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From the Editor As your editor, I ask that you send me photos and anything else that you would like to see in the newsletter. I am more than happy to use anything you want in the newsletter, as it is YOUR newsletter. If you want to continue to have an informative newsletter, I need material from the membership. You can send them to me directly at briarpatcheast@aol.com by the 20th of each month. Kris Breyer From the Webmaster: Please submit items for web page. Include pictures of all our

members. Please send names of driver, passengers, horse(s), and description of what you are doing, and where.

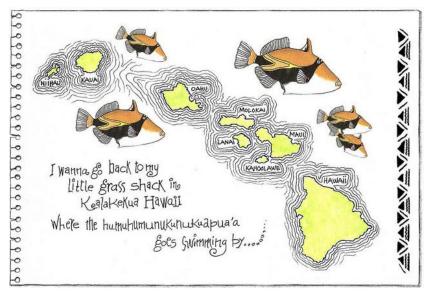
prez message: By the time you read this, I will have left the cold and snowy

Midwest for the Big Island of Hawaii! Between the snorkeling and the luaus, I have also found an opportunity to ride AND drive and will tell you all about it (with pictures!) when we get back. For now though, please accept my apologies for having sand on the brain at the

January annual meeting. It was pointed out to me afterwards that we didn't accomplish the most important thing: electing officers! That will be the first item of business when I return but right now a volcano, beach, and waterfall wait! Aloha!

PS We haven't seen the state fish yet-humuhumunukunukuapua'a--but we're still looking :)





January 4, 2015 HUB Club Meeting Minutes

Jimmy's Charhouse, Elgin, IL

Meeting called to order 1:00pm by President Lydia Gray

Those present: Lydia Gray, Kathy Bryan, Ann McCombs, Kelly Chuman, Sue West, Carolyn and Larry Sluiter, Kris and Al Breyer, MaryAnn Carter, Leslye and Jim Sandburg, Theresa Adams and friend Walter, Linda Castle, Emily Berendt, Rosalie Taylor, Linda Fidler, Linda and Wolfgang Fraunhofer, Lonnie and Reiner Schuetz, Judy Dowling, Helen and Jim Feuerborn, Janet Molzahn, Terri Delke, Kim Schulte and Linda Holzrichter

We went around the room and introduced ourselves

Minutes from previous meeting accepted

Treasurers Report: \$5147.00 before meeting

Newsletter Editor: Please send items for newsletter by the 20th of the month

Facebook, Website manager: we have more followers on Facebook than members, web page is nearly completed with updates

Librarian: Leslye says check out our new additions, you can use a dropbox from a link in the newsletter to check out materials and a return envelope will be sent with that item

Old Business: Equipment storage in our trailer stored at FVSA site in Hampshire, Sue West provided keys to Kelly Chuman, Lydia Gray and kept a set for the trailer and a hitch lock, we have permission to leave the trailer on the FVSA grounds, FVSA wants HUB Club to provide proof of insurance on trailer and its contents, we discussed having our logo or other ID markings put on the trailer, Theresa Adams offered to check into doing that, possibly our name and website

HUB Club Logo will be made available to members for their use, we need to have it made in a high resolution format, MaryAnn says that Tammy Carlo may be able to do this; Ann gave the disc with logo in jpeg format to MaryAnn to work on

Membership Committee (Kelly and Mike Chuman, Nancy Baker): Lydia asked if this committee would actually go out and solicit members, Lydia will email Nancy to discuss further; those who attend clinics must be members for **insurance reasons**

Sponsorship Committee (Rosalie Taylor, Linda Fidler, Lydia Gray): Last year we sponsored \$500.00 worth of shows and classes, there was a motion to spend \$500.00 again this year proposed by Kelly Chuman, 2nd Al Breyer, so passed, the decision on how to distribute was sent to sponsorship committee

Event Committee: MaryAnn is organizer for the Sara Schmitt Clinic, she is currently taking applications and working out details, we will have a louder sound system this year

Judy Dowling reported on 2015 FVSA dates for pleasure shows: April 26, May 17, August 30 (with our Dirty Harness Day show on the 29), September 20, and October 4. All driving classes start at 1:00 pm, same classes as last year.

