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## President's Corner



Happy New Year to all of you. It's hard to believe it's already 2009!

I hope everyone had a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. What a difference a year makes. This year the weather was so incredibly nice. Last year, we were recovering from the December ice storms. I enjoyed this year a lot more <G>. We got in several nice rides for the holidays. Holidays, horses and family and friends – does it get any better than this?

2008 was a really good year for the Sooner Club. Marian Alton and Gerry Lukacik joined forces on our newsletter, Marian as our reporter and Gerry as our editor. Little did we realize what this dynamic duo would do for the newsletter and for us. Marian's research and historical articles are a joy as well as educational. She's also has

been recruiting new members as have our other members. We've seen significant growth in our Club, with members throughout the US. Don't discount our far-flung membership, either. We have a new local area member who was discussing racing trainers with Karen Marr who put him in touch with . . . Marian Alton and the rest is history <G>. We co-pointed the All American Appaloosa Congress in Ardmore in June. Our main show focus as a Club in 2008 was the Reichert Appaloosa Celebration in August. Our first show was a success as a breed show. It was also a successful showcase of our horses among other breeds. Everyone had a good time and we're working on the 2009 Reichert Appaloosa Celebration now. We will be working to make this second show even more fun for our exhibitors and members. Dedra did her usual great job as our show manager in 2008 and will be guiding us forward into 2009.

We have two new programs that we're launching this year: a fresh, new take on a stallion futurity and a Youth ambassador program. Please read more about these programs in the newsletter and explore how they can work for you and how you can help support the programs.

Sharon Marshall is finalizing our 2008 scrapbook, which will be submitted to ApHC for consideration for the Exemplary Regional Club. We need to have this prepared and submitted by the end of January. Note that it doesn't have to be horse or Appaloosa related (hard to believe sometimes that we have activities that don't involve our horses). Also, keep track of your activities for 2009 as she's already planning the 2009 scrapbook.

My thanks to the outgoing 2008 BOD and officers. I'm looking forward to working with this year's BOD and officers as we continue to move forward and explore new avenues for promoting and enjoying our Appaloosas. We have several folks continuing on the BOD with us – what wonderful and devoted people. Joan Marshall and June Kooker are joining us on the BOD. We are looking forward to the new energy and insights they will bring to the Club.

There is no doubt that 2009 will be a challenging year for us as individuals and as a Club. I invite all of you to join us actively in promoting our breed and enjoying each other and our horses.

Carol Johnson, Sooner ApHC President



## 2008 Models Sired by Obviously Magic



KDJJ Magically  
Dreamin Zip  
Black & White Filly  
Dam: Zippin Dreamer



Approvals Magic  
Black & White Colt  
Dam: Approvals Fancy



Mahogany Magic  
Bay & White Filly  
Dam: Bar B Knot



## 2009 Models Arriving Soon!!

Due Feb. 5 - Finders Keep Her  
Sired by Dreamfinder →

Due Mar. 7 - Puffthemagicdreamer  
← Sired by Live The Dream



*Gayle Schwarz*

Due April 14 - Approvals Fancy  
Sired by Approval AQHA



Due April 16 - Bar B Knot  
Sired by Live The Dream

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Photo by Martha Swartz 12-31-'08 Claremore, Oklahoma

## TO DON AND KAREN MARR IN INDIANA!

This totally eye-bugging, beautiful, surprise was sent to Jerry and Marian from Sooner members, Don and Karen Marr, who love to keep their Oklahoma friends guessing as to what they're sending. They also sent two truck tags. One with the photo ad of 'Stelen' on it, the other with a red 1959 Cadillac (Jerry has always wanted one) on it, with the words "Jerry's Baby" and "The Shark." The throw and tags were inside a black, classy, business "tote bag" with all kinds of compartments, and on the front was the ApHC logo/Appaloosa!

You can bet that Marian was, for once, SPEECHLESS and sure had a big lump in her throat over all of the Marr generosity!

Cadillac tag is definitely



an eye catcher on Jerry's Dodge truck.



