



# HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

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We hope you enjoyed the first issue of Heritage Highlights sent out this past fall. Please feel free to share it with your friends and add them to our emailing list. We are excited about our new venture and encourage feedback.

We welcome your stories about what you do with your Heritage Horse.

In 2006 we had a number of applications from coast to coast for Heritage status. We will be listing these horses, as well as Heritage Horses that were sold this year, in this newsletter as well as future newsletters.

We are now offering advertising in future Heritage Highlights at reasonable prices. So if you have horses to sell, or anything horse related you want to advertise, just let us know.

In this issue, since we're making our way toward spring (we hope), we are focusing on the Heritage stallions that belong to both our founders, as well as Certified stallions. Sit back, relax, and enjoy.

## **NEWSFLASH!!!**

The Heritage Society is still taking orders for the 2007 Heritage calendars. The price for the full color calendar is \$13.00 and includes shipping to the US. Postage for International sales will be extra. This year's calendar features some of the newly certified Heritage Horses from 2006. Don't miss ordering your calendar; they make great gifts for those hard to buy for people on your shopping list.

## **“Spirit Has a New Home” By: Sandra van den Hof**

Last spring we were asked to offer Boomtown's Lucky Strike (aka Spirit) a home; we didn't hesitate and hauled her from France to Belgium.

Despite the rough start of Spirit and me, we did grow towards each other and evolved into a great team. The training and dedication resulted into a partnership that overwhelmed me. During the summertime, Spirit changed from a rebel into a very cooperative mare, always willing to give her best for me. We gave demonstrations promoting the breed in Belgium, followed the Centered Riding training together. Spirit became the favorite riding lesson horse for both teacher and students and was a reliable partner during workshops and introduction days. On unexpected moments Spirit could hold me a mirror and pointed me on my weaknesses. She taught me a lot and I am grateful for the time she was at our farm.

Later we had to come to the conclusion we underestimated the amount of work to keep 5 adult horses and 3 foals, especially when our yearling stud colt, Ravi came home from the bachelor herd and needed intensive medical care.

Despite the wonderful time I had with Spirit, we could not keep 5 adult horses. I offered her to one of my riding students who immediately accepted. Meanwhile, Spirit moved to her new owner Marc VandeCruys. Both are enjoying themselves and have a great time making long trail rides. We wish Marc a wonderful time with this special mare.



Spirit with her new owner, Mark VandeCruys



Sandra van den Hof working with a student on board Spirit

## HERITAGE STALLIONS

**Go Boy's Windwalker**, owned by Nya & Rocky Bates, Melba, Idaho.

### Website:

[www.frameit.biz/walk%20The%20Wind%20Farm/index](http://www.frameit.biz/walk%20The%20Wind%20Farm/index)

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Go Boy's Windwalker, affectionately known as "Larry", was the Brass Ring Weanling Champion, then went on to become the Yearling and Two Year Old National Plantation Walking Horse Association Halter Champion, Two Year Old Pacific Coast Yearling, Two Year Old Halter colt, Two Year Old Plantation Horse Under Saddle, the NPWHA Model Champion, as well as many NPWHA Halter and Model champions as a three year old. He won the Three Year Old Plantation Championship and was also the NPWHA High Point Plantation Champion, as well as Reserve Western Champion.

Larry was retired from the show ring as a four year old and has been a pleasure horse since 1987. As a pleasure horse, he has been a wonderful ambassador for the Walking Horse breed in open breed exhibitions in California, Oregon, and Idaho, used in driving, herding cattle and buffalo, parades, clinics, and endurance riding. His quiet manner, calm disposition, gait, and beauty have brought many horsemen to appreciate and become involved in the natural shod Tennessee Walking Horse as a breed. He alone has successfully introduced this breed, sold more Tennessee Walking Horses, brought in more training and breedings than any published advertising could have done.

Even at age 24, he is still being used for trail, pleasure, being a companion horse for horses in training as he is calm, fearless, and will patiently stand all day in a river or beside an obstacle until the young horse can accept and manage the task.

Go Boy's Windwalker carries the bloodlines, disposition, gait, tractability, soundness, and mind the Tennessee Walking Horse has been bred for. He carries no Midnight Sun and traces back to such great horses as Merry Boy, Brown Allen, Society Man, and crosses wonderfully to all Midnight Sun bred mares. He squares up the pacier and adds bone to the more refined modern Walking Horse.



