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Dancing Leaves

Louise Valley

The wind is whistling
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for dancing leaves.
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around, around,
Dancing till they
touch the ground.
A little leaf here,
a little leaf there,
until the branches
all are bare.
Then winter's frost
completes the show,
and dancing leaves
are covered with snow.

Especially
for
Sooner News
Marian Alton
NOVEMBER 2008

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Carol Johnson

2008 is rapidly coming to an end. It's been a year with great highs and lows for all of us. Some of our members have lost great horses. Others have had special horses join their equine family. We're lucky to have dedicated members who continue to work for and support our club. We've had folks who used to be Sooner ApHC members reconnect and rejoin the club. Through Marian's and Gerry's combined efforts, we've regained several of these members. I greatly appreciate the history and insights and life-long dedication these folks bring to our breed and our club. We've had new members join and become active. How wonderful to have their energy and new views added to our mix. It's truly been an exciting year!

In 2008, we successfully launched our first Appaloosa Celebration show at the Reichert Celebration. With great support from club members, sponsors, our parent club and corporate sponsors, and exhibitors, this show was a definite success. We had top notch horses and exhibitors at this show. The other breeds definitely saw some of our best. It was gratifying to have Palomino and QH folks come up and compliment our horses and exhibitors! We sponsored the Appaloosa Championship Endurance Ride. This was another wonderful experience for our club. There were a number of these horses I absolutely drooled over <G>. Our newsletter has grown and become an even better tool for communicating with each other and sharing and learning about our breed's and club's history. Getting Marian and Gerry together on this effort has paid major dividends!

2009 promises to be another active year for Sooner. Several of our officers and BOD who coordinate our 2008 efforts will continue on with us into 2009. They'll be joined by new members whose ideas and energy will keep us all fresh and moving forward. Please join all of us for another great Appaloosa year in 2009. We'll be putting on our second Appaloosa Celebration show. We're launching an innovative stallion futurity/stakes program. We're exploring other activities for next year, including a dressage schooling show and an open show for local 4H. These aren't finalized yet, but are definitely on the drawing board. We'll continue our efforts to bring in more members and look for new ways to enjoy each other and our horses. Join us as we move into 2009. Your ideas, energy and insights are a valuable and key ingredient in this club.

Have a happy, safe and healthy holiday season. Enjoy each other, your families and your horses.



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Buffet & Grill

**Welcome Sooner ApHC members to the
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Come enjoy our huge selection of your favorite foods on the daily buffet, including salad and dessert bars. Steak is served after 4 PM on the buffet, along with fried or grilled chicken, roast, ham, meat loaf, fish, shrimp, etc., and homemade hot rolls. Steaming hot vegetables often include fried okra, Brussels sprouts, rice, and many more choices.

Of course, you can also order from the separate menu.

On Saturdays and Sundays, we invite you to a sunrise breakfast buffet with homemade cinnamon rolls, omelet's made-to-order, biscuits, gravy, pancakes, waffles, French toast, bacon, ham sausage, fruit, etc. We open at 6 AM, on weekends, serve breakfast till 11 AM; then begin dinner change. Fresh hot coffee is served all day long!

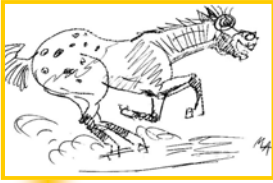
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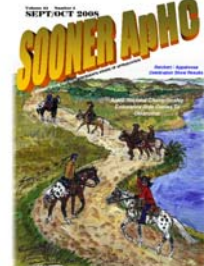




Advertising rates going up!

When the first full color issue of the Sooner News came out exactly one year ago (right), hopes were that interest in the newsletter would be sparked, and that the newsletter would grow. Little did we know that it would indeed grow, at a rate much faster than anticipated, and turn into, what some members are now calling, a magazine.

The ad rates we started with, last year, were based on printing and postage costs for a five sheet (10 pages) newsletter, and not the 50+ page giant it has become. As much as we don't like to, we are going to have to raise advertising rates to cover the additional costs.



All the new ad rates can be found in the Classified section of this newsletter, near the back.

The new ad rates still represent one of the best bargains offered by any regional club of any breed, when you consider we run our ads in full color. We are still the only known regional breed organization that prints its newsletter (or magazine, if you will) in full color.

Our website, at www.sooner-aphc.com, where the online version of our newsletter can be found for free, gets an average of 125 visits per day. That's a lot of traffic, for what's still a small price.

Oklahoma Appaloosa Racing Results!



We are pleased to announce, through the courtesy of OAR (Oklahoma Appaloosa Racing, Inc.), that we will start publishing Oklahoma Appaloosa Racing results in the Sooner Newsletter. Our inaugural Appaloosa Racing Results section appears a little later in this very issue.





Jim & Miriam Lovell Vacation In Holland

Sooner member, Miriam Lovell, was born in Holland. Last month, she and husband, Jim, and her brothers flew to Holland. The house where Miriam was born, and another house where she later lived as a little girl, are still standing and being lived in.

Hotel Breukelen (“Brooklyn”) is where the Lovells stayed for ten days, while in Holland. The windmill, no longer in use, is not far from the front of the hotel.

The Lovells were gone when the Cricket Bars Futurity trials were run, but will attend the finals. Their colt, ApHC BUG BE GONE, tied for 3rd place in the trials.



New Stallion/Get Futurity Proposal In The Works

A new futurity program is currently being put together, and will be discussed at the General Membership meeting on November 22. Detail will be discussed and finalized before being voted on for the 2009 show season. The program will be designed to take the burden of donation off of the stallion owner. The stallion owner will need to be a Sooner ApHC member, to make all the stallion's get eligible for entry. The owners of the weanlings and yearlings will pay a \$75 entry fee, per class, with 90% being returned in paybacks. If you want to provide input on this program, be sure to attend the meeting.

Sooners Involved In Michigan Futurity Sale

Owners of ApHC BUGS J MAN, Jerry and Marian Alton, were happy to receive a letter and hand written note from Amy Schweiger, who is in charge of the Western Michigan Appaloosa “Get Of Sire” 2008 Futurity Sale , for the 2009 breeding season, with the futurity being in 2010. Alton Appaloosas and Art had donated a breeding to Bugs J Man, and his service was the first one to sell. The successful bidder was Cindy Morris of Jerome, Michigan. The effort and interest of the WMAR is appreciated by Jerry and Marian.

Sooner Members Acquire More New Horses

Sooner member, Larry and Lori Colley acquired a yearling colt, and Sooner Newsletter Editor, Gerry Lukaik, acquired two weanling fillies (right) , all sired by the racing stallion Forty One JJ All three were delivered in late September. More detailed information can be found in a couple of feature pages in this issue.



New Sooner Member, Kathy Speck of Ohio,



Jake and Kathy Speck

....sent these photos of new baby son, Jonah, wearing his first cowboy hat at three weeks old. (lower right)

Daughter, Hailey Faith, two years old, is riding her bay mare “Mary”, which Sooner members, Jerry & Marian Alton, sent last year from Oklahoma. (lower left)



There’s a good joke on Sooner member, Gordon Williams, when Marian told him she’d bought a solid color bay mare and wanted Gordon to see her one day at Alton Farm, but first, he should see her pedigree in the house.

Once Gordon was inside, Marian set the bay mare on the table, pinched her ear, and caused her to nicker, flop her lip and sneeze, make galloping sounds. Poor Gordon—HA! He had already asked if Jerry disowned her for buying another mare! Hailey later named the bay mare, “Mary.” Someday, Jake and Kathy will tell this Gordon story to Hailey. Kathy loves Appaloosas and raised the colored colt, “Diesel” from the champion line of AQHA Luke At Me. Thank you Kathy, for the photos!



Larry And The Rest Of The Colley Family Wish To Send Out Thank You Messages To:



Judy DeMuth for Zips My Answer (left) and Waps Double Talk (right). They are fine horses. We were able to transport the horses with the help of Marian Alton and Jerry Crouch, who also brought in two mares from Judy. Congratulations to them as well. Thank you, Marian and Jerry, for the help.

...and...



Don and Karen Marr, Marr Racing Stables, who delivered Forty One Wrangler to a meet point in Claremore, Oklahoma. We would like to thank them for the opportunity to own such a fine horse.

At the same time, Gerry Lukacik received his two fillies. We would like to congratulate him.

Thank you, one and all,

The Colleys

Another Thank You

Gerry Lukacik would like to thank Don and Karen Marr for the two fine, race bred fillies, "Roxie" and "Dottie" (JJS Cash Bar and JJS Port In A Storm). They've settled in quite well. I'm still working on better pictures, other than the ones I took the morning after they arrived. They are quite vocal at feeding time, especially "Roxie."





Oklahoma Horseman's Association Races Paint and Appaloosa Futurity and Derby



To be held at Tulsa Fair Meadows, June 2009. \$25,000 added money for each race for accredited Oklahoma breeds. Nomination payment due December 1st, \$200.00. For more information, contact the Oklahoma Horseman's Association, or Wendy Keener at (918) 543-7214.



The Colley family enjoyed some good fun on Halloween. At left, is their pumpkin, carved with the silhouette of a horse, rather than a face.

At right, the Colley kids dressed in their Halloween costumes. James is a cowboy that has been bitten by a vampire.



Later on, the family went to a Halloween party at the Peninsula Fire Station, located on Highway 412 at Old Keystone Road.

Colton Colley, in the foreground at left, won first prize in the costume contest!

Samanna Bennett Takes A Ride

Received this photo from Marian Alton, of Samanna Bennett riding the mare "Legs" that Marian had sold to the Colley family.

It looks like Samanna is having a really good time!



Thank You, Larry Colley!

The Colley family has joined forces with Jerry Crouch and Marian Alton, with a plan to bring the loud colored ApHC stallion, Lightnings Legacy, to the Colley place at Terlton, OK.

Larry is already working on a pipe pen for “Bandit” who is a half brother to Bugs J Man, both being sired by the late Champion, ApHC Lightning Bug B. “Bandit’s” mother is Colley’s We Go Legacy.

Larry has done a fine job of breaking the young Appaloosas he brought home from Missouri a few months ago, including a grown mare who wasn’t halter broke! Marian reports that Larry has plenty of patience, is soft spoken, handles the horses quietly, and they trust him quickly.

While Jerry was recovering from gall bladder surgery, Larry came over and helped worm nine horses, hauled hay, mended fence, chain sawed big limbs off pasture fence, and changed a flat on Marian’s truck.

They took time out to go to Lovell's place and see We Go Dixie, sire of Colley’s mare, We Go Legacy, and then had lunch at Hugo's.



Lightning Kat

This photo of ApHC Lightning Kat, was taken last February, when she was in foal to AQHA Separate Rainbow AAAT. Lightning Kat is a colored granddaughter of Bugs Alive In 75 AAAT and AQHA Pacific Bailey AAAT. Her 2008 filly is owned by Miriam and Marian.



