



Sooner ApHC Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

2005 Marks Sooner Club's 40th Anniversary!

Sooner Appaloosa Club is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. A reunion celebration is scheduled at the Best Western at I44 and Hwy99. Jim has reserved the meeting room for Feb. 26 from 1pm to 3pm. We encourage past members to dig out their photos from past times with the club and submit them to Carol at appy2@tds.net. If you know someone who used to be in the club, invite them yourself since we may not have their current address.

The first Officers of the Sooner Club were:

President: Frank Lake, Muskogee Vice President: Howard Thompson, Shawnee
Secretary: Janice Boatman Shawnee Treasurer: Louann Shackelford, Shawnee

Directors were Gerald Mitchell Checotah, OK; Jerial Tilley, St. Louis, OK; Don Douglas, Tulsa, OK; Lloyd Quisenberry, Oklahoma City, OK; Bill States, Prague, OK; Jim Baldwin, Newalla, OK; Bob Kincaide, Chelsea, OK.

Our first show was August 1, 1965 at Chelsea, Oklahoma and was judged by Al Sherwood of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Thank you Jim Chronister for your information and for bringing us all together!

Sooner Members Bring Holiday Cheer by Angie McGee

At our annual Christmas Party, our great niece, Bailey, came to help us and have fun. Dan went and picked her up and when she got out of the car she came running to me and asked "Can I be your ELF?"..."of course," I said. After helping me bake brownies, clean house, and put up decorations, she started greeting people as they arrived. She and Katelynn became fast friends and Karissa Cook joined them soon after. When Santa Claus arrived later that evening, all the children took turns and sat on his lap to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Bailey didn't ask for the usual toy or video game, instead she asked for clothes for her new baby brother and a new pair of shoes. Later that evening I was approached by several people about her and her family. Clint and Tonya were unable to buy Christmas for Bailey and Riley due to the hospital bills from Riley's ICU care. Nadia Loden was so moved that she nominated Bailey and her family for the KRMG Christmas Wish. Two days later, Nadia called me excited and talking so fast I couldn't understand her....KRMG had granted the wish! Tonya called me about 5 seconds later crying and saying thank you thank you. She was totally in shock and awe that someone she didn't know would be so generous.

Then the ball got rolling, Carol called Jim and Donna Chronister as well as a few other members and soon a plan was in the works to have Santa visit Bailey's house with other things the family might need.

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Newly Elected Officers and Board Members

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Board Member – Rodger Scott – 2 yr term
Board Member – Leslie Chapman – 2 yr term
Board Member – Gerald Lukacik – 2nd year of 2 yr term (replacing Tiffany George)
Board Member – Angie Evans Smith – 1 yr term
Board Member – Nadia Loden – 1 yr term
Board Member – Sophia Sokolowski – 1 yr term



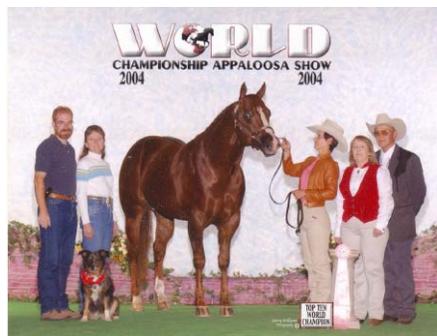
Samantha Evans flashes a smile after accepting her Year end Youth Hi Point Award. Congrats Sam!

Member News

Charley and Vie Bottger's stallion RK Coosaman placed 5th in Aged Stallions at the ApHC World Show. Congratulations Charley and Vie! We wish you continued success!

Freedom Farms are now the new owners of ApHC stallion, Wild N Cool. Plans for Cool are to continue on the show circuit as Nadia's new stallion. For more information on Cool, see him in the Sooner Club's Stallion Service Auction.