FVSA is asking for class sponsorships of \$150.00 this year. They suggested that HUB sponsor the cross country class. This is different from the previous \$100.00 donation to FVSA made last year. They offer these driving classes in response to requests, in part, from HUB members and ask not only for sponsorships but that everyone try to attend at least one of these shows this year to support their efforts and support local driving interest, they need and want our help

Dirty Harness Day: organizer Kris Breyer wants input from members on class selection; the Breyers have purchased new obstacles for the cross country course

Dairyland Driving Club is offering a Joe Yoder Clinic on Memorial Day at Hickory Knoll. They are also offering a carriage maintenance clinic Jan 11 and a harness maintenance clinic Feb 7

The Midwest Horse Fair April 17-19 will have Mickey Bowen as clinician this year, go on their website for details, drive or audit to support local driving

St. James Family Field Days will be May 23 this year, contact MaryAnn if you would like to drive or support this venue, they need people for set up the booth and driving demo as well as a few turnouts to demonstrate how to drive a cones class, you must commit to having your horse there from 9 to 5, lunch is provided

Notara Farm Driving Event is July 4-5

Skunk River CDE and Metamora CDE are both on June 26-28

Awards Programs: Lydia was disappointed in how few participated in the awards program this year. Members agreed that they still wanted to have them and they can remain unchanged. We will expand the Drive On Hours program to include the 10,000 hour level

The next meeting will be at Carolyn and Larry Sluiter's house Sunday March 15

The following meeting will be at the Sara Schmitt Clinic, May 2

FVSA has donated their facility to HUB for a couple of meetings this year Meeting adjourned 1:45 pm moved AI Breyer, 2nd Sue West Awards followed the meeting followed by conclusion of a silent auction

Thank you to Leslie Sandberg for donating necklaces to the Club. These are for sale at \$5 each; to be used for emergency contact information (tag purchased from elsewhere such as Petco). We sold 3 at the Brunch.

Treasury is \$7,303 - we made \$435 on the Silent Auction.

Please remember to send your 2015 Membership Dues to Sue West if you haven't already. Form is on the last page of this newsletter. If your information has not changed all she needs is a check. Thanks!

HIGH POINT PROGRAM For 2014

Pleasure Driving

A. Single Horse

Champion- Merriehill Angel Dust/Al Breyer 98 points Reserve Champion- Julius/ Sandra Nowicki 79 points

B. Single Pony/ VSE

Champion- Robin/ Ann Olujic 47 points Reserve Champion- Flower/Ann Olujic 31 points 3th- Hampton/ Ann Olujic 27 points

F. Amateur Exhibitor

Champion- Ann Olujic 115 points Reserve Champion- Al Breyer 98 points 3rd- Sandra Nowicki 79 points

Combined Driving

H. Preliminary level Champion- Newman/ Dr. Lydia Gray 28 points



Dr. Lydia Gray & Al Breyer

Drive On! 2014 Hours Driven Award 7000 Hours Driven Don Kalbantner

Distinguished Service Award

Kristen Breyer







A few shots at the brunch meeting





"Smack him good, before he sees his shadow!"

