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*Especially
for
Sooner News
5-8-'09*

Marian Alton

PLAY TIME BEGINS

President's Corner



First, congratulations to Sharon and Gerry and everyone who helped with our 2008 regional club scrapbook entry. In addition to preserving our 2008 experiences and accomplishments, this entry was selected for our region's Exemplary club award and was in contention for the national award. Yea, Sooner!

Spring is definitely here. With all the rain we've had, Green Country is truly living up to its name—green and lush everywhere. We've had so much rain recently that you're walking on one—two inches of water almost anywhere around the place. Makes me wish we could have a little more moderation in the weather. I know we'll want rain in August! The birds are sitting on their nests; the calves are romping in the fields. And...

The foals are coming! Check out the foal pages in this issue to see photos of some of our new beginnings this year. So many

hopes and dreams in a long legged package! Congratulations to everyone on their babies. Last year's foals are yearlings now and I'm sure we're going to see many of them doing great things. Be sure to share your progress with us. We absolutely love to brag on our own. For the 2008 and 2009 foals, check out our stallion stakes program. We have stakes classes for qualifying foals at the OKC State Fair this year. I'm looking forward to seeing you and your youngsters there to help us launch this innovative program.

This year we are blessed to have Sue Kulp continue as our youth director. I'm really excited about the Youth Ambassador program, a concept worked on and brought into being by Sue, Sharon Marshall and Dedra Tiger. I'm looking forward to seeing our youth participate in speech, photo and journalism programs that the ApHC has in place, in addition to showing and riding their horses in 4-H and breed shows and on trail rides.

Our show season this year is continuing to expand and evolve. We are co-pointing two Kansas shows, one in May and the Fair show in September. As we did last year, we're co-pointing the All American Appaloosa Congress. When exhibiting at any of these co-point shows, be sure to advise the show staff that you are a member of Sooner ApHC and that we're co-pointing the show. Let Dedra and/or I know that you competed and with which horses so we can be sure we get your show points tabulated for our year end awards.

Our club's show centerpiece is again the Appaloosa Celebration at the Reichert in August. Please put August 7, 8, and 9 on your calendar. What a great opportunity to show your horses to both an Appaloosa and non-Appaloosa audience! ***Youth*** Please note and plan to participate in the special youth competition being held on Sunday, August 9. *** Please note that we also need your help with staffing the show with ring stewards, gate personnel and make up arena personnel. We want this show to be one that is a fun experience for all our exhibitors and profitable for us and for the Reichert. Please coordinate with Dedra Tiger on when you can help.

We are checking into participating as a club in this year's Hooves For A Cure ride. Watch for more information on this in future issues. We really like the idea of combining a trail ride together with supporting this cause that affects each of us, whether ourselves, a family member or friend. We're looking forward to this opportunity to support the Appaloosa outside the show venue. I urge our members to join us in this effort.

This promises to be an exciting and challenging year with Sooner. If you haven't renewed your Sooner membership, please fill out the membership form on the last page and send to the address at the bottom of the page. If you have not been active, consider making this your year to join new and returning members in moving the Sooner Club forward. This is a great group of people. Please join us!

Happy Spring, everyone. Keep us posted on your accomplishments and progress.

Carol Johnson, Sooner ApHC President



Another
2009 Foal
Sired by
Obviously Magic



"Casper"