Ima Casscolena (Curly Bill) won High Point Amateur Intro at Southern Hills Riding Academy Dressage Schooling show with a 68% in Intro A and also High Point Amateur Intro at Green Country Chapters Dressage Schooling Show in Intro B with a 64%.



From left to right: Dale & Laura Marshall and Dee Dee, RK Coosaman with Kathy Esters leading, and Vie and Charley Bottger.

Youth News

Tanner Chronister, also known as One Shot Tanner, shot his first deer during hunting season in November. Tanner snagged himself a button buck that weighed 64lbs dressed, and with just ONE shot! Way to go Tanner!



One Shot Tanner with his first deer.

Sooner Calendar

January: Sooner Stallion Auction competitive bidding begins. Bidding ends March 31st.

February: Equine Chiropractor/Saddle Fitting Clinic
Date: 19th Location: Camp Takatoka, Chouteau, OK Time: 3pm

March: Laser Light Therapy/Equine Massage Clinic
Date: 12th Location: Freedom Farms, Broken Arrow, OK Time: TBA

April: Open Bidding for the Sooner Service Auction begins. Bidding ends May 31st.

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS:

Hanna Smith – Jan 17th
Cary Colley – Feb. 6th

Presidents Corner

I hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. Christmas Day at the Johnson's was pretty quiet since none of the grandkids were here this year. We were very blessed to help a young family have a good Christmas this year. Seeing Christmas through Bailey's eyes reminds me of all Christmas is really about. Happy New Year to each of you. I hope you all are as excited about the Sooner Club this year as I am. This year is a significant one for the Sooner Club as we celebrate the Club's 40th anniversary. Check this newsletter for more information on this event and plan to join us when we get together with current and past members of the Sooner Club. I can't wait to see some the pictures earlier members may have. It's exciting that we move into the future while cherishing our roots.

This year promises more growth and progress for the Club. We will have our second annual stallion auction, and our first futurity foals will be at the October show. We're planning clinics, trail rides, and shows this year, so once again we'll be busy. Be sure to check out the stallions available through our stallion auction. If you find a stallion that meets your breeding requirements it's a win/win situation for you and the Club. Our 2005 board of directors and officers are in place and already working hard for the Club. I ask each member to join us in our efforts this year. Each of you brings gifts and talents to the Club that makes it stronger—and more fun. We are truly only as strong as our members.

Carol

Sooner Club Christmas Party

The Sooner Club held its Annual Christmas party at Dan and Angie McGee's house. There was lots of fun, food, and good conversation. Everyone started arriving and soon the tree had many Dirty Santa gifts around it. Katelynn Sokolowski, Karissa Cook and Bailey Osborn were fast friends and were soon found playing in Angie's make up kit while the adults hung out and chatted. There was talk on horses, horse shows, training, breeding, and non horse talk about trucks, trailers, and many other things. We were all delighted to meet new members, Vicki Dederling, her son Zack, and cousin Tiffany Dorsey, as they came to their very first Sooner Club function. Everyone chowed down on a variety of food from chicken strips, chicken wraps, lil smokies, chips and salsa and more, then had yummy goodies like cookies, brownies, and candy for desert.

Santa arrived soon after everyone was done eating and all the children and even a few adults sat on his lap to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. A variety of things were asked for,

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Holiday Cheer, continued...

When we arrived at Bailey's house, Santa marched up to the door and knocked. Bailey opened it and was shocked! She let Santa in and proceeded to sit right in his lap while the rest of us filed in. Tonya's eyes filled with tears as she saw everyone. Santa was marvelous as usual and had us all giggling within the first 5 minutes. Bailey got to open the gifts from everyone and then got to show off her baby brother, Riley. Baby clothes, a crib, bed sheets, pots and pans, and many many other needed items were revealed. We all enjoyed visiting with Tonya and Clint while Bailey and Katelynn played in Bailey's room.

