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May 2008

No May Meeting due to the many GCAHA activities scheduled this month.

Our Arabian Classic Horse Show is this month please is sure to volunteer –  
Call Caroline Lackey 918 652 2613 or Art Byrd 918 363 7747.

Donations for the silent auction (918 363 8468) and class sponsorships (245 6496) are still needed.

Bring a friend to the Tulsa Expo and introduce them to the wonderful Arabian Horse.

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**The Competitive Trail Ride at Zinc Ranch in May needs help Art Byrd 363 7747**

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Below is a response Velma Boodt received from AHA concerning the NAIS program.

Thank you for your e-mail. I would like to direct you to our website, which outlines AHA's position on the voluntary NAIS program. Our official statement can be found at [http://www.arabianhorses.org/registration/news/reg\\_news\\_080130.asp](http://www.arabianhorses.org/registration/news/reg_news_080130.asp). The Association will **not** require animal or premises identification in order to register horses.



In reference to the document that you submitted to us with your e-mail, we are familiar with the USDA's NAIS Business Plan of December, 2007. The document

mentions Page 52 of this plan, specifically a projected March 2008 initiation of the AIN in breed registry programs. By and large, this refers to the cattle industry and other livestock species.

Furthermore, the Equine Species Working Group (ESWG) has recommended to the USDA that the NAIS program not apply to the equine industry until 2010. This does not mean they have recommended that the program be mandatory in 2010: This remains a voluntary program at the national level.

I hope that this information will be helpful to you. Please do let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Kind Regards, Randi Nicole Kilzer, Special Services Representative, 303.696.4522 or randi.kilzer@arabianhorses.org

### **GCAHA April Meeting, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Tour of the Frederiksborg Horse and Equine Reproduction Farm in Yale, OK**

Those present for the tour and lunch were as follows: Beverly Cargile, Rose Raines, Colby Raines, Desira Byrd, Art Byrd, Candy S. Wilhelm, Pat Lowe, Kathy Wright, Becky Amason, Vicky Carnahan, and Caroline Lackey.

Everyone was reminded that the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> was not only the date for the GCAHA Fun Show at the Spradlings but also the OKC Show. The club is still looking for a medic for the May show. Art Byrd, show manager, has purchased all the head phones. GCAHA now has fourteen (14) head phones with ten (10) of those being new and rechargeable. They were purchase for less that two hundred dollars while the budget Art was given was five hundred dollars. Those present were also reminded that the trails at John Zinc still needed work and so anyone willing to volunteer was welcome.

GCAHA was contacted by the State Tax Commission in reference to vendors at our shows. All pertinent information was disclosed. Class Sponsorships and workers for the show are still being sought. Barb McCalip and Chrisitna Dacewitz have worked hard and produced some sponsorships and some great donations for our silent auction – more is needed. Name badges were discussed and it was decided that both first and last names would be placed on tags. Badges will be attached to green ribbons, which should increase their visibility. The font was OK'd as well.

With a positive vote in favor of the issue of a cargo trailer, the club is pleased to announce that a sixteen (16) foot, dual axle, bumper pull, cargo trailer has been purchased at a price of \$3,800.00. Board members were polled on price as well as type and also returned a unanimous vote. Discussion continued on the issue of insurance and it was decided to accept the Oklahoma Farm Bureau quote of \$31.00/six month interval or \$62.00/year. Discussion continued on mode of advertising as well as price. Vinyl lettering is among the types being discussed and we may charge \$50.00/year for small lettering and #90.00/year for large – the board will make a final decision on this matter.

Prior to adjourning, Vicky Carnahan asked another question from the past. The name of Gene Autry's horse was Champion and again Becky Amason knew the answer first. She got a horse bag and goodies for her response.

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**Region 9 Member News.** April 22, 2008  
AHA Board of Directors rescinds some program fee increases.

Please be advised that the E-News Flash sent March 26 announcing program fee increases for FY 2009 has been rescinded by the AHA Board of Directors.

Consequently, program fees will be the same as they were in FY 2008. It is the Board's hope that this change will encourage AHA members to continue to take advantage of the many programs the Association has to offer.

The Board did not rescind the increase to the Competition Card. That fee increased by \$15 on all Competition Cards (Youth and Adult) as of April 1, 2008. Although fee increases are never a popular decision, the Board felt that some increase to the budget had to be made to adjust for inflation and keep AHA viable for the future. We apologize for the confusion this may have caused AHA members.

