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## President's Corner

July/August 2008

by Carol Johnson



We've had some very sad news since our last newsletter. Erica Halterman's mare, Bridget, was unable to recover to a good quality of life from her bout with EPM and was humanely euthanized. Pat Gent's young stallion Faroh was also euthanized with a twisted gut. We've watched and enjoyed Erica and Bridget and Pat and Faroh; They delighted us with their joy and accomplishments. My heart aches for all of them as I share in a small way their losses. Please keep the Haltermans and the Gents, as well as these wonderful horses, in your prayers.

It's hard to believe we're into August. This has been a busy year so far, and is continuing in the same vein. Several of our members participated in the All American Appaloosa Congress with good results. Congratulations to young Cheney on his first show outing – and to his proud owner, Gerry. Congratulations as well to our other members who participated. Thanks to Marian and others for sponsoring classes. We're glad this new show had a great first year!

The National show is also behind us. While we weren't thrilled with the move to Jackson, Sooner chose to support our parent Club and our breed by sponsoring two classes at this show. Haven't heard from everyone who went to the show, but youth member Brenna Brawner had a good show. She's gotten so TALL – how did that happen? We hope everyone who went had as much fun.

The Appaloosa Celebration show at the Reichert Celebration is just around the corner. We're in the final stages of preparing for this show (did I mention frantic preparations <G>). We are so excited about this show. We're hearing from a number of folks who are as excited as we are. 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 the distance ride in October, getting our hay in, starting our youngsters, etc. Sooner is already starting to look towards and plan for 2009. We have several ideas / projects in work. 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.

Gerry Lukacik, Marian Alton, Joleta Ingersoll and I were involved in getting a positive placement for a beautiful mare named Clipper. It's been an uplifting effort to work with these wonder people on this project. I'd also like to thank Ashley Coker and her husband Scott for letting us help out. Watch for more news of Clipper over the next months.

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



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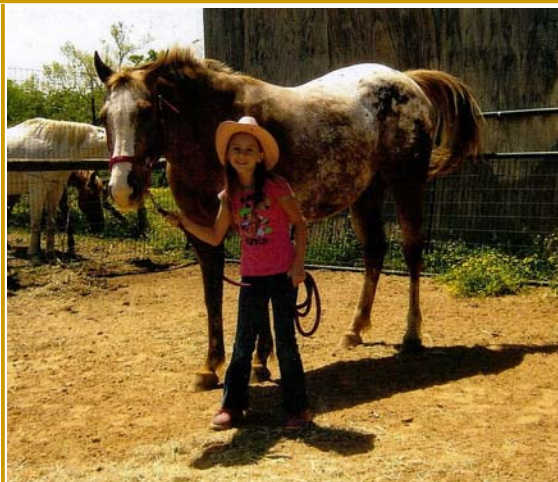
On April 15, 2008, my birthday weekend, I went to Marian Alton and Jerry Crouch's ranch in Claremore, Oklahoma. I met "Black Annie Hands", the last living "Hands Up" daughter. I also met "Stelen", and last but not least, Marian Alton and Jerry Crouch.

On April 25, 2008, we went to see "Legs", Marian and Jerry's horse. I could lead her and ride, and we decided to buy "Legs." I thought she was gorgeous and broad.

Then, on May 10, 2008, Marian and Jerry delivered "Legs", and my family and I showed them around.

I think it was cool to have met Marian and Jerry. I want to say "Thank You" for being such nice people.

By Cayenne Colley, age 10



## School Days

Jim Chronister and "Chance" participated in the land run reenactment held at Grove Elementary School in the Union school district, Tulsa. Several horses were taken to the school to show the kids the different ways horses were used. Jim took our side saddle and explained to the kids that ladies rode side saddle and how they sat in it.



As you can see Chance was lapping up the attention. Jim said that he never moved a muscle even when surrounded by kids. All he did was stick his nose out to them.

Chance was the only Appaloosa there and a big hit with the kids and the teachers. Jim got several thank you letters from the kids. I'm not sure who had the most fun, the kids, Chance or Jim.

Submitted by Donna Chronister

## Mama's Design Passes

2-12-2000 to 6-7-2008

It was a sad day at Sooner ApHC when we received this report from Martin Halterman about the passing of Sooner, two time Horse Of The Year, Mama's Design (a.k.a: Bridget).

Erica Halterman's beloved show mare was euthanized yesterday following a three month ordeal with EPM. She bravely battled the debilitating effects of this disease until we could no longer ask her to continue the struggle. It had left her crippled in the hindquarters without the ability to get on her feet without assistance these last three months, and swollen joints and pressure sores finally left her without any good legs. We had brought her home to the ranch a week ago and she somehow managed to stay up in the trailer, but the stress weakened her and she spent more of the last week down than up. Two days ago she escaped her stall and spent one last glorious day free to roam the hayfield, eating lush grass to her heart's content.

This mare brought Erica so much happiness and success in the show ring in their brief two and a half years together: State 4-H Trail Champion 12-14 2007; District 4-H Trail, Horsemanship and Showmanship Champion 12-14 2007; Oklahoma Horse Fair 2008 Champion Trail Horse; Neosha 2006 Reserve Champion Novice Youth; Sooner Appaloosa Club Horse of the Year 2006 and 2007, along with several year end highpoints. Erica is especially proud to have competed with Bridget at the 2007 Nationals and World, placing 12th and 15th in Senior Trail.

Martin will always cherish the memories of placing fifth in Masters Showmanship at the 2007 Worlds with Bridget including a first place on one of the judge's cards.

Bridget's favorite treat was strawberry Pop Tarts of which she received many during our almost daily visits to Interstate Equine these last three months, and as many as she wanted during her final hours. Our hearts are heavy with the sadness of having to part with her and watch her struggle with the disease, and, unfortunately, due to insurance requirements a necropsy is to be performed, so we will not be able to bury her in one of her favorite resting spots at the ranch. But the future is brightened by Erica's recent acquisition of Etched Design (Skyler) a half sister to Bridget. The pair recently competed at the Oklahoma ApHC Club's May show, winning 2 national points in a tough field of over twenty in Senior Trail, and are the 2008 SW District Horse Show Western High Point, winning trail, horsemanship, and showmanship 12-14. Dear friends, thank you for the many prayers and sympathy you have expressed on our behalf. Our love and thanks to you all.

Martin

All of us at Sooner ApHC wish to offer our sincerest condolences to Erica and the rest of the Halterman family over the loss of their fine mare. We know she will be missed.



## Sooner ApHC Sponsors Two Classes At The 2008 ApHC National Show In Jackson, Mississippi

It was a last minute decision on the part of the Sooner Board of Directors, but the Board decided to sponsor two classes at this year's Appaloosa National Show in Jackson, Mississippi. The two classes sponsored were Non Pro Trail, won by Sarah Mangham on Royal Special Te (a couple of Sooner show regulars), and Novice Non Pro Hunter Under Saddle, won by Kelly Barnhill on Hands Off Emma. Congratulations to all exhibitors and their fine Appaloosas!



PHOTO: ED SALA

# Iola Hatley's Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony

When I first saw this picture, taken June 7, 2008, inside the Appaloosa Museum in Moscow, Idaho, I just knew I had to get permission to include it in the next issue of the Sooner newsletter.

Earlier this year, we ran an article by Juli Thorson about Iola Hatley being inducted into the Appaloosa Hall Of Fame. On June 7th, in Moscow, a special ceremony was held to honor Iola's induction.

From left to right; George Hatley (ApHC membership #45), Juli Thorson, and Iola Hatley (ApHC membership #99).

Congratulations!

## Newsletter Editor Finally Gets To Show

It's been four years since your Sooner newsletter editor moved down from Illinois to Oklahoma, and although I've been to many a show, just never seemed to quite make it into the ring for one reason or another.

The dry spell was finally broken at the All American Appaloosa Congress show in Ardmore, Oklahoma. I showed my yearling colt Hunting With Cheney (a.k.a "Cheney") in Hunter In Hand.

While he's currently in a massive growth spurt, with his hind quarters almost three inches taller than his withers, plans are in the works to get him to the Reichert Appaloosa Celebration and the Oklahoma State Fair. Even if he looks a little out of balance right now, the experience will do him a world of good.



PHOTO: C. KELTS

## Just A Little Bit Late

This foal announcement from Holly Brawner arrived just a little bit to late to get into the last newsletter.

This loud colored filly arrived on April 28, and is sired by The Miracle Chip , and out of Armani (a.k.a: In Fashion).



It's a pretty sure bet that we'll be seeing this one in the show ring sometime in the future.



## First All American Appaloosa Congress Is In The Books



The first All American Appaloosa Congress, held at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum, in Ardmore, Oklahoma, is now part of history. The show ran from June 15 –21, and Sooner ApHC was one of the regional clubs that co-pointed the show.

