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Newsletter

HAFLINGER HORSE BITS



Haley TOF

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2021 Calendar Contest



We want YOUR submissions for the 2021 AHR Wall Calendar!

Photos must be of an AHR registered Haflinger, and submitted by a current member. If you'd like to submit your photos for possible inclusion in the 2021 AHR calendar, email your high resolution* landscape oriented (horizontal) photos to

promotion@haflingerhorse.com by Thursday, October 1st

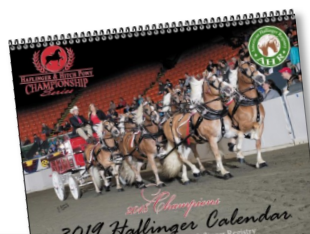
Please include the registered name(s) of the horse(s) pictured, owner name, names of all people pictured, and the photographer's name. Also include a usage release with any professional photos.

Selected photos will also be featured in 2021 as "Haflinger of the Month" with a writeup on our Facebook page, viewed by thousands of horse enthusiasts, and may also be used on the AHR website or in other AHR promotional materials!

Calendars will be sent to all current members in November.

Extra calendars will be available for purchase.

*High resolution is 300dpi or better. Photos must be at least 3300 pixels wide by at least 2550 pixels tall. For questions regarding quality, please contact us at promotion@haflingerhorse.com.



Call for Member Farm Listings

Your AHR Promotions committee has been busy working on refreshing the look of AHR's website. As part of that, we plan to expand the "Member Farm" section into a searchable map, and further encourage this expansion, listings will now be FREE for all members! We're hoping to have as large of a directory as possible when the new site goes live. If you'd like to have your farm listed, or have any classified ads you'd like to post, you may easily submit your listing online at <http://haflingerhorse.com/add-your-marketplace-listing/> or email details to promotion@haflingerhorse.com

Youth Program Returns!

AHR approved the reimplementa-tion of a new youth program for 2021. The goal of the AHRY (American Haflinger Registry Youth) program is to educate and entertain the younger members of our Haflinger society (up to age 18) while emphasizing good sportsmanship principles. The youth are the future of our breed.

If you know of any youth interested in helping to create the new program, please contact me at michelleatahr@gmail.com.

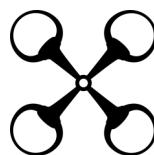
**Michelle Harper, East-Central Region
Board Representative (2022)**

2020 AHR Futurity Cancellation

Following the June cancellation of the 2020 National Showcase, the Futur-ity show had been rescheduled as a standalone event for October, due to the smaller group size and partnership with the Haflinger Breeders Coopera-tive. Unfortunately, HBC ultimately moved their event to August 14-16, in conjunction with the Central Ohio Haflinger Show. AHR was invited to move its Futurity to the same dates, but based on the current health risks, short timeline, and previous member feedback, the AHR Board decided to decline the invitation.

The AHR Board revisited holding the event in October, but felt having members prepare and absorb the costs of participating in two futurity events in 2020 was not fair to the member-ship, and that the added financial risks to the AHR Futurity were unaccepta-ble.

After much careful consideration, the Board decided to cancel the AHR Futurity for 2020 and move forward with planning a bigger and better event for the Showcase in 2021.



My Haflinger Journey by Anne-Laure Boyd



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Haley TOF and Lilly-Marie Boyd hold their own alongside warmbloods in the California show ring

My Haflinger journey started in 2016 when shopping for my daughter's first horse. In our minds we were shopping for some type of bay warmblood that she could show in the hunter/jumper ring. While attending a local show, we saw a chestnut blond horse that was incredible in the ring, jumped everything and seemed very calm and sweet. It happened that she was for sale, a Haflinger mare, and after a try-out and a vet check we became the proud owner of Haley TOF and began our 'golden ears' journey.

To say that Haley is a fantastic horse is an understatement; she has an

incredible temperament, smooth gaits, loves to work, craves attention, excels in many disciplines, and is absolutely stunning. She is also a bit stubborn and food crazy and can become herd sour and throw her big butt in the air when she is full of it; she is a horse after all! My daughter Lilly-Marie, now 16, has competed with Haley in the hunter/jumper ring where they have earned many ribbons, as well as in three-day eventing. They participated at the California Horse Expo with the Western Haflinger Association as well as a street parade with Lilly-Marie's high school equestrian team.