Sooner ApHC President, Carol Johnson, Meets Black Annie Hands and Bugs J Man

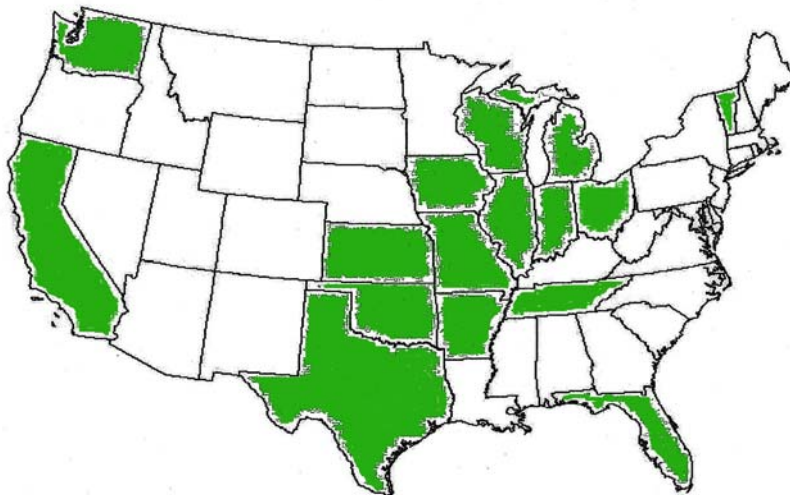


On October 15th, Sooner ApHC President, Carol Johnson, meets 35 years old, Black Annie Hands (left) and Bugs J Man (right) for the first time at Alton Farm before she and Marian went for lunch at Golden Corral to discuss the Saturday, November 22nd Sooner Membership meeting, to be held at the Golden Corral in Claremore, Oklahoma at 1:30 p.m.



One More Photo From The Reichert Appaloosa Show

Marian Alton found this picture among some of her other photos, and decided to send it along for this issue. Marge Bibeau is talking to Carol Johnson (standing) after the Heritage class. Since Marge won the heritage class, she win receive a painting done by Marian Alton.



Thanks To The Generosity Of Dar Arrowood, Sooner Member From Michigan.....

We have added two new members, and two new states to our member's states map! Dar Arrowood of Rapid River, Michigan has purchased 2009 memberships for Robin Timm of Simi Valley, California, and Ronnie Montgomery of Knoxville, Tennessee. A hearty welcome to these new members, and a big THANK YOU to Dar Arrowood!

Many Thanks to Marian Alton.....

.....our resident artist extraordinaire! Marian sent Sooner News a number of these little whimsical paintings of happy Appaloosas in their Santa hats, kicking up their heels, and having a jolly good holiday frolic. You will find them, here and there, in this issue. They are also available as ornaments at the CafePress Sooner Shop: www.cafepress.com/sooner_aphc/6115839



We really need to get Marian set up with a shop of her own!



Group Lessons

Sooner ApHC President, Carol Johnson, sent along a few pictures from Saturday, November 1st, from the location where she takes group lessons. This is one of the students, Cathy Orban, on her gelding, Dream Of Alias, a.k.a "Splash."

Another new Sooner member in the making?

Also sent to us, was this picture taken from a schooling show, also at Rocking C Stables, on October 25. That's Sooner President, Carol Johnson riding her gelding, Shiloh.

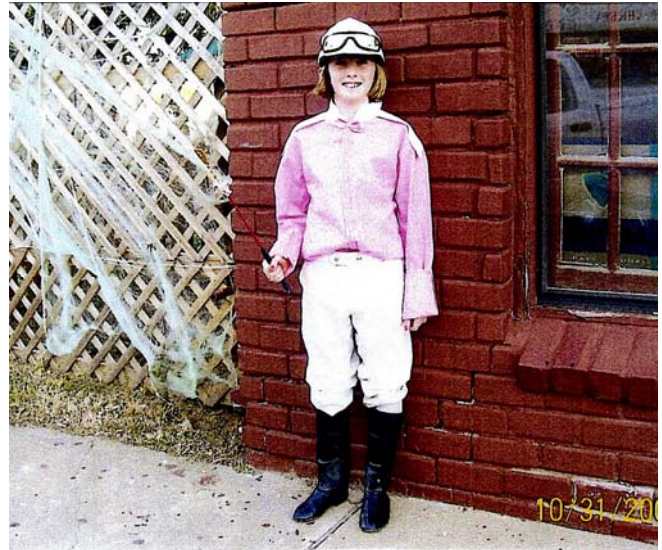


More Halloween Fun!

Corrie Burke, pictured at right, is the daughter of Carleen Burke—Lovell, and granddaughter of Jim and Miriam Lovell.

Corrie is wearing her costume for Halloween, 2008.

The costume is original, and authentic, donated by Augustin Roderiquez, a real jockey who rides in Oklahoma.



More Halloween Tricks?

When Marian Alton and Gerry Lukacik stopped in to visit Bill Conley, Marian kidded Bill about him climbing over the pipe gate the last time she was there. Bill likes to demonstrate that he is still quite spry for a man of 80, so it didn't take too much coaxing to get him to demonstrate his gate climbing technique shown in the above series of pictures. First we see Bill climb the gate, go over the top, and in the second to the last picture, we see him take a little hop from the gate to the ground.

During that same visit, Marian Alton and Gerry Lukacik got to see Favorite Party, former ApHC race mare, and her 2008 filly.



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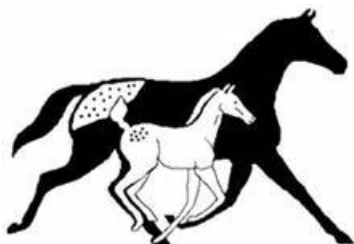


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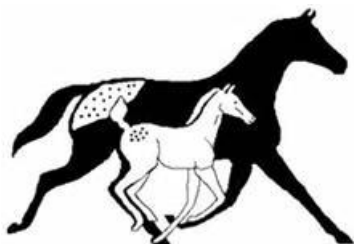
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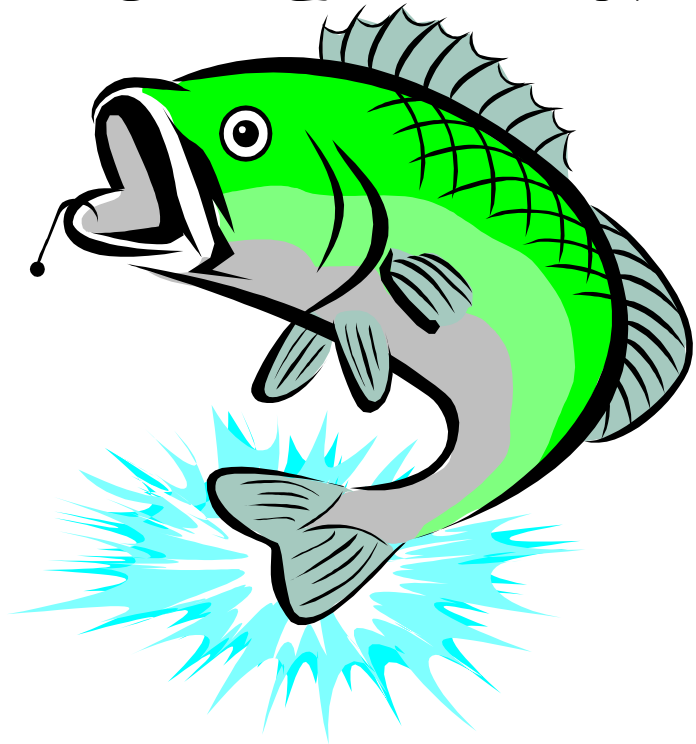


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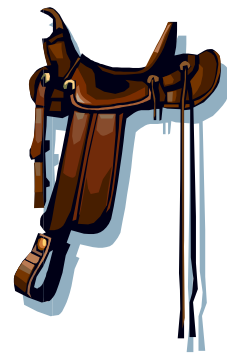
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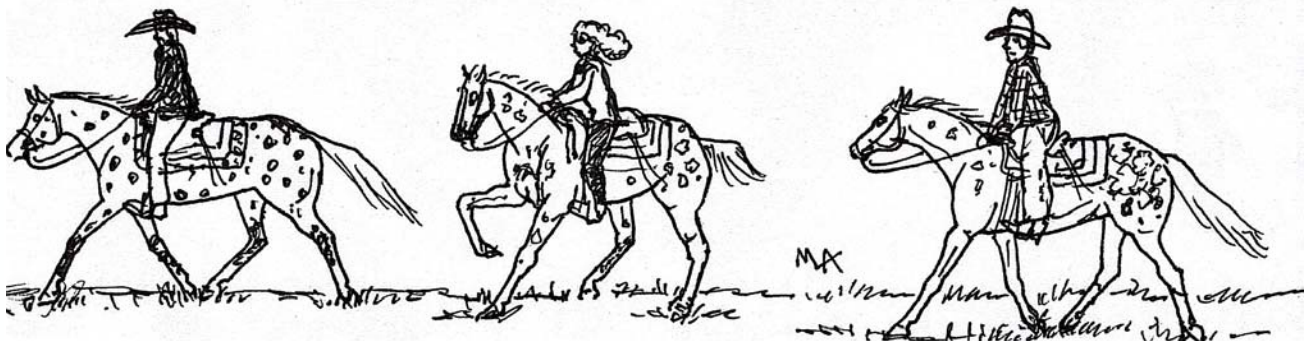


Set up for horseshoe pit, pool table, shuffle board, juke box. Seating area for over 50 people. See some antique saddles, spurs, etc.

LOCATION: From Hwy 66 at Foyil, OK, turn west onto section EW 400, make a dogleg across the railroad tracks. Go west to 4-way stop signs, turn right (north) and continue straight north for approximately 3 1/2 miles. Fisherman's Landing sign on right (east) marks entrance. Plenty of truck/trailer parking on gravel. Black top road all the way from Foyil.



Foot note: Jean Smith, property owner, is the only other woman to ride Marian Alton's black stallion, ApHC grandson of Hands Up, Bubba's Johnny.



Sandwiches



Bacon Cheeseburger

Bacon Burger

Hamburger

Roast Beef Sandwich

Hot or Mild Italian Sausage

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Chili Cheeseburger

B-B-Q Beef Sandwich

Steak Sandwich

Club Sandwich

Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich



Sides



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Tater Tots

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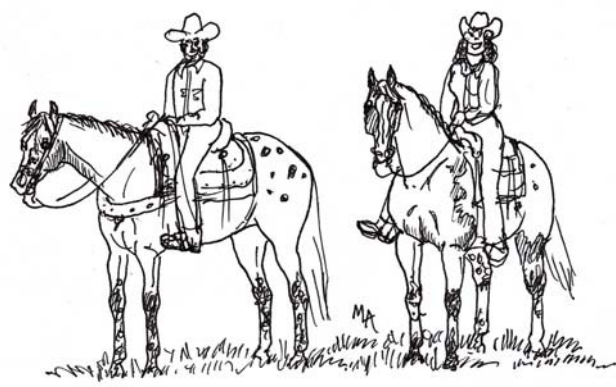
Cheese Stix

Cheddar Poppers

Mushrooms

Mini Corndogs

Cheese Balls



ApHC GENE0 JJ Grandson Comes To Oklahoma!