2015 DRIVING RELATED EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday March 15 meeting will be at Carolyn and Larry Sluiter's 4053 S. Springfield, Freeport,IL 61032 815-362-6002

Midwest Horse Fair 4/17-19 http://midwesthorsefair.com/

*FVSA OPEN SHOW April 26, 2015 Hampshire, IL. EIGHT DRIVING CLASSES. Driving starts at noon with driving

SARAH SCHMITT CLINIC (and Club Meeting at 12 pm on Saturday, the 2nd) May1-4, Rockton, IL. judge. <u>www.fvsa.org</u> (see show bill further on)

GAYLA BLUEGRASS CDE May 15 – 17, 2015, Gayla Driving Center, LLC. 3329 Cynthiana Rd, Georgetown, KY 40324

*MSMHC OPEN SHOW May 16, 2015 FVSA, Hampshire, IL Six Driving classes Kris Breyer briarpatcheast@aol.com

*FVSA OPEN SHOW May 17, 2015. EIGHT DRIVING CLASSES. Driving starts at 1pm with driving judge. www.fvsa.org

St James Farm Field Day, May 23 Winfield, IL

COLUMBUS HORSE AND CARRIAGE FESTIVAL June 20-21, 2015, Fireman's Park, Columbus, WI

*FVSA OPEN SHOW June 21, 2015 EIGHT DRIVING CLASSES. Driving starts at 1 pm with driving judge. <u>www.fvsa.org</u>

Carriage Association of America Carriage Festival June 26-28, 2015 Lexington, Kentucky, USEF Local Show information: info@caaonline.com or 859-231-0971

METAMORA CDE June 26 – 28, 2015, Windrush Farm, 4321 Barber Rd, Metamora, MI 48455

***SKUNK RIVER HDT** June 27 – 28, 2015, Midwest Driving Company, 17830 550th Ave, Ames, IA 50010

NOTARA FARM HDT July 4-5, 2015, 7732 River Road, Verona, WI

*HICKORY KNOLL CDE July 18-19, 2015, Frostwood Farm, 5438 Highway M, Fitchburg, WI 53575 frei@chorus.net

BUCKEYE OHIO CDE July 24-26, 2015, Windy Knoll Farm, 474 St. Rt. 58, Sullivan, OH

*EASTERN IOWA CARRIAGE GLOW August 1 – 2, 2015, 201 Central City Rd, Central City IA 52214 Laurie Renda 319-360-1078 <u>laurie@touchofglassinc.com</u>

DIRTY HARNESS DAY August 29, 2015 FVSA, Hampshire, IL. Precision ring classes, obstacle classes & cross country. (HUB Club meeting!) STAY FOR NEXT DAY!!! Kris Breyer briarpatcheast@aol.com

*FVSA OPEN SHOW August 30, 2015 EIGHT DRIVING CLASSES. Driving starts at 1 pm with driving judge. www.fvsa.org

INDIANA COMBINED DRIVING EVENT September 5-6, 2015, Edinburgh, IN

VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC September, 11-13, 2015, Prairie Du, Chien Wisconsin. For more information: info@carriageclassic.com or 608-326-4436

Hermitage Classic September 11-13, 2015, 10500 W. Highway 42, Goshen, Kentucky

*FVSA OPEN SHOW September 20, 2015 EIGHT DRIVING CLASSES. Driving starts at 1pm with driving judge. www.fvsa.org

Kentucky Classic CDE October 2-4, 2015, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

*FVSA OPEN SHOW October 4, 2015 EIGHT DRIVING CLASSES. Driving starts at 1 pm with driving judge. www.fvsa.org

National Drive October 6-10, 2015, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

* indicates a HUB Club sponsored show..PLEASE support them with your attendance!!!!

2015 ADS Approved Competitions in our area

GAYLA BLUEGRASS CDE & CT

When May 15 – 17, 2015 Where Gayla Driving Center, LLC. 3329 Cynthiana Rd, Georgetown, KY 40324

Description Division: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate Turnout: Singles, Pairs, Tandem (prelim only), Four-In-Hand Class: Pony, Horse Entries open:2/1/15 Entries close: 5/1/15 Organizer: Debbie Banfield, 502-542-0032, gayla3329@aol.com, www.gayladrivingcenter.org

Dairyland Driving Clinic - Joe Yoder

When May 29 – 31, 2015 Where Hickory Knoll Farm, Fitchburg, WI

Description Individual lessons for Dairyland members, if spots are still available they will be opened to non-members.