WOW! LOOK AT ME!



Jerry                      Karen                      Don  
Marian                      Dec. 2007 Photo—Claremore

Most of all, Don and Karen, Thank You for the gift of friendship, which means so much.

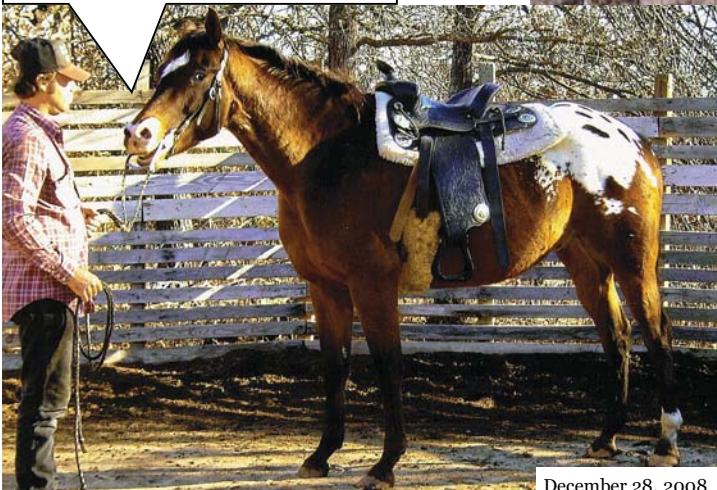
*Love, Jerry and Marian*

# 50 YEARS LATER...

... A Hands Up great, great, great grandson wears the same saddle and bit with original rein "chains" that are on Hands Up F-2217 in this December 1958 photo, Chelsea, Oklahoma!

ZIPS MY ANSWER, aka "Murphy" is by Judy DeMuth's World Champion ApHC ZIPS EZ QUESTION. (below)

WOW! I LOOK GOOD!



December 28, 2008

"Murphy" is owned by Larry Colley of Terlton, Oklahoma, whose family has enjoyed having photos taken with Marian's old saddle. Larry did an excellent job of cleaning the 'treasure' and Marian is very grateful to have this photo, taken by Lori Colley, for Sooner News and as a 50 year celebration mark for being a Hands Up breeder.

"Murphy", 3 X Hands Up, and his full sister, "Highly" trace back to the big black, Standardbred mare Marian's parents bought for her when Marian was eleven years old. This mare, Storm, was the first horse to carry that new saddle, Hands Up was the second. Storm foaled Marian's first Hands Up baby—a black filly.

This is the saddle used on ApHC Arrow Chief by Hands Up, in Frank Holmes book, *Spotted Pride*.

Highly will be bred to ApHC Bugs J Man—the beginning of the next 50 years!



Marian and "Highly"

Photo by Larry Colley 9/23/2008

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## Sooner ApHC History!



*The article at right appeared in the July 1965 issue of Appaloosa News (above) on page 51. Jim Chronister says these are Sooner's original officers. From the same issue, we discovered a picture of early Sooner member, Royce Crosby (below).*



DUSTY TOMAHAWK, owned by Royce Crosby, Lawton, Okla. High Point Performance Horse, El Reno Appaloosa Show, El Reno, Oklahoma, 1965. All Around High Point Horse, Shawnee Appaloosa Show, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 1965.

### Oklahoma Club Elects Officers

Members of the Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club of Oklahoma elected 1965 officers during a combination meeting and picnic.

Officers include Frank Lake, Muskogee, president; Howard Thompson, Shawnee, vice-president; Janice Boatman, Shawnee, secretary; and Louann Shackelford, Shawnee, treasurer.

Directors are Gerald Mitchell, Checotah; Jerial Tilley, St. Louis; Don Douglas, Tulsa; Lloyd Quisenberry, Oklahoma City, and Bill States, Prague. Roving directors named are Jim Baldwin, Newalla, and Bob Kincaide, Chelsea.

A highlight of the meeting was the showing of the film "Appaloosa," with club members showing "movie-fan" enthusiasm for the production. Shows and races for the season were discussed with the Enid show set for Sept. 11.