Donna and Carol gushed over little Riley (I TOLD you he was cute as a bug's ear!) and Carol seemed quite reluctant to put Riley down for the night, but she conceded to Paul who had a rumble in his stomach. The generosity of everyone involved is tremendous and I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. I know that Tonya and Clint are forever grateful and are just overwhelmed. Tonya tells me again and again to tell everyone Thank You So Much!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club is for the calendar year. To join our "herd" fill out the membership form in this newsletter and return to Angie McGee. Make copies and share! Invite a friend to join!



Katelynn and Bailey share a visit with Santa.



Riley is sound asleep in his new crib brought by Carol and Paul Johnson.



Bailey and Riley sit in Santa's lap when he made a special trip to see a special family.

I just want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for helping Bailey and her family. God Bless you ALL! -- Angie

Sooner Annual Meeting Minutes – November 14th

The Annual Meeting was held at Goldie's 21st and Garnett, Tulsa, Oklahoma at 2:30 p.m.

Present:

Paul & Carol Johnson, Gerry Lukacik, Dedra Tiger, Nadia Loden, Dan and Angelia McGee, Michelle Burlin, Rodger Scott, Angie Evans, Shane Smith, CR Hall, Royce Crosby, Leslie Chapman, Donna Chronister, and Pat Gent

Youth: Ashlie Dziewa, Nicholas Dziewa, Hannah Smith, Samantha Evans, Lauren Burlin, and Emily Coleman

Guests: Hilda Coleman, Katie Clark, and Teresa Crombie (now a new member)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes of August 29, 2004 Meeting

Minutes from the August 29, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion made by Dedra Tiger and seconded by Shane Smith, minutes of the August 29, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

Financial Report

Angie McGee went over the financial report. The ending checkbook balance is \$2,155.16. The October Show generated a profit of \$1,797.74 * minus a few fees that should be collected soon. Donna Chronister motioned that we accept the financial report and Leslie Chapman seconded. Motion passed.

Officer Elections

Ballots were accepted and Angie M. reported that there was one write in for Sec/Treas. Donna Chronister respectfully declined the nomination. Since there were no other write-ins, the club proceeded to elect officers by acclamation. Donna Chronister motioned to elect Carol Johnson as President, and seconded by Leslie Chapman, motion passed. Leslie Chapman motioned to elect Dedra Tiger as Vice President, and seconded by Donna Chronister, motion passed. Donna Chronister motioned to elect Denise Cook as Secretary/Treasurer with the provision that Denise could still accept these duties, seconded by Dedra Tiger, motion passed. Pat Gent motioned to accept the entire slate of board members as written, and seconded by Dedra Tiger, motion passed.

2005 Stallion Auction Update

The floor was turned over to Nadia Loden. Nadia stated that she is now accepting stallion nominations. There has been a lot of interest in the auction and we hope to get a good number of stallions this year. Wild N Cool will be re-nominated in the 2005 auction and Nadia plans on asking Albert Tritch if he was still interested in purchasing a breeding through the auction. It was agreed that we needed to initiate a cutoff date for breeders. Nominations cutoff will be at December 31st, 2004. Competitive bidding will start January 1 and continue through March 31st, after that it will be open bidding on remaining stallions as a first come first serve basis. Pat Gent also offered to work at 2005 Nationals to get stallions donated for 2006.

Future Events

December: Christmas Party...after discussion on when and where to have the party, Leslie Chapman motioned to have the Christmas Party at Dan and Angie McGee's house on December 11th at 4pm. Royce Crosby seconded, and the motion passed. There will be a Dirty Santa gift exchange and there is a \$10-12 limit on adults and \$5-7 limit on kids. Santa will be there to hand out gifts.



C.R. Hall and Royce Crosby listen intently as club members introduce themselves.



Many year end awards were presented at the annual meeting. Congratulations everyone!



Lauren Burlin and her mom smile for the camera while Dan and Angie McGee hide behind their menus. Geez Carol!



Paul Johnson reads his Service Award Certificate while Carol shows off the Sooner Club hat he also received.

