# BRINGING MORGA IS TO THE WORLD A Tribute to Dorothy Janze and the Janzen Morgan Farm Family

"Thank You!"

We wish to thank the Canadian Morgan magazine and editor Lisa Peterson for paying tribute to Dorothy and her Morgan accomplishments. The condolences we have received since she passed away on December 1, 2013, have been overwhelming. Over the span of 37 years, she touched so many lives through Morgans and has received so many grateful sentiments, that we feel that we have lived and worked alongside a Morgandom legend. We appreciate the opportunity to share her story.

By Bruce Janzen on behalf of the Janzen family

### **Dorothy and Janzen Morgan Farm**

Dorothy was very much the face and spokesperson of the JMF program through her tireless correspondence and her beautiful photographs. It was at her direction that JMF came to being and it was her drive that kept it going. Although she was involved in every aspect, Dorothy specifically took over the accounting and the sales, which included the endless correspondence, ongoing service and taking of pictures. She was supported by husband Will who continually kept the horses in the amazing condition they were in, as well as carrying out breeding, purchasing, delivering, training, fencing, vehicle maintenance, seeing to the hoof trimming, etc. Son Bruce, having schooling in Equine Studies, did a little more of the training, foaling, trimming, showing, and minor vet work. Other members of the family also got involved. Daughter Amber helped as needed with the computers and by bringing JMF into the 21st century with the designing and maintaining of the JMF website. She is also responsible for the switch to digital photography. When other daughter Kelly was still at home, she helped with everything as needed including breeding, horse deliveries, and sales support. Kari, an Equine Sciences graduate, married Bruce in the middle of it all and began by working for JMF in the early '90s, mostly training under saddle but also with breeding, buying, photo sessions, selling and delivering. It has truly been a family effort!

### **How It All Started**

Dorothy and Will started a small, mixed farm in 1968, Will had grown up around horses and spent some summers having with them. Dorothy had also grown up with horses and her father and brother were considered fine horsemen. So, it is no surprise that they found horses suited them both. When they became overrun with nine horses, Dorothy argued that they should switch to registered breeding stock. Fewer horses would be easier to keep, but should sell for more. It could also give

their children an interest in remaining on the farm longer.

In 1976, while shopping for THE breed, Will, Dorothy and a very young Kelly went to Rimbey to see Morgans for the first time. While they were engrossed with examining Keer's Black Knight, Will glanced back and saw that four-year old Kelly was sitting on a foal an older child had put her on! Mr. Calkins said not to rush, and they cautiously walked back and took Kelly off without any incident. Will and Dorothy thought, "That's a pretty nice breed!"

With that experience, another ad and an inquiry led them to Spruce Lane Morgans, where they were to buy the bred mare Monashee Mischief with her colt, Spruce Lane Quizking at side. When Mr. Williams brought out a yearling stallion, Spruce Lane Renegade, they thought, "Wow!" and couldn't say no to buying him too. Will knew that good trained horses could be had for \$200, so Renegade's \$900 price tag kept him awake at nights. Dorothy's brother Bill somewhat consoled him, when he said Renegade was a nice horse and someday he would sell

Later, Rondi Knight of Nig Valley Morgans also fell in love with Renegade and camped out at Janzen's for three days, until

Dorothy told Will name price the Knights could go home. Will was determined to keep his horse and



named an Spruce Lane Renegade

A true field of dreams, background winter photo taken by Dorothy Janzen

outrageous price of \$4,000. That is probably when the Morgans quit being a hobby that paid for itself and started being a business.

Dorothy and Will started with those three horses from Spruce Lane and registered 17 foals with the "Elk Island" prefix, starting with Elk Island Quiz Girl in 1977. Bruce Dorothy and Will Janzen jumped right in by buying Mor-

tana Tawny from John Bland, Spruce Lane Quizking from his parents, and registering nine foals with the "Here's" prefix. They had so many wonderful experiences with Renegade, Quizking and others that they became addicted. There was no going back to ordinary horses.

