



Fall 2020 Newsletter

****REMINDER: NEW MAILING ADDRESS PAGE 6****

The ICAA is the only stand alone registry dedicated to building and preserving the purebred Appaloosa defined by eight generations of Appaloosa x Appaloosa only. To that end, ICAA welcomes most Appaloosas with Appaloosa parents and characteristics, with a preference for contrasting coat color patterns.

ICAA boasts a healthy and diverse gene pool with categories for Appaloosas with non-Appaloosa grandparents, great grandparents, etc. to contribute to the eight generation purebred Appaloosa. Intermediate categories allow breeders and buyers to identify Appaloosas that best suit these goals within their own programs.

ICAA offers opportunities for their registered Appaloosas and Youths to earn points in local breed and open shows, horsemanship and distance programs, as well as national and international competitions, and offers awards for production achievement.

Take pride in the ICAA. There is no other registry out there like it. Please visit us at www.icaainc.com and show your support by liking our Facebook Page - International Colored Appaloosa Association!

**2020 ICAA Annual Membership Meeting
See Page 8 for a Summary of this Year's Meeting**

Dave Higgins March 2, 1938 to September 3, 2020

It's with a very heavy heart that we must report the passing of Dave Higgins, founding member and Chairman/CEO of the ICAA, on Thursday, September 3, 2020. A strong leader, Dave was a worthy opponent to some and a good friend to many others in the Appaloosa world, always presenting facts to both the naysayers and to those wanting to learn.



2015 ICAA Annual Membership Meeting, Dave with Members Jan Dobson and Robyn Lay at the Pete Stone Factory in Shipshewana, IN, where ICAA members were preparing to take a tour of the factory and meet Pete Stone to sign our special run "ICAA Phoenix Rising" horses. This was one of our best meetings in the latter years, and many memories were made that day.

In the early '60's Dave was showing a grade mare and a Quarter Horse mare against Appaloosas a lot, and "losing a lot." He was quick to realize the potential of the Appaloosa, and in 1962 he purchased his first Appaloosa; a mare. Shortly thereafter, Dave went into hock to acquire the three-year-old stallion, Quanah Parker, ApHC #3057, who produced a string of excellent Appaloosa foals, while achieving an impressive ApHC show record in halter, western and English pleasure, reining, cutting, stump race, stake race, and rope race.

For the next two years, Dave devoted his weekends to showing and promoting Quanah Parker. Due to the financial strain this endeavor caused, he brought in extra income by training horses for others during the evenings and weekends. By the late '60's, he had trained and ridden a number of horses out of Texas, including time spent training in Texarkana, Mount Pleasant, and Wichita Falls.

In 1967, Dave had a major falling out with the ApHC, when riding a horse out of Texas; Windy C, ApHC T-4619. He was disallowed from showing in an ApHC show because of the lack of color. Windy C was a victim of the graying gene. He attributed this incident primarily to the politics of that time. Windy C had the reputation of being “one heck of a cutter,” and in ApHC-approved shows had been routinely beating the other horses. He felt this was merely a convenient excuse for the self-serving protection of the competitors he would have been facing that day. After this, to avoid the turbulent policies building in the ApHC, he spent the next decades showing in open shows throughout the Midwest.

Dave’s interest in horses exceeded breeding and training. He was also a locally renowned judge and instructor. It was stated by Jim Garner, a Quarter Horse horseman, “He judges a horse for what a horse is. In halter, he picks a usin’ horse, not just one with bulk. He’s real strict on conformation.” Mr. Garner went on to expound on Dave’s special ability at judging youth classes, stating that he is fair to all and puts forth immense effort to speak with each competitor to discuss their strong and weak points involved in his placement decisions to make the horse show a learning experience.