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Sooner Members receive Lifetime Achievement Awards

Sooner Members Jim Chronister and Billy Walker were given Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Annual Meeting. Jim and Billy have been staunch supporters of the Sooner Club and the Appaloosa Breed. Whenever the Club needed a helping hand, advise and counsel, or monetary support, they were both first in line to help. The Walker and Chronister Families have been with the club for 30 years or more!



Carol tells Donna that it's ok if she keeps the lamp since Jim wasn't able to make the meeting.



Left: The award given out was a beautiful Breyer Appaloosa Sporthorse Model applied on a wood base with a leather lamp shade and a plaque complete with the recipient's Name, the Sooner Logo and also inscribed "for your devotion to the club and breed".

Right: Donna accepts the award from Carol at the annual meeting. Billy Walker was unable to attend, but we were able to give his award to him at the Christmas Party. Thank you so much Billy, Jim and Donna!

Meeting Minutes, continued...

January: Stallion Service Auction.

February: Planning commenced for the first clinic of the new year. The club decided to have an equine chiropractor, Jody Barkley, along with Pat Gent, who will give a saddle fitting demonstration. Pat plans to check to see if we can use the YMCA Camp Takatoka for the clinic. Carol will check with Jody to confirm the date. Date chosen was February 19th at 3pm.

March: Meredith Reeder of Peak Performance has offered to do a clinic on Red Light Laser Treatment. A suggestion was made to have an equine massage therapist be apart of this clinic also. Leslie Chapman and Teresa Crombie offered to check different avenues. The clinic was scheduled for March 12th at Freedom Farms in Broken Arrow. Time to be announced.

April-December events were tabled till the next meeting. TBA

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Dedra Tiger, and seconded by Paul Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Angie McGee, Secretary/Treasurer.



Dedra Tiger and Paul Johnson watch the slide show on the TV while Nadia orders her dinner.



Visitor, Katie Clark listens intently to Angie McGee's review of the financial report.



Angie Evans receives her 2004 Service Award, an apron with the Sooner Logo. We hope to see you wearing it at the next ride Angie!



Dedra Tiger and Gerry Lukacik wait patiently for the meeting to start.

Interesting Websites

www.sooner-aphc.com

The Sooner ApHC Website

www.aphc.com

The Appaloosa Horse Club

www.spotsforsale.com

Spots For Sale

www.stampedeauction.com

Stampede Online Horse Auction



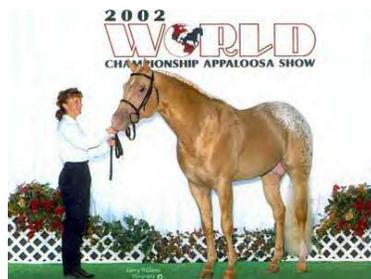
OBVIOUSLY MAGIC



MEET JOE BLACK



CEE IMA COWBOY SHADO



STRAWS MIGHTY MAGNUM

Sooner Stallion Service Auction – Current Nominees

The Sooner ApHC would like to express our sincere appreciation to the stallion owners that have donated the services of their wonderful stallions for our upcoming auction. We have created additional pages to better showcase these great horses, please check out our website!

Bidding begins – January 1, 2005

Auction ends - May 31, 2005

All Zip and Sparkle	- N. Grosvenordale, CT	- Minimum: \$325.00
Cee Ima Cowboy Shado	- Abilene, KS	- Minimum: \$250.00
H W Marquis	- Raleigh, NC	- Minimum: \$375.00
Meet Joe Black	- Sandia Park, NM	- Minimum: \$250.00
Obviously Magic	- Wright City, MO	- Minimum: \$250.00
Straws Mighty Magnum	- Elmendorf AFB, AK	- Minimum: \$325.00
Ten E C Silver	- Telford, TN	- Minimum: \$250.00
Up By A Touchdown	- Raleigh, NC	- Minimum: \$375.00
Wild N Cool	- Broken Arrow, OK	- Minimum: \$300.00

For additional information or questions, contact: Nadia Loden: 918-251-8599

Meet the stallions

In an effort to show these wonderful stallions off, we decided to ask each stallion owner to submit a small blurb so that we could tell all of our members about the stallions in the Sooner Stallion Service Auction. Be sure and check these boys out!

