



2009 Buckeye Morgan Horse Sale

March 27 & 28, Ashland County Fairgrounds, Ashland, OH

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Sunny weather encouraged a large attendance at the 7th Annual Buckeye Morgan Horse Sale in Ashland, OH on March 29-30. Since the creation of this sale, the quality, breeding, and presentation of the consigned horses have improved dramatically. When reviewing the catalog, the pedigrees looked like a who's who in the world of Morgans. The sale committee consists of a hardworking group that includes Alvin Beachy, Gene Rebman, Nancy Rebman, Raymond Coblentz, Roy Hershberger, Heather Rebman, and Jacob Kanagy. They are extremely proud of the popularity of this event and its increasing numbers, which reached the 250-horse capacity well before the consignment closing date.

Along with those 250 consigned Morgans, the event boasted a stallion presentation with 33 lovely stallions being showcased to the capacity crowd. The stallion showcase followed the Friday portion of the auction and proved to be a real crowd pleaser. Each owner had the opportunity to show their stallion as announcers Steve Andrews and Andy Raber introduced them and Gene Brown read their pedigrees. Henry Hershberger drove the game and lofty trotting Cedarcrest Double Agent to the delight of the audience. Sired by Ultra's Special Agent,

this three-year-old brought the presentation to an exhilarating conclusion.

Topping the sale this year with a winning bid of \$9,600 was a six-year-old Irish Entertainment daughter named OOEEM Irish Entertainment, consigned by LaVern Bontrager. David Graber of Pennville, IN is the new owner of this lovely black mare. An extremely handsome eight-year-old stallion sired by Rum Brook Immortal Image and out of a Windover Regency daughter earned the next highest bid of \$6,500. Kathryn Schwartz of Troy, OH was the high bidder on this Amos Yoder-consigned entry. The

HVK Bell Flaire daughter OOJF Bell Of The Ball earned the third highest bid of \$5,700. New owner Levi Fisher resides in Quarryville, PA. The fancy Sue Ray Sir Trojan came in a close fourth with a sale price of \$5,200 to Aaron Esh of Bird In Hand, PA. The auction can proudly boast nine other horses selling for over \$4,000.

The Buckeye Morgan Horse Sale Committee thanks all of the buyers and sellers that made the auction a success, and suggest early consignment for next year's auction, which will be held March 26-27, 2010. □