



*Bright Co Star. (at left and above) The above picture was taken at the 1988 World Show.*

*At right, some of Bill's horses out in the field. The mare on the left, with the flaxen mane and tail, is Patsy Hull, mother of Colida's champion halter and race son, Flying Star. This may be the only picture in existence of Patsy Hull.*



*Colida loved to swim in the pond, and would meet Bill on the other side. This June 1968 photo (at left) was taken by visitor Kenneth Beemer from Rosalie, Nebraska.*

*Editor's note: When Marian went to visit Bill and Ethelyn Cass to sort through 'some' pictures for this article, little did she know that she would be spending a little over three hours at the Cass residence, go through hundreds, maybe thousands, of photographs, and still not see them all. I have to admit, I was like a kid in a candy store when this collection of photographs arrived in the mail for this presentation. Thank you Bill & Ethelyn!*

## Member Spotlight



*This Colida statue (at left) was painted around 1992 for Bill and Ethelyn by Sooner member, Marian Alton. Colida is buried at its base. It sets at the SE corner of the Cass yard near the driveway entrance, and faces toward the prairie where both Bill and his father, Porter, had ridden horseback long ago.*

*Colida was foaled on Saturday, April 13, 1957, and died on Thursday, July 8, 1982.*

*A man and his stallion spent many fantastic years together on “top of the world” and left their mark on the Appaloosa breed.*

*Colida was inducted into the ApHC Hall of Fame in 1998, and Bill Cass was inducted into the ApHC Hall of Fame in 2002.*



**Colida—More than one of the unforgettable all time great competitors and sires.**

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**Many thanks to Bill and Ethelyn Cass to allow us the use of these pictures for this presentation.**

**Many thanks, also, to Marian Alton, for putting these pictures and the captions that go with them, together.**

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*Editor's note: It is my understanding that Marian has ideas for an article on another great from the past. Stay tuned!*



**The family, sitting on the front porch of the Cass home, in 1990, west of Welch, Oklahoma.**

**Top row, left to right, daughter-in-law, Elsa; Bill and Ethelyn.**

**Middle row, left to right, late son, Mark; son, Steve; son Bryan.**

**Bottom row, grandchildren Ashley and Alex.**

## History

# Additional Notes From Marian About “Buffalo Bill!”

Thank you to Bill, Ethelyn, son, Steve, and longtime friend, Phyllis Hustace for carrying, sorting, and carrying back all the Cass albums and boxes of photos in the Cass home the day we chose photos for the Cass/Colida story. It's stretching the truth to say, “There were five million photos, and we looked at four million of those,” but it seemed like it. So many photo treasures - so hard to pick just a few.

I know Bill wants to leave you readers with a laugh as we end the story, so—here is a favorite, true “Wild Bill Cass” ending. Happy Birthday, Bill—Enjoy!

Many years ago Bill had Colida's son, Flying Star, at a big show, and someone asked Bill, “Is he broke?” Bill's reply (only plainer) was, “Is he broke?!?” Bill borrowed a pair of costume leggings, took off his shirt, used nothing but a rope mouthpiece on “Star” and went into the arena to chase the buffalo up the ramp into a big transport truck. “Star” put the buffalo up the ramp, into the truck, and went in too—Bill couldn't stop him! Bill had to grab the top of the truck; then work his way down the side!

There never was another buffalo class, and there never will be another Bill Cass. *Marian*

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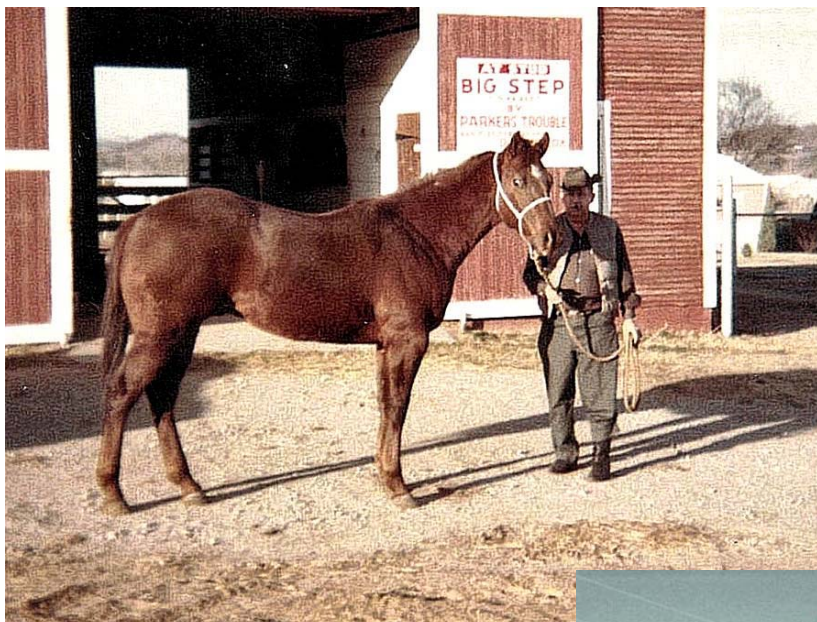
Bill's current stallion is a grandson of Colida, registered as Colida Will Power, pictured below, and at the lower left on the opposite page.

Since we closed the Bill Cass/Colida story by opening with the ‘history’ section, we used this opportunity as a link between the two sections of this issue's Sooner newsletter. The picture story on the opposite page provides a little glimpse at a couple of ancestors in Colida Will Power's pedigree. It also shows a connection between Sooner ApHC members through equine pedigrees.