COLUMBUS HORSE AND CARRIAGE FESTIVAL

When Jun 20 – 21, 2015 Where Fireman's Park, Columbus, WI Description Divisions: Utility, Open, Novice Driver, Novice Horse/Pony, VSE, Small Pony, Large Pony, Horse Turnouts: Singles, Pairs, Multiples Classes: Reinsmanship, Working, Turnout, Scurry, Fault and Out, Reverse Psychology, Concour d'Elegance, Carriage Dog, Gentleman's Driving, Ladies' Driving, Scurry Challenge Entries open:5/15/15 Entries close:6/05/15 Organizer: Susan Koos Acker, 608-237-7382, skoosacker@gmail.com, http://www.columbuscarriagefestival.org/

METAMORA CDE XXXI

When Jun 26 – 28, 2015 Where Windrush Farm, 4321 Barber Rd, Metamora, MI 48455 Description Division: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Intermediate II Turnout: Singles, Pairs, Tandem, Four-In-Hand Class: Pony, Horse, VSE Entries open:5/1/15 Entries close:6/11/15 Organizer: Barbara Chapman 810-678-2500 adsbarb@hotmail.com http://www.metamoracarriagedriving.com

SKUNK RIVER HDT

When Jun 27 – 28, 2015 Where Midwest Driving Company, 17830 550th Ave, Ames, IA 50010 Description Division: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate Turnout: Singles, Pairs, Tandem, Four-In-Hand Class: VSE, Small Pony, Pony, Horse Entries open:5/1/15 Entries close:6/13/15 Organizer: Katy Rhinehart home 641-478-3285 or cell 641-485-7821 gkm104@heartoflowa.net <u>http://www.bitsiowa.org</u>

BUCKEYE CDE

When Jul 24 – 26, 2015 Where Windy Knoll Farms LLC, 474 Ohio 58, Sullivan, OH 44880, United States (Description Division: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate Turnout: Singles, Pairs Class: Pony, Horse, VSE Entries open:5/1/15 Entries close:7/10/15 Organizer: Dexter Millhoan, 330-464-2748 <u>dextermillhoan@gmail.com</u>

EASTERN IOWA CARRIAGE GLOW

When Aug 1 – 2, 2015 Where 201 Central City Rd, Central City IA 52214 Description Pleasure Show: Organizer: Laurie Renda 319-360-1078 <u>laurie@touchofglassinc.com</u>

INDIANA CDE

When Sep 5 – 6, 2015 Where Hoosier Horse Park, 7105 South Kern Street, Edinburgh, IN 46124, United States Description Divisions: Train, Prel. Inter. Organizer: Lynn Simpson <u>slyfork@gmail.com</u>

VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC

When Sep 11 – 13, 2015 Where Villa Louis, 521 N Villa Louis Rd, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821, United States (Description Divisions: TBD Turnout: TBD Classes: TBD Entries open: TBD Entries close: TBD Organizer: Contact - Mike Rider - info@carriageclassic.com www.carriageclassic.com; 608-326-4436



The HUB Club Presents The 2015 Spring Clinic with Sara Schmitt

Sara Schmitt has been very successful competing in combined driving, and was a member of the 2003, 2005, and 2009 USET World Championship Teams. At the 2003 FEI World Combined Driving Pony Championships in Austria, Sara and "High Country Doc" won 6th individual overall and helped the US team to a 6th place finish! At the 2005 Championships in England they finished 10th, and in 2009 the US Pony Team finished 4th overall. In the US, Sara won the 2005 National Combined Driving Champion – Advanced Single Pony with "High Country Doc" and the same title in 2007 with "Batman." She is an ADS "r" judge.

