

Saddleback Sensation

I clearly remember learning of the new stud in Ontario. Forward thinking Claire (Errington) Wahl was so taken by the bloodlines of Saddleback Farm in New York, that she made the decision to lease the gorgeous bay stallion Saddleback Sensation and stand him in Ontario. He arrived in 1983 and Claire did not have to wait long for an impressive number of mares to breed to.

Many envied Claire's vision and energy back in the '80's. She really did create a vibe with her Morgans and 'Dudley' was not only on the show circuit but fulfilling his stallion contracts.



According to the CLRC records, he had nine mares (7 from Ontario and 2 from Quebec). When you consider that many Morgan farms/breeders stood their own stallion, that is a pretty impressive number of mares.

I remember visiting her farm as our family had decided to send our mare Acoma Morningstar to 'Dudley' for breeding. She was a young, maiden mare but I knew how well Claire took care of her horses. And no doubt all the other mare owners felt likewise; Jack Reeves sent two, Gord McRae sent 2, Ron McNulty sent one and so on....

We all waited for Spring of 1984 to arrive and watch as the foals made their appearance. Claire would visit the foals and check them out, she was just as excited as we were to see our Sensation babies!

4 of the most well-known foals were Chestnut Hill Mr. T, Chestnut Hill Alexis, Joland Ovation and Sumicaro Jubilation. It was fantastic watching them come to the Classic to compete in the yearling and Futurity classes. They were all beautiful and only time would tell how they would develop.

Geoff Reeves commented that they were so impressed, they had hoped to send Mayfield Tralene back to 'Dudley'. Tralene had a very unfortunate accident during trailering to a show and was never able to be bred again but she did give the Morgan world Mr. T and Mr. T gave the Ontario Morgan scene many foals and many amazing show ring performances.

Joland Ovation was bred by Gord Joyce, our very first foal and 'OV' became a wonderful family horse for the family. Extremely versatile covering everything from Park Saddle to western pleasure and over fences.

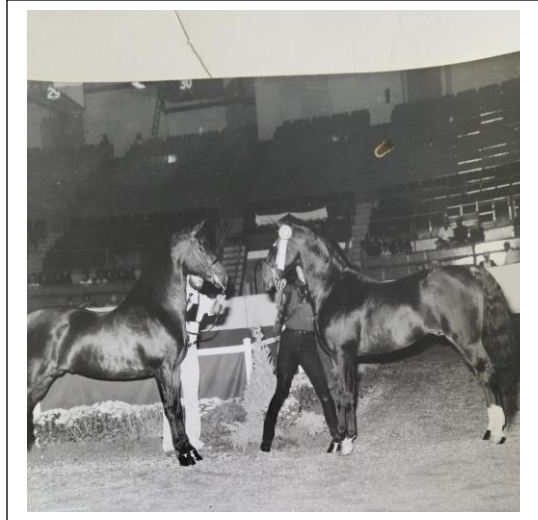


Sumicaro Jubilation was purchased by The Urie Family and again, a treasured family mount for Chris and Angie to show and produced two foals.

Saddleback Sensation won Champion Stallion at the Classic in 1983 and many other In Hand/Performance titles that I don't remember now but he won a lot in Ontario and in New York. He returned to the Herricks of Saddleback and I

believe he was sent to a farm in the Mid West for breeding duties. He was foaled in 1975 and died in 2010 (according to CLRC records). He was sired by Windcrest Flair (Wind-Crest Sensation x Windcrest Rose Marie) and out of Applevale Katonah (Pecos x UC Mention) Bloodlines that were admired across the country, and we were fortunate enough to have them in our own back-yard.

Thank you to Claire for having the foresight to bring Saddleback Sensation to Canada, this horse made a huge difference in our country particularly Ontario and I am happy to nominate him for the OMHC Hall Of Fame award.



