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Dear Region 9 Members,

This is our first electronic newsletter and it will be the main source of information about what is going on in Region 9 with E-blasts used for more time-sensitive information.

The Region 9 Championship Show in Fort Worth is only a couple of weeks away now, so I hope you are planning to attend as either an exhibitor or a spectator. This premier event of our Region is truly a coming together of some of the best horses in our breed - you do not want to miss the action here! Also, do not forget the Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show to be held in July in Waco - this is a great show to see!

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If you have some time to volunteer at either of these shows, please contact Kristen Fisher at region9show@earthlink.net, myself at patbarton1@msn.com, or Bill Eash (for Sport Horse Show) at eash@gvtc.com.

At the annual Region 9 meeting, we will be electing new officers for the 2012-2013 years. I am asking all clubs to please have their delegates (or alternates) at the meeting so your clubs will have a say/vote in who will be your leaders. Nominations can still be made from the floor if anyone decides they would like to run for any of the offices. Stan Morey, AHA Judges and Stewards Commissioner, will be our guest speaker at this meeting. Everyone is invited to attend the Region 9 Meeting, so if you are at the show, come on over to the Coburn Room at 11:00 AM and take part.

AHA Region 9 Newsletter

Editor: Bill Eash

We all need to take extra precautions concerning the EHV-1 situation. At the time I am writing this there has only been one confirmed case of EHV-1 in Texas according to the Texas Animal Health Commission. As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, the Will Rogers Memorial Center is taking all precautions to provide a safe and healthy environment for our horses before, during, and after the Region 9 Championship Show.

Hope everyone has a productive and fun filled summer!

Pat Barton

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Region 9 Championship Show

The Region 9 Championship Show is upon us and I hope to see all of you there. We can always use volunteers - especially to assist in the Patron's Lounge and as Photo Models, and also at the in/out gate of the main arena. Anyone that works as a volunteer at the show will be given a pass for a meal in the Patron's Lounge as well as a cool Region 9 "wearable" - sign up to volunteer with me or Pat and you'll get one!

Please make note of some important changes to this year's show:

- **The show office will open at 8:00am Monday June 13** [not Sunday afternoon as has occurred when the show began on Tuesday evening].
- **There will be a \$25 no-show fee assessed to any exhibitor who fails to properly scratch themselves from a class** [thus open checks will be required in the show office].



Kristen Fisher

COLISEUM SHAVINGS

The Executive Show Committee carefully evaluated the cost of spreading shavings in the Coliseum and found it cost-prohibitive; with our forecast number of exhibitors, this added expense could determine whether the show breaks even or loses money. The financial health of Region 9 hinges on the revenue from the Region's Championship shows, so the ESC did not want to take the risk of overspending. We will again have shavings in the cattle pens and alleys to make them suitable for warm up.

PARKING INFO

The latest parking information, including links to purchase multi-day passes in advance, will be posted shortly at http://region9aha.org/Regional_Show.html.

THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS

I'd like to thank all the advertisers in this year's Omnibus/Show Program. Your support of Region 9 is very much appreciated!

- [Baywood Equestrian Center](#), Debbie and Wayne Higgins
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We are looking forward to a successful and fun-filled show. If you have any questions, please contact me at region9show@earthlink.net or 214-284-7094.

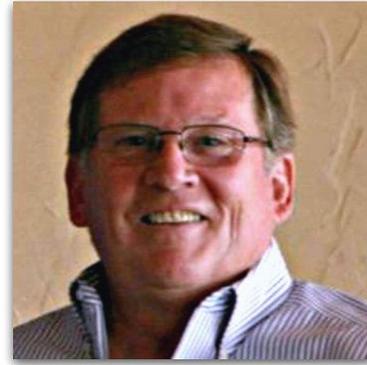
Region 9 Sport Horse Championship

The SH Championship show is fast approaching and we are looking forward to some growth in our show this year. The qualifying shows have been larger than ever and we are hoping that many of those qualified horses will join us at the newly named Extraco Show Pavilion at the HOT fairgrounds in Waco.

The Omnibus has been out for more than a month but if you have not received your copy please go to our web page on the region9aha.org web site. The closing date is June 22 but I would like to encourage you to get your entries in early to allow us time to hire a second dressage judge if necessary.

