



# Country Life Press

## December 2018 Newsletter

From Maryland's Oldest Thoroughbred Farm

Founded 1933



**Thank you, James "Cebe" Hoover**

**1945-2018**



There is no industry like the horse business to bring people together from all walks of life. A decade ago, Jim Hoover (2nd from right, proudly displaying Country Life's 2017 Bill Quinn Sportsmanship Award) walked into our country life, as a partner in many horses, along with his wife Susan Amons. He left us October 23, two days after enjoying the Maryland Million with us. A heart attack stilled his big heart. Click [here](#) to read the story of an American hero, and a personal hero to all of us here at Country Life. Pictured, left-to-right: Jeff Loyd, Mike Pons, Tom Quinn, Josh Pons, Mary Quinn Gardill, Carla Quinn, Joe Gardill, "Hoova," and August Pons.

[James Hoover Obituary](#)



# First Mosler Weanlings: Talk of the Town

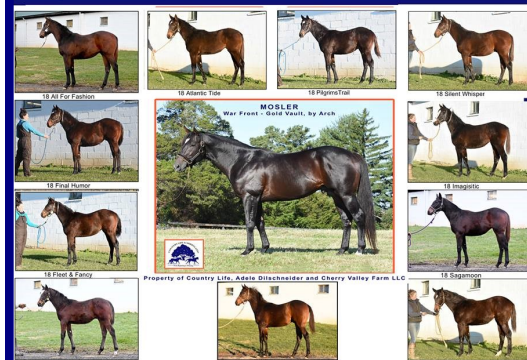
The first weanlings by Mosler, our brilliant sprinter by War Front, are everything we expected. Correct conformation, robust size, and good-boned substance are the most sought-after attributes for a racehorse. The Mosler weanlings have those qualities.

Recently at the Keeneland sale in November, horsemen from Kentucky complimented us on the first-crop foals by Mosler. Country Life took four individuals down to the Keeneland November sale, where Mosler was the leading mid-Atlantic first-crop sire.

At the December Fasig-Tipton Mixed Sale, Country Life purchased two Mosler weanling fillies to put into a racing partnership: the Mosler Girls LLC. The two fillies, named Mosler's Touch and Mosler's Image, are Maryland-bred, Maryland Million-eligible, and Breeders Cup-nominated. Mosler's Touch, the first foal born from Mosler's 102 mares bred in 2017, is out of the stakes-placed mare Touch the Birds. Mosler's Image is out of the stakes-producing Deputy Minister mare Imagistic. Mosler's Image is thus a half to \$265,000-stakes winner Gentleman's Kitten, and to a \$210,000 Keeneland yearling of 2018. Both Mosler's Touch and Mosler's Image will be shown at the Maryland Horse Breeders' 2019 Yearling Show, and then be broken at Merryland next fall.

First crop weanlings by **MOSLER** are a "safe" bet!

SW. graded stakes placed son of War Front who won on dirt and turf



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**Mosler's Touch**



**Mosler's Image**

## Stallion Show Saturday, January 26 12:00 — 2:00 pm

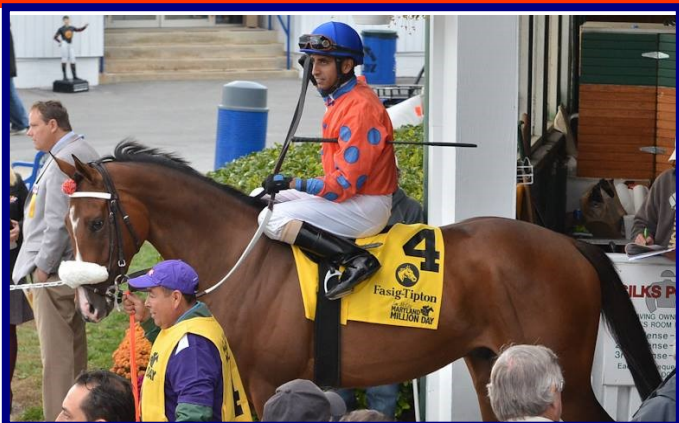


**Divining Rod, by Tapit (left)**  
**Mosler, by War Front (right)**  
**Super Ninety Nine, by Pulpit**  
**Friesan Fire, by A.P. Indy**  
**Freedom Child, by Malibu Moon**





## Flash McCaul: Makeover Horse



When the Retired Racehorse Project organized the first “Trainer Challenge” in 2012, three top show/eventing trainers were each given an off-track Thoroughbred (OTTB) to train—for one month. The Challenge began at the Maryland Horse World Expo. Trainers rode their horses for the first time in front of an audience. They then had 30 days to train the horses at their farms, teaching them the basics of flatwork and jumping, before the Challenge concluded at the Pennsylvania Horse World Expo. Also in 2012, RRP founder Steuart Pittman organized a 100-day Challenge, which featured Malibu Moon’s Champion gelding Declan’s Moon. Over the 100-days,

the horses were taught basic dressage, jumping and cross country, to transform them into new lives as event horses and foxhunters. This welcome trend in the Thoroughbred business has increased demand for retired racehorses.

In the “Thoroughbred Makeover” show in 2018, 400 horses competed at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. Merryland Broodmare Manager Kim Crowell rode her mare Miss Spider Web (right). Kim plans to compete again next year with her new mount, former Country Life racing partnership horse Flash McCaul (above). Bred in Maryland by Cliff and Mary Cornwell, “Flash” is a multiple stakes-placed gelding who earned \$214,000 before being retired last month. We’re hoping Kim and Flash excel on the national stage next October in Lexington.

For more info on the Retired Racehorse Project or the Thoroughbred Makeover competition, click here: [RRP-TB Makeover](#)



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Country Life and Merryland!*


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