**Go Boy's Windwalker**



**Windwalker at one of his shows**



**"Larry" at age 19**

**Remembrance's Bonfire**, owned by Barb Christensen, Blackfoot, Idaho

Website: <http://www.starlightwalkers.com/index>

We live in an area of vast differences – from desert to bogs, mountains to riverbeds and lakes, or never ending meadows surrounded by trees. Idaho is unique and unusual, especially if you ride horses. Horses in Idaho have typically been a means to an end, a working horse, whether it is for hunting, pushing cattle up a mountain, or trail riding.

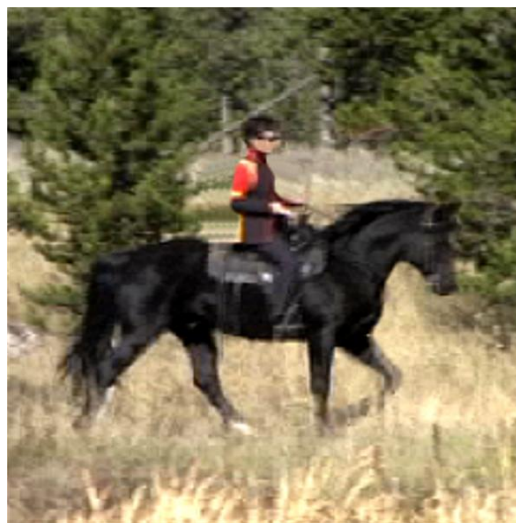
We have had gaited horses for 20 years and have been breeding Walkers for 16 years. We got involved with gaited horses because my body couldn't take the jolt delivered by a Quarter Horse at every step. I found a beautiful foundation type Walking Horse mare for me. Chris, being the western cowboy type, thought the squarer gait of the Foxtrotter was more like the Quarter Horse and would be more surefooted in the mountains. Most of the cowboys thought that without the muscle of the Quarter Horse, there is no way a Walker could make to the top of the mountain without wearing out. We were always waiting at the top for them to show up. In the end, our trail riding friends either left us or bought a gaited horse.

Chris's hobby is training young horses and buying two year olds to train was costly so I decided to start breeding my mare. I wanted to do it right so the quest for natural Walkers began. What a job! It seemed almost impossible to find studs that were throwing natural Walkers! There were "none" in the West that I could find. We began shipping semen from those that we could. We raised some very natural walking horse mares for our brood string. Our goal has been to get foals that walk naturally the first time under saddle, no training the gait in. Now with Bonfire as our top stallion, we have the ultimate babies on the ground.

Bonfire is the stud I've been looking for to consistently produce what I believed the Walking Horse was meant to be. He has the calm, easy-going temperament of a gelding and lives harmoniously in the pasture with another stud and a few geldings. He is king, sweet, and a joy to be around. Regardless of the terrain, his gait is extremely smooth and precise with speed. Canter is even, smooth, high lifting and easy. He is easy to handle whether it's on the ground, in the saddle, or breeding. His babies have come out walking at a few hours old. In our second year of breeding him, what we see in his foals is that he has passed on his wonderful temperament and a smooth natural gait. There is no need to "train it in", it's in their blood!



**Remembrance's Bonfire**



**Barb on board Bonfire at Harriman Park**



**Bonfire entertaining the kids**

**Society's Dan Allen**, owned by Billy Taylor, Winchester, Tennessee

Website: [www.confederatehillsfarm.50megs.com](http://www.confederatehillsfarm.50megs.com)

Franklin County, Tennessee, on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau, was home to a number of flatshod show champions in the mid-twentieth century. One of these was the dark chestnut Celebration Junior Champion Society Man, who retired from the show ring to stand at stud in Franklin County.

One of the local breeders who brought mares to the court of Society Man was Dan Taylor, who had purchased two sabino mares in the late fifties. Decades later, Billy Taylor, Dan's older son, returned to his roots in agricultural Franklin County and decided to raise good using, sensible, running walk gaited horses. He started with a mare his dad had kept, bred her to Red Bud's Rascal, then took her and later her daughters to the courts of old bloodline stallions which had been with their owners for several equine generations. In the early nineties, Billy discovered through a friend that a stallion bred by his father was still intact and capable of serving mares. That stallion was named Paige's Echo. In 1993, Billy took two mares, the Old Bud mare and her daughter by Mark's Crackerjack, to be bred to Echo. Both mares foaled lit up sabino colts. Billy named the pair Society's Dan Allen and Society's Lee Allen, after his dad and grandfather. He decided to keep the colt from the Old Bud mare, named Dan Allen, as a future stallion prospect.

The ten plus years since that decision have proved it was a wise one. Dan Allen foals possess their sire's laid back attitude, intelligence, and natural walking ability. They have good conformation, strong bone, and often an appealing sabino pattern. A daughter of Dan Allen, Echo's Bon Bon, was recently the first Walking Horse imported into Italy.

