



OFQHA NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

It's about time I force myself to get in the groove and start writing a President's message for the news letter. I remember how hard it was to write these letters without rambling about something no one wants to hear. The good thing is it will keep Pat off my tail for another month!

We don't have too many changes planned for the new year. I like the idea of "if it's not broke don't fix it". Stay tuned and we'll keep you informed on the new rules and show changes.

Another booth is planned for the Equine Affaire this year. This will be the next OFQHA function. We could always use help in setting up the booth and staffing during the show. I talked to Debbie Putman and she would like for more of the Foundation Stallions in the Gilligan building. If you know of any please let me know or write to Debbie Putnam directly.

Now, on to the weather. CRAP! The weather had better change in a hurry before our hay situation turns into an empty barn with hungry horses. I absolutely refuse to give up my peanut butter sandwiches to a barn full of horses! The last of my winter supply of Natural Lite went into the water buckets so the water wouldn't freeze. It is sort of fun watching horses look at me with crossed eyes and burping like a bunch of ole sows. I guess we'll just have to hang in there, spring is just around the corner and the show season will soon be here.

Larry

The Year-End Awards Banquet

The banquet was very well attended this year and as usual the potluck was fabulous! For the second year Jane Belew managed to come up with some great year-end awards; belt buckles for the overall high point awards, Fancy rope halters with OFQHA stamped on the nosebands and breast collars stamped "OFQHA" on one side and "2007" on the other. Jim Drake was also in attendance and brought the OFQHA DVDs, which is a compilation of the July and August Open Ranch Horse Shows. If you wish to purchase the DVD contact Jim Drake at XXXXXXXXXXXX.

Congratulations to all of our Award winners for 2007!

HIGH POINT FOUNDATION QUARTER HORSE:	Joy Sims and Lenas Little Darin
HIGH POINT ADULT:	Jenny Smallridge and Bud
OPEN VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE:	Jenny Smallridge and Bud
HIGH POINT YOUTH:	Melody Boyer and Penny
OVERALL HIGH POINT HORSE:	Jenny Smallridge and Bud
RANCH CUTTING:	Dave Chuich and Sheik and Shorty
RANCH RIDING:	Jenny Smallridge and Bud
COW WORKING (<u>3 WAY TIE</u>):	Dave Chuich and Sheik and Shorty
	Jenny Smallridge and Bud
	Debbie Roenigk and Zazzy and Toby

RANCH REINING:	Jenny Smallridge and Bud
RANCH TRAIL:	Joy Sims and Lenas Little Darin
CONFORMATION (<u>3 WAY TIE</u>)	Joy Sims and Lenas Little Darin Jenny Smallridge and Bud Gus Furniss and JV Leos Monty
WALK-TROT ADULT:	Gus Furniss and JV Leos Monty
STEER DAUBING:	Pat Badgero and Stars Silky Sunset
BREAKAWAY ROPING:	Dave Chuich and Sheik and Shorty
WALK-TROT YOUTH:	Melody Boyer and Penny
LOPE YOUTH:	Kiara Collopy and Candy and Penny
STEER DAUBING YOUTH:	Ian Fish and Chantilly
YOUTH TRAIL (<u>TIE</u>):	Melody Boyer and Penny Kiara Collopy and Penny
YOUTH REINING:	Shelby Randulic and Jammin Chex
YOUTH MANEUVERABILITY:	Melody Boyer and Penny
IN-HAND TRAIL, TWO YR. OLD AND UNDER:	Ed Boehm and Libby
MANEUVERABILITY, 3 YR. OLD AND OVER:	Debra Collopy and Penny and Target

Equine Affaire

Equine Affaire will be held this year on April 10th thru 13th. The OFQHA booth will be in the same location as prior years, in the Voinovich building, across from the demo ring. Craig Cameron's Extreme Cowboy Race will be held on Saturday and Sunday. If you can help in the booth or with set-up on Wednesday afternoon or take-down on Sunday please contact Debbie 724-588-8844 or email her at deb@advntr.com. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Always Wanted to go to Las Vegas for the NFR Finals? Here is a First Hand Report!

The NFR events are held at the UNLV Thomas Mack Center. The events include Bulldogging, Team Roping, Tie Down Roping, Barrel-Racing, Bull Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding and Saddle Bronc Riding. Several members of OFQHA have attended the NFR Finals including Darrell and Nancy Gartrell, Ed and Karen Boehm, Jim and Cindy Carpenter and Jerry and Kerry Teeter. The NFR is just a wonderful event for spectators as it is very fast moving and there are always fun and interesting things that happen—as you know anything can happen when animals are involved. The cowboys and cowgirls, while they can be pretty business like and serious, also love to have a good time. The rodeo clowns are just terrific and you are seeing the very best in the business.

Much like the Quarter Horse Congress, There are lots of shopping opportunities but the shopping venues are at Three different locations and absolutely huge, the largest being approximately 4 or 5 times larger than Congress Hall + the Annex. Yes, we go to shop and we attend the rodeo at least once. Tickets are getting trickier to get and rather expensive, so we usually go in person once and then watch as many of the other days as can at one of the hotels.

We rent a car and do some sightseeing as we have visited the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Zion National Park to name a few and no, we don't gamble, not even a dollar in the slot machines.

This year we stayed at the Riviera as SASS (one Cowboy Mounted Shooting Assn.) was having their convention there. What a great experience as we got to see the ladies and gents dressed in all of their finery. Late 1800's dress was great to see. On Saturday night they had a contest to judge their outfits and had a ball as well after having their costumes judged. Miss Kitty's Bar, one of my favorite places is at Caesar's Palace and we went to see Dolly Parton and Tanya Tucker. A major talent may also open the rodeo by singing the National Anthem.

We go to the NFR with friends and OFQHA members Jerry and Kerry Teeter and they have been to Las Vegas more than a dozen times. They are great friends and tour guides. Teeters have checked out nearly everything and Jerry tried sky-diving at an indoor facility while the rest of us chickens watched!

Thanks to Karen Boehm for this travel log!

2008 OFQHA Schedule—All Events and Meetings*

April 6:	OFQHA meeting, 4:00 pm, Perry Twp Fire House
May 17:	OFQHA Open Ranch Horse Show, Guernsey Co. Fairgrounds
May 18:	Roping Clinic (tentative)
June 21:	OFQHA Open Ranch Horse Show, Guernsey Co. Fairgrounds
June 22:	AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Show (Pending AQHA Approval)
July 19:	OFQHA Open Ranch Horse Show, Guernsey Co. Fairgrounds
July 20:	Undecided. Guernsey Co. Fairgrounds
August 23:	OFQHA Open Ranch Horse Show, Guernsey Co. Fairgrounds
August 24:	Undecided. Guernsey Co. Fairgrounds
September 8:	OFQHA meeting, 4:00, Perry Twp. Firehouse
October 6:	OFQHA meeting, 4:00, Perry Twp. Firehouse
November 2:	OFQHA meeting, 4:00, Perry Twp. Firehouse
December 7:	OFQHA meeting, 4:00, Perry Twp. Firehouse

* Show dates are tentative and other dates/clinics/events will be added as determined.