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## Region 9 Director's Message

First let me thank all the wonderful volunteers who help make our Regional Shows and Rides run so smoothly, without these fine people these events would be hard pressed to happen. I attended the Region 9 Endurance Ride in the spring and was amazed at how many volunteers it takes to put on these rides – my hat is off to all of them! It takes a lot of people to make the things happen in an orderly and safe manner and I, personally, am very thankful for the great volunteers we have in Region 9!

Remember that if you need to have any money in the 2011 Region 9 budget for your committee or program needs then you must get a budget turned into Charles Bass (rebelcjb@yahoo.com) by September 1. The deadline is a little earlier this year since the Region 9 meeting will be on September 11 this year (see notice elsewhere). If we don't have your budget by this date there will be no funds available. Final 2011 budget will be approved at the AHA Convention in November.

The deadline for getting nominations in for the Horseman's Awards was July 20 and I hope everyone got nominees in to Debbie Black. The Region 9 Board decided at our June meeting that we will have the Awards banquet on January 22, 2011 and it will again be at the Marriott in Fort Worth where we had it last year. We are working on trying to find a way to cut the costs of the luncheon and dinner in order to make it easier for people to attend. I will have more information out to you in the December Hand Gallop.

Now on to a more serious matter – in June we saw another court ordered seizure of starving horses happen in Collin County, Texas. We all know that these are tough economic times for everyone, but to let our horses suffer when there are possibly other alternatives is just not right. This is the second such seizure in the North Texas area in less than a year and I think we all need to try to be more aware of what is happening to our fellow horse owners and if we see that someone is in need we need to offer some help. I know that some horse owners don't want to be helped, or have too much pride to ask for help, but this just cannot go on. If you know the people, just give them a call to see if there is anything you can do to help before the situation gets out of control. If they don't want the help, then report any severe neglect to the authorities. In the case of the 47 horses seized in June the judge ordered the horses sold at auction and that is what happened approximately one month after they were seized. It is my understanding that all the horses did ultimately sell to people who will give them the care and love they need to make full recoveries. I cannot thank enough the generous individuals who stepped up to the plate to take in these horses – it will be a big job getting them back to a healthy status. We are all protectors of our great breed and I ask that everyone find it in their hearts to help someone out if you see the need.

Thank you,

Pat Barton, Region 9 AHA Director  
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## Important Region 9 Dates & Deadlines

- August 31 – Regional Volunteer Service Award nominations are due to Region 9 Director
- September 1 – List of certified delegates and alternates for AHA Convention are due from affiliated clubs in the region (to AHA)
- September 11 – Region 9 Delegate Meeting, 1:00 pm, State Fair of Texas Show; classes will be delayed that afternoon to allow people to attend
- September 15 – Nominations for AHA Convention elected positions deadline
- September 15 – Club Level Volunteer Service Award nominations due from affiliated clubs (to AHA)
- October 15 – National Volunteer Service Award nominations awarded at AHA Convention due from regions to AHA Executive Committee
- November 17-21 – AHA Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida.

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## Region 9 Championship Show Recap

*By Kristen Fisher, Show Manager*

Thanks to all our exhibitors and spectators at the Region 9 Championship Show this June. We are pleased to announce that we had 533 horses this year. This is down 14% from 608 in 2009, but the Executive Show Committee considers this participation very good considering almost all AHA shows are down by at least 10% [and some as much as 50+%], and our dates also coincided with The Egyptian Event and 2 adjacent regional championships. Additionally, many regional shows are down by greater percentages as well – so thanks to everyone who supported the Region 9 Show. Show results are posted at [region9aha.org/Regional\\_Show.html](http://region9aha.org/Regional_Show.html).

I also want to thank all the staff and volunteers at the show. This event is a massive undertaking and cannot be held without the tireless efforts of so many dedicated people in the Arabian horse community. When you see someone that helped or worked at the show, please be sure to thank them for contributing to your outstanding show experience, as they are far too numerous to list here! I also need to especially thank the Executive Show

Committee – Pat Barton, Lisa Skalski, Bill Eash, and Kathy Braden. They are a wonderful group with which to work and provided invaluable input and assistance before and during the show. Special thanks go to Kathy [and Travis!] Braden who coordinated the Working Western portion of the show – all their hard work paid off as it ran flawlessly.

The Region 9 Show is YOUR show – so the Executive Show Committee [ESC] wants to be sure we are doing as much as we can to meet the needs of our exhibitors. As we did in 2009, the ESC is developing a process through which changes or additions to the Region 9 class schedule can be requested. Please be sure to watch the eblasts and the December 2010 Hand Gallop for more information on that process. We look forward to your suggestions!