While we don't have a final word on how well the show did, at the time of this printing, it is understood that the show will be back again in 2009.

To the left is a picture of the inside arena at the Hardy Murphy complex. This picture was taken after show hours to get an unobstructed view.

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PHOTO: AMANDA L BEYL

### Wap Rah Cheer Passes

March 30, 2004— June 23, 2008



Unfortunately, with this issue, we have to announce the passing of a second Sooner member's horse.

Pat has submitted a detailed story about "Faroh" that can be found elsewhere in this issue.

### News from Indiana Sooner Member

Sooner member, Karen Marr of Scottsburg, Indiana called a few weeks ago to say ApHC Forty One JJ now has a new home about an hour away. Karen and her husband, Don, are selling their JJ foals except for a classy colored daughter who is in Louisiana with a trainer who has learned "Twinkles" not only has speed, but has *cow ability* and stays calm while he rides her around *longhorn* cattle!

### Happy Birthdays

Sooner members Martha Swartz and Marian Alton, lifelong friends, celebrated their 70th birthdays in May—Marian says she is four days older.

Your editor, Gerry Lukacik and youth member Katelynn Sokolowski also celebrated birthdays in July.

### Longtime Appaloosa Breeder Passes

Longtime Appaloosa breeder and Claremore, Oklahoma old timer, Rolland Bennett, passed away.

Marian Alton has submitted a much more detailed article on Rolland that can be found elsewhere in this issue.

**Sooner Photo Quiz On Next Page →**

Here are two fantastic photos sent by Michigan Sooner member, Judy DeMuth! Can you guess who these colts are?

Both are now World Champions and sires of World and National Champions.

The colt to the right is famous All Hands On Zip at two weeks old.



All Hands On Zip is a half brother to the colt on the left. Pictured at 7 weeks old, that's ApHC Zips EZ Question, which Judy DeMuth still owns and stands.

His dam is ApHC EZ2C Free Hand , a National Champion by EZ2C, out of a High Hand daughter.

Judy is the breeder of both stallions.

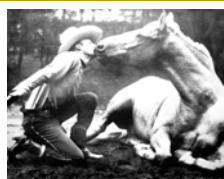
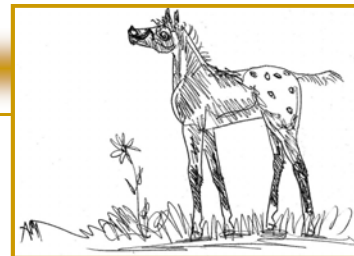
Thank You, Judy, for sharing these rare photos.



## **Thank You To Marian Alton...**

...for not only supplying most of our cover art, but in this issue, Marian supplied a large portion of the included articles

Look for the story that Marian submitted about longtime Appaloosa breeder/owner, Bill Conley, elsewhere in this issue.



## Who Was Hardy Murphy?

The Hardy Murphy Coliseum, home of the All American Appaloosa Congress, bears the name of the Ardmore, Oklahoma resident who achieved national fame with his two horses, Buck and Silver Cloud. Very little information about him can be found online, but several old photographs and captions can be seen inside the vendor area on the south side of the coliseum.

At one point in his career, Hardy was invited to Hollywood for a screen test. Once there, he was unimpressed with the Hollywood lifestyle, and he suggested to the movie moguls that they talk to his close friend, who was currently in Hollywood doing some singing. They did, and Gene Autry got the roll in *Tinsel Town*, and the rest is history.

Hardy and Gene remained close friends for life, though the roads they chose were decidedly different. These are three of the pictures that can be seen at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum. The last one on the right was taken in 1955 when both of Hardy's horses were interred at the fairgrounds. The little girl behind Hardy is his daughter, the one in front of him is unidentified.



## Gerry's Newest Mare

While your newsletter editor wasn't looking for another mare, and had no plans to add another mare to the mix, a few twists and turns of events, and Easy Clipper, a 21 year old race bred mare finds herself at home in Oktaha. It's humbling to now own a mare that has been owned, in the past, by a few accomplished breeders. Two of her former owners include Judy DeMuth, breeder of All Hands On Zip, and Bill Conley, breeder of EZ2C. Originally foaled in Oklahoma, she has, in some ways, come home.





APHC EASY CLIPPER AT AGE 15 IN IDA, MICHIGAN,  
JUDY DEMUTH'S PLACE, AFTER JUDY BOUGHT HER  
FROM BILL CONLEY

**Thank You to all Sooner members who went to the aid of Easy Clipper!  
A special thanks to Joleta and Gerry. I hope so much to meet you  
someday!**

Judy DeMuth  
Ida, Michigan



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## Remembered

### Wap Rah Cheer, "Faroh"

March 30, 2004—June 23, 2008

submitted by Pat Gent

Faroh was born on a Tuesday night, right in the middle of American Idol, so from the first minute, he planned to be a star. He was a difficult foaling. His mother was a maiden, and he presented with a right elbow lock, so it was a struggle to get him delivered. He was, I thought, a solid - not a mark on his legs or his face - and I was beginning to be a little disappointed until the first of the white started arriving just behind his neck and continued until the last of his hocks. It was at that moment of wonder that his nickname, "The Spotted Wonder," was given to him. I was a little disappointed upon discovering he was a colt and not a filly, but that was the last time he ever disappointed me.

He had a lonely babyhood. He was the only foal that year, so he grew up with nothing but mares. George Basehoar said later, "he thinks like a girl." I suppose that was true. His entire life was surrounded by bossy women.

He was an easy foal to raise. He was very smart and eager to learn his foal lessons. Every time I asked him to do something, he worked hard to learn it JUST the way I wanted it done. Then he never varied the routine, and when I wanted to do it another way, he would explain to me that, "no, THIS is the way we do that." He was always cheerful and always interested in being where the people were rather than what the other horses were doing. He was always the first horse to the gate, even when he was a baby, he'd leave his mother to come to the gate to see farm visitors. He seemed to know they were there to see him and that HE was the star of the farm.



PHOTO: AMANDA L BEYL

His show debut was at Sooner's June 2004 fall show. While we were standing in the warmup pen, someone commented on that loud colored colt out of that solid mare. He was supposed to show in Most Colorful, but he wasn't weaned yet, and when he realized that he had to go into the area without his mother, he explained in no uncertain terms that he wasn't ready to DO that just yet, so we scratched at the gate. By the fall of 2004, however, he was ready to show, and earned his first blue ribbon in Hunter-In-Hand at the Sooner October show that year and picked up a couple of halter points as well in weanling colts.



As a yearling, Faroh and I campaigned across four states - Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, and Texas. He earned 5 National points, in spite of consistently being the youngest horse in his class and showing against aged veterans and national and world champion stallions. We even bested The Radio Flyer in one class - which I can tell you was a very proud moment. He learned to ground drive, and we placed third in his first (and later to be his only) Oklahoma Driving Society show. I showed him four times at the Easy J Stables Sporthorse show. He won his class twice, and once was awarded the highest score of the day. The other

two times he was placed second. His judging sheets are consistent with comments like, "lovely horse, lots of sparkle, lots of spring." Faroh's first ApHC Nationals class was as a yearling stallion. He did well, until the final trot cone when the flash bulb popped and surprised him. He stalled, went up, and his perfect run ended with an 8th place finish. Still - a nationals ribbon and a first for me! Faroh ended his yearling year as the Sooner High-Point Halter Stallion, which I found kind of funny since I never thought of him as a halter horse.

I took him out twice as a two year old, - once in February to Waco where he spent the entire show screaming at every horse he saw, and again in March to Purcell where he spent the entire time trying to convince a beautiful black mare that he was "all that" in spite of her obvious disinterest in him. Faroh did not have a mean bone in his body, but he was extremely frustrated by the combined pressures of his own work ethic and the stall confinement necessary to keep a show horse training fit with a beautiful coat. Add a little testosterone poisoning, and he was miserable. I couldn't get his attention, and when I did get it, I couldn't keep it. He'd always been so cheerful and happy and so focused and willing to work, that it just wasn't worth it to me to see him be so miserable and know that I was the cause of it. He was becoming so objectionably obnoxious that I called his Uncle George Basehoar and asked if Faroh could come visit for the summer. George agreed, and so Faroh went to live with George and I went to summer camp.

The summer separation was great for both of us. He matured and got to interact with a human male for the first time in his life, and I got to decompress from the pressures of being responsible for his future. He came back happy to go back to work, and I came back with a strong belief that he needed to be allowed to be a HORSE first, and a show horse second and if we couldn't manage both, he didn't have to be a show horse. He could be my riding gelding - which would be more fun for him and me both. But before giving up on his stallion career, we were going to see if his summer off had given him a new perspective. It had. He returned to training with the cheerful focus that he'd always had as a yearling. My boy was back in the game.

