



## Pye and Sloan Travel the Buckeye State

This summer the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association sent two harness racing ambassadors, Thom Pye and Kim Sloan, to travel the fairs and spread the word about Ohio harness racing. These ambassadors each traveled with the Racing with the Stars exhibit where they interacted with fans teaching them a little about the industry and showing them the fun opportunities that harness racing provides. Both Thom and Kim did a great job promoting harness racing at Ohio fairs. Thom and Kim share their experiences from the summer of 2017.

### Thom Pye-

When I saw the notice for a Harness Racing Ambassador for the O.H.H.A. this spring I won't say I leaped but I was pretty quick to reply.

It has been everything I'd hoped for as I put in over 6,500 miles this summer traveling to 35 County Fairs throughout Ohio, meeting all types of people from all walks of life, the racing is at its best and purest, and it is FUN!

I've also got to work with some very good people during the summer as we shared a common goal to promote the industry.

The fans are great and several who traversed the fairs became part of the gallery at the Racing with the Stars Tent (R.W.T.S.). A good group from Eaton even helped hold it down at Montgomery County Fair in Dayton when a storm gusted through.

While I was treated well at all the fairs, one of the more enjoyable fairs for the fans was at Mercer County in Celina, where the crowd was kept entertained between some pretty good racin' with music and giveaways. Several other fairs did this too. It keeps the fans involved and keeps them coming back.

We hosted the Bouncy Pony Races at a few fairs which brought many a laugh from the crowd and a score of kids wanting to ride them.

A lot of people came up and complimented the O.H.H.A. for sending out the R.W.T.S. tent saying, "it was a good idea and it promotes harness racing." I agree that it did. The fans enjoyed it.

Now I'm going to send out "Thanks" to all of the Fairs that hosted us this summer and to the fine folks in "Ohio Country, the Heart Beat of Harness Racing".

And I wouldn't mind another bowl of them Swirl Fries.

### Kim Sloan-

I feel privileged to have been able to represent the OHHA and harness racing through the Ambassador position. In all honesty, I felt a little fumbly at the first couple of fairs, not knowing entirely what to expect from fair staff as well as the public. I had been to quite a few of the fairs to race in the past, but not all of them. I was really worried about getting lost. I have absolutely no sense of direction. None, nothing, nada!! Thank goodness for GPS. Eleven fairs down and I haven't got lost once. I loved interacting with the public more so than I imagined. I learned a lot about people and their personalities. I learned children some-

times know more than their parents. Lol!

I will have attended 13 fairs by the end of the season. Four fairs I attended on multiple days, traveling 1,832 miles from July 9th to September 24th or an 11-week span. No two fairs are the same, and I feel each fair has its own personality and vibe which is a direct result of the people heading up the organization.

Harness racing is more favored at some fairs than others. Lisbon was a favorite of mine. I had never been to that fair before and it was so much more than I expected. So much pride goes into that fair. Every "I" is dotted and every "T" crossed. Canfield, Wellington and Jefferson try very hard to improve harness racing attendance and have an obvious enthusiasm and passion for it. The Cuyahoga county fairgrounds was the first place I stabled my Standardbreds and cut my teeth in the sport, so that fair is special and nostalgic for me.

Everyone was very easy to work with and many seemed truly appreciative that the OHHA was there with the tent. Elwood Woolman (Woody) from Canfield, Scott Smith from Wellington and Paul Lease from Lisbon are true professionals and major assets to our sport. They go above and beyond and lead with their heart.

I believe location of the tent has a lot to do with the

**8,332 plus miles  
traveled by OHHA  
Ambassadors to share  
harness racing with  
the fans!**

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### 2017 Racing Dates

- Northfield Park  
Jan. 1 - Dec. 30  
(222 Live Days)
- Miami Valley Gaming  
Jan 6 to May 8  
(87 live days)
- Scioto Downs  
May 9 - Sept. 9  
(90 live days)
- Hollywood at  
Dayton Raceway  
Sept. 12 - Dec. 30  
(75 live days)

### Important Dates

- OSRC Monthly Meeting**  
Friday, October 27 10:00 a.m.  
Room 1948, Riffe Center,  
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### OHHA Board Meetings

- Executive Board Meeting:  
Tuesday, October 24
- Full Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, October 25  
Both meetings located at  
the OHHA Office

*Title photo from Thom Pye*

## From Your Executive Director, Renée Mancino

The OHHA has provided testimony on several important medication and testing initiatives under review and pending in Ohio. The initial commentary provided to the Ohio State Racing Commission on proposed R.C. 3769.09 on Out of Competition Testing follows. No action has been taken yet on proposed R.C. 3769.09 as a medication and testing consideration and query continues in the coming months with the Ohio State Racing Commission. As testimony is provided we will update Members via our publications in the coming months on these important initiatives. As always, we look forward to your comments and input as these items are brought to your attention!

