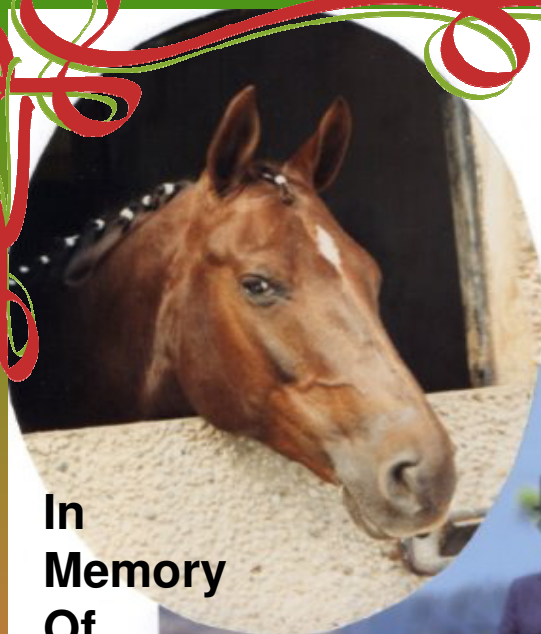




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Nov/Dec 2014



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# Arabian Horse Club Newsletter



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## **On The Cover Spotlight**

*By Carol Gawronski as of Oct 13, 2014*

My National Show Horse, JC Mr. Pepper Man passed away this week at the ripe old age of 31. He had been retired for several years with a former student of mine in Michigan and she loved him and took the best care of him. I first met Red (his barn name) as a training horse. I was working for my trainer, Neil Mannebach, at the time. Red was not easy to deal with. He would try and crush you in the stall, kick you, bite you and under saddle his airs above the ground could be extremely exciting. He cleared many an arena! As his training progressed, he was able to process information and we began showing dressage in the Arab shows and open dressage shows. He would still demonstrate his athletic ability by occasionally leaping into the air and then landing and continuing with the test. After Neil passed away I worked with Donna Mohan and we managed to get him to perform at the upper levels of dressage, showing Prix St. Georges and Intermediaire. We were training the Grand Prix moves but never got to show them, as Red developed Cushings. He was quite an experience – I feel he was truly unique!



*Abu*

# Calendar of Events 2014



### MEETINGS:

- NOV 11: ABU GENERAL MEETING. PIZZA PARTY and ELECTION OF OFFICERS at Little Joe's Ristorante., 20805 LaGrange Rd. Frankfort, IL. (by Walt's Grocery Store) RSVP Sue Huml-Kyle 708-479-1320

**DEC 14: ABU Christmas Party at Sandy LaRoche's Home. 10503 Misty Hill Rd Orland Park, IL. 1pm. Bring (optional) a wrap gift for our fun action. Guest Welcome For \$15. RSVP Diane Harn 708-301-2671**

### SPECIAL HORSE EVENTS:

- NOV 15: HOLIDAY TACK SWAP at Francis Field. 801 E Francis Rd. New Lenox, IL. Bob Soukup 815-212-3334

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- NOV 8: Arts & Craft Fair at the Presbyterian Church in Orland Park. 13401 S Wolf Rd. 9a-4p info: 708-448-8142
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# Tid Bits



## 2014 ABU Achievement Awards Results

HORSE	NAME	POINTS
Cativo HA	Evelyn Dik	124
CA Candente	Evelyn Dik	636
Dreams of Gold	Evelyn Dik	156
MNM Midnight Hawk	Sue Collins	270
Moonlyte Mirage	Nicole Hawkins	36
Zanzibaar	Nicole, Ben, Luke Hawkins	735
Whooza Palooza	Denise Sanstrom	75
Zips Cherokee Chief	Denise Sanstrom	20
Galamaya	Vickie Novak	218

### Final Results for 2014

#### Awards

##### Achievement Award

500 Points - (Halter With Engraved Nameplate)

##### Achievement Plus Award

750 Points - (Embroidered Bridle Bag)

##### Supreme Achievement Award

1000 Points - Embroidered Wool Cooler)

(125 of the pts in Halter, Regionals, Sport Horse in Hand or Nationals)

##### Supreme Achievement Star Award

2000 Points - (ABU Silver Certificate and Halter Nameplate)



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Place each new rein in its own zippered plastic bag with a ¼ cup of olive oil. Seal each bag, except about ½ inch.



