

MR CONCLUSION

Sorrel Stallion - 16 Hands
Date of Birth: April 24, 1982
Date of Death: October 19, 1998

As the little front feet emerged and the tip of the nose came into view all the excitement usually associated with the birth of a new foal was felt by the man quietly watching. As the mare continued to push and the foal made his entry into a new world, I'm sure a smile crossed the lips of the man standing there witnessing this miracle of birth. Isn't it a sense of wonder we all feel each and every time we are privileged to see the arrival of a new foal; one whose parentage we most often times have planned and for whom we have such exciting dreams. On this 24th day of April 1982, Jim Evans of Kalkaska, Michigan was experiencing all of these same feelings. Miss Amber Charge, a 1970 sorrel mare had just given birth to a sorrel colt. His sire was Conclusive, a 1977 16 hand sorrel stallion who had been crowned the reigning AQHA World Champion Aged Halter Stallion just a few months before. Jim was so excited over the way this colt looked, even though he was only minutes old, he called his partner, Mark Toteff, and urged him to come see the new born colt. As impressive as this colt looked right from the start, neither Mark or Jim would be able to imagine or realize at this moment just what an impression this horse would make on the entire Quarter Horse breed. Yes, this day a "star" was born and the twinkle it would emit would light up the whole Quarter Horse world. His name would be "Mr Conclusion" and his impact would write a whole new page in the record books.

"Mr" lived the carefree life that most foals enjoy. As he got a little older he began the grooming for his debut into the show ring. He was a pretty colt to look at. He had a deep rich color to his coat and a pretty head. He was leggy and breedy looking; but there was something else about him too. He had almost a "presence" about him; it was kind of hard to put your finger on it exactly, but as he grew older it became easier and easier to identify. This young stallion did have "presence" and a "certain look" about him. This "presence" would accompany him throughout his life and the phrase.... "that Mr look".... would become a trademark of his future offspring. Many of the people who judged him while he was being shown will still tell you today about seeing "Mr" when he was a youngster and the impression he made on them.

As his show career continued he was entered in the yearling halter class at the prestigious 1983 All American Quarter Horse Congress and walked out of the show arena the winner. No one could know at that time, that folks in Texas who saw him earn that impressive win, would later want him to play a major role in their horse program.

In August of 1984 Mr Conclusion was purchased by Edgewood Farms, Inc. of Pilot Point, Texas. He would fill the place which had been vacated at their ranch by the untimely death of Conclusive, "Mr's" illustrious sire, in February of that year. Edgewood Farms preferred that the horse that they would choose as their replacement stallion carry the breeding of the proven sire, Impressive. Although "Mr" was only a 2 year old at the time, they liked what they saw in him and they loved his breeding. Having raised the first two World Champions that Conclusive had sired (Obvious Conclusion and Prestigious Maiden), Edgewood knew that the Conclusive line was a slow maturing line, and that the majority of these horses seemed to get better and better as they got older. They liked what they had seen of "Mr" at the Quarter Horse Congress as a yearling; and after seeing him again at a show a few months after Conclusive's death, they knew this was the young stallion they wanted. This would be the horse they chose to promote and to build their breeding program around.

In November of 1984 Mr Conclusion was named the AQHA Reserve World Champion 2 Yr. Old Halter Stallion. How proud all the folks at Edgewood Farms were of him; along with Jim Evans and Mark Toteff and their families.

In the spring of 1985 "Mr's" first foal crop arrived and everyone was excitedly awaiting to see what the babies would look like. There were to be only a few as Evans and Toteff had opted to breed just a handful of mares to "Mr" as a 2 yr. old. His first foal.crop, even from such limited numbers, produced a World Champion and from then on "Mr's" future as a sire was off and running.

Mr Conclusion earned a second AQHA Reserve World Champion title when he competed at the 1985 World Show in 3 Yr. Old Halter Stallions. People were beginning to take notice of this young stallion with that "presence" about him and his foals were attracting their share of attention also.

