



Photo courtesy of Jim and Miriam Lovell

*Sonya Lovell with niece, Corrie, and “Rick” in Leadline class at Claremore Expo. “Rick” was past 20 years old in the above picture.*

Carleen and Sonya won several high point year end awards on “Rick.” When Sonya lost her gelding, Lucky, she and Carleen finished out the year on “Rick.”

The Lovell matched geldings may be seen in the Nov / Dec 2008 issue of Sooner News in the Big Buck and C. J. Story.

Prins Rick lived out his final years in his own pasture with a pond and shed. He’s buried beside his buddy, Lucky, in the pasture next to the Lovell driveway. He would have been 32 in January, 2009.

Note: Sooner member Joleta Ingersoll’s husband, Larry Spurlock, knows how horse people love their favorites and sometimes are in desperate need of help during an emergency. In spite of machine problems earlier, bitter cold wind and drizzle and sundown not long off, Larry had the gelding buried before the weather worsened only a couple of hours later.

Jim and Miriam want to thank Larry again for coming to help them.

Is it fitting to say, “A prins of a man went the last mile to bring closure to the final need of a prins of an Appaloosa?” I think so ...

*Submitted by Marian Alton*



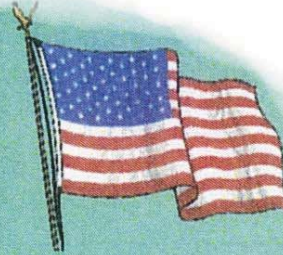
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# RECIPES

From AVA Farms



## Spicy Deviled Eggs



- 6 hard boiled eggs
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon scallions, minced
- 1 small jalapeno pepper
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

- 1/2 teaspoon cilantro
- pinch cayenne pepper
- pinch chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon horseradish, grated
- 1/4 teaspoon celery seed

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Slice each egg in half crosswise. Scrape out yolks into a bowl. Add mayonnaise, mustard and blend together. Add remaining ingredients.
2. Spoon approximately 1 tablespoon of yolk mixture into each egg half. Sprinkle lightly with chili powder and paprika. Garnish with a sprig of parsley.



## Mediterranean Portobello Burger



This mushroom sandwich comes topped with a luscious Greek-style salad. Make it a meal: Serve with cucumber spears and a glass of Firestone Gewurztraminer.

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 4 Portobello mushroom caps, stems and gills removed
- 4 slices country style sourdough bread, cut in half
- 1/2 cup sliced jarred roasted red peppers

- 1/2 cup chopped tomato
- 1/4 cup crumbled reduced fat feta cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped pitted Kalamata olives
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 cups loosely packed mixed baby salad greens

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to medium high.
2. Mash garlic and salt on a cutting board with the side of a knife until it's a smooth paste. Mix the paste with 1 tablespoon oil in a small dish. Lightly brush the oil mixture over portobellos and then on one side of each slice of bread.
3. Combine red peppers, tomato, feta, olives, vinegar, oregano and the remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a medium bowl.
4. Grill the mushroom caps until tender, about 4 minutes per side; grill the bread until crisp, about 1 minute per side.
5. Toss salad greens with red pepper mixture. Place the grilled mushrooms top side down on 4 half-slices of the bread. Top with the salad mixture and the remaining bread.



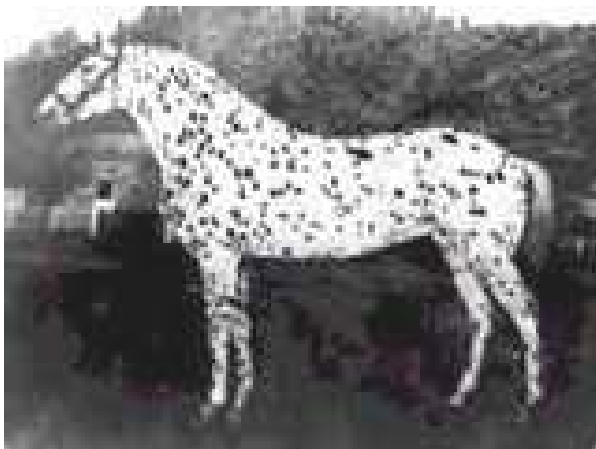
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## Remember Starbuck Leopard?

By Marian Alton



The wild history of pre-foundation leopard stallion, Starbuck Leopard, ancestor of several Sooner members Appaloosas came to mind when I saw a six page story/photos on him by Mary P. Hare, in a copy of Foundation Appaloosa Horse Registry which Larry Colley brought to Claremore a few weeks ago. Following the information on ApHC Sundance F-500, grandson of Starbuck Leopard, is a condensed version of the six pages in the FAHR.