We have a hunter judge for the Hunter Hack classes that is on standby if we need her if the in-hand numbers are very high.

We have advertising opportunities for the Show Program. The color pages have sold out but we have black and white pages available for \$150.00 or \$90.00 for a half page. We would like to get more class sponsors to support the show. If you or your farm can help in any way please contact me. Bill Eash eash@gvtc.com Show Manager.



Bill Eash

FORT WORTH

Will Rogers Memorial Center

- Consulted with local Veterinarians and the Texas Animal Health Commission.
- Sanitized all barns (stalls, aisles, hoppers, wash racks) with a 1:10 ratio of bleach/water solution. This sanitizing process will take place before and after each show.
- At the end of a show, dip all of the tools used for cleaning (brooms, shovels, dust pans etc.) in a 1:10 ratio of bleach/water solution after each shift or use.
- Implemented a program to maintain clean barn
 - Repeated sanitizing of wash racks every 2 hours throughout the day.
 - Immediately remove any manure/bedding piles and full dumpsters from the barn.
 - Maintain aisles clear of manure.
 - Dip baths every hour for equipment used to sweep/clean aisles in the barns during a show.
- Sprinkle buckets, used for dust control, will utilize a 1:10 ratio of bleach/water solution every hour during show hours.
- Posted Signage in barn areas in English and in Spanish

- Instructions for caretakers (with photos)
 - "Do not touch other people's horses"
- Hand sanitizers have been placed in the barn area for exhibitors/visitors to use to help maintain a health and safe environment.

In the event of a Quarantine

- Created a primary and secondary quarantine area with controlled access, following the Texas Animal Health Commission's recommendations, with a 30' buffer between stalls to be used for animals.
 - Post Restricted Access signage in both English and Spanish
- Provide all items necessary, as recommended by the TAHC Biosecurity Guidelines, in the event a horse is quarantined.
 - Disposable medical grade gloves
 - Disposable barrier clothing
 - Disposable booties
 - Enclosed containers (i.e. lidded dumpsters) for the disposal of manure/soiled bedding
- The facility has contacted a Veterinarian that will be available and on call in the event facility management has any questions or concerns.

Staff Training

- All Barn Crew staff and Supervisors have been trained in the process described above. All activities are documented for accuracy.
- The WRMC office staff is explaining to all interested callers and visitors, that Will Rogers staff is committed to doing everything we can to maintain a healthy and safe environment. We are in communication with and are following all recommendations of the Texas Animal Health Commission. We are also working very closely with local veterinarians and the management of each show.

Region 9 Championship Endurance Ride

By Carla Jo Bass, Ride Manager

The results of the Region 9 Championship Endurance Ride are as follows:

Purebred Champion - Chief ridden by Darolyn Butler
Reserve Champion - Three Above ridden by Robert Grielen
Top Five - R Tse Q ridden by Cecilia Engquist
Top Five - Ramses Mr Midnight ridden by Alanna Frank
Top Five - Mahzeltov CC ridden by Jennifer Noblin
Purebred Best Condition was R Tse Q

Half-Arabian Champion and Best Condition - DJB Royal Blue Star ridden by Devon Horn
Reserve Champion - MI Clever Ansata "Nobody" ridden by Gunnar Frank
Top Five - Cozmopolitan Yankee ridden by Rosslyn Blake
Top Five - Am I Blue ridden by Louise Burton
Top Five - Justice is Sweet ridden by Kalinda Murphy



Thank you!

Dear Region 9 Members,

I would like to sincerely thank you for the wonderful honor of the Lifetime Achievement Award. I wish I could have been at the banquet to receive the award in person, but I hope to be back at some of the shows soon, so hopefully I can see many of you then.

I have enjoyed being associated with Arabian horses for many, many years now. Not only do I like the horses, but the people who are associated with these horses are a great group of people. I thank you for the recognition for any services I may have provided over the years, but the pleasure has truly been mine.