My Haflinger Journey *(continued)*

When I decided to get back in the saddle, Haley was my obvious choice and I completely fell in love with the horse and the Haflinger breed and had to have one of my own. With my children now in their teens, I could afford the time away and the search for my own Haflinger began. I spent a lot of time doing research on the breed, located good breeders and made sure that I would get a registered Haflinger.

That proved to be a difficult task in California and on the West Coast in general because there are few breeders and not a lot of Haflingers found out west. It became evident that I needed to travel to the Midwest, and I ended up in Ohio's Amish country where I befriended Robert Eicher and Susan Van Horn at Der Haflingerhof. I purchased my beautiful mare Equine Affair Magic Touch HOF from them. She was in foal to Nordtirol and my education and experience with the breed grew as well as my passion. "Petra" as I renamed her, became my daily companion and best friend. Although she was only three years old, we started training slowly



Anne-Laure Boyd with her beloved Petra
(Equine Affair Magic Touch HOF)

but surely and enjoyed everything a pregnant mare could do, mostly walk, trot, canter and trail riding.

Petra had her filly Entering Miss Penelope HOF on our property February 1st, 2018, and having the family grow was a blessing and life was perfect. The AHR announced an Inspection and Classification for the West Coast in September and we started getting our girl Petra ready with high hopes of her getting a great score.

My Haflinger Journey *(continued)*

Unfortunately, after the horrible California fires that summer, Petra became one of about 100 horses who ended up at UC Davis Veterinary Hospital with an incurable pneumonia. Suddenly, my world was turned upside down and I watched my best four-legged friend deteriorate and had to say goodbye.

As I was leaving UC Davis without Petra, my vet (whose family are parishioners at my church) said to me “Anne-Laure, God has a plan”. To say that I was heartbroken and did not care for this plan is an understatement. I said goodbye to Petra on September 4th and the inspection was September 7th. At a loss and in need of distraction, I trailered baby Penelope to the inspection for an informal young horse evaluation completely unprepared; her feet needed trimming, her mane was halfway gone from rubbing on chicken wire and she needed a bath, but I decided that being around Haflinger lovers and professionals was therapeutic for me. I am so glad I went! There I saw my friends from Horse Expo, met new Haflinger friends, received much support, and met John Dunkel of Genesis Farm.

That inspection changed my life, literally! John Dunkel has become a friend and a mentor, and I am now going to breed registered Haflingers in California. For starters, I purchased a new Haflinger for myself and am now the proud owner of Status Quo of Genesis, a gorgeous and sweet four-year-old imported boy who will represent the breed and be my everyday horse. I am planning my farm, Fleur-De-Lis Haflingers, with much joy and anticipation with a few great mare prospects, and my heart feels whole again. I guess God did have a plan!



Entering Miss Penelope HOF is the first foal produced by Fleur-De-Lis Haflingers

AHR Youth Spotlight: Dani Kemper

Dani Kemper and Murphy PRHF hail from Miamisburg, Ohio and have competed in a wide variety of events including Haflinger shows, ranch horse shows, and draft shows, with wins and top placings in all of them.

Murphy is 20 this year and Dani who is 17 has been riding, training, and showing him for 8 years. They compete in western dressage and ranch horse events mostly, but have done just about everything except driving. Their biggest accomplishment to date was winning champion draft horse showmanship at The Ohio State Fair 4-H horse show in 2017.

Murphy is a goofy fella who is always thinking with his belly which he feels is always empty and needs to be filled immediately. One of his favorite treats is brown sugar cinnamon Pop-Tarts which he only gets at shows. He has quite a big personality and even at 20 years old will still throw a “fling” or two with a canter transition here and there. Murphy also has a soft side and loves tiny humans and kitties.

2020 has held challenges for the partnership of Dani and Murphy, and not only because of Covid. Murphy was diagnosed with EPM in April, but with Dani’s diligent care and a regimen of



medication, supplements, and different therapy modalities including acupuncture, bodywork, massage, and time on a Theraplate to help with the EPM and some arthritis, Dani and her beloved Murphy are back in the show pen together now.

When she’s not hanging out with Murphy, Dani is a junior in the diesel tech program at our local vocational school and works as a diesel mechanic for a local trucking company.