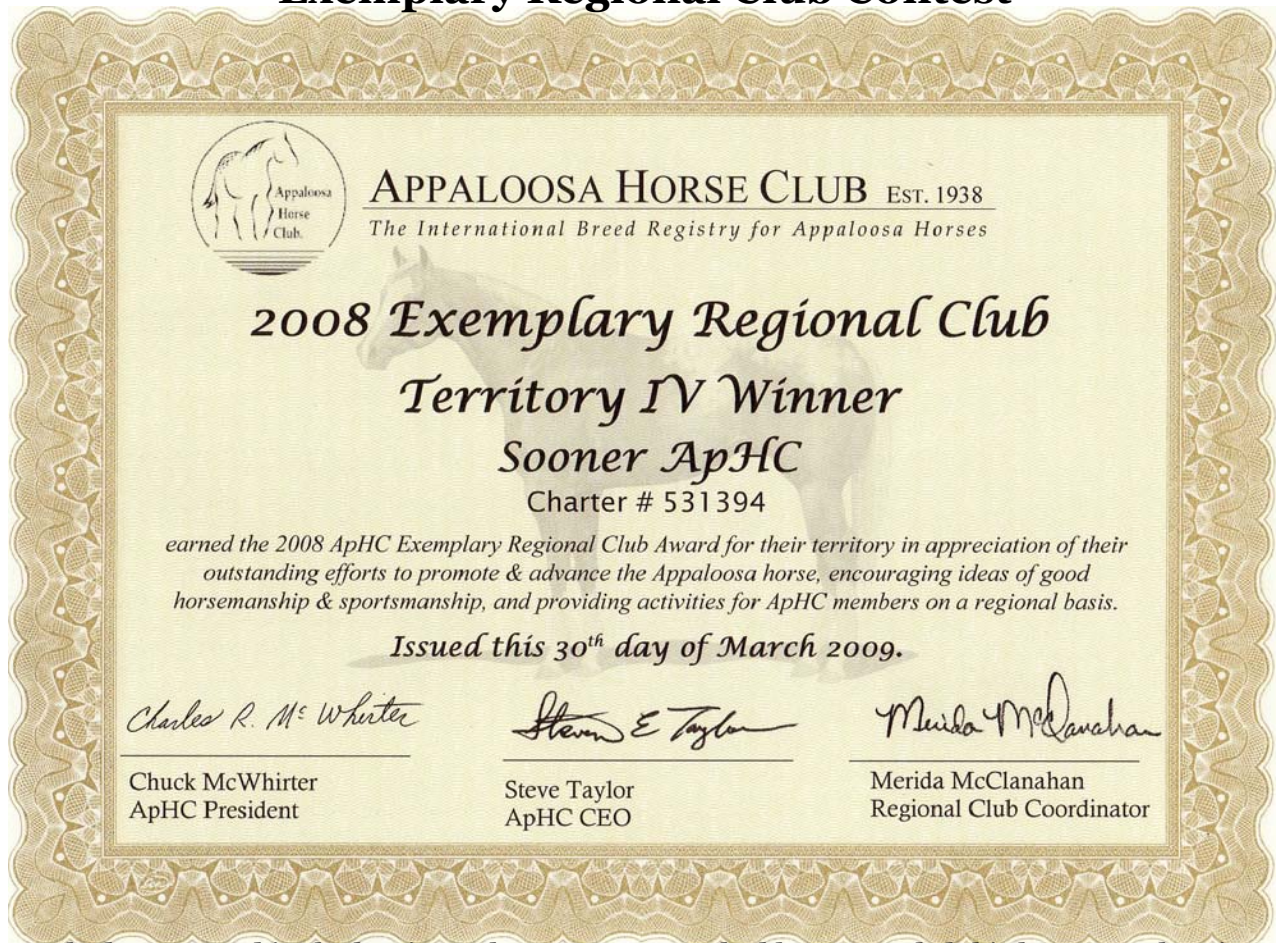
Bay and White fewspot colt foaled on April 19, 2009. Black ears, black and white mane and tail. I count 4 spots on him. He has a cute little head and sweet face, slim neck, and long legs. He will reach 16 hands. He will lead, tie, have his shots and boosters and will be wormed before weaning. Contact Wildwood Appaloosas for price, more information, up-to-date pictures and a DVD will be available soon!



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Sooner ApHC Receives The Certificate From The ApHC For Being The Territory IV Winner Of The 2008 Exemplary Regional Club Contest



We had announced in the last issue that Sooner ApHC had been awarded this honor. At that time, however, the certificate hadn't arrived. Since the certificate is now here, we decided to 'share' it with the membership. Congratulations all! Along with the award came a card with an Orren Mixer painting on the front, and the following note inside:

Dear members of the Sooner ApHC,
Please accept our sincere congratulations
for being the Territory IV Winner of
the exemplary regional club program.
A check for \$200 will follow this letter.
We look forward to following your
adventures in 2009! And hope to see you
all at the National Show in Jackson, MS
from June 22 - July 5.
Congratulations again!

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REMINGTON PARK
RACING & CASINO

Onlytreasurecove mine - 2nd
Coronamasfina - 3rd
250 Yards in :13.76

CASH FOR CASEY

Aug 2 Skin On The Cash - Kisses For Casey by Bold Episode - Best in OK by Bill J. Cronley, Sr.
Bill J. Cronley, Sr. - Owner

Bonnie L. Wilson - Trainer
Randy R. Wilson - Jockey
Purse \$14,000 March 21, 2009



Cash For Casey Wins His First Time Out!