Sara is also a USEF "S" Dressage judge, as well as a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist with over 20 years experience riding dressage! A talented and sympathetic Dressage trainer experienced with many different breeds of horses, throughout her career she has trained with several Dressage icons and been influenced by Anne Gribbons, Uwe Steiner, Jan Ebeling, Lars Petersen, and Catherine Haddad-Staller.

--Sara will be available for 8-10 lessons per day on Saturday May 2nd and Sunday May 3rd. A few lessons may be scheduled on Friday afternoon May 1st and Monday morning May 4th if there is interest.

--She will provide individual, 45-minute lessons in driven or ridden dressage, for \$125 each, payable to The HUB Club.

--The clinic will be held at Theresa Adams' farm, which is located at 5170 Rockton Road, Rockton, IL 60172.

-- HUB Club members will be given preference for clinic lessons. Registration for the clinic opens January 1 for members and February 1 for non-members. Refunds for cancellations will only be given if the slot can be filled.

--Participants may clinic out of their trailer for a daily haul-in fee of \$15 or out of a stall for a daily stall fee of \$25. Bedding is not included and is NOT available for purchase on-site. Everyone is kindly asked to clean up after their horse when they leave whether hauling-in or using a stall.

--Lunch is included for paid clinic participants (and one groom) as well as paid auditors Saturday and Sunday.

--Anyone riding or driving must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM/SEI standards for equestrian use.

-- A negative Coggins test dated within one year of the event is required. Out-of-state horses must present a Veterinary Health Certificate dated within 30 days of clinic.

QUESTIONS?

Contact MaryAnn Carter for more information at <u>maryann-carter@live.com</u> or 847-769-5191.



The HUB Club Presents

The 2015 Spring Clinic with

Sara Schmitt

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WHAT TO MAIL:

- ___REGISTRATION FORM
- ___CHECK MADE OUT TO "The HUB Club"
- ___COPY OF YOUR HORSE'S CURRENT COGGINS FORM

WHERE TO MAIL:

MaryAnn Carter, 821 Winmoor Drive, Sleepy Hollow, IL 60118

QUESTIONS?

Contact MaryAnn Carter for more information at <u>maryann-carter@live.com</u> or 847-769-5191.

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MEMBER NEWS:

Welcome new members! Robert Mikos from Sycamore, IL <u>rwmikos@comcast.net</u>, Laura, Daniel, Isabella and Greta Kunze from Middleton WI. <u>kunziefamily@hotmail.com</u> and Mary Illing of Barrington, IL <u>mjilling@hotmail.com</u>

We (at Double L) are looking forward to showing at Fox Valley again next year. I hope that there will be the same driving classes again as we have a few more people interested in bringing their minis. We had a lot of fun this year. I've attached some pics of the new ones and the first 2 are for sale (leopard app and buckskin). Also some pics from the shows. Thanks, *Linda Lanzer* Double L Equestrian, Richmond, IL 815-546-7995







for proven driving pony at Indian Hills.Want to gain experience for shows? Zella is a 14year-old, stocky, 14-hand Morgan x Welsh Cob pony available to share board at Indian Hills Stables in Gilberts, IL. Fun, easy, no vices. She is a great trail pony as well and has given beginner lessons to small children. You can use my marathon carriage and road cart. This pony has won CDE's at preliminary, placed well in her first intermediate, and has done a couple of pleasure shows. She's suitable for CDE, pleasure shows, trail driving, and riding. I can help you, and we can work things out if you want to compete. She loves to work! \$225 monthly for share of board. Call Kandi 919-357-8068 or email<u>kkkline@yahoo.com</u>. Thanks, Kandi Kline

OR SALE: \$900 pony sized cart, and new neoprene harness. Kathy Soberg

815-943-2526 or 815-354-3365



sale: Easy entry cart and tack. Fits large pony or small horse. Includes



bridle with driving bit, extra $4 - \frac{1}{2}$ inch bit, harness, breeching with crupper, reins, pads, no-flat tires, extra singletree and sleigh runners.

