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Region 9 Director's Message

When you receive this newsletter we will be at the door of spring and the show season and rides within our Region will be in full swing! This Region has an abundance of Open Shows, Class A Shows and Distance Rides available for your pleasure – just check out the calendar found at the Region 9 web site – www.region9aha.org.

In January, Horsefest was held in Conroe which was a new venue for this affair. In an effort to try and get the horses back in our 'Horse'fest, the Youth Foundation decided to move this event to Conroe and offered a Parelli Clinic along with the Stallion Service Auction and the Awards Luncheon and Dinner. While attendance was not what it had been in the past, those that did attend had a good time. Horsefest and the Stallion Service Auction are so important to the success of the Youth Foundation Scholarship program and the Region Futurities, it is really disappointing that more Region 9 members do not attend and show support of this event. Thank you to the Youth Foundation Board and volunteers for all their time and hard work to make this event possible. More detailed information about the various activities that took place at Horsefest can be found in this newsletter.

The Region 9 Delegates Meeting was held on January 20, 2008 and the unapproved minutes from this meeting were e-blasted out on February 3, 2008. If you do not get these e-blasts and would like to get on the e-blast list, please send me an e-mail at patbarton1@msn.com requesting to be added to the list.

If anyone would like to be a volunteer at the Region 9 Championship Show or the Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show, please contact Margo Shallcross or Bill Eash, respectively. And one last request – if you would like to become more involved in Region 9 activities or be on one of our many committees, give me a call.

Now, go out and have fun with your horses!

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2008 AHA Region 9 Championship Show Update

By Margo Shallcross, Show Manager

About 130 days to Kickoff!! Judges are Richard Petty, Mitch Sperte and Mary Trowbridge. Deborah Johnson will judge working western and Rod Kelly will judge cutting. New for 2008 will be our Gate Chair, Carrie Woolverton, and The Arabian Scoring System for halter. We will use the In the Ring Class procedure. Information on this can be found on the AHA web site.

In March look for the Region 9 Championship Show premium on the Region 9 web site, <http://region9aha.org>. We also mail out over 2,000 premium books. For 2008 join the Patrons for great meals, purchase box seats to help our charity, Cook's Children Hospital, and enjoy the show on June 10-14, 2008! For questions or comments, contact Margo Shallcross at margoshallcross@hotmail.com.



2008 AHA Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show Update

By **Bill Eash, Show Manager**

The 2008 Region 9 Sport Horse Championship Show will be held at the Heart of Texas Fairgrounds in Waco, TX, July 10-13, 2008. The Sport Horse Judge will be Charlotte Trentleman USEF "S" Dressage, FL; the Carriage Driving Judge will be Lore Homer USEF "R" Pleasure Carriage Driving, Combined Driving, PA. Sarah Jane Martin of Montgomery, TX will be our TD and C2 Steward. Charlene Lynch of Leonard, TX will be our show manager.

We are adding three Carriage Driving Classes in 2008 -- a working class, reinsmanship, and an obstacle class. The working and reinsmanship classes are shown in a very calm quiet and relaxed way of going. The reinsmanship class is similar to an equitation class where the driver is judged and then may be asked to drive a pattern. The obstacle class has a course set up of cones with balls on top that the exhibitor must maneuver through. The driver picks his course through the sets of

cones that he feels will be the quickest for his horse. This is an exciting class that features speed and accuracy and really gets the audience involved. We are expecting between eight and ten exhibitors and one exhibitor may even show a "pair/team" of horses. We have hired a long time driving judge and driving technical delegate that has agreed to help us design the course and we really look forward to working with her. We are having a wine and cheese party Thursday evening while we hold the three driving classes and we would like to invite you all to come.

The Sport Horse Regional premium will be combined with the Region 9 Championship Show premium as it was last year. All ad space in the premium is sold, but we still have advertising opportunities in the Sport Horse Regional Show Program, class sponsorships, and a need for silent auction items. Please contact Bill Eash at eash@gvtc.com for ads, contributions and sponsorships.