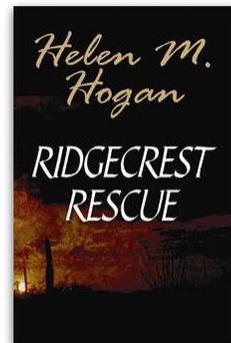
Sincerely,

Lynda Pool

Book Review: Ridgecrest Rescue

By Donna Williams

Rod Mannering, an industrial designer by profession, is working his first horse show in about a year. He is still recovering from a severe injury and the death of his wife. The story begins as he is traveling to Denver to work this show and has trouble with his truck. Taylor (Lori) Blair, a reading specialist from Texas, who is also working the Denver show, comes to his rescue.



Mannering's cracked radiator hose is only the beginning. Shortly after his and Taylor's arrival at the show, another competitor is found dead; is it an accident with a horse as the police believe, or is it, as Mannering believes, a murder?

He is served foreclosure papers from the owners of a condominium he purchased for his late wife; the condominium agency won't accept what he has as proof that he filed a quitclaim upon his wife's death and threaten financial ruin.

Belinda, Mannering's daughter, is missing, her car abandoned - too similar to the M.O. of several recent murders of other young women. Mannering, as any father would be, is desperate to find out what has happened.

This novel is fast-paced and has many elements to please all kinds of readers: The thrills and some behind-the-scenes of horse shows, the intrigue of a murder mystery and Belinda's disappearance, Mannering's legal battle concerning the condominium, and the reluctant but budding romance between Mannering and Taylor Blair. There's something for everyone here, especially for those who work with horses, but even those who aren't as knowledgeable about horses will find this an "edge-of-your-seat" read. This novel is available in hardcover and via Nook.

About the author: Helen Hogan taught herself to read during her sixth summer with the Black Stallion series, and became dedicated to "doing something great with a horse" for the rest of her life. Though a semi invalid



with a heart condition, she took riding lessons on Saddlebreds. After recovering, she continued to ride through junior high until the stable closed. Helen's first horse was a racetrack reject Thoroughbred from her uncle Steve Calder's stable, "The ugliest horse to escape Florida alive," she jests.



Helen first came onto the Arabian radar scope with her Anglo Arab hunter/jumper champion Azet. Then Fadareyn claimed her, from fifty feet away looking over his shoulder "You're mine," the three year old Arabian from Black Oaks said. When she had his Legion of Honor presentation a few years later. she felt she had met the goal of her childhood.

Meantime, Helen had a professional life as an English professor and wrote novels in her spare time. On retirement, she began sending out the manuscripts and currently has three published from that era and one written since then. All are mysteries and all feature horses in a major way.

Besides RIDGECREST RESCUE featuring Arabian horse shows in its background, she started with WARNING SHOT depicting a recreational rider moving to Texas in the mid sixties. DRIVEN TO WIN uses her new interest, carriage driving: Set at the World Four-in-Hand Driving Championships, she creates frustration, romance, and terror when the American champion suffers brutal blows to his hands and marries his girlfriend to make her eligible to drive his team under his guidance. When the girlfriend discovers the previous world champion murdered, police believe the worst. Her fourth book, UNICORNS DON'T WEAR SHOES is set in nearby Alvarado, TX, with a high school principal and amateur cutting horse rider as protagonist. Best Wishes, Helen! Check out helenhogan.com for a preview of her newest novel, RIDGECREST RESCUE.

Canter Across Region 9: *News From Across the Region*

TEXAS

Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club would like to congratulate our Youth Members on their election of officers, and selection of Regional Team Tournament members. Special thanks to guest, Debbie Himmel, for attending our May 28 meeting and sharing her experience and knowledge. Under the leadership of Beth Friske, a fundraising activity and a FUN event for everyone at the Christmas Horse Show to participate in, are being planned. Our youth group is not just for those who show their horses. If you love Arabian horses, come enjoy them with us. It's a great way to get started and meet other horse lovers. GCAHC now has a Facebook page, as well as a web site. Leave us a FB message and we will get back to you

The Spindletop Arabian Horse Club had a record number of horses at its annual Memorial Day weekend show May 27-29 held at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy, TX. The show attracted 173 horses. The show also saw a record number of participants in the Arabian breeding classes. Numbers in the Sporthorse and Dressage divisions were impressive, too, with 56 in-hand entries in Sporthorse and 74 rides in the dressage.

