

MEMORIES OF 1960 SHOW

Two families that were in attendance at the 1st & 40th New York Morgan Horse Show were the Herricks and Knolls (Elliott). I asked them to jot down a few memories of that first show and I would like to share them with you now. Joan

Jeanne Mellin Herrick wrote: “ It was late in the afternoon when we pulled into the NY State Fair grounds in Syracuse After an almost four hour drive from Red Hook. As the six horse van pulled into the stable area, we couldn't help but wonder, 'where's the Horse Show'? The place looked almost deserted! There were a few trailers parked by the barn and someone was leading a horse down the road between the barns. But the silence was almost eerie! Had we gotten the dates wrong? No way!

But an hour or two went by, our horses were stables n the main barn, the van parked and we awaited the arrival of more horses! It was a strange feeling, given the excitement and energy of our subsequent shows. This was number one. It had to be happening! And it DID!

Then one by one, trailers and vans began to arrive. Not a lot but at least it became apparent we were going to have a show! I believe we ended up with about 90 horses. People were enthusiastically, looking forward to a successful show, and the NYMHS was launched.”

Ann Knoll and Nancy Knoll Elliott remember: I have to parallel my feelings also, First, I can't believe we were so naive. We had this old gelding that didn't know what a ring was or my family either. We came with all kinds of enthusiasm and did OK. The show came together the same way, some of the best horses around were there. Saddleback & Blue Spruce were a couple.

As an exhibitor it seemed to be very professional. I am sure the office would have a different thought and of course we are now computerized.

Over the years my family has been involved as a spectator, exhibitor, show committee member and show secretary. My favorite is exhibitor. We are now waiting for grandchildren to get big enough to continue the Elliott / Knoll family tradition.

Jeanne, Ann and Nancy thanks for sharing your memories!