Region 9 Endurance and Competitive Trail Championships

By **Carla Jo Bass**

The Region 9 Championship 50 mile endurance ride will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008 at the LBJ Grasslands, in Decatur, TX. We would welcome and encourage anyone qualified for this ride to come and ride. It takes at least one 50 mile endurance ride to be qualified to compete. If you are not qualified to ride the regional championship, this is a good ride to start on the path to learning more about endurance riding and getting qualified for 2009. We will be having AERC sanctioned 25, 50 & 100 mile rides in conjunction with the championship. Or come volunteer and learn about endurance!

Also, the AHA sanction for the Region 9 Championship Competitive Trail Ride will be sent in by the time this newsletter is printed. The date will be September 20-21, 2008 at Robbers Route Equestrian Camp, Wilburton, OK. The qualifying rides for this championship begin in March. All North American Trail Ride Conference [NATRC] rides are recognized as qualifying rides for the AHA championships. Anyone wishing to get qualified for the CTR should start this spring. It requires 50 miles of OPEN CTR miles to be qualified. There are 6 rides this spring to get qualified. To find the rides, go to www.natrc.org and click on Region 4 rides.

Anyone wishing to know more about endurance riding or competitive trail riding can e-mail me at rebelcjb@yahoo.com with a subject line stating which one they are interested. I will answer them as soon as possible. You can also visit the AERC website, the endurance sanctioning organization, at www.aerc.org or the NATRC website for more information on these sports.

I would challenge more of our Arabian and Half-Arabian owners to try these exciting sports. They are a refreshing way to spend a weekend. Just think- riding along on your trusted

horse through the beautiful country that God has given us, enjoying the scenery, the fresh air, and the peacefulness away from the city. Camping with friends is also a plus!!

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Region 9 Lifetime Achievement Awards

By Cathy Christiansen

The fourth group of Region 9 Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented at the 2008 Region 9 Horsefest. A new standing committee has been established by Region 9 to ensure the future of this program. The committee members will include past recipients to help select their contemporaries and peers who will receive this prestigious award. Nominations may be



Don Forbis, Cathy Christiansen and Judi Forbis

[Photo courtesy of Mark Williams.]

The 2008 Region 9 Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Don and Judi Forbis, of Ansata Arabian Stud, by Rita McNair and Cathy Christiansen. Both Don and Judith have loved horses since childhood. Don jock-

eyed racehorses as a young boy. Judi rode in equitation and jumping classes. Don trained their Arabian racehorses in Turkey. Judi jockeyed them, setting a track record that still stands today. A respected author, Judi has lectured worldwide and has judged major horse shows throughout the world.

Celebrating their 50th Anniversary, Ansata was founded in 1958 by Donald and Judith Freni Forbis after they met and married in Turkey. They imported their first foundation stock from Egypt in 1959 including the Nazeer son, *Ansata Ibn Halima, and several Nazeer daughters. These horses re-established the popularity of Egyptian Arabians in America and today Ansata bloodlines and the "Ansata Look" are treasured globally.

Don showed Ansata horses to US National Top Ten halter wins, Judi has shown Class A halter champions. Both are active in Arabian horse circles worldwide, but have called Region 9 home for most of their 50 years – in OK and TX, and then settling in Mena, AR. Region 9 has been the center of the international influence and impact on the Arabian horse by these two icons in the Arabian Horse Industry.



Horsefest 2008 Features Parelli Clinic

By Sandy Bentley, Region 9 AHA Youth Foundation Chair

The Level One Parelli Clinic given by Christi Rains at the Horsefest was a great success for all that attended. The weather was quite brisk but did not deter those seeking the fun and excitement of the clinic. Christi and some of her top students demonstrated many developmental steps of the Parelli program, and showed amazing interactions with their horses, playing at Liberty and riding bridleless.

Six participants were introduced to Parelli Natural Horsemanship with exciting results. Patricia Parmley and Elizabeth Summers hauled their Arabian show horses all the way from Arkansas to participate in the Parelli Clinic. Leslie Wills, a Houston Mounted Police officer, brought her handsome grey warmblood gelding to enhance his education as a police horse. Elizabeth Deden has adopted and trained four mustangs using the Parelli program. Ray LeMaster developed his leadership skills with his beautiful buckskin Half-Arabian mare. Tracie Mann developed confidence with her Akhal Teke mare. Tracie said, "Good communication skills are a very important aspect of my life and something I strongly promote. Christi really opened up the lines of communication between my horse and I in a way we could both understand!"