Sooner members, Larry and Lori Colley, savor the thrill of seeing their new yearling stallion just unloaded at the Claremore Expo Center, in Claremore, Oklahoma. Karen Marr's daughter, Debbie, is on the other side of "Wrangler."

Wrangler is sired by ApHC Medallion winner, Forty One JJ, out of AQHA Cupful Of Cash.

Gerry Lukacik has exciting plans for his two fillies by ApHC Forty One JJ. One is a full sister to Colley's yearling colt. The other (pictured at right) is out of an ApHC 3/4 TB daughter of Indiana ApHC Champion, Town Native.



"Twinkles," (left) by ApHC Forty One JJ, is the Marr mare shown herding longhorns in TN in our last issue. She is now home at Marr Racing Stables. Don and Karen Marr's daughter Debbie is aboard.

Since Marrs have sold Forty One JJ, this will be removed from their truck doors. (right)



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Family Tree



Forty One JJ (left), sire of the yearling colt and weanling fillies now owned by Sooner members Larry and Lori Colley, and Gerry Lukacik. Forty One JJ is about 16 years old in this picture. Picture was sent by Karen Marr.

Geneo JJ, (right), the sire of Forty One JJ, and grandsire of the yearling and weanlings now owned by Larry and Lori Colley, and Gerry Lukacik, still stands in Yale, Oklahoma. He will be 25 years old in 2009.

He has sired 41 Medallion winners, and his get have earned a combined total of over \$3.1 million.



Where Sooner Members Meet

Don and Karen Marr, Scottsburg, Indiana, advertised four Appaloosas for sale in a previous Sooner News issue. Three ApHC Forty One JJ offspring are now proudly owned by Sooner members, the Colley family, and our editor, Gerry Lukacik. The Colleys have the yearling colt, and Gerry has the two fillies.

Karen Marr, Sooner member, daughter Debbie, and Debbie's friend, Carl, hauled the three Appaloosas to Claremore, and everyone met at the Claremore Expo Center to unload and load. Karen and crew headed home to Indiana, 600 plus miles away, at 8:30 AM the next morning. Karen reported, next day, that it was a lonesome barn when they arrived home, but everyone here has called, e-mailed, mailed photos, of the new arrivals, and let Marrs know how much they appreciate the opportunity to own these fine young Appaloosas, and for the long trip here and back.

Editor's note: When the ad first came to me to run in the Sooner News, I thought to myself, "Wow, there's a real bargain for someone who might be looking to get into racing." Little did I know at the time..... Appaloosa racing wasn't an option in Illinois before I moved, but this is Oklahoma!



Here is proof, editor Gerry, and Indiana long haul driver, Carl, are keepers. Debbie and Marian have them roped and hogtied. (above)

The Colley family (left), including Samanna Bennett behind #34 (James Colley), with Karen's daughter, Debbie.

At right, Editor Gerry Lukacik, and Karen Marr. It was already twilight when the exchange was made, and some of these pictures show the effects of the low light situation. However, you can still see, pretty well, that Gerry was still wearing, what he called his 'field foliage', from having not shaved in about three weeks.



Editor's note.....again, The yearling colt that went home with the Colley family is on the far left, and his full sister, the weanling filly, is to the right of that picture. I couldn't help but notice, the night we made the transfer, that the full brother and sister, while having different base coat colors, have almost identical face markings.

Sooner Member Karen Marr, Daughter Debbie, and Debbie's Friend, Carl, Make One Last Stop In Oklahoma

Before heading home to Indiana, Karen, Debbie, and Carl made an 8 AM visit to Alton Farm to see Jerry Crouch, who had gall bladder surgery (100 stones) two days before.

Here they meet with Bugs J Man (right), aka "Stelen."





Next, they meet the boss of Alton Farm, ApHC Black Annie Hands, who loves attention and didn't want Debbie to quit brushing her. At the time, no one realized they were wearing Christmas colors, which are sure appropriate for this holiday issue of Sooner News.

Since Karen's husband, Don, couldn't make the trip, Jerry wanted to show Karen how smooth his 1977 restored and redesigned Chevy truck sounded and operated and wanted a photo to send Don, who likes trucks, equipment, etc., too.

Note Jerry's tag on front of the truck—"Jerry's Town Car."



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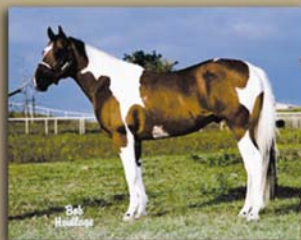
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ApHC Black Annie Hands Has A Special Visitor! Editor Gerry Makes Her Day!



This is a most unusual photo, not only because it has a 35 years, 5 months old mare in it, but also because she is having a big conversation with two “Jerrys—Gerrys” who are Jerry Crouch (left) and Sooner News Editor, Gerry Lukacik (right), who is assisting “Annie” with perking up her ears.

Both Photos: Marian Alton—10-3-08



“Stelen” tells Gerry he wants in a photo with him too, and says Black Annie always steals the show.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

To ALL from ALTON APPALOOSAS & ART and BUGS J MAN!



Both Photos: Marian Alton 10-5-'08

"Stelen" and Sooner Member, Larry Colley



"Stelen" perks up his ears in response to "The Horse Chirper."

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*ApHC Bugs J Man Sends Special Holiday Wishes To A Special Lady,
Julie Williams, New Sooner Member In Vermont!*



The splendid black AQHA mare Julie is riding in these 1992 scenes in Vermont, was a champion in both Western and Hunter competition. Her name was Miss Ten Too, and in 2002, she became the mother of ApHC Bugs J Man.



The above photo was taken in 1993, after Julie and husband, Eric, moved to Oklahoma.

Marian had bought her around 1994, after Gordon Williams had seen the mare.

“Ten” was a granddaughter of two TB champion sires, Hempen and Aforethought.



A favorite photo of “Ten” with the bridle and saddle which were some of Julie’s very first tack selections acquired for her first horse at age 13.

They now have two children, Paige and Aron, who both love to ride and compete in youth classes. The Williams family moved back home to Vermont in November, 2007.

Miss Ten Too had two colored foals by ApHC We Go Dixie, one of which is a colored daughter still owned by Jerry and Marian.



Her third and last foal was “Stelen” by Lightning Bug B. Marian says “Ten” was one of the best bred mares, and one of the smartest and most lovable she ever owned. Miss Ten Too lived to be 22, and is buried near some ApHC Hands Up granddget. Julie had ridden her several times in 2005 on Alton Farm.

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Sooner Members, Perry And Irene Whipple, Meet Bugs J Man and Black Annie Hands



"Stelen" carefully takes a grass tidbit from Irene.



Irene, Perry, and Black Annie Hands, age 35 years and 5 months, get acquainted. The Whipples owned a half brother to "Annie" many years ago when they lived in Oologah, OK. He was ApHC Hands Up Plaudit X Wapiti's Plaudeene and was 1971 Missouri Grand Champion 3 Year Old Stallion.



At least 20 years flew by before these three had a photo taken together, 9-8-'08 by Jerry Crouch

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It was a fun visit when Perry and Irene stopped in Claremore after their 8 a.m. Engineers Breakfast in Tulsa on Monday 9-8-'08. After seeing the horses, we went to town for lunch before they headed home to Neosho, MO., 90 miles NE.

As we walked into the restaurant, I heard a woman say, "There's Perry and Irene!" It was Sooner member, Miriam Lovell's voice, and she and Jim added to the stories and laughs about the Sooner good times many years ago.

It's always a small world....

Perry and Irene hope to attend our annual membership meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Claremore, OK, in hopes of visiting with more Sooner members. 80 years weigh lightly on this couple who remain active and still raise fine Colorado Rangerbred Appaloosas.

Sooner Member, Perry Whipple, Shares Fabulous 100 Years of Whipple recorded Colorado Rangerbred Appaloosa History!

The Colorado Rangerbred was named for its Colorado High Plains origin. It has its own unique heritage. In 1878, Ulysses S. Grant visited Sultan Abdul Hamid in Turkey, and as a token of friendship, the Sultan presented him with a gift of two stallions. The Arabian was Leopard and the Barb was Linden Tree. The stallions reached Virginia in 1879 and were successfully used for fourteen years by Randolph Huntington. He then leased them to Grant's old army friend, General Colby.

General Colby crossed the stallions with ranch mares on his southeastern Nebraska ranch and later, word spread about the excellent offspring. A respected Colorado horseman, Ira Whipple, was sent with money, and instructions, to buy a band of mares and a stallion from Colby for the eastern Colorado ranches. The stallion he brought back was a few-spot leopard doublebred grandson of Leopard named Tony.

Two other breeders became interested in the Colorado Appaloosas, and these men were Lorne Knisley, who became seriously impressed with Mike Ruby's efforts to incorporate the Colorado Ranger Horse Association. Earlier, in 1934, Ruby impressed many horsemen with two stallions he took to the Denver Stock Show. After Mike Ruby passed away, Lorne Knisley managed to get the dormant CRHA registry operating again.

What a great high plains bit of Appaloosa history was made when Mike Ruby saved his Rangerbreds from the terrible drought in the mid-1930's by driving them 300 miles to leased pastures in western Colorado; then two years later, drove them back home!

In the 1980's, Lorne and Vera Knisley were living just across the Arizona line in New Mexico, and had a Red Leopard stallion, Wampum Chips, and some colored offspring. Arizona wasn't selling fireworks to the public, so one day in July, two teenage boys drove into New Mexico to buy some. They saw the Knisley Appaloosas and stopped to visit. One of the boys, Scott Sansom, said they raised Appaloosas too, and Lorne told him these were Rangerbreds. Instead of the usual "What is a Rangerbred?" Scott said, "My mother was a Whipple, and her great grandfather brought the General Grant horses into Colorado."

As always, it's a small world!



Editor's note: During the years I was active in the CRHA, I visited with King Parsons, who explained that Mike Ruby had driven his herd "over the top" (Great Divide) by following the old right-of-way of the Denver & Salt Lake Railroad. They passed over many old trestles, which have since been removed.

I believe the year was 1987, when I took a drive up the eastern side of the old abandoned right-of-way, now owned by the Park Service. Though the timbers are rotting, this trestle (above) near the Great Divide itself, was still standing. Just around the corner, the summit where the old resort town of Corona, Colorado once stood.

Who would ever dream that members of the Whipple family and the Knisleys would live only 50 miles apart, and finally meet? Scott was the son of Perry Whipple's daughter, Kathy and Ray Sansom. Perry and Ray bought the Knisley's stallion, Wampum Chips, who traced twice to Tony, the stallion Ira I. Whipple purchased from general Colby over one hundred years before! Ira was Perry's grandfather!

Wampum Chips, bred to Rubia, half Arabian, sired Springdale Honey, the 2006 American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) National Milage Champion and War Mare Champion.

The well known stallion, ApHC Go Bay Go, goes back to the Grant stallion, Leopard, through Whipple's Tony and Whipple's Patches, CRHA #1.