Society's Dan Allen is one of the few stallions in the nation who will carry his foals back to Wilson's Allen on the top line of the pedigree without using Midnight Sun.



**Society's Dan Allen**



**Billy Taylor with Dan Allen**



**Dan Allen pictured as a two year old**



**Dan Allen colt pictured with his dam, fall 2005**

**Remember Prayer Warrior**, owned by Carol Warwick, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Website: <http://www.goldenwestwalkers.com/>

Hidden out in a remote corner of Colorado until a chance discovery through a friend, Remember Prayer Warrior, the palomino grandson of Midnight Sun, has had, and continues to lead an interesting life. He was bred by McAllen Finley and Arlene Pralle, and foaled in the spring of 1997. His dam is Chance's White Gold, a granddaughter of John A's Chance. His sire is Sun's Remembrance, the last son of the great Midnight Sun. This puts 18 horses from the 1940's and earlier on his papers, including two foundation (F) horses. With lines to Midnight Sun, and therefore, Wilson's Allen and Roan Allen on the top, and Merry Boy and Merry Legs to those same foundation horses on the bottom, he truly represents some of the last close-up links to the old greats.

Raised in Florida, he was moved to the mountains of Colorado as a two year old and basically put out to pasture for the next six years of his life. He was "rediscovered" during a herd dispersal, and purchased mainly on the strength of his papers. As he had not been started under saddle, he was put with a colt starter, and then in the spring of 2006, placed with a gaited trainer. Not much gait training was necessary as it came naturally to him and it became clear that what was needed was show training so he could get out there and show them what he had! And he surely did! Though he was quite excited, he settled into this new environment and got blues and reds at his first show. This pattern continued throughout the year, culminating with the Champion English Pleasure 3-Gait, and Reserve Champion English Trail Pleasure 2-Gait at the Colorado State Fair in August 2006. Not bad at all for a horse whom a few years earlier had been a breeding stallion and had not even been ridden!

Warrior is a 15.3 hand, striking palomino with a beautiful long silvery mane and tail. He has tremendous bone and feel as befitting an "old-time" Walking Horse. He has a wonderful natural flatwalk, running walk, and a SUPERB rocking-chair canter and he can do it ALL barefoot. His foals inherit those natural gaits and his beautiful head, proving that the Heritage breeding carries forward. It's truly wonderful to look out in the field and see the ghosts of the past come to life!



**Remember Prayer Warrior with his trainer**



**Warrior at the Colorado State Fair, 2006**



**Colorado State Fair August 2006**

**Sun's Smokey Midnight**, owned by Danny Taylor, Winchester, Tennessee

Website: [www.elkriverfarm.50megs.com](http://www.elkriverfarm.50megs.com)

The Faulkner Brothers of Lincoln County in southern Middle Tennessee were among the early breeders to register their stock with the TWHBAA. Son and nephew Jab Faulkner helped with the horses as a youngster and continued the family tradition of excellent using Walking Horses and quality jack stock when he grew up. After many years, however, he and his wife decided to retire from horse breeding in the early nineties. One of the area breeders eager to purchase Jab's proven family bloodlines was Danny Taylor.

Danny took one of the Jab Faulkner mares named Lucy Sue's Angel to the court of the old Midnight Sun stallion, Sun's Midnight Mark. Mark stood in Readyville, Tennessee, at the farm of his breeder and lifetime owner, Horton Elrod. The foal that arrived in the spring of 1993 inherited the black coat of his sire but his dam's sabino markings, passed down over the generations from the first of the Faulkner mares. He was a large colt, quiet and friendly.

Sun's Smokey Midnight grew up in the hills of Franklin County. He was started under saddle, where he displayed very correct walking gaits without the irritating paciness bred into many of the more modern show lines. Danny made the decision to retain him as the herd sire for Elk River Farm. Time has proven this to be a wise decision, as Smokey has proven to be not only a sire of fine riding and flatshod show stock, but a sire of stallions as well. His pedigree offers the popular "royal cross" of a Midnight Sun stallion with a Merry Boy bred mare, while also featuring the older Wilson's Allen lines developed by the Faulkner Brothers on the bottom of his dam's pedigree.