Dave at the 2002 ICAA Annual Membership Meeting in Shipshewana, IN



Dave at the 2004 ICAA Annual Membership Meeting in Shipshewana, IN

In 1991, a handful of die-hard Appaloosa breeders felt it was important to preserve a nearly extinct breed; the Appaloosa. The International Colored Appaloosa Association (ICAA) was born. Dave served as the ICAA President from 1991 to 1997 and Chairman/CEO of the Board of Trustees from 1997 until his passing in 2020.

The preservation of the Appaloosa as a true blood-breed was always his top priority, second only to family. His knowledge of the people and the horses in the early days of the ICAA (as well as the ApHC) will be sorely missed.



Dave at the ICAA home office with a visitor; Member Kay Jackson in 2014.

Dave loved to have Members come to visit and to show them his mementoes and photos that he'd collected over the years.



Dave at his desk at the home office, with ICAA files, mementoes, and photos in 2014.



Dave, messing around, at the 2015 ICAA Annual Membership Meeting in Shipshewana, IN.

When it's all put together, Dave – in his candid, modest, friendly, rebellious way – was relentlessly driven to save the colored Appaloosa.

RIP Dave. "Your girls" will miss you very much. They will steadfastly continue what you started. Watch over those Appaloosas up there that have gone before us.

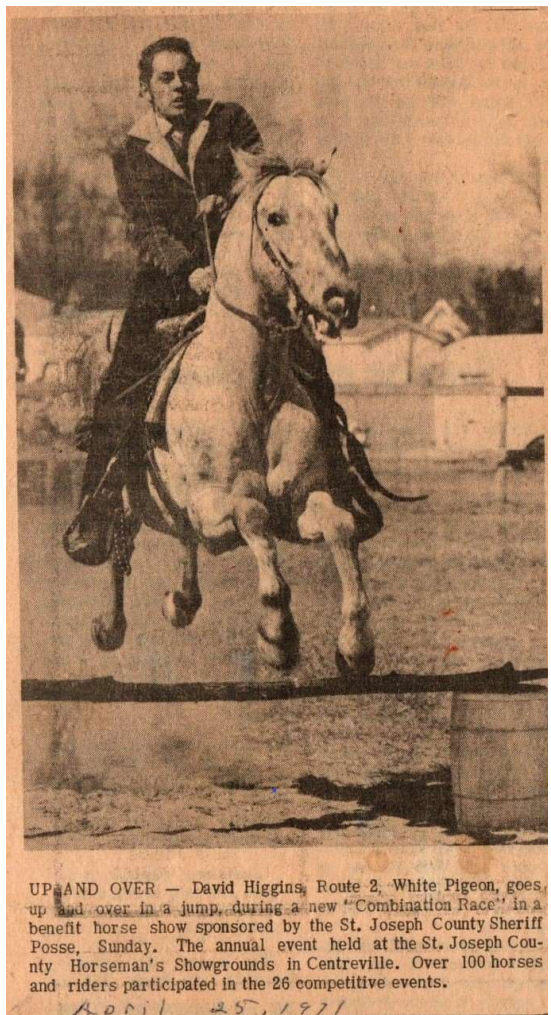
Parts of the above bio were taken from a bio done by Candace Brown a number of years ago. Other parts were taken from Dave's own bio.

As Dave's health slowly declined over the past several years, he gradually turned over all of the workload to the Secretary of the ICAA, Sharon January, so there will be no changes in the daily operations. The records were safely and securely moved to the new home office in Corry, PA with Cheryl Miller-Yurcak, who will take over Dave's position as Chairman/CEO.

We hope you enjoy a few old photos below that were sent to us by Dave's son, David Higgins II, and Dave's niece, Sharon Higgins-Hess.