Perry Whipple, and wife, Irene, live in Neosho, Missouri at this time, raise the German Flekvieh cattle, which are smaller compact spotted cattle, and still raise Colorado Rangerbred Appaloosas, and have their own stallion, Alias Kings Double, whose dam is a Rangerbred.

Note from Marian Alton: There were around 15 pages of unique Rangerbred history with long ago breeders, locations, events, included in the pages sent by Perry and Irene. In order to share some of the photos with our readers, the story has been condensed to the main part the Whipple family and their Rangerbred Appaloosas played in a part of early American history. Sooner News thanks Perry and Irene for being a part of past and present Sooner ApHC history, and for sharing articles and photos with all of us.. Perry, and son-in-law, Ray Sansom have been active as National Directors of the CRHA in their designated zones. The CRHA home office is Wampum, PA. CRHA website; <http://www.coloradoranger.com>. MA

At right; Whipples Fan Fare (CRHA #5372) and her colt by Alias King Double (CRHA #6509).

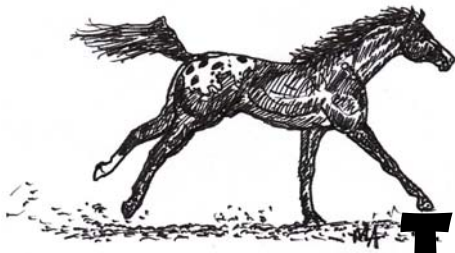


More editor's notes: Hugging the outside of the mountain, as it comes around the curve to its final destination of the old town of Corona, the old right-of-way was full of danger for someone attempting to drive a herd of horses 'over the top.' In my talks with King Parsons, over twenty years ago, he recalled that Mike Ruby only lost two horses on that drive.



Standing among the ruins of the old Corona Hotel, perched on the great Divide itself, one can barely make out the old right-of-way where Mike Ruby drove his horses down the western slopes





APHC BUGS J MAN, AKA "STELLEN", SAYS

THANK YOU, JOLETA!

We are very grateful, very proud to be included in the 2009 advertising of the stallions standing at Sooner member, Joleta Ingersoll—Spurlock's place, Hatbrand Reproductions, between Inola and Claremore, Oklahoma. As in 2008, "Stelen" will be under the management of Joleta, who will continue to be in charge of collection, AI, and shipped semen.

Jerry and I are truly blessed to find someone within seven miles of us who not only is professional, but also cares about mare owners, their mares, and the results of her breeding procedure.

Folks, this lady ranch manager has a heart as big as Ingersoll Ranch, is tough and won't quit! Ask Editor Gerry's mare, ApHC Easy Clipper—because of Joleta, "Clipper" is alive, and doing great, and will be a happy part of Gerry's holidays.

"Stelen's" stud fee will remain at \$500 for Sooner members only. Otherwise, it is \$750 with considerations for proven mares and multiple mare discount. No mare will be bred until a copy of her registration certificate is sent beforehand to Joleta and/or Alton Appaloosas, or is presented at the time the mare arrives at Hatbrand Reproductions. More on "Stelen" 2009 plan next issue...

Happy Holidays, thanks again to the families on the Ingersoll Ranch. Congratulations to trainer Dee Keener, Joleta's brother-in-law, who won the ApHC Cricket Bars Futurity with the mare, Fawns Rose. There will be more about this Appaloosa connection and Ingersoll Ranch history, it's people and horses, next issue, Thanks To Joleta.



*Jerry and Marian
and "Stelen"*

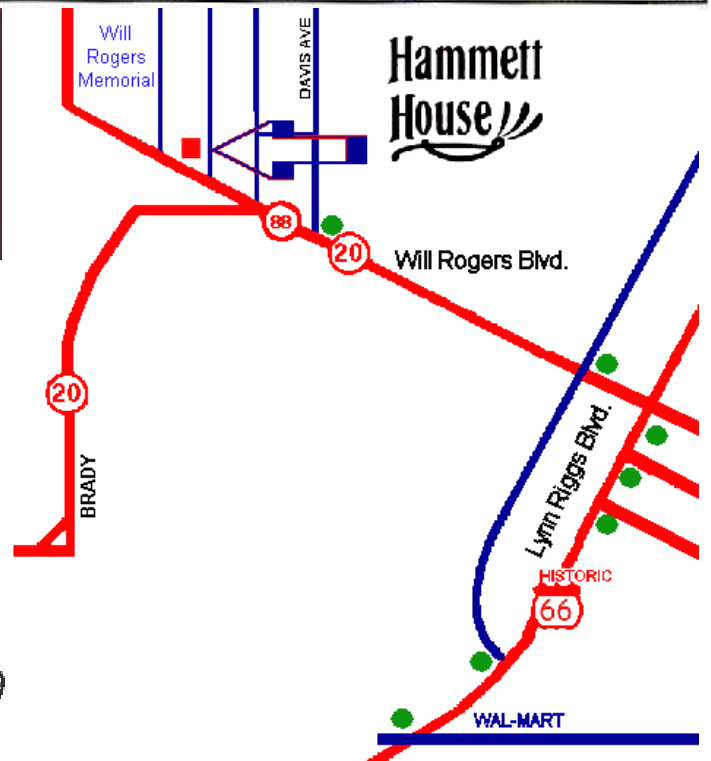
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From Judy DeMuth, Alton Appaloosas and the Colley Family



Photo 10-18-'08 6:30 p.m.

John Wilhite eases 40' of Turbow reverse slant trailer between power pole and trees in Alton driveway, and safely delivers four DeMuth bred Appaloosas from Michigan to Claremore, OK. Jerry Crouch watches from rear while Larry Colley anxiously guards narrow clearance (about one foot!) between John's rig and pole.

Sooner members and many Appaloosa lovers will remember the Easy Clipper story from a few months ago when 'Clipper' travel foundered after almost 48 hours of hauling (not by John) from Michigan to Claremore. She arrived sore and weary in a cramped, unclean trailer. It took many weeks for Joleta Ingersoll-Spurlock, her vet and farrier, to save Easy Clipper, who now belongs to Editor, Gerry Lukacik, and is doing fine.

Judy DeMuth, the Colley family, Jerry and I, want John and all horse people to know how grateful we are to John for delivering our Appaloosas in excellent condition, after an overnight 900 mile trip. We were relieved when we knew John could haul for us. He was in South Carolina when I called him, and soon as possible, he headed for Judy DeMuth's place in Ida, Michigan.

John hauled for us three years ago and left Judy's place with snow already on the ground. He safely brought our DeMuth bred Appaloosa mare to Claremore who was five months in foal at the time. We've been spoiled ever since! We've Judy to thank for locating John for us.

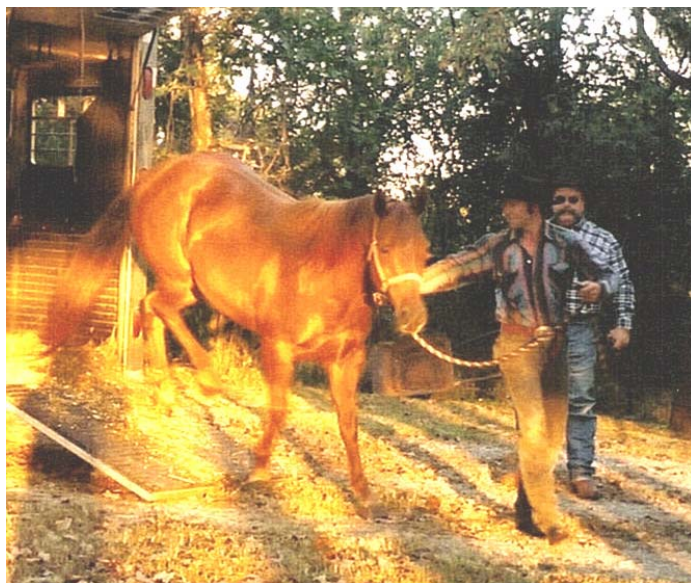


Jerry, John and Larry (left) visit a few minutes after horses are unloaded. John, who hadn't seen his family in two weeks, headed home to Sallisaw, OK, about 100 miles SE.



John hands the lead rope to Larry (above) as they prepare to load the Colley family's half Thoroughbred daughter of famous ApHC sire Wap Spot II. She went right in with Larry, whose gelding, "Murphy" was waiting in the front half. Larry and his new horses had a safe 50 mile journey to Terlton. The family was waiting!

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“Highly” (left) and “Hustle” (Right), two gorgeous young Appaloosa mares, are both 3 times ApHC Hands Up, and you can guess who now happily owns them! “Highly” is sired by Judy DeMuth’s World Champion ApHC Zips EZ Question, out of ApHC Hands Macha-Reyna, bred by Marian. “Hustle”, also a DeMuth bred is by Champion Hustlers Hi Hand, out of Judy’s daughter of ApHC Champion, Mr Duplicate Hand, who was an Alton bred, owned by Judy. Marian has wanted some Mr Duplicate Hand breeding for years! Thanks to Judy, she has it now!

