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## Region 9 Director's Message

Thank you to all who attended the Region 9 Horsefest in Belton on January 31st – we had a fun and informative day with clinics, awards, silent auction, and the stallion service auction. This event is the Region's main fund raiser for our donation to the Youth Foundation Scholarship fund which benefits the youth of Region 9. Many thanks to Cindy Savage who made the event come together – great job!

Speaking of Cindy, she has come up with a membership drive contest which we will be starting on April 1st. This will be an opportunity for your club to win one of two \$250 prizes. See more about this program in this issue of the Hand Gallop from the event chair, Margo Shallcross.

The Region E-Blast news is another issue I need to touch on here. Our E-Blast system is mainly for news about the Region, AHA, the Director's reports to the Region, or items that may affect our members and our horses. Because I have had some complaints regarding the E-Blasts, please note the following: 1) Shows within the Region will be allowed one E-Blast to advertise your show and entry deadline. No results or other information will be sent out regarding your shows. 2) The E-Blasts system we use does not allow a third party survey; please do not request this be done. 3) We will no longer E-Blast out any advertising requests except for the advertising rates/requests for the Regional Shows, the Hand Gallop, and the Youth Foundation.

Congratulations to all the Horseman Award winners, Amateur High Point Award winners, and especially to Ginny Nokes of Seguin, TX who received the Region 9 Lifetime Achievement Award. The complete lists of winners can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

I received a "thank you" letter from The Arabian Horse Galleries for the \$1000 donation Region 9 made to the Galleries at the 2008 Convention. This museum is going to be a wonderful tribute to our beautiful horses.

Don't forget this is an election year for our Region. If you, or someone you know, would like to run for any of the Board of Director positions, please notify Charles Bass at [rebelcjb@yahoo.com](mailto:rebelcjb@yahoo.com) before May 1st to be on the ballot. Voting will take place at our annual Region 9 meeting on June 13, 2008 in Fort Worth during the Championship Show.

Lastly, if any of our members would like to volunteer to help at the Region 9 Championship Show, June 9-13th in Fort Worth, please contact me as soon as possible. Even if you only have time to volunteer for one or two sessions, that's okay – we can certainly use your help. If you can volunteer for a full day you will receive meal tickets for that day. If you don't speak up, we don't know that you are interested in helping, so give me a call, or e-mail me, with your available times.

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[Patbarton1@msn.com](mailto:Patbarton1@msn.com)  
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# Region 9 Championship Show

*By Kristen Fisher, Co-Show Manager*

The Region 9 Championship Show is scheduled for June 9-13, 2009 at Will Rogers Memorial Center in Ft. Worth, TX. We hope everyone is making plans to get qualified and attend! The entry deadline is May 12, 2009. Our judges this year are:

**Performance/Halter Judges:**

- Duane Esser, Cleves, OH
- Jody Strand, Toddville, IA
- Cathy Vincent, Greenwood, DE

**Working Western Judges:**

- Reining, Trail, Working Cow - Chuck Mangan, Franktown, CO
- Cutting - Clay Johns, Millsap, TX

Our Show Secretary is Melanni Hershberger from Scottsdale, AZ and Randy Reid is back from Paso Robles, CA to be our Barn Manager this year. Carolyn Mikulec is generously donating her time as Working Western Coordinator this year, and our charity benefactor will again be Cook Children's Health Care System.

The show premium will again be part of the Region 9 Show / Region 9 Sport Horse Show Omnibus which is scheduled to be mailed in early March 2009. Please make note of some important changes to this year's show:

- We will now offer a "Premium Patron" package that will include all the benefits of a Full Society of Patrons Package, and also include a full color 3' x 8' custom banner that will be placed in the Coliseum throughout the show. There are only 8 Premium Patron Packages available, so if you are interested, please contact our Patrons

Coordinator Barbara Blanche at 830-249-4837 or 210-391-4652 [C] or blanch715@gvtc.com.

- Stalls in the Will Rogers/Burnett Building may not begin tear-down/move-out until after the end of the Saturday evening session. This new requirement will be strictly enforced for the safety and courtesy of our exhibitors and spectators that evening. If you would like to begin your tear-down/move-out prior to this time, please request stalling in an alternate location, such as the John Justin/Richardson-Bass Building or the Watt/Moncrief Building.
- We are moving Trail Classes to John Justin Arena to follow Reining on Thursday, June 11. Many thanks to Margo Shallcross for being our Trail Course Designer!
- We have clarified the issue of which horses can show in Sweepstakes designated classes – so be sure to review the detail included in the premium.
- RV spaces will now be arranged directly with the facility.

We will still have a variety of wonderful vendors; Carlene Winkles is our Commercial Exhibitors Coordinator this year and is screening our vendors to ensure you have some wonderful shopping opportunities! If you are or know of a vendor who would like to exhibit, please contact her at 817-220-1812 or foxtrotfarmcw@yahoo.com. And we will still serve our wonderful Exhibitor BBQ Dinner on Friday night before the Team Sorting Competition so plan to stay for those festivities!!

We are looking forward to a successful and fun-filled show. Updates will be posted to [region9aha.org/Regional\\_Show.html](http://region9aha.org/Regional_Show.html) as they are available. If you have any questions, please contact me at [region9show@earthlink.net](mailto:region9show@earthlink.net) or 940-498-4292.



# Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show

*By Bill Eash*

The Region 9 Sport Horse Championship show planning is well under way. Charlene Lynch of Leonard, TX will be the show manager again this year. The show will be held at the Heart of Texas Fairgrounds in Waco, TX July 9-12th. We are very pleased to have hired a judge with tremendous credentials, Jayne Ayers, of Dousman, USEF "S", USEF "I", Sport Horse "R" judge. Ms. Ayers will be judging all our classes other than Carriage Driving. We have split the Open Training Level class to HA/AA and PB due to the large participation last year.

We will continue to have our four jackpot classes for two and under horses. This class gives our breeders an opportunity to bring out their youngsters and show them on the triangle being judged on conformation, gaits, expression, manners and over all suitability as a sport horse with an opportunity to make some money. Thursday evening will feature the very popular Carriage Driving classes. We will have a silent auction

again this year as a fund raiser for the show. Each year we receive many donations from simple artworks, horse treats to superb Stallion breedings. If you have any items that you could offer to add in this sale please contact Charlene at [clynch@leonardonline.net](mailto:clynch@leonardonline.net) or (214) 403-0460, and come on out to enjoy the show.

We have sold all of our pages in the R9 Omnibus but still have space available in the Show Program and sponsorship opportunities. Please contact Bill Eash at [eash@gvtc.com](mailto:eash@gvtc.com) for placing ads and sponsors.

Please take a look at our updated web page, [region9aha.org/Sporthorse\\_Reg.html](http://region9aha.org/Sporthorse_Reg.html) for updated information. The page recognizes our advertisers, sponsors and also the shows in the region that have SH, Dressage, Carriage Driving and Hunter Hack classes. The page also has links to the different forms required for you're SH show and the qualifications requirements for SH Regionals.



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# 2009 Horsefest Recap

By Bob Barton

What new tips or techniques for showing your horse did you learn recently? If you attended the clinics at Horsefest 2009 you could answer "A lot!". Travis and Kathy Braden started the morning with a Western Pleasure clinic that was very well attended. Throughout the day, over 125 people participated in the clinics. The crowd got to see Kathy employ many of her riding skills when riding a horse that is afraid of applause, which can be a real downer for a "show horse". The High Point Amateur Awards program was coordinated by Jane Ann Godsey, who put in a lot of hours to recognize the accomplishments of our amateur riders. THANK YOU Jane Ann! The afternoon was filled by Jason Krohn of Oak Haven Arabians showing skills and techniques for English Pleasure riding. This was Jason's debut as a clinician and he did a great job. Karlan Downing and Kelly Alcorn followed Jason with a Trail Horse Clinic which got several people into the ring and learning some techniques for the show ring. We want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all our clinicians who VOLUNTEERED their time, effort and expertise to make these clinics possible.

Once again Brian Whittecar had assembled a wide array of

Silent Auction items. Some of these were selected by Auctioneer Steve Buddin for live auction that evening. Between the auctioning of those items and the actual Silent Auction the Youth Foundation AHA Region 9 raised over \$8,100 to be applied to our scholarship fund! The Region 9 Stallion Service Auction was supported by donated breedings to 28 stallions. During the auction 15 of those breedings were sold, raising \$11,400. Half that amount, \$5,700 will be applied to the 2011 SSA Futurity classes and Region 9 will donate the other half to Youth Foundation. Thank you Region 9! The remaining breedings are available for purchase at 75% of normal stud fee until April 1, 2009 – SEE THE LIST BELOW. Contact Cindy Savage at fiatllc@sbcglobal.net or Bob Barton at RobertBarton1@msn.com to get a purchase contract.

The evening was capped off with Karlan Downing's presentation of the Region 9 Horseman's Awards. For all the work of setting up ballots, getting biographies on the nominees, tabulating the votes, and ordering trophies we need to say THANKS to Karlan and Debbie Black for all their work. If you missed this event you missed a day of learning and good fun, wish you had been there. If you were there, thanks for your support of Region 9 by attending this event.

AVAILABLE STALLIONS	OWNER INFORMATION	NORMAL FEE	75%
RENAISSANCE Sire: Ali Jamaal Dam: Carismor	Holly Dillin Western Cross Ranch, Weatherford	\$2,500	\$1,875
TOSKABI Sire: Mi Tosk Dam: Kheperie	Blake & Genna Krohn Oak Haven Arabians, Lindale	\$2,000	\$1,500
EXXPECTION Sire: BJD Excalibur Dam: CHF Highlight	Dennis and Linda Clark Clark Arabians, Argyle	\$2,500	\$1,875
WC BODEGA BEY (H/A Pinto) Sire: Rofann Tastic Dam: Hearts Afire DH	Holly Dillin Western Cross Ranch, Weatherford	\$1,000	\$750
MAJOR DESTINY Sire: Afire Bey V Dam: Pencia	Martha McCollough Oak Haven Arabians, Lindale	\$1,500	\$1,125
PRYME THYME Sire: Negatraz Dam: Touch a Spice	June Yahola Shaman Arabians, Cromwell, OK	\$1,500	\$1,125
SAM HOUSTON V Sire: Desperado V Dam: Sweet Illusion V	Debbie Black Oak Haven Arabians, Lindale	\$1,500	\$1,125
ODYSSEY SC Sire: Versace Dam: Catoura Echo	Gemini Ranch Gemini Ranch, Plant City, FL	\$4,000	\$3,000
YOSEMITE SAM GNTC Sire: Asil Psyche Dam: Sea Sahn	Joy Buck Goslin-Nix Training Ctr, Magnolia	\$750	\$562.50
ZZ BOP (American Saddlebred) Sire: Shoobop Shoobop Dam: Sweet Charlotte Supreme	David & Laura Allison Oak Haven Arabians, Lindale	\$2,000	\$1,500
KRA AFIRE WORKS +/ Sire: Afire Bey V Dam: Princesse Cognac	Lauren Remphrey Oak Haven Arabians, Lindale	\$2,000	\$1,500
SPIRIT THYME Sire: Pryme Thyme Dam: Kindrid Spirit YW	Heather Travis Performance Arabians & Sport Horse	\$1,750	\$1,312.50
STAR OF FAME Sire: Fame Dam: Sweet Illusion V	Jeremy & Chad Harper Harper Arabians, Prattville, AR	\$2,000	\$1,500