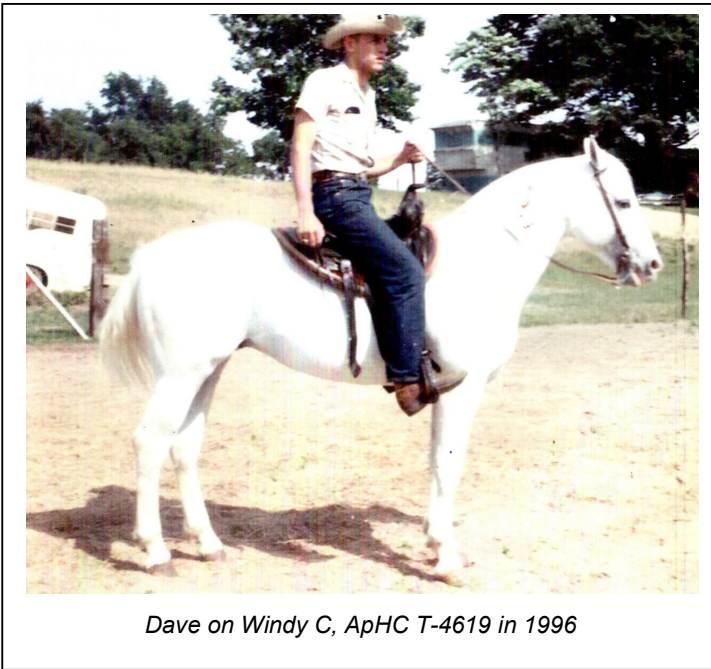


Sent to us by Sharon Higgins-Hess, this was Dave Higgins at four-years old with his soon-to-be sister-in-law, Eileen Higgins, who was Sharon's mother, circa 1942. Dave was the youngest Higgins child at the time his brother married Eileen. Eileen died at age 97 on September 5, 2020, within 48 hours of Dave's passing. Per Sharon, "They are no doubt having a BIG party in Heaven!"

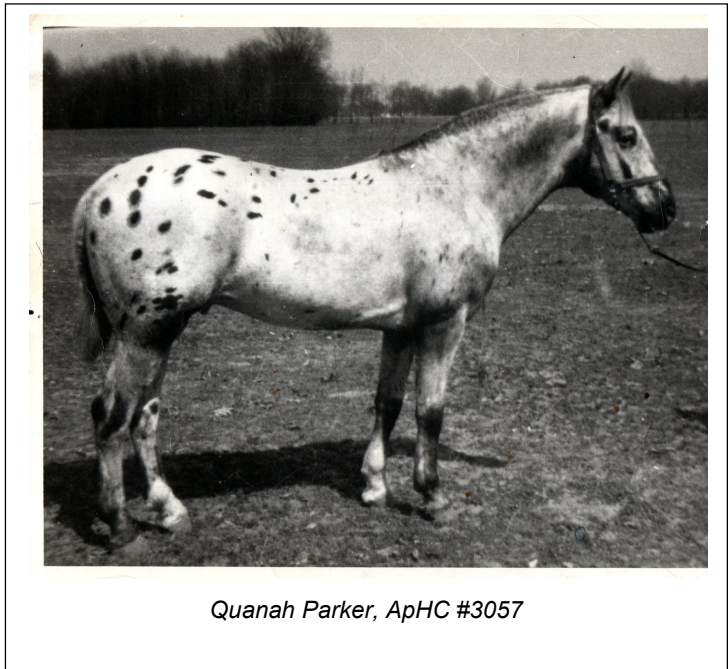


UP AND OVER — David Higgins, Route 2, White Pigeon, goes up and over in a jump, during a new "Combination Race" in a benefit horse show sponsored by the St. Joseph County Sheriff Posse, Sunday. The annual event held at the St. Joseph County Horseman's Showgrounds in Centreville. Over 100 horses and riders participated in the 26 competitive events.

Dave on Quanah Parker, ApHC #3057, at a benefit show sponsored by the St. Joseph County Sheriff Posse, held in Centreville.



Dave on Windy C, ApHC T-4619 in 1996



Quanah Parker, ApHC #3057



Restructuring of the ICAA BOT

A special BOT meeting was held September 15, 2020 to discuss and vote on someone to take the place of Dave Higgins as ICAA's Chairman/CEO. A quorum of BOT members was present.