The OHHA is cognizant of nationwide public opinion and the push for out-of-competition testing (“OCT”). OHHA Members are even more sensitive to it from the perspective of the welfare of the horse, because Standardbred Owners, Breeders, Trainers, and Drivers overwhelmingly support the ethical and humane treatment of racehorses. The overwhelming majority of trainers and drivers are interested in having a level playing field in place for all competitors and are in favor of narrowly tailored regulations specifically to bring that to fruition. Many states have put rules into place for out-of-competition testing. These rules vary widely from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Despite the Association of Racing Commission’s International (ARCI) promoting a “model rule”, State’s rules vary widely in scope and are anything but “uniform”. The OHHA fully supports equine drug testing and the wisdom of out-of-competition testing, however any regulation must be fair and reasonable to all concerned and geared towards the big picture goal. The big picture goal is to detect and prevent illicit substances (that industry scientists say cannot be detected in traditional post-race testing) <sup>1</sup> from being administered to a horse leading to unfair performance enhancement in a race.

Cognizant of a lack of uniformity in regulation, the OHHA would like to learn from the history of out-of-competition rule promulgation in neighboring States. One example is New York, an early adopter where proposed rules faced an immediate Constitutional challenge upon passage in late 2014, see, *In the Matter of Standardbred Owners Association of New York, et., al., vs., New York State Gaming Commission (November 2014)*. The first attempt at regulation was passage of the ARCI Model Rule with little modification. SOANY (Petitioners) claimed the New York Regulators exceeded their jurisdictional authority, violated the separation of powers doctrine, and had passed Rules that were overly broad, unconstitutionally vague and not reasonably related to the purpose they were passed for. After the Petition resulted in several Court challenges, the New York rules were amended to more narrowly tailor their program. Out-of-Competition Testing is used infrequently and selectively due to the extremely high-costs for widespread testing.

Ohio Principal Assistant Attorney General Michael Rzymek has in-part already outlined the State’s position relative to jurisdictional authority and the need for Code based revision on R.C. 3769.09. <sup>2</sup> However, the Revised Code has several very narrowly tailored, specific and complimentary provisions such as, R.C. 3769.082(E) and 3769.01, “such sections shall apply **only to the racing of horses**”. The Code defines a “race day” as, the twenty-four-hour period beginning at one minute after twelve a.m. and ending at twelve midnight of a day when horse racing is scheduled”, and “**no horse entered to race** shall carry in its body **on race day** any prohibited foreign substance.” Therefore, in addition to those Revised Code provisions, Administrative Code Rules 3769-2, 3769-8, 3769-11, 3769-12, and 3769-18 should also be reviewed as well for potential conflict and amendment to facilitate the initiative.

In addition to provisions falling under Chapter 3769 and other Chapters of the Revised Code, a prudent understanding of complimentary provisions of Federal Law and Ohio Law relevant to the subject matter should also be undertaken. The Fourth Amendment, Reasonable Search and Seizure, the requirements necessary under the law for the issuance of a search warrant, and the proper procedure a governmental actor must follow in advance of conducting a warrantless search should be prudently scrutinized for a big picture understanding of the Rights at issue here with the end-result being reasonable regulation with a rational basis to the Rule.

The Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution prohibits government agents from “unreasonable searches” of people, their homes, their papers, and their effects when they have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Before a “reasonable search”, generally there must be probable cause, supported by an oath or affirmation that describes the place to be searched, and the person or things to be seized. The general rule is that a search conducted by a governmental agent without a search warrant is unreasonable, and therefore a violation of the Constitution. This general rule has exceptions and warrantless searches are permitted in specific circumstances.

Relevant to warrantless searches, Mr. Rzymek has provided amendment on R.C. 3769.09 to omit the requirement that the Racing Commission Inspectors (the governmental actor here) be bonded and present their findings in writing and under oath. Often for a warrantless search to be an exception to the need for a search warrant, a governmental actor must provide in writing and under oath the basis for the warrantless search to justify the warrantless search of an individual’s private property. Omission of this requirement may run afoul of the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution. And if a Racing Commission Inspector were to engage in an unreasonable search of someone’s property and cause harm or damage to that party then there would be no



<sup>1</sup> We question the validity of this statement because it presumes that post-race testing is not rationally related to its intended purpose, which is disconcerting and the potential topic for another legal comment on that potential legal challenge, however it is a widely-held industry opinion used as justification for OCT.