# Region 9 Membership Drive - WIN \$250 IN CASH FOR YOUR CLUB

By Margo Shallcross

Region 9 is offering all the local clubs a great program to win cash for their club. Between April 1st and May 30th, 2009 any clubs that acquire new members have a chance to win. Any new members (youth or adult) that join the club for the first time or come back to a club which their membership has lapsed and are not just renewing for 2009 count in this drive.

TWO \$250 CASH PRIZES:

1. The club with the most individual NEW memberships
2. The club with the largest percentage increase in overall membership

The clubs will track and submit the new members and we will verify on the AHA membership rolls. Information should be sent to the chair for this committee:

Margo Shallcross

30824 Buck Lane, Bulverde, TX 78163  
210-863-6980 margoshallcross@hotmail.com

This is a great program to increase your club membership, win cash, help out the Region and AHA. Please pass this information to all club presidents and club membership directors. Thank you and good luck, Margo.



## 2008 Region 9 Horsemen Awards Winners

By Karlan Downing

Congratulations to all our winners!!

- BREEDER OF THE YEAR – RACY CARUTH
- COACH OF THE YEAR – ROSS TARKINGTON
- HALTER HANDLER FEMALE – HOLLY DILLIN
- SADDLESEAT TRAINER MALE – JASON KROHN
- WESTERN TRAINER MALE – FRED GOSLIN
- WESTERN TRAINER FEMALE – WENDYE GARDINER
- HUNTER TRAINER FEMALE – SANDY BENTLEY
- AAOTR 18-39 FEMALE – REBECCA HURD

- AAOTR 40 & OVER FEMALE – TRACY CARUTH
- SELECT RIDER – DIANA ENDRIS
- JR EXHIBITOR 10 & UNDER W/T – JACOB KUYKENDALL
- JR EXHIBITOR 10 & UNDER W/T/C – MARY CATHERINE ELLIS
- JR EXHIBITOR 11 – SKYE WILLIAMS
- JR EXHIBITOR 12-13 – CLAIRE HERLIN
- JR EXHIBITOR 14-17 – ANNALISE HIMMEL
- WORKING WESTERN TRAINER – EDDIE RALSTON
- DRESSAGE COMPETITOR – LISA EBERHARDT
- SPORT HORSE COMPETITOR – BROOKE MILLAR-LISOWSKI
- DISTANCE RIDER – DONNA MURPHY



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# Region 9 Endurance and Competitive Trail Update

By Carlo Jo Bass, Region 9 Distance Riding Chair

It's the beginning of 2009 and the ride season is just starting. The Region 9 Endurance Championship will be held on April 25, 2009 in conjunction with the Texas Bluebonnet Classic at the LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX. Any completed AERC 50 mile endurance ride within the last two years qualifies you for the regional championship. The endurance ride calendar is available at [www.aerc.org](http://www.aerc.org). Click on the Central Region ride calendar to find the rides in our area. The regional endurance ride is being hosted by the Texas Arabian Distance Riders Association.

The Region 9 Competitive Trail Championship ride will be held October 3-4, 2009 at the LBJ Grasslands. Any NATRC open division ride within the last two years qualifies you for the

regional championship. The ride calendar is available at [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org). Click on Region 4 information and ride calendar to find rides in our area.

These sports are what Arabian and Half-Arabian horses are bred to do. Try one!!! All the riders at these rides, no matter what type of horse they ride, are willing to help you learn and assist new people in learning. Distance riders are a second family, willing to share information to help you and your horse succeed. The AERC and NATRC websites have quite a bit of helpful information, or I will be happy to talk with you about either of these sports. You can contact me at [rebel-cjb@yahoo.com](mailto:rebel-cjb@yahoo.com) (must put a subject) or 972-617-8233 after 7pm. Hope to see you on the trail!



## 2008 Region 9 Amateur High Point Award Winners – Congratulations!!

By Jane Ann Godsey

### Western

Top 5  
Top 5  
Top 5  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

### Sponsored by: Goslin-Nix Training Center

Sarah Altman  
Hillary Vinson  
Diane Johnston  
Skye Williams  
Crizta Goslin  
Cassarayo  
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IM Mellow Yelloow  
MM Cherokee Warrior  
Formula One Ferrari

### Equitation

Top 5  
Top 5  
Top 5  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

### Sponsored by: Jarvis Insurance-Talia Lydick & Margie Turner

Jessie Baldwin  
Cassidy Raymond  
Taylor Kraft  
Krista Greenwich  
Koy Moody  
DM Shamir  
Ameristar NA  
KF Noble Fire  
Pure Ghazi  
Fed Ex

### Reining/Cutting/Working Cow

Top 5  
Top 5  
Reserve Champion  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