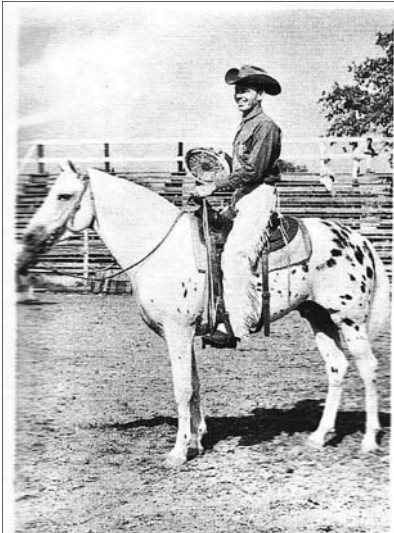
*As we close in on the 45th Anniversary of Sooner ApHC, I'll be combing through my old Appaloosa News for past articles about Sooner, plus any of our past and present members.*

*Some of my oldest Appaloosa News are still back in Illinois, but they predate Sooner ApHC anyway.*

*The cover of the issue (at right) is from November, 1962, a few issues before they started printing the covers in full color.*

*If anyone is aware of past issues, with articles about Sooner ApHC members, past or present, be sure to pass that information on to our editor!*





**DUSTY TOMAHAWK**, owned by Royce Crosby, Lawton, Okla. Claremore, Okla. — 1st, Men's Western Pleasure; 1st, Jr. Reining; 1st, Trail Class; 1st, Stump Race; 1st, Stake Race; 2nd, Costume; High Point Horse. Harrah, Okla. — 1st, Costume Class; 2nd, Men's Western Pleasure; 2nd, Stump Race; 2nd, Stake Race; High Point Horse of Show.

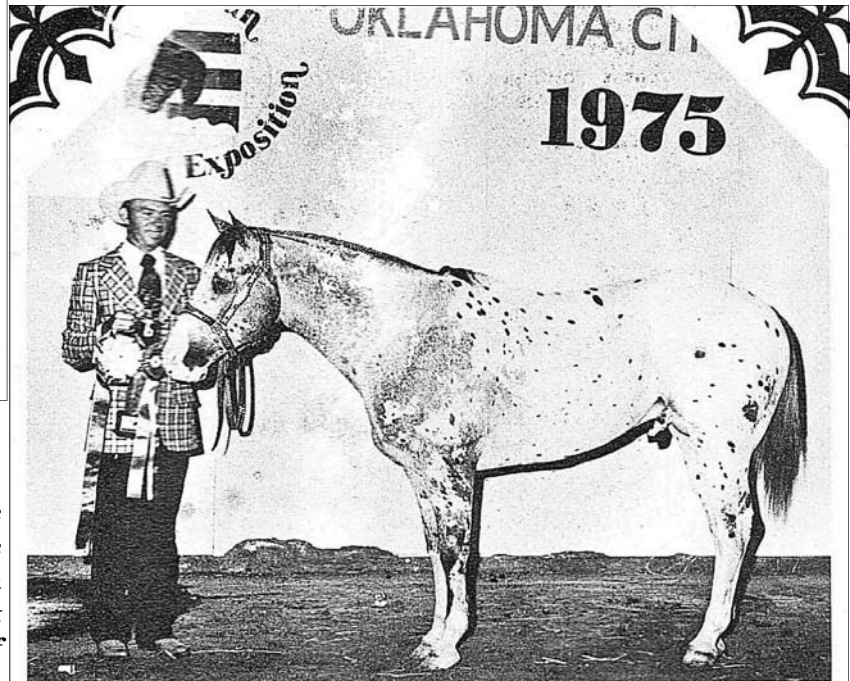
From the November 1975 issue of the Appaloosa News, we found a picture of John Letham showing Handy Sput for client, Jim Freeman, of Lawton, Oklahoma. (below)



**HANDY SPUT**, owned by Jim Freeman, Lawton, Okla., and shown by John Letham. 1st 1973 Mares, Stroud, Okla., July 13.

A little later in the year, Royce Crosby appeared in the September 1965 issue of the Appaloosa News, once again on Dusty Tomahawk. (left)

From a 1975 issue of Appaloosa News, was this bit of Sooner history. Below is a portion of an ad that featured the Crosby Ranch stallion, Prince Rocky. Prince Rocky was by Prince Plaudit. At that point in time, there were four Oklahoma regional clubs; Oklahoma; Sooner; Creek Nation; and Indian Territory. The reference to ITA, in the ad, would be referring to an Indian Territory show.



