

Virginia Hosts World Percheron Congress

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LEXINGTON, Va. — From Oct. 22-26, the World Percheron Congress America 2002 awarded numerous grand champion and world titles in halter, hitch, farm, amateur, and crossbred classes. Premier, senior, and junior exhibitor were also named. The Congress was presented by the Percheron Horse Association of America.

One organizer indicated the event was really a tribute to the noble Percheron horse and a celebration of a magnificent breed whose descendants provided the power to build and feed the nation. The Percheron horses seen by visitors to the Congress, however, were not exactly like their centuries-earlier counterparts who originated in the province of Le Perche in Normandy, France. That is because the breeding of them now is done primarily for pleasure and exhibition. Indeed, that aspect got plenty of testimonial fodder in the form of cheering fans engrossed in the majestic horses.

The Percheron breed had barely survived the era of mechanization subsequent to the conclusion of World War II. Sources report the rebuilding process for Percherons has taken 40 years but now the number of those being registered is steadily climbing.

The prestigious Congress saw some 650 Percheron horses and 267 exhibitors converge at the world class Virginia Horse Center.

Some 27 of the lower 48 states were represented in the participation. A number of exhibitors and owners took a sojourn south from the Canadian provinces in order to enjoy the challenge and prove their mettle in stiff competition.

According to Alex Christian, Fredericktown, Ohio, paid attendance exceeded 4,000 guests. Christian is the Percheron Horse Association of America's secretary.

Albert Cleve, the show superintendent from Farmington, Mo., expressed a positive observation in mentioning the high quality of Percheron horses exhibited and the show itself.

"I think it went very well," Cleve said. "Its the biggest Percheron show in current years. The quality was extremely high."

"Blue Ribbon Farms Hercules" was the grand champion stallion. Hercules is owned by Blue Ribbon Farms, operated by Albert and Karen Cleve, Farmington, Mo. Blue Ribbon Farms was also the breeder. Pennwoods Percherons, operated by Chad and Rhonda Cole, Centre Hall, Pa., exhibited the stallion.

"Rolling Acres Spike" was re-



Here an exhibitor drives his team through the difficult course in the team log skid class.

serve grand champion stallion. Spike is owned by Dennis Mays, Fredericksburg, Ohio, who also exhibited him.

"Madison," owned by Beth Burger of Burger Percherons, Willard, Ohio was the grand champion mare. Burger was also credited as exhibitor and breeder of Madison.

The reserve grand champion

mare was "G.T.s Delight," owned and bred by Gray Transportation, Fairbank, Iowa, but exhibited by Pennwoods Percherons, Centre Hall, Pa.

"Karrimonts Grandeur J.E.B.," shown in the 4-year-old and under class, was the grand champion gelding. Ames Percherons, Burnsville, Minn. was listed as both owner and exhibitor.

The reserve grand champion geldings name was not available, but Brygale Farms, Ontario, Can., is the owner.

During the sale that was Friday afternoon, the third day of the Congress, 6-year-old "Blue Ribbon Farms Josie Lyn," was the top-selling mare.

Josie Lyn was purchased for \$8,500 by James Cole, Spring Mills, Pa. from seller Albert and Karen Cleve, Farmington, Mo.

A yearling male named "Blue Ribbon Farms Onassis" was the top-selling stallion.

was the top-selling stallion at \$5,100. Purchaser Richard and Janette Peeters, Schenevus, N.Y. bought Onassis from Albert and Karen Cleve of Blue Ribbon Farms, Farmington, Mo.

Gray Transportation, Fairbank, Iowa, was the "six horse hitch, registered mares" world champion amid nine exhibitors in the class. In a field of 14 exhibi-

tors, Ames Construction, Burnsville, Minn., was the "six horse hitch" world champion and went on to win the "eight horse hitch" world championship as well, which had five exhibitors.

Showing for Cape Cod Percherons, Krista Grange, Delmar, Iowa, was the champion senior exhibitor. The champion junior exhibitor was Ali Woodbury, Winchester, Ind., who showed for Blue Ribbon Days.