Sent by Pat Barton, Region 9 AHA Director, 20755 N. Council Road,  
Edmond, OK 73012.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

Received from Katy Pittman with thoughts of her beloved Raymond



### **HIS JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN**

**Don't think of him as gone away - his journey's just begun  
life holds so many facets - this earth is only one...**

**Just think of him resting from the sorrow and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort, where there are no days or years.**

**Think how he must be wishing that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness can really pass away.**

**And think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost - and he was loved so much.**

**~ E. Brenneman**

*I think there are many who may find this poem comforting after loosing a partner and friend.*

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Barb and Dewayne McCalip send:

Cody Ralston with Tamar Arabians LTD in Weatherford TX. has shown my 4 year old gelding Ralphello FA in these classes at the Cowtown Show, Ft. Worth, TX and placed well.

Adult western pleasure Junior Horse took 2nd out of 10 ten horses.

Adult western pleasure Junior Horse Championship won Champion out of seven horses.

I would like to thank Eddie Ralston, Cody Ralston and Tamar Arabians for the hard work getting Ralph to this level of competition. Again a big thank you to everyone. Barb and Dewayne McCalip

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From Beverly Cargile: If you are the Young lady in Texas with a Bay filly you show at Green Country riding classes please call Beverly at Cargile Arabians. I always talk with you and you Mom about your filly but forgot your names. Please call me. We are the people that own Blackwind Jafar. 918 371 5285 Leave message. Thank you.



NEW ARRIVALS:

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!

Greetings everyone, here are photos of 3 Spirit thyme fillies that I have on the farm (see on the GCAHA website). The bay is 17/18ths Arab (Enchanted Spirit), the chestnut is a purebred (Free Spirit) and obviously the Palomino is a half (Indigo Spirit, she has dark Aqua colored eyes! Heather Travis

I have had two new babies this year even if I did have to buy them. Well maybe next year will be better for own homegrown ones. The first is NASMAT NAJM JAMAAL NAJM barn name is Jamaal; and the second is PSYMMETRY IN MOTION barn name Prissy. Very happy with both my kids. I will try to get them in the buy in futurity. Carla Kay Wardlow

Dannielle Vinlove and family is proud to announce our new half arabian colt born March 24th. KC Desert Maestro and KC Gypsy Fire. We named him SKA Flamin Hot Jhazz, His barn name is "Flame" he will see you all at the futurities.

Beverly and Fred Cargile at Cargile Arabians is announcing PSY Edition Wind a Dark Bay with a lot of black through his hair colt. Blackwind Jafar X PSexy Psymadre Grand Daughter. Foaled 3/27/08. Picture is at 3 days old. Will be shown at Futurity. Edition is for sale. 918 371 5285 [www.cargilearabians.com](http://www.cargilearabians.com)

Candy Wilhelm is proud to announce the birth of a lovely purebred Arabian filly, CS Shadia (Beautiful Voice). Born on March 19<sup>th</sup>, she is by KC Desert Maestro and out of her mare Hamra Dakhil (Keela). She is Sweepstakes nominated and entered in both the GCAHA Stallion Auction and Buy-In Futurities.

It's a filly again!!!!!!! Barb and Dewayne McCalip were proud parents of this filly. She was born March 31st at 1:00 in the morning. Sire is Donatello K and dam is TCR Khody (Kemo daughter). She is very tall, stretchy neck, lots of personality. She loves to play with you. I am very pleased with this filly.

3/31/08 Becky Amason is proud to announce the birth of a purebred chestnut colt by The Pirate King (Jake Jamaal JCA [Jullyen El Jamaal] x Off Main Street [Backstreet]) X Kari Bask (\*Bask granddaughter). He has a lovely dished face, beautiful long neck and a flat croup. May possibly name him "The Karibbean Prince" (husband wants to name him AMA Stormy Monday), but his barn name is "Stormy", as he was foaled in the middle of a lightning storm. He is a GCAHA futurity baby, and will be available for sale.

### GCAHA CLASSIFIEDS

As are free to members and \$5.00 to nonmembers. Ads will be edited if over 50 words per horse. Ads must be emailed to [Fourty2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Fourty2000@yahoo.com) or mailed to 22627 W. Coyote Trail, Sand Springs, OK 74063 by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to be included in the next months newsletter. Flyers are \$20. You supply 150.

**FOR SALE:** 7 yr old 1/2 Arab/NSH, Bay Mare. A very nice broodmare, good disposition and a very good mother, we need to down size our herd. She can be sold breed or open, any reasonable offer accepted. More info call Bonnie Mitchum 479-736-2139 or [alanmitchum@centurytel.net](mailto:alanmitchum@centurytel.net)

**FOR SALE:** (3) 4 yr old ½ Arab geldings, (2) Bays & (1) Bay/white pinto. Tall. Elegant, sweepstakes nominated, successful at halter, ready for performance. \$1000 each 580 658 3140 or [sonataarabians@duracom.net](mailto:sonataarabians@duracom.net) (2/08)