### Sponsored by: Stacey Robinson & BCR Mandeley

Marge Woodruff  
Dawn Coons-Parker  
Krista Greenwich  
Diana Stanger  
Dawn Coons-Parker  
Rockin Rose  
WC Rockin Robin  
Kajos Bandolero  
AM Seagfreed  
HA Laurel Bey

### Trail

Top 5  
Top 5  
Top 5  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

### Sponsored by: Stacey Robinson & BCR Mandeley

Sherry Carroll  
Karlán Downing  
Chris Kornegay  
Marge Woodruff  
Karlán Downing  
TA Rodansk  
PKA Mpossible Dream  
BA Polaris  
Rio Tuff Stuff  
KM Aristoson

### Barrels/Poles

Top 5  
Top 5  
Top 5  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

### Sponsored by: Pat and Bob Barton

Krista Greenwich  
Estelle Gwynn  
Melissa Hollowell  
Joyce Harris  
Krista Greenwich  
Kajos Bandolero  
Dynamo Jo  
Kajos Maximous  
Dynamo Jo  
Pure Ghazi

### English Pleasure

Champion

Maddie Frizzell

Hard Roq

### Country English Pleasure

Top 5  
Top 5  
Top 5  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

### Sponsored by: The Brass Ring

Cassidy Raymond  
Taylor Kraft  
Krista Greenwich  
Kristin Moore  
Koy Moody  
Ameristar NA  
KF Noble Fire  
Elegence in Bey  
Mr. Chask  
Fed Ex

**Hunter Pleasure**

Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Reserve Champion  
 Champion

**Sponsored by Krista Greenwich and Cresent Arabians**

Claire Herlin ROL Flamedancer  
 Michelle Shutts Savanna Santana  
 Krista Greenwich Elegence in Bey  
 Claire Herlin Pentacon  
 Shelley Sutter CA Napostar

**Training Level Dressage**

Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Reserve Champion  
 Reserve Champion  
 Champion

**Sponsored by: Brownlee Arabians**

Melissa Hollowell Kajos Maximus  
 Krista Greenwich Pure Ghazi  
 Krista Greenwich Elegence in Bey  
 Krista Greenwich Kajos Bandolero  
 Sara Craig LA Gabrielles Majic

**First Level Dressage**

Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Reserve Champion  
 Champion

**Sponsored by: Toskhara Arabians**

Melissa Hollowell Kajos Maximous  
 Krista Greenwich Kajos Bandolero  
 Krista Greenwich Pure Ghazi  
 Emily Craig LA Gabielles Magic  
 Sara Craig LA Gabrielles Magic

**Second Level Dressage**

Champion

Carol Purdy DAF Aristolad

**Sport Horse**

Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Reserve Champion  
 Champion

**Sponsored by: Karma Arabians**

Emily Craig Khemo's Drama  
 Koral Kornegay CBA Polaris  
 Cindy Craig Faxximile  
 Sara Craig LA Gabrielles Magic  
 Natalie Angstadt NN Psymin Azferdron

**Halter-Stallions & Geldings**

Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Reserve Champion  
 Champion

Krista Greenwich Pure Ghazi  
 Marge Woodruff Rock N Rose  
 Stacy Robinson BCR Mandeley  
 Krista Greenwich Kajos Bandolero  
 Skye Williams MM Cherokee Warrior

**Halter-Mares**

Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Reserve Champion  
 Champion

Cynthia Cook Mi Tosk Memory  
 Skye Williams DD Tejas Sky  
 Michelle Shutts Savanna Santana  
 Madeline Davis IV Sashay Bey  
 Danielle Grueber Koweta Tsaarina+ +/

**Show Hack/Side Saddle/Costume**

Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Reserve Champion  
 Champion

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 Bailey Strange H Beyberry Adventure  
 Kristen Fisher Cryztal Heart  
 Koy Moody Fed Ex  
 Skye Williams Thee Jokers Wild

**Endurance**

Top 5  
 Reserve Champion  
 Champion

Edie Booth AAS Hadeed+  
 Kristen Fisher Cryztal Heart  
 Thomas Booth AAS Al Sakb+

**Recreational Riding**

Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Top 5  
 Reserve Champion  
 Champion

Jasmine Anwer KRA Elvira  
 Melissa Hollowell Kajos Maximus  
 Krista Greenwich Kojos Bandolero  
 Krista Greenwich Pure Ghazi  
 Krista Greenwich Elegance in Bey



**Walk-Trot**

Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

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Paige Arends  
Madeline Davis  
Maekale Davis  
Megan Gerdes  
Madelyn Mosely  
Jacqueline Porteney  
Jessie Baldwin  
Sarah Altman

**13 & under (tie in Top 8)**

Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

**Sponsored by: Caruth Arabians & DA Napitov**

Madellyn Patrick  
Cynthia Cook  
Crista Goslin  
Lauren Hayes  
Claire Herlin  
Kristen Moore  
Koy Moody  
Danielle Gruber  
Cassidy Raymond  
Skye Williams

**14-17**

Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

**Sponsored by: Caruth Arabians & DA Napitov**

Kelsie Foucheaux  
Casey Goslin  
Taylor Kraft  
Bailey Strange  
Hillary Vinson  
Kimberly Shutts  
Michelle Shutts  
Bonnie Burkett

**18-39**

Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

**Sponsored by: Larry Shallcross**

Matt West  
Shanna Arends  
Thomas Booth  
Kayla Johnston  
Jennifer Parrish  
Jessica Rowlett  
Natalie Angstadt  
Krista Greenwich

