

Some Things Never Change! Fish Stories From Fisherman's!

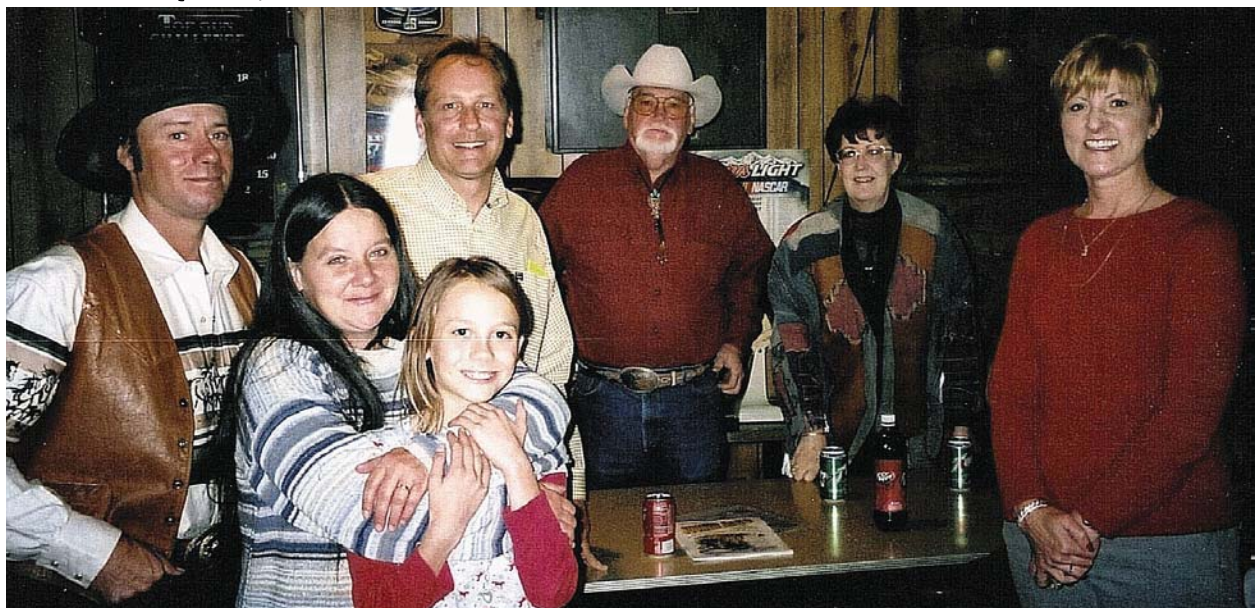


From left to right; Jim Lovell, Miriam Lovell, Donna Chronister and Jim Chronister. The only way to keep Jim L. and Jim C. quiet, is to separate them. This fact is in the Sooner club's recorded history—HA! Thank you to my “partner in crime,” Editor Gerry, for making two photos into one. Marian. *Editor's note: yes, those were two separate photos, placed side by side, to create one image. Marian took both pictures at the Christmas get-together at Fisherman's Landing in Foyil, Oklahoma, December 13, 2008.*



Somehow, I don't appear all that innocent in the picture at the left. Hey Marian.....