The club wishes to thank all judges, exhibitors, sponsors, and staff for a great show. A special thanks to the volunteers that helped with the show - Cara Barron, Jim Callesto, Cyndi Craig, Clay Gilchrist, Linda Stoudemayer, and Lois Wood. And a special thank you to the people who purchased a Buy-A-Class - they "sold out!" The SAHC Board of Directors hopes to see you all again in 2012!

American Foundation Arabian Horse Association -

The American Foundation Arabian Horse Association (AFAHA) was founded in 2001 by a group of horse owners who appreciate the original bloodlines of purebred Arabian horses in North American by and before 1960. AFAHA is an AHA club affiliated with Region 9.



Carrie Woolverton

The mission statement of AFAHA is as follows: *Arabian Horses originally imported into North America were characteristic of the desert horse -- prized for their hardiness, substance, versatility, stamina, soundness, athletic ability and intelligence, without sacrifice of beauty and presence. The goal is to preserve and promote these qualities valued by the early breeders of Arabian horses in America and to ensure that horses with those same attributes will be available for future generations.*

The Early American Foundation (EAF) Arabian Horse and American Foundation (AF) Arabian Horse have good bone and substance, with extreme athletic ability and willing dispositions. You will find EAF and AF Arabians excelling on the endurance and competitive trails, in the cutting, working cow and sorting pens, in reining, dressage, jumping, cross-country, and racing. Performance disciplines are their forte.



How does one know if their Arabian is EAF, AF or American Foundation Bred (AFB)? It is all in the bloodlines and pedigree. The EAF Arabians trace 100% to those horses registered with AHA by and before 1944, which are registration numbers 1 through 2924. The AF Arabians trace 100% to those horses registered with AHA by and before 1960, which are registration numbers 1 through 16015.

An Arabian with at least 75% AF bloodlines is known as AFB. A purebred or half-Arabian with 25% or more AF bloodlines is known as American Foundation Related (AFR). AFAHA provides Certificates of Designation for EAF, AF, AFB and AFR Arabian horses. There are several farms in Region 9 which specialize in AF Arabian horses and who would welcome your visit to see and learn about the horses who descend from those which were the beginning of the Arabian Horse Association. For more information on American Foundation Arabians or joining AFAHA, please contact Carrie Woolverton, honeycrek2@aol.com. **Ride an American Foundation Arabian Horse - The Original ATV.**

Region 9 AHA Election of Officers

By Charles Bass, Chairperson, Nominating Committee

Below is the slate of Officer and Director Candidates for Region 9. These candidates will be voted on at the Region 9 meeting at Will Rogers on June 18, 2011 at 11:00am. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the meeting.

- **Director Margo Shallcross and Mark Himmell**
- **Vice Director Bill Eash**
- **Treasurer Cindy Savage**
- **Secretary Linda Abston and Jane Ann Godsey**
- **State Rep AR Jerney Harper**
- **State Rep LA Debbie Himmell and Beth Walker**
- **State Rep OK Herb Meites**
- **State Rep TX Carrie Wolverton**

Biographies

Nominee for Region 9 Director - Mark P. Himmel

I am seeking the office of Region 9 Director. I have been involved in the Arabian Horse Business for over 33 years. I own, manage, and operate Plantation Arabians, a breeding and training farm in southeast Louisiana. We have trained or shown winners from Class A, to Regional, to National level in Halter, English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Showmanship at Halter, Western Horsemanship and Hunt Seat Equation.

I am currently the past President of Louisiana Arabian Horse Association and have been an active member since 1965. I have also served as Treasurer and been on the board of directors for numerous years. I have also served on the show committee of the Magnolia Classic I & II and Co-Chaired 2005 and 2007 shows. I have been the delegate for Louisiana Arabian Horse Association to Region 9 and AHA, attending the National Convention for the last 25 years. I have been a member of the following AHA national committees; Professional Horseman, National Championship and Regional Championship Classes, and Youth Committee.