Christi taught participants the basics of the Parelli Seven Games to help nurture a stronger relationship with their horses. She emphasized concepts designed to enhance safety, and to achieve better results with their mounts.

According to Leslie Wills, "Although the Parelli home study programs are put together better than any other I have experienced, you



Patricia Parmley with her show mare playing with the ball!

really need the eye

of a trained instructor like Christi Rains to properly progress to the next level. Christi has a talent of being able to connect with people who come from varying experience levels. She is easy to talk to and offers advice and encouragement at the appropriate times. I have seen great changes in myself and my horse since beginning Parelli. The Level One Clinic in Conroe offered me inspiration to continue through the levels of Parelli and eventually attain an instructor certification." At the end of the day, the group played with their horses using balls, tarps, umbrellas and other toys to help the horses get braver and smarter.

This type of training program is not only fun to watch but extremely fun to participate in. For more information, view the Parelli website, www.parelli.com, Christi's website, www.chistirains.com, or contact Christi Rains at cr24pnh@flash.net. Photos from the clinic can be viewed at www.carterequineproductions.com. Christi's next Level 1 Class will be at her place in Cleburne, TX, on March 15-16, 2008. She welcomes new riders and auditors.



Stallion Service Auction Breedings Still Available!

By Bob Barton

January 19, 2008 was the day HorseFest was held in Conroe, TX with an excellent clinic presented by Christi Raines and her students. That evening the crowd found themselves bidding in the Region 9 Stallion Service Auction which featured 22 top quality stallions! Opening bids of 50% of normal breeding fees led to sales on 16 of the 22 donated breedings and produced a total of \$14,575. Half that amount – over \$7,000 – will be paid out in the 2010 Region 9 Futurity, into which each successful bidder can enter their foal! The other half will be donated by Region 9 to Youth Foundation Region 9 AHA Inc. to be used as scholarship funds. Thanks to everyone who “bought” stallions that night, that included Tamar Visionary, Toskabi, Expection, Major Destiny, Pryme Thyme, Mais Shah, Sam Houston V, ZZ Bop, Hey Hallelujah, Nepozar, Besson Carol, MSA Magic Evening, Odyssey SC, Yosemite Sam GNTC, KMA Last Wezsh and

Sky Fighter.

Still available for sale until April 1, 2008 at 75% of their normal breeding fee are:

- ALLIANCE +/- (for \$2,625)
- RENAISSANCE (for \$1,875)
- KORDELAS (for \$2,250)
- WC BODEGA BEY (FOR \$750)
- MAGNUM WA (for \$1,125)
- STAR OF FAME V (for \$1,500)

These breedings are available on a First Come, First Sold basis through April 10, 2008. Once again, half the purchase price is donated to Youth Foundation. So, get a foal by a great stallion that can be entered in the 2010 Region 9 Futurity and help fund the scholarships. Everyone can be a winner. To purchase any of these breedings, contact Cindy Savage at (254) 933-1333 (work phone) to get a contract.



Black Stallion Literacy Project: Fourth Grade Program Dates

By Cathy Christiansen

April 21, 2008: Little Rock at Barton

April 23, 2008: Jonesboro at the Equestrian Center at the University

April 25, 2008: Fayetteville/Springdale at the Bentonville Fair Grounds [Two shows at each location, 10:15am and 12:15pm]

May 20, 2008: Fort Worth at Will Rogers Coliseum 10:30am

First Grade Programs are also going on throughout Arkansas and Texas! For more information contact Laura Graves at 870-746-4500 or Cathy Christiansen at 870-692-1562 or cathy010@centurytel.net.



2007 Region 9 Horseman Awards Winners

Congratulations to this year's winners and thanks for all who voted! Be sure to nominate your candidates next year!

