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**REGION 9**

# *The Hand Gallop*

**Region 9 E-Newsletter**

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## Director's Message

Dear Region 9 Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is having a great new- year so far. We are already in full swing of another horse show season, so good luck everyone!



As you all know, it takes a small army to organize and manage a horse show. I am very proud of and thankful for those involved with helping achieve the success of the Region 9 Championship Horse Show. Several individuals have been working diligently to complete the show schedule and publish the premium book online. We have made schedule changes we feel will help the show run smoother based off of suggestions from previous years. We have also opened up some new payment options for the horse show. Now, exhibitors can utilize credit card and checking options through PayPal.

This month I will be attending the AHA Board of Directors meeting in Denver, Colorado. I look forward to representing our membership at this very important meeting, and will disseminate significant information and discussion topics to you when I return.

I'd like to thank all of you who participated in and contributed to the successful January Amateur High Point Awards event and membership meeting. Congratulations to all who were recognized for their achievements throughout the show season. We had a good turn out and it seemed like everyone enjoyed a little horse free fun. Special thanks goes out to our immediate past director, Margo Shallcross, and Karen Campbell for spear heading this event.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our Region 9 members who were nominated for and recognized as winners at the APHA Awards in February. We were well represented in several divisions, so "GEAUX R9"

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#### **AD RATES FOR THE HAND GALLUP**

*Authorized by Region 9 Board  
 May 27, 2014*

**Full Page \$50.00**

**Half Page \$30.00**

**¼ Page \$20.00**

**Business Card \$10.00**

As always you can reach me via email at [mhimmel.r9director@gmail.com](mailto:mhimmel.r9director@gmail.com). I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Himmel  
 Region 9 Director

### **Region 9 Minutes**

*unapproved*

Director Mark Himmel called the Delegate Meeting to Order at 2:30 pm.

The Attendance of the Region 9 Officers was: Mark Himmel, Director; Velma Boodt, Secretary; Cindy Savage; Treasurer, Robin Bray; Arkansas State Representative; Beth Walker; Louisiana State Representative, Karen Meites; Oklahoma State Representative; Mark Williams; Texas State Representative, Margo Shallcross; Past Director. Pat Barton; Vice Director was not present. The Delegate Roll Call was done and Quorum was achieved, there were 17 delegates present representing 12 clubs.

An update to the Agenda was made at the request of Charles Bass to add an Minutes Approval Committee.

Carla Jo Bass made a motion to approve agenda as updated; motion seconded by Linda Abston and approved unanimously.

Mark Himmel established a Minutes Approval Committee. The members are Charles Bass and Cindy Savage. This is needed because the next meeting will be more than 90 days from the current meeting.

Minutes from the November 19, 2015 Delgate Meeting were reviewed and there was 1 correction. Mark Williams made a motion to approve as corrected, seconded by Linda Abston, approved unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Cindy Savage provided a full treasurer's report based on year ending December 31, 2015. Charles Bass made a motion to file the treasurer's report with the Audit Committee (Larry Leahy), Linda Abston seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Delegate meeting adjourned for the Youth Foundation Meeting at 2:46 pm.

Delegate meeting called back to order at 2:51 pm

#### **Old Business/Committee Reports**

1. Texas State Funding
  - a. Cindy Savage informed the BOD that the funds (\$9,000) from

*Any extra e-blast from clubs to advertise their upcoming shows will be charged at \$30. Each region 9 club is allowed two free e-blast to advertise their show per year.*

the State of Texas have not been received. The responsibility for paying the funds has been moved from the Comptroller's office to the Governor's office. This may be causing some of the delay.

- b. Mark Himmel was contacted to apply for Texas State Funding for the 2016 show. Since this would not require an outlay of funds for assessment, the application was submitted.

