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Region 9 Director's Message

We dedicate these comments to the great horse trainers of Region 9. Our Region 9 Championship Show season is fast approaching and I shudder to think what our shows would be like without the hard work and dedication of the Trainers in Region 9. Trainers Bob Hart and Lisa Skalski have stepped forward and joined the Region 9 Executive Show Committee and they bring valuable experience to help our Committee and shows. Because we have fantastic trainers in Region 9, our Region is second to none in the quality of our shows, the quality of our riders and the quality of horses shown. Thank you, Arabian Horse Trainers of Region 9 for doing your part in making Region 9 the superior Region that it is. I look forward to your presence in the competition and ask that you let me know your thoughts concerning how we together can make Region 9 even more productive on behalf of the Arabian horse. Thank you.

Dale Harvill, AHA Region 9 Director
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2007 AHA Region 9 Championship Show June 12-16, 2007

Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum, Ft. Worth, TX

By Margo Shallcross, Show Manager

Almost time for the Region 9 AHA Championship Show and I hope this notice finds you and your Arabian ready to present your best performance! The Region 9 Show Committee and Staff wish each of you a great ride and wonderful time.

We have several new and exciting additions for our 2007 show. Two new Western Pleasure Futurity classes have been added to the show schedule. We have two local authors coming out to the show for book signings; look for Helen Hogan and Jan Dawson in the Vendor's Hall.

Come by and find out more about The Black Stallion Literacy Program. The Vendor's Hall will feature many new and returning commercial exhibitors for your shopping pleasure. Cash bar will be set up in the afternoons in the Hall.

Friday night bid on your favorite team in Team Sorting – you could be the winner and take home those dollars. Our Youth will also have a silent auction and enjoy a Great Texas Bar-B-Que and Friday night championship classes.

Stop by the Vendor's Hall between 5 and 7PM on Saturday for a Cocktail Party and complete your shopping. Not only will the horses and exhibitors be shining on Saturday night but guests can dust off those heels, shine their

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boots, and put on the rhinestones! Dress up for a night of exciting show horses and pick your favorite winners.

Looking to buy or sell a horse? Stop by the Internet Café provided by MyHorseForSale.com. The café will have computers for your internet needs during the show.

Also, visit with the many barns and see if they have your dream horse. Region 9 is the place to be June 12-16, 2007. If you need to download a premium book, you can do so at http://region9aha.org/Regional_Show.html. Look forward to seeing you all at THE SHOW.



2007 AHA Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show July 12-15, 2007

Heart of Texas Fair Grounds, Waco, TX

By *Bill Eash*

The premium books have been delivered and plans are in place for another successful Region 9 Sport Horse Championship show! You can find all the information you need about the show, including show management contact information and premium books, on line at http://region9aha.org/Sporthorse_Reg.html.

The Sport Horse pages will provide a single place to

go for our Region's Sport Horse Enthusiasts information. We will have a page listing all the SH qualifying shows, a page for rule changes and links to download the new 2007 USEF tests, AHA SH scoring sheets and other news. There are plans to complete the qualifying shows page by July 1. Please have your show manager notify me if you plan to have SH classes! Email me at eash@gvtc.com.



Region 9 Delegate Representation at the AHA National Convention

By *Dale Harvill*

The 2007 AHA National Convention will be held in Region 9 November 14-18, 2007 at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center in Tulsa, OK. The convention provides a yearly forum for the Arabian Horse Community to:

- Exchange ideas and opinions
- Pass important legislation
- Elect officers and certain committee positions

More than 400 delegate representatives come together at rotating sites to vote on many important resolutions that govern the future of the Arabian horse industry.

Each AHA club is entitled to one delegate for every 50 adult/life members [or part thereof], based on their membership rosters as of June 30, 2007. However, some Clubs in Region 9 do not send delegates to vote on matters at convention that are of critical importance to the future of Clubs and the future of Arabian horses. Some in the breed would do away with the Clubs' ability to send delegates, since many do not anyway. This is not the position taken by the current Region 9 Officers, but

there is some concern that without better participation from Clubs via delegates, there may be more support to do away with club delegates in the voting processes, effectively removing the distributed grassroots management of our Arabian Horse Association.

