



The American Long Ears Society (ALES) formed an unprecedented union with its real counterpart, the American Donkey & Mule Society (ADMS). The model club is dedicated, as well, to all exotic breeds such as Zebras, Onagers, and Przewalski's horses.

Furthermore, another commendable activity found in the Horsin' Around Club is their "Charro Lottery" in which the eventual pot is split between a lucky winning member and the purchase of an abused horse. My own club, the American Long-Ears Society, does similar charitable work by offerring annual group projects (such as the ALES family cookbook) and other fundraising projects (special auctions, raffles, and shows). These benefit worthy causes worldwide such as the Quagga Project in South Africa, the Donkey Sanctuary in England, the Przewalski Foundation in the Netherlands and Wild Burro Rescue in the USA.

Additional ideas to help your new (or existing) club to stand out from others are: welcoming outside competition (great incentive for nonmembers to "try out" your photo show circuit and possibly later join), implementing a Fantasy/Mascot model division (where less realistically detailed breed particular models can compete as well), and issuing traveling hi-point trophies to be forwarded to the newest winners each year (thus saving a little money in the award department).

If your club is breed specific, consider affiliating it with its real (live) counterpart. For example, in 1991 ALES formed an unprecedented union with its real counterpart, the American Donkey & Mule Society (ADMS). We found this to be mutually beneficial by introducing the hobby to a whole new audience, thereby bringing a sense of legitimacy to the model horse hobby.

Now you're ready to develop a rulesheet or club information packet to send anyone inquiring about your new club. It should cover membership fees, newsletter subscription costs, registration procedures, entry fee/postage provisions for foreign members if applicable, information on your point system, NATIONALS, Year End awards, etc. "Opt for a club that is going to appeal to a lot of different types of people," counsels **Cindy Ellis**, *President of the American Model Halter Horse Association*, "because high membership equals active members."

Advertise your club in as many other newsletters and hobby magazines as possible. If your club happens to be regional or breed selective, scan the ads and classifieds in past issues and make a list of hobbyists who live in your area or collect that particluar breed. Solicit membership by mailing them a copy of your rulesheet or club information packet. "Sometimes offerring people special membership deals will entice them to join, " adds Stacy Busch, President of the Hoosiers State Horse Showers Association. "I'd recommend finding kindered spirits with similar interests to become core members," proclaims Leslie (Jeffreys) Kathman, Director of the Mini Model Horse Club. "This is what gives your club its strength. Also, keep advertising, even after a club is established, to keep an influx of new blood with new ideas."

After a few people join, send out your first newsletter with a special welcome note. Invite members to

submit drawings, poems, classlists, photos, ads, etc. Also be sure and invite feedback. "Letting members participate in deciding club policies and rules, "says Dawn Deale, President of the Draft Horse and Pony Club, "will often keep them interested and active." The same applies when planning your photo show circuit. "Make sure your judges are responsible and return photos promptly," stresses Elaine Lindelef, President of the International Model Hunter/ Jumper Club. Nothing can kill a club faster. That failing, Linda Sturhann, President of the Patroon Model Horse Owners Association, offers some additional advice: "You can always seek advice from others experienced at running shows."

"Don't be discouraged that it really takes a couple of years to build a good, strong club," counsels **Heather Bartlett**, *President of the North American Stallion Association*. **Tammy Crowe**, *Secretary of the Iowa Model Racers Association* agrees. "Members seem to come and go in waves so don't let that discourage you. Above all, be friendly and never badmouth fellow hobbyists. Believe me, it'll get around!" Excellent advice!

Nearly 70 questionnaires were sent out to clubs and major newsletters in preparation for this article, with nearly two-thirds responding. A few had written with news of closure, a couple were in the process of switching to new identities. Still, the following is not by any means a complete listing of model clubs in the world

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today. There are many more in existence that this author may have missed. A few elected not to answer my questionnaire. However, this is a good cross-section of the different types of clubs available today - from regional to breed specific to special interest.