The premier exhibitor was Blue Ribbon Days (Albert Cleve Family, Farmington, Mo. and Jim Day Family, Bradgate, Iowa).

The filly that Neil Armstrong of Michigan won in a raffle was "Vintage Midnights Samantha," out of Happy Hill Midnight and S.F. Knights Delight, on Jan. 14, 2001. Douglas K. Wurz of Vintage Springs Farm, Ashland, Va., made the filly's donation.

Caren Stutzman, Hiram, Ohio, the World Percheron Congress America 2002 Queen, said beginning with a Shetland pony that

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Rigged out in showy harnesses, the magnificent Percherons bring a crescendo of shouts, roaring applause, cheers and whistles. Ames Percheron Farm owned by Ames Construction, Burnville, Minn., later is named world champion and the reserve world champion is Strawberry Lane Percherons, Greg and Debra Lurvey, Oconomowoc, Wis.

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ROLLERS: IR SD-40D smooth drum rlr, w/pad foot kit, Orops, JD dsl, S/N 5160S, Dynapac CA 141 pad foot rlr; Tampo RS 16D pad foot rlr; Hyster 625A drn drive rlr; Wolfe Pac 4000 gas rlr.

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CAB & CHASSIS: '95 Ford L8000, 8.3 Cummins, 6 spd; '91 Ford F700 C&C, 7.8 dsl, auto; '90 Ford F700 C&C, gas, auto; '90 GMC Topkick C&C, 3116 Cat, 5 spd; '89 Ford F700 C&C, 6.6 dsl, 5/2 spd.

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BOX TRUCKS: '96 Ford F350 12' box trk w/lift, gas auto; '94 Mitsubishi bx trk, dsl, auto; '93 IH 4700 18' bx trk, dsl, 5 spd; '95 Ford L8000 24' bx trk w/lift, gas, 8.3 Cummins, 6 spd; '92 GMC Topkick 24' bx trk, dsl, 6 spd.

SPECIALTIES: '96 Mitsubishi rllbk, dsl, 6 spd, AB; '92 IH 4900 26' rllbk, Jerr Dan body, 4-car unit, DT466, 5/2, air brake; '95 Ford SD 18' rllbk, steel bed w/wheel lift, dsl, 5 spd; IH 4270 S/A tow trk, Detroit dsl, sleeper; '96 Ford F450 bkt trk, gas, auto; '89 Ford F350 bkt trk; (2) '95 Ford L8000, bulk oil distribution body w/pumps & meters, 8.3 Cummins, 6 spd; '85 IH 1700 w/specialty body & bxs; (2) '92 Ford F800 sewage trks, dsl, 6 spd; '95 Freightliner FL80 flatbed w/Hiab 22' crane, Cummins 9 spd; '90 GMC Topkick S/A fuel & lube trk, 3116 Cat, 6 spd, AB, 6 product reels w/air comp; '90 Mack Rd 690S T/A flatbed w/JLG 800 BT crane

w/outriggers, max1 torque 8 spd, ext range trans.

EX-VERIZON FLEET: (8) Dodge Ram cargo vans, gas, auto; '96 Ford F350 fiberglass utility, Powerstroke dsl, auto; '92 Ford F150 pu, 4x4, gas, auto; '91 Ford F150 pu, 4x4, gas, 5 spd; '89 Ford F150 pu, 4x4, gas, 5 spd; '88 Ford F150 pu, 4x4, gas, auto; GMC 3500 cube van, gas, auto w/Kohler generator, dual air comp, hot air htr; Ford E-350 cube van, gas, auto w/Kohler generator, dual air comp, hot air htr; GMC 3500 bkt trk, gas, auto w/generator.

EX-B G & E FLEET: '90 Ford F800 Digger derrick, dsl, auto, AB; '88 Ford F700 svc body trk w/air comp, dsl, auto, AB; '88 Ford F700 svc body trk w/air comp, dsl, auto, AB; '88 Ford F700 bkt trk, dsl, auto, AB; '91 Ford F700 bkt trk, dsl, auto, AB; '90 Ford F800 Digger derrick trk, dsl, auto, AB; '90 Ford F800 Digger derrick trk, dsl, auto, AB.