There are some individuals interested in representing Region 9 at the AHA Convention, but need to be given the opportunity to join Clubs with available delegate spaces by June 30, 2007, and there are many Clubs that do not fill their allowed delegate rosters.

If you are an individual that would like to be a voting delegate at AHA Convention but have no available positions in your current club, or if you are a member of a Club that doesn't have a full delegate roster, please email your information to aharegion9@earthlink.net and we will do our best to match up these individuals and Region 9 Clubs. Remember, an individual must be a full member of an AHA club by June 30, 2007 to serve as an AHA Convention Voting Delegate.

Thank you for enabling Region 9 to better serve your interests at the AHA national level!



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Region 9 Offers Nominee Biographies

By Bill Eash, Region 9 Nominating Committee Chair

The election of a new slate of Region 9 Officers will be held at the AHA Region 9 Championship Show at 11:00 am Saturday June 16, 2007 in the John Justin Sales Arena. The Region 9 Board of Directors manage the business of Region 9, but also represents the interests of Region 9 to the national governing body, the Arabian Horse Association. ALL REGION 9 DELEGATES are urged to vote in this election. Additionally, we are privileged to have Gary Zimmerman, AHA Executive Vice President, attending our June meeting. Please be sure to come out and welcome Gary to Region 9.

The slate of nominees is as follows; biographies on nominees follow this list:

- Director: Pat Barton, Larry Westmoreland
- Vice Director: Carolyn Mikulec, Margo Shallcross
- Treasurer: Cindy Savage
- Secretary: Linda Abston [WITHDRAWN], Charles Bass, Jane Ann Godsey
- State Rep AR: Cathy Christiansen
- State Rep LA: Mark Himmel
- State Rep OK: Debbie Black
- State Rep TX: Renee Anderson [WITHDRAWN], Kim Potts

Nominee for Region 9 Director: Pat Barton

As a nominee for the Director of AHA Region 9, I would like to share my background with all members of our great Region. On a personal level, I have been married to Bob Barton for 32 years and we live on our small farm in Edmond, Oklahoma. I have one daughter, Amy Fuhrmann, who has blessed us with two wonderful grandchildren. I have been a real estate sales associate since 1987 and I still work for the same company I started out with. I got involved with Arabian horses in the late 1970's and they continue to this day to be a part of my life.

I am a member of the Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club and the Arabian Riders and Breeders of Northwest Arkansas Club. I serve as the latter's club delegate to the Region. Currently I am the Vice-Director of Region 9 and serve on the Region 9 Board of Directors.

My experience at the national level includes being a club delegate and/or alternate to the National Convention since 1987 for the Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club, the A-OK Arabian Horse Club, and ARABS of NW Arkansas. I have served on various AHA committees including the Snaffle-Bit Committee in 1995; U.S. National and Regional Classes Committee from 1991 to present; and Amateur Committee from 1996 to present. I also served as a Youth Nationals volunteer for 6 years working as assistant Commercial Exhibit Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator when this show was held in Oklahoma City.

On the regional level I have served as Region 9 Vice-Director and on the Board of Directors from 1996-1999 and from 2004 to the present. I am on the Region 9 By-Laws committee, the Show Approval & Youth Show Funding committee and I served on the Region 9 Championship Show Committee from 1993-2005. I also co-managed and/or co-chaired the Region 9 Championship Shows from 1995-1998 and from 2000-2005. I was the recipient of the Region 9 Volunteer Service Award in 2000 and am extremely honored to have received the Region 9

Jake Hoover Memorial Award in 2002.

At the club level I have served as president, vice-president, board member, executive show committee member, editor and publisher of club newsletter and various other capacities. I have helped organize and manage several Class A and open shows in Oklahoma. I have shown my horses at the local, regional, and national levels and hope that my grandchildren will have the same opportunity to do so in the future.