<sup>2</sup> Out of Competition Testing presentation by Mr. Rzymek at the February 22, 2017 meeting of the Ohio State Racing Commission provided background and sample Revised Code amendments.

recourse for potential damage against the Inspector's Bond. Therefore, a thorough examination of the law must not stop at a review of Revised Code Chapter 3769 and Administrative Code Chapter 3769. Applicable Federal Law, Ohio Real Property Law<sup>3</sup>, and contact with the Department of Agriculture and Division of Wildlife should also be engaged in. In the case of the Department of Agriculture and Division of Wildlife they likely already have processes and procedure in place for their Inspectors that engage in warrantless searches relative to exotic animal seizure and seizure on private property, so there would be no need to reinvent the wheel on proper protocol and procedure for Racing Commission Inspectors.

Regarding any specific regulation for out-of-competition testing the OHHA assumes that the starting point will be the December 2016 ARCI Model Rule. In accordance with protecting the highly protected Constitutional Rights with a narrowly tailored and reasonable search, any Rule set forth should also be clearly defined and narrowly tailored with the goal being one of reasonableness.

As applied the ARCI Rule is not narrowly tailored, it is overly broad in scope, not rationally related to the purpose stated, and on its face is overly broad, ambiguous, and vague.

There are four areas which provide the basis for overly broad, ambiguous, and vague. (1) Biological Sample Substances List (2) The class of horse that can be tested, (3) The process for obtaining the sample, including geographical location requirements, and (4) The Scope of Testing.

- (1) Any Prohibited Substance List should be narrowly defined to provide adequate notice of what is being tested for and what will result in culpability, further it should distinguish between "use" and "possession" clearly for Veterinarians' ease in prescribing so their Clients do not become inadvertent violators. Supporting medical, scientific, and factual data should be provided to substantiate inclusion on the Prohibited Substance List and justify the need for inclusion on the list. The List should provide meaningful notice to Practicing Veterinarians and distinguish between drugs, medications, and substances that have a high therapeutic value and broad nebulous prohibitions. Broad-based use of "Gene Doping Agents" and "Blood doping Agents" as categories to exclude are not helpful to Veterinarians when Iron supplementation, Vitamin B-12, Folic Acid and B-complex can all fall under the broad "Blood doping Agent" definition because they increase oxygen carrying capacity of the blood or boost performance, yet they are naturally occurring substances in a horse's body. Any Substance List should also provide exclusions for and proactively handle the potential for environmental contamination.

<sup>3</sup> Under the Ohio Landlord-Tenant Act, a Landlord must provide 24-hours-notice prior to entering onto and inspecting a property occupied by a tenant. We may have several potential issues with private property like this that come to mind, for example, Commission licensed horseman leasing only the barns and/or racetrack ("training center") of a third party's private property wherein the actual real property owner lives in the home on the property and is not an OSRC licensee.

- (2) The Class of Horse that can be tested should include those that are training in the jurisdiction only and qualified to race. Broadening further and all the way to a horse that is "nominated" provides no reasonable rationale for the rule, standardbred racehorses are nominated as weanlings to Grand Circuit stakes events. Horses that are qualified to race in the jurisdiction is the class of horse that ultimately has the potential to have a substance administered that could enhance the performance of the horse in a race.
- (3) The testing locations should be those specific locations that are licensed by the Ohio State Racing Commission and under their jurisdiction. The OHHA is only aware of one public training center in Ohio that houses more than 100 standardbreds for different trainers, Sahbra Farms in Streetsboro, Ohio. Horses on the grounds of a licensed racetrack or fairgrounds and qualified to race owned by a Racing Commission licensed owner under the care of a Racing Commission licensed trainer is eligible for out-of-competition testing. Samples must be taken by an OSRC State Veterinarian to maintain the proper chain of custody. Horses that are located outside the State of Ohio may only be tested if qualified and upon entry into a race in the State of Ohio.
- (4) Test Samples should be limited to the type and scope of those permitted under race day testing, which includes blood, urine, and TCO2. Expanding the scope beyond the forms permissible under the current race day medication and testing scheme or deeming ownership in a sample to the Racing Commission to permit re-test many months later without a rational basis related to the need for that expansion is overreaching. In the event of a "positive" test the Trainer of Record should have a right to request a "split" sample in the same manner and form as permitted under race day testing.

The final issue is one of cost. In jurisdictions that have out-of-competition testing regulation the costs are substantial. Ohio sample testing costs are governed by O.A.C. 3769-8-01 and 3769-18-01. Specifically, under the rules, the costs for one horse in each race shall be deducted from the purse pool. There is currently no provision for deduction on the cost of any other sample. Specifically, "the cost of analysis of all other samples shall be paid by the commission." Therefore, any proposed initiative would also have to provide details on payment for out-of-competition testing.

The details provided are not all-inclusive, but suggested topic areas before draft legislation is offered and a very general and broad-based framework that would enable Ohio to be an industry leader in Out-of-Competition Testing. The OHHA is happy to work with the rest of the industry stakeholders to reach a consensus on how to bring this important initiative to fruition for the health, safety, and welfare of our equine participants and the integrity of the sport.

