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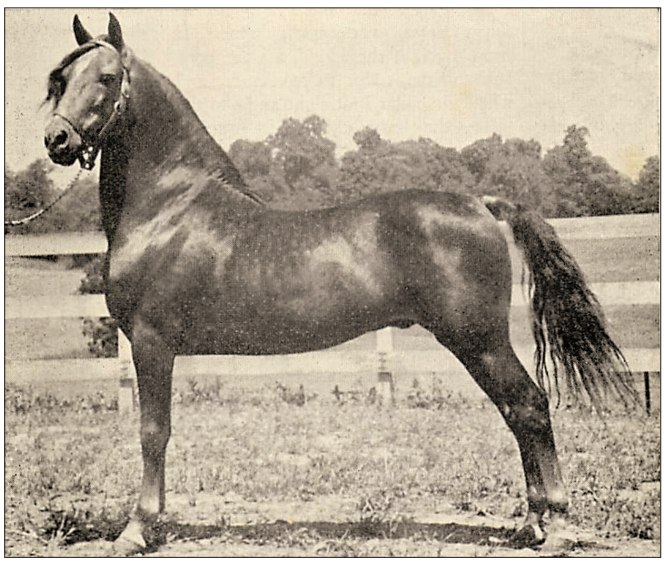

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(Captor 7789 x Roz 05923)

Chestnut, star and snip, 14.3h, clean-boned and dense-hoofed, with a good laid-back shoulder & credible neck.
Foaled: April 21, 1941, Crabapple Valley Farm, Massillon, Ohio.
Eight generation coefficient of inbreeding: 7.43808746337891.
Bred by: Merle D. Evans.
Sold to: June 13, 1957, Herman J. Speck, Hinckley, Ohio; June 28, 1960, Marvin S. Freeman, Cleveland, Ohio; October 14, 1962, Don Bosco Center for Boys, Litchfield, Ohio; December 3, 1962, William L. Robison, Ida, Michigan; February 23, 1963, John R. Boswell, Strongsville, Ohio; May 8, 1966, Claggett & Janet Mills, Tallmadge, Ohio.
Registered Morgan progeny: 106, 33 stallions, 52 mares, 21 geldings.
Died: 1968, Tallmadge, Ohio.

Left: *O C R.* **Below, left to right:** *Tas-Tee's Firefly; Wil-O-Mor Spitfire.*

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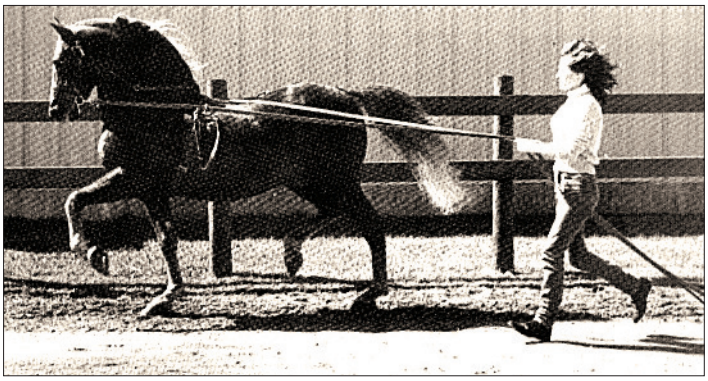

Two theories exist about the origin of O C R's name: one holds that it stands for "Ohio Captor Roz" (honoring his birthplace and parents); the other, as reported by Peggy J. Pittinger in *The Morgan Horse*, March 1967, that he bears the initials of Dr. O. C. Ricksecker, previous owner of Merle Evans' Crabapple Valley Farm and a close personal friend. Like his three-quarter brother-in-blood, Fleetwing 8884, O C R carried multiple Saddlebred crosses (five to Harrison Chief [four in seven generations]), but he also had seven crosses to Ethan Allen 2nd in seven generations. He was 100% old government breeding.

Foaled at the beginning of World War II, in Ohio, a state not known then for Morgans—a state he never left—O C R yet made his mark on the breed. The first ten years of his breeding career were spent on his home farm, siring horses for the Devan Stud. Almost all of his daughters, out of Hawk Jim daughters, were retained by Devan. When his broodmare band filled with O C R daughters, Mr. Evans sold the 16-year-old stallion to Herman Speck, to be senior sire at Tas-Tee Farm in Hinkley, Ohio, for the three years preceding Speck's death and the Tas-Tee dispersal. Still later, O C R stood at Willow Moor Farm in Strongsville for three years. He left 106 outstanding descendents: 54 colts and 52 mares. Almost all his foals possessed the OCR head–"great width between the eyes which are unusually large and prominently set, distinctly chiseled facial plates tapering to large, full nostrils which are capable of great dilation. Even in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generation the breedy looking head [was] evident"—P.J. Pittinger, 3/67 *TMH*. Again like Fleetwing, his most productive later crosses were on Brunk-bred mares. Although about half of his offspring (45) bore the Devan prefix, his most influential sons were Tas-Tee's Firefly (1958, out of the Brunk-bred Gayla) and Wil-O-Mor Spitfire (1965, out of the Brunk-bred Kaki Bon). "O C R was first of all a quality horse, second of all one that knew what knees and hocks were meant to do"—Mabel Owen, *TMH*, October 1991. ■