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The Hand Gallop

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Director's Message

Dear Region 9 Members,

I hope everyone is well and has been enjoying time with their horses this summer.

Since our last recap, I attended the AHA Board of Directors meeting in August. With that being said, I would like to utilize this space to extend a copy of the meeting highlights from our AHA President, Cynthia Richardson. Please take some time to read through her message.

The changing leaves and cooler weather only means one thing. We are once again busy preparing for US Nationals and AHA Convention, so good luck to everyone showing in Tulsa.

If you have any questions or concerns in the upcoming weeks before convention, please call or drop me a line.

God Bless

Mark P. Himmel

Region 9 AHA Director

Cynthia Richardson, AHA President
comments 8/5/16

Youth Nationals - a total of 819 horses, new facility for everyone and really went very well. The facility is all enclosed for main ring. The Performance ring is just across a small thorough fare so weather was not a problem for the exhibitors. It was hot the first



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AD RATES FOR THE HAND GALLUP

*Authorized by Region 9 Board
 May 27, 2014*

Full Page \$50.00

Half Page \$30.00

¼ Page \$20.00

Business Card \$10.00

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

couple of days, but it was hot everywhere. We have some adjustments to make for improvements for next year. The facility was very good to work with for our staff.

AHYA had their BOD meeting, convention and elections for officers. Several of our regions do not have Youth BOD members. Everyone needs to support the youth structure and help them accomplish their goals. So not only do you need a Youth Regional Director, but you also need an adult youth coordinator. The Youth reports were amazing with their fundraising efforts and spirit building. There was everything from silent auctions, t-shirt sales, Poop Bingo (whatever that is), sale of stuffed bears, cake sales, refreshment sales, Trainer Equitation class and the list goes on. Due to the size of the regions, many have to have their main meeting during their regional shows. However, the youth are using social media to build a sense of community. One of the officers on the Youth BOD told me how much she has learned from her experience and how that is helping with her college experience. Please encourage your Youth to participate.

AHA Future State is moving along a bit slower than we had anticipated. More on that later, but essentially due to working through a new financial package that is very powerful and therefore complicated to set up is taking more time than originally planned.

USEF Summer Meeting - Murray Kessler was elected as the President Elect, which means that he takes office at the 2nd meeting held at the Jan. USEF meeting. At the Jan meeting, the USEF BOD will elect a Vice President and Sec/Treasurer plus at least one independent director and probably a couple of athletic directors. Some of the current ones are eligible to run again. The USEF nominating committee will begin work in Sept. I'll let you know when they release their slate of officers and BOD members. A new strategic plan was presented by Murray. They are also focusing on membership - its value/cost/benefits for the future. Murray used an example of European Horse Federations where up to 2/3 of their members are not competitors but belong for the love of the horse and the member benefits.

Canadian Nationals, Sport horse nationals, Distance Nationals, USN - this is the time of year when staff is run a bit ragged as they no sooner come home from one event, they are then off to another. As you may know Marlene Kriegbaum is our in house show secretary. This has been a big help in making our show offices and procedures run smoothly. Kelsey Berglund is the National Event Coordinator. She is joined in the office by Brittany Kaiser. Brittany was able to join us at Youth to have hands on training for her job. I will be going to CNL with Glenn. Then to Central Park for the 21st and leave directly for Distance Nationals. Nancy is able to attend SHN and will perform the necessary Presidential duties.

Bill Pennington - Glenn and I are going to travel to his Celebration of Life on Aug. 11th. Bill served two terms as Regional Director, moved on to Second Vice President, then First Vice President and 2 one year terms as IAHA President. He was the sitting President when we merged to form AHA. He served on the Sport Horse Show Commission 2003 to 2014 and was chair of the SHC from

2008 to 2014. He was also on the Youth Show Commission in 93, 94, 95, 96 and then again in 06 & 07. He managed many shows including the Egyptian Event. He was a great supporter of IAHA/AHA, our staff, our members and our horses. He will be greatly missed.

President Richardson's comments cont..

Carpeting down stairs - needs to be done now - just an example of the ongoing challenge to continue to take care of our building. We need to find additional funding for carpeting the rest of the building, a new phone system, upgrading the elevator this year to pass inspection next year with the call button moved to handicap height, seal the windows, landscaping and new front entrance. Howard Shenk will be giving us a report on endowment funds.

Bill Addis comment: (Bill is the owner of Addis Online Auctions)

Here are the stats for the last 24 months.