Dani and Murphy continue to work toward bettering themselves as a team to show the world just how talented and versatile the wonderful Haflinger breed can be.

Haflingers are Special by Rivkah Valley

Haflingers are special. No two ways about it. Haflingers, in general, really want to be near you. They form close bonds of friendship and trust with their owners. I am going to offer my humble musings with you.

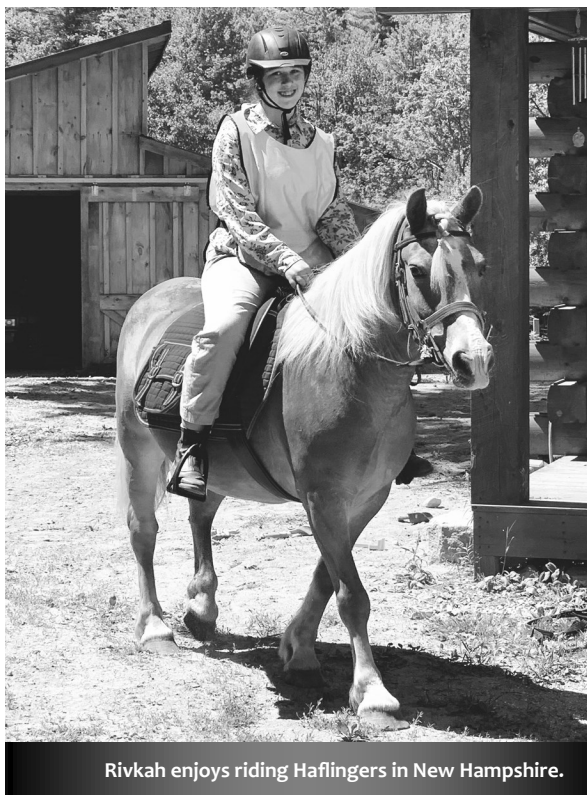
The reason that Haflingers tend to form very close attachments to their owners is perhaps revealed in their origins. They were bred as an all-around farm horse, one to pull the wagon, take the kids around the farm, plow, and to be a reliable horse that can find their way home even in the most horrid conditions. They had to have a mind of their own. A horse that blindly obeys its owner isn't much good if they end up over a steep cliff. By encouraging the independent mindset and tenacious willpower of the breed, they have saved many a life. With Haflingers, the trust has to go two ways.

My Haflinger, Millie, loves to jump onto the trailer by herself. She gets all prancy and heads straight for it right from the pasture. Their work ethic is strongly developed as they love to please you. On trails, they become like a fire breathing dragon, with an overwhelming desire to explore and to get to your destination, and any steep

trails are taken as easily as a flat grassy plain. All of this is taken with their ground covering, working trot.

Haflinger owners will find their Haffies trotting up to the gate when they're called, and more than willing to stick their head in the halter you're holding. To be honest, I think Millie would buckle it on herself if she had fingers. Then, she searches me up and down, looking for a little morsel to snack on.

While grooming and tacking up Millie, I get the eerie feeling that she actually does understand what I am



Rivkah enjoys riding Haflingers in New Hampshire.

Haflingers are Special *(continued)*

saying. If I need a good cry, I can just go out in the pasture and sit. Millie walks briskly over, and puts her head down where I can easily caress it or hug it and she seemingly sympathizes with me. She stands guard over me, daring the other horses to approach her human, who obviously is in some kind of distress. She will get to the point, if the other horses' curiosity overwhelms them, of charging the other horses with teeth bared.

Haflingers help you in any way they can. When my Dad was installing the automatic waterer, my Mom's Haflinger, May, decided he needed help. She walked over and playfully tried to take off his hat. Then, she tried to help

move the wires and paw at the odd-looking parts. Of course, she eventually figured out that her help and expertise wasn't needed, and walked sedately away.

Of course, the Golden Horse with the Golden Heart will always be there for you. Something to count on when the whole world is in turmoil; To laugh with, to cry with, today, tomorrow, and forever.

Rivkah Valley, age 15, lives in New Hampshire with her family and several Haflingers. She is president and vice-president of two different 4-H clubs and enjoys riding and driving. Rivkah plans to become a healthcare professional, and run a Haflinger hobby farm and to educate the public on the versatility and character of the Haflinger breed.