For more than two decades I have served the membership of local clubs and all of Region 9. Staying attuned to the developing needs of our widespread region has helped guide me in my goal of serving Region 9. I hope to bring some accountability to this region by having our Region 9 Board of Directors more informed and involved with the decisions that are being made at AHA that effect our membership. In turn, my hope is that the Region Board and the club delegates will keep our membership also informed. As a cohesive group we can make good things happen for our beloved Arabian and Half-Arabian horses and show the equine community what a great breed we have!

If anyone has any questions of me, please fill free to contact me at patbarton1@msn.com or give me call at 405-206-9140.

Nominee for Region 9 Director: Larry Westmoreland

I am a candidate for Director of Region 9 and I have been a member of AHA since 1987. I am the current state representative from Louisiana and I am on the Board of Directors for the Louisiana Arabian Horse Association and the Arabian Working Cow Horse Association. I am on the AHA Futurity Commission and I am also vice-chair of the AHA Working Western Committee. I have been an active delegate since 1997. Those of you that know me, know I am quite active at National Convention and in AHA throughout the year. I truly believe that one voice can make a difference and the only way we can bring about change is by getting involved. I went to my first National Convention in 1997 in Denver, after my good friend, Tom McNair, told me if I intended to make a living working with Arabian horses I had better get involved in the organization. This was the best advice I have ever received in this industry. I have heard people say that they didn't have a voice in AHA and I don't believe that is true. The only voice not heard is the voice not used.

I am head trainer and owner of West Wind Training Center in Tickfaw, LA. We have been in business for the past 20 years. I have dedicated my time and energy to the Arabian horse for those 20 years. I want to continue my work in this organization so that my 2 grandsons can enjoy the same pleasures that the Arabian horse provided my daughter as she grew up. My daughter has now chosen to make her living in the Arabian horse industry as well. As you can see Arabian horses are truly a way of life for me and my family.

Region 9 and AHA have to reach out to every member of this organization and let them know that they are a viable member and asset. We have to work hard if we are to bring about the changes needed within this organization. It is time we start giving something back to the people in our organization. I believe that we have to use our voices and get involved to bring about these changes, but I truly believe it can be done. This Region is looked upon as one of the leaders in AHA and we have to be

committed to maintain that level of excellence. I am committed to do just that and I ask for your vote for Region 9 Director.

Nominee for Region 9 Vice Director: Carolyn Mikulec

I have been involved with Arabian horses for over 30 years. For the first ten years, I owned and operated Coons Hollow Arabians. Currently, my husband and I own Zama Ranch where we breed Arabian/Half Arabians specializing in Reining, Working Cow, and Cutting horses. I have been a member of Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club for many years. I am also a member of the Working Western Club and the Arabian Cutting Horse Association. During that time I have done the following:

- Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club Show Committee 1996 – present
- Region IX Manager 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
- Region IX Show committee Chairperson, 1999 – 2005
- Sport Horse Commission 2001- 2002
- Show manager, GCAHC Christmas 1997
- Show manager Azalea Classic I & II, 1997 – 1998
- Show Manager Youth challenge, 1997 – 2004
- Assistant Manager Pro-Am challenge 2000, 2001
- Member Judges & Steward Selection Committee 2002 – present
- Event Staff Member – Commercial Exhibits, US Nationals 2001-2004
- IAHA Certified Secretary – 1999
- Member – US National Amateur Committee 1997 – 2003
- Member – US National Working Western Committee 1999 – present
- Member – US National Regional & National Class Committee 2000 – present
- State Representative – Texas 2004 - present
- Member, Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club, 1993 – present
- Delegate, US National Convention, 1994 – present
- President, GCAHC, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, Board Member GCAHC 1996 – present
- Region IX Scholarship Committee, 1998
- GCAHC Volunteer of the Year, 1997
- Volunteer Award Region 9, 2001

Married, I am the mother of 4 children and 9 grandchildren. Graduate, University of Houston. I owned and operated 2 Houston businesses until we moved to Zama Ranch in 1991.