UTILITIES: '94 Chevy 30 HD enc util, gas, auto; '92 Ford F250 ext cab util, V-8, XLT; '92 GMC 3500 HD 12' util w/liftgate, V-8, Auto.

PICKUPS: '00 Dodge 1500 pu, V-6, Auto; (2) '00 Chevy 2500 pu, 4x4, gas, auto; '99 Chevy 2500 ext cab pu, 3rd dr, gas, auto; '99 GMC 3500 dually ext-cab pu, dsl, auto; '99 Ford F250, dsl, auto; '98 Dodge Dakota ext cab, 4x4; '97 Ford F250 pu, dsl, 4x4, auto; '93 Ford F350 crewcab pu, dsl, auto, 4x4; '92 GMC 2500 pu, gas, auto, 4x4 w/snowplow; '86 Chevy K1500 pu w/dump bed; '97 Ford F250 pu, 5 spd; '02 Ford F150 pu; '01 Ford F150, 4.6, 5 spd; '99 Ford F350 crewcab pu, dsl, 6 spd, 4x4, Lariat pkg.

VANS: '90 Chevy cargo van, gas, auto; '93 GMC step van; '87 Ford E-250 van; (2) '86 Ford E-350 vans; (3) '85 Chevy 30 series vans; '83 Dodge 350 custom van; '93 Chevy cargo van, gas, auto; Chevy 3500 high cube van, gas, auto; '96 GMC cube van; '83 Ford cargo van.

CARS & SUV's: '98 Ford Expedition 4x4, V-8, Eddie Bauer '89 GMC Jimmy S-15; (2) '94 Dodge Shadows; '93 Dodge Shadow; '91 Chevy Caprice; '90 Chevy Caprice; '90 Chevy Cavalier; '87 Dodge Aries station wagon; (2) '87 Dodge Omni's; '84 Chevy Cavalier.

TRAILERS: New Eager Beaver 50 ton equip trl; Enclosed 45' T/A car hauler trl; '95 Transcraft flatbed, spread axle trl, no title; '93 9 ton Eager Beaver Tri/A equip trl; Tri/A equip trl; '87 Eager Beaver T/A flatbed equip trl; Vermeer 9 ton equip trl; S/A tilt top EZ loader trl; S/A Util trl; Harland T/A horse trl.

METAL WORKING EQUIPMENT: Chicago bender; Pexto stump shear; South band lathe; Walker turner belt/disc sander; Miller 300 amp wldr; Pexto steel worker's table w/tooling; std bugger, long reach; Lock former bandsaw; Sears lapping machine; Pexto crimper; Barth band roller; Pexto crimper; Lake Erie 48" press brake; Manual back gauge; Perkins punch press; Diacro 24" rllrs; Widdemann bench top; Pexto 36" hand brake; Craftsman shaper; Sears bench top shaper; Duro 6" jointer; Grizzley 10" arbor saw; Craftsman 10" radial arm saw; Sears 10" arbor saw; Powermatic wood lathe; Powermatic 12" planer; Delta 6" jointer; 6' wood work table w/vice; Central 6x48 belt/9" disc sander; Whiker turner 12" ped drill press; 8' 2-wheel trailer; 30 gal elec collector.

MISC: Befco C26 flex wing mwr; Marlow 6" pump w/Lister dsl; Capri boat & trl; Mobark 12" chipper; Portable wood mizer sawmill; Portable wood mizer twin blade edger; (2) car dollies; MQ concrete mixer; MQ mortar mixer; Stump grinder; Dale Earnhart Jr golf cart; JD 6x4 Gator; Yamaha bear 4 whlr.

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Excitement peaks at the World Percheron Congress America 2002 as the "eight horse hitch, mares, stallions/geldings," class gets under way.