As a 4 year old Mr Conclusion stepped into the spotlight and was crowned the 1986 AQHA World Champion Aged Halter Stallion. Not only did he walk out of the arena wearing the roses, he also was the first halter stallion ever to win the World Show unanimously. All 5 of the judges had placed him first! Watching "Mr" reach this peak in his show career was thrilling, not only to the folks at Edgewood Farms, but also to Jim Evans and Mark Toteff.....they had raised a World Champion Stallion! "Mr" had earned his place as a "star". He had also received his AQHA Superior Halter Horse Award prior to his World Champion title having accumulated 99 halter points; with 85 firsts, 57 Grand Championships and 16 Reserve Championships from 90 shows. Although it was decided that "Mr" would now retire and stay home and get on with the business of being a sire.... he still wasn't finished showing folks what he could do. His greatest achievements were still to come.

As the years passed Mr Conclusion's record as a sire proved to be nothing short of extraordinary. His offspring dominated in the show ring. His impact on the industry continued to reach unprecedented proportions. He became a stallion by which others were measured, both in the show ring and the market place. "Mr" earned a place in Quarter Horse history unparalleled in the breed. His record as a sire is not only remarkable; it is unequaled.

In August of 1996, at 14 years of age, Mr Conclusion was purchased by Classic Acres. He was delivered to the beautiful Ocala, Florida horse ranch by Bill & Ann Lanning; his care takers for the past 12 years. He took up residence in the stallion barn; a gorgeous building that reminded one of a cathedral. Certainly a home befitting a horse of Mr Conclusion's "star status". It was everyone's wish that "Mr" enjoy his move to sunny Florida and live a long healthy life. Unfortunately, that was not to be. On October 19, 1998 the horse world was shocked to hear of Mr Conclusion's death. He was recovering from surgery on his front leg, developed complications and was put to sleep. As the life left the body of the big sorrel stallion the "star" he had been here on earth simply moved to a place in the heavenly skies. "Mr" was laid to rest on the ranch at Classic Acres with his head facing west toward Texas. A memorial service was held for "Mr" at the Florida ranch on December 20th, 1998.

Mr Conclusion truly was a "star". He was a "star" to those who raised him and early on recognized that they had a horse of "star quality". He was a "star" to those many people who bred to him over the years; the many who followed his career so closely as loving fans. A "star" in the Quarter Horse industry for his great contribution to the breed as an exceptional individual and phenomenal sire. But most of all "Mr" was a "star" to all those who loved him.....not for the titles he won or the records he setbut for who he truly was. A big beautiful 16 hand sorrel stallion whose eyes looked at you with warmth, caring, and love. "Mr" loved people. He was a

celebrity, but one who loved his fans. People from around the world came to see this magnificent horse; he broke the language barrier. They wanted to see him, to meet him face to face, to take his picture. And always the big horse posed so graciously while cameras clicked and video cameras recorded. He regally stood as long as he was asked to do so, patiently and gently allowing his visitors to touch and caress him. He was a "people horse". There are so many stories that could be told of the impressions this horse left with the people who came to see him over the years, but suffice it to say "He loved his audiences and they loved him!!"

Although it would take pages and pages to list each and every one of his offspring and their award winning accomplishments; we will just highlight a little of what Mr Conclusion accomplished as a sire. You will note too that "Mr's" offspring were not just limited to success in the halter arena but as performance horses too.

Sire of;

*** Over 200 Quarter Horse Congress winners.

*** The "Only" AQHA Stallion To Ever Win The AQHA World Champion 2 Yr. Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure (1988) and World Champion Halter (1989) back to back in consecutive years

*** 1988 Leading Money Earning Western Pleasure Horse (All Ages)

*** 1990 Leading Money Earning 2 Yr. Old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure Horse

*** Western Pleasure Maturity (Open) Winner - 1992 Quarter Horse Congress

*** Jr. Western Pleasure Winner - 1992 Quarter Horse Congress

*** 1993 AQHA "Top 3" "Jr. All Around Horses" in the Nation

*** 1993 Leading Money Earning Western Pleasure Horse (All Ages)

*** In 1993 Mr had 120 of his offspring qualify for the AQHA World Show which consisted of 184 entries in 54 different classes in 17 different events.