My goals are to:

- Promote the Arabian Horse in all venues and arenas, including Dressage, Reining, Cutting and Working Cow
- Make it less expensive to show our Arabians
- Inform potential horse buyer of the merits of Arabian Horses

Nominee for Region 9 Vice Director: Margo Shallcross

I have accepted a nomination to run for the Region 9 Board as Vice Chair because of my continued interest and dedication to the Arabian community.

I became involved with Arabians in 1964 in Louisiana. In 1977 I came to San Antonio as trainer for San Antonio

Arabians, home of Cass Ole', "The Black Stallion." In 1982 I opened Fancy Free Arabians, a full public training barn and closed this operation a few years ago to further dedicate my energies to judging. I will be judging the Youth Nationals this year. I have judged 11 National shows for Arabians, Morgans, Pintos, and Miniatures. I have judged and conducted clinics in Australia, New Zealand, and Belgium.

My membership for the past 25 years with the AAHA club has led me to many activities within the Arabian community. During these years I have organized trail rides, conducted seminars, organized 4 Arabian Horse Auctions at the San Antonio Livestock Show, served on countless committees, and serve as President, Vice President and member.

Freedom Classic is a show that I have been involved with since the concept, and currently serve on their board. For a second year I am acting as Show Manger for the Region 9 Championship Show in Ft. Worth, TX. I served as the Region 9 Youth Coordinator for several years and presently serve as Team Tournament Secretary. I was honored with the Region 9 Volunteer Service Pin at the 2006 AHA Convention.

Why do I want to serve on the Regional Board? I love the Arabian and feel I can bring my energy and knowledge to the board. I am a willing volunteer and worker. I feel strongly that people who have a true interest in our breed need to be involved and having served on the grass root level for years, and I have a true understanding of the needs of the Arabian owner.

Nominee for Region 9 Treasurer: Cindy Savage

Cindy Savage is currently running unopposed for Region 9 Treasurer. Region 9 thanks her for her continued willingness to serve our region.

Nominee for Region 9 Secretary: Jane Ann Godsey

Jane Ann Godsey has been actively involved with the Arabian Horse Club of Texas for the past several years. Jane Ann has served in various positions on the board, and has been involved with many show committees. She is currently serving as the President for the Arabian Horse Club of Texas. Along with her mother, Lynda Pool, Jane Ann has put on many of the last few shows for the AHCT.

Jane Ann and her husband Randy are involved with Pool Arabians, which was started by Jane Ann's parents Lynda and Eli Pool from Nacogdoches, Texas. The Pool's began their involvement with Arabians in the mid- 1960s when Lynda helped the Kurth's from Lufkin. Jane Ann began her involvement with Arabians by watching from the sidelines. Jane Ann spent quite a few hours with Miss Mary Glass, a horseshow steward during her early years, and Miss Glass taught Jane Ann many lessons which still influence her today. Jane Ann's first shows were during high-school, and during her youth years, Jane Ann became involved with her beloved Arabians again.

For years, Jane Ann trained and showed horses raised by Pool Arabians. Jane Ann trained her own horses for approximately 20 years, and successfully competed in English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Show Hack, Side-Saddle, and Driving. Jane Ann's

first National award was a Top Ten in Show Hack, and she has received 4 other National Top Ten awards with horses she trained herself. Jane Ann has turned her horses over to a trainer in the last few years since she and Randy married and Jane Ann became an instant step-mom to Josh. Jane Ann has juggled family obligations, work obligations, and her passions since that time.

Even while juggling multiple tasks, Jane Ann has made time to give back to her community. She has served as President of Nacogdoches Junior Forum (a community service organization), and has also helped start and served as President of Community Rx Help (an organization which helps provide medication to uninsured and under-insured persons in the Nacogdoches county area). Jane Ann still serves as President of Nacogdoches Senior Center (which serves meals on wheels) and serves as President of the Arabian Horse Club of Texas.

