



Spring 2022 Newsletter

From the Arena Fence

Spring is upon us once again and we are excitedly looking forward to seeing pictures and registrations coming in for your 2022 foals.

This year is starting out with a new set of challenges but ICAA is continuing to grow.

We have new, actively involved District Reps and BOT members who are blessed with creativity and a vision for our future and willingness to brainstorm, share ideas and suggestions to promote our registry and horses.

Please reach out to your DR if you have questions or concerns. Any of the ladies are more than happy to help walk you thru registration questions should you have them.

Cheryl Miller-Yurcak
Chairman/CEO

The 2021 ANCER Endurance Championship Written by Jan Dobson

I am a blessed and lucky person. Not many people get to live out their childhood dreams, but I did.

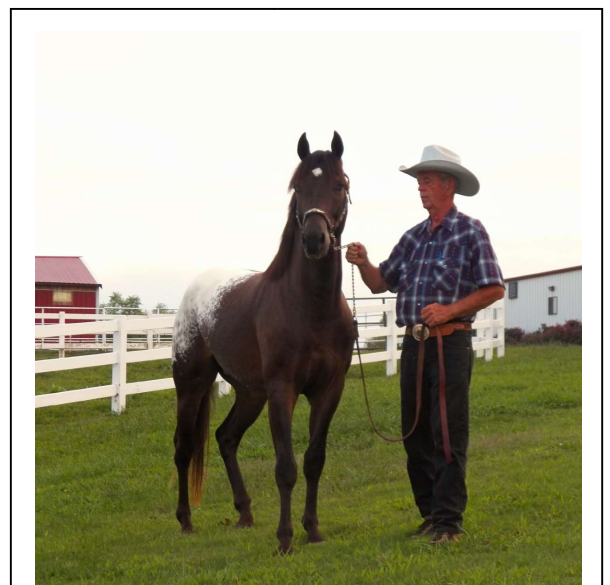
I grew up living in a subdivision outside Nashville, Tennessee but, through my parents, my roots run deep in the rural foothills of Middle and East Tennessee on the land of my grandparents that I visited as a child. I well remember in grade school sitting in the library reading *The Black Stallion* and *Island Stallion* books and spending my Saturday mornings glued to the T.V. watching *Fury* and *My Friend Flicka* and all those good ole Westerns. I dreamed of owning a farm and riding my favorite horse across the fields and on the trails into the hills.

Having a dream you want to come true means work and planning and a vision that never dies. I was lucky, or perhaps smart enough, to marry a man who shared my dream, who was a farmer and a cowboy at heart and who would not give

up on our dream no matter what life threw at us. Stan Dobson and I married in 1965 and in 1967 we bought our first farm and our first horses together. In 1973 we bought our first Appaloosa horse and from that time on our family has never been without Appaloosa horses in our pastures.

Stan and I worked many jobs over the years to support our family and our "horse habit". We owned a trucking company and have traveled all over the United States in a tractor trailer. We have attended many ApHC shows with our Appaloosas and are very proud of the ribbons and trophies the horses from Foggy Valley Farms won. It was our privilege to attend many ApHC Board of Directors meetings and to make a lot of great friends through our Appaloosa connections.

Some of the most special times we had was being involved with the Distance and Endurance Riding Programs. One year, while Stan was President of the Tennessee State Appaloosa Horse Regional Club, our club helped sponsor the ANCER Endurance Championship at the Land Between the Lakes Park. This event was so much fun and such a great way to promote the tributes of the Appaloosa Horse. At this point Stan and I knew we wanted to one day have Foggy Valley Farms Appaloosas entered in this sport -- another Dream to work toward.



FVF Thunderbolt F5-2666 with Stan Dobson, 2012

At Foggy Valley Farms we had concentrated breeding strictly registered App to registered App horses with no outcrossing to other breeds since the late 1980's. We, along with several other Appaloosa breeders, began to realize how close the blood of the Appaloosa horse was to being extinct. In 1996 I was told by the ApHC Registrar that there were less than 2,000 horses in the ApHC registry with more than 50% Appaloosa blood - most ApHC horses carried a majority of the blood of other breeds in them. At this point, the goal of preserving and increasing the blood of the Appaloosa in our horse program became another dream for our family. Currently we are producing horses that have 7-generations behind them of nothing but registered Appaloosa ancestry. I am so glad that many years ago we discovered the ICAA Registry. I believe ICAA is the registry that will preserve and promote the DREAM of producing Purebred Appaloosa Horses. It takes many years to grow generations of horses with quality pedigrees, good conformation, athletic abilities, color, and disposition. During these years, we never gave up on our dream to have a horse participate in the ANKER Endurance Championship.