**40 & over**

Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

**Sponsored by: Alliance Farms**

Joy Buck  
Sherry Carroll  
Sara Craig  
Kristen Fisher  
Diane Johnston  
Jayme Harris  
Marge Woodruff  
Shelley Sutter

**Select Rider (tie in Top 8)**

Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Top 8  
Reserve Champion  
Champion

**Sponsored by: Zama Arabians**

Diana Endris  
Sherry Carroll  
Joy Buck  
Sara Craig  
Denise Moore  
Stacy Robinson  
Karen Shutts  
Marge Woodruff  
Shelley Sutter

# Freedom Classic Recap

By *Mary Jo Leahy*

The Freedom Classic Youth Horse Show was held February 6-8, 2009 at HOT Fairgrounds in Waco, TX. Dr. Mickey Aboussie and Joyce Aboussie have developed this tremendous youth opportunity over the last 20 years. It now is a crown jewel of Region 9, offering opportunities to youth available no where else. The show staff Dr. Aboussie has assembled is dedicated to making this a fun, affordable, enjoyable, family event. Whether the children own a horse, ride horses, or dream about horses, Freedom Classic has something for everyone. In this age and economy, parents still need to raise responsible kids in a safe environment. An opportunity like the Freedom Classic helps make this possible. Special thanks to the Aboussies and their entire staff for all their tireless efforts. The show staff is comprised of volunteers and each of them deserve a huge thank you.

One very special group of riders performed there on Saturday, The Woodhaven Wrangler Drill team. These youth riders train at Woodhaven Stables in Allen, TX and are coached by Richard Prince. Their horseback routine was amazing!!! The instructors and owner, Jean Schooping, at Woodhaven deserve a huge applause!!! These kids can really ride! One of the geldings won last year in the Freedom Classic essay contest performed in this exposition. He performed beautifully and looked awesome!! These kids learn everything about horses from grooming and feeding to stall cleaning! Every student I have encountered from Woodhaven is a motivated, hard-working, goal-oriented kid. This is a program we need to encourage. Arabian horse are versatile, not just pretty.

Another aspect of Freedom Classic is the "Gelding Giveaway Essay Contest". Contestants submit 2500 word essays on a particular topic and the essays are judged. Winners receive a Purebred or a Half-Arabian gelding!!! There were four geldings awarded this year and a special thanks to each of the people who donated these horses:

1. Mimi Hoop Wolf from Passerina Pastures in Nacogdoches, TX donated a lovely Half-Arabian pinto gelding.

Thank you so very much. Dan and Kathy Marcum presented this horse and started him. A very excited Katrina Gorski of Allen, TX who rides at Woodhaven won this horse. She looks forward to many years with her new friend.

2. The Zimmer Family - Richard, Diane and Daphne of Louisiana - kindly donated a beautiful show gelding, Magnum Chancellor. "Chance" is five years old and has a distinguished show record. This fancy horse was won by Courtney Singer of Baton Rouge, LA. Courtney will continue her show career with her new partner. Thanks so much to the Zimmers for their brave decision as Daphne has changed disciplines.

3. Kehilan Arabians of Fort Worth, TX graciously donated a strikingly beautiful gelding to the essay contest. This young gelding already has a winning career in halter and was presented by his trainer, Adauto Olmos. This horse wowed the assembled crowd as he strutted into the arena. Erin Wash was the recipient of this treasure. Thanks so much to Jean and Herb Rogers, Becky Rogers and Nancy Blankenship as well as Janice Bush for their patronage. Erin certainly has a magnificent new partner which she will enjoy and love.

4. Kayla Ray, of Midlothian, TX graciously donated a beautiful gelding to this contest. Gibran is an 8 year old gelding, bred by the Aboussies, with a winning record in the dressage arena. Kayla has changed disciplines and very generously gave this gelding to the contest. Her brave decision makes it possible for Ashley Lester of Wylie, TX to experience ownership of an Arabian horse. Thanks so much Kayla!! Gibran will have a wonderful caring home and be an ambassador for the Arabian breed.

In closing, the Freedom Classic Youth Show was a huge success and a very special thank you goes out to all the benefactors, financial sponsors, parents and people who donate their time, effort and dollars to make this show a reality. You are enriching the lives of many of our youth.

For more information about Freedom Classic, visit [www.freedomclassichorsheshow.org](http://www.freedomclassichorsheshow.org).



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## Important Texas HORSE Legislation

By *Karlan Downing*

Texas HORSE [Horse Organizations for Racing, Showing and Eventing] is a multi-disciplined horse organization dedicated to introducing and passing the Texas Horse Tradition Preservation Act, to allow the limited installation of video lottery gaming machines at licensed Texas racetracks.

Revenue generated by these gaming machines will be used to enhance the Texas equine industry, including the creation of a "Performance Horse Development Fund," which will provide

a share of this revenue for improved incentive programs, additional added money classes, and better awards for performance horse activities [including Arabians].

Region 9 AHA encourages its Texas resident members to visit [texashorseweb.com](http://texashorseweb.com) and sign the petition under "How to Help" to show your support for this legislation. We encourage you to browse the site to learn more about this important initiative. We have also posted a PDF of the petition at [region9aha.org](http://region9aha.org) under "Related Links" that you can print and distribute to your colleagues.