Jane Ann loves her horses and her horse shows, but enjoys other activities with the horses also. Growing up, there was a fox hunt just a few miles from Nacogdoches that Jane Ann and her family participated in. Jane Ann loves to move cattle with all her horses, but particularly used to love to do that with her stallion Tyfoon. She even showed him in a working cow class many years ago although he was predominately an English type horse. Several days she would herd the cattle out of a pasture with Tyfoon hooked to his buggy prior to turning her horses out in the pasture. One of Jane Ann's greatest pleasures currently comes from just watching Tyfoon out in the pasture in his senior years. Jane Ann recognizes that many people involved with Arabian horses are not show people, and recognizes that shows are not the only activity in which people can enjoy their horses.

With over 40 years of being around the Arabian horse, Jane Ann has seen and participated in many different activities and met many different people and made many different friends. Times have changed, and Jane Ann has worked to help improve the clubs she has been in. Many years ago, when hunter pleasure was just becoming a class, Jane Ann lobbied for the class because it would give people a new way to enjoy their horses. Jane Ann strongly feels that being able to adapt and embrace change has helped her in all her activities in life.

Jane Ann's reasons for running for Regional office are simply that she would like to give back to the wonderful community of the Arabian horse. Jane Ann feels that she has much to give and looks forward to many more years in service to the Arabian horse and its human caretakers.

***Nominee for Region 9 State Representative - Arkansas:
Cathy Christiansen***

Cathy Christiansen has been actively involved with the Arkansas Arabian Horse Club for over 20 years. Since 1987, Cathy has served the AAHC on numerous committees as committee member and many times committee chair, Show Chairman, Youth Director, Board Member, VP and President.

Cathy, her husband, Craig, and their sons, Travis and Ryan, own StarCastle Arabians in Bald Knob, AR. StarCastle is a small breeding farm and has a Youth and Adult Amateur Program through which Cathy has coached youth riders to National Level Competition in everything from Hunt-seat over Fences, to Showmanship and all seats of Equitation, all

Pleasure Divisions, Sidesaddle, Costume and Park.

Beginning in High School, Cathy developed an interest in Therapeutic Riding, and has been involved as an instructor, coaching riders to Gold Medals in Stock and Hunt Seat Equitation at the International Special Olympics. She also has served as an advisor from startup through NARH accreditation with several Therapeutic Programs in Arkansas.

As one of the first recipients of the newly formed Region 9 Scholarship program in 1987, Cathy was able to attend college at U of A Little Rock. She was Region 9 Youth Director in 1992 and 1993, organizing Youth Judging Contests at Regionals.

In 2003, as Immediate Past President of the Arkansas Arabian Horse Club, she played an integral role in the activities and application process, which allowed the AAHC to win the prestigious Arabian Horse Association Breed Promotion and Club of the Year Awards. The AAHC is the only club in Region 9 to have achieved this status.

In 2004, Cathy spearheaded an effort to recognize Region 9 members for their lifelong dedication to the Arabian horse. The result is the Region 9 Lifetime Achievement Awards, recognizing: Rita McNair, Dub Miller, Carol Chapman-Wood, Tom McNair, Gwen Nix, and Bill Harwood for their commitment to the Arabian Breed.

Currently, her focus for the last 3 years has been the Black Stallion Literacy Project. She has volunteered with the program in Arkansas and has helped BSLP get off the ground in Texas, going into Waco and Fort Worth in the first year. Through speaking at the U. S. Nationals and the National Convention, Cathy has helped to recognize the Arkansas Arabian Horse Club and Region 9 as the leaders in the Promotion of Arabian horses through the Black Stallion Literacy Project. This success is something that other clubs and Regions are hoping to emulate. Her personal goal would be for each state in Region 9 to participate in some way with the BSLP. She is also a current member of the AHA Equitation/Showmanship and Youth Committees.