# PRINCE ROCKY

Reserve Champion Stallion  
1975 All American, Oklahoma City

Prince Rocky has won Grand Champion Stallion at these 1975 Oklahoma shows. ITA at Jays Arena, Oklahoma at Lawton, Oklahoma at Chickasha, ITA at Stillwater, Sooner at Noble.

Prince Rocky's foals are winning again in 1975.

Princess Sand Rock owned by Jo and Kenneth Apala won First 1974 Filly at the ITA shows at Jays Arena and Mustang.

Rock-Allene also owned by the Apalas won First 1975 Filly at Stillwater, Harrah, All American and second at El Reno.

Unnamed 1975 colt owned by Glen and Francis McNees won firsts at Jays Arena, Lawton and Chickasha and seconds at All American and Harrah.

## Sooner Shorts



Unusual Suspect - 2nd  
Shake M Baby Shake M - 3rd  
350 Yards in :18.27

B.c.3 Zevis Scooter Bug - Turf Made by Turf Bug B - Bred in OK by Jim Chronister

### ZEVI JOE

(\*Third Win Of The Meet)

Juan Mora - Owner

Guillermo Valdivia - Trainer  
Paul H. Nieto - Jockey  
Purse \$6,500 May 22, 2008



## Remington Park, in Oklahoma City, names Zevi Joe The 2008 Remington Park Champion Appaloosa!

One of the few horses who had success in the overnight races against Paint horses throughout the season, Zevi Joe earned the top award for the Appaloosa by virtue of his three consecutive wins this season.

Owned by Juan Mora of Sperry, Oklahoma and trained by Guillermo Valdivia, Zevi Joe was ridden in all of his wins this season by Paul Nieto. The Oklahoma-bred by Zevis Scooter Bug, from the Turf Bug B mare, Turf Made, won all of his races by at least one length. He crushed his maiden opponents in late April, winning by two lengths. Zevi Joe was bred by Jim and Donna Chronister, Pryor, Oklahoma. Turf Made is now owned by Scott and Ashley Bolding, and they sent this recent note to Jim and Donna:

Just thought I would update you and let you know that your girls are doing wonderful. Turf Made is fat, fat, fat, and heavy in foal to Stelen of course, she has become very best friends with another old mare we have that is the same age, one of the last daughters of Orphan Drift, that is also in foal. They do absolutely everything together, and are good company for each other since we keep them close to the house in order to keep a close eye on them and provide them with extra TLC. The two young mares are also in great shape and heavy in foal. Everyone raves about all 3 mares when they see them, especially the two young mares. I've had lots of offers to sell, but they are staying put. We'll send pictures in the spring when we have babies!





*Lightnings Legacy, aka "Bandit," with Steve Bennett in Kansas. "Bandit" is owned by Jerry Crouch, Marian Alton and Larry Colley. He's race bred with roping and barrel kinfolk close up. He's a colored grandson of AQHA All American Futurity Winner, Bugs Alive In 75.*

## Larry Stays Busy!

Sooner member, Larry Colley, has finished the new pipe pen at his place in Terlton, Oklahoma for "Bandit," who will be brought there from Steve Bennett's place, south of Independence, Kansas.

Sooner members, Steve and Helen McDaniel, owned late ApHC Lightning Bug B, and "Bandit" is his last foal, last son. Steve's son, Matt, gave "Bandit" his registered name.