Adanac Brigadier

Canadian Register	#948
AMHA Register	#23868
Sire	Danny Easter Vermont
Dam	Tetonia's Majesty
Breeder	Ralph D. Parker

Adanac Brigadier, AKA 'Brig or Briggie' was one of many successful morgan horses bred by OHOF Ralph D Parker of Adanac Farms in Orono, Ontario. The dark liver chestnut colt out of Danny Easter Vermont and Tetonia's Majesty, with one small star was foaled May 17, 1972. His Flyhawk bloodline gave him a classic refined build, sturdy legs, great endurance, graceful gate and a big heart.

Brig was sold to OHOF Claire Errington Wahl in 1973 as a yearling. Early stories claim that Brig was a real handful as a stallion as such he was gelded at the early age of two. It's hard to imagine him anything but a big softie family show horse.

Claire trained him in every discipline from in-hand, driving, hunt/saddle seat, western, and even side saddle.

"I purchased Adanac Brigadier, my first Morgan, as a yearling. I broke him to drive as a 2-year-old. He had a willing spirit and a desire to please and do right! I showed him successfully for years. If I had never purchased Brig, I probably would not have eventually one received my OMHC Hall of Fame Award. Everyone knew, loved, and admired him. Brig – my hat is off to you for being the horse and friend you were to so many." – Claire Errington Wahl.

Under Claire, he won two Reserve Champion Gelding in-hands and another two Reserve Champion Pleasure Division honours in the Ontario Morgan Horse Club.

After a short time, part-boarding him in Halton, Ontario, he was sold to Kimberley Blease in 1977 when he was five. Kim came from years of riding schooling hunter jumper horses but fell in love with this versatile and kind Morgan.

At her very first show in her very first class in Roseneath, Ontario, Kim and Brig won the Western Pleasure class to the surprise of many longtime horse-goers. It was to be the first of many wins and shows. The Blease family crisscrossed Ontario, northern New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania to attend Morgan, combined breed, OEF and schooling shows, such as Golden Stallion Acres, nearly every weekend in the summer into the fall fair season. They joined the Morgan club and participated in Santa Claus parades.

With Kim they earned **six annual Just-in-Tario high point youth awards** together (four in 1979) in equitation, showmanship, western pleasure and an Open Pleasure Driving Reserve Champion.

With their minted love of horses thanks to Brig, the Blease's moved to north of Bolton to the rolling hills of Caledon, Ontario on their own 10-acre farm, Minola Morgan Farm in 1980. Kimberley gifted Brig to her younger sister Melissa that following Christmas as a present.

When Brig was in his prime at 10 years old, Melissa went on to continue to show him successfully for a number of years winning another **15 annual Just-in-Tario Youth Highpoint awards** in the span of three years between 1982 - 1984 in English and Western pleasure, Showmanship, Equitation, and Versatility, and an Open Western High Point with OMHC. They were active participants in the Just-in-Tario Youth Club.

Ontario Morgan Horse Show Classic highlights include **three** Youth Highpoint Champions (1983,'85,'87), one Reserve Youth Highpoint (1984), and **two** Reserve Champion Highpoint Horse (1984, 1987). He was often a last minute mount for the Jack Benny Class, walk trot or lead line. He was normally accompanied by his fans, a troupe of family and friends who enjoyed the friendly atmosphere among the Morgan families and competing stables.

He also earned a number Canadian Morgan Club, Canadian Equestrian Federation and AMHA awards with Kimberley and Melissa. Brig was a dependable, solid junior exhibitor and equitation show horse.



He earned countless ribbons and awards at open schooling shows like Trailblazers where he became a popular fixture and overall high point horse of the day at show after show. He thrived in the **Command Class** where he was undefeated. He always took down his competition when the judges asked for a reverse at the counter-canter or a sudden halt from a gallop.