Breeder of the Year
Coach of the Year
Halter Handler – Male
Halter Handler – Female
Saddleseat Trainer – Male
Saddleseat Trainer – Female
Hunter Trainer – Male
Hunter Trainer – Female
Western Trainer – Female
Western Trainer – Male

Oak Haven
Sandy Bentley
Jason Krohn
Wendye Gardiner
Blake Krohn
Jennifer Goslin
Troy Peterson
Erika Burmeister
Jennifer Jackson
Cody Ralston

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Amateur 18-39 Female
Amateur 40 & over – Male
Amateur 40 & over –Female
JR Exhibitor 14-17
JR Exhibitor 11-13
JR Exhibitor 10 & Under
JR Exhibitor Walk/Trot
Dressage Competitor
Sport Horse Competitor
Working Western Trainer
Working Western Amateur
Competitive Trail Rider

Holly Dillin
Adam Schwalm
Robin Bray
Bob Nash
Jane Ann Godsey
Krista Greenwich
Lauren Burke
Crista Goslin
Ty Ralston
Clare Morrow
Annie Wiggins
Larry Westmoreland
Dianna Stanger
Elizabeth Williams

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Canter Across Region 9: News From Across the Region

We encourage ALL REGION 9 CLUBS to submit items of interest to your State Representatives to be included in the newsletter – so be sure to respond when your state reps solicit information! The next newsletter will be mailed June 1, 2008, so all information should be submitted to your State Rep or to aharegion9@earthlink.net by May 1, 2008.

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Arabian Horse Community Association

The Arabian Horse Community Association elected new officers for 2008 at its January general membership meeting. New officers are:

President - Cindy Davis of Tull, AR

Vice-President - Cassie Tacker of Bono, AR

Secretary - Nancy Pierce of Mt. Vernon, AR

Treasurer - Patricia Parmley of St. Vincent, AR

Membership Chair - Nancye McCowan of Ridgeland, MS

Board Members: Karen Adams of Alexander, AR, Andy Rye of Vilonia, AR, and Robin Rye of Vilonia, AR

Our Region 9 friends are welcome to join us for a busy year of community shows, clinics, trail rides, fun, and fellowship. Check the club's website for updates and details www.arabianhorsecommunity.org.

Arkansas Arabian Horse Club [AAHC]

The Arkansas Arabian Horse Club is celebrating its 41st year of service to the Arabian Horse Community. With that in mind, we offer many activities to our members. The 39th Annual Victory Challenge will be held April 10-13, 2008 in Little Rock at Barton Coliseum. This year the show has added a day of Working Western on Thursday. Cutting has been added and the Working Cow has been moved to Thursday as well.

Opportunity Classes in each division will allow Non-Arabian owners to be exposed to the beauty and athletic ability of the Arabian horse. This year's Victory Challenge is excited to have internationally known judge Deb Witt as well as quality discipline judges for the Cutting, Jumping and Sport Horse Divisions.

This year the class schedule has been completely revised and negotiations with fairgrounds staff have resulted in better warm-up areas - for more info contact Erika Studer at got2jump@sbcglobal.net or check our web site for complete class list and entry form www.arkansasarabianhorseclub.com.

Our AAHC All-breed series is gearing up! A tradition for the AAHC, the shows attract 40-50 horses per show and introduce numerous people to the breed. Year-end high points are tallied at the end of each year and awards given in categories for Arabs, Half-Arabs & non-Arabs.

The AAHC recently announced the schedule for their High Point Open Show Series: March 8, May 17, June 7, July 19, Aug 23

All Shows will be held at the Saline County Fairgrounds in Benton, AR.

Congratulations to our members who received Region 9 High Point Awards at Horsefest! Members, Lisa Jensen, Brooklyn Jensen, Marg Woodruff, Cindy Davis & Krista Greenwich all won high point awards.

Congratulations also to Robin Bray, who received the Amateur Female Hunter Competitor 18-39. We are proud of all of you and look forward to showing with you in '08! For more information on AAHC, contact Jeremy Harper, President, at 501-699-4565.

Arabian Riders and Breeders of Northwest Arkansas [ARAB]

The Arabian Riders and Breeders of Northwest Arkansas Club Open Shows dates are Sunday March, 30, 2008 and Sunday, October 12, 2008.



ARAB would also like to congratulate long-time members Gary and Nancy Howard of Fayetteville, Arkansas, for their successful 2007 show season. Gary and Nancy are the proud owners of Amerikan Eagle. Eagle, trained and shown by Eddie Ralston of Depew, OK, was award-

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ed the 2007 U S National Championship in Arabian Working Cowhorse. Eagle also acquired numerous other honors this year in the Purebred Arabian Working Cowhorse division including a Region 9 Top 5 and the Region 14 Reserve Championship.