*** ApHC World and Reserve World Champions (Halter and Performance)
ApHC National and Reserve National Champions (Halter and Performance)
PHBA World and Reserve World Champions (Halter and Performance)
APHA World and National World Champions

*** He was the AQHA Leading Sire of Point Earning Halter Horses in the Open, Amateur, and Youth Divisions for 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, & 1995

MR CONCLUSION

Since 1992 he has been

***"THE ALL TIME LEADING SIRE OF AQHA & AQHYA
WORLD and RESERVE WORLD CHAMPIONS"***

**121 World Championships (47 Open/44 Amateur/30 Youth) 113
Reserve World Championships (51 Open/33 Amateur/29 Youth)**

**A record that totals to 234 World & Reserve World Championships
giving "MR " a commanding lead of 161 more than any other stallion has sired**

1273 AQHA Foalsearning 46,876.5 points

**17 AQHA Champions
235 AQHA Superior Halter Horses
45 AQHA Superior Performance Horses
1 AQHA Supreme Champion
4 - "High Point In The Nation" (Open) Award Winners
10 - "High Point In The Nation" (Amateur) Award Winners
3 - "High Point In The Nation" (Youth) Award Winners
297 Halter ROM's (Open)
260 Halter ROM's (Amateur)
130 Halter ROM's (Youth)
55 Performance ROM's (Open)
34 Performance ROM's (Amateur)
39 Performance ROM's (Youth)**

**World Show Earnings of: \$397,449.37
Incentive Fund Earnings of: \$582,698.80
NSBA Earnings of: \$71,437.22**

*The No.2 Leading Sire behind "MR "
is Zan Parr Bar with a total of 73 World & Reserve
World Champions
40 World Championships (30 Open/6 Amateur/4 Youth) 33
Reserve World Championships (27 Open/2 Amateur/4 Youth)*

Although "Mr" is now gone from our touch his impact will be felt for years and years to come through his sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters and etc. In November at the 1999 AQHA World Championship Show there were 231 horses entered in 45 classes that were either "by or descendants of Mr Conclusion. Quite a testimonial to the fact that "Mr" is still a "star" and his light will continue to shine for generations to come. For those of us who had the chance to know him personally he will live on forever through our memories. Great horses like great people make a place for themselves in history and Mr Conclusion has certainly done this. A

page in Quarter Horse history has been written due to the impact this great stallion has left on the industry. Yes; we all see, hear, and read the sentence that is so often written of "Mr", distinguishing him as "The All Time Leading Sire of AQHA & AQHYA World and Reserve World Champions"; an accomplishment he achieved in 1992 and a title which he still carries 12 years later. But do you really grasp the significance of what that really says??? It says that with more than 4 million Quarter Horses registered with AQHA around the world..... this horse, MR CONCLUSION, has sired more World and Reserve World Champions than any Quarter Horse that has ever lived! This respectively includes other such great siring stallions as Zippo Pine Bar, Impressive, Te N' Te, and Two Eyed Jack, to name a few.

Michigan was MR CONCLUSION'S birth state; so how fitting that the Michigan Quarter Horse Association should honor Mr Conclusion by inducting him into their "Hall Of Fame" in 2000. "Mr" was the MQHA "Stallion Service Sale" Highest Selling Stallion from 1985 through 1994; and many times his stallion service fee sold for more than his actual breeding fee. He was loved and supported my many of those people throughout his lifetime.

Yes, Mr Conclusion is gone from among us but we like to think that this "star" is just no longer at ground level with us....it's moved a little bit higher; he's now a heavenly body sparkling above us. Hopefully one day in the very near future MR CONCLUSION will be inducted into the AQHA Hall Of Fame and he will take the place we so sincerely feel he has rightfully earned. His merits as a World Champion Sire should be reason to see him honored by AQHA and we earnestly ask that our request be granted and that the members of the selection committee recognize his outstanding contribution to our breed, the American Quarter Horse.

Bill and I personally felt very honored to have had the opportunity to have shared in "Mr's" life while he was with us at Edgewood Farms from 1984 to 1996. We were lucky and fortunate enough to have him entrusted into our care for those 12 years. But, "Mr" was a "people horse" and he belonged to his public; those who bred to him, showed and promoted both him and his offspring, and those who could only dream about having a "Mr" of their own. After all it was all of these people who helped make him the "star" he was! To many of us his "star" will shine forever and he will never be completely gone.

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