## Groom Appreciation Awards



Photo by JJ Zamaiko Photography, Inc

Jimmy Hites and Bobbie Jo Brewer were awarded the OHHA Groom Appreciation Awards in August.

Jimmy Hites has been employed by Kurt Sugg at Northfield Park since 2013. "Jimmy is always ready and willing to do whatever is asked of him. It is truly an asset to have someone in your stable like Jimmy," shared Sugg.

"He deserves to be recognized for all of his hard work and his good attitude." Sugg also shared that Hites enjoys taking care of the horses and he takes pride in the Sugg Stable.

Bobbie Jo Brewer has been a groom all of her life and travels to all of the Ohio tracks. Her trainer, Patricia Brewer, shares, "she works 24/7 and always shows up. My horses look the best! She really cares for them and puts her heart and soul into her job."



Photo by Brett Merkle

Both grooms were presented with a \$200 Visa gift card by OHHA.

Remember to nominate your grooms by contacting Brett Merkle or Amy Hollar to obtain an nomination form or you can get it from the OHHA website [www.ohha.com/groom-appreciation-award](http://www.ohha.com/groom-appreciation-award) and email or hand it to either Brett or Amy.

Congratulations to both winners and we look forward to awarding the next two!

## Scioto Downs Wraps up 58th Season

by Jason Roth, Eldorado Scioto Downs Racing Secretary

As the season wrapped up on Saturday, September 9th, at Eldorado Scioto Downs, fans got to see the return of the Jug Preview after a 10 year hiatus, another edition of the Jim Ewart Memorial and another driving battle.

Driver Josh Sutton tried to make miracles happen again in 2017 as he was 8 wins away from fellow driver Chris Page going into the final week. Last year, Sutton was 7 wins away going into the final week and won the driving championship on the last race of the year at Scioto Downs. This year, Sutton could do no better then to get within 3 wins of Page during the final week. On closing night, Chris Page won 4 races to close out the 2017 racing season as the champion. Page finished the 2017 meet with 166 victories in 952 starts and purse earnings of \$2,140,353. For the 24th consecutive year, Virgil Morgan Jr led all trainers with 80 victories in 344 starts and purses of \$772,300.

Eldorado Scioto Downs hosted three grand circuit races in 2017. The \$200,000 Charlie Hill Memorial, \$125,000 Jug Preview and the \$225,000 Jim Ewart Memorial. On Saturday, June 10th, 10 trotters rolled into town for the Charlie Hill Memorial. Ron Burke's, Crazy Wow kicked off the Grand Circuit races at Scioto Downs with a 1:52 performance with Chris Page in the sulky. On closing night, fans got to witness trainer Brian Brown's powerful 3-year-old Downbytheseaside in the Jug Preview. Downbytheseaside stopped the clock in 1:51 in his prep before the Little Brown Jug with regular driver Brian Sears. The Jim Ewart Memorial is a race that never disappoints fans as it has seen two new world records in the previous 4 years of existence. Pet Rock won the inaugural Jim Ewart Memorial in 1:47.2 and Always B Miki won in 1:47 last year. The 2017 Jim Ewart Memorial had a lot to live up to with 10 very competitive pacers. McWicked rallied from 4 ½ lengths back at the ¾ pole in win in 1:49.3 on a chilly night. Brian Sears had a driving double on the night as he picked up both Grand Circuit victories.

Out of the 1157 races at Scioto Downs this summer, 65% of them were full 10 horse fields. Scioto Downs finished the 2017 season with the percentage of winning favorites winning 41.57% of the time. Purses also grew in 2017 to a total of \$17,545,096 over the course of 90 days. The average daily purse at Scioto Downs was \$194,945 per day.

Scioto Downs would like to thank the gamblers, fans, horse-men, owners and caretakers for their continued support in 2017 and we hope to see you back in 2018.

## Highlights from the 2017 Delaware County Fair

The 2017 Delaware County Fair was a great week for horsemen! Horses from all over came to compete and Ohio horsemen should be proud of the grand display that Ohio showcased. Below is a summary of winnings with Ohio connections.

David Miller was inducted into the Little Brown Jug Hall of Fame.

Pierce Henry took his first Delaware County Fair win with Won for Gigi and his 2nd Delaware win with Carmensdaleyapple.

Bobbie Jo Brewer won her first training win with PQ Three.

Trainer Brian Brown won the first Jugette elimination with Blazin Britches and the first Jug elimination with Fear the Dragon. Both horses are owned by Emerald Highlands Farm of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Fear the Dragon may not be Ohio bred but he was born on the Mt. Vernon farm after Bruce Trogdon of Emerald Highlands Farm purchased his dam while she was in foal.