At the end of his two year old summer, Gia Dawn Madole started him under saddle. His canter was always his best gait, and he was so happy to offer it that Hunter In Hand was quite a challenge for him and me both - how to get that great big trot without breaking into his lovely, soft, fluid canter gear. His lead changes had always been soft and fluid, so fluid that you didn't even see them happen unless you were watching closely. Not surprisingly, he showed a lot of promise as a Western Riding horse, and Gia and I began to make plans to show him in Western Riding as a three year old Junior horse. She put 90 days of under saddle on him and at the end of that fall, we turned him out to live with some old broodmares to teach him some real manners. His two year old stallion brain really needed that lesson, and it was probably the best one of his life. He never looked at mares quite the same way again.

I bred him to two mares as a three year old. I wanted him to show under saddle that summer, and wanted to have foals on the way so that I could tell people that he was fertile and could get mares settled. I expected there to be a lot of interest in him after his under saddle season. His breeding shed debut was quite funny. He'd spent an entire winter being hammered on by mares who were explaining his role in society to him, and he was NOT interested in approaching an unknown one without a LOT of convincing. Fortunately for us, he approached his job as a breeding stallion like every other job I'd ever asked him to do - with a willingness to try to do what I was asking and get it right the first time.

Faroh had a tremendous work ethic and wanted a job to do. He did not enjoy stall confinement and was always happier and more manageable when he could be turned out along with his show schedule. I tried hard to make that happen for him, by allowing him to continue to live with the broodmare band that he was living with during his under saddle schooling time. And then he started losing weight.

I'd already paid his nationals show entry for 2-3year old hunter stallions - so I took him, but he was too thin to be competitive. In spite of his perfect run, we placed fourth, but did come in ahead of a nice Hunter son. In August, he suffered an episode of choke, and I began to think that there was something more than "he's too thin" going on. I brought him home, and began to look for an answer to why he wasn't "right." I took him to Oklahoma State University and they ran what seemed to be hundreds of tests. Nothing matched the physical signs. There was no explanation for his weight loss. He had some abscesses in his lungs, but the vet thought it was probably due to the choke, gave me some antibiotics and sent me home to watch him some more.

## Remembering, conclusion



Two days later he developed a nasty smelling nasal drainage and we went back to the vet. More tests - scopes, x-rays, scans, blood tests. I knew it was serious because I told Erica that "I've quit seeing medical students, and I'm seeing nothing but doctors, and most of them are department chairs." His proteins were elevated - and the word "cancer" was first mentioned. But the tests came back as "not cancer" but as "infection" so we went with another round of antibiotics - which cleared up the nasal drainage. The next visit his blood work was again out of whack -- he had nothing but "new" blood cells, no old ones. I don't know all the terms or all the words they used. All I know is that they'd come in and say, "based on these tests, he should look sicker" or "the tests don't match the physical signs that we're seeing" and they'd send me home with another round of antibiotics and tell me that they'd see me again in two weeks. He'd come off the antibiotics, and the nasal drainage would return. The vets suspected an abscessed tooth, but the radiographs were clean, and nothing in his mouth indicated a problem with a tooth.

But he was gaining weight - in fact, in the last pictures I have of him loading on the trailer to go to New York, he's practically pig fat. He got brighter -- the sparkle was back in his eye, he was cheerful and full of life again. He was running and bucking all over the pasture, showing off for the mares that he could see but not quite reach. Finally we had a normal blood test, and he was cleared by the vet to go to New York, where he was to start over fences with Kris. I cleaned out the rest of my bank account to get him there. He left the day before Thanksgiving and arrived in good shape. Kris called and said, "He's CUTE." Of course, "Kris says that about all of them."

He and Kris began to play together. She liked him, and he obviously adored her. He had another stallion - Innochi - to play with. A month after he got there, the nasal discharge was back, another culture, and more antibiotics. When he went down in the pasture in June



with a suspected torsion colic, I told Kris to let him go. It was a hard decision, and at the time I hoped it was the right one. She called me the next day with the field necropsy results. His liver was yellow and covered with bumpy growths. He had internal adhesions everywhere - his intestinal tract, his body cavity. He was obviously sicker than any of us ever knew. His tremendous heart and great work ethic kept him going in spite of what his body was doing to him.

Faroh left this world as he came into it - in the arms of someone who loved him and was filled with wonder at the miracle of his existence.

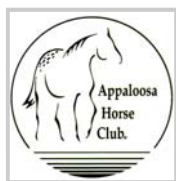


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## Feature

# The Easy Clipper Story

**Sooner members rally to save a fine older mare.**



*Sooner members, from left to right, Joleta Ingersoll Spurlock, Gerry Lukacik, and Carol Johnson, with Easy Clipper, on the Ingersoll Ranch, Inola, Oklahoma, July 3, 2008. Photo by Marian Alton.*

### Story submitted by Marian Alton

A few months ago, Michigan Sooner member, Judy DeMuth, called Oklahoma Sooner member, Marian Alton, and asked if there would be anyone who would want Judy's older mare, ApHC Easy Clipper. Arkansas Sooner member Ashley Coker Bolding, accepted "Clipper" and the mare was shipped to Claremore, Oklahoma, via a horse hauler. The twenty one year old mare was to be bred to ApHC Bugs J Man before being taken to Arkansas with the two Appaloosa mares Ashley bought from longtime Sooner members, Jim and Donna Chronister. Jerry Crouch and Marian Alton, owners of Bugs J Man, had given the breeding to Ashley in high hopes of "Clipper" getting in foal. Joleta Ingersoll Spurlock of Inola, Oklahoma, was in charge of breeding operations, and "Clipper" was to remain at the ranch during breeding procedures.

Easy Clipper arrived at Hatbrand Reproductions, Joleta's and husband, Larry's place, and came off the trailer tired and sore after the almost forty eight hour trip. As the days went by, sometimes she was better, sometimes too sore to move around much. In spite of everything Joleta, her vet and her farrier tried, the mare was in no condition to make the two hundred mile trip to her new Arkansas home, and was not in foal, although she finally had a decent heat cycle.

Ashley and husband, Scott, made the decision to relinquish all claim to Easy Clipper, and leave her with Joleta in hope of someone wanting to keep working to save her. At one point, "Clipper's" travel founder and mental stress point had all involved wonder-



ing if it wouldn't be the right decision to euthanize her.

Joleta never gave up saving Clipper, and her specialist farrier, Lynn Penick, talked with Sooner ApHC President, Carol Johnson, who talked with Sooner Editor, Gerry Lukacik, who said, "yes, I'm interested!" Marian Alton immediately sent Gerry all the info on Easy Clipper. Gerry called Judy DeMuth. Carol drove to Ingersoll Ranch, took photos of "Clipper" and sent those to Gerry. Gerry made the trip to see and get acquainted with Easy Clipper and Joleta. Carol and Marian met him at the ranch too.

"Clipper" loved all the attention, and all the humans involved have been blessed with a turn around miracle—the mare is slowly getting more active, eating better, and will be going to a fine home with Gerry in Oktaha. All her fans pray she will be healthy and sound for the 2009 breeding season, and will return to see Joleta.

Bill Conley of Ramona, Oklahoma came to see Clipper, and plans to see her in 2009. He once owned her, her sire, and maternal grandsire ApHC EZ2C, and great grandsire.

Our thanks to Sooner member, Bill Conley, for allowing these wonderful old photos to leave home and be shared with Appaloosa people everywhere. The Easy Clipper story wouldn't be complete without the follow up photos, and a look at two well known breeders and promoters of her bloodlines, Bill Conley of Oklahoma, and Judy DeMuth of Michigan.

Bill Conley with Easy Clipper's maternal grandsire, EZ2C, by AQHA Mr. Duplicate, out of ApHC Ima Lady Progress. (right)



Bill Conley owned ApHC Hayes Progress, by the New Kirk Stallion, whose grandsire was the remount stallion, Red Tomahawk. Granddam was a Morgan mare. This information was in a letter to Bill from Mrs. Newkirk, dated May 20, 1963. Bill purchased Hayes Progress (photo on next page) bred by Wayne Hayes, who later bred Hayes Roman Cloud.

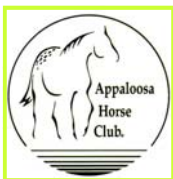
Conley bred and owned, World Champion race and halter stallion, EZ2C, is 2 years old in the photo above.

The photo of the Newkirk Stallion (on the next page) also known as "Silver" or "Old Silver", was given to Bill by Mrs. Newkirk of Fairplay, Colorado. He is the great great grandsire of Easy Clipper. His grandsire, Red Tomahawk, is listed in the book War Horse, by Phil Livingston and Ed Roberts. Bright Sky Press, Albany, Texas.