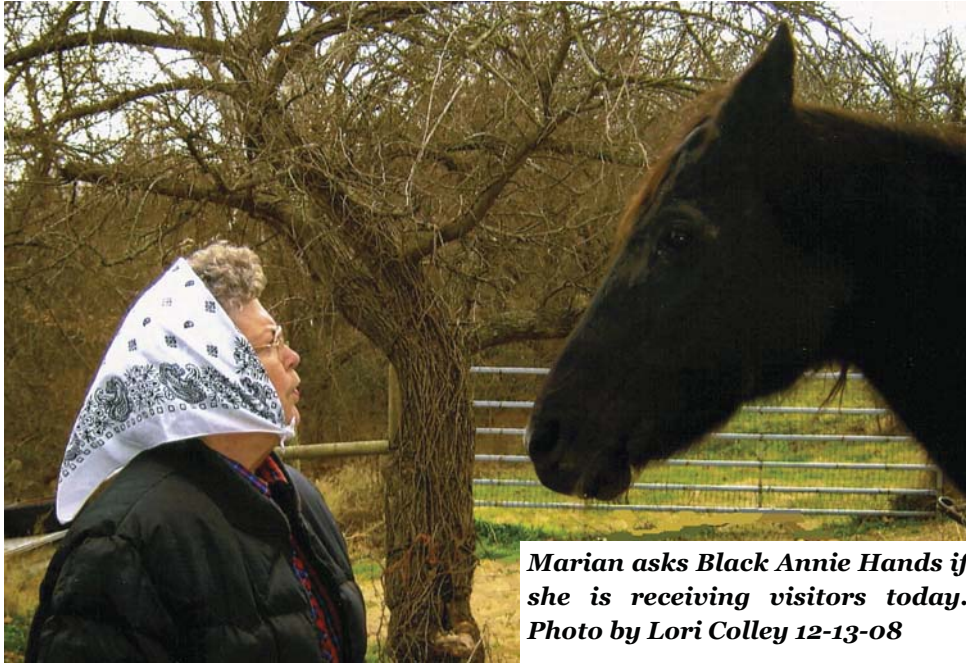
At the Sooner ApHC Christmas get-together, we had the opportunity to see some new faces along with the familiar ones. From left, Larry Colley, Lori Colley and Samana Bennett. Behind Samana Bennett is new member Mike French. Next are members John and Donna Clements of Quinton, Oklahoma, and on the far right is Karin French, who is Mike's wife. Mike and Karin hail from Mounds, Oklahoma.



CHRISTMAS PARTY COLLAGE



All photos: Carol Johnson, except bottom center, by Marian Alton



*Marian asks Black Annie Hands if she is receiving visitors today.
Photo by Lori Colley 12-13-08*

**Black
Annie
Hands
still calls
the shots
on the
Alton
Farm!**

The Colley family, Mike and Karin French, and Editor Gerry Lukacik, take time to visit 35 years, 8 months old, ApHC Black Annie Hands before heading north, from Claremore, for the holiday get-together.

Larry Colley has been helping Mike and Karin locate two Appaloosa mares, etc., since he introduced them to the Sooner club, and they joined.

Welcome, Mike and Karin!



**They're ganging
up on me!**

Every tough cowboy knows there are times when it's best to **RUN!**

Colton Colley was having fun petting Jerry Crouch's sorrel mare through the gate until her big half sister strolled up alongside, and two more big mares came to check him out.

Your Sooner ApHC Newsletter

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Behind The Scenes



As the Sooner ApHC Newsletter has grown, over the past year, printing and assembling it has become somewhat of an adventure.

First, each page is printed, front and back, in the amount needed for distribution to our membership, and those pages are set in individual piles. Early on, all the stacks could fit down one side of my dining room table.

As each issue grew, the stacks around the edge of the table grew, until the table couldn't hold them all, so an end table had to be moved into position to accommodate the extra pages. Eventually, that wasn't enough space either, and an additional platform had to be added.

Help arrived, for the September / October issue, when Carol Johnson, Dedra Tiger, and Katelynn Sokolowski stopped by, to help in assembling all of the newsletters. When they were all assembled, and labeled, we drove them to the Oktaha Post Office to be mailed.

We actually made a little party out of this project, with Gerry serving up one of his special crock pot recipes, with ice cream for dessert. Carol took a little time out to snap a couple of pictures. Everyone also had a chance to briefly check out all the 'critters' at Gerry's place.

The staple gun, in the picture, is used exclusively for the newsletter assembly. True to its name, "One Touch," you can easily staple through 30+ pages of the Sooner Newsletter, with as little as one finger to press it down. "It is Staples own brand of stapler, and truly, one of the easiest I've ever worked with," says Gerry.

Since the newsletter has continued to grow, and I've slowly run out of room to set up more tables for its assembly, the newsletters are now printed up in batches of ten or twelve at a time. It actually seems to go faster, and is easier on the back, since you aren't spending a few hours, bent over, putting them together, but have breaks in-between each batch.