My involvement with Region 9 has been to serve on the Nominating Committee, the Financial Audit Committee and currently on the board of Region 9 Youth Foundation and Louisiana Representative for the past 4 years.

I am also a Recognized "R" Arabian Judge and have judged numerous Class A and Regional Shows. I have also judged the Canadian and US Nationals and internationally the Australian Nationals and Brazil.

My whole family is involved in the Arabian Horse Industry. I am married to Debbie Himmel (33 years). We have one daughter, Annalise, who is now 20 years old. We as a family are very involved from showing to the daily chores around the farm. My wife Debbie is very involved serving on the Amateur and Youth Committees on the local, Regional and National levels and the Region 9 Show Committee in 2004, 05, 06, & 07. My daughter Annalise is a past Region 9 Youth Director and a past President of Arabian Horse Youth Association and is still very much involved with all aspects of the Arabian Horse Youth Association.

I personally believe that to get anything done you should get involved and by doing so you help make a difference. I hope to incorporate my business background experience coupled with my knowledge and experience with horses to serve our Region 9 members. I thank you all for your support and look forward, to again, serving Region 9 and working with the Region 9 Board if elected.

Nominee for Region 9 Director - Margo Smith Shallcross

Current Board Member of AAHA I have been part of Region 9 since 1964 when I showed my first Arabian horse in Louisiana; but my true involvement began in 1977 when I arrived in San Antonio to train for San Antonio Arabians, home of CASS OLE', THE BLACK STALLION. I immediately became involved with the Alamo Arabian Horse Association. I have served as President, Vice President and Secretary over the years and am currently a delegate and board member.

Doing my many years of involvement I owned and operated Fancy Free Arabians which I closed several years ago to become more involved in judging. I am a licensed AHA Regional/National judge and also hold licenses with Pinto, AMHA, AMHR, Shetland Ponies (Classic and Modern), Fjord's, Gypsies and Western with USEF. I have been honored to judge Youth and Canadian Nationals. I have judged across the world for the past 20 years and over 300 shows and 16 World or National Shows.

I managed our Regional Show for three years, I am currently the Region 9 Vice Director and

Youth Regional Team Secretary for AHA. The past two years I sat on the judge's panel for the Regional Extravaganza. I served for many years on the committee to elect the AHA Youth of the Year. On a local level I have run Arabian horse sales and open shows to benefit AAHA, organized groups that rode in The Battle of Flowers parades in San Antonio to promote our wonderful horses and have been honored as a Region 9 Volunteer by Dale Harvill. I own a Half-Arabian, SPANISH CHARM, who last year was Top Ten @ Scottsdale with me in Western Pleasure, 55 and over. Today he is my wonderful trail horse

Nominee for Region 9 Vice Director - Bill Eash

My wife and I have a small stable in Bulverde Texas and have been actively involved with the Arabian horse industry and Alamo Arabian Horse Association, Region 9 and AHA for the past 22 years. I have served as President, Vice President, Membership Chair and delegate for AAHA. I am currently the treasurer for AAHA and have held the position for seven years.

I have been very active in helping other Region 9 clubs implement sport horse classes in their Class A shows. I serve on several Region 9 committees and have chaired the SH Regional Show and the nominating committee and have managed the show the past two years. I also manage four USEF open Dressage shows each year and have managed the AAHA Spring Fiesta for about six years.

I feel with my experience that I can be helpful in assuring the continued success of Region 9. I want to use my experiences as a show manager and club treasurer especially to help make the Region 9 a financial success.

I currently am a USEF Steward C(2) and will be applying for the USEF Dressage Technical Delegate program at the next LOC.

I have been in the computer industry since 1973. I have held positions in engineering, software development, sales, marketing management and the past twenty five years I have been involved with Hospital Information Systems in system software development. My experience working with CFOs at hospitals and clinics are also an asset in terms of understanding finance and financial responsibility. I would appreciate your support and vote.

Nominee for Secretary - Linda Virginia Tomlinson Abston

I have been involved with Arabian and Half-Arabian Horses for over 45 years with a successful small breeding and showing operation.

I bought first horse when I was 12 in a very unusual, but determined way - ask me my story.