It is my hope that hobbyists reading this will be tempted to join one or two clubs today, or in the very least have a better understanding of the model club's importance and function in this hobby. Let's face it, we owe a HUGE debt of gratitude to the dozens of dedicated hobbyists who have braved time restraints and financial burdens all in the name of the glorious model horse hobby!

#### HOW TO READ THIS LISTING:

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Club Name/Year it began
Contact Person
Address

### KEY:

- @ novice program available
- % some restrictions apply, check with club
- = less than 25 members
- + more than 25 members
- has club appointed pointkeeper
- \$ club newsletter available, inquire
- # rulesheet/club information available with Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE).
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#### **REGIONAL CLUBS:**

(@ % + \* \$ # n )
Canadian Model Club & Registry/1975
Mary Ann Dalton
310-10 A Street, NW
Calgary Alberta
Canada T2N 1W6

( @ + \* \$ # w ) Deep South Model Horse Club/1992 Alisa West HC 74 Box 448 Hebert, LA 71418

(@ + \$ # w)
Minnesota Model Horse Association/
1982
Sue Rowe
Box 728
Stillwater, MN 55082

( @ = \* \$ # w )\_ Utah Model Horse Showers Association/1992 Janet Wilden 40 West 400 So. Venice, Utah 84701-9333

#### **ALL BREED CLUBS:**

(+\*\$#)
National Equine Miniature Exhibitors'
Association/1991
Katie Carter
100 Oak Street
Auburn, AL 36830

( @ + \* \$ # )
Patroon Model Horse Owners Association/1988
Linda Sturhann
Rd 1 Box B7
Mount Upton, NY 13809

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(@ + \* \$ # w ) Hoosier State Horse Showers Association/1981 Stacy Busch 5865 Couty Road #313 Cape Girardeau, MO 63701-9617 (+ \* \$ # w ) Atlantic Coast Model Horse Association/1986 Lisa Strang Box 539 B, RD #3 Boyertown, PA 19512-9106

( @ = \* \$ # w )
Western New York Model Horse Club/
1986
Diane Kennedy
258 Blackstone Blvd.
Tonawanda, NY 14150-8914

( @ + \* \$ # ) Horsin' Around Club/1990 Laurie Tweed 10 NE 162nd #32 Portland, OR 97230

(@+ \* \$ # )
The All Breed Model Horse Collectors
& Showers Club/1988
Frances Lowe
12440 N. Piney Lake Road
Parker, CO 80134

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Model Horse Enthusiast's Club and
Registry/1986
Denise Gregoire
58 Dean Martin
San Antonio, TX 78240

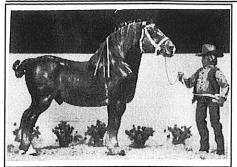
( @ = \$ # w ) Tejas Model Horse Association/? Daralyn Wallace 9635 Elmo Weedon Road Bryan, TX 77808

#### **BREED-SPECIFIC CLUBS:**

( @ % = \$ # ) Model Arabian Registry Club/1982 Rhapsody Rhodes Route 1 Box WR14 Pinnacle, NC 37043

( @ % = \* \$ # )
National Model Paint Showman's Club/
1991
Angela Tupin
P.O. Box 267
Mound City, KS 66056

(@% + \$#) American Model Mustang Assoc./1992 Cari Zisk 1910 Targee Boise, ID 83705-4226





he Model Draft Horse Club was founded in 1988 to promote all draft breeds, and is yet another club which understands the importance of participation incentives.

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Combined Color Breeds Assoc./1975 Deb Carlson 4851 Grenwich Way Oakdale, MN 55128-2038

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Spanish Breeds Association/? Tammi Tews 2827 Avenue D Coucil Bluffs, IA 51501

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Gaited/Light Breed Club/1993 Deb Carlson 4851 Grenwich Way Oakdale, MN 55128-2038

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All Breed Showers Only Club/1986 Michelle Miller 8050 Oakview Ridge Rockford, MI 49341

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American Model Morgan Horse Association/1981 Laura Behning 5639 Pattillo Way Lithonia, GA 30058

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Model Appaloosa Horse Registry/1975 Brenda Suiter P.O. Box 23774 Lexington, KY 40523-3774