Our main interest in Sundance, for this story, is his sorrel/white 1941 daughter, Sundust F-1335, out of Rosalie F-21. Otis Barber of Wyoming bred Rosalie to Sundance in 1940, with the resulting foal being Sundust. Phil Jenkins, breeder of Sundance, bought Sundust to breed to his imported Arabian, Iben Hilal. The resulting foal was red roan Frosty-Ann F-1336 (middle left) who became the great granddam of ApHC Hall Of Fame producer, We Go Melody, mother of Hall Of Fame race mare and great producer, We Go Charge. We Go Charge was the mother of champion runners, Easy We Go, Scooter Bug G, etc., who went on to be proven sires and broodmare sires. Above information is in the Sundance chapter in Frank Holmes' book, SPOTTED PRIDE.



Sooner members, Jim and Miriam Lovell, bred, own and race a colt, Bug Be Gone, second in the 2008 Strike It Rich Futurity, who is loaded with the blood of We Go Charge. His sire, ApHC Zevis Scooter Bug is a Scooter Bug grandson. His dam, ApHC We Go Soso, is by ApHC We Go Dixie, son of ApHC Easy We Go. Soso's dam is a Scooter Bug granddaughter which Lovells owned previously. Lovells live in Claremore, Oklahoma. Sooner members, Jim and Donna Chronister, of Pryor, Oklahoma, are the breeders of race winner, Zevi Joe.

Sooner members, Don and Karen Marr, Scottsburg, Indiana, owned the Appaloosa medallion runner and medallion sire, Forty One JJ, until selling him a few months ago. They still own a colored JJ daughter, and will have a final JJ foal from their TB mare in 2009. If it's a filly, Karen plans to "torture" someone in Oklahoma about owning her. (See 'newsflash on opposite page.)

Some young colored Marr bred Appaloosas are now in NE Oklahoma with Sooner members Editor Gerry Lukacik and the Colley family. A new Sooner member, Leonard Harvison, Cameron, Oklahoma, has a Forty One JJ filly to race. One of the participants in the National Championship Endurance Ride, held in Stillwater, Oklahoma, last October, Dr. Jeff Hartman, has a JJ offspring in Pennsylvania.

Sooner members, Jerry Crouch and Marian Alton, own retired 25 years old ApHC We Go Dixie SI 100, son of Easy We Go. They have two Dixie daughters and a loud colored grandson out of the Colley mare, We Go Legacy.

Now—getting back to Starbuck Leopard, ancestor of all the mentioned Appaloosas owned by Sooner members, the following facts stand out from the research based on letters from Arlin Davidson, grandson of Amasa Davidson, who was the breeder of The Kid, later known as Starbuck Leopard.

Amasa was a first generation of Utah born Mormons who became cowboy/rancher in the 1890's until he passed away in 1930 at Mount Pleasant, San Pete County, Utah. The "East Desert" of Utah ran eastward from San Pete County and took in the famed "Robbers Roost" of outlaw sagas and the "San Rafael Swell." From the time of the earliest white settlers of Utah Territory, leopards ran native on the San Rafael Swell.

Amasa Davidson, in the late 1870's, captured a blue spotted stallion off the San Rafael Range and named him King Of The Mountain a.k.a. "King." In the 1890's, Amasa's blue spotted double King bred mare foaled a red spotted colt by another San Rafael saddle horse whose actual name was Mine Guard, but was known to have been the mount of bank robber, Butch Cassity. After being wounded, Cassity rode in to the Davidson Ranch and stayed several months to recuperate. Blue Cotton, the doublebred King mare, was bred to Mine Guard, the Cassity leopard, and in 1890, Red Spotted Prince was born.

In 1912, Amasa Davidson bred his sorrel spotted linebred King Of The Mountains mare, Sis, to Prince, and on May 18, 1913, The Kid was foaled at Fort Bridger, Wyoming. He was born with dime to quarter

***News Flash: Don and Karen Marr have a brand new colored filly by Forty One JJ, and has already begun 'torturing' Marian Alton, and Editor Gerry about finding this little filly a new home in Oklahoma!***



sized black spots over his entire body and became a superior individual for his time. His black spots apparently came from his maternal grandsire, Silver Dick Jr. Prince's ancestors were blue, sorrel, bay spotted according to the extended pedigree in the records kept by the Davidson family. Arlin Davidson shared this pedigree with the Appaloosa World after he identified the Starbuck Leopard photo as that of The Kid.