In 1981, they started registering foals with the JMF prefix and eight with JMF as a suffix. Then, with the downturn in the economy, there was no work to be had and the Morgans needed to do more than just pay for themselves. Dorothy figured that by going with well-promoted pedigrees and black stallions, they would have a better chance at making a living raising and selling Morgans. Shortly thereafter, Will's back was injured and the theory was tested. It worked better than expected, and the Morgans were their only income until old age pension.

# **Early Morgan Experiences According to Bruce**



Spruce Lane Quizking

Before Morgans, we had tried many horses of mixed breeds. Even with well-broke horses, we had accumulated a fair share of riding- and driving-accident tales. With the Morgans, our stories had the same buildup, but pretty much ended with, "and then nothing happened."

When we line-

drove Renegade, he took to it so well that within a few minutes we hooked him up and went for a drive. With less than a handful of drives on him, we answered a request to drive Santa Claus around town the following day. As Renegade and Santa pulled up, the town theater emptied out and a crowd of kids mobbed the horse. One little boy got pushed right under his belly, and then nothing happened.

Once we took Renegade to the construction site we were working at. We walked him up a plank over the basement excavation, and he ducked into the house through the fireplace opening cut in the wall. And then nothing happened. All the hammering, power tools and even the Arab and Quarter Horse owners never phased him!

The first time I went to drive Quizking, I had just hooked the cart to him when our dog ran under him and proceeded to wrap the chain around Ouizking's hind legs and the cart. And then nothing happened. He never moved. We untangled him and I drove him out of the yard and down the road as if he was well-broke to drive.

While riding Quizking on one of his early rides, we came across a snow bank with a hole in it. I figured I knew what that meant, and he probably didn't. So I snuggled right down into the saddle, held on tight and (not being overly bright) I nudged him up to the hole. Out exploded a grouse, hitting Quizking full in the face. And then nothing happened! His only reaction was to watch it fly away while I unclenched.

On another early ride, we were happily riding deer trails in the bush when to our surprise Quizking bounced off a sapling that was wedged chest high across the trail. But then something happened! He gave me a shock when he laid back his ears, bared his teeth, ripped that



sapling out, tossed it Bruce Janzen on a pack outing, and nothing happened.



"This photo was from a holiday highlight! All the mares brought their foals up to the house, and the foals had a sleep on the grass under the trees whilst the mares watched over them. This was taken when they woke up, and the mares were taking them back to the fields. They stopped for a bit after this, and the foals played in and out of the lilac bushes in front of the house, truly magical. This was a regular routine! Janzen Morgan Farm was and is a special place, a real horse haven! So sad that Dorothy is no longer with us."

**Beverley Roberts, Scotland** 

away, and took us on our merry way.

those kinds of trails. Only the special ones

showed our new horses with their unbe- buy more Morgans! lievably easy-nature and pizazz to anyone and everyone. We would bring a stallion out of the barn roaring and snorting fire, stand him up, and crawl underneath him. These Morgans were not ordinary horses! were like, how they were what horses people wanted one of our Morgans. And

that is how we started selling them. If It takes a pretty good horse to handle people would buy a Morgan, they would be getting a safe horse, a companion, and often a friend. Besides the satisfaction of With many experiences like this, how having our Morgans go to good homes, could we not become Morgan crazy? We we would be getting the funds to raise or

### **Developing the Lines**

When we started in Morgans we didn't research the different lines. We basically just fell in love with their easy dispositions When we showed people what Morgans and jumped right in. As we became more involved, we heard and read more about should be, we found that many of those different bloodlines, families, and groups. Many of these opinions were conflict-

likely, biased, as our had had a fair numvaried bloodlines, we sat down and looked more closeand easy-to-handle, nice to be around, and also were very

ing and, more than own are. After we ber of horses with ly at those that we liked best. We very much liked those horses that were safe

versatile. They were athletic, free-moving and showy, but even more importantly they had dispositions and intelligence that made them very tractable and mentally suitable for whatever you wanted to do with them. Most of our horses that fit into this group were of Brunk lines.