My cat, not used to visitors, stayed hidden from view the entire time .





**Blazin Zipper, Sired By
John And Debby
Letham's Stallion,
Appears In Brooks And
Dunn Music Video,
"Cowgirls Don't Cry,"
Along With Reba McIntyre**

Sooner members, John and Debby Letham, bred the mare that produced this horse, Blazin Zipper, that appears in the latest Brooks and Dunn music video, "Cowgirls Don't Cry."

He was trained by Gail Burke, with a very good beginning in life from Royce Crosby, who raised him. Congratulations to all!



Sooner Member, Theresa Colley, Celebrates Birthday On Horseback With Family

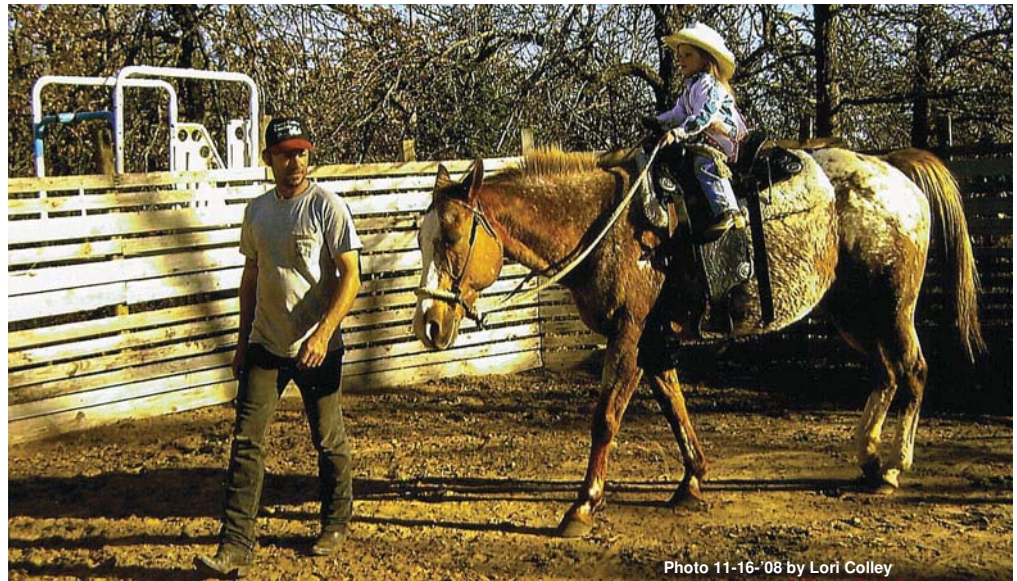


Photo 11-16-'08 by Lori Colley

One of Theresa's birthday requests was to ride horseback and be allowed to use Marian's 50 year old saddle which her daddy, Larry, had brought home to clean up for Marian. The "birthday girl" got her wish and rode it on We Go Legacy for a long time until the mare's legs and Larry's got tired.

Helping celebrate Theresa's birthday, sister Cary got her own wish which she had made known for several weeks. She vowed to be the first one to ride "Wrangler," the ApHC Forty One JJ yearling (now 2 year old as of January 1st), the Colley family got from Sooner members Don and Karen Marr of Indiana. Cary got her wish which sure made her happy, and "Wrangler" loved all the attention.



Cary and "Wrangler" (above)



Cayenne on gentle leopard stallion "Rainmaker" (above) while Larry has a 'heart to heart' with Jerry's and Marian's two year old 3 X Hands Up stallion, ZIPEZ CO NATIVE, aka "Gander."

New Member

New member, Leonard Harvison, lives in Cameron, Oklahoma, way over east on the Arkansas line. He has a race filly by ApHC Forty One JJ and is a friend of Sooner member, Karen Marr, who told him about the Sooner club. Leonard has a loud color, gentle, green broke mare for sale whose breeding is ApHC Freckles Bandit, AQHA Pacific Bailey, AQHA Oklahoma Star, etc. She is priced right, and Leonard wants her to have a good home. Sooner members, Gerry Lukacik, Jerry Crouch and Marian Alton hope to meet Leonard at Muskogee, Oklahoma soon for lunch and a good visit. Maybe Leonard will bring some good photos for Sooner News.