Gently used condition. South Elgin location. Contact Margaret Lewis at <u>emmayell@yahoo.com</u> or 630-460-1163. \$500 OBO

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Foundation Morgan Mare. 5 yr old Chestnut. 14.1 H. Started with ground driving. I have started her under saddle. Very smart and very brave mare. Loads, stands for farrier, ties. Bought for my sister.....now she needs her own person! \$1200 Sheri Haviza

glacierfarm@yahoo.com 262-473-1142





Freiburger Carriage Works must make room for 2015 models.

Have demonstrators and slightly used marathons available

Jaguar: horse size, slightly used: \$7950 new: now \$6660, IRS, air ride, stainless package, all the bells and whistles.

Bobcat: large pony cob demonstrator: \$6950 new: now

\$ 5950, stainless steel package and brakes, fifth wheel driver control.

Tiger: large horse/warm blood, used 100 hours, new \$8736, now \$6750, four seats, four wheel brakes, fifth wheel control, etc.

Runabout, used but immaculate: Oak bodied pair for cobs or large ponies, made to fit Haflingers and Fjords \$5500 frei@chorus.net







The Jaguar

Buggy for parts or restore. No running gear but I do have an axle or two, minus the wheels. Free to whoever might want it. I can even deliver if it's not too far. Carl Gorra 630.699.9276 I am located in Warrenville, IL. cagorra@gmail.com



FOR SALE: Meadowbrook with 48 inch wheels. I used it for 15.2 hand horse. \$1200 or best offer.Located in Woodstock.

Call 815.861.096 Or email mankepatti@gmail.com Patti Manke







Sleigh for sale. Pony size. \$1200.00 Runners 54", 40" high, 39" wide, Shafts 63" Contact Kimberly Schulte 847-909-3086



FOR SALE: Russet leather Single Horse reins: lightly used, \$60

Country Carriages USA, Country cart, small pony/ mini sized. Used for Pleasure Shows & CDEs. Dark walnut stained wood, wool grey Bedford cord seat and black rain seat. Light weight approximately 175 pounds, two passenger cart with the best ride. A sliding, adjustable seat, spares box under the seat, flush hubs, flat rubber tires, chrome hardware, wood dash, whip socket, black leather shaft trim, good condition. New was \$2,600, **asking \$1,750.**





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This is the link to the updated Hub Club Library – out on Dropbox. For those unfamiliar, Dropbox is a free computer app. that allows files to be shared on the internet. Anyone clicking on this link will get the excel spreadsheet with the most updated library on it.

I would like to remind everyone that we now have a mail out and back program. If you want to check something out from the library you contact Leslye

Sandberg <u>Isandberg@permatron.com</u> and include your mailing address. The item will be mailed to you. We ask that you return the item in a timely manner in the

preaddressed envelope that will come with it. You will have to pay the return postage. In upcoming issues I will be showcasing some of the new additions. And again I ask for your suggestions for items to add to the library. Note that any horsey movies or videos you have that you no longer want or need, can be donated to the library as well.

HORSE

Best Practices For Feeding Horses In Winter

Finding the right diet for optimal health Nov 19, 2014 3:17 pm by Dr. Nerida Richards



Winter can be a tricky time of year for feeding horses, especially if you have older horses or horses that lose weight easily. Feeding the right diet during winter will help keep your horses healthy and in good body condition. Here are seven tips on how you can do it:

1. Prepare for Winter Early

Use late summer and autumn while the temperatures are still comfortable and the pasture and hay quality still high

to get your horse in good shape for winter. All horses during this period need to be fed a balanced diet (more on this soon)

to make sure they are generally healthy and their immune systems fully

You should also be looking to buy hay in summer as availability and quality



functional.

If your horse tends to lose weight over winter it can be fed a little more than normal during this time to get a bit of extra condition on them, so if they lose weight during winter they won't end up being too skinny.



are high but demand is lower meaning you will get a good quality product for less than you will pay in winter.