It seemed to us that breeders in the east at some point became more focused on producing show type horses, and breeders in the west were focused on producing good using horses. Some people wanted both. The midwest's Brunk-bred horses proved to be athletic using horses that had the motion, good looks and charisma for showing. A quote from the The Brunk Morgan Horse Museum Inc. website states: "The same Morgans that worked the fields were shown from coastto-coast and won most all major awards at one time or another, a feat of which the Brunk Morgans are still capable at the present time."

Dorothy decided that by focusing on the versatile characteristics associated with the Brunk lines and by standing wellbred black stallions, their herd would attract more attention. Drawn by attractive, athletic movers with high intelligence and





tractability, and by Beamington's dominance in sire ratings, Janzen Morgan Farm searched for a black son of Beamington.

Dorothy and Will mortgaged the farm, and bought Whispering High Beam (Beamington x Highover Desiree by Donlyn of Wind-Crest out of a Waseeka's Nocturne daughter) in 1982. In 1983, a second black son of Beamington, Windhover Regency (Beamington x The Black Rose by Flyhawk out of a Senator Graham daughter) was purchased to use and cross with the expected High Beam daughters to intensify the traits of Beamington, Flyhawk and Senator Graham.

They then started a campaign of extensive travel to acquire a large herd of breeding stock with a wide range of promoted bloodlines. Windhover Regency and Whispering High Beam, with their predominantly Brunk lines, were crossed Numbers with many of these lines. These matings tended to produce showable offspring with dispositions and athleticism suitable for family and working horses. They also bought the outcross stallions, Waseeka's Wildly Royal, La Loma Landmark Com-



mand, Rum Brook Immortal Image, Irish Entertainment (half Brunk) and others, to breed to the High Beam and Regency offspring. So, most of the horses are a mixture of Brunk, Government and, to a lesser been on the Brunk.

# Horse Care by the

To Dorothy and Will, the condition of the horses is always top priority. Most of the horses are not truly sold until they are delivered to and approved of by their new owners. Every delivery is a horse show.

the trailer and WOW! people, even after up to three weeks on the road. The first-place ribbon is a cheque. In these terms, JMF horses won a lot! It all starts with a wonder drug called feed, and exercise, and it is simpler than most people realize.

Horses are very good at taking care of themselves. In a natural environment they have free access to water, a variety of feeds, shelter and exercise. When we fence them in we need to provide them with those things that they no longer have access

to. That doesn't mean that they need to be in a stable and be watered and fed three times a day. Will provides them with freechoice pasture and/or mixed hay, water, extent, Lippitt lines, but our emphasis has salt, shelter from the wind, and plenty of room to exercise. The majority do very well on the good quality mid-range protein hav and pasture. They never have to compete for feed, never go hungry, they are happy, and learn to self-regulate their feed. Those few that are too comfortable just eating are separated to where they are less comfortable and are fed a free-choice. low-protein hay. Those that need extra are The horses need to be able to step off catered to, get the higher protein hay, and



## Breeding

- 581 foals registered with CLRC & counting!
- 1,700 mares on stud reports (mostly hand-bred)
- 31 stallions have stood at Janzen Morgan Farm
- 80+ mares hand-bred/year during the peak years
- 1,000 foals registered in Canada from JMF breedings
- Many more JMF-bred foals registered in USA only
- Many mares bought, trained, bred & resold to foal with their new owners.
- 110 Morgans on the farm at peak times



even free-choice oats if warranted. The good quality feed leads to more exercise, and more exercise to better condition.

The young stock are fed to be athletes. Besides pasture and free-choice high-protein mixed hay, they are fed whole oats, which are high in energy and fibre. At first the oats are free choice and are later rationed according to the foal's condition. The high energy leads to running and playing that develops the muscle, bones and lung capacity that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. Long before they are yearlings they are bucking, Sales rearing, parking and running miles in all kinds of weather and footing.

are also important. Morgans, being of good gan had to offer but didn't have much to disposition, make deworming pretty easy, spend. Dorothy priced the horses fairly and and even when we had 100-head, it would not take more than a couple hours. The hoof-trimming was a bigger chore, taking 15- to 20- minutes a horse. At first Will and ta, and people came to the farm to see the larger Will took on a farrier. Will would western Canada and we often took some guarantee the farrier ten head per session, horses along on our trips to show to peo-

Sales Stats

Saskatchewan, Yukon

• 39 states in the USA

• 1,084 Morgan sales (almost all most by

• 10 Canadian Provinces & Territories,

including: Alberta, British Columbia,

land, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec,

• New Zealand, Germany and Australia

Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfound-

them have all ready, and would ensure they behaved. Good feed.

exercise and care sets these horses up for a long, healthy life and gets them in the shape they need to be in for selling and for delivery over long distances.

