/Nadine Sist

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