Amasa Davidson raised only two colt crops before The Kid was stolen and none of the Davidson family ever saw him again. At one point, \$1,500 was offered for his return. In 1949, an old reward poster was found in an old building. It's the only known one in existence. Joes Henry, known to Amasa, located The Kid, finally, and was riding him home when several men waylaid him, took the stallion, and Joes escaped with his life, though three others died over the incident. After a last attempt to locate The Kid in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Amasa Davidson never again looked for his leopard stallion.

Around 1918, a leopard stallion was left at a livery barn in Cheyenne by a drunken cowboy. John Campbell purchased the horse for the feed bill and later John Starbuck bought the black leopard stallion and three white mares. During the 1930's, Starbuck sold the stallion to Charles Cummings who died a couple years later. Mrs. "Mike" Alvarez of Jacksonville, Florida, Secretary and Historian of the Starbuck Leopard Breeders Association believed that Starbuck Leopard died from old age around 1939 or 1940.

Had not Arlin Davidson read the article "Accent On Spots" and recognized the photo of Starbuck Leopard being The Kid, the mystery of the stallion's early years and his breeding might still be a mystery.

One of Starbuck Leopard's gelded grandsons, Spider K F-1219, was a famous promoter of the Appaloosa breed. He was ridden by the chief in the movie "How The West Was Won." Purchased by Jean Tanner in 1958, the pair later participated in three Tournament Of Roses parades including the 1976 bicentennial. Mrs. Tanner wore parade attire astride a sterling silver saddle on Spider. He had also excelled as a lead horse for pack mules in California's High Sierras. His last parade was July 4, 1976. A couple weeks later he died at age 27. He had been featured in the "Builders Of The Breed" series in the November 1974 issue of Appaloosa News.

*Note from Marian: Thank You Larry Colley, for bringing your FAHR copy for me to see. This was a great information center on along ago stallion who left his mark in the Appaloosa world. **MA***



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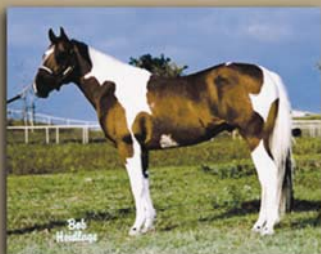
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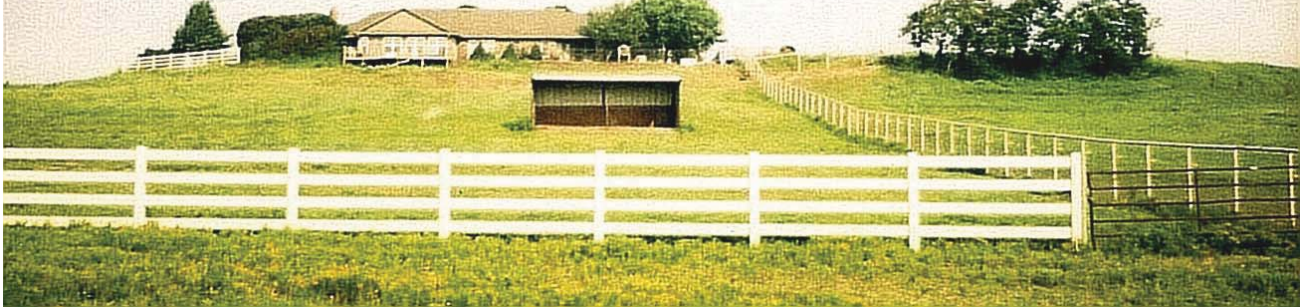
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## Member Spotlight

# RANGE ROUND-UP



McFarlin–Ingersoll Ranch is one of Oklahoma’s twelve largest, and Sooner Member, Joleta Ingersoll–Spurlock, husband Larry, and sons, Walt and Bryce, have a home built to handle their needs atop a high hill overlooking the north end of the ranch. Highway 88 borders the property. A historical stone entrance marks the long driveway to the house, barns, and pipe pens. From there, a private road extends south to Joleta’s parents, Win and Kay Ingersoll’s home.

The McFarlin Ranch started in 1915 when R. M. McFarlin purchased 3,150 acres of bluestem in



Rogers County. Mr. Gid Graham was Mr. McFarlin’s land agent, and together they proceeded to buy adjoining tracts of land. The ranch reached over 10,000 acres by the year 1928 and remained that size until the early 1960’s when an additional 1,600 acres were purchased by other family members. Today, the ranch remains approximately 11,500 acres in size.

McFarlin, along with his son-in-law, J. A. Chapman, and other family members, owned ranches in New Mexico, plus in Rolf, Holdenville,

Ardmore, and Pawhuska, Oklahoma. All of the ranches owned by McFarlin have been sold outside the family except the one north of Inola.