Cheryl Miller-Yurcak, of Horizon Hills Ranch, in Corry, PA is taking over as ICAA's Chairman/CEO. Cheryl has been a long time member, involved with ICAA for many years, and had held the position of Vice-Chairman of ICAA for a number of years. Cheryl abstained from voting. The vote was unanimous.

The ICAA main office files, located in Shipshewana, IN, have been moved in their entirety to Cheryl's home, where the main office will now be located.

Moving Cheryl to the position of Chairman/CEO left her position as Vice-Chairman open. After some discussion, Jan Dobson, of Foggy Valley Farms, in Auburntown, TN, was nominated for this position. Jan has also been a longtime and actively involved member of ICAA. Jan abstained from voting. The vote was unanimous. Jan is now ICAA's Vice-Chairman.

Moving Jan to the position of Vice-Chairman left her position as Treasurer open. After some discussion, Conny Riedel, of Spotted R Ranch, in Springtown, TX, was nominated for this position. Conny has been actively involved with ICAA for several years, has been on the BOT for nearly a year, and is dedicated to the registry. Conny abstained from voting. The vote was unanimous. Conny is now ICAA's Treasurer.

The daily activities will not change or be affected, as all mail, correspondence, and paperwork will continue to go to the Secretary, Sharon January. The secondary office is located in her home near Whiteface, TX.

Where the Magic Happens

By Sharon January

I started this article a few months ago, at Dave's request. I'd waited to do it until I got moved to our new location and had most things in order, as he thought photos would be interesting to people to see where the work is done. Sadly, he passed away before he could see this.

After being located near Milnesand, NM for a nearly decade, on a 100,000 acre cattle ranch, the home of the secondary ICAA office is now located near the small town of Whiteface, TX, about 45 miles west of Lubbock, in my office at home. This is where the Quarterly ICAA Newsletter is created, memberships are updated, transfers are completed, registrations are done, and many other things ICAA related.



The view from my office used to be vast nothingness for as far as I could see. Now it is restricted, but at least I have trees here! See the HP Computer and dual-monitor. The dual monitors really help.

I have an HP Windows 10 PC that I use (I'm not of fan of Windows 10!), with a dual monitor for the convenience of comparison or transfer of information between two documents. All of the records that are on the computer are backed up to numerous locations (laptop and two more external hard drives), and stored both in my gun safe and off-site through iDrive.

The Brother MFC-9130 laser printer/copier has been going steady now for a number of years, with no sign of quitting yet. If it were to fail, I would re-purchase the same machine for its quality and reliability.

Since moving, I've acquired two large storage cabinets, which allow me to store the very old ApHC Stud Books, copy paper, labels, etc, where they will not get so dusty. The much larger desk I have now allows me plenty of extra space, and we've also acquired a fire-safe file cabinet. Many things were left behind by others in this location that I've been able to utilize.



I didn't have the chance to clean up the table before taking the photos. I have a huge project of sorting, matching, and finding keys that are currently in a Rubbermaid tub for the complex I'm living on now. Note the large, deep cabinets for storage.

The ring-binders with the horses' paperwork are kept in my gun safe as well, which has a high fire rating, until I can get all of the old ones scanned into the computer and backed up. We will be retrieving another fire-safe file cabinet to put those in, in order to free up my gun safe storage.

All of the paperwork and photos from incoming horses and members are copied and sent to the main office, now located in Corry, PA.

The registration certificates, award certificates, membership cards, ect, are created on a Broderbund software program. Each certificate is saved as a different color for the registry classification of the horse, and for non-characteristic horses. When I register a horse, I go in and print the correct blank certificate as I need one. Changes are rarely needed to these blank certificates, but the program makes it easy to update them, and we have no waste of extra certificates lying around that may not be usable.