I have served as North Texas Arabian Horse Club President, current and past Board Member, as well as acting secretary when requested. I have actively represented and led NTAHC at the AHA Convention for past ten years. We took one of our Promotional Events "Catch the Spirit" to AHA Convention recognition.

Qualified, Accurate, Passionate: These qualities describe me and my desire to serve you as the Texas Rep for the Region 9 AHA Organization. I want to give back & provide service. I have a lot to offer and look forward to serving you and our Arabian Horses.

Nominee for Secretary- Jane Ann Godsey

My name is Jane Ann Godsey and I currently serve as secretary of Region 9. I am a pharmacist by profession, but my passion has been Arabian horses for over 40 years. I currently show both in Region 9 as well as other regions, and have participated as an exhibitor, club member and club officer, regional officer, regional committee chair, and show management. In my professional career, I deal with a variety of issues from customer service, inventory and management, and a

variety of healthcare decisions on a routine basis. I have also served on many local boards dealing with issues such as Meals on Wheels, medications for those needing assistance, and community service.

I am interesting in remaining as regional secretary and serving on the board in order to help facilitate new solutions to issues that are currently facing our region. I have seen many things come and go over the years, but have remained a dedicated amateur that loves the horses and the horse people. I look forward to being a part of the solution for issues facing our region.

Nominee for Arkansas State Rep - Jeremy Harper

Jeremy Harper has been showing Arabian Horses for over 25 years. He has Numerous National Titles and Harper breed horses are sought after as top quality performance horses. He is a International judge.

Active for years in the Arkansas Arabian Horse Club he has served several terms as club president, board member and currently serves as the AAHC Youth Director. Jeremy has donated his farm and horses to both the Arkansas Arabian Horse Club Youth group for judging demonstrations, and to the Black Stallion Literacy Foundation for 1st grade field trips.

From developing his own breeding program, starting his young horses, to riding them to National titles, Jeremy Harper is a hands-on Breeder whose horses have excelled in all disciplines of the Arabian Horse Industry.

Nominee Louisiana State Rep - Debbie Himmel

I have been a member of AHA (formerly IAHA) and also a member of the Louisiana Arabian Horse Association (formerly AHAL) since 1979. As an executive board member of LAHA, I have also had the opportunity to serve as our club President, Vice President, Treasurer, and most recently as the past Secretary. I have also served on the Magnolia Classic Show Committee, co-chair of the Rajun Cajun Youth Extravaganza, and show manager of the Magnolia Classic Youth Extravaganza. As a club member, I have been a volunteer worker for our LAHA sponsored AHA Community Show, Youth shows, Magnolia Classic shows, and a Working Western Show from paddock mistress, to handing out ribbons, ringmaster, trail course designer, sponsorships collection, patrons, and silent auction for our youth show. I currently serve as one of our LAHA club delegates to Region 9 and for the last 15 + years have served as one of the LAHA club delegates or as an alternate to AHA Convention.

I have had the opportunity to serve Region 9 on the following Committees: Nominating Committee, Youth Scholarship, Region 9 Championship Show Committee, Amateur Committee, and I currently serve as the Region 9 Youth Activities Coordinator. As the Youth Activities Coordinator, I am also responsible for presenting an annual youth activities budget for approval by the delegates and along with the budget proposal; I also assist the Region 9 youth with fundraising to support their activities. We are so lucky to have such wonderful Regional members who believe and support our projects. I also assist our Regional Youth Director and their executive board at meetings, help plan activities, fundraisers, and encourage our Regional youth participation on the National level with AHYA for AHYA Convention, qualifier t-shirt sponsorships, parade of Regions golf cart representation for our Region, and if we have any Regional youth who wish to run for a National office in AHYA. I believe that my job is to guide these wonderful youth to become the future leaders and volunteers for our local, Regional, and National Arabian organizations. As a side note, I was invited to attend a recent informal gathering of a regional youth club that was attempting to reorganize and get involved again. Their youth coordinator and an adult club member representative were there to supervise the pizza party and meeting. I was honored to begin their meeting and give guidance for nomination and election of their new officers. Then the planning began for fundraisers, next meeting, recruiting members, etc. I suggested their new officers request to be on their adult club's agenda so that they could propose their budget, fundraising ideas, and plans so that they can

learn to work with their adult advisors. I went back to my stalls and a little while later, the new officers came and shared their idea for a carwash fundraiser to get things rolling. I was so proud of them and I thank them for sharing their enthusiasm with me and to challenge my own volunteer work commitment. I was most honored to receive one of the Region 9 Volunteer Service Awards at the 2010 AHA Convention.