Arabian & Half/Arabians Sold 424 Head

Gross \$1,437,350.00

Average \$ 3,390.00

Median \$ 1,700.00

Sold horses to every state except Alaska and Wyoming

No 1 buying state Texas

Our biggest buyers are middle aged women. Median age 53.

Easiest horse to sell are 3 & 4 year olds well broke and in training with little or no show record.

Any non halter horse not broke in the summer of their 3 year old year have very little value. Those are the horses selling in the \$500 range.

Sharing information with French Magazine: Quote from their editor

Thanks for sharing with all your directors. You know my philosophy regarding the magazine as a bridge between all the continents where lovers of the Arabian horse can share their passion and discover something new ; so I'm more than willing to keep on publishing articles about what happens in North America. You mentioned Working Classes so that could be great right after the article about Western Riding. If you can provide material for that we will publish it in the next issue. The deadline is the end of August.

Central Park - entries are coming in for Central Park. It is Sept. 21st and will have 8 classes consisting of 4 halter - Junior and Senior Mares and Stallions plus 4 performance - Pro/AM WP, CEP and HP plus Costume. Mary Trowbridge will be working with Michael Stone for the matinee presentation and horses on the weekend.

MDP has a new project that will be rolled out at Central Park. It is the Horse Parade. This will be a life size Arabian Horse by Karen Kaspar (the sculpture from Kentucky Horse Park). The one for this year will be painted Gold for the 50th Anniversary of USN. It will go to CP just for exhibition and then on to USN. In future years, it will be available for purchase to be used as a fund raiser for companies/corporations starting in the Tulsa area. More on this in the MDP report.

First time since the merger that the working capital has been in the black. While Lance was President, AHA started the process of digging out of a situation where AHA had been spending more than they were bringing in. Then, the discovery was made that some of the Sweepstakes funds were held in the wrong accounts. That money was paid back during Lance's term with interest. I took over as President and along with a great staff, EC and BOD, we have been able to continue working to establish AHA as a sound business. I'm thrilled to say that we have reached that goal in FY16. We must continue to operate AHA in a very frugal manner while continuing to improve our assets and serve our members.

The EC has matching funds up to \$300 available to Regions, clubs and/or individuals that are performing outreach to the public. There is a form to fill out and submit. We Must do outreach so that we don't continue to sell to ourselves. So if you know a group that could use the \$300 to help fund their activity, please encourage them to apply. The total fund is \$5000 so it is first come, first serve until it runs out.

I'm sad to announce that yesterday we lost Vicki Rich. She served on the BOD for 4 years as well as being a very valuable member of the Sport Horse National Show Commission. Vicki took care of the Carriage Driving Division and helped anywhere else that she could on SHN Show Commission. She will be greatly missed.

Coming up: Region 9 Competitive Trail Ride and 50 Mile Championship

Submitted by Carla Jo Bass

The Region 9 Championship Competitive Trail Ride will be held on October 22-23, 2016 at the LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX. The ride will be held in conjunction with a NATRC CTR. If your horse is qualified, please enter. If not, please consider volunteering.

For more information, please contact Carla Bass at rebelcjb@yahoo.com with R9 CTR in the subject line.

The Region 9 Championship 50 Mile Championship will be held October 8, 2016 at Lake Oologah near Foyil, OK. The ride will also be an AERC sanctioned ride. If your horse is qualified, please enter. If not, please consider volunteering.

For more information, please contact Susan Young Mock at glenn218@yahoo.com with R9 Endurance in the subject line.

Canter Across The Region

Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club

By Judy Stubblefield, Publicity Secretary

REMINDER: UPCOMING AUTUMN CLASSIC HORSE SHOW 2016

Event: Autumn Classic Horse Show 2016
Concurrent Qualifying Show: Region 9 & Region 14
September 16-18, 2016

Location: Brazos County Expo Center
5827 Leonard Rd
Bryan, TX 77807

Website: www.brazoscountyexpo.com

Judges: Region 9: Christine Johnston of Canton, GA - "R" judge
Region 14: Christine Ryan of New Oxford, PA - "r" judge

WOW!! We are just a few weeks out from the Autumn Classic Show!! All show information including the

premium book, show schedule, and entry forms are on the website. Click the link below to connect.

<http://www.gulfcoastarabians.com/#!/upcoming-shows/cnec>.

SPECIAL ATTENTION! All horses must have proof of the vaccinations per the new USEF rule (see our website for details) and you will need to be sure and reserve stalls by either pre-entering or calling Pat Roddy at 281-389-3040.