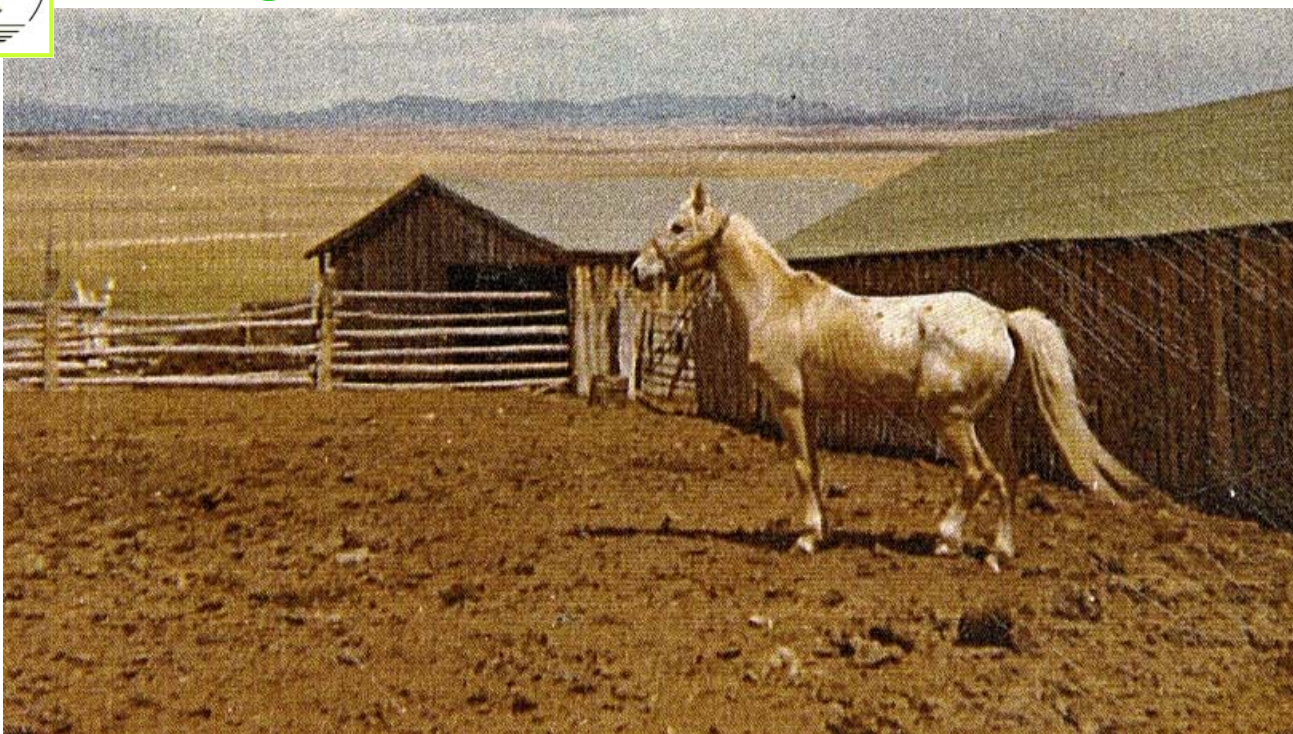
AQHA Bold Clipper (photo at right), SI 102, owned by Bill Conley, sire of ApHC Easy Clipper.



*Editor's note: An article on the New Kirk Stallion was in the works when this piece arrived, so some photos were shared between the two articles. G.L.*



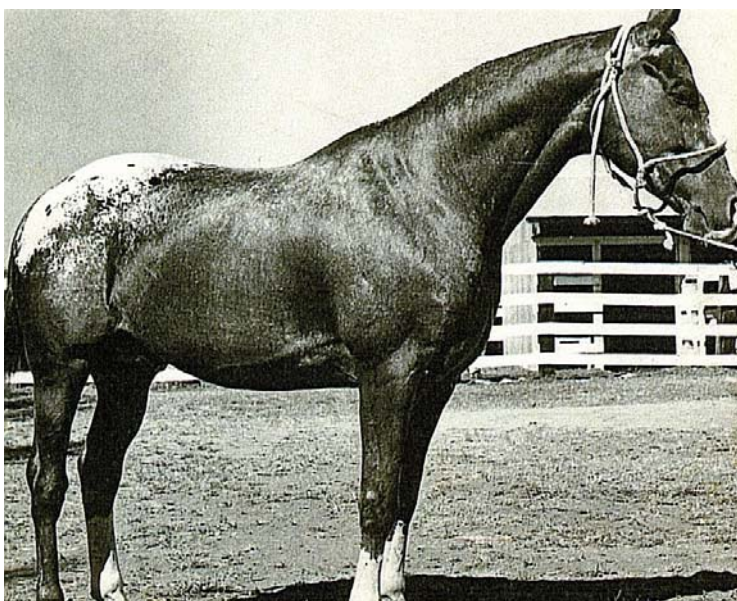
## Looking Back



### The New Kirk Stallion

The picture is old and grainy, though, surprisingly, in color. The horse, simply known as the “New Kirk Stallion”, is unregistered.

In the late 1950's, Bill Conley bought a promising young colt, Hayes Progress # -3824 (right) who was sired by a an unregistered stallion, that would simply be listed on the registration certificate as “New Kirk Stallion.” Hayes Progress was out of She'll Smoke (AQHA 48087). Somewhere, in the course of those events, Bill also acquired a photo of the sire of Hayes Progress, the unregistered, appaloosa colored palomino stallion from Colorado. We are forever thankful to Bill Conley for letting us share these photos with our readers.



Hayes Progress was eventually bred to a Quarter Horse mare named Sorrel Surprise (AQHA 59447), and the resulting filly was registered as Ima Lady Progress T-58730.

When Ima Lady Progress was bred to Mr Duplicate (AQHA 378077), the resulting foal was a colt with the interesting name, EZ2C.

EZ2C is undoubtedly the best known descendant of the New Kirk Stallion. While the ApHC lists the stallion as “New Kirk”, the correct spelling should really be “Newkirk” based on the simple



fact that he stood and was owned by the Newkirk Ranch of Fairplay, Colorado. The town itself, is fairly close to the base of the mountains, and it's unknown how far out from town the Newkirk Ranch was located. The picture on the opposite page clearly depicts the mountains in the background. Based on the shadow in the picture, those mountains are located to the east of the ranch. The Newkirk Ranch was located in a vast high valley, with an elevation close to 10,000 feet. The Great Divide is still to the west from this location.

The Newkirks reportedly called the stallion "Silver." According to Pat Mefford, who provided some information for this article, it was pretty common for owners to name their palominos "Silver" during that time period. Thanks to information provided by Sooner member, Jim Chronister, we have learned that Mrs. Newkirk's name was Bell.

The sire of Silver, the Newkirk stallion, is unknown. This information may forever be unknown. However, from a handwritten letter from Bell Newkirk, in the possession of Bill Conley, we do know that the grandsire of Silver was a remount Thoroughbred stallion named Red Tomahawk. There are no recorded foals by Red Tomahawk in the Jockey Club registry. The letter from Bell Newkirk did say, however, that the granddam of Silver was a Morgan mare.

Pat Mefford has been doing a lot of research on the remount stallions, and was able to say that Red Tomahawk was standing in Wyoming until the start of the 1934 breeding season. At that point, he was sent to remount agent C. O. Long, of Fairplay, Colorado. This does place him near the Newkirk Ranch during the proper time frame.

While we know Red Tomahawk was the grand sire of Silver, we don't know if that was paternal or maternal. The same holds true for the Morgan mare that was his granddam. Out crossing Morgans to Thoroughbreds would have still been allowed during that time period, but the Morgan registry (AMHA) has no record of any foals being sired by Red Tomahawk. In this case, we can only speculate as to which side of the pedigree the grandsire and granddam belong. It's quite possible that Red Tomahawk was on the top side, while the Morgan mare (registered, but name/number unknown) was on the bottom side.

I (your newsletter editor) became interested in all of this while studying Easy Clipper's pedigree. Every generation was the result of an outcross, creating one thin line to the source of the Appaloosa color, and that being the Newkirk stallion.

According to Pat Mefford, there was a registered Morgan that was known for producing foals with spots. Could that be the ultimate source of my new mare's (Easy Clipper, right) Appaloosa color?



PHOTO OF EASY CLIPPER: Gerry Lukacik 7/26/08

Many thanks to Pat Mefford (pedigree researcher), 18755 Laura Lee Ct., Cottonwood, CA 96022, and Sooner member Jim Chronister (pedigree researcher) 2097 North 426, Pryor, OK 74361, for information for this article, and Sooner member Bill Conley for those historic pictures. G.L.