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Model Norwegian Fjord Club/1995 Cheryl Mundee 438 W. Chestnut Sp. #2 Genesee, ID 83832

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Amer. Model Stock Horse Assoc./1990 Lisa Orton 1528 Forest Grove Road Cedar Rapids, IA 52403-9005

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International Model Gaited & Park Kathy Baublitz Horse Society/1992 Cheryl Monroe 4616 N. Ainger Road Charlotte, MI 48813-8863

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American Model Pony Only Club/? Deb Carlson 4851 Grenwich Way Oakdale, MN 55128-2038

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The Model Draft Horse & Pony Club/ 1990 Dawn Deale 1701 Mountain Pine Terrace Richmond, VA 23235

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The American Long-Ears Society/1991 Juanita Snyder 5614 Crown Point Road Coos Bay, OR 97420-9637

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The Model Draft Horse Club/1988 Lisa Algarin Rt. 1 Box 88-D Little Mountain, SC 29075

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Singlefooting Model Horse & Pony Club/? Melissa J. Arnold 3110 Tucker Road Street, MD 21154

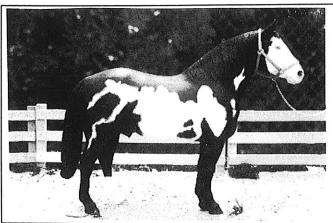
#### **SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS:**

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The Novice/Intermediate Horse Showers Association/1992 R.D. #2, Box 1025 New Freedom, PA 17349

(@% + \*\$#)

International Model Hunter/Jumper Club/1977 Elaine Lindelef 385 S. Catalina Avenue #109 Pasdena, Ca 91106-3347



Even if you only own one model, you can take advantage of several clubs. This model is eligible for NMPSC, and CCBA, etc.



The Model Arabian Registry Club has been around since 1982, proving that a little hard work and patience will stand the test of time.

( @ % + \$ # w)
Iowa Model Racers' Association/1986
Tammy Crowe
102 Raymond
Bowie, TX 76230

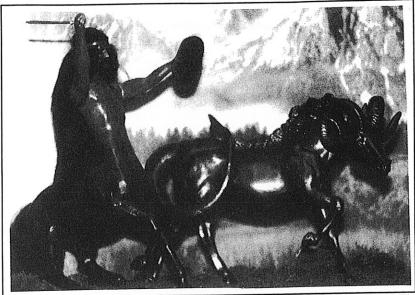
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Original Finish Collector's Club/1994
Sherry Ball
1080 S. 1500 E. #79
Clearfield, UT 84015

(% = \$ # ) Carousel Model Horse Club/? Katie Gradl 17255 McCarron Road Lockport, IL 60441

( @ % + \* \$ # ) Breyer Original Finish Club/1984 Beverly Davis 802 North Shore Road Atkins, AR 72823

( @ % = \* \$ # ) Plastic Equine Assoc. for Creative Enthusiasts/1994 Susan Anderson Rt 1 Box 184 Grafton, ND 58237-9786

(% = \* \$ # ) North American Stallion Association/1994 Heather Bartlett 926 Wade Hollow Rd. Owego, NY 13827



There is literally a model horse club for every kind of equine in creation. Even this Ghengis Khan Centaur and "Xanth" the serpent/ram/horse creature would be comfortable in the Mythical Model Club and Registry!

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Intermediate/Advanced Model Horse
Club/?
Jennifer Patinka
1444 Smith Crk Rd.
Nichols, NY 13812

(In Development) See Sidebar Below For Mares Only Club/ 1995 Dawn Carrel 1327 Merona Place Anaheim, CA 92805

The Fellowship for Equine Excellence & Data (F.E.E.D.)
P.O. Box 604
Norco, CA 91760-7307

( @ % + \* \$ # ) The Model Other Breed Club/1988 Thea Ryan 1210 S. Bridgeport Place Sioux Falls, SD 57106-3464

(% = \* \$ # w) The Donkey and Mule Society/1992 Claire Ashworth 3 Cheltenham Road Greaves Lancaster England LA1 452