2. Financial Committee - Mark Williams
  - a. Nothing new to report

### *Minutes continued...*

3. January High Point Luncheon - Karen Campbell/Margo Shallcross
  - a. There were 55 entries for the High Point
  - b. There were 64 people attending the luncheon, which is up from last year.
4. R9 Show - Margo Shallcross
  - a. All appears to be in order.
  - b. Primarily the same staff as last year.
  - c. Dates are June 1-4th
  - d. Exhibitor party will be managed by Becky Nash
  - e. Prize list is targeted to be available by March 1st.
5. R9 Trailer
  - a. Storage of trailer and maintenance of trailer has been at Dan and Cindy Savages residence.
  - b. Edythe Snowden will pick the trailer up for R9 show
  - c. Pat Barton will be asked if she can identify a storage unit close to the show facility in order to store the trailer locally.
6. E -blast cost
  - a. The current cost is \$25 for non-club requests and the board approved an increase to \$35.
  - b. Margo Shallcross made a motion to change the rules as follows:
    - i. The Region 9 director will have the authority to send out 2 free E-blasts per show or ride for any Arab/Half-Arab show or ride that takes place in Region 9.
  - c. Charles Bass seconded and the Motion and informed the delegates that this required a 2/3 vote of the delegates in attendance. Motion was approved with only 2 dissenting votes.
7. Youth Committee - Debbie Himmel
  - a. Fundraiser - R9 youth qualifier T-shirt
  - b. Deadline for Regional Youth Team Tournament has been changed to February 1st beginning this year.
  - c. Theme for 2016 Youth Nationals is "Go for the Gold".
  - d. Added Select, Choice and Elite classes for Country English Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure and Western Pleasure JTR.
  - e. Added Arabian Ladies Side Saddle English JOTR, HA/AA Ladies Side Saddle English JOTR.
  - f. Added HA/AA Cross Rails 10 and under.
  - g. Cutting classes have been eliminated.
  - h. Dates July 23-30th in Oklahoma City.
  - i. The hotel list is currently listed on the website.
8. Hand Gallop - Bill Eash no present
9. Distance Rides - Carla Jo Bass
  - a. Dates and locations are not currently available.
  - b. CTR will be in September at LBJ Grasslands
10. Directory
  - a. The directory will still be printed annually, however, the number of copies will probably be reduced.

## New business

1. Russ Taylor suggested to move the Regional show into the leveling system, except for Sweepstakes classes. Some discussion followed, however, no decision at this time. It will require more discussion by the show committee.
2. Charles Bass solicited comments on the AHA convention moving to a Bi-annual convention.
  - a. Karlan Downing stated it would create a problem for rule changes and the missed opportunities for committee meetings.
  - b. Mark Williams indicated it might be more difficult to keep hotels at reasonable rates when only using them on a bi-annual basis.
  - c. Russ Taylor suggested that coordination with USEF could be an issue.
  - d. Straw vote of the attendees was unanimous to keep it as yearly.
3. Date for next meeting at Regional show - Straw vote Tuesday (14), Saturday (7) - Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 31st.

Margo Shallcross made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Beth Walker. Adjournment at 3:50 pm.

Next meeting: May 31, 2016

UNAPPROVED

**Respectfully submitted by Velma Boodt 918-284-7505918-284-7505.**

## Region 9 Youth News

*By Debbie Himmel*

*Alycia Boucher, R9 youth director, and Peyton Mainwaring, R9 youth secretary, will be attending the March AHYA Youth BOD meeting in Denver, Co. to represent our R9 youth. They will be sharing fundraising ideas and planning the activities for the 2016 YN Show and AHYA Convention to be held in July 2016 in Oklahoma City, OK. The theme for this year's YN will be "Go For The Gold". The R9 youth board of officers and R9 youth state representatives have been busy planning new fun activities for our R9 Championship show and fundraising ideas.*

*It's that time of year again! The youth are collecting \$50 sponsorships for the annual Region 9 youth qualifier t-shirts.*

*If you would like to be a proud sponsor, please enclose a check for \$50 made out to Region 9 AHA and mail to:*

*Debbie Himmel  
Region 9 Youth Coordinator  
515 Back Project Road  
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Email: [plantationarab@bellsouth.net](mailto:plantationarab@bellsouth.net)  
Cell# 985 859-6419985 859-6419*

*Please include the sponsorship name as you would like it printed on the back of the T-shirt. Deadline for sponsorships is April 15, 2016.*

*Just a reminder: the deadline to enter the Regional Youth Team Tournament was February 1, 2016, but you can still register your teams. Forms and instructions can be found on the AHA website or click below to download.*

*Region 9 Youth T-Shirt Order Form. ([download](#))*

*The next meeting of the R9 youth will be held on Friday, June 3, 2016, after the last class of*

*the afternoon session of the R9 Championship Show in Fort Worth, Texas at the Will Rogers Memorial Showground. Signs will be posted at the show regarding meeting location. All youth, friends, and family members are invited to join us at our meeting! If you have any suggestions or know of any youth who would like to be involved feel free to contact me, Debbie Himmel*

## Canter Across The Region

### Central Texas Arabian Horse Association

*By Allison Cowden*

Greetings to our friends around the Region,

We are excited about bringing our AHA-rated show back to Austin on April 24! The new format accommodates more social time, more specialty classes, and allows us to tailor our schedule to newcomers and youngsters, while providing dual qualification points for seasoned exhibitors. The CTAHA Lone Star Classic is back in a new format: an AHA-rated One Day Show!

