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A Collection of Cass Family Photos, Colida, and Colida Descendants

## Sooner Super Stallion Stakes

A List Of All Member Owned Stallions That Are Enrolled



....and many more features!



COLD COUNTRY COLOR

*Especially  
for  
Sooner News  
3-9-2009  
Marian Alton*

# EDITOR'S NOTES

It's been awhile since I included a page for my own personal comments, but thought I'd take some time out since my internet modem decided to quit in the middle of a project, allowing me some quiet time. A day off from work with no new email reminders coming in. While I dread the thought of what my inbox will look like when they come out and replace my modem, which may take as long as three days, it gives me time to try and catch up on a few other things.

For the past several issues, my 'ace reporter,' Marian Alton, has been working her contacts, coming up with new pictures and stories of Sooner material, past and present, that have helped make this newsletter something special. This issue is no exception. Through Marian's efforts, we welcome back Bill Cass as a member of Sooner, and Bill was kind enough to loan us several pictures, some over 80 years old, for this latest issue.



Bill Cass, and the stallion he is most associated with, Colida, and many of Colida's famous get, are being highlighted in this issue, thanks to Bill, and the Cass family's generous efforts. Most of the pictures presented in this issue have never been published before.

To the left, is a picture of Colida Will Power, Bill's current stallion, a grandson of Colida.

While we do mention Bill's 80th birthday in this newsletter, I'd also like to mention that Bill and Ethelyn Cass will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on May 29th!

To the right, is the trio that inspired Marian's artwork that graces the cover of this issue. You'll find more information on that story in our regular Sooner Shorts section.



While the newsletter does involve a fair amount of work, scanning photos, setting up the pages, printing the pages, putting the pages together, stapling, labeling, and then hauling to the Post Office, there's a lot of fun in reading these stories and seeing these pictures before everyone else. We are also trading a few stories and pictures with both the Tennessee Appaloosa Association and the Sundance 500 Association. You'll find a couple of bits from these other organizations in this issue as well. As our membership expands into other parts of the country, it only seems like a natural progression to start including more news and stories from other corners of the country as well.

*Gerry*





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**"Buddy"**

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# Sooner Members In OKC For OAR Meeting



From left to right (above); Bruce Miller, OAR Treasurer; Jim Lovell; Miriam Lovell; and John Haid, past president of OAR.

On January 16, Jim and Miriam Lovell and Marian Alton, Sooner members from Claremore, Oklahoma, and a new Sooner member Leonard Harvison, from Cameron, Oklahoma, near the west border of Arkansas, attended the Oklahoma Appaloosa Racing function in Oklahoma City.

Bruce Miller is Treasurer of OAR. John Haid is past President. The current OAR President is Victoria Ennis. Secretary is Rolland Guild.

Jim and Miriam Lovell's gelding, BUG BE GONE was ApHC 2008 Champion two year old gelding. He's trained by Angie Jones, and will be racing again in 2009.



Bruce Miller (left) and Marian Alton. Photo by Miriam Lovell.

Marian gets a laugh out of Bruce Miller who is a patient man when it comes to helping Sooner members involved in OAR racing, stallion auction, etc.

Jerry and Marian donated a service to ApHC BUGS J MAN, purchased by OAR Secretary, Rolland Guild.



Also present at the function was Bill Hudlow, a longtime member of OAR, and the owner of the late ApHC NAVAJO BRITCHES. Bill is pictured to the left.

Sooner member, Joleta Ingersoll-Spurlock donated a service to AQHA MAI KAI to the OAR auction. "Mike" appears to be telling Joleta, "Get serious—we're getting our picture taken."

MAI KAI's service was purchased by Marian Alton.



The Oklahoma Appaloosa Racing results, that had been prepared and scheduled to run in the last Sooner newsletter, were inadvertently, omitted. They can be found in this current issue. Apologies from your editor!



# Cave Paintings Demystified

Our Sooner cover artist, Marian Alton, sent in this cartoon she found on a calendar put out by Spaulding Fly Predators, and couldn't help but add a few creative touches of her own. She started by giving the horse some Appaloosa coloring.