For the most part, Morgans were sold to people and families similar to us, those Deworming and proper hoof trimming that appreciated the value of what a Mor-

we believe much lower than other breeders would price similar quality horses.

At first the market was local in Alber-Bruce did the trimming, but as the herd got horses. The market quickly expanded to

> ple. We even had some Whispering High Beam fillies that traveled from coast-tocoast when we were promoting Through him. word-of-mouth, the market expanded to include the United States and eastern Canada, and photos became

an invaluable selling tool. Sales eventually evolved from long conversations by letter, phone, and photos of the horse, to the www.JMFMorgans.com website in 2000, with thousands of e-mails since!

Great care was taken in matching peo-

ple to the right horse for them. If the customer did not get the right horse, it was not good for them, the horse, or JMF. Some sales were lost when Dorothy would not sell a horse if it was unsuitable for the buyer or their purpose. She also believed that just because a person did not have a

lot of money, didn't mean that they didn't deserve a good horse. Those she would tell "Let me know what payments you can afford and I will decide if we can live with that." Often she sold horses with little or nothing down, with small payments spread out over several years. Prices quoted included delivery and all incidentals - there were no surprises for the buyer.

Many people could not afford a horse after paying for the travel to go see it. Most horses were sold "sight unseen" with a small down payment, and the rest to be paid at time of delivery or with payments over time as agreed upon. The horses were guaranteed to be what Dorothy said they were. If they were not what the buver ex-

pected or wanted, **Top Breeders** their down payment Prefix # Registered was refunded. With this faith in their Devan..... 994 Morgans, they made UVM ...... 833 1,084 sales (almost Funquest..... 663 all sold by Dorothy) with them being delanzen ..... 581 livered mostly by Equinox ..... 451 Dorothy and Will. HVK...... 445

Overseas sales include the stallion

JMF Royal Secret (by Windhover Regencv) and JMF Beam Song (by Whispering High Beam) in 1985 as New Zealand's Morgan Foundation Stock. JMF Irish Wildflower (by Irish Entertainment) and the Rum Brook Immortal Image daughters JMF Black Shadow and JMF Black Ivory, both bred to JMF Cruise Control, were exported to Germany in 2009. The stallion JMF Hot Ice Black Fire followed in 2010. In more recent news, JMF Cruise Control was sold to Australia in 2013 and has started a new breeding and using career there with his new family!

Sales start with the right disposition and expand with versatility. There is a market for horses that have been bred. born, and raised to calmly and willingly handle whatever you can throw at them mentally and physically, now, and 20 vears from now.

As for marketing in the modern economy, JMF was born in a recession, grew to maturity during the next one, and weathered the last one, selling horses all through. As long as there are people who want horses, there will be people who will pay for a better horse. When times



**IMF Black Kat & Carlton Jesse** (JMF Cruise Control x JMF Katmandu; (JMF Basic Black x JMF Black Kat) Carlton Morgans Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan carltonmorgans@sasktel.net



Sunny is a beautiful example of the Morgan horse, producing quality foals that exhibit his unbeatable disposition & correct conformation.

Sunny is my testament to the success of the Janzen Morgan breeding program.

Thank-you Will & Dorothy for your contribution and the legacy you've created for the Morgan breed.