**Our NEW Location:** Travis County Expo Center, Austin, Texas  
Date: Sunday, April 24, 2016 (Move in and set up - Saturday, April 23)  
This is a CONCURRENT Show, offering double qualifications for Region 9!

Judge #1: Mr. Steve Lieblang, Richardson, Texas

Judge #2: Cheryl McCally, Pilot Point, Texas

#### **Why choose the Lone Star Classic One Day Show?**

Very low-cost entries: \$20 per class (includes "both" concurrent shows), and stalls are only \$40! We have lots of ATR and JTR classes, including Adult Showmanship and Adult Equitation. We have FOUR cash High Point Awards, sponsored by Jennifer Bird of Jen Mar Arabians. There are even a few Buy-A-Class options, as well as prizes for \*every\* Walk/Trot exhibitor!

Everyone is invited to a pizza party, schooling classes, and a great tack sale on the day before the show! We are adding lots of fun vendors, and as always we'll enjoy a family-friendly music soundtrack thanks to our favorite show DJ.

Our CTAHA events are traditionally defined by our low-stress atmosphere, friendly all-volunteer crew, and a sense of fun and camaraderie. We strive to maintain accessibility and low cost for exhibitors, while utilizing friendly, national-quality AHA judges who are ambassadors for the sport of showing horses. By moving our show back to Austin, we are able to lower the cost for exhibitors, and now we can invite Austinites to come see Arabians!

You can visit our website for the current class schedule and fees ([www.ctaha.org](http://www.ctaha.org)) and track us on our Facebook page for fresh updates ([www.facebook.com/CentralTexasArabians](https://www.facebook.com/CentralTexasArabians)). Have questions? Want to join the fun? Call or email Alison Cowden at [info@ctaha.org](mailto:info@ctaha.org), or 512-925-7479. We love to help!

We hope to see you there with your beautiful horses!

### Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club

*By Judy Stubblefield*

### **SPRING FLING OPEN HORSE SHOW**

The Spring Fling Open Show will take place Saturday, March 12, at the Lone Star Convention and Expo Center, 9055 Airport Road, Conroe, TX. Classes start at 9:00 a.m. and the show ends after the last class. **PLEASE NOTE, THE CONCESSION STAND WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR THE SHOW.** Complimentary coffee, donuts and cookies will be available. BBQ sandwiches will be served for lunch. For the schedule, entry forms and general information, check out the upcoming shows tab on our website [gulfoastarabians.com](http://gulfoastarabians.com).

### **2016 AUTUMN CLASS HORSE SHOW**

Planning is underway for the 3rd annual 2016 Autumn Classic. Show dates are September 16-18, 2016 at the Brazos County Expo Center in Bryan, Texas. **NEW FOR THIS YEAR IS THE ADDITION OF TRAIL CLASSES!** The show has grown and, we like to think, improved each of the last two years so our goal is to make this year's event the best ever! We will be posting information and updates on the website as we move ahead.

## Legacy Arabian Horse Club

*By Debbie Cinotto*

**The Cowtown Classic** - March 18-20 at Will Rogers in Fort Worth.

List of Buy A Classes:

- 4a. A/HA/AA Short Stirrups Reining 10 & Under
- 18a. HA/AA English Pleasure AAOTR
- 34a. HA/AA Hunter Pleasure Jr. Horse (last class Fri Aft)
- 34b. PB Show Hack Ladies & Gentlemen (1st class Fri Eve)
- 42a. PB Western Pleasure Ladies & Gentlemen
- 73a. PB Side Saddle ATR
- 91b. PB Hunter Pleasure Ladies & Gentlemen
- 96a. HA/AA Hunter Pleasure Ladies & Gentlemen
- 99a. PB Hunter Pleasure Mares, Geldings, & Stallions
- 104a. PB Pleasure Driving AOTD
- 115a. HA/AA Ranch Horse Pleasure
- 126a. HA/AA Western Pleasure Championship JTR
- 170a. Dressage Third Level Test 2 Open
- 170b. Dressage Third Level Test 3 ATR