In April 2007, Cathy, successfully chaired the 38th Annual Arkansas Victory Challenge Arabian Horse show, Cathy's 23rd consecutive year attending this event. Participating on various levels in the last 23 years has given her a better understanding of the different club functions and of the dynamics of Region 9 and its role as a leader in the AHA.

***Nominee for Region 9 State Representative - Louisiana:
Mark Himmel***

I am seeking the office of Region 9 Louisiana State Representative. I have been involved in the Arabian Horse Business for over 29 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, and Showmanship at Halter, Western Horsemanship and Hunt Seat Equitation.

I am currently the President of Louisiana Arabian Horse Association and have been an active member since 1979. I have also served as Treasurer and have 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 20 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.

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 (29 years). We have one daughter, Annalise, who is now 16 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 Horse Show Committee. My daughter Annalise is the current Region 9 Youth Director and 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 by 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 serving Region 9 and working with the Region 9 Board if elected.

Nominee for Region 9 State Representative - Texas: Kim Potts

Kim Potts was raised in the Arabian horse industry. She began training and showing horses for her family and clients at a very young age. She won her first U.S. National Top Ten in Half Arabian Park when she was 14 years old. Kim went on to win Scottsdale Reserve Champion Mare at 17 years of age. In addition to training horses, she has had a variety of roles in her career. In the early 80's she facilitated the organization and training of hundreds of horses for auctions at such notable farms as Tom Chauncey Arabians, Lasma, and Karho.

In the late 80's Kim moved to Texas and helped establish The Brass Ring and narrowed her focus to halter horses. In 1995, she helped establish Venture Farms and found a home with the Abbett family. Since she joined Venture Farms Kim has trained multiple U.S., Canadian, and Scottsdale Champions in halter. She currently heads up the halter program and assists with management and planning of the staff and activities at Venture Farms. Kim also added judging to her activities in 2006. Kim has served on the board of the North Texas Arabian Horse Club for four years.



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Working Cow Horse Futurities at US Nationals

By Larry Westmoreland

There has been some confusion with AHA concerning the Working Cow Horse Futurities at Nationals this year. After several communications between AHA, the National Show Commissioner, and myself the matter has been cleared up and the futurities will be held in Albuquerque this October at US Nationals. There will be a Purebred Working Cow Horse Futurity and a Half-Arab Working Cow Horse Futurity. These two futurities will replace the junior horse classes in this division. There is no qualification for the two classes. The only requirement is that the horse must be 5 years old or under in age and the nomination fee must be paid.

The first nomination fee of \$200 is due on June 1, the second fee of \$200 is due on July 1, and the final payment of \$200 is due on August 1. In addition to the nomination fees in the pay-out there will be \$10,000 added money in each class. The Purebred Working Cow Horse Futurity's added money is sponsored by Wolf Point Ranch and the Half-Arab Working Cow Horse Futurity's added money is sponsored by the Ranches of Cherry Creek. There will also be \$10,000 added money in the Purebred Open Working Cow Horse class sponsored by San Simeon Ranch. For more information, email Larry Westmoreland at westwindtc@charter.net.



2006 Region 9 High Point Awards Program Winner Photos

Photo courtesy of Ernest Behringer
Photos of the winners of the 2006 Region 9 Amateur and Junior High Point Program are now available at equineoutpost.com.



Canter Across Region 9: News From Across the Region

We encourage ALL REGION 9 CLUBS to submit items of interest to your State Representatives to be included in the newsletter – so be sure to respond when your state reps solicit information! The next newsletter will be mailed September 1, 2007, so all information should be submitted to your state reps or to aharegion9@earthlink.net by August 1, 2007.

ARKANSAS

NEW CLUB: Arabian Horse Community Association

Arkansas and Region 9 have a new Arabian horse club, the Arabian Horse Community Association (AHCA). The new club has been incorporated in AR as a not-for-profit corporation, has made application to receive 501c(3) status with the IRS, and became officially associated with the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) at the March 2007 AHA Board of Directors' meeting.