Run Sydney won the 3-year-old filly trotter division in the Ohio Breeders Championship, making her an Ohio Triple Crown winner.

The 2017 Ohio Breeders Championship Winners are as followed:

Mission Accepted 2CT

Owners: Knox Services Inc., Jeffrey Conger, David Willis  
Breeder: Knox Services Inc.  
Trainer: Jeff Conger / Driver: Ryan Stahl

Cash Lane 2CT

Owner: Richard Finrock  
Breeder: Sally Shaffer Parkinson  
Trainer: Mike Polhamus / Driver: Kayne Kauffman

Sultan of Cash 2CT

Owner & Trainer: Roger Hughes, Jr.  
Breeder: Jesmeral Stable  
Trainer: Roger Hughes, Jr. / Driver: Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.

Risky Deal 2FT

Owner & Breeder: Deborah Kvernmo  
Trainer: Crist Hershberger / Driver: David Miller

To Russia 2FT

Owner: Parent Racing Stable  
Breeder: Kjell Magne Andersen  
Trainer: Scott Cox / Driver: Ryan Stahl

Rock On Creek 2CP

Owners: Richard Lombardo, Debbie Bird, Joshua Green  
Breeder: Debbie Bird  
Trainer: Brian Brown / Driver: Chris Page

Dragonology 2CP

Owners: Country Club Acres Inc., Joe Sbrocco, AWS Stable  
Breeders: Kerry Feuker-Weed, M. Kenneth Weed  
Trainer: Brian Brown / Driver: David Miller

Born To Be Bad 2CP

Owners: George Green, Marie Trombetta  
Breeders: George Green, Rhonda Heady  
Trainer: Julie Miller / Driver: Andy Miller

Slick Mick 2CP

Owner & Breeder: Milton Leeman  
Trainer: Brian Brown / Driver: Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.

Prsntpretynperfect 2FP

Owners: Jennifer Brown, Richard Lombardo, Joshua Green  
Breeder: Carl Howard  
Trainer: Brian Brown / Driver: Kayne Kauffman

Pearl Crush 2FP

Owner: Clyde Perfect  
Breeder: Spring Haven Farm  
Trainer: Ron Potter / Driver: Ryan Stahl

Baron Remy 2FP

Owners: Burke Racing Stable LLC, Silva, Purnel & Libby, Lawrence Karr, Weaver Brussemi LLC  
Breeder: Baron Racing Stable  
Trainer: Ron Burke / Driver: Chris Page

Buckeye Boss 3CT

Owners: Christopher Beaver, Marion Beachy & Synerco Venture  
Breeder: Marion Beachy  
Trainer: Christopher Beaver / Driver: Aaron Merriman

Fraser Ridge 3CT

Owners: Donald Robinson, Robert Mondillo, Christopher Beaver, R.B.H. Ventures, Inc.  
Trainer Christopher Beaver / Driver: Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.

Gabbysloosechange 3FT

Owners: Chris Beaver & Johanna Beaver  
Breeder: Johanna Beaver  
Trainer: Chris Beaver / Driver: Dan Noble

Rose Run Sydney 3FT

Owners: Steve Carter, RBR Racing LLC., Adam Freidland  
Breeder: Rose Run Farm  
Trainer: Steve Carter / Driver: Jason Brewer

Scotch Mcewan 3CP

Owner: Carl Atley  
Breeder: Rebecca Dwing  
Trainer: Jim Dailey / Driver: Josh Sutton

Camwood 3CP

Owner: Constance Polhamus, William Parsons  
Breeder: Alan Byler  
Trainer: Mike Polhamus / Driver: Kayne Kauffman

Barnabas 3CP

Owner: Country Club Acres, Joe Sbrocco, Richard Lombardo, William Robinson  
Breeder: Kevin Greenfield  
Trainer: Brian Brown / Driver: Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.

Berazzled 3FP

Owner: Marion Beachy  
Breeder: Lisa Ezzo  
Trainer: Christopher Beaver / Driver: Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.

Rosa's Touch 3FP

Owners: Knox Services Inc, Weaver Brussemi, LLC, Burke Racing Stable LLC.  
Breeder: Knox Services Inc.  
Trainer: Ron Burke / Driver: Matt Kakaley

Miss Me Yet Aged Pacer

Owners: George Teague, Jr. Inc, Teague Racing Stable  
Breeder: Fannin Racing LLC, George Teague, Jr. Inc  
Trainer: Brenda Teague / Driver: Montrell Teague

A TC Queenie Aged Trotter

Owners: Trisha Soulsby, Richard Schaut  
Breeder: Danny Collins  
Trainer: Ron Steck / Driver: Dan Noble

Two horses that won The Standardbred divisions have Ohio connections, Bye Hanover and Instructor.