Class moves or changes:

- 46. HA/AA Show Hack moved to follow class 48
- 83. PB CEP Jr. Horse has been moved to 1st class Fri Aft
- 118. HA/AA CEP Championship AAOTR changed to ATR

Only the small loose shavings 3.5 cu. ft. bags will be available at the Cowtown

Metro Golf Cars at Will Rogers - call or email Johnny Pilcher at [johnny@metrogolfcars.com](mailto:johnny@metrogolfcars.com) or 817-921-5491817-921-5491 ext. 101 to reserve yours!  
Elite Stall Mat rental \$75/stall -- reserve your stall mats at 1-855-628-72001-855-628-7200  
FREE FREE.

Any questions, Debbie Cinotto, [windcrestdc@aol.com](mailto:windcrestdc@aol.com) or 817-319-9815817-319-9815 --  
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## North Texas Arabian Horse Club

*By Kristen A Fisher*

2016 MayFest Challenge UPDATES!

Mayfest Challenge, April 29 - May 1, 2016

Will Rogers Memorial Center

Main Ring Judge: Liz Bentley, R

Sport Horse Judge: TBD

Trail Judge: TBD

- Offered again for 2016: Sport Horse in Hand and Under Saddle!
- Offered again for 2016: Western and English Trail!
- Plenty of Buy-a-Classes to get qualified for Region 9! Buy-a-classes are \$75 through April 9, 2016. After April 11, all BACs are \$150.

Premium will be posted soon at [www.NTAHC.com](http://www.NTAHC.com).

For breaking news, check <https://www.facebook.com/NorthTexasAHC>

Closing date is April 9, 2016.

2015 NTAHC Shootout NEWS

Mark your calendars for a 2016 NTAHC Shootout: December 1-4, 2016 at Somervell Expo Center, Glen Rose, TX

## Arabian Riders and Breeders of Northwest Arkansas

*By Cindy Pharr*

ARAB FUN & FUZZY OPEN BREED SHOW

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

MARCHANT HILLS ARENA - ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Are you ready for show season? The ARAB Fun & Fuzzy Open Breed Horse Show is Sunday, April 10, at Marchant Hills Arena in Elm Springs, AR. The show is put on by the Arabian Riders And Breeders of Northwest Arkansas (ARAB).

The event is FREE for spectators; registration for exhibitors begins at 9:00 a.m. and the show begins at 10:00 a.m. Classes include Halter, Showmanship, English Pleasure (hunt seat & saddle seat), Leadline (free class), and Western Pleasure, as well as Arabian Native Costume. Membership is NOT required to show your horse, and with the exception of the Arabian Most Classic and Arabian Native Costume, all classes are open breed. The Honorable Troy Murrell will be our judge for the day.

Our show features rosette ribbons through Sixth Place, so come out and get your share of them!

Worried about the weather? Marchant Hills Arena is a wonderful INDOOR arena with

wonderful concessions, provided by Bettie Marchant. Featuring down home cooking at its best!

Please visit our website Calendar Of Events page for showbills and entry forms:

<http://arabofnwa.tripod.com/calendarofevents.html>

For further information, contact Cindy Pharr - pharrsha@pgtc.com or 479-841-1135479-841-1135.

NEGATIVE EIA (COGGINS) PAPERS REQUIRED AND WILL BE CHECKED!

## *Louisiana Arabian Horse Association*

*By Annalise Himmel*

[\(prize list download\)](#)



The Louisiana Arabian Horse Association is proud to offer the *Magnolia Classic Horse Show in Gonzales, Louisiana- April 8-10, 2016*. It is a Region 9 & Region 12 concurrent qualifying horse show. Judges are Bruce Bates and Cathy Vecsey. **NEW THIS YEAR: schooling classes & straight Egyptian halter classes.** We are also

hosting some fun exhibitor parties like a pizza party and cocktail party! The tourist commission of Ascension Parish has generously provided coupons and attraction brochures for exhibitors! We've even arranged *Saturday evening without classes* to take in all that Louisiana has to offer. **The premium book can be found online here: <http://www.laarabians.net/magnolia-classic.html>** Contact Beth Walker, show secretary, via email for more information [Laarabian@yahoo.com](mailto:Laarabian@yahoo.com)

**ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 23.**

### Region 9 Member Classified Ads



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