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Region 9 Director's Message

I am pleased to report that the AHA Region 9 Championship Show in Ft. Worth and the Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show in Waco were successful and each show will meet or be close to their projected budgets. The numbers of horses actually shown in these Region 9 Championship Shows were slightly ahead of last year's entries. This year we also have the Region 9 Championship Cutting in Bay City, Texas on September 2-3, 2006. Once the Cutting Show is completed, I expect horses shown this year to exceed last year by some 50 horses. I thank all of you who helped make these shows successful by participating as an exhibitor, volunteer, staff, or spectator. The quality of horses and exhibitors was great, the volunteers are the best, and each staff member was superb. You are most appreciated.

Perhaps what volunteers and staff hear most are complaints. I believe we all, especially those who make their living through the work of volunteers, should always be constructive and generous with praise for those who make these shows happen. Praise far exceeded complaints this year. Thank you!

The Region 9 Board of Delegates Meeting will be held in the Hampton Inn by the Rodeo Arena in Mesquite, TX at 1:00 PM on September 23, 2006 (the same location as HorseFest). I urge all Clubs to get delegates designated and their names sent in to Charles Bass, Region 9 Corporate Secretary, as soon as possible. Further, Delegates should attend this meeting and make the commitment to attend the AHA Convention this year. Region 9 needs more delegates present at Convention.

Remember that nominations are in progress for the election of officers for Region 9. Anyone wishing to be considered should contact the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Bill Eash at eash@gvtc.com. You will also find an officer nomination form in this newsletter. This is my last term as Region 9 Chairman/Director. I enjoy serving you.

Dale Harvill, AHA Region 9 Director
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Name the Newsletter Winner!!

Thank you to all the Region 9 members that submitted suggestions for the Region 9 Newsletter name. Congratulations to Trudy Daniel of Shreveport, LA for submitting the winning name – The Hand Gallop! For her suggestion, Trudy will receive 2 free passes to HorseFest 2007, and we all applaud her wonderful suggestion!



2006 AHA Region 9 Championship Show Highlights

By Margo Shallcross, Show Manager

The AHA Region 9 Championship Show held June 13-17, 2006 in Ft. Worth, TX was a great success due to the efforts of countless people. I would first like to thank our Executive Show Committee for countless hours of hard work: Bill Eash, Dale Harvill, Debbie Higgins, Debbie Himmel, Larry Nace, Laurin Remphrey, and Lisa Skalski – without your work and input this show would not have been such a wonderful event for our Region 9 members, and I thank you all so very much.

The show was run by several new chairs and volunteers. Chairpersons were: Barbara Blanch - Patrons, Bill & Rose Marie Eash - Ribbons & Trophies, Denise Moore - Hospitality, Larry Nace - Gate, and Virginia Swain - Vendors. All these individuals did an outstanding job. We had many new and old volunteers, without whom we would not be able to run the show. Several farms had customers who came and helped where ever they were needed. We also want to thank the volunteers from our

charity, Cook Children's Hospital. Thank you one and all!

We had 595 horses entered and 561 actually shown with a total of 1,249 entries. The average class size was 7.81 horses. Friday night was exciting with Team Sorting and we served over 600 plates of Bar-B-Que. The bidding was active and loud for the teams being auctioned off. This event raised quite a bit of money for the youth, and Bob and Pat Barton took home a nice check for the winning team. The silent auction also brought in quite a bit of money for our youth.

Saturday night we had a lovely cocktail hour over in the Vendor Hall. This event drew many exhibitors into the hall for some last minute shopping. The booths were lovely with several new vendors this year and many popular vendors returning. Last and foremost was a good team of judges and wonderful horses. Watch for the results in the Arabian Horse Times, and plan on attending the 2007 AHA Region 9 Championship Show!!



2006 AHA Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Grows by 22 Percent

By Bill Eash

The Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show, held at the Heart of Texas facility in Waco, TX, again surpassed the previous year's attendance with a 22 percent increase in the number of horses to 109 in-hand entries and 84 dressage rides.