**Sun's Smokey Midnight**



**Sun's Smokin' Midnight, one of Smokey's colts, now stands at stud in South Carolina**



**Danny riding Smokey, Fall 200**

**Slush Creeks Jubal S**, owned by Mark & Shellie Pacovsky, Bainville, Montana

Website: [www.nemontel.net/~pacovsky/](http://www.nemontel.net/~pacovsky/)

Slush Creek Walkers is located in the Northeast corner of Montana and has been breeding for good using horses for over 15 years. At the foundation of our breeding program is Slush Creeks Jubal S. We have owned Jubal since he was a yearling. He was the last stallion to come off the Calvin Miller Double Diamond Ranch. A few years after we purchased Jubal to be our stallion, Calvin's son Wade contacted us. Calvin had passed away and Wade wanted his father's lines to continue. A bargain was struck and the last eight mares from the Double Diamond came to Slush Creek Walkers.

This is the West and there are still signs of the "old west" here today. There are teepee rings on the hill over looking a natural spring that is now used to water the cattle and horses. They are the remnants of an Indian village from long ago and we still find buffalo bones in the coulees. Wildlife is abundant here: ground squirrels, badgers, deer, coyotes, pheasant, muskrat and beaver are still common to the area.

Here on our ranch, our horses are not only for pleasure or showing but also for many tasks. Calves are roped for branding or treating a sick calf in pastures that are often 150 to 300 acres in size. If you can rope the calf and treat it in the pasture you won't have to trail the whole herd the three miles back to the corrals. Cows during calving time are checked every couple of hours, 24 hours a day, often the horse you use that day is saddled in the morning and used all day long. The cattle are more accepting of a man on horseback than on ATV or pick up, still, once in a while an over protective momma or an amorous bull needs to be roped or avoided. Either way, you need a horse that is calm, same, and willing to do what is asked of him because you life may depend on it!

The horses are used to trail the cows to and from the summer pasture or from one pasture to another. For this job you want a quiet mount so your herd stays together and your cows and calves stay paired up. You may be riding the rolling plains or the Badlands and breaks along the Missouri River. The rough ground, steep slopes, trees, washouts, and holes require your horse to use his head and be sure footed. Our horses are exposed to the elements, terrain, and wildlife from birth, seldom seeing a barn or box stall giving them experiences that will help them to be a reliable mount.

Though the horses are used for much of the day-to-day work on the ranch, we do use them for fun, too. There is the O-Mok-See, the Native word for games on horseback. These games include pole bending, flag races, keyhole race, barrel race, cowhide race, and cow penning. 4-H and FFA projects teach our youth horsemanship and the responsibilities of feeding, grooming, and general care of a horse. There is plenty of space for trail/pleasure riding and mountains for big game hunting.

Over the years we have found that Jubal possesses the qualities we think are so important to a good "using" horse. He has size and substantial bone so he is big enough for the heavier work involved with ranching but not too big so as not to be athletic. Jubal is gentle, calm, willing to learn and to trust. He has a good mind and a natural running walk that eats up the ground in these wide-open spaces! Jubal passes on his abilities to his foals making them a joy to work with and own. Jubal's offspring not only participate in, but also excel in all these activities associated with "the old west"!



**Mark & Jubal checking the cattle**



**Jubal, the Gentle Giant, entertains the Grandkids**



**Slush Creeks Jubal S**

**NFF Wilson's Society King**, owned by Diane Szczepanski, Whitehall, Wisconsin

Website: [www.northernfoundationsfarm.50megs.com](http://www.northernfoundationsfarm.50megs.com)

In the mid-eighties, lite shod classes were added to show bills in an effort to offer classes for pleasure horses with normal shoeing. One show ring competitor who entered these classes in Middle Tennessee was foundation breeder, Rick Williams. In 1985, a bright red two year old stallion joined his sire, King Pin, in making a bright splash in lite shod classes. A flashy and attractive young horse, Williams King took the 1986 Strolling Jim Classic by storm, competing as a three year old against older seasoned horses and placing well each time. A change in his owner's private life resulted in the stallion and an old bloodline mare moving to the Midwest.

In 2001, Danny Taylor leased his black sabino junior stallion to Northern Foundations Farm. As a junior stallion, Echo's Star Gray Wilson did not draw as much attention as the farm's herd sire. In the frozen northlands, however, Star Gray blazed brightly as a brilliant new star on the Midwest show scene. Tragedy struck, however, at the end of his only show season when a virulent infection ended his breeding career.

With only two stallion foals from the 2004 foaling season left on the farm, Northern Foundations Farm selected NFF Wilson's Society King, out of a daughter by Williams King, as the stallion to carry on the Society Man tradition kept alive by the Paige's Echo sons. King proved successful in hand during the 2005 season and when he started under saddle in 2005, won several impressive ribbons including MWA Futurity Get of Sire, MWA Futurity Two Year Old Reserve Champion, Lite Shod Novice Horse 2 Gait. In his two show seasons, King has consistently placed first and second place, sometimes alongside horses with a little more age and experience than he has.

