

Equinox Morgans: A family tradition

*Issues 'N Answers
added to stallion lineup
at legendary
VT breeding farm.*



*Top photo: Issues 'N Answers (Noble Flaire
x B-L Superfection by Chasley Superman)*

Bottom photo: East of Equinox Farm, Manchester Center, VT

Orrin Beattie knew how to breed horses. It wasn't so much the technology or the physiology; he intuitively understood the intangible aspects of livestock breeding. Remembering Morgans from his upbringing on a Manchester, VT farm, he recognized the importance of the mares in a breeding program.

In 1958 he and his wife Phyllis embarked on a passionate search for the very best mares that could be assembled. The mission took several years, but their perseverance was rewarded with a roster that reads like a Who's Who of Morgan Mares at the time: Little Miss Pepper, Bar-T Regina, Windcrest Starlet, Lippitt Ethan Georgia, Waseeka's Themesong, Waseeka's Charm, Gladgay's Lady Lea, Royalton Darkomia, and many others. These mares formed the foundation of what was to become one of the premier Morgan breeding farms in the world.

As important as mare selection is identifying the proper stallions to complement and build on their foundation. Next comes the intangible aspect: consummation of the breeding program. History has proven over and over that breeding champion to champion doesn't always work.

East Of Equinox Farm, through the continued guidance of Orrin and Phyllis and now their son Ivan, has made its mark by successfully matching some of the very best stallions to complement their quality broodmares. Their stallions have included Bald Mt Ebony Knight, Royalton Ashbrook Darling, Green Meads Marauder, Equinox Benn Adam, Equinox Beaubrook, White Rocks Caliopy, Equinox Challenge and the incomparable Courage of Equinox.

In the selection of some of these stallions, the decision was made to introduce extreme change in both type and bloodlines in order to effect subtle change in the direction of the program. After riding the wave of influence created by the unparalleled breeding tandem of Courage of Equinox and Equinox Benn Adam, Ivan Beattie again found himself in the position of needing to identify that next critical step in stallion selection. In 2003, he decided to breed to the legendary Issues 'N Answers – in effort to produce that next stallion. Little did he know that within a year, circumstances would allow him to purchase the stallion himself.

Ivan is excited about the prospect of integrating "Andrew" into the Equinox breeding program, but he is equally excited to be offering him at public stud here. Standing world-class stallions is what he does best, and Andrew offers a new choice to the already impressive roster of stallions.

You are invited to visit East Of Equinox Farm to view the stallions, mares, and their offspring. These individuals represent generations of Morgan breeding at its best.