He showed great endurance day, being changed from one Len Cooper, who was quite end of one the last classes of undefeated day, and said, *"I'm give him his first second of the looking a bit tired."*

His other specialty was the $\frac{1}{2}$ long first day of the two-day nod to Justin Morgan, known speed. It always surprised because Brig wasn't always more so his incredibly slow pleasure.



doing six to eight classes in a discipline to another. Judge fond of Brig, came up at the the Sutton Fair, after an *afraid I am going to have to day, because he's finally*

Mile Trot Class at the end of a OMHC Classic. The class was a for his endurance and trotting spectators when he won known for his high speed; jog and lope in Western

Unfortunately, though he Nationals, he never got a He was awarded a **Justin Western Pleasure**.

He was a good sport but a Day costumes and barrel barrels). He feared anything He would contort his body to even in his fear, he always

Brigadier retired after a well- and lived happily until he was stabled and cared for by Greg sharing your big heart and wonderful soul.



qualified for the Grand chance to go to the "Big Show". **Morgan Honour Award for**

scaredy cat. He endured Fun racing (he was terrified of the shiny and flashy like cameras. miss puddles of water. But looked after his rider.

deserved 13-year career at 19 21 years. His final year he was Reeves. Thank you, Brig for

Wendy Inch

Wendy and her husband Tim are long time Morgan owners and members of the OMHC. They are in fact, life members of the OMHC. I would like to nominate Wendy to the OMHC Hall of Fame. They have been long time members of the CMHA (43 years so far), their membership # starts with the 91, so you know that is an old member number! They registered their SAMOR's many years ago and you will see the prefix all over as they have sold horses across the country.

Wendy, like many of us started out as a young girl infatuated with horses and we are so thankful that it was Morgan breed that she chose.

Soon after they were married, they became Morgan owners in 1980 with the purchase of their first horse Adanac's Balios. He had the quality, disposition, and versatility they wanted. 'Buddy' left behind a legacy of many get who went on to achieve many wonderful things for their future owners. Many of us were introduced to Wendy through Adanac's Balios, a fine example of the Adanac breeding program.

They call their farm Sunny Acres Morgan Horse Farm, I'd say an appropriate name as it fits both Tim and Wendy when you see them. They live in St. Thomas, ON on a beautiful 68 acre farm with a half mile training track and indoor arena. I remember visiting their farm once or twice during their open barn tours. They hosted many of them and they were big events with so many gorgeous Morgans to admire.

Wendy, who is a Registered Nurse has dedicated her life to buying and breeding Morgans that can stand the test of time. In my opinion, she was using Morgans as Sport Horses before the term was even coined. She was well known in dressage and when she bought Adanac's Balios, he went from a show horse to a competent dressage horse. And her career with other Morgans in the field of Dressage (both English and Western) are impressive; Equinox Beau Dandy and Samor's Excalibur are two prime examples of the quality of horses she was taking to the dressage shows in Ontario. But she didn't stay local, she also ventured in United States, New York, Michigan and Oklahoma come to mind! Wendy and her boys won many year end dressage awards, OMHC & CMHA awards.

Wendy also showed in traditional show ring classes but her heart truly stayed with the Sport Horse division. She also became proficient in carriage driving with Tim by her side. (He deserves the Horse Show Husband award!)

With Equinox Beau Dandy she earned the high point carriage horse in our Ontario carriage club (previously, the Golden Whip), placing in the top 5 in all of his classes at the Walnut Hill Carriage competition in New York and winning classes in Oklahoma at the Morgan Grand National and World Championships in carriage driving. He also came 3rd in the World Championship Western dressage section.

They have spent a lot of time promoting the Morgan as well; Sprit of the Horse at the Royal Winter Fair, Equine Extravaganza, The International Plowing Match, pony club and local shows etc. The horses they bred and sold went onto enjoy careers in dressage, carriage driving, eventing, team penning and the family's best friend!



I feel Wendy is an exemplary example of the kind of person that the OMHC is proud of, and she deserves to enter the OMHC Hall Of Fame!