Be sure to mark June 15-18, 2011 on your calendar for next year's Region 9 Championship Show – back on the “usual” Father's Day weekend – and stay tuned for updates on the show throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact me at [region9show@earthlink.net](mailto:region9show@earthlink.net)



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## Region 9 Championship Show – Working Western Recap

*By Kathy Braden, 2010 Region 9 Show Working Western Coordinator*

Another Region 9 Championship Show has come and gone, with the economy still on the down side, the numbers were off somewhat but the quality of the horses were still great.

I had the privilege of serving on the show committee this year and I personally feel that every Region 9 member should consider volunteering to serve on any show committee, especially the Region 9 show committee. The time serving on a show committee would grow one's knowledge tenfold. I know once the show starts many do not have the time but planning starts many months ahead of time.

My hat goes off to Kristen Fisher and Pat Barton, theirs

is a thankless job. It is an extremely hard job to make everyone happy and make a show the size of Region 9 run smooth. The hours behind the scene and during the show are very tedious, I thank you both. There are so many people that need to be thanked. Bill Eash for making sure all the beautiful trophies and ribbons are ordered and organized. Lisa Skalski for working endless hours to assure that the class schedule is workable and in order. Carrie Woolverton for getting all the great volunteers for various duties through the show. Diane Mack, what a great Patron's area, the food was great. Bob Barton for all his honey do's. Travis Braden for making sure all the cattle were ordered and taken care of. I know that there are people that I have left out but do know my thanks and appreciation goes out to you.

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My challenge to you the exhibitors is to volunteer, even if for a session, and see how it is to make things run. Everyone wants to complain, but no one wants to be part of the solution. Come up with workable ideas that will make everyone happy not just yourself. It is hard to make so many disciplines run smoothly, so be sure to think outside your box and make sure it is workable for all. Yes this is your Regional Show but we must all work together to make it work smoothly. Come on I challenge you to be part of the solution. I had a blast, know you can too.

Having the Lead Line Class on Saturday night was the hit of the whole show. To see so many smiling faces of

the coming young stars made me feel excited in my heart. These young stars were so happy to be a part of the final's night at our wonderful show, I want to thank those instrumental in getting this arranged and hope that this can be a continuing class in years to come. The trainers, grandparents and the friends that lead these children were beaming with pride.

Remember we are the best Region out there, let's all work together and let's think about our breed, our horses and our youth. Let's continue to build and grow and we will continue to be the best Region in AHA.



## Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show Update

By Bill Eash, Show Manager

We are one week away from the show and we just closed off the entries. We currently have 76 horses, down from 78 in 2009. Considering the economy we are thrilled. This year we added Hunter Hack classes and we have 23 entries in the classes. Our dressage rides are up by 50% from 69 rides to 101, in hand entries went from 101 to 80 a drop of 20%. It is very difficult to schedule, plan and forecast when our numbers change so much. But this is really good news

for us since the number of dressage rides has declined for the past three years.

Dr. Karlan Downing offered the Region 9 Patrons the opportunity to hang their banners in Waco for the show and 33 Patrons have agreed to do that. We had some Trophy sponsors, class sponsors and of course the Hunter Hack crowd that got together to support the Hunter Hack classes. The committee would like to thank all volunteers in advance and all the sponsors and advertisers that will make this show a success. Thanks!



## Youth Foundation Scholarship Fund

By Cynthia Savage, Director, Youth Foundation Region 9 AHA, Inc

Box Seat sales were a great success at this year's Region 9 Championship Show. This was our first year to be the Region 9 Show Charity and your support has enabled us to raise \$5400. This is up over the last two years donations to Cooks Children Center, the previous charity recipient.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of those who contributed to this worthy cause. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We look forward to growing our success with you at the future Region 9 Championship Shows.

For more information on ways you can support the Youth Foundation Scholarship Fund, visit our website at [www.youthfoundationregion9.org](http://www.youthfoundationregion9.org)



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# Distance Riding Update

By *Carla Jo Bass*

There are only two rides remaining to get qualified for the Region 9 Competitive Trail Championship ride. They are Critter Caper on September 4-5 at the LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX and Robbers Route on September 18-19 at the Robbers Cave State Park, Wilburton, OK. You must ride in the open division and complete one of these rides to be qualified. The regional ride will be Oct 2-3 at Pole Canyon Ranch outside Quitaque, TX. Remember, in order to ride in the regional ride, both the owner of the horse and rider must be current competition members of AHA.

Come Ride With Us!!!! The rides are sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference ([www.natrc4.org](http://www.natrc4.org)) and recognized by AHA as a qualifying organization. For more information, please e-mail or call Carla Jo Bass at [rebelcjb@yahoo.com](mailto:rebelcjb@yahoo.com) or 972-617-8233.