King has a wonderful disposition, very sweet and respectful toward humans. He has been a joy to watch in the show ring as he performs an evenly timed up running walk, shaking his head and sending that blonde mane flying. There is nothing that looks like him in the Minnesota show ring, so he does grab everyone's attention, including the judges, and he loves every minute of it. King is a true peacock, he loves to play to the audience and he loves to be noticed. He is every bit a Heritage Horse and his heritage shines through in his usability as a show horse and stallion. The Heritage Horses really can do it all!

The blending of the Echo bloodline with the Williams King bloodline is a winning combination. We are looking forward to King's first foals to be born in 2007. Also in 2007, Northern Foundations Farm is offering the services of this exciting young sire for the first time to the public.



**Dena Plendl and King at the 2006 Southern Minnesota Classic**



**Ashley Fronnes showing King in the Trail Class (in hand) for ages two and under.**



**Dena & King competing in the All Breed Halter/Conformation class**

**Buds Sterling Bullet**, owned by Leon Oliver, Cornersville, Tennessee

Website: [www.brownshoproadfarms.50megs.com](http://www.brownshoproadfarms.50megs.com)

Few families involved with Tennessee's plantation horse in the years before the organization of the TWHBAA are still active Tennessee Walking Horse breeders, and fewer still are using the same bloodlines that they developed before 1935. The Oliver family of Cornersville, Tennessee, is one of those families. In Buds Sterling Bullet, Leon Oliver now stands the fourth generation in an unbroken line tracing back to his grandfather R.H. Clark's purchase of a two year old stallion by Major Allen and out of a Roan Allen daughter in 1923.

Buds Sterling Bullet is a striking grey 1988 stallion which, like his grandsire Red Bud's Rascal, his Old Bud's sire, Red Bud Allen, and Red Bud's sire Clark's Red Allen, is broke to ride and drive and is a true usin' Tennessee Walking Horse. Started under saddle at two and trained to obey both voice commands at liberty and rider's commands under saddle, Bullet served his first court of six mares at age three. Five of the six foals were grey and all six proved solid riding mounts. This began what has now become a tradition of striking grey trail and field trial geldings sired by Buds Sterling Bullet that are found in all areas of the United States. Mares by Bullet have proven to be solid producers and are found around the country as well as in Canada and Europe. Once described as Boroque Horse by the sound horse newspaper, Steppin' Out, Bullet stamps his foals with his strong build and excellent tail carriage. Bullet foals have smooth gaits to suit any rider, and one son, Bullet's Surefire Shaker, is a TWHBEA Supreme Versatility champion.

Owner/breeder Leon Oliver is always proud to show off his stallion. Bullet stands at Brown Shop Road Farms where the welcome mat is always out for those who want to talk TWH history and discuss good horses.



**Bullet relaxing under his favorite shade tree**



**Bullet & one of Leon's Jacks in the Mule Day Parade, Columbia, Tennessee**



**Leon doin' business while riding**



**Mary Beth Pruett showing Bullet's Surefire Shaker, son of Buds Sterling Bullet. Mary Beth and her Bullet horse earned the TWHBEA Supreme Versatility Champion title**



**Mary Beth and "Bullet" winning a blue at one of the shows they attended**

## News & Congratulations

**Congratulations to the newly Certified Heritage Horses! There are currently 59 certified horses and 48 horses in various unfinished stages of certification. We're waiting for videos on most.**

Ace's Sweet Bullet, Mare, owned by Gwen Moberly, Russellville, Kentucky

Star's Lady Chocolate, Mare, owned by Diane Bromenschenkel, Nampa, Idaho,  
Website: [www.windshadowfarm.com](http://www.windshadowfarm.com)

Remember Prayer Warrior, Stallion, owned by Carol Warwick, Colorado Springs, Colorado,  
Website: [www.goldenwestwalkers.com](http://www.goldenwestwalkers.com)

### **Congratulations to buyers of Heritage Horses!!**

NFF Melanie Wilson, Mare, purchased by Deb Rash, Chino, California

Miranda Taylor, Mare, purchased by Neil Earl, Bloomington, Indiana

Rosella Chance, Mare, purchased by Diane Sczepanski, Whitehall, WI

NFF Chances Gold Windwalker, Stallion, Sale Pending to Mary Ann Funk, Casey, Illinois

### **Heritage Outcrosses Sold**

Bud's Lady Ann, Mare, sold to Robin Conway, West Des Moines, Iowa

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