2-year-old pacing filly, Bye Hanover is owned by Ohio horsemen Richard Lombardo and Joe Sbrocco. Hutchison Harness LLC. and R.B.H. Ventures Inc. of New York are also owners of Bye Hanover. Bye Hanover is trained by Brian Brown and was driven by Chris Page.

Instructor, 2-year-old pacing colt, is owned by David Willis and Knox Services Inc., both from Ohio. Burke Racing Stable and Weaver Brussemi, both from Pennsylvania, also own Instructor. Instructor was bred by Ohio horsemen David Willis & Douglas Brechler.

Urika Fox won the Ohio Ladies Pace Driving Championship with Virgil, a 7-year-old gelding owned and trained by Tyler George of Sunbury, Ohio.

The Hall of Fame and Museum Amateur Racing Series Final was won by Ned Hodkinson of Blacklick, Ohio, with Mutinyonthebounty, who is also owned and trained by Hodkinson.

Carmensdaleyapple, owned and bred by Joseph Paver of Marysville, Ohio won his 16th win in a row at the Delaware County Fair. As of Delaware he is a perfect 16 for 16.

Congratulations to all connections of the winners at the Delaware County Fair! Best of luck to you for the rest of 2017!

## Carter's Crew, League Champs-

These boys can do more than race horses, they are also known as great ball players. The professionals have nothing on these boys!

Over the summer, a group of horsemen from Scioto Downs got together and formed the team Carter's Crew, which was sponsored by Firethorn Equine Services. The team consisted of (front left to right) Brian Barr, Brett Landis, Danny Collins, Brandon Bussert, Scott Carter, (back left to right) Coach Mike Proctor, Todd Luther, Scott Mogan, Frank Collins, Hunter Holton, Zach Mogan and Adam Beatty. Others joined in and played with them throughout the season as fills-ins as well.

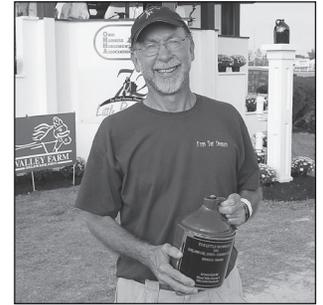
"It was a lot of fun and we were a pretty good team," shared Hunter Holton. Watch for these guys on your local television, they may be the next recruits for the Indians, Reds or who knows where!



## TIME TO CELEBRATE!!!!

Less than a month after winning a \$750 race at the Defiance County Fair in Hicksville, Ohio, Lost In Time posted a 1:50.1 victory in the \$816,000 Metro Pace at Mohawk Raceway. What a fantastic race for trainer and part owner Jim Mulnix, additional owners Denny Miller and William Rufenacht and driven by Scott Zeron. Congratulations to all connections of Lost In Time!

Congratulations to Bruce Trogden with his 1st division Jugette win with Blazin Britches and 1st division Little Brown Jug win with Fear The Dragon. Pictured on the right with the jug trophy. Photo by Raymond K. Lance.



Happy Retirement to Cindi Johnson and Beau! Thank You for your service to the horsemen! Best Wishes to you both!!!! Photo on the left, from Conrad Photo.

Share your good news and celebrations by sending photos and comments to [rmayhugh@ohha.com](mailto:rmayhugh@ohha.com).

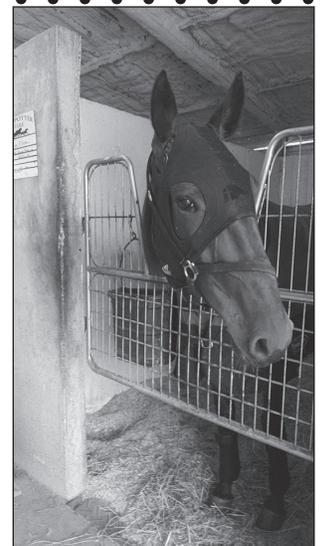
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• During Delaware County Fair week, the topic was "What horses are you most excited to watch this week?" (any race)

• Various comments were shared. There were many who said Downbytheseaside and Fear the Dragon of course, but Suzanne Allen nominated a cute 3-year-old filly named Zoe Ellasen (Santanna Blue Chip - Spring Delight - Bettor's Delight), owned by her cousin Clyde Perfect, and trained by his cousin Ron Potter. "She's had a great season in Ohio. In her picture, she was carefully watching her truck and trailer outside the door. She seemed to know she was going to a race," shared Allen.

• She has had a great race season as Allen shared, with three Ohio Fair Stake wins (Upper Sandusky, Northfield and Marysville) as well as two Ohio Sire Stakes wins at Northfield Park. Zoe Ellasen also raced in the Jugette at the Delaware County Fair. Her breeders are William Walters and Joe McLead of Sugar Valley Farm. Congratulations to all connections on a great season with Zoe Ellasen!