Suggested Meeting Location

Karen Marr said to tell all Sooner members she will furnish the food and location for a Sooner meeting if we could have it in Scottsburg, Indiana! Our hearts are willing, right?

Another, er, “Fish” Story

Although our holiday get-together at Fisherman’s, north of Claremore, had its problems pertaining to incorrect directions and short-handed meal service, around 23 members attended and enjoyed good food, the big fireplace, plenty of laughs. A good joke, not intended to even happen, was on Marian when she worried who it was that called Fisherman’s number asking for correct directions, but no one knew the cell number left with the lady in charge. She gave three numbers to Marian, who called them all - finally a lady answered. She was Sooner member Donna Clements from Quinton, Oklahoma, and was already inside Fisherman’s and she and her husband, John, had just been introduced to Marian! Jim and Miriam Lovell had checked out the route the evening before, called Marian, who made poster signs, which Carol Johnson and Larry Colley helped put out the next day on the way.. It was quite a convoy that left Stillwater Milling following Marian who led, made a too soon turn at Foyil at the school, had to “circle the wagons” and go to the next correct turn off.

A Little Shopping

Stillwater Milling, in Claremore, often orders Frank Holmes’ great book, SPOTTED PRIDE, and has a few copies on hand most of the time. The store has a super good selection of children’s books—tots on up, plus there are all kinds of horseman’s, livestock, etc. books for grown-ups. There is also a nice selection of tack, clothes, etc., and cowboy and cowgirl statues—recently a beautiful, detailed APPALOOSA statue. Several of these were purchased by Sooner members.

More New Members

New members, Mike and Karin French of Mounds, Oklahoma, are off to a great start with the help of member, Larry Colley. French’s already have two Appaloosa mares, foundation bred, purchased from Stan and Leanne Ward of Haskell, Oklahoma, who advertised in the November / December issue of Sooner News. Mike and Karin made the long trip from Mounds to attend the Fisherman’s get-together and met several Sooner members. Welcome, Mike and Karin!

Remember To Get Your ApHC Dues Sent In!

The only way you can vote in the next election for ApHC National Director is to have your dues into the ApHC office, in Moscow, by the 15th of March. Send your national dues in after that date, and you will not get a ballot!



Photo taken November 6, 2008. Michigan. Janice, with Ronnie and Janice's new puppy, "Max." Janice sent this picture, and several others, to Marian Alton, and they arrived in the mail the day Janice passed away.

Wisconsin Sooner Member, Janice Dickie, Passes Away.

She was truly "A Woman of the People." Known throughout the land of the Menominee, forty miles NW of Green Bay, as a caregiver of those who dealt with illness, tragedy, or were old and homebound, she was one of the strongest women physically and mentally, I've ever known. She loved the outdoors and wildlife, and looked forward to winter and snow. Out the huge window in the front room of their house, there is a giant, long bird feeder, which sometimes attracts little black bears too.

For over forty years, she was married to my late uncle Marion's son, Ronnie, and lived near the beautiful, wild Wolf River, which feeds into the Fox River at Green Bay. Ronnie was home with her when she had the fatal heart attack.

She died Monday, 1-5-'09, and on that day, Jerry brought me a letter and photos home from the Post Office from her! Her birthday was the next day ... I planned to call her, as always For the last eighteen years we called every month and shared the family news. On my Wisconsin visits, they would have me stay with them, and it was a special time, always appreciated. They lived just twenty miles from where my late mother was born.

Although their last horse has been gone many years, Ronnie and Janice have enjoyed Sooner News, and I had renewed their membership for 2009.