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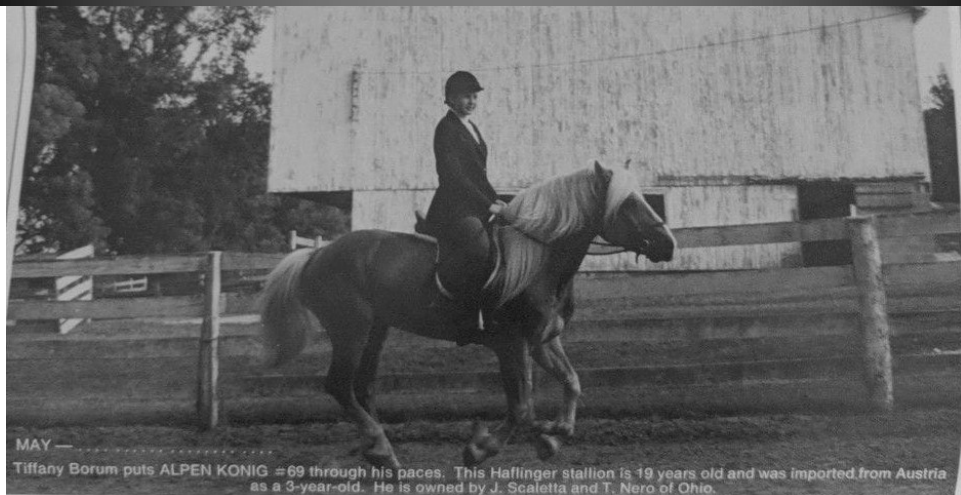
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Haflingers in History: Alpen Konig



MAY —
Tiffany Borum puts ALPEN KONIG #69 through his paces. This Haflinger stallion is 19 years old and was imported from Austria as a 3-year-old. He is owned by J. Scaletta and T. Nero of Ohio.

By Michelle Harper

Alpen Konig (Alpen King) is one of the founding fathers of the Haflinger horse in North America. Alpen Konig was part of a third shipment of Haflingers to Tempel Farms selected specifically by Otto Schweisgut, the “Father” of the modern Haflinger, to improve the breed in the US in early 1971.



At 56 inches Alpen was taller than the average Haflinger in the US with a more athletic build. He had the Tyrol

brand (TH) on the left shoulder and the edelweiss on his left hip (see photo ad).

Alpen was known for his smarts and his gentleness, and was also slightly claustrophobic, which was often attributed to his experiences in shipping. For that reason, he usually travelled in a stock trailer. In 1998 when the Haflinger Horse Association and the Haflinger Association of America were combined into the American Haflinger Registry (AHR) Alpen Konig was given the number 52-68. This is the number following Alpen Konig’s name on all AHR pedigrees today.

In 1980 most of the Tempel Farms Haflinger herd including Alpen were bought by the MacArthur Farm and moved to Eastern New York. At the MacArthur Farm he was restarted in driving and ridden on trails. He was often driven with a mare named Silky, which speaks to his well-behaved nature.

Haflingers in History (continued)

At the age of 17, in June 1985, Alpen was sold as part of the MacArthur herd disposal sale at auction to Tom Nero and Joe Scarletta of Avon, Ohio for a record \$9000. At the auction there were shouts of excitement combined with calls for an open stock trailer. Alpen commanded a high stud fee of \$300, ranking him among premier Haflinger stallions.

In 1988 the Alpen Konig partnership acquired him. The partnership consisted of

Aden and Betty Miller, Junior and Mae Troyer, Lori and Leroy Mast, Steven and Leroy Mast, Steven and Bena Yoder, Tom and Connie Bauer, and Ray Miller. Alpen was frequently advertised in the pages of the Haflinger Highlite magazine by the partnership making him one of the most well-known Haflingers in the US.

Alpen was last shown at 29 years old at the

Haflinger Registry North America (HRNA) Stallion Parade in Coshocton, Ohio in 1997, where he appeared hale and hearty and much younger than his age. He died peacefully at Mini Mountain Farm owned by Ray Miller in 1999.

Alpen is an unforgettable horse who impacted the lives of many across North America and created bonds with those he came across and many new Haflinger fans.



"See Alpen Konig at the HRNA's Parade of Stallions-May 24,1991"



CHIPMUNK HILL FARM--TWIN MAPLE FARMS
RUSTIC RAIL RANCH----MINI MOUNTIAN H.