2. Feed plenty of forage

Forage (hay, chaff and pasture) provides your horse with many of the calories they will need to maintain weight during winter. Aside from that, forage will keep your horse warm in winter. During the digestion of forages in the horse's gut, bacteria ferment the fibrous portions. One of the 'by-products' of this fermentation is heat, and it is this heat that really helps a horse to stay warm during winter. Because of the 'warming' properties of forage, your horse will benefit more from an additional feed of hay than an extra feed of grain, pellets or sweetfeed in very wet, cold weather.



3. Condition score your horse regularly

Don't throw a rug on your horse in winter and leave it on for weeks on end without taking it off to check your horse's body condition (and of course that it doesn't have any injuries or sores that are covered by the rug). <u>Condition scoring involves looking at areas</u> on your horse's body such as the top of the neck, the wither, over the ribs and over the loin to assess the amount of body fat (which we call body condition) your horse

is carrying. At the very least, take your horse's rug off every week so you can check to see if your horse is losing, maintaining or gaining weight.

4. Adjust your horse's diet to control body weight

Because you will be condition scoring your horse regularly you will know if your horse is maintaining, gaining or losing weight. Depending on what you want your horse to be doing, you may need to adjust the diet to keep your horse at the bodyweight and condition you want.

If your horse is gaining unwanted weight, you will need to reduce or remove high energy feeds like grains, pellets, sweetfeeds or oils in the diet. If your horse is losing weight that you don't want him to lose, you may need to feed more calories in the diet. You can do this by:

• Feeding more hay and if you're not already doing so feeding some lucerne hay.

Adding high energy feeds to the diet like pellets, sweetfeeds, oil or high energy fibres like soybean hulls, copra meal or sugarbeet pulp. Use the best quality feeds you can afford and if using a sweetfeed look for one that contains either extruded or micronized grains as these are more digestible for horses.

5. Feed a balanced diet

An unbalanced diet doesn't meet your horse's requirements for each of energy, protein, vitamins and minerals so your horse won't be as healthy as he could or should be. Nutrient deficiencies can lead to:

- Weight loss
- Muscle wastage •
- Increased susceptibility to diseases like greasy heal and respiratory disease
- Dull, dry coat and skin •
- Brittle and slow growing hooves
- Suppressed immune systems



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Dr. Christoph von Horst – own work; http://www.plastinate.com

6. Beware of laminitis

For horses susceptible to laminitis (including overweight horses, horses with Cushing's Disease or those who have previously had laminitis) winter can be a danger period.

If your horse is at risk you should:

1. Restrict your horse's access to pasture to only the very early hours of the morning up until 11 am.

- 2. Feed low sugar hay and avoid hays made from ryegrass or cereals like oats or wheat.
- 3. Avoid all feeds with grain or grain by-products in them.

Beware: Most feeds that claim to be grain free are NOT. Read the label of all feeds carefully. If they contain anything like bran, pollard, millmix or millrun do not feed them to a horse prone to laminitis.

7. Add a little oil to the diet

A horse's coat can become dry and dull during winter. To help keep the coat and skin healthy, add 1/4 cup of oil to the diet. And Finally...Of course all the normal rules of good horse husbandry apply in winter. Feeding a well balanced diet in conjunction with good dental, hoof and veterinary care as well as a strict worming regime will help keep your horses in top shape over winter.



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The manure spreader was critical in helping McHenry County farmers keep their field fertile and productive. In the photo, which dates to about 1922, Marengo implement dealer John Arlington has received a shipment of new, horse-drawn machines. Today's farm implement dealers still proudly show off their machinery in much the same way. Curiously, in May 1921 Arlington died in an automobile accident as a passenger in a car driven by Oscar Sandman. The building (pictured at the far left) was the Marengo City Hall and firehouse built in 1909. Marengo's modern fire station kept the western portion of that building and expanded over the blacksmith and implement dealer shop sites. - The McHenry County Historical Society

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