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# Horsin' Around With



## Ohio Driver, Ryan Holton

Millersport, Ohio

**How long have you been a driver?**

Since 1984

**What made you decide to drive horses?** Because that is what my dad did.

**Do you drive as a career or hobby?**

Career

**If you were not driving horses, what do you think you would be**

doing? I would be a picker, like "American Pickers".

**Where do you drive?** Mostly at the fair circuits. It is where I am most comfortable.

**Is there a location you have not raced that you'd like to?** I would love to drive at Goshen and I have never driven at the Meadowlands.

**Who as a driver (present or past) do you admire and why?** Well as

a kid, that would be my dad. He was my hero. As a teenager, John Campbell. He just seemed larger than life to me. Now it's David Miller for what he has accomplished in this sport, but mostly it's his dedication to his trade for over thirty years.

**What is your favorite style of bike?** I

have a Spyder now and love it.

**Do you own or train horses too?** Yes

**Do you have an embarrassing moment**

**on the track?** You mean like dropping a line or whip or pulling out of the two-

hole when you are following the best horse in the race then back through the field? I think we have all done that.

## Ambassadors continued from cover



number of fans or possible fans visiting it, as well as the day of the week. Youth is drawn to the prize wheel. They can spot it a mile away and they will drag everyone they know to spin the wheel. It is a great opportunity for me to educate and if they haven't already, convince them to watch a race.

Many senior citizen fans have stories to tell of their father, uncle or grandfather having Standardbreds. I met quite a few people who "used" to own Standardbreds also. I got a lot of "Wow, I didn't know that" when having a chance to talk to newbies. The biggest shocker is that the Standardbreds can race until they're 14 years old. Most guesses are 4 or under.

The Canfield Harness Horsemen's Association did numerous games and promotions for the

**Tell me about some of your most exciting driving moments.**

Driving in the Adios and the Little Brown Jug in 1998 for my dad. Achieving my 1,000<sup>th</sup> career win. I never thought

I would get to 1,000 wins due to all my health issues and kidney transplants throughout my career but I made it!

**What horse(s) have been your favorite to drive and why?** Life Work, Special Mel, Rose Run Sydney and Peach Pie.

**Is there a horse from the past that you would like to (or wish you could have) driven?** Niatross, Dan Patch, Greeyhound, Mack Lobell

**What is your favorite movie and food?** I love old movies and nothing is better than a great burger.

Best of luck, Ryan for the rest of 2017!



Ryan Holton drives Life Work in a warmup at the Delaware County Fairgrounds Thursday afternoon. The Richwood horse competed in the 53rd running of the Little Brown Jug and placed fourth in his elimination heat.

(Journal-Tribune photo by Tim Miller)



racers. My favorite was the quarter mile draft horse race ridden by 4H'ers in between the races. They also did quarter mile pony races, t-shirt giveaways (either by drawing of a losing ticket or fair volunteers throwing them into the grandstand), drawings for starting car rides, and you could place a losing ticket in a box and win a prize if your name is called. You had to reach in horse bedding and grab a brown egg that had the prize listed in it. They call that game Muck Luck. The Wellington/Lorain County fair had the Junior 4H'ers do bouncy pony races in between the late races and threw t-shirts into the grandstand. Jefferson/Ashtabula county had the winning driver throw a t-shirt into the crowd. Many fairs did Amish races which is a crowd favorite.

# Horsin' Around With

## Ohio Trainer, Brian Haynes

Washington Court House, Ohio  
Haynes Stable

**How many horses are you currently training and how long have you been training?** I currently have two horses and have been training for 10 years.

**How did you get started?** I grew up in the business. My father was a full-time trainer.

**Any favorite horses of the years and what makes them your favorite?** Ride A Cowboy is probably my favorite horse. I have had many horses that I have liked, she was just a tough mare.

**Share something about one of your current horses.** I have a 3-year-old colt named Sidalicious who is one of a kind. He seems to surprise you with something every day. Probably the most complicated horse we have ever had. Nothing works twice. He has to have his own way all the time. He is also one of the most rewarding horses we have had. He has won five in a row for us this year racing at fairs in the Southern Valley, seven wins total.

Makenzie Haynes, Brian's wife, shares more about Sidalicious, "Sid, his barn name, can't be put in cross ties unless he is at home because he will snap them in a heartbeat. My mom, Carrie Hess broke him to ground tie and that's the way we keep him. If we're in the pad-

dock and we put him in cross ties we keep a lead rope on him so he thinks he ground tied. If you take off the lead rope he will snap the cross ties!"