The Second Annual Arabian and Half-Arabian Endurance and Competitive Trail Nationals Championships will be held October 21-24, 2010 [in conjunction with US Nationals in Tulsa, OK] at Lake Carl Blackwell outside Stillwater, OK. Open rides will be held in conjunction with all events this year, so join us!

- Oct 21-22, 2010: Competitive Trail National Championship rides, open 35 mile CTR rides
- Oct 23, 2010: 50 mile Endurance National Championship ride, open 25 and 50 mile endurance rides
- Oct 24, 2010: 100 mile Endurance National Championship ride, open 25, 50, 75 and 100 mile endurance rides

Information is now available on the AHA web site under "Competitions – National Events - National Distance Championship."



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## Unapproved Minutes for Region 9 AHA Delegates June 2010 Meeting

*June 12, 2010, Fort Worth, TX*

1. Call to order by Pat Barton at 11:05am.
2. Officers and delegates roll call by Jane Ann Godsey. All officers present except past director Dale Harvill. 19 clubs represented with 31 members. Quorum established.
3. Meeting agenda. Motion by Charles Bass to approve agenda seconded by Karlan Downing. Approved by delegates.
4. Recess Region 9 meeting.
5. Call to order Youth Foundation AHA Region 9, Inc. meeting by Cindy Savage.
  - a. Total cash on hand of \$125,774. Net income for January 1-April 10, 2010 of \$8800.00
  - b. Scholarships of \$34,450 due out of funds.
  - c. Scholarships have been presented of approximately ¼ million dollars since inception.
  - d. Two new scholarship recipients are Ethan Hendrickson and Megan Harp.
  - e. Sandy Bentley thanks Region 9 for all the assistance with scholarship programs.
  - f. Box seat sales up this year with approximately \$5000.00, which will be for Region 9 Youth Foundation.
6. Adjourn Youth Foundation AHA Region 9, Inc. Meeting.
7. Reconvene and call to order of the Region 9 Delegate Meeting by Pat Barton.
8. Approval of January 23, 2010 Delegates meeting minutes. Motion to accept the minutes made by Velma, second by Bob Barton. Minutes approved as published.
9. Treasurer report was given by Cindy Savage. Cindy

reported that funds were moved to operate the show out of the AG Edwards account. Cindy presented the balance sheet, and there was a motion to accept the report by Lisa Skalski and seconded by Linda Abston. Approved by delegates.

10. Region 9 Championship Show. Kristen Fisher reported on the show. There are a total of 533 horses which is down from 2009 with 602 horses. This is a net decrease of 12% which seems to be in line with other shows. Things are running smoothly in the office and the facility is working well with the show staff. Kristen mentioned that the parking fees being paid by the show for the exhibitors was offset by a decrease in security needs expense. There was discussion on these items. Dates for the 2011 show are June 14-18th, and for 2012, the dates are June 12-16.

11. Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show report was given by Bill Eash. Bill reported that the show was a 4 day show this year. Bill and the committee are continuing to work on the show with advertising in the program and patron opportunities.

12. 2010-2011 Region 9 directory. Pat noted that any new club presidents or membership chairs need to be reported to Pat by July 1st in order to make sure the names are correct in the directory.

13. Committee report.

- a. Youth Activities. Mark Himmel reported for Debbie Himmel that Taylor Kraft is the Region 9 Youth Director. T-shirts were presented to the youth competitors compliments of the various sponsors. Cookies were served by the youth at the exhibitors

party. The youth are getting ready for the youth convention and getting their plans together for the Parade of Regions at Youth Nationals, and the youth also thanked the region for their continued support. Alexa Nichols spoke to the delegates regarding the fact that the youth group wanted to do the team sorting again. There was discussion regarding the cattle issue and the cost of the event and the issue of holding the cattle over for the event. The pie throwing event had been canceled due to the number of trainers with conflicts. Discussion was held, and the youth were invited to have further discussion regarding this event. Cathy Christensen applauded the youth for wanting to help with their event.

- b. High Point awards program. Jane Ann Godsey noted that there were numerous entries for the awards program. New forms will be placed on the web site soon.
  - c. Horseman Awards Program. Forms for the program were located on the table outside the show office. These items are due by July 20th.
  - d. Any other committee report. Discussion was held on a resolution issue. The resolution had to do with ranking of Top Ten awards. Since the resolution was not written up, it was recommended that the resolution come from an individual club rather than from the Region. Chase Harvill was going to work on this through his club.
14. Unfinished business. The Texas Horseman's bill will now be headed up by Carrie Woolverton. This is going to be HB 1388. There is information in the next Modern Arabian horse of how Martha Murdock has worked on a similar program in Kentucky.
15. New business.
- a. September meeting. Mark Himmel presented the information regarding a meeting in New Orleans. A straw vote was taken from the delegates regarding how many would make the trip. It was determined

that there was not a great interest for New Orleans by the delegates. There was other discussion regarding Austin or San Antonio. The State Fair show is the weekend before the scheduled meeting. Jane Ann Godsey and Beth Walker volunteered to schedule the State Fair show around a meeting time, and the consensus was to have the meeting in conjunction with the State Fair of Texas show.