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1995 seal Brown Stallion

Thank you JMF Wild Heart (black), Raspberry Bella Lani Janzens for your (brown, by JMF Leprechaun), Raspberry valued input in Dancing Star (bay by JMF Leprechaun) These beautiful mares are available for your our selection of versatile, familu Morgans. Dorothu was a remarkable woman and we are honoured to carry on with the lines she is so much a part of. VOC. 2H Choose a Morgan - The horse for all seasons & all reasons! ins.com

32 January/February 2014 34 January/February 2014 get tough, the better horses are the only ones that will sell. Having a large herd made it possible for JMF to have the right horse when people were ready to buy. It would still work, but Will says that at age 77, it is not so feasible for him.

Most were sold as family horses and were usually personally trained and used by their new owners.

Many people became repeat customers and often friends.

### On the Road

Dorothy and Will's red truck and trailer always made quite an impression on those who were waiting impatiently for their new horses to arrive! The horses were always bathed (even at -25°C), hair and hooves trimmed, and were looking too good to sell before stepping on the trailer - always wearing new red halters and leads. The trailer was usually full for long trips, even if not all the horses were sold. They traveled loose, always had hay, were watered frequently, and would be allowed to rest every three hours. Trips were planned so that the first few horses would be delivered in the first few days. This would facilitate cleaning out the trailer without having to unload



in Norco, California, after delivering named JMF King of the Road! Three K's New Yorker in 2009. Photo by Alice Hathaway.

the horses (avoiding potential exposure to diseases or hazards). This would also give the remaining horses more room to lie down. Dorothy and Will would stay with the horses, sleeping in the truck, until only a few horses were left, before staying in a hotel. One year, Dorothy and Will spent 80 nights in the truck (A.K.A.

the Dodge Hilton) taking showers at truck stops. Their horses were loaded in great condition, they were well taken care of on the trip, and when they got to where they were going, be it a few days, or a few weeks later, they were full of energy and ready to put on a show. It was Dorothy and Will, who at times, felt like they had been "rode hard and put away wet!"

Some trips went as far east as New Hampshire, south into Florida, then west to San Diego and included parts inbetween, before returning home. Trips could be over 16,000 km (10,000 miles) long. Many years the trips averaged more than 100,000 km delivering and purchasing Morgans. They once imported 33 Morgans in a 12-month period! They Dorothy and Will pose with John Wayne even had a foal born on one trip that they

### **Imported Bloodlines**

Stallions imported by JMF include sons of the following well-known Morgans: Beamington, Carlyle Coalition, Entertainer, Equinox Benn Adam, I Will Command, Immortal Command, Tedwin Topic, Treble's Willy Wild, Trophy, Waseeka's In Command, and Waseeka's

Perhaps an even more impressive lineup of mares were imported by JMF, and include own daughters of the following (in alphabetical order): Above Command, Amen Brother, Applevale Avenger, Applevale Boy King, Beamfield Ben. Benfield's Ace, Breezy's Top Star, Cedar Creek Irish Entertai Galliano, Centurion

Command, Chasley Superman, Courage Of Equinox, DSF Trophy's Esquire, Entertainer, Equinox Benn Adam, Fairfield Fortune, Fiddler Caesarcommand, Figure's Defender, HRH Image Command, HVK Cinzano, HVK Fieldmarch, HVK Port Au Prince, HVM Apollo Command, I Will Command. Irish Entertainment, Legacy's Masterpiece, Long View Sundance, Mr. Breezy Cobra, Nobility, Noble Command, Royal Fleetson, Serenity Grandmaster, Sorento, Supreme Beam, Trijas Mr Pepperlect, Trophy, UVM Promise, Waseeka's Here





Tiz, Waseeka's In Command. Waseeka's Killarnev. Waseeka's Moonshot, Waseeka's Nocturne, Waseeka's Showtime, Wham Bam Command, Whit Akers Sensation, Windy Hill Willie, and others.

