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Director's Message

Dear Region 9 Members,

In August I attended the third AHA Board of Director meeting and it was very productive. Several of our members will be running for positions and I ask for your support of our Region 9 members.

Charles Bass is running for the Probable Cause Panel, Kathie Hart and Cheryl McCally are running for the Commissioner's Review Panel. Anyone interested in signing up for the standard committees can do so at the [AHA website](#).

It is once again time to make sure your delegates register for the upcoming AHA convention in Lexington, KY on Nov. 20-23, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency and Lexington Convention Center.

Some important upcoming deadlines from AHA are:

- Sept. 15th Nominations for AHA Convention-elected positions close (candidates & resumes must be in to AHA)
- Sept. 15th Club level Volunteer Service Award nominations due from affiliate clubs
- Oct. 1 Early bird registration discount for AHA Convention

A complete list of these and other dates can be found on the [AHA website](#).

August Board of Directors Meeting



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**Please forward to
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 your most recent
 Membership List with
 EMAIL addresses in an
 EXCEL file format so
 that we can keep the
 Region 9 mailing list up
 to date.**

A discounted rate on registration for horses two years of age and older is in effect from July 1 through December 31, 2013. More information is available at <http://arabianhorses.org/registration.asp>

Entries for both Youth and Canadian Nationals was up this year. There were 40+ 18 year olds that showed at Youth Nationals due to the new age change.

The Membership Committee has compiled an excellent Emergency Plan in case of a National Disaster.

Club Bio's were sent out, if your club has not returned this to AHA please do so ASAP as this information will help new members decide which club to join.

A new promotional plan is up and running ---AHA has put up several billboards along the major interstates in Florida to promote the Arabian horse.

Other news from AHA includes:

- Western Dressage is now being offered at several shows; rules found at: [Western Dressage Rules and Tests](#)
- The Youth are doing a Trailer Raffle and only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each --- I have mine, you should have yours!
- Youth National Fund Raising brought in over \$22,500.
- Canada had 18 entries in Adult Showmanship.
- The Darley Awards will be held in Hollywood in April 2014, theme is "Goes Hollywood."
- The Arabian Jockey Club will launch a new website about the end of this month.
- Sport Horse Nationals is Sept. 18-22 in Lexington VA.
- AHA is working very hard on the Strategic Plan and this Board meeting was very focused on the plan and how it will improve the business structure of AHA.

2013 R9 Horseman's Awards Nominations can be found at www.region9aha.org

Please send in your nominations by September 30, 2013. We want this program to continue and need your support.

The next **delegate meeting** will be September 14th at the State Fair of Texas All Arabian Show in Dallas. Please attend if you are a delegate.

Region 9 Championship Show dates for 2014 will be May 28-31. If you are interested in being involved with this show please contact me at margoshallcross@hotmail.com.

I hope you are having a great time with your Arabian horses at the shows, on the trails or just enjoying them at home.

Sincerely,

Margo Shallcross

Region 9 Director

Region 9 Horseman's Awards

By Pat Barton, Immediate Past Director

2013 R9 HORSEMAN'S AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE

The deadline for getting in your 2013 Horseman's Awards nominations is September 30, 2013. The nomination form can be found at the Region 9 website: www.region9aha.org or you can download a PDF by clicking here: [Horseman's Awards Form](#)

This program is offered by the Region to honor and recognize the horsemen within Region 9. The Awards banquet will be held on January 25, 2014 at the D/FW Marriott Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle, Fort Worth. We have a special room rate of \$89 per night (plus tax and fees) for a standard room and you can make your reservations by calling 1-866-348-3984 - be sure to ask for the "Region 9 Arabian Horse Association" room rate. You can also make room reservations by clicking on this link:

Dallas/Fort Worth Marriott Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle.

Nominees must be qualified in the category you nominate them for and they must be active members of a Region 9 Club. All nominees must have actively shown/participated in their nominated category during the 2012-1013 season. Please note that if a person has been a winner of these awards in the category to which you are nominating them in the years 2011 or 2012, they are not eligible to receive the award in that category again this year. Individuals can be nominated in different categories for which they are qualified but have not received an award in 2011 or 2012. (The lists of 2011 and 2012 recipients can be found on the Horseman's Award page at the Region 9 website.)

All nominations must be turned in by September 30, 2013, to me and I will then notify all nominees and request biographical information from each of them, so it is very important that all contact information for the nominees is provided as requested on the form. The person making the nomination must also provide their own name and contact information.

All biographical information will be due back to me no later than October 30, 2013. Bios will then be submitted to the Region 9 Board of Directors in "blind" format and five nominees will be chosen as finalists for each category. These finalists will then be put on the ballot which will be published in the Region 9 newsletter, "The Hand Gallop", scheduled for the first of December. All Region 9 Club members will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite horsemen. (The vote deadline will be December 31, 2013.) The bios of the finalists will be put on the website for everyone to read.

Should you have any questions please contact me at patbarton1@msn.com or 940-262-0335.

The only way the Region will be able to keep this program going is if the Region 9 members support it by sending in nominations, so please get your nominations in soon!

Region 9 Championship Competitive Trail Ride

By Carla Bass

The Region 9 Championship Competitive Trail Ride will be held Sept 21-22, 2013 at the LBJ National Grasslands, Decatur, TX. If you are qualified, please come ride and support this regional ride. If you are interested in competitive trail riding, come volunteer for the weekend and learn.