OBVIOUSLY MAGIC: Magic stands 15.3 hds. and weighs 1,250 lbs., and has three generations of Black and White behind him. Magic has a ROM in Halter and was a World Qualifier in Halter and Most Colorful. He sires loud foals out of CPO, NC, N and colored mares. Magic sires foals that have potential in halter, western, english pleasure, and hunter/jumper classes and his foals have excellent dispositions. Stud Fee: \$500. \$100 Booking Fee. Live Cover Only. Multiple mare discounts. Live Colored Foal Guaranteed. Limited Breedings Available. Check out our website at www.wildwoodappaloosas.com

MEET JOE BLACK: Meet Joe Black is a 1999 Black Bay who just drips talent, athleticism and beauty. Joe is also extremely quiet and has a personality of gold. He earned his ROM in Most Colorful at Halter in the Midwest as a yearling and while he earned the majority of Halter ROM also as a yearling, it was finished as a young two year old in the Southwest. Joe is a beautiful mover and as a result, he is smooth as silk to ride. Joe is trained in a variety of events, though we will be focusing on Reining and Working Cow Horse in 2006. He will continue to be shown for a few more years as we plan to fully showcase his all-around abilities. Family health issues forced us to stay close to home this year, but watch for Joe to be out in full force in 2005 in the NRHA, ApHC and possibly NRCHA later in the year. He is still quite young and has a huge future ahead of him. We have so much confidence in his ability to perform and to sire, we have put together an incentives program that will continue to grow as Joe and his get grow. His pedigree is full of many of the greats of the ApHC and AQHA. Please visit our website, www.sanddappaloosas.com, for more information, photos and video clips. We will be relocating to SE Missouri prior to the breeding season. Thank you for taking the time to consider our stallion for your fine mares.

CEE IMA COWBOY SHADO: Cowboy has a super disposition and conformation. His foals have great minds and conformation, as well.

STRAWS MIGHTY MAGNUM: Magnum has proven himself as a young stallion in his debut year of showing under the guidance of Roger and Karla Johnson, Runnin Acres L.L.C. His wonderful ability and personality shone through as he swept through the Appaloosa circuit in 2002. He has since been retired to stud after such a wonderful year! Magnum has been bred to a limited number of mares but his foals have ability. He throws size, color and great dispositions, along with pretty heads and exceptional conformation. Expect to see some of them hitting the show ring in 2004.

Meet the Stallions, continued...



ALL ZIP AND SPARKLE



TEN EC SILVER



WILD N COOL



HW MARQUIS



UP BY A TOUCHDOWN

ALL ZIP AND SPARKLE: All Zip And Sparkle is a 5 yr old chestnut/white stallion that stands 16-1 ½ hands. Sired by 5X World Champion All Hands On Zip, Sparkle has inherited the long, sweeping trot and quiet-minded attitude of his daddy. In his 2 year old debut, he placed 1st under all four judges in Hunter Under Saddle, and won the 2 Year Old Hunter Under Saddle Futurity. He earned his ROM in Hunter In Hand Stallions in just his first 3 shows. He also has his ROM in 3 Year Old Hunter Under Saddle. In 2002, Sparkle was third in the nation in Hunter In Hand Stallions. He has been a World Qualifier in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. He has also won multiple circuit championships and reserve championships. Sparkle has winnings and national points in Open, Non-Pro and Novice Non-Pro Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation. He also has winnings and several placings in Hunter Paces throughout New England. Sparkle is passing his size, super temperament and wonderful movement on to his babies too.