### Show Horses

World or Grand National show horses that IMF bred and or sold include: JMF Beams Winter Win, Midtone, JMF

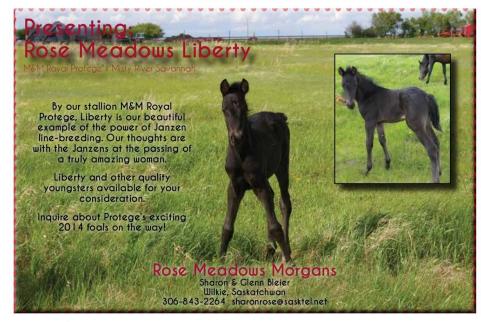
Vigilace, JMF Ideal Gambler, JMF Wild Card, Tetonia Black Rose, JMF Sanssouci, JMF Shadow Catcher, JMF White Knight, Devicter Grayson Regent, JMF Midnight Express, JMF Black Hawk... and more.

### Wrap-Up

So, it was the Quizkid-bred Spruce Lane Renegade and Spruce Lane Quizking that sold the Morgan breed to us. It was Whispering High Beam, with over

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**Rum Brook Immortal Image** 

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thought Dorothy and Will were great business people, of good ethics, good character and great friends. We will miss Dorothy but will continue to see her through Will. We have also enjoyed all of the Janzen family during visits with them in Canada.

> Robert & Karol Lineweaver Three Forks, MT

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150 foals, that put Janzen Morgan Farm on the Morgan map. And it was Windhover Regency, with his over 260 foals and his overwhelming appeal, that came to be the farm's image.

Irish Entertainment, two-time Reserve World Champion Stallion, out of a World Champion Beamington daughter Justa Joy, intensified the Beamington bloodlines, further building on the foundation laid by the black Beamington sons, the outcross stallions

Waseeka's Wildly Royal by Trebles Willy Wild and Rum Brook Immortal Image by the highly rated Immortal Command, brought a certain refinement and prettiness to the mare herd. JMF Cruise Control with the Regency/High Beam cross, brought it all back to Beamington.

In 2009, Dorothy and Will made a big push to reduce their work load. They sold 31 horses including Three K's New Yorker and JMF Basic Black, and traveled as far as Newfoundland and California delivering them.

Will is left with a handful of horses and is especially proud

of his young stock. Will's up-and-coming 2013 stud colt, JMF World Beater, is the product of Dorothy's last purchase, JMF Izzy or Moe (returning her favorite mare to JMF), and Dorothy's last sale, the stallion JMF Ice And Irish. Will's 2013 filly, JMF Can't Touch This, is the last JMF Cruise Control foal to be born from breedings here in Canada and is out of Rum Brook Immortal Image's last foal JMF Wild Shadow.

JMF World Beater and JMF Can't Touch This, with nine and five JMF stallions respectfully in their pedigrees, reflect so much of the JMF breeding program. The mare lines link back to Will and Dorothy's first Morgan mare, Monashee Mischief, and to Triton Flirt and her daughter W-A-W Cole's Coquette, early cornerstones of their breeding program.

For nearly four decades, Morgans have been Dorothy's passion. To us, and to the world, Dorothy unselfishly shared her Morgans and knowledge. To many people, her Morgans provided a retreat from the pressures of life. They became pets, confidants, friends, and even members of the family. People could personally train and use their Morgans as they desired, and be proud of them and their own accomplishments. Dorothy had the gift to produce and select for people the Morgan that they needed. For many she opened the door to the wonders of their Morgans, and she is sadly missed.

Thank you for taking this journey with us.

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### In the Janzen Tradition

See our M&M ad to view Icer's dam. JMF Kit Kat Cruise. This 2013 black colt is pretty, has good size and a very tractable disposition. He is JMF breeding through & through! He'll make a great addition to your show string or breeding program.

M&M Morgans, Kari Janzen bj@jmfmorgans.com (780) 662-3844



JMF Icer Too JMF Ice And Irish x JMF Kit Kat Cruise [xJMF Cruise Control]

### In the Janzen Tradition

This 2012 chestnut stud colt has Windhover Regency twice along with Troutbrook Playboy, Courage of Equinox & Noble Command. This colt has just enough chrome to attract attention! He's going to be a good size, is pretty and is very up-headed. He will look great under saddle!



M&M Reese PKT Regency's Revenge x Moonmist Latonya

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condolences to the Janzen family. We were so fortunate to know Dorothy and we are very thankful for all the support she gave us.

Our heartfelt

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