There are a number of other programs used for ICAA, including Word and Excel, for the daily operations. In the not-too-distant future, we will also be acquiring a pedigree program, and we will be transferring all of the information on our horses to that.

A lot of time is spent in this office!

REMINDER:
ICAA CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

The mailing address for ICAA is that of the Secretary, who is currently Sharon January. She has moved due to an unexpected change of work, and so the mailing address for ICAA has changed. The new address is:

**PO Box 427
Whiteface, TX 79379**

All forms have been updated with this new mailing address. PLEASE, if you have any old forms, or have sold a horse and/or given out any forms with the Milnesand, NM address, advise them of this change! A forwarding has been put in at the Post Office, which will be good for one year, but this does slow up the mail time for receiving mail.

It is best to go to the website and/or call ICAA to be sure you have the correct address when mailing anything to ICAA via snail mail.

Remember, most business can be conducted through the ICAA website, without having to use snail mail.



There is also a double-door closet that we've put some bookcases in that can be used for extra storage. Note the Rubbermaid tub complete with manila envelopes full of keys to sort through – not ICAA related.



Another view, to the hallway.

TO OUR CANADIAN NEIGHBORS!

Do you need a safe haven for your ApHCC horse's pedigree? ICAA is running a special from August 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, for all ICAA eligible ApHCC horses, both registered and unregistered.

If your horse qualifies for registration with ICAA, we welcome your registered ApHCC and ApHCC eligible horses for a special registration fee of only \$10 each, or \$7.50 each for a herd of five or more. If you have horses that need to be transferred, you can send in the transfer to us at the time of registration to put the horse in your name.

ApHCC horses have always been recognized as an ICAA approved breed!

Please contact ICAA (icaa@icaainc.com or 575-607-9737) for the paperwork requirements for the registration of ApHCC eligible horses that have not yet been registered, and for any other questions.

New Registrations



Dream Makers Willow, F3-2759
Dark Bay Varnish Roan Snowcap Mare
Owned by Michelle Vasseur



TMR Asunaway Stars, F5-2760
Bay Varnish Roan Near-Leopard Mare
Owned by Nell Weber

Welcome New Members!

Michelle Vasseur of MN
Chelsea Thornton of FL
Mark Whiting of OR

Looking for a Few Good Stallions!

ICAA will be running its 2021 Annual Stallion Service Auction again this year. We are looking for donations of ICAA or ICAA eligible stallions to include in the auction.

Stallions will be advertised prior to and through the auction on Facebook and the ICAA website, so this will promote your stallion, in addition to helping raise funds for ICAA to help keep their fees low, and to promote the registry.

Stallion owners will receive a free registration in 2021. All stallion service contracts will be between the stallion owner and the mare owner.

Bidding dates are pending. Keep watching the ICAA website and Facebook page for details.



RSecretJoe Medallion, F3-2443

2020 ICAA Annual Membership Meeting

The 2020 ICAA Annual Membership Meeting was held on Saturday, September 26th via teleconference. The formalities of the meeting were gone over, such as voting to approve the 2019 minutes, voting to approve the 2020 Financial Report, going over the Stats, and what's new over the past year.

There was discussion about the ApHCC Special that ICAA is currently running, and the possibility of running other specials throughout the coming year, such as other registration specials and a membership special. Members were in favor of this.

There was discussion about the open District Representative positions that ICAA needs to fill. If anyone knows of a person, or they themselves, that might be a good fit, we would love to hear from them.

There was some discussion of a possible fee restructuring, as ICAA has not raised any of its fees since its inception in 1991, except for registration by \$5 a few years ago. This was met with mixed feelings, for and against. It will be discussed later by the BOT.

ICAA will continue to run an ad in the Appaloosa Journal's Horseman's Directory. The cost is minimal and it keeps our name out there. Members who sponsor these ads have their names put in the ad as well.