At the time of this writing, 1-7-'09, I'll be on that plane leaving Tulsa tomorrow A.M. and in Green Bay at 4:30 P.M. where another favorite cousin, Charmaine, will meet me. It will be a lonesome round trip, but still, it's a family time in the Wolf River country.

Another northwoods voice is stilled, but we will all be there for Ronnie—and Janice. There's a record forty inches of snow, and tough as the going is, she would say, "Now I've got snow!" The magic will still be there—quieter, not as sparkly, but there.

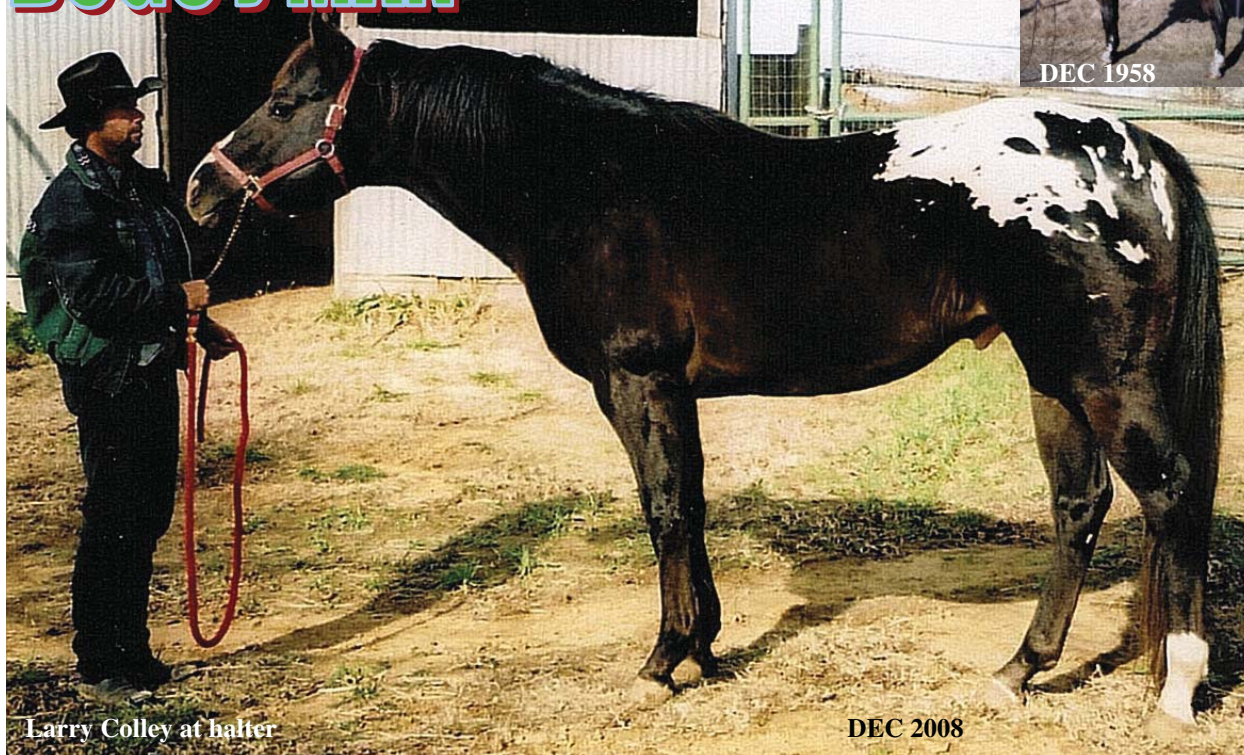
Marian Alton

BUGS J MAN

From the Appaloosa line of Hands Up F-2217



DEC 1958



Larry Colley at halter

DEC 2008

"Stelen" is in Oklahomabred and Strike It Rich Futurity programs, the new Sooner Super Stallion Stakes program from Sooner ApHC, as well as the OAR Stallion Service Auction, etc. First foals arrive in 2009.