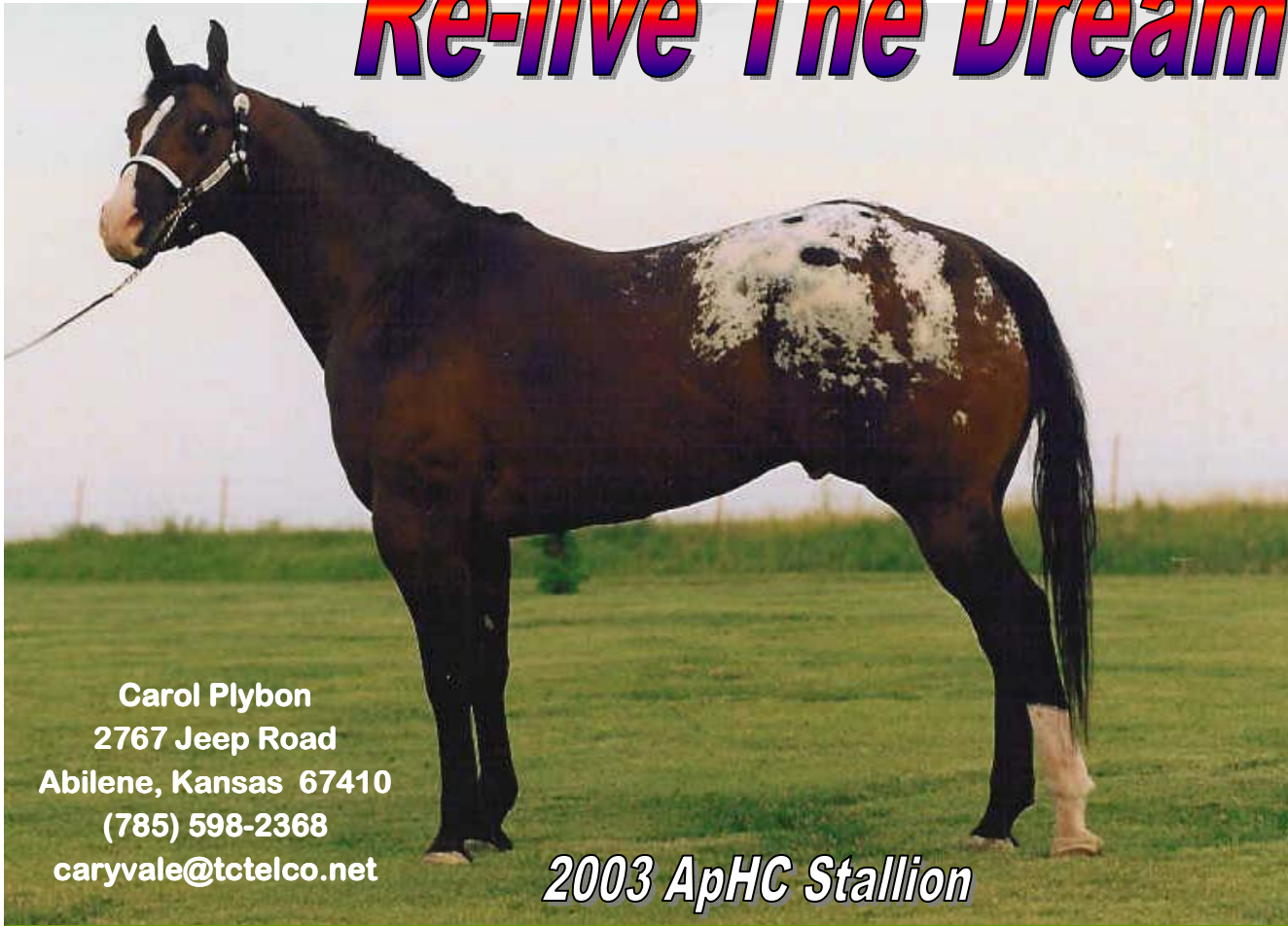


“Murphy” (left), full brother to “Highly” (above, left), is now owned by the Colley family, Sooner members from Terlton, Oklahoma.

This is the Colley stallion, foundation bred “Rainmaker” (right), who will help make a certain little girl’s Appaloosa dream come true. The Colley Wap Spot II daughter will be bred to “Rainmaker” to raise a foal for Sooner Youth Member, Samanna Bennett, Cayenne Colley’s best friend, who is like one of the family. Samanna chose the mare and stallion herself. Samanna wants to thank John, who had no idea of the part he’d play. Thanks so much to Judy DeMuth for making it possible for the Colleys to do this.



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Dam: Pratt/Foundation Mare
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"Shawnee"

Shawnee is a yearling filly who loves to be handled.

Sire: DREABLUHAWKRODEODAY

Dam: Pratt/Ulrich Mare
\$1200



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"Chipper"

Chipper is a yearling filly who is very athletic.

Sire: DREABLUHAWKRODEODAY

Dam: Pratt/Foundation Mare
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"Feather"

Feather is a 2002 Mare who is bred back to our Stallion "Blue". Her 2007 filly is "Shawnee". She produces big healthy, colorful babies.

Pratt/Ulrich Breeding.

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"Xena"

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6' 5" of lawman on a flashy 16 hands, 1350 pounds Appaloosa gelding, with a uniformed mounted patrol following, plus, in their wake, a matched pair of colored Appaloosas, with one of their riders being the nationally known crime fighting dog, McGruff — THAT was a sight to make you proud to be an American!

Rogers County (Oklahoma) Sheriff, Buck Johnson, and his big, gentle Appaloosa, "C. J.," were crowd pleasers in all the Claremore, Oklahoma parades during the late 1980's and early 1990's



All the photos in this article are courtesy of Buck and Gwen Johnson. All horseback photos prior to 1995.

On the right: Sheriff Buck Johnson and "C. J." Claremore, Oklahoma parade.

"C. J." had previously been owned by Carla Lambert, daughter of George and Dee Lambert of ApHC Mighty Chick Deck AAAT fame.

Below: These mounted lawmen used their horses in brushy rough terrain to help corner the lawless where vehicles couldn't follow. Horses were also ridden on many a rural search for marijuana. The tenacity of these men was known far and wide in Rogers County.



From left to right; Sheriff Buck Johnson and "C. J.", Undersheriff Roy Dowden, Don Morgan and Mel Sires. This same photo was enlarged, and framed with barn wood, and presented to Buck by his office crew.

"C. J.'s" registered name with the Appaloosa Horse Club is Plus One. His sire was Sofar Sogood, a son of Bolodier (TB) on the top side, and a grandson of Cricket Bars on the bottom side. His dam was Bo Star Merry (QH), a mare of Leo and Bert breeding.

Sooner News



McGruff, (Sonya Lovell), and Marian Alton, on the Lovell family's Appaloosas, "Lucky" and "Rick."

"Lucky", on the left, was Sonya Lovell's gelding, and "Rick", on the right, was Carleen Lovell's gelding. This pair of tough competitors, and the Lovell girls, entered many Sooner shows. The mother of "Lucky" was an AQHA Mr Bar None AAAT bred mare. Rick's sire was Prince Plaudit bred, and Lucky's sire was the Hands Up bred Lovell stallion, ApHC Mr G Bar, who was also the sire of Sooner President Carol Johnson's mare, and also a mare owned by Sooner members, the Colley family. Both mares are full sisters, and were featured in our last Sooner newsletter. Jim & Miriam Lovell rejoined Sooner ApHC in September, 2008. Welcome back!



McGruff having fun, pretending to not know how to ride...Claremore, OK.



*McGruff in front of Wal*Mart after "riding lesson." we aren't sure of who was McGruff in these photos—the Lovell girls always wore boots.*



Buck, "C. J.," and little girl.

Buck, "C. J." and little boy.

Buck, "C. J." and older boy patting "C. J."

The blue roan mare in the background of the picture on the left, belonged to the Johnsons, and was "C. J.'s" best friend. All the above photos were taken at Will Rogers Roundup Club Rodeo Grounds, Claremore, Oklahoma.

Marian Alton relates, "During my happy September '08 visit, with Buck and Gwen Johnson, they both said they wonder who these children are, and where they are now."



McGruff, wearing Santa Claus hat, (Carleen Lovell) on "Lucky." Marian Alton is on "Rick."

Note the red headgear on "Lucky" with green pom-poms.

Photo taken during a Claremore, Oklahoma Christmas parade.

Undersheriff Roy Dowden, Sheriff Buck Johnson, and Deputy Jim Hicks, survey one of many marijuana finds.

During Buck's twelve years as sheriff, there were twelve homicides—ten were solved.





It was a long standing tradition for the sheriff's office to "arrest" a tourist family each day of the Will Rogers Roundup Club's PRCA Rodeo in Claremore. The family would be treated to free rodeo tickets, meals and lodging.

Above are Buck and three of his tourist welcoming committee. In front of Buck is wife, Gwen, to the left is Polly Weir, office clerk. Behind Polly is deputy, Janella Spurlock, who was National Lady Police Officer Of The Year. Famous news commentator, Ed Bradley, came to Claremore to interview her.

All four are standing in front of the main door to the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore.



Buck was Claremore Police Chief 16 years, Sheriff 12 years. He says, "Those were twelve of the best years of my life!"

Buck was "The voice of the Zebras," Claremore's football team. He announced, officially, forty years, including being commentary with Wayne Wisenhunt, who announced play by play on KWPR.

After retirement, Buck announced the Foyil Panthers football games where three grandsons played.



Although Buck has had by-pass heart surgery, he and Gwen still enjoy going to their acreage out-of-town. They have a granddaughter, Madison, who loves animals and firmly declares she wants a horse as soon as a new pasture fence is built. She knows just who to talk to — after all, if you want a horse found, call the law! Grandpa Buck will be on the hunt before long for a special horse for a very special girl. Maybe, there will be a rare find as calm and lovable as the Appaloosa Johnson “family member,” “C. J.” was.....

“C. J.” and Buck are pictured, above, in front of the Claremore Junior College, Claremore, Oklahoma.



Marian Alton notes: The two hours I spent with Buck and Gwen talking and laughing about old times and selecting these photos to use in Sooner News were happy reminders of some unique NE Oklahoma Appaloosa history. I had the pleasure of introducing Buck to C. J. around twenty years ago. Now I am honored to help find another special Appaloosa for a future Sooner youth member.

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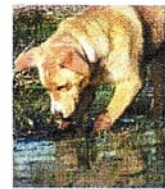
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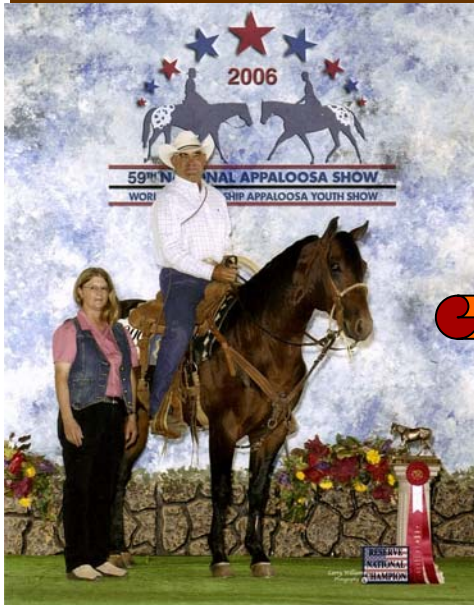
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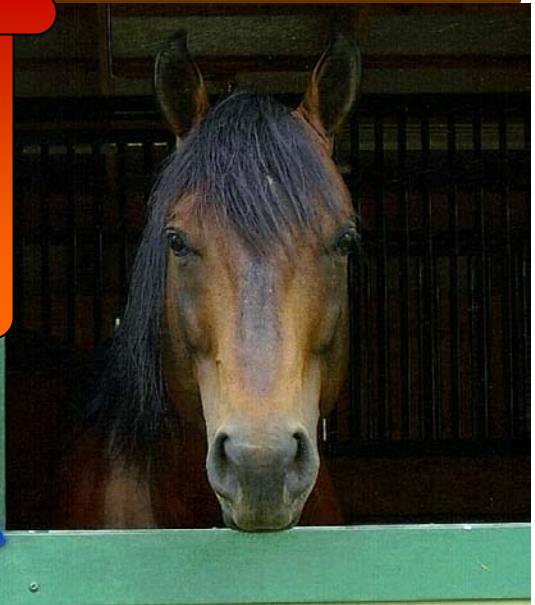


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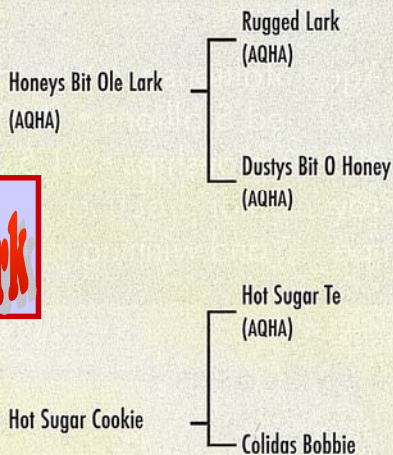
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Sonoran Sunrise Bake

1 pound bacon
 2 tablespoons butter
 1/2 cup chopped onions
 3 tablespoons chopped roasted red peppers
 1 (4 ounce) can chopped green chilies, drained
 1/2 teaspoon chili powder

7 thick bread slices cut into 1-inch pieces
 1. 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
 1 1/2 cups shredded Monterey Jack or Pepper Jack cheese
 8 eggs
 2 cups 2% reduced fat milk

1. Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add half the bacon and cook until crisp, turning frequently. Drain on paper towels and discard drippings. Repeat with remaining bacon. Crumble.
2. Heat butter over medium heat until melted. Add onions and cook until translucent, about 4 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in roasted peppers and chilies. Remove from heat and set aside.
3. Grease a 13-by-9 inch glass baking pan. Arrange bread cubes in the bottom of pan. Sprinkle bacon and cheeses over bread cubes.
4. Whisk eggs in a large bowl until well beaten. Add milk and chili powder; mix well. Stir in onion mixture. Pour evenly over top of casserole. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 3 hours or overnight.
5. Remove casserole from refrigerator and let stand for 30 minutes
6. Preheat oven to 300F. Remove plastic wrap and bake 60 to 70 minutes, until center is set. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serves 14.