I currently serve on the following AHA Committees: Amateur, Equitation, and Youth Committee. I am the current Chairperson for the Youth Committee and have served as Vice Chair for this same committee. I work closely with Angela Mannick from AHA. I prepare reports for the AHA Executive Board and Board of Directors. I assist the AHYA Board of Directors at their meetings in March, July, and October. I also volunteer at AHYA youth nationals to help with fundraisers such as raffle ticket sales, flying pig contest, consignment auction, etc. I also help with the AHYA Convention setup, credentialing, decorations, etc. I also volunteered to assist with the AHA National Judging Contest held at US Nationals and with the awards breakfast the next day. I also enjoy working as a volunteer for the silent auction for the AHYA fundraiser held the last night of AHA Convention.

My family consists of my husband of 32 years, Mark Himmel, and our daughter, Annalise Himmel. We reside and work on our farm, Plantation Arabians, in Schriever, La. We all share the love and commitment to our Arabian horses.

I am currently beginning my horse show career again in a new and challenging discipline for me in Country Pleasure. I have set some goals and am working to achieve those goals one step at a time. Therefore, I would like to serve Region 9 as the Representative from Louisiana to work to achieve our goals together one step at a time.

Nominee Louisiana State Rep - Beth Walker

My name is Beth Walker and I am running for the position of Louisiana State Representative. I have lived in Louisiana since 1999 and before that I grew up in Texas (Houston & San Antonio areas). I am the current president of the Louisiana club. I am also a show secretary/manager at many shows and have recently just earned my "r" USEF Steward license. I currently work for Joel Gangi.

I have been involved with the Arabian horse since 1982, when my grandmother gave me riding lessons for my birthday. I have been showing since 1987, with Connie Presnell, Karen Zaler, Kent & Karen Caldwell, Martha Murdock and Judy Campbell.

I have been on the board and/or show committee's for the Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club, Gulf Coast Youth Challenge, Louisiana AHA, Arabian Horse Association of MS. Please vote for me, I am looking to get more involved.

Nominee Oklahoma State Rep - Herbert Meites

I have been involved with Arabian Horses and the Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club for over thirty years as an owner, breeder, and exhibitor. In the OAHC I have been a member, club president, show manager, and most recently a delegate to the national convention for the past several years. My wife Karen, daughter Tiffany, and I show locally and nationals in many different divisions including halter, english and country pleasure, hunter, and show hack for both purebreds and half arabians. Last December Karen and I attended The Arabian Judge's School to gain a better understanding on judging. I feel that this background would let me view issues from many different perspectives, and would allow me to represent the the entire Oklahoma membership .

Nominee for the Texas State Rep - Carrie Woolverton

Carrie Woolverton has been a member of AHA since 1988. She serves on the Boards of the Bluebonnet Arabian Horse Club and the American Foundation Arabian Horse Association. Carrie

has been a delegate to the AHA Convention for the past two years.

As the owners of Honey Creek Farms, Carrie with her husband Ben raise quality Arabian horses suited for performance endeavors, such as cutting, working cattle, endurance, jumping, trail and reining - versatile family mounts. Their Arabian horses serve as ambassadors to the world participating in equine therapy for senior living facilities and riding in parades throughout the North and East Texas areas.

Appointed by the Director of Region 9, Carrie has served as the Liason for the HORSE Bill which is being considered by the Texas Legislature. The HORSE Bill legislation, if passed, will provide funding for horse activities in the State, such as shows, racing, penning, cuttings, trail rides, etc.

You may have seen Carrie at the Region 9 Championship Shows where she has served as the Gatekeeper for the past three years and assisted the Gatekeeper prior to that. A smile, a friendly hello and a helpful hand are her trademarks. Please stop by the Main Ring Gate in the Coliseum this year to say hello.

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