Microwave each bag for 20 to 30 seconds to warm the oil.



Completely seal the bags, and work the oil onto the reins inside the bags.



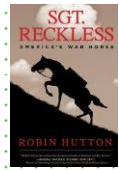
Leave the reins in the bags, and place them in a sunny, warm spot until they soften, for five to six hours.



Remove the reins from the bags, and wipe the reins down with a clean, soft cloth.



## *Reporter on the Scene* *By Gail Wiot* Continued from Sept/Oct Issue



### **Meet the Only Horse to Become a Marine Sergeant**

Excerpt by [Robin Hutton](#) as published in the [New York Post](#)

Pvt. 1st Class Monroe Coleman, a Utah native who was Reckless' minder, took the horse's lead rope and started up the steep hill. The key to a successful mission was speed and teamwork. And now they were about to see how their newest recruit would handle the pressures of battle. Reckless and Coleman had just returned to the firing line with their second load when Sherman began blasting away. The roar of the weapon echoed through the hills and dust exploded from the back of the gun. Even though Reckless was laden with six shells totaling about 150 pounds, the force of the blast frightened the horse right off the ground. Coleman saw the whites in her eyes and moved quickly to calm her. The second shot roared just as loudly. Again, Reckless went airborne, although not as high this time. Coleman managed to talk her down. As she shook her head trying to stop the ringing in her ears, the third round left the tube. This time, Reckless stood closer to Coleman and shook from the concussion of the blast. That third time was the charm for the rookie recruit because she didn't jump and was breathing more easily. She watched the gun crew fire the fourth shot and hardly jerked her head. "The whole idea of what that horse was able to do was remarkable . . .," observed Sgt. Ralph Sherman, "and she did everything they expected her to do." As an adjective, "proud" didn't do justice to how the Marines felt about Reckless' first battle performance. When they returned to camp, they offered her a can of beer to celebrate with her comrades. She gulped it lustily and naturally wanted more. From then on, Reckless was an indispensable part of the unit. In just one day of battle, Reckless made 51 trips carrying 386 rounds (almost 5 tons) of ammunition, walking more than 35 miles through rice paddies and up steep mountains through enemy fire. "They would tie a wounded Marine across her packsaddle and she would carry them out of there with all of this artillery and mortars coming in," said Marine demolitionist Sgt. Harold Wadley. "The guys down at the bottom would unload the wounded off of her and tie gun ammo on her and she would turn around right on her own and head right back up to the guns. She was always moving and unforgettable on that skyline in the flare light."

On one trip, Reckless shielded four Marines heading for the front line. They returned the favor, throwing their flak jackets over her for protection, thus risking their own lives. Reckless sometimes looked like a "prehistoric hump-backed monster covered with large scales" wearing flak jackets head to tail, but the Marines valued her that much. On one trip to the guns, Reckless suffered a shrapnel cut just above her left eye. Blood oozed down into her white blaze, but she kept going. Arriving at the guns, Pedersen checked her out, cleaned the wound with iodine and sent Reckless on her way. Later that day, she was wounded a second time when another shard of hot, sharp shrapnel struck her left flank, behind the ribcage and in front of her hind legs. Again, the wound was dressed and she returned to work. Neither gash slowed the horse even one step, and she was honored with two Purple Hearts. On April 10, 1954, Reckless was officially promoted to sergeant — an honor never bestowed, before or since, on an animal. There have been animals, especially dogs, which surpassed their roles as military mascots and were recognized with awards and even medals. For example, in World War II, an Army German shepherd named Chips attacked an enemy pillbox in Sicily and took four startled prisoners. Chips was awarded a Silver Star and Purple Heart for valor. (The medals later were revoked following complaints that presenting service medals to a dog diminished their prestige.)