Sadly, on April 22, 2020 I lost Stan, my husband of over 55 years to complications of Diabetes. But I wanted to honor his memory and carry on the Dreams we had for our Appaloosas. In 2021 a good friend of ours, Eric Beene who we met through our horse activities, contacted me and ask if I had a horse that he could enter in the Endurance Program and get qualified for the ANKER Championship. I said "as a matter of fact, I have just the horse for you".

FVF Thunderbolt, a 2010 ICAA F5/ApHC G5 snowcap Appaloosa gelding, is a very special horse to me. His sire, Rajun's Royal Prince, is our Senior Stallion, and his dam, S&R Cream Sickle, came from Renee Clark's Program. I always say that "Bolt" is a horse that stirs my heart when I look at him because, to me, he is my "ideal" Appaloosa. "Bolt" was shown as a young horse, and in 2012 he was the High Point Halter



FVF Thunderbolt, Dekalb County Fair 2012

Champion at the Tennessee State ApHC shows. Over the years Thunderbolt became a great trail and exhibition horse. He participated at the Tennessee State Fair Equine Exhibit several years and was a big hit with the crowd.

At first I leased Thunderbolt to Eric and later, after convincing myself that I had to do what was best for the horse I loved, I sold him to Eric knowing that he would be promoted and used to showcase the attributes of the Appaloosa breed. During the Spring and Summer of 2021 "Bolt" was entered in several Endurance Events and qualified easily to be in the ANKER Championship, passing all vet checks for his heart rate and condition. Fortunately for me the 2021 ANKER Championship was held in September, 2021 at Big South Fork State Park in East Tennessee not far from our home. I was so happy to get to attend and watch the special horse that Stan and I had raised perform like the true Appaloosa that he is. He passed all vet checks for condition and was 5th in the Appaloosa division and 18th out of 38 in overall horses. Not bad for his first year in Endurance.



FVF Thunderbolt – ANKER 2021

*FVF Thunderbolt,
ridden by
Megan Grant*

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FVF Thunderbolt – ANCER

The Endurance and Distance events have long been dominated by the Arabian Breed but the Appaloosas are now giving them some real competition. The multi-generation App to App horses are proving their blood and showing that they have the speed and heart and abilities that their history suggests. These Appaloosas can do so much, it is just up to us as owners and breeders to get them out there to show it off. I would highly recommend the Endurance and Distance Sport for all interested Appaloosa owners.

If all goes well we hope to see FVF Thunderbolt in competition for the 2022 ANCER Championship.



International Colored Appaloosa Association, Inc

Dedicated to the Development, Preservation, and Promotion of the Purebred Appaloosa

- ❖ Foundation was a place to start. The ICAA is building the finished product -- a breed for the future, one generation at a time.
- ❖ Founded in 1991, the ICAA is well established and in it for the long haul.
- ❖ The only registry offering a program to track a horse's training from birth.
- ❖ The only registry building a database of breeders who are producing five-plus generation horses.
- ❖ A "stand-alone" registry that does not require prior registration in another registry if the horse is the product of an ICAA registered sire and dam.
- ❖ The only registry using the full-generational concept of eight-generations plus, with no out-crossing, to produce a true, purebred Appaloosa, following the generally accepted genealogy method of generational identification.
- ❖ The ICAA is partnered with AGI and offers members exclusive pricing options on 6-Panel, color, and pattern testing, as well as DNA Profiling. Parentage verification is free on foals from parents who have been DNA Profiled.



The next Quarterly Meeting will be held **on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 12:00 noon EST**. Emails will be sent out as a reminder as well as the link to current members to join. Hope to "see" you all there!

These meetings are very informative and a lot of input from members is always welcome!

We will be attempting to use Zoom this time, by request, so we may be able to actually "see" you there!

Don't Forget the ICAA Horsemanship Program!

This is such a wonderful program, as it allows the horse to accrue time **from birth throughout his or her lifetime**. There is only a one-time fee of \$15 for the life of the horse.

Almost any time spent with your horse is allowed. The only time not allowed is professional training and show time, as the owner/handler would not know the exact time to keep. There can be a handler, other than just the owner, working with the horse for time.

Some activities include grooming, bathing, learning to tie, handling feet, riding, driving, lunging, leading, and many other teaching/training sessions you routinely do with your horse. All time spent with a horse is teaching them something.

Certificates are issued for various milestones, and these can be good selling points for owners to show buyers how much time has been spent with the horse. The time-log goes with the horse, so the new owner can continue keeping time without re-enrolling and starting over.

Forms with rules are available online at www.icaainc.com.



BCA Yamas Ocelot, 2022 F7 Colt by BCA Chats Yamahawk F6-2699, and out of BCA Zamos Chamula. What a way to start the year out! He's owned by Charles Potts, Blue Creek Appaloosas.

Per Charles, Ocelot is robust, charming, and really friendly, coming to the fence to visit the neighborhood children.