**FOR SALE:** 10 yr old \*Aladdin-Gai Parada granddaughter, bay, 14.3 hds, Sweepstakes nominated, Started in endurance in '07. Place in top ten ridden by a Junior. Hauls, baths, etc and she has potential hunter, country pleasure and more \$2500. Also Halim Samson 7 yr old bay 14.1 hds, straight Egypt. Gelding. Gentle, good mind ridden on trails and potential endurance or your show horse \$1500. Info Annetta 479 639 2401 or [horsewize@aol.com](mailto:horsewize@aol.com) (2/08)

**FOR SALE:** Purebred Arab gelding, one 4 yr old has been started in working cow horse and is being worked hunter Grey yearling Pyro daughter. For more info 918.363.8468. (5/07)

**FOR SALE:** 2 year old bay gelding, excellent personality, athletic, great bloodlines, \$1500.00; 5 year old bay mare. 6 months professional training with Eddie/Cody Ralston. Done some western, sport horse and trail riding. Sweepstakes, Great personality, athletic; and 8 month bay colt, reserve champ 2007 GCAHA futurity & buy-in-futurity. Sweepstakes. Excellent personality and smart, always inquisitive, great mover, loads, stands for farrier, utd on shots, asking \$1800.00 Info. call Barb at 918-855-3239

**FOR SALE** CS Nadirah is a 7/8 Arabian/Pinto 2 yr. old filly with color and class. She has that "look at me" attitude, floating trot, solid body and 50/50 tobiano pattern. Registered with both AHA (#3A365205) and PtHA (#132702). If you are looking for a horse to show, she may be the one for you. UTD on shots, coggins, wolf teeth pulled. \$1,000. OBO, possible trade considered for a well broke riding horse. Contact Candy at 918-446-3576 or [canwilhelm@firstam.com](mailto:canwilhelm@firstam.com).



## THE EQUINE EAR

Because we rarely encounter problems with our horses' ears, we often take them for granted. The equine ear, however, is an indispensable communication tool. A horse's acute sense of hearing allows him to detect danger, communicate with other horses, and respond to his handler's vocal cues. Even the direction of a horse's ears imparts a world of information. If you watch carefully, they will reveal the animal's temperament and will even let you know where his attention is focused. Because the equine ear can convey so much information, learning how your horse's ears work and how his hearing differs from yours will help you better understand and predict his behavior.

**Structure of the Ear-** Horses' ears, like yours, are finely tuned instruments designed to convert sound waves in the environment into action potentials in the auditory nerve. This nerve, which is located at the base of the skull, then sends the information to the brain to be translated and interpreted.

To collect sound waves from the environment, a horse uses his pinna, the large, cup-like part of the ear that you can see. Made of cartilage, the pinna can rotate to capture sound waves from all directions. This useful ability is due to the fact that horses have 16 auricular muscles controlling their pinna. Humans, in contrast, only have three such muscles, all of which are vestigial (almost useless).

After being trapped by the pinna, the collected sound waves are funneled through the external ear canal (auditory canal) to the middle ear, where they cause the eardrum, a thin membrane, to vibrate. These vibrations are then sent through the ossicles, a series of three tiny bones called the malleus, incus, and stapes. Finally, they reach the inner ear, where they cause vibrations in a snail-shaped structure called the cochlea.

Running up and down the cochlea are sensitive hair cells that act as transducers. When these hair cells bend, they generate electrical signals that stimulate the auditory nerve. This nerve then passes the impulses on to the brain.

**Ears in Communication-** When attempting to hear something, horses will automatically flick their ears toward the source of the sound. Most horse owners are familiar with this phenomenon; we often see horses prick their ears forward when they are concentrating on something directly in front of them. This easily observable honing in on a noise is called the Pryer reflex, and it allows a horse to instinctively focus his attention on sound sources in the environment. Knowing that a horse intuitively directs his ears toward whatever he's focusing on can come in very handy, especially when riding. The Pryer reflex can help you anticipate and know the following:

• **Anticipate a spook** • **Where your horse's attention is directed** • **A particular animal's temperament**

Although horses have very sensitive hearing even at such high frequencies, their ability to locate the source of a sound is not very precise. Spooks very often arise from the fact that horses can only locate the general direction of a noise, not its exact origin. Not all horses who fail to respond to a sound do so because they can't hear it. They may not be attending to the sound or they may have learned that the sound is not informative or important. We ignore most of the sounds around us even though we can certainly hear them.

**Hearing Loss-** Horses can lose their hearing. Like any other animal, horses can have hearing loss due to age, some antibiotics, ear mites, and genetic disorders. Age-related hearing loss generally begins to be noticeable in a horse's middle age (around 15 years), but can occur much earlier if a horse is exposed to loud sounds.

Horses that do lose their hearing generally compensate very well. If your horse does have a hearing loss, you should make sure your commands are loud and clear and given when there are not other competing noises around. You should not depend on the horse to know where sounds are coming from when out riding, and if the loss is severe, the horse may not detect oncoming vehicles or other animals. It might, therefore, be startled more than usual when something suddenly comes into view.