## Member Spotlight

### Bill Conley

Submitted by Marian Alton

Bill Conley has been an owner and breeder of Appaloosas since the 1950's.

Bill, and wife Paula, currently live just outside of Ramona, Oklahoma, in a home they had built to their personal specifications.

Bill's most famous Appaloosa, of course, was the Champion race and halter stallion, EZ2C.

PHOTOS BY MARIAN ALTON



The Conleys have the most uniquely bred older Appaloosa mare, Belle De Jour (left) by AQHA All American Winner, Bugs Alive In 75, out of ApHC Judy In Disguise, by the Conley Champion, ApHC EZ2C.

Belle De Jour resides in a pasture in front of the Conley home, where she can be seen out the windows and along the driveway. Her colored Dash For Cash granddaughter and filly are Conley owned also.

Here are two superb examples (right, and opposite page) of Bill Conley's breeding program, which is still strongly saturated with EZ2C's bloodline crossed on champion speed lines.

The mare to the right and on the opposite page, is Favorite Party by AQHA Bold Clipper out of EZ Favorite by EZ2C.





Favorite Party is a 3/4 sister to Gerry's (our newsletter editor) new mare, Easy Clipper.

The photo of Bill, the mare, and the 2008 filly by Apollo (TB), was taken by Marian Alton on 7/3/08, during a visit to Bill and Paula's K-B Ranch near Ramona, OK.

At age eighty, Bill Conley is still going strong, enjoying family, a new built to order home, and remains absorbed in raising top Appaloosas.



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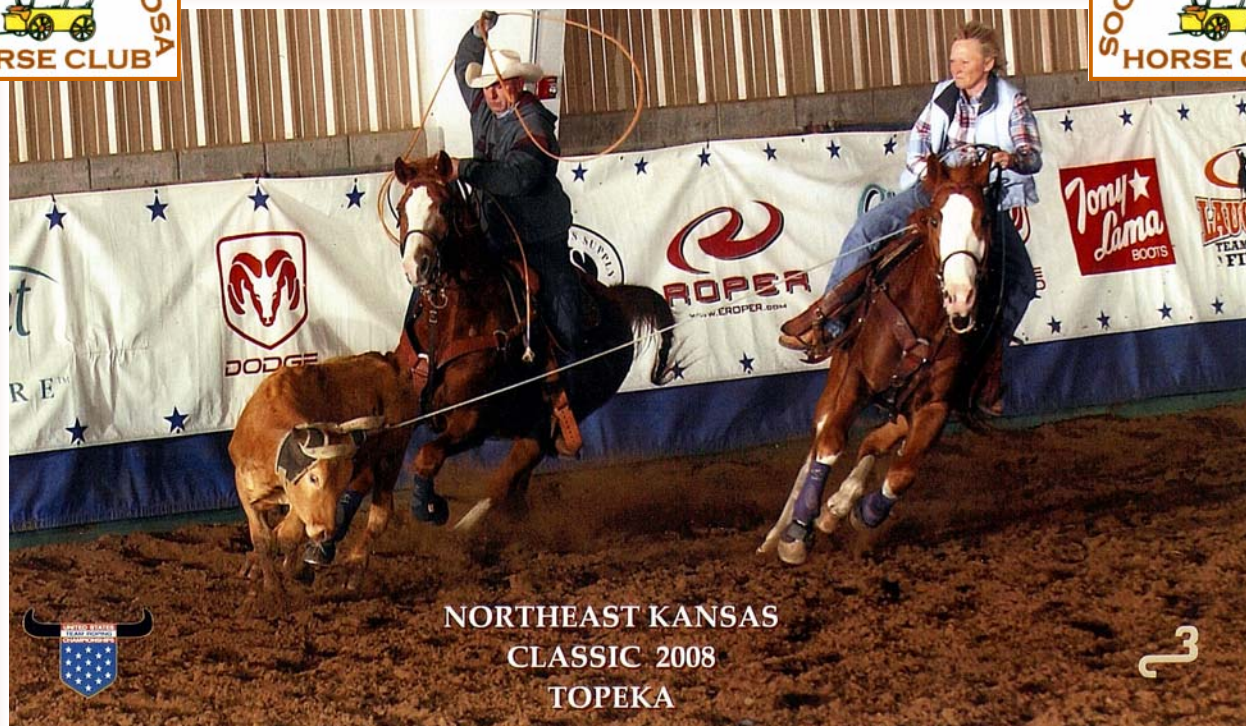
**Truly—the results are quality, color, disposition, and athletes to carry on the EZ2C line!**

**It is E-Z-2-C why Easy Clipper is special to so many people. M.A.**

**Editor's note:** When I bought Libby (Miss LBS Haz To Go) four years ago, I had no idea, at the time, that I was buying a mare with her own fan club. With the arrival of Clipper (Easy Clipper), it seems I now have a second mare with a fan club! Both Bill Conley and Judy DeMuth owned Clipper for a time, so she has twice been a part of some very high powered breeding programs. She's a welcome addition here in Oktaha. Marian has also submitted an article called "The Easy Clipper Story" which is elsewhere in this newsletter. G.L.



## Members Roping In Kansas



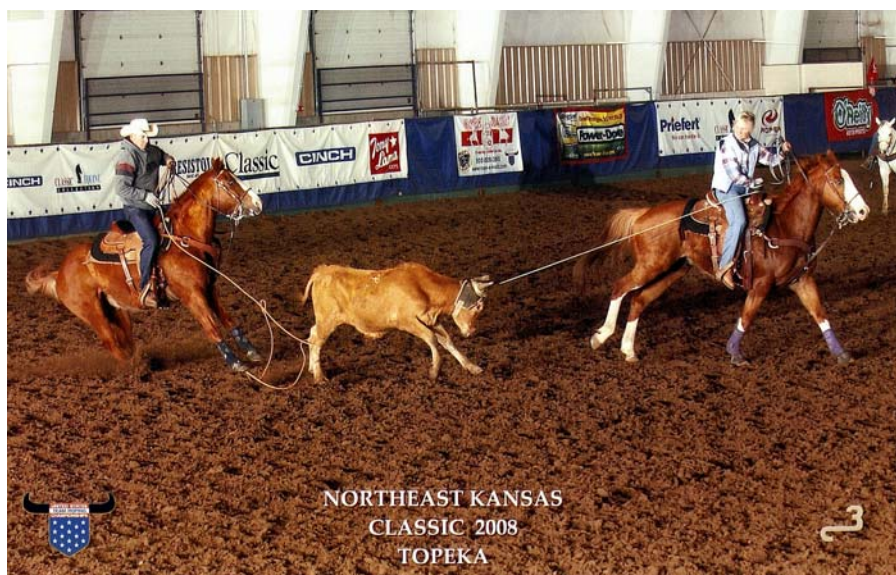
Sooner members Steve Bennett and Helen McDaniel of Independence, Kansas, rope off of two sons of their late ApHC stallion, Lightning Bug B. They also rope off of another son and daughter.

In these two photos, Steve is roping off of his favorite gelding “Dude,” who was ‘retired’ a few months to rest, but is back putting Steve in the money, including a \$1,000 plus second place win in tough competition.

Helen, a highly competitive 5’ 6” tall, wins her share of the \$\$\$ against all comers, and wins a lot of respect from many roping partners everywhere. Helen is roping off of “Wiggles” in these two photos.

The McDaniel and Bennett Ranches are home to many Lightning Bug B descendents with bloodlines of Doc Bar, On A High, Johnny Boone, etc.

Steve’s grandmother, Evelyn Bennett, now past ninety, still loves horse racing and enjoys living at home on the Bennett Ranch near daughter, Carole, across the driveway.



# Alton Appaloosas Offers For Sale

ApHC Stallion

## Lightnings Legacy

Lightnings Legacy is a half brother to the roping sons of ApHC Lightning Bug B, pictured on the opposite page. He's the last foal, last son of "Bug" and identical in sorrel base color, flaxen mane and tail, bald face, four stockings, white spots over hips. Five years old.

His dam, We Go Legacy, is a colored daughter of ApHC We Go Dixie, and she's a full sister to We Bad, 2002 National ACAAP Barrel Champion. She's a half sister to Lovell's mare, We Go So So, the dam of Bug Be Gone, who finished second in the 2008 Strike It Rich Futurity. (see race photo on next page)

We Go Legacy is now owned by Sooner members, the Colley family, and is in foal for 2009 to Lightning Bug B son, Bugs J Man.

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## The Colley Family's New Mare



Sooner member, Larry Colley, checks the road before leading new mare, We Go Legacy, across to home. "Legs" had been delivered by Jerry and Marian to Terlton, OK, after Larry had trailer problems. "Legs" is a full sister to 2002 National ACAAP Barrel Champion, We Bad, and she's a half sister to We Go So So, who's the mother of Jim and Miriam Lovell's current 2008 race colt, ApHC Bug Be Gone, which ran a close second to his half brother in the Strike It Rich Futurity, and has since scored another second.