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## Region 9 Youth Update

By *Sara Linck*

The Region 9 Youth held their first meeting of the year at the 2009 Freedom Classic Horse Show in Waco, TX. The youth will once again be looking for sponsorships for the Region 9 youth qualifier t-shirts to be given to all Region

9 youth qualifiers at the Region 9 Championship Show and the Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show. For info and donations please contact: Debbie Himmel at [plantation-arab@bellsouth.net](mailto:plantation-arab@bellsouth.net) or 985-446-1447.

The Region 9 Youth Officers serving this year are:

- Director: Sara Linck slinck823@gmail.com
- Vice Director: Taylor Kraft
- Secretary: Megan Monette
- Historian: Alexa Nichols
- Youth Coordinator: Debbie Himmel plantationarab@bellsouth.net

The Region 9 youth are busy planning their 2009 fundraisers which include team sorting at the Region 9 Championship Show, the qualifier t-shirt sponsorships, and another fund raiser to be announced when approved. Due to the generosity of the many family members, the youth of Region 9, and members of Region 9, the youth were able to give back to the Region under the guidance of the Region 9 Executive Board, Annalise Himmel, past Region 9 youth director and current AHYA President, and Debbie Himmel Region 9 youth coordinator and AHA youth activities Vice Chairperson. The donations the youth were able to fund were as follows:

- Donated cakes that were served as part of the exhibitor's dinner for the Region 9 championship show
- T-shirts given to all Region 9 youth qualifiers at the Region 9 Championship Show and Region 9 Sport Horse

#### Championship Show

- \$1000 donated to 2009 Horsefest so that any youth could attend the clinics at no charge
- \$1000 to Region 9 Youth Scholarship Foundation
- \$2000 to the 2009 Freedom Classic All Youth Show in Waco, TX
- Sponsored a booth for Region 9 at the Horse Expo in Fort Worth, TX
- \$500 to AHYA for a sponsorship towards the 2008 Youth Nationals qualifier t-shirts

The youth are also busy planning for the 2009 AHYA convention. If you are interested in being a delegate for Region 9 at youth convention please contact Sara Linck or Debbie Himmel. Ideas for decorating the Region 9 golf cart for the parade of Regions at youth nationals are in the works and it will be fantastic! Please plan to participate if you're at youth nationals!

The next meeting for the Region 9 youth will be held during the 2009 Region 9 Championship Show. Plans are to have the meeting at the same time as the Region 9 Delegate meeting – exact time and place to be announced.



## Unapproved Minutes for Region 9 AHA Delegates Meeting

February 1, 2009, Belton, TX

Director/Chairman Pat Barton called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Officers and Club roll call. Fourteen Clubs, twenty four (24) Delegates representing at least 1/3 of the member organizations were in attendance.

Officers and Directors in attendance:

- Pat Barton - Chairman/Director
- Margo Shallcross - Vice Director
- Charles Bass - Secretary
- Cindy Savage - Treasurer
- Cathy Christiansen - State Representative: Arkansas
- Mark Himmel - State Representative: Louisiana
- Kim Potts - State Representative: Texas

A quorum was established.

Carla Bass made the motion to approve the agenda with one adjustment (Karlann Downing regarding Texas Legislation inserted between item 7 and 8). Lisa Skalski second; the motion passed.

Per the agenda, the Region 9 meeting was recessed for the purpose of convening the Youth Foundation Region 9 meeting. Recessed at 9:07 AM. The Region 9 delegates meeting was called back to order at 9:20 AM.

**General Announcements & Comments- Pat Barton** - We need clubs to promote Horsefest. Please send club officer updates to Pat and AHA.

Lisa Skalski made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting which were e-mailed (copies were available), Bob Barton seconded the motion. Minutes stand approved with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cindy Savage** presented a written and verbal report of the financial status of the region. January 1 through December 31, 2008: \$359,415.62 income with total expenses of \$373,884.40 which equals \$14,460.78 loss for the year. Cindy commented on the interest in the AG

Edwards account \$4,251.62 and interest rate is still pretty good. Motion by Charles Bass and seconded by Carla Bass to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Karlann Downing discussed the pending legislation regarding the Horseman's bill.

**Financial Planning Committee: Charles Bass, Chair** - Charles made a motion on behalf of the financial planning committee to authorize the treasurer to pay in the amount of \$9,362.50 for the futurity payouts for 2009. Cathy Christiansen second. Motion passed. Charles made a motion on behalf of the financial planning committee to authorize the treasurer to forward a check in the amount of \$5,700.00 (1/2 of stallion services sold at the auction) and up to 1/2 of any future sale of the remaining stallion services. Mark Himmel second. Motion passed.

Kristen Fisher, Chair of the Executive Show Committee reported on the 2009 Region 9 Show. Pat Barton is looking for a replacement for one judge. Show secretary is Melanie Hirschberger from Arizona. Randy Reid is barn manager. Schedule is basically the same with Lisa Skalski making a few adjustments. Trail and working western classes are moved to John Justin. Cutting will remain in Watt Arena. The exhibitor party will be on Friday evening. There has been a premium patron package added; see Dan Savage if interested. There are eight (8) of these packages available. The dates are June 9-13, 2009.

**Sport Horse Show: Bill Eash, Chair** – The 2009 Sport Horse Show will be held in Waco, TX July 9-12. All ads have been sold. Qualifications are listed on the web page. One class is being added. Training level is being split to purebred and 1/2.

