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*Especially  
for  
Sooner News  
6-29-2009  
Marian Altan*

# President's Corner



Our May-June newsletter reported on the careers and passing of three of our members' great mares - Wanna Be Brassy, Just-A-Chip and MS Doc Step. These articles let us both share in the members' loss and appreciate what gifts of joy, accomplishment and companionship these mares brought into their lives. Reading these articles brought back the loss of some of our horses, especially Babe. It made me reflect on our journey with our horses and why we do this? Why not do something else and avoid these heart wrenching losses? I thought of that nicker that greets you when you come to the barn, the peace of grooming your horse (or even cleaning their stalls), the thrill as you grow together and have those great moments that lead to success, the pleasure of sharing your joy in your horse with others – and I had my answer. We might have healthier bank accounts without our horses, but our lives would be so much poorer. I encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate that special horse in your life. What wonderful gifts they share with us. Please keep Ann Jentz, Carla Peacock and Martha Swartz and their special mares in your prayers.

We're already into July. This has been a busy year so far, and is continuing in the same vein.. Congratulations to everyone in their efforts with their horses and other critters. Check this newsletter for articles on a couple of our youth. Kaylee Sullivan and her mare Silky are having a very good year as they compete in 4H. We expect to see them at the youth team events at the Reichert. Katelynn Sokolowski is now involved in rabbits as well as horses and is doing very well with those rabbits. Notice that a couple of her rabbits are spotted, tying everything back to Appaloosas, correct?

The Appaloosa Celebration show at the Reichert Celebration is just around the corner. We're in the final stages of preparing for this show. We are so excited about this show. We're hearing from a number of folks who are as excited as we are. We've had some area artists donate their talent for special awards at the show – some info is included in this issue. It promises to be truly fun show for all of us. A LOT of work, but lots of fun as well. Whether you show, volunteer, or just come to watch, we hope to see you at this great venue to showcase our horses outside a regular breed venue. If you can volunteer some time, please contact Dedra Tiger, our VP and show manager (contact info in this newsletter). Note that we'll also be covering the ApHC booth during the NSBA show again this year, so we can use volunteers for more than just the show itself.

In the midst of the all the shows and preparations for those, we're also working our regular lives, preparing for first Sooner Stallion Stakes event at the Oklahoma City State Fair, planning for participation in the Hooves for the Cure ride in October, getting our hay in, starting our youngsters, etc. Sooner is already starting to look towards and plan for 2010. We have several ideas / projects in the planning stages. Be sure to get with an officer or BOD member if you have something in mind that Sooner could add to the mix for next year. As examples, we're looking at hosting a dressage schooling show and a 4H-open show next year. Plans aren't final yet, but both are on the table. Other members are checking into other open show ideas. Sooner's energy level is definitely up there and looking towards the future. Exciting times for all of us.

If you're just joining Sooner, welcome! If you've been a member for a while, but not active, think about jumping into the water with us <G>. This is a small club, but active and vital. In many ways, it and the members can become part of your extended family. I invite you to join us as we share our love for horses in general, the Appaloosa horse in particular, and as we promote both vigorously.

Carol



# Diamond Run Farm

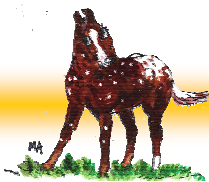
*Frost My Asset (Ashley)  
with 2008 Filly  
All The Rageous (Gina)  
by Ziprageous (AQHA)*

**Wishing All Exhibitors  
At The Appaloosa Reichert Celebration  
The Best Of Luck!**



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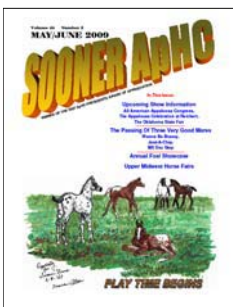


## Welcome To Oklahoma!

Editor Gerry and Marian Alton found out that Sooner members, Don and Karen Marr, were not kidding when they kept insisting that their last Forty One JJ foal was Gerry and Marian's. Don and Karen made the trip from Scottsburg, Indiana, and brought along "Gracie" (JJS Prissy Miss, pending, pictured at right). They spent the night up in Claremore before making the morning trip down to Oktaha where "Gracie" will be staying.

"Gracie" will be co-owned by both Editor Gerry and Marian Alton, so who knows what this filly will be trained for, or asked to do. All we know is, look what happens when Gerry and Marian work together on this Sooner newsletter.

Gerry and Marian have both run thank you ads to the Marrs, for their generosity, in this issue.



## Last Issue Was Largest Issue!

The May/June 2009 issue of Sooner News was the largest one yet, at 76 pages from cover to cover. Some other high numbers reported in that issue were 30 stallions listed as participating in the Sooner Super Stallion Stakes, as well as 23 new Sooner member foals. Sooner continues to grow!

## Color In That Map!

Realistically, we'd like to think that all of our out-of-state members will continue to remain paid up members, but we will understand if they don't, especially during these pressing times. However, it is fun to watch this map as it continues to grow. Over the past several weeks, through the efforts of Sooner member Sharon Marshall, we picked up a new member from Colorado to put a new state on the board.



- Bruce Miller, Stroud, Oklahoma
- Stan Ward, Haskell, Oklahoma
- Leanne Ward, Haskell, Oklahoma
- Rolland Guild, Piedmont, Oklahoma
- Jim Campbell, Haskell, Oklahoma
- Lee Campbell, Haskell, Oklahoma
- Jay Grubb, Purcell, Oklahoma
- Kip Christian, Colorado Springs, Colorado

## Welcome New Members, One And All!