The AHCA was organized by a group of dedicated, like-minded Arabian horse enthusiasts, both amateurs and professionals, to focus on charitable giving, education, and having a good time with our beautiful, versatile Arabian horses. The AHCA's mission includes promoting education (with an emphasis on amateurs and youth) and sharing profits from AHCA-sponsored events with other charitable organizations. These goals give everyone who participates a sense of purpose to go along with the good time.

To this end, the members of this group have already held an open horse show, two Arabian Community Shows (ACSs), and

have registered to put on two more ACSs this calendar year (October 6 and November 3, 2007). The club's intent is to hold these shows at venues around the state in order not only to reach outlying members but also to introduce folks around the state to Arabian horses.

In addition, the AHCA has already held two educational seminars, one on foaling by a well-known local equine veterinarian, and one on endurance riding by a lady who is a member of the AERC's Decade Team. The club has plans for additional seminars/clinics that will be open to the public.

Profits from AHCA-sponsored events have thus far been shared with the Black Stallion Literacy Project in AR, the Give Me A Chance Equine Rescue in Amity, AR, and the Hearts & Hooves Therapeutic Riding Center in Sherwood, AR. The club also held a fundraiser for the Oncology Unit at Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH). Members and friends of the AHCA roasted hot dogs, decorated holiday ornaments, took a hayride in the moonlight, played games, and donated over \$1,000 in cash and approximately \$600-\$700 worth of new toys to the cancer patients at ACH.

The members of the AHCA are looking forward to doing our best to promote the breed, educate ourselves and the public, and help local charities, while at the same time having fun with our horses. We are glad to be part of the Region 9 "family." To find out more about the AHCA, its members, activities, and schedule of upcoming events, go to our website www.arabian-horsecommunity.org.

Arkansas Arabian Horse Club

Arkansas Arabian Horse Club held its 38th annual Arkansas Spring Victory Challenge class 'A' Show April 13th -15th. The club was glad to announce the show's return to Barton Coliseum. Everyone stated how wonderful it was to be back at Barton Coliseum and from the exhibitors I spoke with, the show was a roaring success. Larry Lewis, 2007 Nationals judge, judged the 3 day event, with Sport Horse Judge Dawn McCorkle-Sparrow judging the Sport Horse classes.

The Arkansas Arabian Horse Club also holds a monthly Open Show; this years show dates are:

- May 12 - Little Rock, AR - at the Equestrian Center at the Little Rock Fairgrounds
- June 23 - Benton, AR - at the Saline County Fairgrounds
- July 21 - Little Rock, AR - at the Equestrian Center at the Little Rock Fairgrounds
- August 11 - Benton, AR - at the Saline County Fairgrounds

The Arkansas Fall Fling will be held in Little Rock AR Sept 8-9; this is a Class 'B' Show. For more information please visit www.arkansasarabianhorseclub.com

TEXAS

Alamo Arabian Horse Association Youth Club in San Antonio Fiesta King William Fair Parade



San Antonio recently held its Fiesta celebration which includes the King William Fair Parade. AAHA has participated in all the parades in the past, but this is the first time in many years that we've been back. The Youth Club applied to ride in the King William Fair Parade and were accepted so we're very proud of them. The horses were all very well behaved and Jeanne Harford did a great job organizing it all and managing it with the help of her husband Billy and moms Sherry Youngblood and Sharon Colley. Everyone loved the horses and costumes, of course -- it was a great promotion for the Arabian horse! Riding in the parade were AAHA Youth Director Jeanne Harford and Youth Club members Hannah Sartori, Maddie Colley, Casey Lane, Alexa Nichols, and Rachel Youngblood.

Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club

The Arabian Cutting Horse Association held its annual Honors Banquet in Scottsdale Arizona during the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show in February. GCAHC members from Wolf

Point Ranch came away with top honors in many of the categories; a special honor as it is the first year the ranch has competed in the Arabian Horse Cuttings.