**Committee Reports:** – Debbie Himmel- Youth - there will be a meeting at Freedom Classic Saturday after morning classes. Next meeting at the Region 9 show in June. Have sponsorship

forms available for the t-shirts, \$75.00 small print and \$150.00 large print. Youth are donating cakes for the exhibitor party at Freedom Classic.

Cathy Christiansen reported on the Black Stallion Literacy program. Cathy reported that the sponsorship per child for 2009 will be \$8.00. Cathy reported that there are 11,500 kids signed up in Arkansas and enrollment is down in Texas. There are new clubs participating in the program. Cathy reported the Five Points club has received a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the first grade program in Austin, TX. Other clubs participating in the first grade program are Crown of Texas, Star of Texas and Lone Star. Arkansas AHC will continue to support the first and fourth grade programs in Arkansas. Debbie Himmel is looking into starting the program in Louisiana.

**Nominating committee** - Pat reported that Bill Eash had resigned as chair of the committee and she has appointed Charles Bass. Charles reported the following nominations:

Director: Pat Barton

Vice-Director: Margo Shallcross

Treasurer: Cindy Savage

State Rep, AR - Cathy Christiansen

State Rep, LA - Mark Himmel

State Rep, TX - Bill Eash

The office of secretary has two nominations: Linda Abston and Jane Ann Godsey

The State Rep for OK has two nominations: Jan Lewis and Herb Meites

Nominations will be taken until 30 days prior to the election in June. Anyone interested in being nominated, please contact the chair of the nominating committee.

Karlan Downing for Larry Westmoreland - **Working Western** - there were only three nominations for the award. He is disappointed in the lack of nominees. Discussion was held regarding the lack of available information for the program.

The June meeting will be June 13, 2009 at the regional show after the morning classes. Elections will be held. November 19, 2009 will be the meeting at the AHA Convention in Reno, NV. Pat will call a meeting sometime in the fall around September.

**Unfinished business:**— Discussion was held on the non-club members residing in Region 9. Pat reported that if you are not a member of a Region 9 club, you will not receive any Region 9 information. Dan Savage announced that if you are a direct member of AHA, you will not be listed in the Region 9 directory or get Region 9 information.

**New business:** – Cindy presented a new membership drive program to try to increase participation in Region 9. The drive will begin April 1, 2009 and end May 30, 2009. All club memberships will be verified on March 30, 2009. There will be two categories: the club with the most new individual membership and the club with the largest percentage increase. Renewals will not count, only new members. Each club will submit to the chairperson of the membership committee copies of the new members with their AHA membership number after May 30 and before June 30. The club should designate their representative that will be responsible for reporting to Region 9. Region 9 will NOT track any data for any club. Once the club has submitted the new members; they will be verified through the AHA membership rolls. The winning club in each category will receive a \$250.00 cash prize to be awarded at the Region 9 Caucus meeting at the AHA convention. Cindy motioned to approve the program. Charles Bass second. Motion passed. Pat reported that the executive committee will fund the program for the first year. Margo Shallcross volunteered to chair the membership committee.

Pat stated that the e-blasts are for information only. One e-blast per event per club. Other information needs to be sent to the newsletter.

Debbie Himmel reported that the Gulf Coast and Louisiana clubs are working on an additional Youth Show for 2010.

Margo reported that the youth team competitions deadline is May 1. Four to five riders are needed per team.

Pat asked for thoughts and comments regarding Horsefest. Please e-mail her and Cindy Savage. Location for 2010 has not been determined.

Pat reported that Region 9 donated \$1000.00 to the Arabian Horse Galleries in Lexington, KY. We have received a thank you letter from the gallery. Our name will be permanently inscribed at the facility.

There will be a Youth Foundation meeting immediately following this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM per the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Bass  
Region 9 Corporate Secretary



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## AHA Registration Commission Spring Forum

On April 4, 2009, Vallejo III, Inc. will host an Open House as well as the AHA Registration Commission Spring Forum. Free clinic, speakers, lunch, and presentations. Come learn, connect with new

friends, and have fun! 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Contact Bette at (918) 257-8383 or vallejoiii@aol.com for further information.

# 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 June 1, 2009, so all information should be submitted to your State Rep or to [aharegion9@earthlink.net](mailto:aharegion9@earthlink.net) by May 1, 2009.

## LOUISIANA

### *Louisiana Arabian Horse Association*

The Louisiana Arabian Horse Association recently held their annual general membership meeting at The New Orleans Fairgrounds Race track. After the business meeting, the members enjoyed special seating in the Club House to view the races, racing programs, and a delicious buffet lunch was served. An exciting day at the races was shared by all the LAHA members in attendance!

Our LAHA sponsored Magnolia Classic II Horse Show will once again be held at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, LA on March 26-29, 2009. For further info, please contact Show Secretary, Beth Walker at 225-772-6815 or [laarabians@hotmail.com](mailto:laarabians@hotmail.com) or Mark or Debbie Himmel at 985 446-1447 or [plantationarab@bellsouth.net](mailto:plantationarab@bellsouth.net). Please note that Sport Horse classes have been added to the schedule this year!

## TEXAS

### *Arabian Horse Club of Texas [ACHT]*

The Arabian Horse Club of Texas needs to let fellow Region 9 members know that the Spring show in Nacogdoches has been cancelled. This decision was very difficult, but with the declining numbers over the past few years, the show has been losing money. The decision was made with much thought and deliberation by the board. Hopefully, this will allow the club to focus our efforts on the State Fair of Texas show, which is scheduled for September 10th through September 13th.