F2 (pending) 2022 Buckskin Colt by Brandon's Sun Bear F3-2263, and out of Silvers Full Moon #N-2783. He's owned by Cheryl Miller, Horizon Hills Ranch.

Send us your 2022 baby photos!

Now and Then - Trail Riding

When I was young, I rode fast and furious. Every trail had a destination. For every destination, there was a time limit to beat. Friends were there as competitors as well as companions, horses were fit and intense; it was fun and challenging for we were younger then.

Now, I ride curious. The trail is the destination. The only time limit we have is the weather, daylight, or chores at home. Friends ride only as companions, and conversations can be intense while the horses meander along well-known trails. Happily, the wonders of the land we ride through replace the thrill of speed and competition.

Where wildlife once was seldom noted unless it crossed in front of you or under your horse's feet, now flora and fauna are topics in every ride, and a special note is made of the hidden sounds and fantastic sights revealed along the trail.

Once, trails were marked with ribbon and followed exactly according to maps and management directions. Today, every intersection of trails is a discussion and decision between the riders, with some breaking off in a different direction as whims might take them.

Teeth were once gritted and conditions endured as part of the competition. It was a challenge that, when bested, gave everlasting bragging rights. To say "that was the ride that turned into a blizzard" is to recall a formidable challenge that amazes listeners who haven't played the game.

The game today is much different, but in its own way, no less challenging. Hills still need to be conquered, creeks, and rivers forded, but, if the weather turns before we saddle, there is no shame in calling off the ride for a better day. Our challenges include falling icicles, flying turkeys, jumping deer, an occasional bear foraging in the woods around us, and the ever-popular horse imagination that sees Martians in the rocks.

So, no matter if your campfire talks revolve around Rides attended, buckles won, speed challenges met, and survived...Or discussions of spooks ridden out and creeks with unexpected rock ledges—the only real difference between all of us on the trail is often the age of the rider.

Riders speeding down the trail, conditioning for the next event...don't scoff at those you just passed...it's very possible, they once were you, and someday—if you're lucky—that will be you. One day you'll be the ones able to laugh at the "youngsters" passing you in such a rush that they never notice the beauty along the trail.~ Author Unknown

New Registrations



MHS Armageddon F4-2814
Buckskin Blanketed Stallion
Owned by Whitney Wrzesniewski



FVF Gunsmoke F6-2816
Black Blanketed Stallion
Owned by Jan Dobson



The King of Angels F2-2817
Chestnut Fewspot Stallion
Owned by Darlene and Stanley Neisess



ADR Cherokee Shay F3-2818
Chestnut Varnish Blanket Mare
Owned by George Mincey



Cutthroat Speckle MA F3-2823
Black Blanketed Stallion
Owned by Kirk Maxey - CAMAHF



NorthStar BlackEagle F5-2825
Black Blanketed Stallion
Owned by Kyle or Susan Magnuson



NorthStar WhiskeySun F2N-2826
Bay Solid Gelding
Owned by Karisa or Larry Larsen



BCA Zamos Replica F6N-2827
Black Solid Stallion
Owned by Amanda Hubbert



MHS Mintaka of Orion F5-2828
Black Leopard Stallion
Owned by Michelle Vega

We hate leaving anyone out, but we had too many registrations this quarter to put all of their photos in the Newsletter! The following were also registered:

FVF Matt Dillon F6-2813 and FVF Black Satin F5-2815, owned by Whitney Wrzesniewski

Carmel Sundae Blayze F3-2819, owned by George Mincey

Punda Milia F3-2820, Delia Ghost Dancer F4-2821, Keira Truffle F4-2822, and Colorado Blueberry MA F4-2824, owned by Kirk Maxey – CAMAHF

MHS Wanderlust Gypsy F4-2829 owned by Jacinta Vega

Thank you so much for your registrations!

Welcome New Members!

Katherine Fritts of NE
Kayla Reeves of KY
Sean Elliott of MI
Stanley Neisess of WA
Jessica Mitchell of New South Wales, Australia



The Newsletter is available almost exclusively online, other than for those who request that a hard copy be mailed to them. We also send a hard copy to new members in the US for one year. If after the one year any new members desire to continue receiving a hard copy, please let us know.

It is with great sadness that we must announce the passing of BCA Tofoz Chatanga F5-2646. He was a phenomenal stallion, with many offspring and grand-offspring registered with ICAA.



He will be missed by many in our ICAA family.

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*

(See website prior to mailing to be sure address is current)

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st

I am a NEW Adult Member (\$15)

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Payment for year(s) _____

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Name: _____

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Phone Number: _____

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

Memberships can 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
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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 for free in the Stallion Showcase!
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MHS First Chance
F4-2795

Owned by
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