The AHA US National Distance Rides will be held at the Jim Edgar Panther State Park, Chandlerville, IL October 24-28, 2013. See the ride schedule on the AHA website.

If you're ready to start competing in distance riding, the fall rides are about to start. For the competitive trail ride schedule, go to <http://www.natrc4.org/> and for endurance schedule, go to <http://www.aerc.org/> and click on ct region calendar. All these rides are qualifying rides for AHA Regional 9 Championships. Hope to see you on the trail.

Canter Across The Region

Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club

By Betty Bechtold

The Gulf Coast Arabian Horse Club will be hosting two horse shows and participating in a trail ride benefiting SIRE in 2013.

Shows:

A one day open all breed horse show, GCAHC Fall Fling Open Horse Show, on September 28, 2013, at the Lone Star Convention & Expo Center in Conroe, Texas. We would truly appreciate your help in spreading the word to all those you know in the horse community of this one day all breed show. This show is to help us raise funds for our club so that we can continue our efforts to support and promote our beautiful Arabian breed of horses.

GCAHC Fall Fling One Day Open Horse Show

Show Date: Saturday, September 28, 2013

Time: 9:00AM until all classes finished

Judge: Chase Harvill, Magnolia, TX

Location: The Lone Star Convention & Expo Center

9055 Airport Road, Conroe, Texas 77303

<http://www.thelonestar.org>

Show Secretary: Pat Roddy, pat.gcahc@yahoo.com

And of course, our annual Class "A" Arabian and Half-Arabian 2013 Christmas Show, December 6 through December 8, 2013 at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center, in Katy, Texas.

NEW --- we've added six straight Egyptian Arabian classes to our show schedule this year. Curious as to what they are? Go to our website

<http://www.gulfcoastarabians.com/> for additional details.

GCAHC 2013 Christmas Show

Show Dates: December 06 - December 08, 2013

Judge: Liz Bentley

Location: Great Southwest Equestrian Center, Katy, Texas
Show Secretary: Sherry McGraw, (903) 872-7279

We would love for you to join us, please mark your calendar and plan to attend our club's 2013 Fall Fling One Day Open Horse Show and 2013 Christmas Show. We assure you we will do our best to make each show one that you will enjoy. Please go to our website <http://www.gulfcoastarabians.com/> for the show schedule and entry form that pertains to each respective show. For questions, please contact our Show Secretary.

Trail Ride - Oct 19, 2013 at 7il Ranch, Cat Spring, TX - benefits SIRE:

Anyone with Arabians, half-Arabians, part-Arabians or who just likes Arabians is invited to join the Arabian Spirit Riders team at the SIRE Ride-a-Thon on Oct 19th at 7il Ranch in Cat Spring, Texas. This year we are raising funds for SIRE rider Lauren Iglar - from Lauren's mom - Lauren has been riding for 7 years. During this time, she has grown from a little girl into a teenager, who talks a lot! This was our main goal, as she only spoke 10 words when she started riding at 8 years of age. Now 15, she converses; answers appropriately, and is very funny with her personality coming out. Knowing that she is going to go ride her horse at SIRE gets her very motivated and excited. She grabs her helmet on the way out the door, and tells me, "Come on, mommy!" For more information, to sign up on-line or to donate - go to www.sire-htec.org and select fundraising page, then the team tab and look for Arabian Spirit Riders. The ride is 6 or 12 miles long, suitable for all levels. We hope you will be able to join us! Contact Pat Roddy 281-356-8797 for more information.

Alamo Arabian Horse Association

By Mark Williams, President

The Alamo Arabian Horse Association has several exciting news bits. First, we awarded our Youth Scholarship at our Annual Meeting/Volunteer Party to Katlyn Eberhardt who is the 2012 Reserve Champion Second Level Dressage exhibitor. We want to thank Sylvia Chiappino, Bob Mead and Dr. Sherri W. Youngblood for providing additional financial support for this scholarship. The Meeting/Party was such a success, and after responding to many positive comments, we are looking to hold a Christmas Party on December 14, 2013 at the same venue.

Please mark your calendar for our 2013 Fall Spooktacular Open Show on October 5, 2013. It will be held at Hays County Civic Center. Jennifer Jackson, from Victoria, Texas, will be our judge.

Finally, our Annual Fiesta Show will be held March 20 - 23, 2013 at the San Antonio Rose Palace. Be on the lookout, as we will be making some positive changes to last year's show to improve the exhibitor's experience.

Check out our Facebook page at Alamo Arabian Horse Association or our website www.alamoarabians.org for the latest information regarding our Open Show and Spring Fiesta Show.

Spindletop Arabian Horse Club

By Bill Eash

The Spindletop Club is making plans preparing for the 2014 Spindletop Arabian Horse show to be held May 23-25th 2014 at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy Texas. We will offer a full range of Main Ring classes as well as open and breed

restricted Dressage classes. Western Dressage, the newly added AHA classes will also be offered. We have had a lot of interest in the new classes and hope to make the classes a success.

We will again be the final qualifying show for the Region 9 Championship show to be held the following week in Fort Worth. The region will work with us on making sure those horses qualified at our show can be entered the following week.

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