We also sincerely hope that dropping one show in the spring will allow other shows to be participated in more fully! During these tough times, we hope the Arabian community can bind together for our common good. If there are any questions, please call Jane Ann Godsey @ 936-552-6416 or e-mail at [janeanngodsey@hughes.net](mailto:janeanngodsey@hughes.net).

### *Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club [GCAHC]*

The SASHA Charity Horse Show [for American Saddlebreds, Arabians & Half Arabians] will be held March 6-8, 2009 at the San Antonio Rose Palace, San Antonio, TX. The Arabian and Half Arabian judge is Pepper Proffit of Johnstown, Ohio. For sponsorship, entry or premium book information visit: [www.SASHATX.org](http://www.SASHATX.org). You can also contact Lisa Mountain at 210-884- 5567 or email: [mbeasom@gvtc.com](mailto:mbeasom@gvtc.com).

In conjunction with the Region 9 '2009 Membership Drive', the Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club is holding an Open House on Saturday, April 18, 2:00-4:00, at Chase Harvill Training Center, 27109 South Creek Drive, Magnolia, TX. Everyone, including current members, interested in finding out more about Arabian horses are invited to enjoy a relaxing afternoon of conversation, demonstrations, games, and refreshments. Check our website: [www.gulfcoastarabians.com](http://www.gulfcoastarabians.com) for further details and directions, or call Jane Blasberg at 713-859-6132.

### *North Texas Arabian Horse Club [NTAHC]*

NTAHC is planning another great year and hope you make plans to participate in our 2009 events:

- MayFest Challenge Show, May 1-3, 2009 at Will Rogers Memorial Center in Ft. Worth, TX. Show premium will be available soon at [www.ntahc.com](http://www.ntahc.com).
- 2009 Blue Jean Ball, Sep 19, 2009 at Venture Farms, Pilot Point, TX
- Catch the Spirit Arabian Community Show, Sep 26, 2009 at Myers Park and Event Center
- NTAHC Shootout Show, Nov 12-15, 2009 at Somervell Expo Center, Glen Rose, TX

More details and contact information for all our events are listed on the NTAHC web site "Events" section. We look forward to seeing you there!

### *Rio Grande Valley Arabian Horse Club [RGVAHC]*

The Rio Grande Valley Arabian Horse Club (RGVAHC) is happy to announce we completed 2008 with three successful open shows in spite of Hurricane Dolly! As our current Arabian horse population is too small for Community Shows, we have chosen to do a series of open shows for all breeds. We are happy to say we have made money for year end awards with each show.

Our website is [www.rgvahc.com](http://www.rgvahc.com) and all our show bills will be posted on our website. We are planning a minimum of three shows and potentially four shows for 2009. As our Arabian Exhibitors increase, we will consider Community Shows. For more information, please contact Yvonne Knowland at 956-244-1379 or [yvonneknowland@aol.com](mailto:yvonneknowland@aol.com) or Marlene Foale at 956-458-9679 or [marlenefoale@yahoo.com](mailto:marlenefoale@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing those of you close to the Valley – our facility is covered so most weather is no issue!

### *Star of Texas Arabian Horse Club*

2008 was an exciting year for Star. For a small club spread out over south Texas we strive to do big things. Last year we sponsored two open shows; one show runs two days and offers all Arabian classes including Sport Horse and our Futurity classes and awards. We had a Sport Horse Clinic with Brooke Millar, two trail rides - one a judged trail ride - and monthly riding meetings, including a Christmas riding meeting. Our club members really get their money's worth.

I would like to thank all those who supported our events, especially the AHA judges who were generous enough to come and judge an open event. We were especially thrilled to have Mr. Buck Grass judge our spring show; he was very gracious and acknowledged the real need for open shows for riders to get a chance to gain experience in the show ring. People asked me how did you get him to come to Beeville? Well I just asked and he said yes, I will be happy to, but where is Beeville? Thank again to Region 9 judges for supporting open shows.

Star is also proud to sponsor the Black Stallion Literacy Foundation in this area. It is such a wonderfully rewarding experience. We encourage others to participate as it is not a breed- or club-specific event. It is specifically to help children enjoy reading, and it really works right in front of your eyes when they meet the horses and immediately start reading. Star also awards a scholarship in memory of Gerald & Louise Donoghue to a local graduating senior. The Donoghues were founding members of Star back in the 70's so we feel a special connection to BSLF as they bred the famous Arabian stallion Cass Ole, the horse in the movie The Black Stallion.

We are already planning for 2009 with our up-coming show March 27-28 and are very proud to have Francine Dismukes as our judge. We keep striving for big things and 2009 is starting out well! Happy trails, Virginia

# SPECIAL NOTICES

## Region 9 Delegates Meeting

The next meeting of the Region 9 Delegates will be held during the Region 9 Championship Show, on Saturday June 13, 2009 at 11:00am in the John Justin Sales Arena. All club delegates are requested to be in attendance and anyone else that would like to be there is certainly welcome.

## Horse Rescue Tack Drive - Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society

Do you have any tack or horse related items you would like to donate to help rescue horses in need? Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society [BEHS] is currently collecting items such as old tack or other supplies for our main fundraiser, the 2009 Expo to be held on October 10, 2009. Please mail Jane Blasberg at [logsey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:logsey@sbcglobal.net) for more information. To learn more about the work of BEHS, visit [www.bluebonnetequine.org](http://www.bluebonnetequine.org). Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) organization so monetary donations and donations of goods are tax-deductible.

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