"Leg's" sire is retired stallion, ApHC We Go Dixie, owned by Alton Appaloo-sas and Art. "Legs" has been bred to ApHC Bugs J Man for a 2009 foal.



Zevis Sonny Bunny , who won the Strike It Rich Futurity and Bug Be Gone, are both by Zevis Scooter Bug and are half brothers to Zevi Joe, bred by Jim and Donna Chronister. Joe's Dam, ApHC Turf Made, was vet checked in foal to Bugs J Man, and is now at her new home in Arkansas. Zevi Joe won his first three races .

# Congratulations

To Brenna Brawner and her mare for winning the Stump Race at the All American Appaloosa Congress in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and to Sue Scobee, trainer. Thank You to Gerry Lukacik, Sooner News editor, for taking time from his busy show schedule to present Brenna's buckle award and cup. ApHC Bugs J Man was the proud sponsor of the Stump Race.



PHOTOS by C. KELTS

Congratulations

also to Gerry and Hunting With Cheney for a well earned second place at the colt's first big show. Gerry was proud of his colt's ability and behavior. Our editor is doing a great job with his Appaloosas and Sooner News!



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## ***Rolland Bennett Passes***

### **TRIBUTE TO LATE APPALOOSA BREEDER, ROLLAND BENNETT**

Rolland Bennett passed away April 11, 2008, at his home in Claremore, Oklahoma, at the age of 89. His grandparents are listed among the pioneers who were in the Oklahoma Land Run of 1889. The family moved to Claremore when Rolland was ten. Rolland was a farmer, rancher, and owned and operated Bennett's Cabins in Radium Town. He and wife, Roberta, made their home in Claremore for 52 years. Both daughters live in Claremore, also, with their families.

Rolland and his cousin, Robert, bred and owned some of the first sons and a daughter, all full brothers and a sister, by ApHC Hands Up, out of Lanes Red Sorrel, to be foaled in Rogers County. Robert was the breeder of ApHC Arrow Chief, one of the above offspring, who was the great, great, grandsire of the current famous Appaloosa sire, All Hands On Zip. Marian Alton later owned Arrow Chief, and bred his daughter, Feather Too, out of Marian's very first AQHA mare, Adarene, to Hands Up, to get black/snowflake Feather Up, who became the mother of Mr Duplicate Hand. Later, when Marian sold Feather Up to Judy DeMuth, Judy raised All Hands On Deck, the dam of All Hands On Zip.

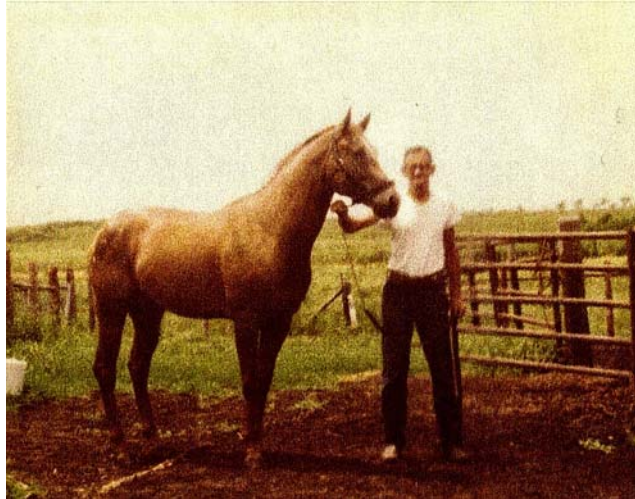


PHOTO OF ROLLAND BENNETT & BENNETT'S PET, CIRCA 1970

Rolland was kept informed of his and Robert's part in Appaloosa history being made by Arrow Chief's descendents. During the last year, Sooner News ads and history pages were given to Rolland's daughter, Nancy, to take home to her Dad.

Two other Bennett stallions, full brothers, were Chief Moon Dog, early day tough barrel racer, and Chief Of Many Day. Hands Up Little Chief sired Frostys Gi Gi, who appears in the pedigree of the mare currently owned by Sooner members, the Colley family. It's a small world—Rolland would be pleased.

Rolland was in the racing scene with Hominy Bars. He also owned the Hands Up granddaughter, Hyatt, who produced National Champion, Ever Ready, by ApHC Stay Ready. Rolland was a soft spoken cheerful man who enjoyed his Appaloosas, and along with Robert, made lasting contributions to the breed.

Sooner News thanks the Bennett family for the use of the early day photo of Rolland and a favorite Appaloosa.

*July / August 2008*



## ***Pedigree of Bennett's Pet***

Chief Moon Dog (ApHC) Bred by Robert Bennett	Hands Up ApHC F-2217
Bennett's Pet (ApHC) Bred by Rolland Bennett, Claremore, OK	Lanes Red Sorrel
Bennett's Gi Gi (ApHC) Bred by Rolland Bennett	Chief Of May Day (ApHC) Bred by Robert Bennett

Bennett's Pet was one of Rolland Bennett's favorite horses. The picture to the left was provided by daughter, Nancy Brashears, who feels the picture was taken around 1970. That is Rolland Bennett, in the picture, with Bennett's Pet.

On the pedigree above, Chief Moon Dog, and Chief Of May Day were full brothers.

*I remember Lanes Red Sorrel went back to FOLSOM. I think Folsom was a Waggoner Ranch palomino stallion. M.A.*



## ***Appaloosa Drive***



*Sooner member, Karen Marr, of Indiana, sent the Appaloosa Drive sign to Jerry and Marian, but not before Karen and husband, Don, kept their Oklahoma friends guessing awhile as to what was being sent.*

*Jerry Crouch and Marian Alton thank Don and Karen!*



Jerry Crouch and Hands Macha Reyna, (see DeMuth ad in this issue) Marian's favorite mare, display an unusual road sign.

They are standing near their long driveway, which is on the legendary Butterfield Overland Stage Route that went south by the Indian Territory Post Office, Coach Horse Corral, cemetery, and north by the Civil War skirmish area, and the Stagecoach Inn, which is a half mile NE of the Alton farm.

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## Just Ducky



PHOTOS; 7/18/08

*"Clipper" appears to say, "No way to duck out of baby sitting!"*

On July 18th, Joleta Ingersoll reported "Clipper" had hatched baby ducks! The babies were in another shed and pen which the mare had access to until the mama duck and a huge gander (not a duck) decided they owned that area.

Another mama duck claims the NE corner of Clipper's original shed and pen and has a huge nest of eggs soon to hatch. Clipper is back in there and accepts her guest.

At the time of this writing, "Clipper" has been able to have her first trim by Joleta's specialist farrier, Lynn Pennick, and has had a second visit from new owner Gerry Lukacik, who hopes to take "Clipper" home to Oktaha as soon as she is over present soreness from trim.

Previous owners, Bill Conley and Judy DeMuth have called often to inquire about this special mare's progress, which has been slow but sure, due to a lot of T L C from Joleta and crew. Plus, there's bound to be some psychological input from the gander/duck associates.....Their antics sure bring on "Horse Laughs!"

M.A.



*Her fancy name is "Clipper's Therapy", aka "C.T."*

*Editor's note: "Clipper arrived here in Oktaha on Friday afternoon, July 25th, and is doing much better in her own small grassy turn out area.*

*On the opposite page is the flyer from the caterer's that Sooner ApHC has hired to feed the Appaloosa Distance Riders at the National Championship Ride in Foyil, OK, the first weekend in October*

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Scott and Leigh Ann are also seasoned musicians and have performed for hundreds of events throughout the area with recent TV appearances on Tulsa's "Six in the Morning" and Muskogee's "On the Rocks". Leigh Ann performed solo for the 2006 and 2007 Great American Cattle Drives in Kansas and has appeared on RFD-TV's "Best of America by Horseback," and Rick Lamb's "The Horse Show." The duo were also featured performers at the 2008 Crossroads Ranch celebration of the "1910 Historic Ride of the Abernathy Boys" near Frederick, OK and are scheduled to cook and perform during the September National Cowboy Symposium in Lubbock, TX. Visit [www.OklaTravelNet.com/#/video/16781](http://www.OklaTravelNet.com/#/video/16781) (OTN Live Performances) and [www.NewsOn6.com](http://www.NewsOn6.com) (6 in the Morning) to see recent performances.