"Our in-hand entries really surprised us," said Carlene Winkles, Show Manager. "We had to hire another judge and the classes still ran for six hours. We will definitely be having a contingency plan for success from now on as this show grew by over 20 percent from 70 to 85 horses. In addition to competitors from all over Region 9, we also had competitors from surrounding states like Tennessee. The jackpot classes attracted 12 young horses and the winners were presented with very nice monogrammed coolers as well as a nice check in the mail as their share of the jackpot. Everyone had a great time and we're already working on next year's show."

The highlights of the 2006 show included FEI Prix St. George and Intermediate I rides, Junior classes, and a Jackpot In-hand class for two and under horses.

Carol and Ed Purdy were the big winners with Daf Aristoladd, with championships in PB Stallions in Hand, PB Show Hack

ATR, Dressage 2nd Level and 3rd Level ATR, and 3rd Level Open. Dierdre Sabo competed at the highest level thus far, FEI Intermediate 1, in the Region 9 Sport Horse Championships with her horse, Regulus Starr+, scoring 60%. There were seven junior riders with Rachel Cinotto winning the Training Level ATR, AOTR, and picking up the Reserve in the JTR class. Andrea Daniel won JTR class riding her lovely horse, TFR Blackout Blu.

"The exhibitor barn party was a great success with even more barns participating this year, and another successful silent auction fundraiser," said Winkles. "Adee Jacobson has been managing this auction for the past four years and once again the auction brought in over \$1,000 to help support the show. Steve Montgomery sponsored a very nice new banner with the Region 9 logo that we hung in the arena adding a nice touch to many of the rail pictures – and it was used by exhibitors as a back drop for posed photos. The Sport Horse Show Committee and Show Management would like to thank all those owners, exhibitors, trainers, advertisers, vendors, sponsors and most of all the volunteers that have all come together to make this show a success."

Pictures are available at www.wrighthorsephotography.com.



Canter Across Region 9: News From Across the Region

LOUISIANA

Louisiana Arabian Horse Association

The Magnolia Classic is scheduled for March 28 - April 1, 2007. Show Manager Flo Magee can be reached at PO Box 1867, Gonzales, MS 70707, 225-9369-5847. Contact the Show Secretary, Jean Buddin at PO Box 5247, Vancleave, MS 39565, 956-244-0294, after September 1, 2006.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club

By Debbie Black

The Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club has been busy this summer with monthly All-Breed Fun Shows. This is a great way to promote our Arabians to the other breeds. We have had

Morgans, Appaloosas, Quarter Horses, Paints, Ponies, Minis, and even Mules in attendance.

This year our Amateur Show added Sport Horses classes and in preparation, we were honored to have Bill Eash speak at our May meeting. He explained how to show sport horses, and shared tips for show management.

We have our Class A State Fair Show coming up September 20-21, 2006 which will feature our yearling and two-year-old futurities. New this year, the Club will have a display booth introducing Fair visitors to our beautiful Arabian and Half-Arabian horses. We plan to have club members manning the booth to hand out brochures, answer questions, and attract new members. For more information on this show, go to www.oklahomastatefair.com or www.oklahomaarabians.org.

On September 9, 2006 the Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. The club was formed on September 8, 1956 during a meeting of 10 people at Youngblood's Restaurant on the Texas State Fairgrounds in Dallas, TX. The purpose of forming an association in Oklahoma was to stimulate an interest in the Arabian horse.

The club has held shows regularly since the first club-sponsored show in 1960. Currently the club sponsors three Class A Shows a year, along with numerous open shows. The club also sponsors both Purebred and Half-Arabian futurities at the Oklahoma State Fair. In its history, the club has also hosted Arabian Nationals and Arabian Youth Nationals and an Arabian Horse Fair. The primary goal of the club has always been promoting the Arabian horse to the community with its participation in the Oklahoma Festival of the Horse and other events.