Dianna Stanger, the owner of Wolf Point Ranch, took the Champion honors for Arabian Cutting \$5,000.00 Novice Horse Non-Pro and Arabian Cutting Horse Non-Pro Top 5 with Trick R Treat and Al-Marah Seaswirl. Terry Hatfield, Trainer, took home the honors for Reserve Champion in each of the Arabian Cutting \$1500.00 Novice Horse and Arabian Cutting \$5,000.00 Novice Horse as well as Arabian Cutting Horse Open Top 5.

For the first time the Association made a special award of the Rookie of the Year which was won by Dianna Stanger. The Arabian Cutting Horse Association is the oldest of the Arabian



Associations, predating even the Arabian Horse Association.

North Texas Arabian Horse Club

NTAHC would like to thank all the exhibitors and volunteers that came together to make 2007 Mayfest Challenge a huge success. We hosted 310 horses in over 200 performance classes, 144 dressage rides, 87 Sport Horse In Hand entries, and 38 Sport Horse Under Saddle entries. We awarded \$1,000 scholarships to the following Youth High Point Program Winners:

- 10 & under: Madison Frizzell & Mounstruck
- 11-13: Danielle Gruber & Koweta Tsaarina
- 14-17: Colleen Colvin & Tosk Angel

High Score Winners in Dressage included:

- Training Level – Clare Morrow
- First Level – Debbie Cinotto
- Second Level – Debbie Cinotto
- Third Level – Kelly Steck

The NTAHC Futurity Classes were also held at Mayfest, and the winners are:

- HA/AA 3 Yr Old Gelding Futurity:
 - o 1st (& only) PIRO EA owned by Judy Ernst
- HA/AA 3 Yr Old Filly Futurity –
 - o 1st CHOCALATTE owned by David Hammel
 - o 2nd DUN AFIRE MCA owned by Cheryl McCally
- Arabian 3 Yr Old Gelding Futurity – no entries
- Arabian 3 Yr Old Colt Futurity – no entries

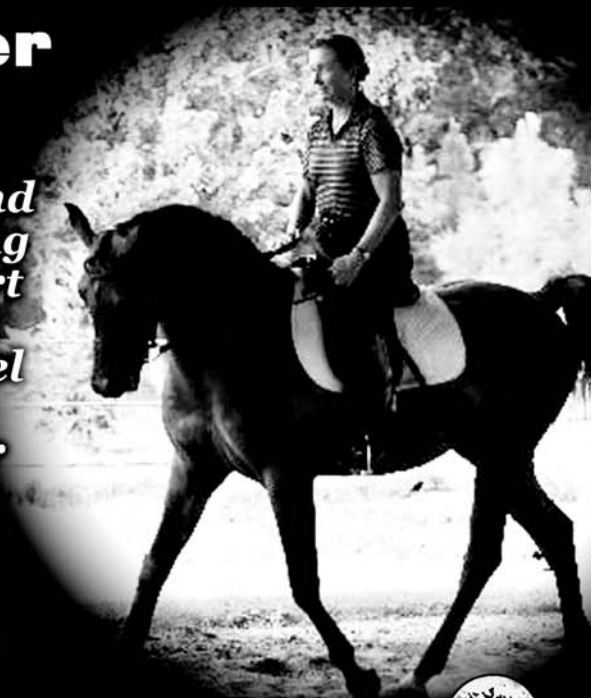


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- Arabian 3 Yr Old Filly Futurity
 - o 1st PYROLIZA THYME SA owned by John & Cynthia Moore
 - o 2nd ANGEL O FIRE owned by David Hammel

And finally, the lucky winner of the \$1,000 raffle was Patrick Kendrick!!

Additionally, we are pleased to announce the dates for our fall events:

- Sep 15, 2007: Catch the Spirit Arabian Community Show
- Sep 29, 2007: Blue Jean Ball
- Nov 8-11, 2007: NTAHC Shootout Show

For more information on these events and on NTAHC, visit www.ntahc.com.



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