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Bugs J Man

2002 Stallion

Bred By:

Marian Alton (50 years Hands Up breeder)

Owned By:

Jerry "J Man" Crouch or **Marian Alton**

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Acrylic/Ink A Specialty

Lightning Bug B

ApHC

See Hands Up chapter in "Spotted Pride" book by Frank Holmes

Bugs Alive In 75

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Miss Ten Too

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Miss Barthought

AQHA

Top Moon

AQHA

Ralph's Lady Bug

AQHA

Bolodier

TB

Scarlet O'Hara B

ApHC

Hempen

TB

Saucy Gal

AQHA

Aforethought

TB

Misslette Bars

AQHA

Moon Deck

AQHA

Rica Bar

AQHA

Jack's Jet

TB

Lady Bug Leo

AQHA

Bolero

TB

Ballarita

TB

Hands Up

ApHC

Marsha

ApHC

Indian Hemp

TB

Serry

TB

Mr Bar None

AQHA

Miss Mar Mix

AQHA

Intentionally

TB

Aspidistra

TB

Missie Bar

AQHA

Roan Janice

AQHA

2009 stud fee is \$750 with consideration for proven mares and multiple mare discount. Fee remains \$500 for Sooner ApHC members only. Joleta Ingersoll-Spurlock remains authorized agent in charge of collection, AI, shipped semen. No mare will be bred until a copy of her registration is sent beforehand or presented at the time of arrival to Hatbrand Reproduction. Mare care, wet or dry, will be \$12.00 a day. Joleta Ingersoll-Spurlock (918) 543-3877

We Are Looking Forward To That First

"Stolen" Baby!



Photo by Martha Swartz

70 years old Marian Alton, and 22 years old AQHA Atrail look over the back of Atrail's daughter, AQHA Molly Jane Brown, who's in foal to Bugs J Man.

The mares are owned by Sooner members, Dr. Don and Martha Swartz of Owasso, Oklahoma.

Atrail is by AQHA Bugs Alive In 75, out of AQHA Queen Of Trumps, by AQHA Easy Jet. Molly is by AQHA Time To Win, half brother to AQHA Bully Bullion, both being out of AQHA Mary Poppins.

Martha has had a good time joking with lifelong friend, Marian, that Molly is going to have "a plain solid brown stud colt."

Marian is staying on course for a colored filly, but said the main thing is for mama and baby and humans to survive all the excitement.



Photo by Marian Alton

Martha spends an enjoyable quiet moment with Molly who knows Martha has a treat for her.

Marian and Martha first met in 1957 at Tulsa University where they majored in commercial art.



Photo by Marian Alton

Martha and Don, retired veterinarian, have raised some champion palominos over the years with the bloodlines of AQHA Gold King Bailey, AQHA Big Step, etc.

Martha and Marian had an unforgettable ride in the late 1960's from Martha's home east of Owasso to Alton Farm 17 miles away. Martha rode Arrow Chief, Marian's son of Hands Up. Marian rode an AQHA Zan V bred stallion. Now, fifty years later, they're still enjoying friendship and looking forward to a uniquely special foal.

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Remembering....

ApHC PRINS RICK

1977—2008



Photo courtesy of Jim and Miriam Lovell

Kelly Smallwood on two year old Prins Rick.

The week before Christmas, Jim and Miriam Lovell, had to say “so long” to their favorite Appaloosa oldtimer, Prins Rick, their gelding. He was a much loved four legged family member who carried Carleen and Sonya, the Lovell daughters, safely through the 1980’s in Sooner Club speed events, and had also competed in Pleasure and Cattle classes.

Before being gelded, Sooner member, Kelly Smallwood, had trained and shown “Rick.” Later, “Rick” was Miriam’s gentle, dependable, trail horse, including going on the Robber’s Cave Ride.

Miriam, who’s from Holland, used the Dutch spelling of PRINS in place of PRINCE, when they purchased him as a yearling from Sheldack Ranch in North Dakota, and named him. Sooner members, John and Debbie Letham, hauled him to Oklahoma when they returned from the Billings, Montana Nationals. He was sired by ApHC PRINCE DAVID by ApHC PRINCE PLAUDIT. His dam was AQHA MISS RICK JET.