The theme of the anniversary party is Hawaii 5-0. There will be Hawaiian dancers and two different artists along with a DJ and special presentations. We want to encourage all current and former members to come and enjoy the celebration! For more information email jlfire21@yahoo.com or go to the Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club web site at www.oklahomaaarabians.org.

Green Country Arabian Horse Association Events

By Jan Lewis

Tulsa State Fair, September 28-29, 2006

Tulsa, OK

Judge is "R" Connie Cole/ O'Brien

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Green Country Autumn Classic & Stallion Service Auction, November 3-5, 2006

Tulsa Expo Center, Tulsa, OK (Location of the 2008 US Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Nationals)

Offering a full complement of classes including Sport Horse In-Hand and Under Saddle. Judges are " R " Kelley Alcorn and Sport Horse Judge Larry Alcorn.

Our Stallion Service Auction offers breedings to quality stallions for half the normal breeding fee and your weanling foal will be eligible for the Amateur Tulsa State Fair Futurity Classes with one of the best Futurity payouts in the Arabian industry.

For info on any of these shows contact Jan Lewis at 405- 850-8250 or foxfiresfarmjsml@netscape.net, or call Sandra Byrd at 918-248-7731.

TEXAS

Alamo Arabian Horse Association tops off a great year with Fiesta 2006

By Rose Marie Eash

The Alamo Arabian Horse Association (AAHA) topped off a great year with the May 18-21, 2006 Fiesta Show attracting almost 300 horses, and exhibitors from as far away as Florida and California.

"We were nervous about how the price of fuel and changes in qualifications requirements might affect our show," said Show Manager Bill Eash. "In addition, we had a lot of new staff working the 2006 show and the Rose Palace suffered some storm damage just before the show so our pre-show anxiety was a little higher than usual. It was a wonderful surprise to have to worry

about having enough stalls instead! We had a great turnout – nearly 300 horses and a very high level of competition – the best horses and exhibitors in the region and many other states."

According to Eash, the new staff performed expertly and the quality and quantity of horses and riders made for an exciting show with large competitive classes. "We had 25 classes that had more than ten entries."

"We were especially pleased with the size of the youth classes," said Eash. "We had to split the walk-trot classes because they were so large. We even had a big turnout for the Parent Lead Line class which proved once and for all that horse show parents secretly long to be in the show ring themselves and youth are mostly embarrassed by their parents and very protective of their horses – they were very quick to get the parents off their horses once the traditional blue ribbons were handed out."

The 2006 Fiesta Show culminated a very successful year for AAHA. At the annual meeting in July, a retrospective of the year included congratulations to AAHA members who were winners at Regionals and Nationals, a review of clinics including a list of donations made to causes including Tack for Iraq, Lone Star Equine Rescue, Morris Animal Foundation, Cooks Children's Hospital, San Antonio Saddle Horse Association, and both Region 9 Championship shows.

"We had a very successful year," said Margo Shallcross, outgoing president. "We ended the year with a substantial increase in revenue over last year, more members, great participation in all our various events throughout the year, and more volunteers helping us succeed." Upcoming AAHA events include an open show scheduled for September 23, 2006 at Diamond F Arena in Seguin, TX.

Legacy Arabian Horse Club of Texas

By Larry Nace

The Legacy Arabian Horse Club (LAHC) annual meeting and election of officers and directors will be on August 12, 2006 at the El Azteca Restaurant at 10929 FM 1902, Crowley, TX at 7:00 PM. This will be an extraordinary celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Club's founding. For more information, contact the LAHC Club President, Anne Essig at 817-310-0128 or twessigs@sbcglobal.net.