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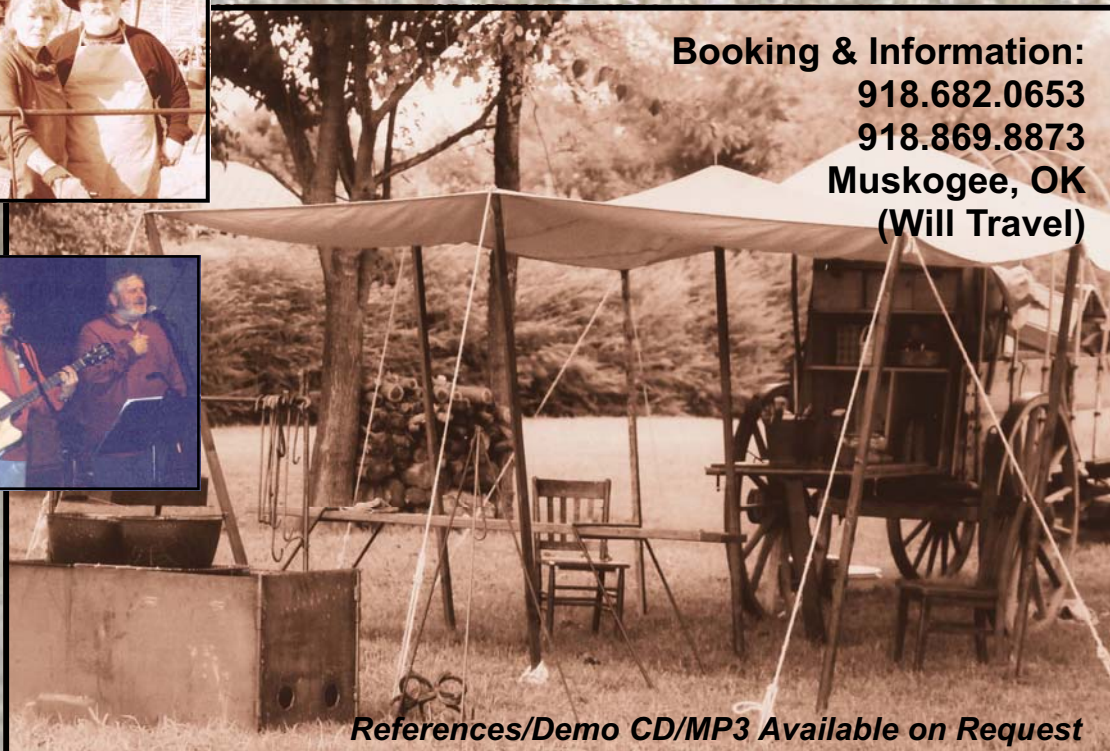
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## Field Trip!



July 3, 2008. Carol Johnson, Marian Alton, and Gerry Lukacik made the trip to the Ingersoll Ranch in Inola, Oklahoma, to go over, what would eventually become Gerry's new mare, Easy Clipper. Marian suggested we'd all go out to eat on her treat, so we ended up at the Hammett House in Claremore. I must admit, I've never seen a slice of pie that was so tall, it looked more like a slice of cake. If you ever get there, be sure to try the peanut butter chocolate chip creme pie!

After a good hearty meal, it was decided, by all, to take a brief tour of the Will Rogers Museum right next door. The grounds are immaculate, and the inside of the museum is huge. Will Roger's collection of old saddles from around the world are on display, as is the recreation of his original study. Old news reels are playing constantly. There's just too much to describe here. Marian Alton looks on from above,



(far left) while a group of school kids explore Will Rogers grave. (center)

Carol and Gerry stand in front of the tall stone arch that frames the main entrance. (lower right) A trip to Claremore, and the Will Rogers Museum, is a must for anyone interested in learning more about Oklahoma's favorite son.

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# Sooner News Editor, Gerry Lukacik, finally gets to meet Bugs J Man and crew.



*Note Joleta's shirt—we all had a good laugh about "The Ranch Manager Design"- Peace, Love & Frogs.*

Gerry made a fast round trip from Oktaha, Oklahoma, to the Ingersoll Ranch, north of Inola, Oklahoma, to pick up Bugs J Man semen for breeding a Hot Chocolate Chip daughter waiting at the vet clinic back home. Gerry arrived at the breeding barn at 12:25 PM, Joleta and Vandy collected "Stelen" at 12:30 PM and Gerry was headed back to Oktaha by 1 PM.



A few days later, Joleta's husband, Larry, took extra time for a quick photo session, after he and Joleta collected "Stelen" for Sooner member, Amanda Fox, from east of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Amanda's ApHC Sykes Double Patch / Go Man Go / Johnny Dial bred, twenty one year old mare waited at the Sallisaw vet clinic.

Amanda didn't get in the photo—she was taking pictures too.

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Want to say **Thank You** to all who bred mares this year, and to Larry and Joleta, and all the Ingersoll Ranch crew who had patience with horses and humans and kept us safe.

We had a lot to learn—still do! What a thrill it's been to have such fine mares bred to "Stelen" his first year. We are so proud of our young stallion!

Here's to next year!

Jerry Crouch & Marian Alton

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**ZIPS CHARISMATIC** ApHC sorrel, blaze, 9 year old daughter of ApHC World Champion ZIPS EZ QUESTION, out of ApHC COLIDA daughter, out of double bred HANDS UP mare. "Cara" has had 90 days previous riding, has had one foal, a colored stud. Price includes a future breeding to ApHC BUGS J MAN. \$2,000.



**OKAY TO LUKE** AQHA 11 year old daughter of late AQHA Champion LUKE AT ME, sire of Champions, including a leading ApHC sire, MR COOL HAND LUKE. Mare is dark brown, almost black, blaze, hind pasterns white. Dam is a TB granddaughter of VAGUELY NOBLE. Mare's price includes future breeding to ApHC black/white stallion, BUGS J MAN. \$2,000.



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The ApHC has provided:

- 1) Ribbons
- 2) A handful of small awards
- 3) 6 full page Appaloosa Journal ads
- 4) National Network full page ad
- 5) 6 month web ad
- 6) Editorial coverage in an upcoming issue of the Appaloosa Journal

We are truly humbled at what the ApHC was willing to put into this show, to make it happen, and bring the Appaloosa in front of those involved in other breeds, and to show them we are serious about our breed.



# SOONER APHC



Sooner Appaloosa



Horse Club



**National Championship  
Appaloosa Endurance  
Ride**



## Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club

Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club,  
the exciting little regional club located in northeast Oklahoma with a wide  
range of activities on it's roster for 2008, invites you to become a member.

Join us as we sponsor the Appaloosa Celebration, the Appaloosa breed  
show within the Reichert Celebration in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Join us as we welcome Appaloosa Distance Riders from across the country  
to Foyil, Oklahoma for the 2008 ApHC National Championship Endurance  
Ride.

# JOIN US TODAY!

<http://www.sooner-aphc.com>

# Sooner ApHC Classifieds

## Pedigree Research

### Want To Know Your Horse's Pedigree Better?

Need a pedigree traced? Five generations with National and World Champions, ROM's included.

Jim Chronister  
2097 N 246  
Pryor, Oklahoma 74361  
(918) 825-4487

## Offering For Sale

### Halter / Showmanship Mare

She was top ten in the Appaloosa Youth World Show. She is in foal to syndicated World Champion Halter Stallion MAID PRETY IMPRESIVE of Dal Porto Ranch, CA, for an April 2008 foal. Also rides great, no bad habits. Asking \$5,500. For more information on this mare, please contact klshowhorses@aol.com

www.klshowhorses.com  
(405) 884-2139 or (405) 640-9962

## Stallion At Stud / Cutting bred

2006 Amber Champagne w/blanket & spots. Carries one copy of champagne dilution gene on a bay base coat. You get unique color with a top of the line pedigree. Dreamfinder, Goes, and Doc's Prescription in the first three generations. Doc Bar, Leo, Poco Tivio, Poco Stampede within 5 generations.

Should mature 15.1HH according to string test. \$250 Live Cover for 2008 breeding season only. Special consideration to Appaloosa, Arabian, Pony & Sport horse mares. Call or Email to discuss mare care requirements. Must be up to date on vaccinations and negative Coggins. No booking fee. See his webpage for additional information.

[http://www.dream-catcher-ranch.net/I\\_Dream\\_of\\_Champagne.php](http://www.dream-catcher-ranch.net/I_Dream_of_Champagne.php)

Teresa N Lake  
dream-catcher-ranch@earthlink.net  
Current location: Lawton, Oklahoma 73501  
Phone: (580) 284-5653

## The Appaloosa Celebration Tulsa State Fairgrounds August 8, 9, 10, 2008



Come join us, one and all, on this historic occasion!

## Sooner Ad Rates Members

2 page spread*	\$15.00
Full page.....	\$10.00
Half page.....	\$7.50
Quarter page.....	\$4.50
Business card.....	\$2.50
Classifieds.....	Free

## Non Members

2 page spread*	\$25.00
Full page.....	\$15.00
Half page.....	\$12.50
Quarter page.....	\$9.50
Business card.....	\$5.00
Classifieds.....	\$2.00

\*While a two page spread will be two opposite pages that appear as one large ad in the printed version of the newsletter, our online version in the PDF file format will only show one page at a time. Any effect created by the two page ad in the printed version will not be reproduced accurately in the online version.