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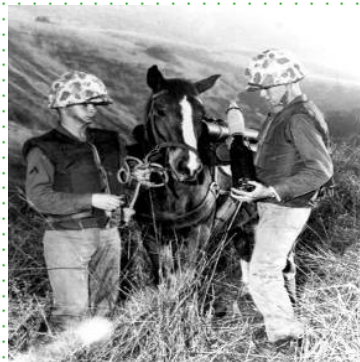
In World War I, a pit bull mix named Sergeant Stubby served with the 102nd Infantry, 26th (Yankee) Division, in France. Stubby was on solo patrol in the Argonne when he heard something in the bushes and found a German spy mapping American positions. Stubby charged, the spy ran, Stubby gave chase, tackled his prey and bit him in the leg. When the patrol followed Stubby's barking and a man's cries, they found the German on the ground, Stubby's steely jaws clamped emphatically onto his rear end. The commanding officer of the 102nd reportedly was so impressed that he "promoted" Stubby to sergeant. But it was an honorary promotion, not an official one. But honorary Sergeant Stubby wasn't actual Sgt. Reckless, who was held in the same high esteem as any human Marine of the same rank. No other animal has ever held any legal, officially sanctioned US military rank and been genuinely respected for that rank, except for Reckless.

Reckless would survive the war and come back to the United States a hero. At Camp Pendleton, she was promoted again, to staff sergeant, by the commandant of the Marine Corps. She bore three colts, one of which was promoted to private first class. She died on May 13, 1968, at the ripe age of 20. A statue of her stands at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Va. Her proudest day was the day they promoted her, Corpsman Doc Rogers recalled. "They broke us all out in formation," Rogers said, "and they had Reckless there. And they had her corporal blanket on — had corporal stripes on the side of it, had all of her ribbons on there — and they promoted her to sergeant. "They took the old blanket off and put the new blanket on her that had the sergeant stripes on there. And, of course, the same ribbons. It was the most beautiful horse blanket I ever saw. "But, you know, I think back on that and I think she just acted like she knew everything that was going on. She just stood still. They read off everything and it was almost like she was just a part of it. She knew what was happening. She was a proud Marine."

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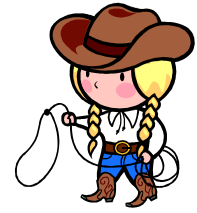
Reckless with TSgt. Joseph Latham  
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Reckless is loaded with recoilless rifle ammunition  
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September Abu Meeting at Susan Collins 7:30 p.m.

No treasures report was given just some figures from the Class A show.

Class A report We think we made a profit but not sure how much. Kathy thanked everyone for there help, And Chris for doing the Dressage. He did a great job and will do it again next year. The Dressage judges said what a good job Chris did and gave him many good commets. We will think on how to do better with the prize list for next year. We all thought is was a great success and all will do it next year.

Next year we will have Evelyn drop of and pick up the judges. We will use two rings again next year for Sport Horse In Hand.

Prize List thoughts: Clean and organize pay back, \$25.00 in Halter . Put halter classes in option classes, put in more amateur classes and more junior classes, some changes need to be done in the liberty class,. We think we lost in that class because it was so late and also the Sport Horse Under Saddle. Thoughts are to have Under Saddle classes in the morning.

We want to work on the prize list early and have it done by March.

We all like the announcer ,will try and get her next year.

There was some discussion about the drug testing guy and how it went. Nancy did say the guy did check in at the office.

Kathy said she will be Show Manager again. We all went to dinner Thursday nite ti dicuss last minute thing it was very nice

We figure we had 196 horses and used 320 stalls. Megan said she would be the scribe again.

Bob Battaglia talked to Bunny and wants to have a show same time as us. The show would be September 11-13, 2015 in Louisville, Kentury. We will contact some people to get there opinion. They say nits very expensive to have a show there.

The extra wine glasses which is 36 will be for sale at the xmas party. They will be for sale for \$5.00 each.

The report from the show so far :

Took in \$21228.10

Bills \$ 23000.00

A motion was made by Sue Collins and seconed by Gail Wiot for Ron to send in the 2015 deposit for the Fair Grounds next year.

Open Show all is ready the show bill is in the horses mouth. The sponsorship forms are on the website. Jim has a room at the Super 8 plus mileage. We will need volunteers in the office, gate and passing out ribbons.

We need more work done on the web site Bunny will talk to him.

Kathy will work on the things on facebook.

Gail is going to convention by herself and she should get the packet around October 14. Sandy will do Christmas Party again and Diane will see about ordering the food. The meeting adjourned at 9:30. 1<sup>st</sup> Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kathy Next meeting at Gattos on Oct 14 .

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