(+\*\$#) Amer. Model Halter Horse Assoc./1976 Cindy Ellis 310 LeGrande Boulevard Aurora, IL 60506

(@% = \*\$ # w)
New Jersey Performance Horse Registry/1993
Kelly Stock
210 Whitesville Road
Jackson, NJ 08527-5139

(@ % + \* \$ # w ) The Great Lakes Breyer Registry/1984 Kerri Gehrmann 2215 Pepper Valley Drive #7 Geneva, IL 60134 (@%+\*\$#)
The Mini Model Horse Club/1989
Lesli Kathman
1001 Mill Road
Madison, AL 35758

( @ % = \* \$ # ) Model Foal Breeder's Association/1976 Tracy Rogalla 87 Orchard Road Greenbrier, AR 72058

(% + \* \$ # ) The Great American Cattle Club/1988 Cheryl Mundee 438 W. Chestnut Sp. #2 Genesee, ID 83832

(% + \$ # ) Star Travelers Model Horse Club/1995 (Formerly the Imperial Mounted Guard) Sue Ann Weaver Rt 3 Box 381 Pine City, MN 55063

( @ % = \* \$ # ) Mythical Model Club and Registry/1989 Tracy Rogalla 87 Orchard Road Greenbrier, AR 72058 Dawn Carrel is looking for new staff members to help her reopen the "For Mares Only Club." Back problems and lack of funds forced a temporary hold status recently. Interested hobbyists should contact her at:

For Mares Only
Dawn Carrel
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#### By Leah Posey Patton

Saddles are not required for riding or showing any horse (you can ride bare-back, or show in halter classes) but if you want to get into performance classes, a saddle becomes a necessary piece of equipment. To decide which saddle you need, you must ask a series of questions (of course, for model showing, you can have several model-size saddles for the cost of one real one!!!) to determine what you need.

Question ONE - English, Western, or Saddleseat? For models, we tend to go for versatility. We want our models to be able to compete in as many areas as possible. Just remember, no Quarter Horse will show in Park or Saddleseat, so a cut-back saddle is not necessary here. For Arabs, Morgans, and Saddlebreds, well that's another story.

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TWO - What aspect? Pleasure? Cutting? Roping? Jumping? There are basic all-purpose saddles that are acceptable for most events within English or Western types.

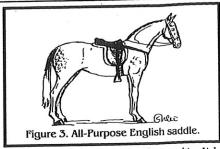
Once you have decided which direction(s) to go, you can choose a saddle (or saddles) that will suite your needs.

#### WESTERN:

With the exception of a heavily silvered saddle, nearly any plain Western riding saddle (Figure 1) will work for pleasure or Trail events. For Gaming purposes, the shape and weight of the saddle changes. Gaming saddles have rounded backs with less fender. Some Arab pleasure saddles (Figure 2) resemble the gaming saddles - the backs are smaller and rounded to allow for the shorter back of the breed.

Whereas pleasure saddles may have only a single girth, roping saddles have a different horn and MUST have a back girth. Without the rear girth, tension on the rope will cause the saddle to flip up. The back girth is not tight, but should be able to have a hand between it and the horse's belly (on a real horse). The two girths should have a connector strap at the belly.

There are All-Purpose English saddles (Figure 3) which are suitable



jumping or dressage (Figure 4). It is the shape and length of the flaps, as well as the angle and rise of the seat, which change the use of English saddles.

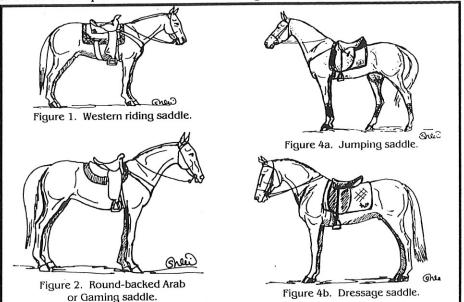
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SADDLE BASIS

for Pleasure, hunter-hack, basic jumping, and lower level dressage. These would be the best bet for an English working horse or pony. Saddles also are made for specific events such as

Cut-back or "show" saddles (Figure 5) are used on Park-horse breeds. They are called cutback due to the shape of the pommel, where it is opened to allow for a difference in wither shape and action. Show saddles are used without saddle pads in the show ring. If some kind of a protective pad is used, it should not show beyond the edges of the saddle. Placement of the saddle is differernt from that of English

saddles as well. Because of the difference in the saddle placement, seat shape, and stirrup length, the rider sits further back on the horse, allowing for the difference in animation and



action.