Central Ohio Show Round-Up



Best of Show was awarded to Alpha Gold HOF, shown by Robert Eicher for Der Haflingerhof

By Jacque Woodward

The 2020 Central Ohio Haflinger Show was held Aug 14-16 in Sullivan, Ohio at Windy Knoll Farm. Haflinger enthusiasts joined together to hold this show amidst the pandemic by participating in the show itself, sponsoring classes and youth and open awards, and volunteering time throughout the weekend to run the event. Judge Jennifer Woodruff-Sawyer evaluated Haflingers in a full-slate of approximately 90 youth, amateur, and open classes over the three-day show.

By listening to the show exhibitors from the Buckeye Haflinger Show, the Buckeye Equestrian Events show management decided to change the show schedule days. Friday started the jumping and hunter classes followed by the fun classes. Saturday hosted the

Haflinger Breeder's Co-Op halter classes and then went into the regular halter classes followed by driving and western divisions. Saturday night saw some exhibitors grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and enjoying some much-needed talking and laughing.

Sunday concluded the show with more than thirty classical and western dressage rides and rail classes, and the announcement of the overall high-point champions. Noble Outfitter bags were presented with choice of either wine and glasses with a Noble Outfitter hoof pick that also has a wine opener, or a bag with essential show horse products. The weekend weather was great until mid afternoon when a few storms came through but overall, it was a great way to spend time with family, friends and the mutual love of the Haflinger breed!

Central Ohio Show Round-Up *(continued)*



From top:

Walking the line: Judge Jennifer Woodruff-Sawyer inspects a class of beautiful Haflingers. More than thirty classical and western dressage rides took place on Sunday. Awards galore were offered to class and high-point winners at the Central Ohio show.

Meetings & Minutes

Summary of the AHR Board of Directors Meeting June 10, 2020

All Directors present.

Brief committee reports were shared as the health crisis continues to cause cancellations. This will now include the 2020 National Showcase. The Board, however, would like to hold hope that a Futurity event in conjunction with HBC is still possible in early October. A facility is reserved.

The Youth subcommittee is seeking participation in a leadership council.

In a unanimous decision, AHR will sign a five-year contract with Digital-Horses and Stacie Lynch.

AHR has begun the application process to trademark the name and logo.

The Board discussed concerns that a year-end “yearbook” is looking less and less realistic in the wake of the nation’s current health crisis.

The Board discussed preliminary ideas for a virtual show, but is opting not to pursue at this time.

The President appointed John Dunkel to chair the Nominating Committee for 2020. Nominees will have info to him by August 15 for approval at the September Board meeting. Ballots will be due prior to the October Board meeting. All information, including the required biography questions will be in the next issue of Haflinger Horse Bits.

Summary of the AHR Board of Directors Meeting July 8, 2020

Eight directors present; Michelle Harper and Joey Lysinger were excused with prior notice.

The Board received a **Registrar’s report** for April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 stating:

Registrations – 52 Total for 2nd Quarter, 175 for 2020

- Stallions: 12, Mares: 32, Geldings: 8
- 30 Registrations in the horse recording queue for 11 members with 14 of these pending registrations being for one member

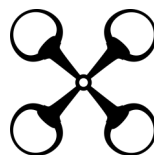
Transfers – 232 Total for 2nd Quarter, 386 for 2020

Members—Active Annual Members: 385, Active Non-Voting Members: 49 (do not own a Haflinger), Lifetime: 57, Junior Members: 6

Open Work Orders – 82

- 6 in the Ready to Print queue
- Work Orders Closed in the last 30 Days –67 with 241-line items

The Board is pleased with the efficiency of paperwork and the effort staff is making to clean up partial completions.



Meetings & Minutes (continued)

Among ongoing health and financial concerns plus the HBC's announcement to separate from the AHR Futurity, the Board unanimously agreed to cancel our event.

Dates and facilities have been confirmed for 2021 events.

The Big Dee's Bonus Buck program is back up and under AHR. Information on how member purchases will earn 5% to AHR will be in upcoming announcements via newsletter, website, and social media.

Respectfully submitted by,
Missy Shanahan, 1st Vice President

Haflinger Research Fee

Effective September 15, there will be a \$100 non-refundable research fee if DNA matching research is needed in trying to identify horses with missing registration certificates.

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