Take Action- Although ear problems arise infrequently in horses, horse owners should keep an eye out for excessive head shaking and discharge from your horse's ears. If your horse is shaking his head repeatedly and rubbing his ears on anything he can find to do the job, or if there is blood or fluid coming from his ears, you should call your veterinarian.

It is amazing how often no significant effort is made to find and treat the underlying cause. All too often, the problem is blamed on someone who grabbed the ear for restraint in the past. This is a possibility, however, every effort should be made to determine the cause and correct the problem. Too often people assume that it is a past bad experience that created the problem, and never investigate other possibilities.

Take-Home Message- Taking precautions will help keep your horse's ears comfortable and allow him to hear properly. Along with keeping him healthy, paying attention to your horse's ears will give you valuable insight into his behavior. Written by Margie Turner, Insurance agent for C. Jarvis Insurance Agency, Inc. Readers are cautioned to seek the advice of a qualified veterinarian before proceeding with any diagnosis, treatment, or therapy. This article is for informational use only.

### GCAHA Board Meeting: 4/23/08

Those present were Art Byrd, Sandra Byrd, Betsy Barnes, Michelle Schrimshaw, Candy Wilhelm, Tammy Pickens, Velma Boodt, Vicky Carnahan, Caroline Lackey, Barb McCalip, Christina Dacewitz and Becky Amason.

USEF informed us that we must send the money now for the 2009 May Show if we want the date reserved. We the Show Committee approved the \$175.00 payment/hold fee unanimously.

Trail items, which have been built, are the bridge, mail-box, one (1) set of standards, seven (7) flower boxes at 24 inches long. These have also been painted. We have six (6) jump poles which have been cut from 4'X4' to octagonal but not painted. We still need 20 landscape poles, which sell for \$3.39/8' pole at Lowe's. We need another set of wing standards, a gate and at least 20 more flower boxes all of which need to be painted. We also need to cut eight (8) more jump poles and paint them.

We have received corrections from USEF and their 2008 breed competition member forms (for non-members). Art has also received e-mails about an impromptu halter clinic. The board decided to try to fit one in on Thursday evening prior to classes on Friday. He has also received requests for premiums. Art will check with Leslie our judge about her willingness to judge carriage driving. By request GCAHA has added a purebred park horse class to the May Show. There was discussion about talking to Pat Lowe in reference to two (2) foot lattice fencing, which she said she would donate to the club. This would be used around the center ring to disguise the trailer.

Jan Lewis would like to buy new tarps for the working cow portion of the show. She has provided them herself in the past. Those present would like to know what type, size and price on the tarps before voting.

Volunteer positions have changed somewhat. We will need extra personnel during the Halter Classes just as we do during the Sport Horse Classes. A runner, a person to calculate and maintain the master sheet will be needed. Members will understand the need for extra after the clinic on halter on Thursday evening the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Rooms necessary for the show are as follows: the judge, Mr. Sawyer, Mrs. Lackey, the farrier, the steward, the announcer, and the Sport Horse judge. We have nine (9) rooms currently and so we are giving two (2) rooms at the Microtel away to two lucky exhibitors for the May Show.

In reference to the vendors, GCAHA charges them and then in turn pays the Fair Grounds. The club must pay the grounds \$50.00/vendor. The club charges \$75.00/vendor.

Roger Twilley is GCAHA's contact from the Fair Grounds and we will open the grounds at 12:00PM on Thursday. Our show office will open at 1:00PM or one hour later. As usual a stall chart will be posted at the grounds. The center ring will be set up on Thursday evening. The center ring must be offset to keep it farther from the entry gate and closer to the other end of the arena for the Sport Horse triangle. Christina Dacewitz said she would check with Garden Ridge on flowers/plants for the center ring.

We need volunteers for the set-up and volunteers to put the trail obstacles in place as well. The trail pattern will be posted near the office on Saturday night. Barb McCalip will OK the pattern with the judge on Thursday and GCAHA will pass it out to exhibitors as soon as possible. The trail will be set-up at 7:00AM on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The grounds will drag the arena once per day during our show for the rental fee. We pay for any other drags and so it was decided that it will be drug only once more per day at a fee of \$50.00/drag. The arena will be drug on Sunday morning at 6:45 AM. & at 7:00 AM any other day. We will have garlands & ornaments for the championship classes. There will be mugs with the ribbons for the regular classes. A minimum of eleven (11) tables will be needed for the show. Three (3) will be needed at the office, six (6) for the silent auction, and two (2) for Zia Graphics.

Trailer advertising was again discussed as well as the club logo and placement. Vicky Carnahan is in charge of the silent auction. Call her if you have any donations. She will be out of pocket from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.