

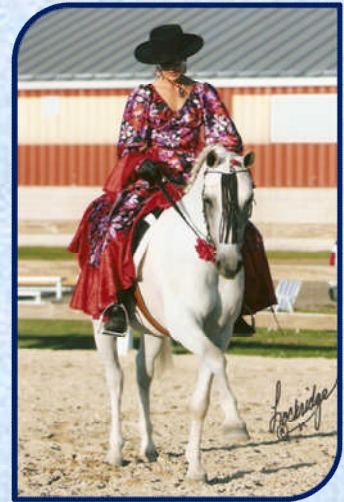


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## From The Editor Wendy Konichek



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I apologize for the lateness of this issue, I moved back to our family farm in Eagle, Wisconsin and still am trying to sell my property in Tomahawk. The move became very complicated since it involved moving twenty-five horses, including nine stallions. To travel between the farms is a four-hour trip one way and many times I made the trip up and back in the same day. Not to mention the fact that we had to get fencing and stalls made in Eagle. So it has been a very hectic summer. I still have not moved anything from my house hold yet, there just has not been any spare time; hopefully things will slow down soon.

I was asked to have this be my last issue of the Morab Perspective, the new editor will be Jane Licht.. She was the editor many years ago so she knows quite a bit about this publication. I also will no longer be on the IMBA Board due to a new rule vote in 2008, so I wish good luck to those who are still serving for IMBA.

The next issue is the Breeders Guide issue so be sure to let us know what is going on with you and your horses. There is no charge to send articles and Farm News along with pictures. The Deadline is January 31, 2010.

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*Wendy Konichek*

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### On the Front Cover

#### Lifetime Achievement Award Program Winners

**Top Left: Bronze Award, Jericho's Silver Hawk**, Morab gelding (Jericho's Royal Stormhawk, Morab x SH Say Sarina, Arabian)  
Owned by Lisa Stallman  
Photo Credit: Bridget Lockridge

**Top Middle: Silver Award, Jericho's Royal Serenade**, Morab mare (Sir RAF Royale, Morab x Calenscio, Arabian)  
Ridden and owned by Marlene Hoop

**Top Right: Bronze Award, RL Raindrops on Roses**, Morab mare (Windmere Royal Topaz, Morab x JW Aurora, Arabian)  
Ridden and owned by Sara Licht  
Photo Credit: Bridget Lockridge

**Middle Left: Silver Award, Jericho's Magnum Force**, Morab gelding (Moro Hill Magnum, Morgan x Ari's Black Diamond, Arabian)  
Owned by Wendy & Linda Konichek, Carolyn Harris.  
Photo Credit: Brittany Wendorf

**Middle Right: Silver Award, Windmere Mocha Royale**, Morab gelding  
(Windmere Royal Topaz, Morab x Windmere Lady Omega, Morab )  
Ridden and owned by Dj Sproat

**Bottom: Bronze Award, RL Rosali**, Morab mare (Windmere Royal Topaz, Morab x Rosie's Fleur de Lis, Morgan)  
Driven by Wes Licht. Owned by Wes & Jane Licht  
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# REGISTRY REPORT

Karen Smith, Registrar



2009, has been a slow year for IMBA, as I assume it is in most of the country. Memberships have held steady, with most members taking advantage of the early bird discount and saving \$5 by renewing before January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for supporting IMBA. It seems breeders are breeding less foals in the past few years, resulting in less foal registrations. We did have many take advantage of the older Morab special registration price this spring. Congratulations to all on your new certificates.

I would like to say "thank you" to Ingrid Buchmeier and DJ Sproat for their dedication in making the first IMBA Online Open Horse Show a great success. Many members and non-members participated. The show was filled with wonderful pictures of Morabs, along with many other horse breeds and non horse photos. The second show has already started and can be found at [www.onlinemorabshow.com](http://www.onlinemorabshow.com). Please check it out and send in those photos. See the results from the first show elsewhere in this issue.

For those who may have sadly lost a dear Morab, Morgan or Arabian. I would like to remind you that we offer a "Greener Pastures" article in the MP. If you would like to pay tribute and share the story of a horse that has passed on please contact the editor at [morabperspective@yahoo.com](mailto:morabperspective@yahoo.com).

The annual meeting will be held on November 07, 2009 at the home of Ingrid Buchmeier in Lander, Wyoming. Anyone who is interested in attending in person or via phone conference may contact the IMBA office. We look forward to another great year and hope that you will join us this year in person or via phone conference.