With the hobby becoming more detailed and continuing to strive for realism, it becomes necessary to use the right kind of saddle for classes whenever possible. If you are campaigning a horse for basic versatility, you would be wisest to invest in an allpurpose English saddle in dark brown or black (with a MATCHING color bridle). For your Western side, a plain working western saddle would be for pleasure, trail (and maybe roping if it is double-girthed) and a round-backed gaming saddle for gymkhana events. I would NOT recommend using a big pleasure saddle on a gaming horse.

Color of Western saddles is an on-again/off-again fad. For a while, tan (or "light oil") with plain tooling or some basket-weave was popular. Personally, I would not count off for using a saddle of any regular leather color (brown, russet, tan, black) regardless of the current real-show trend. Do, however, make sure your bridle matches your saddle. Saddle pads should try to coordinate with the rest of the tack, the horse's color, and the riders attire.

To jazz up gaming tack, use fleece accessories - leg wraps, colored bridle, and matching saddle pad, preferably matching the rider's shirt (if a doll is used). Try not to get too many colors going at once - a basic color for the saddle with one main color for the other tack with a bit of a third color for accent is more than enough.

If you have several horses that you will be using the same saddle on, be sure it fits the range. If you are mixing Traditional scale with Artist Series horses, chances are the same saddle will NOT fit all of the horses.

Proper fit of all types of saddle is included in the illustrations. Also, try and vary some aspect of the tack (a different type of bridle, a new color of trim/saddle pad) so that every horse you own does not appear in the same pose wearing the same saddle. Many judges have only tack presentation as ways to judge off a class - it's difficult to choose between three Lady Phases in different colors all wearing the same saddle!

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#### The Haynett . . . Continued

#### **Equitana USA**

OK, so this one didn't come from the Haynet, but people on the Haynet were probably getting annoyed that I kept asking for information on this (thinking all the while that it was this year) until I found out it was 1996. Anyway, so I thought it could still fit in this column. Did you catch my line of reasoning? Then maybe you too have been reading this issue too long.

Equitana is considered the "World's Fair of Equestrian Sports." It has been held on every odd numbered year in Essen, Germany for the past 20 years and now will be held every even numbered year at the Kentucky Fair & Expo Center in Louisville, Kentucky. This next year, 1996, will mark the first year for Equitana to be held in the USA. This is exciting news, but chew on this horse lovers: Equitana USA takes place in Louisville, July 18-21; the Equestrian events of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia are set to begin on July 22, and that brings us to the final weekend in July, which has for the past four years become home to BREYERFEST!!!!

Equitana USA will feature a wide variety of commercial exhibits, as well as seminars, lectures and exhibitions. The two-hour "Equestrian Variety Show" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night will be the most elaborate of these, sure to satisfy any equine admirerer.

Sounds very exciting, and none of us can wait for the very first Equitana USA, but will there be a Special Run Breyer model?!?

Feel free to drop me a line with any juicy tidbits for our new column at our e-mail address or for addresses, etc. on information you've seen here. This column was added due to a number of requests from our readers to get specific updates on hobby happenings and news from the model makers. What else would you like to see in our pages? We can only add it here if you speak up and let us know! -ED.

#### ANNOUNCING .... An all-new club!

# The ALL HALTER MINI CLUB!

This club is dedicated to the promotion and showing of mini model horses 4.5 inches at eartips or smaller.

# What sets this club apart from the others?

- \* The director does not/shall not show in AHMC shows.
- \* Quick return of photos by monthly show Judges is stressed.
- \* OFs and RRHs do not compete against each other.
- \* Separate division for NOVICES.