R. M. McFarlin had two daughters, Mrs. Pauline Walter and Mrs. Leta Chapman. Both of these ladies were very knowledgeable about ranching and were involved in running their ranch. Sooner member, Joleta, is named for Leta Chapman, and Joleta’s and Larry’s son, Walt, derived his name from the Walter last name. Walt, age 6, rides his blazed face sorrel gelding with his dad and the cowboys, and helps bring the cattle to the pens. His gelding is a HORSE—no pony for this McFarlin descendant! Baby brother, Bryce, two years old, doesn’t ride yet, but he does love to make trips to and from the barns with his mom in the “golf cart.”

At present, there are about 1,000 mother cows on the ranch, with primarily Angus bulls and some Hereford bulls being used. In the 1960’s, Hereford and Brangus bulls were used and crossed heifers were kept. Salers, Limousin, and Charolais bulls were brought in to improve thickness and frame size of the cows. This has resulted in bringing the ranches genetics to its all time best.



Present weanling weight for steers is 600 pounds, 550 pounds for heifers—about 50 pounds heavier than in the past years. When it's time to work cattle, or ship calves, it's still tradition to trade labor with neighboring ranches.

Today, the McFarlin—Ingersoll Ranch is owned by R. M. McFarlin's great grandson, Win Ingersoll, whose father, Winthrop Ingersoll, once owned the famous sire of top rodeo mounts, AQHA BERT. The present Win Ingersoll and wife, Kay, have lived on the ranch 44 years, and their daughters, Wendy and Joleta, live on the ranch too.

Joleta's husband, Larry Spurlock, has operated his own business, Cowboy Trucking, for about twelve years. Wendy's husband, Dee Keener, is race trainer for the ranch's race colts and outside prospects. Dee and Wendy are both involved in racing. Their sons are Razz, age 9, and Radley, age 4.

Joleta's and Wendy's mother, Kay, and her father, Howard Huff, introduced the family's first racehorse in 1980 when they bought AQHA JESSIE JET, a daughter of AQHA FLAMING JET AAAT.

Win was president of the Oklahoma Horseman's Association for many years and was a driving force behind getting pari-mutuel racing passed in Oklahoma. Daughter, Wendy, is always available to answer racing questions regarding Oklahoma bred. Wendy graduated OSU with a B.A. degree; then from TU with a law degree.

Joleta, owner and manager of HAT BRAND REPRODUCTION (the HAT BRAND name was first used by R. M. McFarlin) attended OSU, graduated with a B.A. degree in Animal Science. At NSU, she received a Masters of Sciences, basically Biology; then went back to OSU to complete about forty hours of graduate work in Animal Reproduction. She also went to Mississippi to embryo transfer school.

Joleta gives much credit to her vet, Dr. Steve Seidenberger of East Side Vet Clinic in Collinsville, Oklahoma, for the early encouragement her gave her to continue to learn and attain her goal which was to become involved in the home ranch breeding operation, plus have her own stallions to stand to the public, and be successful in modern collection, AI, shipped semen, mare care, etc., procedures. All this she has accomplished with plenty of pride and confidence, plus has the special gift of having patience and understanding with all animals, whether it's a baby duck, goat, or the horses. She has two farriers, Lynn Pennick, and Randy Kirkes.

Joleta purchased her first stallion, AQHA IM DASHING, around 1992 at the Heritage Place sale. He is by the great sire, AQHA STREAKIN SIX, out of the AQHA DASH FOR CASH daughter, AQHA DASHINGLY. In 2000, Joleta purchased AQHA MAI KAI at the Heritage Place Sale. He's a black



*Joleta, 2 year old Bryce with the family dog in front of Joleta's barn. (above)*

*McFarlin—Ingersoll rock entrance leading to Joleta's home on the hill on north end of ranch. (middle, opposite page)*

*Looking west to Larry's and Joleta's and sons' home on McFarlin—Ingersoll Ranch. (top, opposite page)  
All three photos by Marian Alton, July, 2008.*

## Member Spotlight



*Some Ingersoll Ranch cows cool off in the large pond, just south of the house, while a gander guards a duck and her ducklings, enlarged in the inset, at right.*



son of COUP DE KAS (TB), out of AQHA TINYS MISS GAY. His third dam is mother of AQHA LANTYS JET, which Joleta feels was a great mare. Joleta purchased MIA KAI to cross on IM DASHING daughters, and it is a fine cross so far. IM DASHING babies are sound, solid, honest. MAI KAI babies are classy, athletic, and intelligent.