NEW! We have added TRAIL CLASSES on Saturday night in response to your requests!

SCHEDULE UPDATE: Class #35- Arabian Ladies Sidesaddle has been moved from Friday afternoon to the last class of Sat morning, after class 99.

BUY-A-CLASS: There are few BAC slots available. Contact Patty Liarakos, 210-912-8679, e-mail liarakos9868@sbcglobal.net if you need a class or for more information

HOTELS: There are only two hotels with blocked rooms available at this time. Please note that the cut-off date to reserve at the club rate is 9-1-2016.

Fairfield Inn & Suites, 4613 S. Texas Ave., Bryan, TX; phone 1-979-268-1552; \$129.99/night
Group Name: Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club

Residence Inn Bryan College Station, 720 University Dr. E, College Station, TX; phone 1-979-268-2200; \$179/night for 2 Bedroom Suite w/sofabed & 2 bathrooms

Group Code: GPHS

For all show inquiries contact: Pat Roddy, 281-389-3040 or patroddy@sbcglobal.net

We look forward to seeing you for a fun show and great time!

OTHER NEWS:

GCAHC sponsored a very successful Western Dressage Seminar on August 13 with 40 people in attendance from a variety of breeds. Our thanks to Jennifer Goslin-Nix who served as the clinician and to SIRE Therapeutic Horsemanship for the use of their facility. It was not only informative and fun but a great opportunity to showcase the versatility of the Arabian horse





[Contact Jenny](#)

Star Horse Club of Texas

By Virginia Cherry

STAR fall show dates in our four-show series Sept. 17 and Oct 22, lots of divisions, walk/trot for youth and adults, great facility and awards, carded judges. Go to our website for more information and easy online registration.

[South Texas Horse Shows in Sinton, Tx](#)

Virginia Cherry

President

www.stararabian.com

Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club

By Kathy Barnes

The Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club has been very active this summer with three Fun Shows and two more scheduled for September 10th and October 15th at the beautiful indoor Redlands College/Royce Ranch Arena in El Reno, Oklahoma. These are all breed open shows and have been so much fun this year. The Fun Shows have been very successful and are fun, laid back opportunities to get out and have fun with or without your horse. We have plans in the works for five more next year. Contact Kathy Barnes, Show Manager, if interested in coming to the fun shows at sonataarabians@gmail.com or check out facebook page, Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club.

We are having a meeting and election on November 6th at Charleston's Restaurant on Meridian in OKC and will have a Christmas Party in December to be announced later. We are enthusiastically looking for new members to join our club and we invite anyone to come out and have fun with us. New things are happening with the club. More fun and new plans are in the works for the future as well.

North Texas Arabian Horse Club

By Kristen A Fisher

NORTH TEXAS ARABIAN HORSE CLUB NEWS

The NTAHC has several openings for advertisers in the 2017 calendar. This is a great way to showcase our wonderful Arabian breed, your farm and your Championship photos! Calendar advertisers get a supply of calendars to hand out to their customers, and the rest are distributed at AHA Convention and other high-profile events. You are also featured on the NTAHC website: <http://www.ntahc.com/calendar.html>

Please contact Maureen Davidson at mod682@gmail.com for more information.

NTAHC Shootout is Dec 1-4, 2016!
Somervell Expo Center, Glen Rose, TX

- Dressage
- Sport Horse in Hand and Under Saddle
- Halter & Performance

Premium will be out in October.

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Sweet 19 yr old black Arabian gelding, registered. Was shown at halter when younger but has mainly been a reliable trail horse. Quiet and easy going. Has been on vacation a while but ready to go back to work. \$900

Gorgeous tall elegant 15.1+ hh SE gelding, Professionally trained western pleasure horse by Cody Ralston. Super easy going disposition. Priced to sell at \$5200.

Pyro Sun SA, super nice tall chestnut gelding, professionally trained, could go several directions or be a great endurance or trail horse. Priced to sell at \$2200.

Several Preservation breeding Straight Egyptian Mares and fillies, most ready to breed or start under saddle. Prices start at \$2500. Low Nazeer, Low Babson breeding.

Gorgeous black and white yearling Pinto Half Arab colt, Successfully shown at halter and will be shown at the Tulsa State Fair this year. This is a colt that will get you noticed in the show ring. \$4000

Several others available so if you are looking for your next show horse, trail horse or just best buddy contact me at sonataarabians@gmail.com or call Kathy Barnes 580-467-1343. Pics are available on these horses and some videos.



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