- b. 2010 National Event Sponsorship forms were noted to be available. Additionally, national delegate info is due by June 30th, and that is the deadline for membership with regards to the number of delegates also.
  - c. AHA convention this year will be in Orlando, Florida.
    - i. Non-hosted convention-Sponsorship opportunity forms are available.
    - ii. Region 9 caucus will be at 7pm on November 18th with the room to be determined at the convention.
    - iii. Donation has been made by Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club (one of last year's volunteer service award clubs) to help pay for snacks at caucus.
  - d. National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame lunch. This will be held October 28th which is during Nationals. Jane Ann Godsey stated how much fun this was, and Debbie Cinotto agreed to do the table set-up for this year.
  - e. January event discussion. There was discussion regarding the event, and the board of director will be working on some ways to keep costs down.
  - f. Other new business. Cathy Christensen announced that this would be Craig's last show serving as announcer and that he would be retiring. Caruth Arabians will be hosting a party Saturday evening.
16. Adjourn. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 12:43pm. Motion passed and meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jane Ann Godsey, Region 9 AHA Secretary

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

 We encourage ALL REGION 9 CLUBS to submit items of interest! The next newsletter will be mailed December 1, 2010, so all information should be submitted to [aharegion9@earthlink.net](mailto:aharegion9@earthlink.net) by November 10, 2010.

### TEXAS

#### Arabian Horse Club of Texas

The State Fair of Texas show will be September 9-12th, 2010 at the State Fair Grounds. Judges are being finalized and the premium book will be online at [www.arabianhorsecluboftexas.com](http://www.arabianhorsecluboftexas.com). The show will continue to have regular classes, reining and trail (new), carriage driving and dressage. We look forward to seeing everyone at our exhibitor friendly show. Y'all come. For

questions or inquiries, please email or call Jane Ann Godsey at [janeanngodsey@hughes.net](mailto:janeanngodsey@hughes.net) or 936-564-3601 (home) or 936-552-6416 (cell).

#### Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club

Save the Date- Our Christmas Horse Show is Dec. 3-5, 2010. Look for show information updates on our website during the coming months: [www.gulfcoastarabians.com](http://www.gulfcoastarabians.com)

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Upcoming events- SIRE Fundraising Trailride at 7IL Ranch in Cat Spring, Texas, Oct. 9, 2010. This is a beautiful ride for a great cause, SIRE, Houston's Therapeutic Riding Center. Great BBQ lunch is served to participants; overnight camping allowed. Join our club team for this ride. Details on the website soon or contact Julie Redding- [juliet749@consolidated.net](mailto:juliet749@consolidated.net)

### North Texas Arabian Horse Club

NTAHC will host their annual Catch the Spirit Arabian Community Show on Saturday, September 25, at the Myers Park & Event Center in McKinney, Texas. Classes start at 9 a.m. and include Arabian and Half-Arabian classes as well as all-breed classes. In conjunction with the show, NTAHC will also be holding a "Catch the Spirit" event at the same venue, offering the public a chance to see Arabian horses up close. For more information about the ACS, contact show manager Laura McClellan at [lauramctx@yahoo.com](mailto:lauramctx@yahoo.com) or by phone at (972) 658-5817.

NTAHC member Bob Nash and "Pablo" Mc Picasso were featured in the July 2010 issue of "Horse & Rider" magazine. The article is "Your Horse Your Life". They were interviewed when they were in Scottsdale. The Nashes are thrilled because they love this horse so much, and appreciate the opportunity to provide good PR for the breed in a national magazine!

Plan on attending the 2010 NTAHC Shootout in Glen Rose, TX on November 11-14, 2010. Dressage classes will be held Thursday November 11, sport horse classes will be Friday morning November 12, and halter and performance will run Friday through Sunday. Judy Kibler will be our halter and performance judge; our dressage judge is TBD. Please direct questions to [ntahc\\_shootout@earthlink.net](mailto:ntahc_shootout@earthlink.net).

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## SPECIAL NOTICES

### **Region 9 Delegates Meeting**

The next meeting of the Region 9 Delegates will be held September 11, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Fair of Texas Show at Fair Park, in Dallas, TX. Classes will be delayed that afternoon to enable meeting attendance. All Region 9 members are welcome.

### **Amateur High Point Awards Program**

Don't forget to sign up for the 2010 Region 9 High Point awards. Forms are available on the Region 9 website, and activities through November 2010 are eligible!