Marian didn't stop there, however, and proceeded to turn the cave men into cave women, specifically, Marian and her life long friend, Martha Swartz. Marian's redesigned calendar cartoon appears below. Marian also added a new caption to go with the cartoon which refers to her 'hero,' Hands Up.



**“I know he’s been your hero a long time, but you put too much mane and tail on him.”**

***Check out the updated listings in the Sooner Super Stallion Stakes***





# Sooner Shorts



*They say a picture is worth a thousand words. James Colley takes a slow ride on one of the Colley family's stallions, "Rainmaker."*

## There Was A Time.....

when Appaloosa racing took place in many more states than it does today. It also was a time of many more publications dedicated specifically to Appaloosa racing.

One such example is this partial scan of the front page of the November 1976 issue of Illinois Appaloosa Racing News. The lead article describes wins at Arlington Park, best known as the home of the Arlington Million.





## The Flight Home

On the return trip home from the funeral of Wisconsin Sooner member, Janice Dickie, Marian Alton had a 7.5 hour layover at Chicago/O'Hare International Airport due to winter weather conditions. Once they were finally allowed to board the plane and head back to Tulsa, Marian met up with Honor Goodenow of Collinsville, Oklahoma. Honor had been the Postmaster at the Claremore Post Office in the 1990's.

Honor was on a trip back home from Anchorage, Alaska, where she had been visiting her daughter, who raises jumpers. They got to talking, and Marian had to put in several good words about the folks at Sooner, and the Appaloosa, in general. Honor and Marian exchanged information, and Honor wants to come see Jerry's and Marian's stallion, Bugs J Man, or "Stelen" as he's more affectionately called, and also get together sometime for lunch.

Marian says, "Who knows, we may just get another member," and then added, "If she joins, I'll then have to work on her daughter in Alaska!" Editor Gerry then countered with "You just want to make me find a US map with Alaska on it, since the current one I'm using to chart the membership only has the lower 48!" Both got a chuckle over that. Now we'll just have to wait and see.....

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## One More Sooner Connection

One more connection to Sooner ApHC appears in the January 2009 issue of the Appaloosa Journal, in the form of a little poetry. Check out page 114, on the right side of the page. Lou Wynn was a former Publicity Director for Sooner ApHC.

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## Appaloosa Race Horses With Sooner Member Connections Rule!

From the March issue of the Appaloosa Journal's racing stats, we have Easy We Go as the fourth all time leading sire of money earners. Dee Keener (new Sooner member) is the fourth leading trainer for 2008, and the trainer of Fawns Rose, the number one (by dollars earner) starter for 2008. Bug Be Gone, owned by Jim and Miriam Lovell, is the Champion 2 year old sprint gelding for 2008, and also a south-central regional champion.

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## Condolences to Sooner Member June Kooker



Sooner member, Bill Cass, is going to find his picture of Colida's Wildfire, make a copy, and send it to June Kooker who lost her champion Appaloosa mare, Hot Sugar Cookie, who was a granddaughter of Colida's Wildfire. Bill was the breeder of Cookie's dam, Colida's Bobbie, and Bobbie's sire, Colida's Wildfire.



## Indiana Filly Is The Source Of Torture For Two Oklahoma Members



Editor Gerry Lukacik and Marian Alton are willing “victims of torture” when Sooner member, Karen Marr, of Indiana calls or sends photos with the latest progress reports on “their” 2009 filly by ApHC Forty One JJ out of Party Miss (TB). That’s Don and Karen’s daughter, Debbie, in the yellow jacket.

Gerry and Marian tried to be sensible and not be tempted to get interested in the big, classy, comical, smart, highly bred, colored baby girl—and failed!



Karen knows how to get these Okies going in the direction she wants and stick to routine “torture” methods of e-mailing Gerry and mailing photos to Marian with “torture, torture, torture” printed across the back of the envelope!