The Colley family owns ApHC We Go Legacy, mother of "Bandit." She is a full sister to National Barrel Champion, We Bad, both being by ApHC We Go Dixie, out of ApHC Trudys Star, granddaughter of AQHA El Charro Rocket AAA+, with bottom side loaded with Appaloosa foundation breeding.

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## A HAPPY DAY ... One of Thanks!



Sooner member, Martha Swartz, took this one of Jerry and Marian after Martha, husband Don, Jerry and Marian had eaten at the Hammett House Restaurant in Claremore. It was the first time in eight months the four had got together for lunch. Jerry had a rough summer and fall, and after recovering from gall bladder surgery, he had to have an esophagus stretch to ease his swallowing problem. He is into his third year of remaining cancer free after surviving the 30—40% chance to live through chemo, radiation, and surgery in 2006.

He and Marian give thanks, every day, for being able to be together (25 years in February), be home, and be outdoors doing chores every day. They are looking forward to the first foals by their

stallion, ApHC Bugs J Man, and say Thank You to all the folks who have been involved with “Stelen’s” first year at stud and who will be involved in 2009. Marian also wants all members who contributed to Sooner News stories, photos, ads, etc, to know how much their efforts are appreciated, every minute, mile, and dollar.

Marian’s biggest Thank You goes to that special man of hers, Jerry Crouch, who remains at her side through all the good and bad times and grins his way through her addiction to horses. Marian says, “Jerry is the best thing to ever happen to me—I couldn’t keep going with the horses if not for his help and understanding—it’s tough for him to put up with a crazy woman!” C’mon, 2009, here we go again! Bring on the work, new plans, new and old friendships! Wishing GOOD HEALTH, GOOD LUCK, GOOD LAUGHS TO EVERYONE!

Jerry and Marian



The late Senator Robert S. Kerr, leaning over coach to chat with a passenger during the Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Pow Wow parade. Col. John A. Guthrie, Muskogee, producer of the 1940 event, handles driving assignment for his distinguished guest.

## Oklahoma History

*The photo and caption on the left were found in an Appaloosa News from the 1960’s. The event itself, however, apparently took place in 1940.*

*There was no mention if the horse pulling the stage coach happened to be an Appaloosa or not, or if Col. John A. Guthrie or the late Senator Robert S. Kerr were ApHC members.*

*While the reason for it appearing in the Appaloosa News is unclear, it was nice to find the piece of Oklahoma history.*

## The Appaloosa Halloween Pumpkin

Your newsletter editor was so impressed with the Colley family Halloween pumpkin that appeared in the last issue, that when word got back to Lori Colley, she, with a little coaching from Marian Alton, decided present Gerry with his own carved pumpkin, (right) at the November 22 meeting.

There were three different scenes carved into the side of this pumpkin, with a flickering light inside.





**November 22,  
2008 Meeting,  
Golden Corral  
Restaurant,  
Claremore,  
Oklahoma**

One of our larger turn outs, in quite some time, and we certainly didn't get everyone on film! New members attending were Martha (far left) Swartz, and Dr. Don Swartz across from her. Gwen Johnson, sitting next to Martha, and Gwen's husband, Buck, across from her.

At the back table is Sooner member, Bill Conley, visiting with long time friends, Valerie (in red) and Phyllis Hustace.

Larry Colley is in the foreground (bottom right) smiling about the trick they helped play on Editor Gerry, when they decided to present Gerry with his own carved Halloween pumpkin at the November 22 meeting.

*Editor's note: I wish I would have arrived a little earlier to have had ample time to meet everyone that came. Unfortunately, I had my travel time figured a little on the short side, that day.*



Debbie Sullivan (left) and Sue Kulp.



Youth members, clockwise from left, Cayenne Colley, Katelynn Sokolowski, and Samana Bennet.



Editor Gerry with the jack-o-lantern that was given to him by his 'fans.' Dedra Tiger (left), and Joan Marshall are waiting to see if the fire extinguisher will be needed.

Inside the pumpkin is the somewhat flattened cone shaped lighted device that made the pumpkin look like it had a real flickering candle inside.



All photos on this page by Marian Alton

