

REGION 2

New York State Morgan Horse Society

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Membership in horse-related groups and organizations means many things to many people. For some, it is a chance to publicize their horses in a business venture, to learn important information related to the booming light horse industry or to socialize with fellow horse enthusiasts. For others, it is a way of meeting people with a common interest in horses, participating in various equine activities or simply "being where it's at" in regard to enjoying a horse. But for members of the New York State Morgan Horse Society there is definitely something for everyone.

There is a directory of Morgan horses and their owners, open membership meetings four times a year, an active and growing youth division, and high score awards for members who like to show their Morgans. The list goes on and on. But one of the most important benefits of membership in

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the NYSMHS is its wide variety of sponsored activities designed to promote the Morgan breed and provide enjoyment of this truly versatile horse.

This year's calendar of events seems to include everything imaginable when it comes to Morgans: clinics; state and district trail rides; open horse shows; dressage-driving clinics and demonstrations; Lyndhurst field day; sire stakes and futurity competition; cavalcades; Morgan weanling sale; NYSMHS International Morgan Show; youth events, and so on.

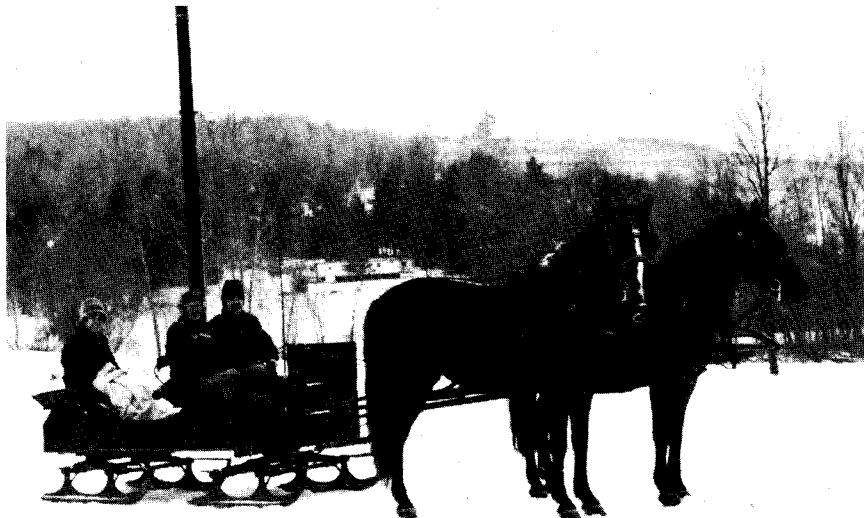
Participation is the key to success in any organization, and the New York

State Morgan Horse Society depends on its members for support.

Board, Open Meetings

Officers and directors of the NYSMHS spent a full day in Syracuse February 23 to firm up plans and programs for 1974. Among the items discussed were: the possible formation of a Cornell mounted police unit, financial outlook for the society, relationships with the New York State Fair horse show planners, Morgan field days and demonstrations, the Cooperstown weekend, promotion, plans for the directory publication, and many other topics. Results of the board meeting

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NEW YORK STATE Morgans were put to good use during the energy crisis this winter. Here two Morgan mares owned by Mary Arnold of Bath, N. Y., do the job as a team, providing needed transportation during a snowstorm. Pulling the sleigh are Sheherazade and Arnona Chloe L. Mary is driving, with passengers Walt and Barb Fullmer.

were discussed at the open membership meeting April 20 at the Belayre Ski Center in Pine Hill, N.Y.

Bits and Pieces

The energy crisis created some interesting side effects, including this one reported by Betty Burgess in Bath, New York — "With heating fuel in short supply, we called on our Morgan stallion to earn his keep this winter and help us out at the same time," she explained. "Meredith Billy Ash, our seven-year-old stallion by Lippitt Moro Ashmore out of Becky Twilight, has been pulling logs for our fire. Although he has pulled a cart, he had never really been put to work before. However, he

seemed to enjoy every minute of it."

Sales-Purchases: John Collins, from Topahill Farm in Horseheads, sold two mares to Loren Pelletier of Milford, N.H.: Sher A Lyn (Sherman L x Lippitt Lenora) and her daughter Topahill Georgy Girl (by Windcrest Galant). They were both sold in foal to Enterprise Don Juan (Corisor of Upwey x Green Meads Pippin) owned by Alan Matthews of Waverly, N. Y.

New members Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hunter of Roxbury, N.Y., recently purchased two yearling colts from the James' Catskill Morgan Farm in Delhi, N.Y. The youngsters are by Stillwater Senator out of full sisters Catskill Gay Judy and Catskill Gay Carole.

Show Notes: The NYSMHS eastern district will sponsor its second annual open show Saturday, May 18, at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Middletown, N.Y. The show will include open

model, English, equitation, western, hunters, jumpers and driving classes along with Morgan classes. Judges for the Class C show are Anne Somerville, Mary Jane Mitchell and Leo Lefave. Information and prize lists can be obtained from the show secretary, Mary Passenger of Springervale Farm, 65 Fostertown Road, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550.

Susan Friday of Gansevoort reports that Saratoga Springs will have two Class A shows with Morgan classes this summer. According to Susan, the first will be July 6 and 7 during a 10-day fair at the New York Racing Association grounds. The promoters are hoping to attract 25,000 persons a day by booking entertainers such as Glen Campbell and Bob Hope. Susan says classes in the Morgan division will include in-hand, pleasure and performance sections, with classes for amateurs and juniors. Each class will pay \$50, with two \$100 stakes. Eight ribbons will be awarded in each class.

The second show, Susan explains, will be the New York Palomino Exhibitors Association Show on September 12-14 at the Oklahoma Track in Saratoga. This show also has in-hand, pleasure and park divisions offering six ribbons in each class.

"In both cases the facilities are excellent," Susan says. "I would like to encourage all Morgan exhibitors to attend."

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