The filly’s name is Prissy Miss, aka, Torture. Her mama, Party Miss (TB) won \$43,166.00 on the track and in her pedigree are Damascus, Nijinsky, Buckpasser, Princequillo, Tom Rolf, etc.

Gerry already has two of the Marr bred fillies by Forty One JJ, and they are both houdinis and lead him on a merry chase at times.

Come weaning time, we will see what editor and assistant decide about each having half a filly and ending the “torture.”

*Editor’s note: Actually, the filly’s barn name is “Gracie,” and not “Torture,” but if she’s going to grow up anything like her slightly older half sisters, she’s definitely not going to be boring!*



## New Foals Arriving!

Sooner member, Marian Alton, got a call from Larry Colley on Sunday, 7 PM, 3-15-09, with an on the scene report that the Colley family was rejoicing over the birth of a loud colored colt who traces to ApHC Hands Up eight times! The Colleys own both the sire and dam. Larry was glad he was home and not working in Arkansas! Marian had to call Jim Chronister with the news since she and Jim have had a happy “running gun battle” over the ol’ bald faced horse for 37 years. All Jim can say is, “OH NO!” and probably cry—HA! Wagh, wagh-h-h!

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## Lots Of Pedigree Connections

It’s interesting that Sooner member, Martha Swartz, and husband, Don, have always retained some AQHA Big Step breeding in their palomino champions. Now, we learn that Bill Cass chose a dun Big Step bred mare to become the mother of his present Colida grandson, Colida Will Power. It’s a small world... Don and Martha were the breeders of AQHA Mr Trouble Step, the maternal grandsire of the dun mare, Troubles Spicy! They were meant to be in the Appaloosa breed and didn’t know it till 3-16-’09! For pictures, and more on this connection, see the History section in this issue.

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## Just a Little More Racing News

Sooner member, Joleta Ingersoll-Spurlock, is mighty proud of her black AQHA stallion, Mai Kai, whose offspring have been running—and winning! Marian is happy too since Jerry and she will breed their colored half sister to Bugs J Man to Mai Kai. Jerry and Marian send congratulations to Larry and Joleta and also to Sooner members Jim and Miriam Lovell whose race gelding, Bug B Gone, is the 2008 Champion 2 year old sprint gelding and also Texas/Oklahoma regional champion and medallion winner. He’s a grandson of ApHC We Go Dixie owned by Jerry and Marian. Joleta’s brother-in-law, Dee Keener, trained the Supreme Champion 2-year-old, Fawns Rose, who led the industry in dollars earned. Congratulations all!

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## A Well Traveled Saddle

No, it’s not a new saddle, but it’s a very special one since it was ridden many years by Sooner member, Judy DeMuth’s grandchildren, who have outgrown it.

Judy sent it, from Michigan, to the Colley family and Larry brought it over for Jerry and Marian to see. Their young stallion, ApHC Zipez Co Native Hand, aka “Gander,” (in the background) was bred by Judy DeMuth but was foaled in Claremore. Judy owns his sire, ApHC Crown Prince, and Jerry and Marian own his dam, “Cara”, a Colida granddaughter.

## News From Around The Country



We've decided to trade a few stories and news items, back and forth, with one of the regional clubs in Tennessee (Tennessee State), as well as the Sundance 500 International organization.

This was submitted by the Sundance 500 folks, but is about one of their members in Tennessee, Bill Teilman. Bill actively participates in Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Some of us who were working with the Appaloosa Breed Show at the Reichert Celebration, last August, were treated to a mounted shooting demonstration during one of the evenings list of activities.

The pictures from this particular event took place in Bristol, TN. Bill says, "We got 4th out of 34. I shot clean. Bill is riding his stallion, Ten E C Silver.



## How About The Editor's Fillies?



I've been getting asked that a lot lately. The fillies, now yearlings, are doing well, and growing like weeds. They now share about 20 acres with two adult mares, and really enjoy their 'wide open spaces.' Further reports on Dottie (left) and Roxie in future issues.