We received this picture from Ronna Pauley, daughter of Bill Conley, both Sooner members, and the happy results from Remington Park on March 21. This was Cash For Casey's first race. Bill has a remarkable record for getting color on his foals, but this is one of those rare solids of his. When Marian and I (your editor) visited Bill last fall, we got to see this youngster in person. Way to go!



Big Wind!



The overnight hours of May 12/13 saw some high winds roll through parts of Oklahoma. They certainly did a number on one of editor Gerry's lean-to's. This 72 foot lean-to is now missing half of it's roof. Not only was the roof ripped off, but it rolled and bounced a couple of times, then bounced again and ended up in Gerry's north pasture. None of the horses were hurt. However, some shingles on his garage are loose, and his flag pole is bent. This is the lean-to he took pictures of his new filly in when she was less than a day old.

Sooner Youth Stories

As reported by Dedra Tiger;

As members of the Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club, granddaughter, Katelynn Sokolowski and I currently have no horse at our house. Of course, our fellow Sooner members generously "share" their spotted horses with us, but that's not like having spots running in your very own pasture.

Fret not, fellow Sooners. We've been adopted and now have our own spots. Although not a horse, Freckles is a loving, tri-colored leopard dog. He adopted us and, as you can see from the photo,



he loves his little human, Katelynn. We

think Freckles is part blue heeler, but pedigree doesn't matter, he's a wonderful dog.

Katelynn and Freckles are always together. Whether riding a bike or swimming in the pond, Freckles joins in the action. When she sings to her CD player, Freckles strikes a pose like the old RCA dog. He also loves to bark at pond frogs and "herd" the neighbors' cattle and horses, which looks a lot like chasing them. We're working on the chasing behavior, as it translates into chasing cars, as well. Both behaviors can be dangerous for a country dog.

Just in case you're wondering, we're not in a position to have a horse. So, "Thanks, but no thanks", to any potential offers. We'll keep getting our Appaloosa fix by lovin' on your horses, going to shows and maintaining the Sooner site. Katelynn and I wanted to share our new spots with you.



Freckles

A Story/Poem

Cayenne Colley sent us the story/poem that appears to the right. She stated that she wrote it about three years ago when she was nine

A Horse Story
A horse as grand as a medal place of first.

A leopard Appaloosa!

It's black is as coal,
It's white is as snow.

A horse worth the money and the wait.

You LOVE the run it runs.
As you lead it, you notice something magical.

As it walks to you something different, you
can not tell.

It's the LOVE they give!

That is true!!

A Tough Springtime

Sooner member, Martha Swartz, had several weeks of mental and physical stress when husband, Don, fought a serious battle against heart failure. He was in the veteran's hospital in Muskogee two weeks, and Martha kept the highway hot everyday till he came home.

During all of this, the Swartz AQHA mare, "Molly", heavy in foal to Bugs J Man, for his first foal, lost her stud colt. Martha and Marian had a huge disappointment as their hopes and plans ended and remain anxious due to "Molly's" struggle with foal founder.

Earlier in the spring, Don and Martha lost their two old retired champion palomino mares. However, Martha has acquired a young palomino granddaughter of two World Champion reiners and looks forward to having time to continue riding her. Martha, by no means, is giving up on her Appaloosa venture and told Marian, "We'll get an early start next year." That meant a lot to both old friends.

Martha, who won a national trail class years ago on her palomino mare, has said she'd get in Appaloosa trail competition if she had a chance. Anybody out there...?

OAR Meeting in Oklahoma City, May 16th

The Oklahoma Appaloosa Racing Association meeting in Oklahoma City on May 16th included Sooner members Bruce Miller, Jim and Miriam Lovell. Miriam reports one of the main topics discussed was the shortage of colored Appaloosa race bred stallions and their offspring entries to help promote and support the Strike It Rich Futurity in the future.