In the 2009 breeding season, Joleta will be standing her AQHA stallions and her APHA bay and white THE DASHING HERO by TEXAS HERO out of DASHER ON THE TAKE by AQHA DASH FOR CASH. Also standing is the highly bred Thoroughbred, STORM RULER by STORM BIRD (TB). For more photos and information on the Ingersoll stallions, be sure to visit their ad in this issue.

Joleta will also be standing the Appaloosa race stallion, BLUE OYSTER CULT, for 2009, and he has already arrived at the ranch. Joleta has included him in her ad, and he has a service donated to the Oklahoma Appaloosa Racing Association, as well.

Joleta will again be stallion manager of ApHC BUGS J MAN owned by Jerry Crouch and Marian Alton, also included in the Ingersoll Ranch / Hat Brand Reproduction ads.

It is a year round non-stop schedule for Joleta, what with family and ranch responsibilities, and Larry and she stay involved, also, in community activities. The ranch employees are hands who are good with horses, cattle, and children.

Because of the widening of Highway 88 on the ranch east/south border, there was a long drawn out legal battle at the courthouse in Claremore, recently. The Ingersoll family remained united and on hand, each day, to fight for their rights concerning a fair settlement for replacing the fences, huge cattle guard, and the historical rock entrance leading to the home and barns on the hill location. Joleta chose the hill for a building spot especially because she wanted to use the old rock entrance, which is at least 75 years old. Another favorite site farther south from the house is where a stagecoach stop was. Gun, bit, spur, etc., remains were found. The entrance now belongs to the state and will be demolished, and new fences, cattle guard, entrance, part of the driveway, will be rebuilt nearby.



*Im Dashing, Joleta Ingersoll—Spurlock's AQHA stallion, has played an important part in Joleta's breeding program for the past 17 years.*

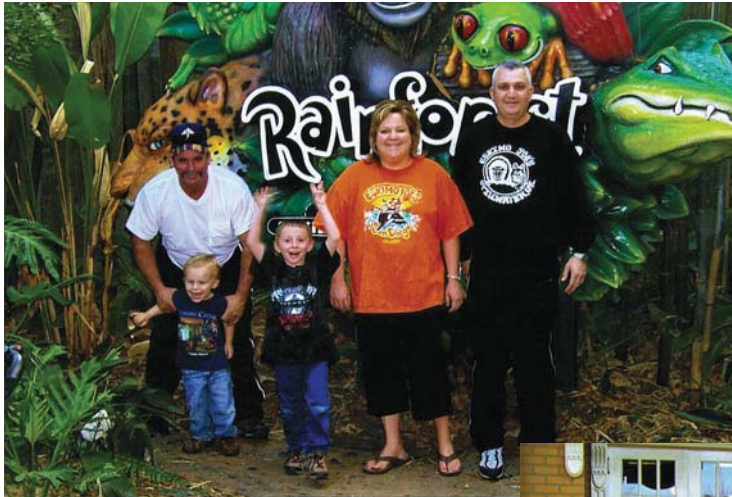
*Painting by Mikel Donahue*



## January / February 2009

Not only the families will miss having the rock entrance, but many longtime residents of Rogers County know the historical landmark's disappearance will leave a lonesome void in the landscape. However, just as they have for over 90 years, the McFarlin-Ingersoll descendents will overcome the unwelcome change, remember the beauty of the original long enjoyed sites, and continue to treasure, improve, and thrive on one of Oklahoma's truly cowboy and cowgirl ranches where the modern touches blend with the old time traditions, and heritage prevails.

To celebrate the end of 2008, and the beginning of 2009, the Ingersoll family took a trip to Disneyland, and sent these photographs back from that trip.



*From left to right; Larry Spurlock (Joleta's husband), Bryce Spurlock, Walt Spurlock (Larry and Joleta's two boys) , Wendy Keener (Joleta's sister) and Dee Keener, who is also a successful Appaloosa race horse trainer.*

*From left to right, Kay Ingersoll, Bryce Spurlock, Walt Spurlock, Razz Keener, and Win Ingersoll.*



*Photos courtesy of Joleta Ingersoll*



*Note: Thank you, Joleta, for the two hours you took from a busy day to meet and share some of the Ingersoll Ranch family history and present plans. A special thank you to Larry who spent time with Walt and Bryce so we could get a start on the story. The Sooner ApHC also appreciates your being a Sooner member who supports what our club is working for. Your racing knowledge and Appaloosa interest is a welcome addition.*

*P.S. ApHC Easy Clipper (at left, middle) said she always wants to tell you "Thank You!" every chance she gets! Editor Gerry is making sure she has a good winter. M.A. For the Easy Clipper story, see the July/August 2008 issue of the Sooner News.*