ARAB youth have had a busy season including crowning the reigning Queen and her Court. It is our pleasure to introduce ARAB Queen Erin Springer, Princess Callie McCreery and Little Miss Kelsie-Moire Lowrey. These beautiful ladies will represent ARAB members at events through-out 2008.



Each year the contest tests the best of our young ladies on their interview, horsemanship, and social skills

to represent our members and values. Each lady is presented on an Arabian or Half-Arabian horse. Please look for these young ladies and their mounts at shows and functions during 2008. Several other ARAB functions are planned for 2008, please be sure to check out our web site arabofnwa.tripod.com for more information on these events and our member news.

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North Texas Arabian Horse Club [NTAHC]

NTAHC has a lot of existing things planned for 2008. The first is the release of the NTAHC 2008 Calendar, fea-

turing the horses, barns, and training programs of NTAHC. These calendars will be distributed at no charge at this spring's hottest Arabian venues, including Scottsdale. For information on reserving your spot in the 2009 calendar, check the back page!

The Mayfest Challenge 2008 is scheduled for May 2-4, 2008 at the Will Rogers Memorial Complex in Ft. Worth, TX. LaRae Fletcher-Powell is this year's performance judge. We will be featuring exciting exhibitor raffles for cash prizes, youth scholarships, and new this year – special adult amateur prizes!! Check www.NTAHC.com soon for details and the show premium.

The NTAHC Blue Jean Ball will again take place at Venture Farms in Pilot Point, TX on Sep 20, 2008. This year's BJB will feature a very selective private treaty offering of some of the finest bloodstock and prospects in Region 9 so mark your calendar to attend. NTAHC is also proud to host the Fall 2008 Region 9 Delegate Meeting at the farm the afternoon before the Blue Jean Ball! Questions about this event can be directed to Kim Potts at kim@venturefarms.com.

NTAHC Shootout 2008 has been moved to one week later this year to enable more exhibitors to attend by having an extra week between US Nationals and Shootout – and since Nationals is in Tulsa, OK – we expect to see y'all at Shootout this year!



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To contact the AHA Region 9 Communications Committee, email aharegion9@earthlink.net.



Mark Your Calendars for the

2009 Freedom Classic February 6,7,8, 2009

Heart of Texas (HOT) Complex in Waco, TX
Judges: TBD



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COMING SOON: www.freedomclassichorseshow.org!
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For more information on the 2009 Freedom Classic,
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Sport Horse In-Hand and Performance

US Nationals Sport Horse Judge

Diane L. Morgan-Stasiak

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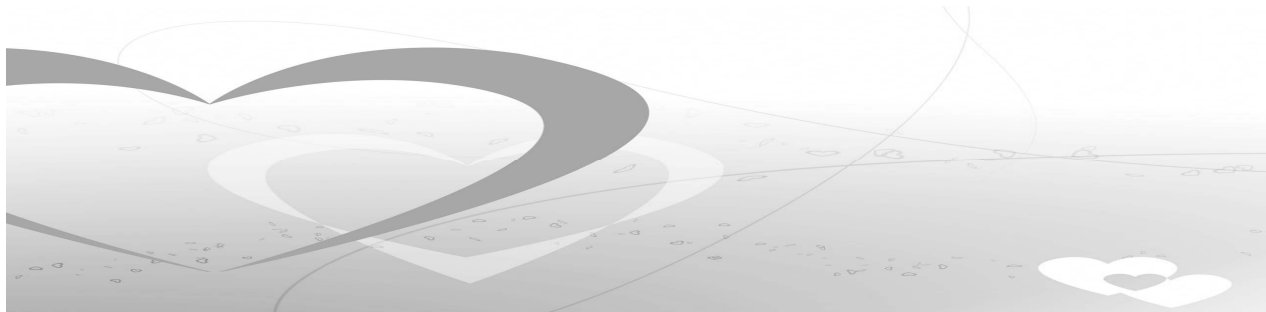


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SPECIAL NOTICES

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