Makenzie continues, "He won't eat unless his bucket is hanging on his gate and in the corner. He has to be turned out every week for a couple days with his girlfriend, a little filly out in the field, or he will sulk in the stall and won't eat. He also will not eat hay out of a hay bag. In the stall the hay has to



be on the ground or he will not eat it. He has many more little quirks, these are just a few basic ones."

**What is your favorite food?** Steak

**Any hobbies besides harness racing?** Not really. I do like watching Ohio State and Bengals football, Blue Jackets hockey and Reds baseball and Ohio State basketball.

**Do you have any friends/family involved in racing?** Yes, I have a lot of family involved in harness racing and I try to involve my friends.

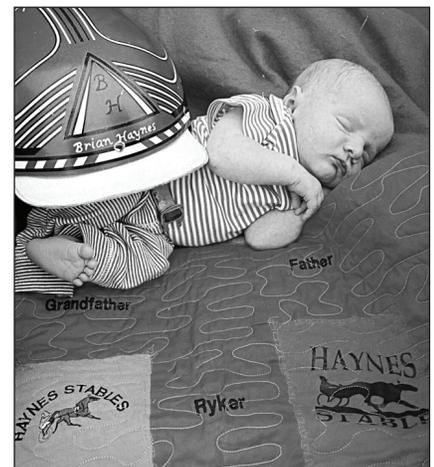
**How can horsemen do a better job of promoting harness racing and help build the number of fans in the stands?** We need to interact with new faces and continue to offer promotions

**Share some fun facts about yourself.** I just became a Dad!

**If you also drive, tell me a little about your experience driving.** I used to drive and I liked it a lot but now I focus on training.

**Are you also an owner and/or breeder?** I have owned before. The last horse I owned is now a World Champion show horse.

Congratulations Brian on the new addition to the family and best of luck for the rest of 2017!



## OHHA Sends Condolences to the friends and families of

James "Jim" Ellison, Everett Hodkinson, Mark A. Huber, Fred Allen Keener, Kenneth W. (Kenny Kirk) Kirkpatrick, and Glenn A Kuenzli.

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### October 25<sup>th</sup>

OHHA 4th Quarter Board Meeting  
OHHA Office  
2237 Sonora Dr. | Grove City, OH

### November 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Blooded Horse Sale  
Delaware County Fairgrounds  
Delaware, Ohio

### November 28<sup>th</sup>

Standardbred Development Committee Meeting  
Rife Center  
77 South High Street | Columbus  
Room TBA

### November 30<sup>th</sup>

2018 Ohio Stallion Directory Advertising Deadline  
Reservation, payment and ads are due to the office.

### December 4<sup>th</sup>

Horse of the Year Ballots due to the OHHA office.

### December 15<sup>th</sup>

The Buckeye Harness Horseman February  
Advertising Deadline- Both reservation and ads  
are due to the office.

### December 31<sup>st</sup>

Ohio Breeder's Award Program Mare Registration  
Application Deadline

### January 12<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>

Ohio P.A.C.E.R. Stallion Auction  
OHHA Board Meeting (12<sup>th</sup>)  
OHHA Annual Membership Meeting (13<sup>th</sup>)  
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## Did You Know????

Coney Azoff set the world record for three heats for gelding trotters on a half-mile track on September 18, 1943 at Montpelier. The total purse for the three heats was \$350. He won the first heat in 2:04 1/2; the second heat in 2:03 3/4; and the third heat in 2:06. The combined time of 6:14 1/4 is the world record. It has never been broken. J.O. Abshire of Goshen, Indiana was the owner of Coney Azoff. Walt Dispannett of Muncie, Indiana was the driver. Coney Azoff was nine years old at the time of the record.  
- Submitted by Bill Peters

First To Cruise holds the two-year-old filly pace track record at Oak Harbor (1:59.3, set in 2008). Her son, Dancin Fever, holds the two-year-old colt pace track record (1:58.3, set in 2016) and co-holds the three-year-old colt pace track record (1:55.3, set in 2017). The other co-holder of the three-year-old colt pace record is Threetimer (set in 2002).

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## Photos of the Past....

OHHA Awards 58-59 from Jan 21, 1959 Harness Horse:  
The award winners pose at the Ohio Harness Horsemen's banquet: Forrest Short, accepting Steamin' Demon award; Wayne Smart, with Ohio Time photo; Ray Foster, Senator Frost, co-owner; Harry Vallery, Bob Vallery and McKinley Kirk, owners of Harry's Dream; Wayne Galvin, co-owner Senator Frost; Dick Buxton, trainer-driver of Senator Frost; Joe Asher, secretary-treasurer of the association, and brother Richard Asher, owners of Berrymite; and Walter Michael, who accepted Merrie Annabelle award for Byron Kuth. Photo and information from Harness Racing History Facebook group, posted by Done Daniels.



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