Tip: This dish is ideal when serving buffet-style, because it holds its heat and flavor for a long time.
Nutritional facts per serving: 330 calories, 23g fat, 21g protein 9g carbohydrates, 1g fiber, 910mg sodium.

Butter-Bean Pie



Here is a vegetable that doesn't get enough attention—the butter bean. If you enjoy this vegetable, and are looking for a new way to prepare it, you will truly please your taste buds with this one.

8 ounces extra-lean ground sirloin beef or turkey breast
 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can Campbell's Healthy Request Tomato Soup
 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
 2 (15-ounce) cans butter beans, rinsed and drained
 1 cup finely chopped onion
 1 cup finely chopped green bell pepper
 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
 1 Pillsbury refrigerated unbaked piecrust

Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray a deep dish 10-inch pie plate with butter-flavored cooking spray. In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, brown meat, onion and green pepper. Stir in tomato soup, parsley flakes and black pepper. Add butter beans. Mix well to combine.

Spread mixture into prepared pie plate. Top with pie crust. Flute edges and make slashes across the top of crust. Bake for 20 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 F. Bake an additional 45 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Place pie plate on a wire rack and let set for 5 minutes. Cut into 8 servings.

* Each serving equals: 224 calories, 8g fat, 8g protein, 30g carbs, 228mg sodium, 33mg calcium, 3g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Starch/Carb, 1 1/2 Meat; Carb choices: 2.



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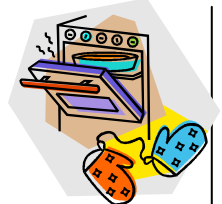


RECIPES



From AVA Farms

Cheesy Potato Shepherd's Pies



1 lb lean ground beef
 1 3/4 cups water
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 cup milk
 2 tablespoons chili sauce or ketchup
 1 egg, slightly beaten
 Paprika, if desired

1/2 cup chopped onion
 2 tablespoons butter
 2 1/2 cups mashed potato mix (dry)
 1 (12 oz.) jar home-style beef gravy
 1 (9 oz.) pkg. Green Giant® frozen mixed vegetables
 2 oz. (1/2 cup) shredded Cheddar cheese

- 1) Heat oven to 375F. Spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Heat over medium high heat until hot. Ad ground beef and onion, cook and stir until beef is thoroughly cooked.
- 2) Meanwhile, in medium saucepan, bring water, butter and salt to a boil. Remove from heat. Stir in potato flakes and milk. Set aside.
- 3) To beef mixture, add gravy, chili sauce and vegetables, mix well. Bring to a boil. Spoon mixture into 4 (2-cup) individual ovenproof casseroles or bowls. Place casseroles in ungreased 15x10x1-inch baking pan.
- 4) Add egg to potatoes; mix well. Stir in cheese. Spoon or pipe potato mixture around edge of each casserole. Sprinkle with paprika.
- 5) Bake at 375F for 20 minutes or until potatoes are set.



Apple Butter

6 lbs Granny Smith or other tart apples, unpeeled, cored and sliced
 2 1/2 cups apple cider
 2 strips lemon zest, each 2 1/2 inches long
 1 teaspoon ground allspice
 1/2 teaspoon salt

2 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
 1 Tablespoon cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
 4 1/2 pint canning jars with lids



- 1) In a large saucepan, cook apples in cider over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until tender. Puree them through a medium food mill into another saucepan and add the remaining ingredients.
- 2) Cook the mixture over very low heat, stirring occasionally, for 2 1/2 to 3 hours or until thick. Discard lemon zest and spoon the mixture into 4 sterilized half-pint Mason type jars, filling them to within a half inch of the top. Wipe the rims with a dampened cloth and seal the jars with the lids.
- 3) Put the jars in a water-bath canner or a rack in a deep pot and add enough water to cover the jars at least two inches. Bring to a boil and process, covered, for 10 minutes. Using canning tongs, transfer the jars to a rack and let them cool. Let the apple butter mellow in a cool, dark place for at least one week.

Note: You can use honey instead of sugar by substituting an equal amount. The large amount of sugar called for is the amount recommended by the government to prevent butter, preserves, jams and jellies from molding. You can also double or triple the recipe, but your cooking time will probably double or triple as well.



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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENDURANCE RIDE

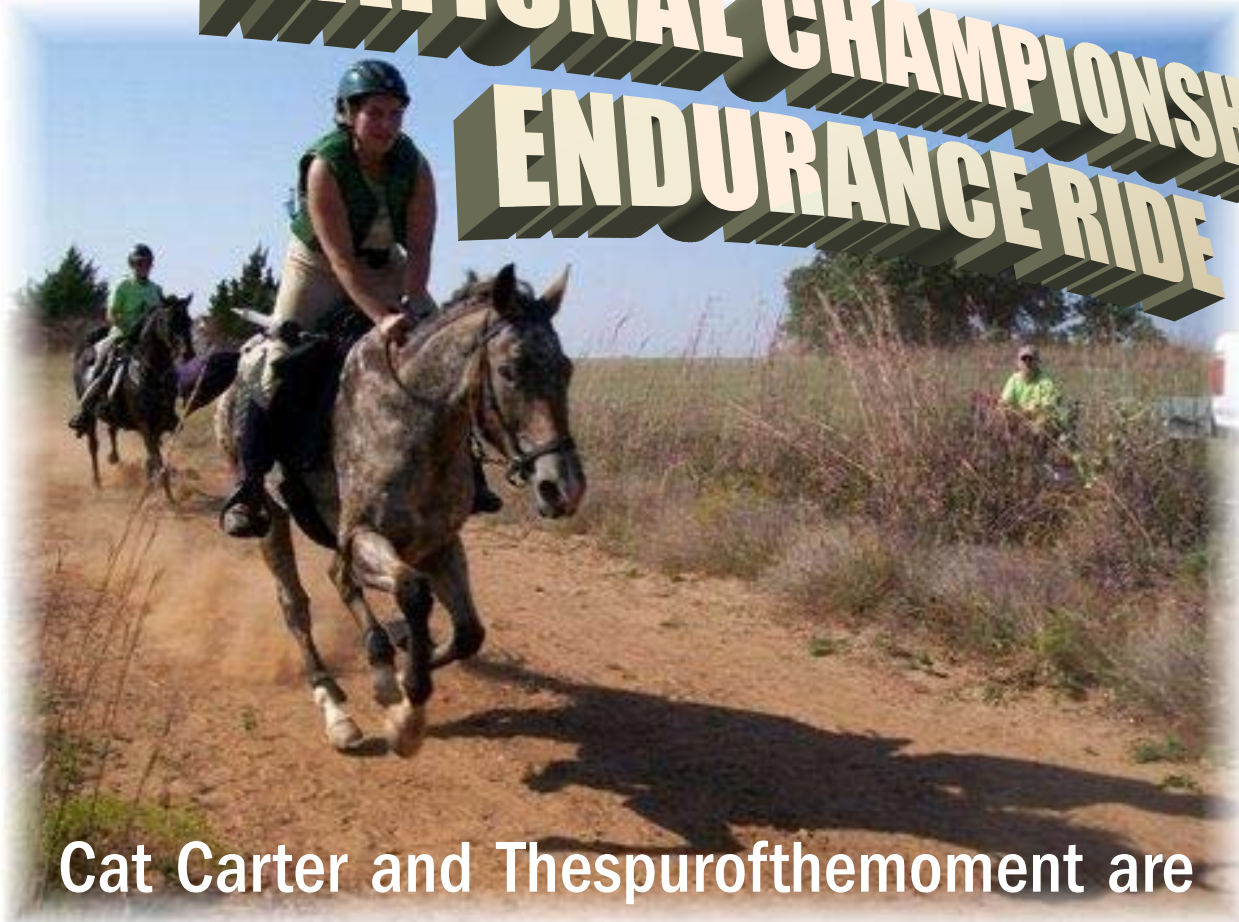


Photo by John Lyttle

Cat Carter and Thespurofthemoment are first across the line in both the Appaloosa National Championship Endurance Ride, and the Indian Territory Ride at Lake Carl Blackwell, Stillwater, Oklahoma!

Several Sooner members turned out to help where needed, and to watch an event they normally don't get to witness. 2008 was the year the ApHC's National Championship Endurance Ride came to Oklahoma. Originally scheduled to be held near Foyil, Oklahoma, the site was moved to Stillwater less than two weeks before the ride, when the Army Corps of Engineers closed the floodgates to Lake Oologah, flooding all the trails. Despite what could have been a major setback, ride management found a new location in less than 24 hours.

The weather was absolutely perfect. Riders may have required a light jacket at the start of the ride, but those were soon shed as the temperature would peak around 80 with a fairly strong breeze.

Early in the ride, during the first 17 mile loop, when this picture was taken, Cat Carter and Thespurofthemoment were in among the front runners. They would hang in there, with the leaders the entire ride.

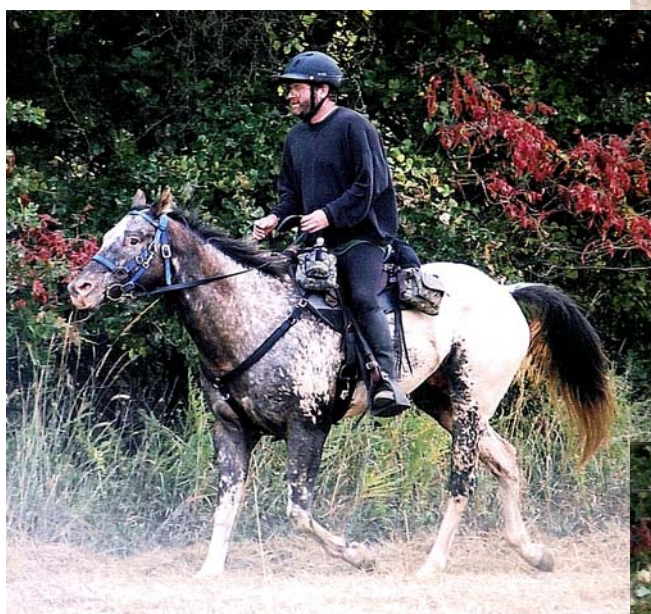
Bought without registration papers, “Spur” was bought at an auction, on a bit of a whim, hence his registered name.