TEN EC SILVER: He is a 1998 few spot leopard. He has sired all leopards to date, and since he is a few spot he should get all color even if they aren't all leopards down the road. Silver has a great disposition and is wonderful to work around. He is a natural athlete and can really use himself. He has been shown in halter and done quite well, winning most. He has a beautiful lope that you could die for, but he can absolutely fly. My goal is to show him in pleasure and run barrels too. He has the temperament to do both with no trouble. He is currently learning the barrel pattern. He can do a slow lope then run and slow right back down afterwards. He is easy to get along with, an example is: he can be clipped without a halter or anything on him and he couldn't care less. His foals are big and they are willing and easy to handle just like dad. He would be an excellent choice. We will send semen anytime of year the mare owner wants it.

WILD N COOL: Freedom Farms Welcomes Wild N Cool. Sooner members, Nadia Loden and Dedra Tiger, are also partners in Freedom Farms, a small horse operation in Broken Arrow, OK. In November, they had the good fortune to acquire the bay, homozygous stallion, Wild N Cool. He is sired by Coolest Hustler x Coolest, out of Miss Kitty West x Wild West. Offered to the pair by Karen Craighead of Missouri and Kim Hartman of Oregon, the offer was too great to pass up. His arrival at the farm was an exciting event, for both horses and people. Since November, Wild N Cool, also known as Bugs, has been settling in, becoming fast friends with Welsh pony, Rosie, who occupies the paddock beside him. Bugs is well behaved and gentlemanly, which is a blessing to Nadia and Dedra. The rest of the winter and early spring will be taken up with breeding to a few outside mares. Bugs will also be shown later in 2005, at Halter, Hunter in Hand and Most Colorful. Freedom Farms invites you to take a look at this fine stallion, who has the best of ApHC and AQHA bloodlines. Their web address is www.freedom-farms.com. Wild N Cool has been donated to the 2005 Sooner and MAHA SSAs.

HW MARQUIS: HW Marquis is standing his second season in 2005. We are certain with his tremendous movement and absolutely phenomenal temperament, Marquis will carry on in his offspring.

UP BY A TOUCHDOWN: Up By A Touchdown is standing his second season in 2005. With the recent CPO Rule Change and the apprehension felt by many ApHC breeders, why take a chance out crossing your halter mares? Where else can you find this kind of contemporary AQHA halter bloodlines with ApHC papers? Crossed with regular papered ApHC mares, there is no risk of breeding a baby you can't show even if the foal has to be CPO'd. The added bonus is a foal with all this contemporary AQHA halter blood that is sure to put you in the winner's circle!

THANK YOU STALLION OWNERS FOR YOUR GRACIOUS DONATIONS!

Appaloosa Pedigree Identification

Editors Note: This is the original proposal that was drawn up; and currently the idea is being reviewed before the BOD will vote on it. We decided to post the API information here so owners and breeders alike can read and decide for themselves how they feel about the idea. This proposal has also just been published in the January issue of the Appaloosa Journal. Please review the information and address your concerns or praises to your local territory director; or for more information contact your local territory director. We have provided the information below for your convenience. I tried to get everyone's director listed, please let me know if I missed your Zone.

API Registration

1. All previously registered horse retain their classifications prior to API. Also, previous rules of advancement for these horses still apply.
2. There will be 3 registration categories:
 - Regular Papers
 - N Papers (solid from APP to APP; N + number)
 - X Papers-Any foal resulting from an approved outcross (X + number)

A. Regular Papers-Full participation

- 1A) Any foal resulting from Appaloosa to Appaloosa breeding with at least 2 characteristics as per rule book (1 parent must be regular papered).
- 1B) Any X foal satisfying requirements for advancements.

B. N Papers

- 1A) Full participation in ApHC Events.
- 1B) Must be bred to regular papered horse.
- 1C) May advance if criteria are met.