The final two of four annual Open Horse Shows will be held September 23, 2006, and October 28, 2006 (with a rain date of November 11, 2006) at Rancho Larosa in Alvarado, TX. These are genuinely pleasant fun shows that are open to all breeds but focus on our Arabian horses. Entry information is available on the Club's web site at www.legacyarabianhorseclub.com. You can also get information from the Open Show Manager and Club Secretary, Patty Manning at 817-927-2482 or patricia.manning@att.net.

Just around the corner is the 2007 COWTOWN CLASSIC, to be held March 15–18, 2007 at the Will Rogers Equestrian Center in Fort Worth. You all know the quality of this show and this one will be another mark of quality. The Show Premium will be published by the end of 2006, and should be in AHA Region 9 members' mailboxes by about January 15, 2007. Entries will close February 28, 2007. For more information, contact Larry Nace at 254-835-4752 or tolaroaks@aol.com.

Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club: Bring the Sleigh!

By Pat Roddy

The Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club (GCAHC) Christmas Show will be December 1-3, 2006 at Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy, TX (west of Houston). Mike Budd of Michigan will be the judge. Highlights of exhibitor fun include the free party on

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Saturday night and the stick horse class judged by Santa. This show has a full range of performance and in-hand classes for both Purebred and Half-Arabian horses, with junior horse classes in many divisions. So come on down to Katy this year and join us for a fun show! For more information, e-mail Pat Roddy at patroddy@sbcglobal.net or call her at 281-356-8797.



North Texas Arabian Horse Club

By Sandy Bentley and Kristen Fisher

The North Texas Arabian Horse Club (NTAHC) is proud to announce the return of the Annual Blue Jean Ball on Saturday, September 16, 2006 – the party begins at 6:00 PM. This annual social event, held at an NTAHC member farm, includes a casual evening of fun, dinner, and entertainment. It is free to all NTAHC members; non-members are welcome for a \$25.00 fee, or they may simply join the club that night!

This year the Blue Jean Ball will be held at the beautiful Venture Farm located in Pilot Point, TX. This year's theme will be "Denim & Diamonds" in true North Texas style so come dressed in your favorite denim and bling! We have planned a very special evening, including:

- A Stallion Presentation with several of the nations top stallions - don't miss this great opportunity to view these beautiful stallions!
- Dinner provided by the highly acclaimed Eddie Deen's BBQ - delicious brisket, scrumptious sides, and dessert will fill you up before a full night of dancing and visiting!
- A live band featuring the very talented Britt Hammond - you will have fun dancing, simply listening, or learning the new North Texas Line Dance!

As you can see this is an absolute "don't miss" event. Come reconnect with old friends or meet some of the new members that continue to make this club so great! Go to the North Texas web site for more details at www.ntahc.com.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for this year's NTAHC Shootout November 9-12, 2006 at the Somervell Expo Center in Glen Rose, TX! This year's show will provide the same exhibitor-friendly atmosphere in a wonderful facility with some of the industry's finest judges:

- Halter & Performance Judge: Leon Matthias of Norwalk, IA R – 2005 AHA Region 17 & 18 Championships and 2005 Canadian Nationals Judge
- Dressage & Sport Horse Judge: Donna Longacre of Longview, WA R – 2006 AHA Region 4 Dressage Championships Judge

The Show Premium will be posted at www.ntahc.com by September 1, 2006 – so be sure to get your entries in early! The entry deadline is October 14, 2006. Contact Kristen Fisher, Show Manager, at ntahc_shootout@earthlink.net with questions.