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Postage included. Send SASE with all correspondence. Martha Gross ● 11322 Myrtle Lane ● Reston, VA 22091

By Marian Rickerby

Model Horses Unlimited welcomes members from abroad as well as from the United Kingdom. We do run our club along "British" lines but are sure members from other countries will find much of interest and we are always interested to hear "how things are doin' wherever you come from, and we are always pleased to publish queries and aritices from abroad.

We would love to see American (or any other nationality of course) collectors at our Live Show even if they are not members (although they would not be able to actually show models) - judges always especially welcome but we love to see spectators as well. So if you or any of your acquaintances are visiting Britain any time PLEASE let us know: even if you're not here for our Club Live Show, there is usually a live show going on somewhere for most of the year (we may even arrange one specially in your honour!).

We hold regular photo shows at which foreign entries are very welcome and arrangements can often be made for you to pay in U.S. dollars if you can't get hold of £ sterling so do please ask! The Club's own Photo Shows are FREE to enter (Members only of course) and for members outside U.K.

return postage is also included so you don't have to worry about getting "foreign" postage stamps either, although if you have a lot of pix we may have to send surface mail (or we could send a few back by air and the rest surface if you had some you especially wanted back in a hurry). However, we will send by air wherever possible as we realize how annoying it is to be without your best photos for a long period (and you wouldn't want to send your worst photos, would you?!). Why not give us a try - and maybe YOU could do a bit of judging for us as well (or instead)? We have recently instituted (by popular request) separate classes for American Light Horse Breeds and Western Ridden (including Performance) - only two classes at the moment although if they prove popular we will consider dividing further - as well as the more usual (over here) classes: you'll have to join to find out more about them!!

Or why not try POSTAL SHOW-ING? I understand this is not popular in other countries but here it is almost as popular as photo showing (and has been in existence for much longer). It's fun, cheap and less "realistic" models have just as much chance as "better" ones, so why not give THEM a chance to shine? Haven't you got some models that you don't have photos of, or ones that never seem to do themselves justice in pix? Give them a go at postal showing!

Then there is our unique GRADING SYSTEM where ALL models stand an equal chance of climbing the Grades and winning themselves certificates, ribbons and rosettes! Get YOUR shows listed in our Diary (this is also available to non-members) FREE and it will also count towards the Grading. It is an on-going system so models don't have to "qualify" within a year or any other time period: they can participate whether they win at every show or only occasionally, whether they are shown several times a week or only a few times in the year.

Free "UNClassified" advertisements (word limit) for members only in the Newsletters: you have only a stamp to lose to advertise your models for sale or wanted, shows and other

events, anthing you want in - in this column.

JOIN NOW AND DON'T MISS ANY MORE THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE!!! Please note that the weighty Membership Package will sent surface mail so may take four to six weeks from the receipt of your Subscription to reach you. The current (if available) or next Newsletter will, however, be sent to you by AIR MAIL, so you will know within a couple of weeks (Post Office willing!) that your subscription has arrived safely: if you have not heard anything with three to four weeks PLEASE WRITE. Things DO occasionally get lost in the post (as you probably know) and with TWO postal systems to traverse, that doubles the chances, although most items get through without incident. Occasionally items take several months to arrive, so you may write and say something has not arrived then end up with two copies: if this is the case, please let us know if it is a Membership Package (don't return, the postage will not be worth it) and we will let you know what to do: we may have a new member you can pass it on to (or you could persuade a friend to join?). If a Newsletter please pass on to a friend (Please let us know if you have not received your Membership Package within a month of receiving your Newsletter).

I have been a member of Model Horse Unlimited for over a year now, and can attest to the excitement involved in being part of an international club, let alone an international model horse club. Don't let Marion scare you off, the postal service does indeed have its days when dealing internationally, but I have never recieved a late issue, and Marion is so on top of address changes, I think she knows where I'm going to be next before I do. The club is incredibly active (hey, they're just waiting for excuses to hold shows tell them you're coming and they may hold one in your honour . . .) And while we're on the subject, let's see more foreign collectors here in the states (TMHG lowered it rates just for you - \$30/yr AIR MAIL)! -Ed. 🐒