If you wish, you can design the ad page yourself, and send us the file in Word or PDF format for inclusion in the newsletter, or you can send all the photo and logo files to us and let us put it together for you.

The Sooner ApHC newsletter is published bi-monthly; January, March, May, July, September & November. Ad copy and payment are due before the first of the publishing months.



## Alton Appaloosas and Art

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P.O. Box 861, Claremore, OK 74018-0861  
(918) 341-0284 (918) 906-0118 (cell)

## Country Supply Customers...

...the next time you place an order through Country Supply, don't forget to put "Sooner" in the code box. Country Supply donates a percentage of each sale (wormers excluded) to the organization of your choice. Make the organization of your choice Sooner!



National Championship Appaloosa  
Endurance Ride  
Foyil, Oklahoma, October 4, 2008



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This issue, as well as past issues, can be found on our website

**INDIAN TERRITORY ELEVATOR ENDURANCE RIDE  
NATIONAL APPALOOSA ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP RIDE  
50 AND 25 MILES AERC/OCER/MOTDRA SANCTIONED  
BLUE CREEK CAMPGROUND, LAKE OOLAGAH, OK  
OCTOBER 4, 2008**

**Veterinarians:**

**Leon Self, DVM, Becky Brewer-Walker DVM, Peggy Brosnahan, DVM**

**Start Times: 50 and 25 milers first light**

**Location:** From Hwy 66 at Foyil, OK, turn onto Oklahoma section EW 400. Make a dogleg across the railroad tracks. Go west approximately 2 1/3 miles to NS 4180 and turn north (right). Go one mile and turn west (left) on EW 390. Go west approximately 1-1/2 miles to Blue Creek campground. Go past the guardhouse and follow the road left to the horse camp. (The sites on the road to the right are electric.) Folks with horses are welcomed at any site except those with electricity.

**Original current negative Coggins papers dated with 12 months must be presented for all equines in camp. Additionally, the State of OK requires health papers dated within 10 days of the ride for all out-of-state equines.**

**Overview:** This is a fun ride around Lake Oolagah with excellent endurance vets, experienced ride management and volunteers, mild weather and easy trails. The roads to camp are paved making getting to ride camp easy. The campground is horse-friendly with showers in the lower camp. There are permanent campsites, horse and people water, no electricity, NO FEES, and dogs on leashes are welcomed. Pack it in, pack it out. There will be a potluck supper before awards within an hour of the last 50-mile finisher. Those leaving early may pick up their award if management has time; management will not be responsible for mailing/shipping any awards not picked up. In accordance with AERC rules, all riders meeting criteria will receive a completion award. An award for Best condition in each distance will be given if there are horses eligible for that award. All breeds and genders of equines are welcomed and encouraged! Equines must be at least 48 months of age to enter the limited distance ride and at least 60 months of age to enter the endurance ride. We will once again support Hooves for a Cure, which benefits the Susan G. Komen Cancer Research Fund.

**WARNING:** Any rider who acts in a disrespectful or unsportsmanlike manner as judged by the Ride Manager will be disqualified!

The trail consists of two out-and-back loops. The trail is nicely mown, fairly flat and a little rocky in spots. All vet checks are in camp. There is a water faucet in camp so no hauling water to the vet check! Note: Limited Distance times will run until the equine meets criteria of 60 bpm. All AERC and OCER rules apply. Camp will be available from Thursday on; anyone wishing to arrive earlier should please contact management. In accordance with AERC rules, all riders must be entered in the ride and present in camp at the start of the ride to compete in the ride. All decisions of the official veterinarians in veterinary matters are final. **RIDE POLICY REGARDING TREATMENT OF HORSES:** (1) Horses needing treatment will be stabilized by ride treatment vet and transported by rider/owner to be further treated. (2) Any and all fees will be the total responsibility of the rider/owner. **MANAGEMENT REQUIRES ALL RIDERS TO WEAR HELMETS!** *Please let management know if you are thinking about elevating from the 25-mile to the 50-mile ride.*

**EMAIL INFORMATION REQUESTS TO:** glenn218@yahoo.com

**SNAIL MAIL REQUESTS TO:** Susan Young, Ride Manager, 2311 Dayton Street, Muskogee, OK 74403-4816, (918) 683-0539 HOUSE (leave message); (918) 685-0072 CELL

## INDIAN TERRITORY ENTRY FORM

### Rider Info

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC No. \_\_\_\_\_ OCER Mbr Y/N

Address, City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight Division (includes tack) Please circle one: Junior Featherweight (0-160)  
Lightweight (161-185) Middleweight (186-210) Heavyweight (211-above)

Note: JUNIORS wishing to ride as seniors must present a letter from AERC stating that said junior meets the age and mileage requirements and MUST notify management of their entry as a senior. Juniors are required to wear a helmet and comply with rules of sponsorship stated in the AERC rulebook. Parent or guardian signature is required even if riding in weight division.

### Horse Info:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC No. \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse owner if different from rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Coggins is required for all horses. DATE of Test: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle distance: Seniors	50 Miles: \$85.00	25 Miles: \$70.00
Juniors	50 Miles: \$50.00	25 Miles: \$40.00

Entry fee from above

AERC Member discount (deduct \$15.00 if a member) -15.00

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

### LEGAL RELEASE, DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU READ

As a participant in the Indian Territory Endurance Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and the Indian Territory Endurance Ride. I understand that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. I further agree to be fully responsible for my animals and myself. I will hold harmless the Corp of Engineers, American Endurance Ride Conference, Ride Management, Ride Volunteers and Ozark Country Endurance Riders, for any accident, injury, or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride. I understand that if I act in a disrespectful or unsportsmanlike manner, as judged by the Ride Manager, I will be disqualified! I agree to wear a helmet anytime I am mounted on my equine while at the Indian Territory Ride. I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this release.

Signature of rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian for Junior rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I grant my permission for ride management to arrange emergency medical treatment if I

am unable to do so myself. Signature of rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_


Emergency contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies / Medical Conditions / Insurance information:

# **DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES!**

**If you wish to compete for Sooner ApHC Year End Awards while at the Appaloosa Celebration at Reichert, August 8, 9, 10, in Tulsa, you must have your 2008 membership dues paid before the show.**

**There will be someone in the Show Office from Sooner to take care of that, but why wait. Get it in the mail and post-marked before the show to be on the safe side!**

**As always, we've included a membership application form on the inside of the back cover. **

**NEWSFLASH: MyHorseForSale.com is donating certificates for free video ads on their website. In the Sprit of the Reichert show tradition, these certificates will be awarded to the 6th PLACE horse in each class.**

**REMEMBER: The ApHC National Championship Endurance Ride is Coming to Foyil, Oklahoma, October 4th, 2008. Sooner ApHC is sponsoring an authentic chuck wagon dinner for the Appaloosa riders on Friday night, October 3.**

**Scott & Leigh Ann Matthews, well known to Oklahoma, and the surrounding states, will be cooking and entertaining us!**

**Who knows when the National Championship Endurance Ride will come back to this part of Oklahoma. Let's make this a memorable experience for everyone!**

# **Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc.** **Membership Application**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ApHC# \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ ApHC# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## **Type of Membership**

☐

Individual - \$10

☐

Family - \$25

## **Youth Members**

Name	Age	Date of Birth	ApHC#

## **Areas of Interest, Expertise**

Filling in this section is optional, but will allow us to focus on our membership's interests.

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		Barrel Racing			Trail Rides
		Roping			Team Penning
		Endurance Events			Horse Shows
		Dressage			Drill Team
		Three Day Events			Cross Country
		Fox Hunts			Hunter Pace
		Pony Club			Play Days
		Other <i>Please fill in:</i>			

## **Comments**

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# The Tiger Web

Welcome to my studio in Coweta, Oklahoma! My training as a commercial artist has been converted to use of the latest web tools, instead of pencil and paper. Each site I design is hand coded to your specifications, making your project the most important one in the house. You deserve the best value for your dollar.

What makes a great web site? I believe that a clean, uncluttered design coupled with fast loading pages and easy navigation are the main components of a great site. If your visitors have to wait on your site to load or get lost going from page to page, they will leave. Any component that is distracting or annoying will drive a visitor away. My goal is to keep visitors, your potential clients, on your site and insure they will return. Because of this approach, I have a list of loyal clients that continues to grow with each passing year.

There are special rates for horse clubs, breeding farms and other equine concerns. As Vice President of the Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club and a former small horse breeding farm partner, I truly understand the need for high quality equine marketing on a tight budget.

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