There were over 50 horses and riders entered in the Indian Territory ride, and there were six Appaloosa horses and riders entered in the ApHC National Championship Endurance Ride, all of them coming from points east of Oklahoma. Cat and “Spur” travelled about 1300 miles for this event!



One of the conditions for being eligible for the ApHC National Championship Endurance Ride was that the horse had to complete a fifty mile ride prior to this event.

Robert Rountree and his gelding didn't meet that requirement (left), but showed their support for the ride by coming and entering the open Indian Territory Ride



Lucie Hess, from Missouri, and her gelding, (right) won the “Turtle Award” for the open ride, being the last rider across the line.

Lucie is a familiar face to those from Oklahoma and surrounding states.



Sooner ApHC sponsored a pre-ride dinner, the night before, for the Appaloosa riders and their crews, when they hired the 4M Chuckwagon folks out of Muskogee (left). Not only was the eating good, but they brought their own authentic 1907 chuck wagon, originally built the same year that Oklahoma became a state!



Shilo Vanhart and Waps Blackberry placed second in the ApHC National championship Endurance Ride. The picture at left was taken during the first 17 mile loop, while the picture below was taken the night before the ride.



Making the long drive from out east, along with Shilo and Waps Blackberry, were Jeff Hartman and Varre Blackberry (right). That picture was taken the evening before the ride.

Unfortunately, this pair were eventually pulled for lameness, and did not complete the ride. Jeff decided, afterwards, that this would be the mare's last ride, and that she would be retired and bred next spring.

I'm sure one of her future foals will be hitting the distance trails when it comes of age.



Another team that did not finish the ride, were Jenner Brunk and Djangos Guitar (left). They completed about two thirds of the ride when they were pulled for lameness.

It's not an easy pill to swallow, when you plan and save and train all year, and then travel a great distance for one specific ride, only to be pulled. Riders participating in this sport are well aware that it can and does happen, even to the best of them.



Making her third attempt at the National Championship Endurance Ride was Karen Gerkin, riding DKG Prince Aristo. This team finished third in the Championship Ride.

Karen bred, raised, and trained this horse, and was proud to finish.

Karen was worried, before the ride, that she'd have to ride by herself, and end up getting lost. While she did end up riding a major portion of the ride by herself, she did not get lost.

The trails at Lake Carl Blackwell are permanently marked, so even if the trail ribbons are missing, the state park signs, along the trail keep riders on track.



Photo by Carol Johnson

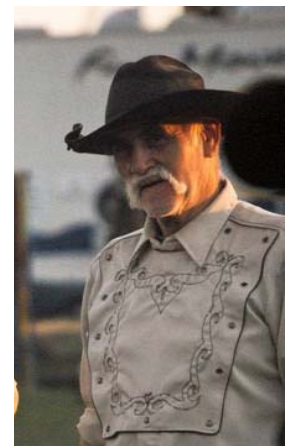
Making a 1300 mile trip, one way, to participate, and then not get to start, were Kim Lyttle and her gelding Khans Magic Piper.

All was not lost, as Cat Carter, and her winning gelding, Thespurofthemoment (far left) travelled to the ride with John and Kim Lyttle



Present at the ride, but not riding this year, was Bill Wicklund (right). Sooner members may remember when he came north, to Oktaha, at Gerry's place, and gave a distance riding clinic.

Also present at the ride, our very own Dedra Tiger (left), Sooner VP and Show Manager, as well as Our Sooner President, Carol Jonson (below left). The entire Colley family were there for both days as well. Pictured below right, are Larry, Lori and Colton Colley.



Photos above and below by Carol Johnson



Your Sooner Newsletter Editor is pictured below.



Sooner youth had a good time while at the ride site. These three young entrepreneurs earned themselves some extra money by cleaning up riders' campsites. From left to right, Cayenne Colley, Katelynn Sokolowski, and Cary Colley.



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At left, Cary and Cayenne Colley relax in Dedra Tiger's double folding chair.

From left to right, Theresa Colley, Katelynn Sokolowski, Cary Colley, Cayenne Colley, and James Colley, try their hands at weaving pine needles while a garden hose, attached to a hydrant for filling buckets of water, sends water spray into the air. Below, Katelynn, Cayenne, Cary and James, hold a pow-wow under the trees.

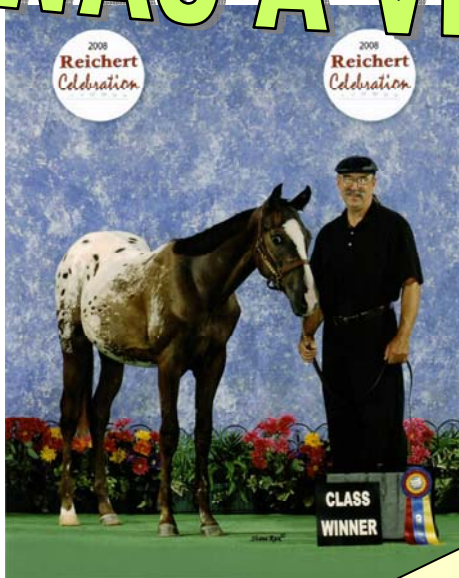


Portraits Of A Champion

Carol Johnson took a fair number of pictures of Cat and “Spur”, because she was amazed how much “Spur” looked like one of her own horses. We decided to use some of those pictures, and make a collage honoring this years ApHC National Championship Endurance Ride winner.



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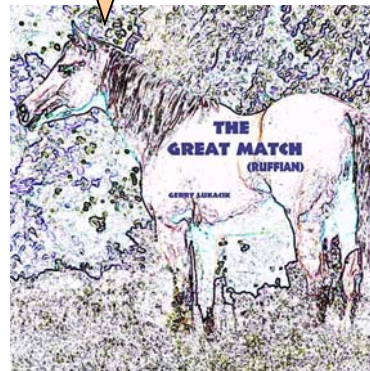
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JJS PORT IN A STORM *left*
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Oklahoma Appaloosa Racing Results



Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, September 6, 2008

Sunny skies and unseasonably cool weather greeted fans to the track for a great day of live races at Blue Ribbon Downs on Saturday, September 6. The first race of the day was the lone Paint and Appaloosa race on the program, and a field of ten allowance type horses hit the track seeking their second victories. Breaking from post five, Sister Scooterbug was able to break strongly and hold off the late charge from Marfa Lights and Tia Wanna and Royalstraight Flush, the latter pair dead heated for third. It was the second straight victory for the three-year-old filly, who has now finished in the top three in four of her eight career starts. Her maiden victory came just over six weeks ago at Fair Meadows at Tulsa, where she soundly defeated a group of upper class maiden claimers by over two lengths. The margin of victory this time around was a little narrower, as the daughter of Zevis Scooter Bug took a big step up into allowance company, and showed a great amount of heart to hold on for the victory. Bred, owned, and trained by Donna Landon of Chelsea, Sister Scooterbug was ridden to victory by Debbie Freeman in a final hand time of 13.50 for 250 yards over a fast track.



Sister Scooterbug



Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, September 13, 2008



Ms Prissy Driver

The seventh race of the day on September 13th at Blue Ribbon Downs was the lone Paint and Appaloosa race on the program and it featured a field of nine horses searching for their first career victories. Breaking from post-position six, Ms Prissy Driver broke sharply and never looked back winning by a length and a half in wire to wire fashion over Magical Feet and Miss High Society. It was the third career start for the three-year-old filly, who picked up a little over \$3,000 for her efforts. It was the first start in over eleven months for the daughter of My Designated Driver, as Ms Prissy Driver got her sophomore campaign started on a good note, proving much the best in her return to the track. Owned by William McKee and trained by Hubert Blankenship, Ms Prissy Driver was guided to victory by Jerry Vaughan, who won his first race of the meet with the victory on Saturday, in a final running time of 17.88 seconds for 350 yards over the good track.

Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, September 27, 2008

The second race on the Saturday, September 27th card at Blue Ribbon Downs was the first of two Cricket Bars Futurity Trials, as a field of six Appaloosas attempted to qualify to the Grade One event. Heavy 1-9 post time favorite Fawns Rose overcame a bobbled start and was able to win under a hand ride by three quarters of a length over Streakin Prince. Making her sixth career start, Fawns Rose has now won three of her career starts and also has a very close second place effort in the Speed-horse Sprint Futurity at Fair Meadows at Tulsa, her last start before entering the trials. All tolled, Fawns Rose has earned just under \$40,000 in her time on the track for owners Kent Taylor and Danny Thomas and trainer Dee Keener. Guided to victory by Adalberto Candanosa, Fawns Rose covered the 330 yards in 17.27 seconds over the fast track, earning a spot in the Grade One Cricket Bars Futurity in two weeks.



Fawns Rose



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Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, September 27, 2008

The third race on Saturday September 27th at Blue Ribbon Downs was the second of two trials for the Grade One Cricket Bars Futurity, as a field of six Appaloosas attempted to qualify for the prestigious race. Breaking from post-position four, No Dinero proved to be a no doubt winner, taking the second trial heat by a length over Appsolutely Wicked; Bug Be Gone and Rock N Roll Ruby dead-heated for third. Making just her fourth career start, No Dinero entered the race fresh off of her first career victory, which came back on September 12th at the Sallisaw track, where the filly has never been defeated. Lifetime the filly has earned the first place check in half of her career starts, and now has earnings of over \$6,000. Owned by Glen Wilkinson and trained by Frank Cooper, No Dinero was guided to victory by Denise Lambeth, establishing the fastest qualifying time of 17.16 seconds,



No Dinero



Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, September 28, 2008



Mr Coup de Ville



The tenth and final race on Sunday, September 28th at Blue Ribbon Downs was the second of two Paint and Appaloosa contests as a field of ten entered the starting gates, looking for career victory number two. Breaking from post-position four, Mr Coup de Ville was hovering around the top spot for a majority of the race, but in the final three strides found an amazing burst of speed and won by a narrow nose over Judys Hero and Texas Easy Down Kelly. Making his seventeenth career start, Mr Coup de Ville has now landed inside the top three in five of his career finishes, and boosted his career earnings to well over \$11,000. A three-year-old gelding by Dispensing Speed, Mr Coup de Ville is owned and trained by Angie Jones from Stuart, and made his fifth start at Blue Ribbon Downs a successful journey. Guided to victory by rider Tony Bennett, who recently returned from riding duties at Ajax Downs in Ontario, Canada, Mr Coup de Ville covered 350 yards in 18.20 seconds over the fast track.

Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, September 29, 2008

The fifth race on the Monday, September 29th program at Blue Ribbon Downs was the lone Paint and Appaloosa race on the day, as a field of ten horses hit the track seeking their first career victory. In a thrilling finish to the race, Jim Marble just beat out Beat Defeat by a nose to pick up career victory number one. Both of the horses closed from off of the pace, but in the end Jim Marble had the edge on momentum and came back the winner following the results of a photo finish. Making his seventh career start, Jim Marble landed inside the top three for the first time in his career, and earned well over \$3,000 for the win. Owned by William McKee and trained by Hubert Blankenship, Jim Marble was guided to victory by Jennifer Schmidt, covering 330 yards over the fast track in 17.39 seconds.



Jim Marble



Oklahoma Appaloosa Racing Results, cont.

Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, October 10, 2008



G I Jana

An extremely talented field of ten allowance type Paint and Appaloosas hit the track for the sixth race on Friday at Blue Ribbon Downs. With 100 yards remaining in the race, there were five candidates within a half length of the lead, but as the field neared the wire, G I Jana proved the best as she closed quickly to win by a half length over La Pecosa and A Day Before. Breaking from post-position nine, G I Jana got off to a very quick start and was able to keep pace with the pack as the filly was able to make her twelfth career start a successful one. A filly by Brisco County Jr, G I Jana has finished inside the top three in eight of her career starts, and has earned over \$31,000 for owner Jana Harrison and trainer Luis Villafranco. Riding his third winner of the day, Adalberto Candanosa guided G I Jana over 350 yards in 17.67 seconds over the fast track for a 95 speed index.

Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, October 11, 2008

The fourth race on the Saturday was the first of two Paint and Appaloosa races on the day which featured a field of ten allowance type horses running 350 yards. Breaking from post-position two, Ms Prissy Driver was making just her fourth consecutive start, and her first start since breaking her maiden last time out. A huge jump in class did not effect the three-year-old filly, as Ms Prissy Driver delivered a huge performance to win by a head over Isadorable and Open Range. All four of the filly's starts have come at Blue Ribbon Downs, where the daughter of my Designated Driver has picked up two straight wins and has bankrolled more than \$8,500 for owner William McKee. Trained by Hubert Blankenship and ridden to victory by Jennifer Schmidt.



Ms Prissy Driver



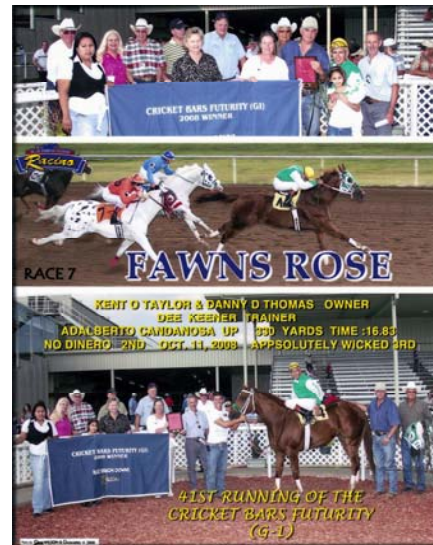
Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, October 11, 2008

41st Running Of The Cricket Bars Futurity

The featured race on the Saturday program was the 41st running of the Grade 1, \$38,505 Cricket Bars Futurity for two-year-old Appaloosa's. Breaking from post-position five, heavy 4-5 favorite Fawns Rose proved much the best defeating No Dinero and Appsolutely Wicked. No doubt one of the most accomplished runners in the field, Fawns Rose finished a very close second in the \$127,600 Grade 1 Speedhorse Sprint Futurity on closing weekend at Fair Meadows at Tulsa before coming back and winning her trial heat for the Cricket Bars. A daughter of With Honors, Fawns Rose has made seven lifetime starts and has picked up four victories, finishing outside of the top three only once in her career, along the way combining earnings of over \$60,000. Owned by Kent Taylor and Danny Thomas and trained by Dee Keener, regular rider Adalberto Candanosa guided Fawns Rose over 330 yards in a final running time of 16.83 seconds over the fast track.

A large copy of the win picture is on the opposite page.

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November / December, 2008



**KENT O TAYLOR & DANNY D THOMAS OWNER
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**ADALBERTO CANDANOSA UP 330 YARDS TIME :16.83
NO DINERO 2ND OCT. 11, 2008 APPSOLUTELY WICKED 3RD**

These Fine Sooner Members Are Expressing An Interest In Running For A Position On The Sooner ApHC Board Of Directors, Or Interested In Retaining Their Present Positions



Sharon Marshall, DVM

As a horse infatuated teenager, I was introduced to Appaloosas and quickly gained an avid appreciation for the horse. My mother and I have become rather a fixture in the central US Appaloosa picture. We have shown from Texas to North Dakota as well as in Canada and Europe. The one constant in all of our travels is the Appaloosa people. Nowhere else can you find a group of more personable, knowledgeable people.

Our breeding program has expanded from my original foundation Appaloosa mare to standing a stallion, breeding a select group of mares and showing our foals to the highest level they are capable. Very few things in this world compare with the satisfaction of watching a foal you bred and raised be successful in the show ring.

In my "other" life, I am a veterinarian in Lexington, OK. Despite 15 years of practice, I still enjoy the challenge of listening to my patients without hearing any words (woofs, meows and neighs don't count.)

Sharon Marshall is running for a two year position on Sooner ApHC's Board Of Directors.



Joan Marshall

I was horse crazy from a young age, but didn't get to have horses until I was in my late twenties. We rented a house with 5 acres, bought a horse for my daughter (not Sharon, but her older sister) and then took in boarders. Learned many lessons there, as we were green as grass. As things go, we had to get a second horse and then a third, so that all the family could go ride. We were really backyard owners until Sharon became old enough to start in the Trailblazers of 4-H. That started lessons and 4-H showing. As things progressed, we bought our first appaloosa when Sharon was about twelve. Since then, we have shown and bred appaloosas. About fifteen years ago, I went from being a "show mom" to starting to compete. This was at Sharon's insistence that since "I was there, I should start to show."

In my late thirties, I went back to university as a non-traditional student (that translates into "went to university when I was old enough to be the incoming students mother"). My current profession is being an Occupational Therapist. My work experience has been with all ages: Neonatal ICU, special needs school children, mental health treatment for children, adolescents, adults and geriatrics, nursing homes, and home health. I have worked both as an individual and in a department with others.

Joan is running for a one year position on Sooner ApHC's Board Of Directors.



Debbie Sullivan

Debbie is running for a two year position on Sooner ApHC's Board Of Directors.



Dedra Tiger

I have served as Sooner Club Vice President since 2004 and can't believe the changes we've seen in 2008. Sooner took a giant step, this year, and I believe it's due to the addition of wonderful and talented members, working together. 2009 promises to be even more exciting and I look forward to being a part of the action as your Vice President, Reichert Appaloosa Celebration show manager and Sooner web master. Once again, I intend to keep us focused on the primary goals of our club: to promote the Appaloosa breed and increase our membership.

As your fellow club member, I am at your disposal. Whether you would like to bounce an idea off someone or have a gripe to air, I will be there with a listening ear and soft shoulder. Again, I will serve to assist the President, in any way, and work with the various committees, as well. Thank you, in advance, for the opportunity and honor to serve you and this club for another year. I would appreciate your vote for the office of 2009 Vice President.

Dedra is running for the position of Sooner ApHC Vice President.

Gerry Lukacik

I've never been good at writing about myself. I've been a member of Sooner ApHC about a year longer than I've actually lived in Oklahoma. I bought my place in Oktaha about two years before I retired and moved down from Illinois. Once I knew where I was moving to, I searched the Appaloosa Journal to see which regional club was the closest to my new location, and that's how I found and joined Sooner. I've managed to stay pretty busy in retirement, and plan to stay active in the regional for many years to come.



Gerry is running for the position of Sooner ApHC Secretary/Treasurer.



Carol Johnson

I've been drawn to Appaloosas since childhood. As an adult, I had the good fortune to have Babe (JML Barb's Babe) in my life. This great mare solidified the childhood attraction into an adult commitment. I continue my Appaloosa journey with her son Shiloh and two three-year old fillies, Maya and Inndigo. Each is special in their own right and teach me new things on a daily basis. My horses and the horse people I've known have added so much joy, interest and texture to my life. What do people without horses do??

I've served as Sooner ApHC President for the past eight years. In the mid-1990s, I served as Secretary/Treasurer for the Club. We've faced a lot of challenges as a Club over the years and seen growth and change as well. With the help of the BOD, officers and members, this Club has continued to grow and develop. This year saw our first Reichert Appaloosa Celebration show. We've added new members to the roster and reclaimed members from earlier years. 2008 has truly been an exciting year for all of us.

Carol is running for the position of Sooner ApHC President.

I hope to see the Club continue to grow and succeed. I would be honored to be your President again in 2009 and would appreciate your vote.

Elections for the Sooner ApHC Board positions and other various offices, will be held at the annual membership meeting on November 22, 2008, at the Golden Corral restaurant in Claremore, Oklahoma.

Meeting starts at 1:30 pm.



Paul Johnson

Paul is not up for re-election, but will be serving the second year of his two year term on the Sooner ApHC Board Of Directors.

Sue Kulp

Sue is not up for re-election, but will be serving the second year of her two year term on the Sooner ApHC Board Of Directors.



June Kooker

June recently relocated from Mississippi to Eufaula, Oklahoma. She is the proud owner of the stallion Hot Sugar Lark. June plans to be an active member of the Sooner ApHC.



June is running for a one year position on the sooner ApHC Board Of Directors.

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Keep in mind, we will be voting on a new get of sire futurity/stakes/incentive at the annual meeting on November 22. The only way a stallion's get can participate in this program is by making sure the stallion owner is a member of Sooner ApHC!

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Areas of Interest, Expertise

Filling in this section is optional, but will allow us to focus on our membership's interests.

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| | | Barrel Racing | | | Trail Rides |
| | | Roping | | | Team Penning |
| | | Endurance Events | | | Horse Shows |
| | | Dressage | | | Drill Team |
| | | Three Day Events | | | Cross Country |
| | | Fox Hunts | | | Hunter Pace |
| | | Pony Club | | | Play Days |
| | | <i>Other Please fill in:</i> | | | |

Comments



The Tiger Web

Welcome to my studio in Coweta, Oklahoma! My training as a commercial artist has been converted to use of the latest web tools, instead of pencil and paper. Each site I design is hand coded to your specifications, making your project the most important one in the house. You deserve the best value for your dollar.

What makes a great web site? I believe that a clean, uncluttered design coupled with fast loading pages and easy navigation are the main components of a great site. If your visitors have to wait on your site to load or get lost going from page to page, they will leave. Any component that is distracting or annoying will drive a visitor away. My goal is to keep visitors, your potential clients, on your site and insure they will return. Because of this approach, I have a list of loyal clients that continues to grow with each passing year.

There are special rates for horse clubs, breeding farms and other equine concerns. As Vice President of the Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club and a former small horse breeding farm partner, I truly understand the need for high quality equine marketing on a tight budget.

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