Marian has hinted at what she would like to do for an upcoming issue, but I'm not going to give away secrets. You'll just have to wait for future issues of the Sooner ApHC Newsletter!



## Mr Trouble Step (AQHA)



AQHA Mr Trouble Step, (left) 20 months old, in February 1968 photo with Dr. Don Swartz DVM in front of Don Wilcox's barn, home of famous AQHA Big Step. Don and Martha were breeders of Mr Trouble Step, who was the grandsire of Troubles Spicy, dam of Colida Will Power. Mr Trouble Step may be seen in Legends Vol. 7 in Frank Holmes chapter on Big Step.

Famous AQHA mare (below), Patsy Jeanne, mother of Mr Trouble Step with a Big Step bred foal. She was owned by Don and Martha in later years and raised some fine foals.

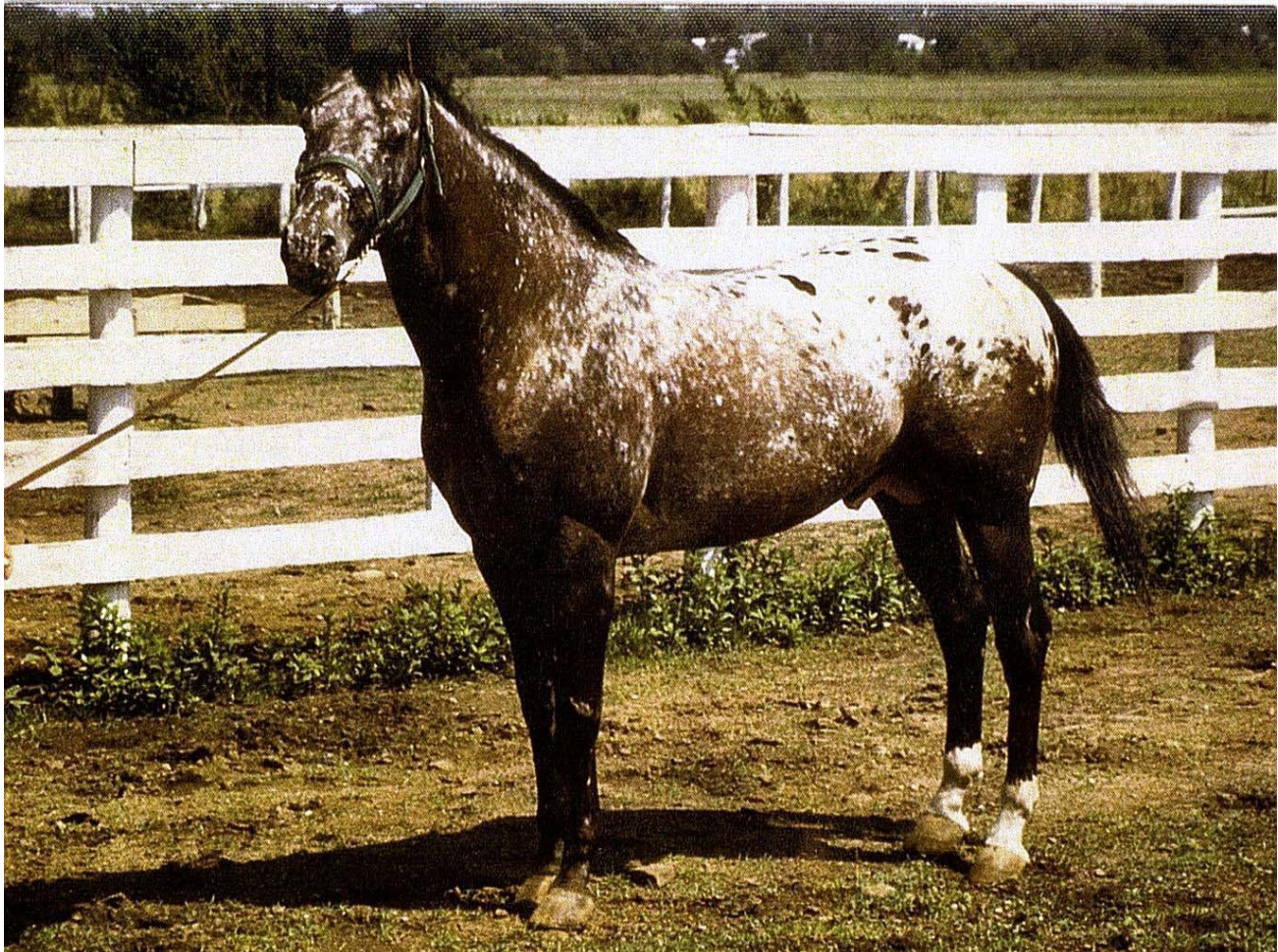


Colida Will Power (left), great grandson of Mr Trouble Step, the current stallion at Bill Cass' Circle Lazy C Ranch.

Many thanks to Sooner members, Don and Martha Swartz for the use of the pictures of Mr Trouble Step and Patsy Jeanne. *Editor.*

# History

We're going to come back to Colida one more time with these pictures that arrived at the last minute, that were taken in the late 1970's, when the DeMuth family made the trip down to Oklahoma, from Michigan, to see Colida in person. It's quite possible that Bill Cass has never seen these pictures himself!



*Many thanks to Sooner member, Judy DeMuth, for sending these to Sooner member, Marian Alton, who then copied them and forwarded them on to me to include in the Sooner Newsletter. Editor.*