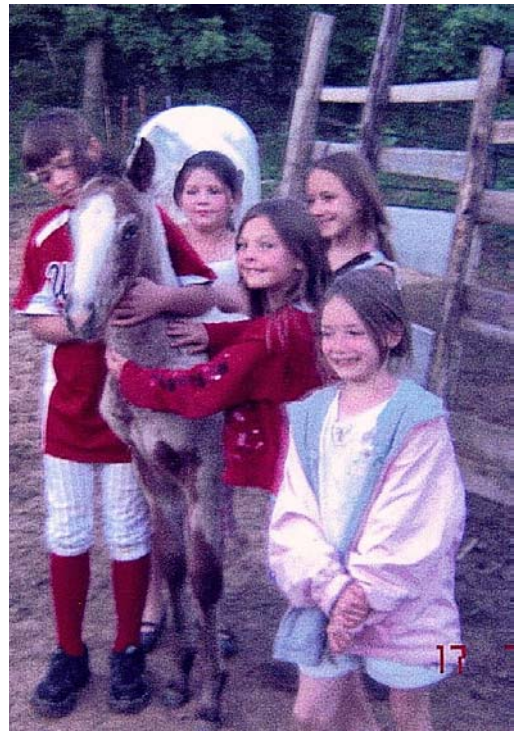
Colleys Many Hands Has Many Friends



One of our newest Sooner members, Randy Wolfe, is pictured at left. He is Larry Colley's cousin.

Pictured on the right with the Colley's 2009 foal, Colleys Many Hands, are Cary Colley in front with Ashley Martindale behind her. Behind Ashley is Cayenne Colley. To the left of Cayenne is Alexis Martindale. To the left of Colleys Many Hands is Kyle Martindale. The Martindale kids are Randy Wolfe's step kids.

When Marian first saw this picture, she said, "Many Hands has to be held back by the group so he won't go hunting Jim Chronister to be in a photo with a Hands Up descendant."



Again—It's A Small World!

ApHC mare, Rite Fine Li'l Horse, has a perfect name for more than one reason. She's Wapiti, Joker B, AQHA Double Bid AAA, is lovable, comical, smart, and loaded with personality. She is owned by the Colorful Colleys of Terlton, Oklahoma and will be bred to ApHC Bugs J Man.

Marian went with Larry to take her to Joleta's, and later they talked over some ancestors way back in the mare's pedigree. To Marian's happy surprise, after asking Larry to check out a Dawson bred, Larry discovered "Li'l Horse" is one of "Marian's relatives!"



Marian Alton and Rite Fine Li'l Horse in front of the barn used for visiting mares at the Ingersoll Ranch.

She traces twice to an early day pre-registration stallion, Little Earl, brought to Claremore, Oklahoma by you-guessed-it, Marian's grandfather, Frank Alton! He went to Missouri to get the son of Missouri Mike and named him Little Earl for the baby son, Walter Earl, that the Altons had lost in 1899.

The stallion, Little Earl, foaled in 1884, appears often in the Dawson Ranch mares and is the ancestor of AQHA Oklahoma Star Jr. The famous rodeo mounts Ol' Baldy and Babydoll were Little Earl bred. Around 1961, Marian and her black Hands Up daughter, Bubba, had the fastest time (18.5) on barrels, in the mud, at Claremore but knocked over a barrel. The winner was the dun World Champion Barrel Horse, AQHA V's Sandy with owner, Jane Mayo, aboard. "Sandy" was by AQHA Oklahoma Star Jr. Grandfather Alton would be proud.

In later years, Frank Alton was assigned the remount stallion, Reno Alec (TB), who appears in the Holden's mare's pedigree. As you can guess, Marian is ecstatic and amazed to have two mares bred to Bugs J Man who are descendants of her grandfather Alton's stallions.

If you have one of the huge fold out AQHA diagrams of pre-registration stallions, etc, look for Little Earl—he's there, and Marian is proud of his contributions to the NE Oklahoma horses, especially AQHA Oklahoma Star Jr. who Frank Holmes included in the Legends Series—Little Earl is there.

A big Thank You to Larry Colley who did some checking on descendants of Little Earl via computer.



Just a note to say that we set a new record, with this issue, for the number of pages in a single issue of Sooner News!



Sooner Youth wins Fashion Revue

Cayenne Colley sent us this picture with the announcement that she won her Fashion Revue. She placed first in Formal Wear, Casual Wear and Athletic Wear. She earned three ribbons and a trophy. She is pictured to the left in her formal wear attire. Congratulations!

Check Out The New Sooner Member Foals On The Following Pages

Congratulations to everyone on the arrival of their new foals!

We hope to see many of these new foals, in person, at the inaugural running of the Sooner Super Stallion Stakes classes at the Oklahoma State Fair in September. We have included the class list for the State Fair Appaloosa Show in this issue. Be sure to check it over. To be eligible for the Sooner Super Stallion Stakes classes, the sire of the foal has to be owned by a Sooner member. The next three pages list all stallions currently enrolled in the program. Best of luck to everyone. This is one of the largest 'herd' of Sooner member foals we've reported in the last few years!

Friday & Saturday
September 25 & 26
Oklahoma City, OK
2009



Mark it on your calendar!