C. X Papers-All foals both colored and solid, resulting from a regular-papered Appaloosa to an approved outcross.

- 1A) All X Foals may participate in ApHC Events.
- 1B) All X Horses must be bred back to regular-papered ApHC horse.
- 1C) X Papers will be advanced to regular.
 - Upon completion of "ROM" (exceptions: Heritage, Youth and Non-Pro Classes)
 - Identification of contrasting coat pattern
 - Application to ApHC + \$250 to \$500 (Color Class Incentive)

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Christmas Party, continued...

From little things like video and computer games to cars, trucks, and horse trailers (of course). When Billy Walker sat on Santa's lap he asked for a new 2005 F250 Ford with all the bells and whistles, and it was then that we were able to present him with his Lifetime Achievement award we were unable to give him at the annual meeting. Then Santa departed with a "HO HO HO!" and the Dirty Santa gift exchange commenced. There seemed to be a lot of fuss over a wreath made with racing plates and Pat Gent guarded her prize with conviction till young member Zach decided that he wanted it for himself. After the gift exchange, the young Sooners went outside to play tag while the adults conversated a while longer. Everyone had a great time and I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year! Thank you everyone for coming! And thank you Santa for the visit!

The Brick

Read this line very slowly and let it sink in....If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared.

Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown. The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting,

"What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister...please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," He pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car.

"It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger.

Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message:

"Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

God whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't have time to listen, He has to throw a brick at us.

It's our choice to listen or not.

Editors Note: I received this in an email chain. It really made me think and I hope it has the same effect on everyone else who reads it. -- Angie



Charley and Vie Bottger listen as the kids tell Santa what they would like for Christmas. Charley asked Santa for spots on all his babies this year.



Tiffany Dorsey tells Santa that she wants a new Mustang for Christmas, with leather interior.



Chipper is festive in his Santa hat and Xmas lights' collar.

Classifieds

Remember: Sooner Club Members get the benefit of having free classified services. Your ad will go on our website and in our newsletter at no charge. Please call Dedra for more information on ad rates for non members. 918-251-8584

****For sale****

2002 Appaloosa mares and geldings-broke to ride, some quiet enough for children. Call for details.

Contact: John and Debby Letham 405-373-1133



**** Turf Made - A Proven Broodmare ****

1986 dark brown or bay mare, by Turf Bug B (ApHC) SI 92, out of Made In Duplicate (ApHC). Won her second out against Appaloosas and Paints. Has produced two ROM foals. Has produced loud color out of Quarter Horse stallion. We have two of her fillies and are keeping them. Your chance to get a proven broodmare. \$2,000 firm.

Contact: Jim Chronister (918) 825-4487



****Easy Roulade - 1990 AQHA Appendix Mare ****

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The Cutest Foal Contest!

We will be having a contest to see who has the cutest foal. Entries will be judged and the winner will receive a weanling slinky donated by Circle R Horse Hoods. Foaling season is starting and we want to hear those foal brags! All Sooner Members be sure and send your foal brags to Dedra so that we can put them on the website! Send your pictures to webmaster@freedom-farms.com with all the information. We hope everyone has a safe and uneventful foaling season! Entry deadline for the Contest is June 1st and the winner will be announced at our June 18th show!

Mark your calendar!

Our first clinic is scheduled for February 19th. Jody Barkley will be doing an equine chiropractor demonstration and Pat Gent will be doing a saddle fitting demonstration. Watch your mail boxes for more details and directions. The Clinic will be held at Camp Takatoka in Chouteau and will start at 3pm.

What is the Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club?

The Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., associated with the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., is a regional club whose purpose is **"To promote interest in the breed in the area of membership"**. We are a group of people from different backgrounds, in different professions, brought together by our love of the Appaloosa horse. If you share our love of the breed, please join us in our goal to promote the Appaloosa (and have fun in the process!)

Newsletter Info

The newsletter is a way for our members to share news and information.

Please get info for the March newsletter to Angie McGee by February 15.

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