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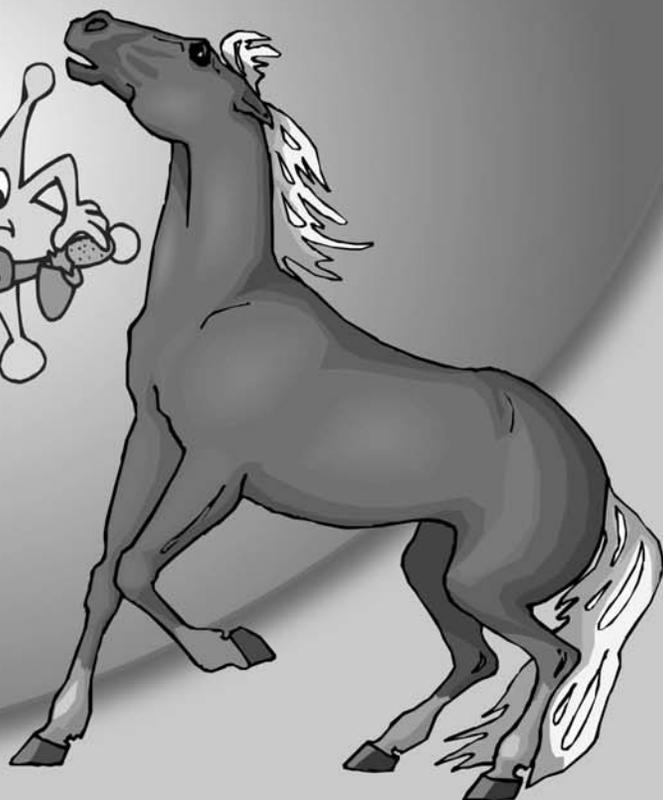
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Hurry!! Entry deadline is Oct. 14, 2006

Show Premium will be posted at www.ntahc.com by Sep. 1, 2006.



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SPECIAL NOTICES

Region 9 Board of Delegates Meeting September 23, 2006, 1:00 PM

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AHA Region 9 Youth Foundation Announcement

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

HorseFest is January 20-21, 2007

Mesquite Hampton Inn

Information regarding speakers and venue will be included in the premier launch of the new Youth Foundation web site in September 2006. Be looking for the launch date announcement in the Region 9 Email Blast.

See ya there!



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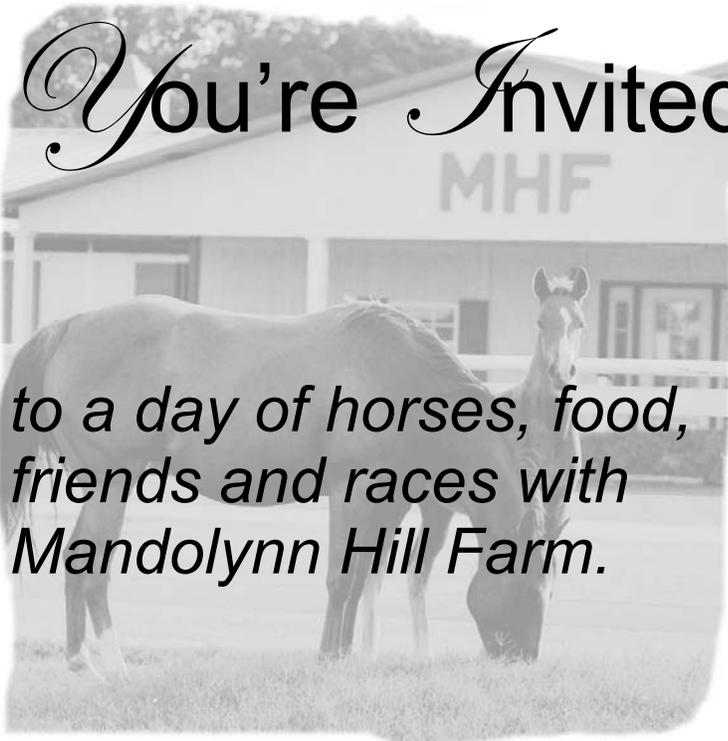


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What: Open House
When: November 25, 2006 10:00 am to 2:30 pm
Where: Mandolynn Hill Farm, Aubrey, TX

What: Texas Arabian Breeders' Association's (TABA) Night at the Races featuring the Mandolynn Hill Farm Stallion S. \$25 per person includes barbeque dinner, parking, entry, and program. Checks made payable to TABA.
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