Enjoy your Morabs

*Karen F Smith*



## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Ingrid Buchmeier, Chairman



The International Morab Breeders Association is looking forward to its first meeting in the western US. The meeting will be held here in Lander, Wyoming. It will also be open via phone conference if anyone is interested in that option. Please let a board member know if you would like to attend via phone.

The economy has affected the horse market. The Morab is the type of horse that will do well in spite of the economy. They are great family horses. Fewer people are breeding in this poor economic economy, but the quality of the horses is increasing.

The first photo show was very successful and I am looking forward to how the current show will finish. The online is the only real fund raising opportunity IMBA has besides advertising and registrations. I would encourage each member to submit an entry to this show. Members have been asking for something like the show to have the opportunity to compete against other Morabs. As the show becomes more successful we will be encouraged to add video classes and perhaps even a futurity.

We look forward to "seeing" you at the Annual meeting in November. Don't forget to vote. It is a great way to guide your organization.

*Ingrid*





# RIDING THE TRAILS WITH JUDI

JUDI DALY



## Cruiser's New Speed

Cruiser has always been a speedy horse, and I love him that way. Unfortunately, with a healed bowed tendon, I didn't think it would be wise to blast down the trails like we used to in the spring on those early trail rides. Extended trotting can be hard on a bad tendon, so I needed him to slow down for his springtime conditioning.

We started out just trotting short sections of trail. When he got too fast, I brought him to a walk for a minute and then tried again. This worked well when we were riding away from home, but when we tried it going towards home, he was fast on the first stride, and he just wouldn't settle down. I decided we would go home at a walk for a while. It worked, sort of.

Since Cruiser wanted to go faster and I wouldn't let him, he decided to gait. He has been occasionally gaitting ever since I got him nearly twenty years ago. He would only do it when he traveled downhill or was very excited. I am fairly certain he is doing a stepping pace. It's faster than a walk, but not as fast as his trot, and I have always enjoyed it. He just cruises along on a loose rein.

Well, this spring, he was gaitting a lot—which I think is a good sign since he hadn't offered it very much in the last few years. I think he was telling me that he felt good (and wanted to trot towards home.) The first time when he did it, I told him "Good boy." He heard those words and accelerated! I was shocked. I never thought he knew that "good boy" really meant "good boy." I figured it was just mindless chatter to him. I tried a few more times, and he ended up going faster than he ever did for me at his gait. We were flying down the trail. I was thrilled. I decided I wanted to do this more often—but how could I cue him to do it?

The next ride, I experimented. I tried collection, and he just collected his walk or went into a collected trot. If I just urged him forward, he wanted to trot. I was just not getting through to him. This wasn't a surprise. A nearly 22-year-old horse that has never been asked to gait can't be expected to know just what I want him to do.

Since my sister, Ellen, and I only have three horses between us, on the weekends she often walks with me on the trail when I ride my second horse. The following weekend, she joined us. Of course, she can't keep up with us when we trot, so I end up way ahead of her. I then turn around and head towards home. Years ago, we taught Cruiser to play the "Find Ranger" game. If my sister's horse, Ranger's, shoes were too worn and she didn't want to take him on a long, fast ride, she would leave the barn later than us and meet us on the way home. I would tell Cruiser to "Find Ranger" and after doing it enough, he knew the game. I would say the words, he would raise his head, look around and go faster.

This game transformed in time into "Find Ellen." When we were looking for her, his head would go up, he would look around and trot faster. I thought I would try it to encourage him to gait. It worked like a charm! I was so amazed. He instantly went from a walk into his gait. I said it a few more times, and he went faster!

I can only use this command when Cruiser will actually find Ellen. I don't want to ruin the magic. What I have been doing is adding some gentle leg pressure—just enough to speed him up, but not enough for him to think I am asking for a trot. I think he is making a connection because he is starting to gait from the leg pressure. I have been tossing in "good boys" and that is helping. He still does the best when we can "find Ellen."

He won't do it with other horses—he doesn't want to leave them, and he walks with Ellen for the same reason. He has settled down, and I am now able to trot him towards home, so we have been doing it less than in the spring, but he will still do it. I am still in awe over the whole thing.

The most surprising part is how he picked up on the word cues. I never would have predicted the success. It goes to show you that we are teaching them all the time whether we know it or not. Also, it is proof that we can teach an old horse a new trick.

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**Judi and Cruiser.**