ICAA will also continue to run its annual Stallion Service Auction. Several members donated their stallions during the meeting. Other stallion donations will be accepted prior to the auction.

The meeting ran an hour and a half, with a lot of good ideas and thoughts put out by members. We will be moving forward with some of these ideas in the near future.

We appreciate our Member's input during these meetings!



ICAA Horsemanship Program

This was the ICAA Trail Logging Program, but revamped! This program, which allows for not only riding and driving your horse for pleasure, but also allows for time spent with your Appaloosa for other activities, including grooming, leading, lunging, trailer loading, in-hand obstacle training, at-liberty training, and any other **non-competitive** activity. This will allow horses from birth to earn recognition for the work put into producing a quiet, dependable family member. This enhanced program also allows for one handler, in addition to the owner, to work with and record time spent with the horse, so we would encourage owners to be mentors to our younger generation.

ICAA recognizes the importance of working with our Appaloosas from foaling to finished riding partner. Time spent working with your Appaloosa helps to form a bond that will last a lifetime.

The ICAA Horsemanship Program is designed to record and recognize the hours spent working with and training your Appaloosa. In this program, the owner and/or handler keeps track of the hours spent working with and training the Appaloosa; recording, and submitting them to ICAA, where they will be recorded in the horse's permanent record; and Certificates of Achievement will be earned for each milestone reached.

This program will be ongoing through the life of the horse, and will transfer to the new owner, should the horse be sold.

Go to the ICAA website, and to the Programs: Horsemanship page to learn more about the rules of this new program. *For those who are already enrolled in the Trail Logging Program, you will continue to keep time on the log sheet you have, but other activities may be included as per the Horsemanship Program rules.*

As an ICAA member you will receive reduced registration fees, reduced transfer fees, reduced testing fees, and other **fees at reduced rates**. You can file your ICAA **Stallion Reports for free** if filed by Dec 31st of the breeding year. You can enroll your Appaloosa or Youth in the **Open Show Point Program, The ICAA Distance Program**, and/or enroll in the **ICAA Horsemanship Program**, and you can receive **Production Achievement Awards** for your mares producing 5 (five) colored ICAA registered foals, or for your stallions producing 15 (fifteen) colored ICAA registered foals. You can **advertise** your ICAA registered stallions **for free** in the **Stallion Showcase**, as well as **advertise** your ICAA registered horses for sale in the **Sale File**, also **for free**.



Annual Membership Form

*Clip and mail with fees to:
ICAA, PO Box 427, Whiteface, TX 79379
or pay online and email this form*

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st

I am a NEW Adult Member (\$15)

I am a NEW Youth Member (\$15)

I want to RENEW my Adult membership (\$15)

I want to RENEW my Youth Membership (\$15)

Payment for year(s) _____

ICAA Membership (if renewing) # _____

Birth Date (if Youth) _____

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Web Site URL: _____

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You do not need to own an Appaloosa to be a member and support ICAA.

Memberships can now be paid for and submitted online!

***Registrations and other work can also be paid for and submitted online
if paperwork is quality scanned and emailed!***

As always, thank you for supporting the best breed and remaining true to the Appaloosa!

**All letters to the editor, materials submitted for publication, and advertisements should be sent to
icaa@icaainc.com.**

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Call Sharon at 575-607-9737

Or email us at icaa@icaainc.com

Visit our website at icaainc.com

Like us on Facebook (type International Colored Appaloosa Association in your Facebook search engine)

Remember

Current members get discounted rates on registrations, transfers, and genetic testing through AGI. Members can also enjoy the benefits of free advertising on ICAA's website and inclusion in teleconference meetings!

Advertise your ICAA stallions in the Stallion Showcase

Advertise your ICAA sale horses in our Sale File!

Show off your ICAA horses on the ICAA Facebook Page!

Shelley Antle
proudly displaying the
Stars and Stripes
on My Blue Indian Pony,
#2718
in the 2019 Louisville, KY
parade.



Dependable

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