

## 2001 KQHA Hall of Fame Inductees

### Dan Casement



Dan Casement was a man of many interests and abilities. He was respected as a breeder of Hereford cattle and his love for a good horse to use in his ranching operation lead to his being a founding shareholder in AQHA.

In 1911, Casement purchased his first “Steeldust” horse. Concho Colonel was purchased sight unseen from William Anson of Christoval, Texas. Casement liked the stallion in such high esteem that he bought Concho Colonel’s best son, Balleymooney to add to his herd. It was these two horses that fueled a passion for the breed. At this point he began researching the origins of Steel Dust so that he could maintain pedigrees on his stock.



Thinking others would be interested in his research Casement wrote an article about the Steeldust horses in 1927. The article caught the eye of Robert Denhardt who traveled to Casement’s ranch in Manhattan, KS, to meet and visit with the breeder. It was at this meeting that the idea of establishing a registry was proposed. Casement offered his support to Denhardt and offered to elicit others whose horse he felt should be included in the new registry.

The initial organizational meeting was held during the 1940 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Texas. At this meeting Casement was among the initial stockholders was elected as one of the founding directors for AQHA.

The first national meeting was held in 1941. At this meeting Casement proposed a resolution concerning the desired conformation type for breeding stallions and the AQHA Executive Committee adopted it. The resolution stated that a stallion needed to be of the bulldog-type conformation in order to be registered in the studbook. Through the early years of the Association, Casement continued to support the bulldog-type Quarter Horses. He thought speed and cow sense were essential qualities to the breed. He also believed if people concentrated solely on speed for racing, then bloodlines and conformation would be sacrificed. Casement’s personal herd of Quarter Horses produced Red Dog and The Deuce. Ranchers from all over the Southwest traveled to Casement’s ranch to buy horses.

Born in 1868 in Ohio, Casement moved with his family to Kansas when he was 15. His father bought land and raised cattle, and Casement continued the legacy, raising champion Hereford cattle. He was a captain of the 27th Field Artillery in France during World War 1. In 1924 he was the Republican candidate for U.S. Congress from the 5th district in Kansas. In 1926 he was appointed by Secretary of Agriculture William M. Jardine to review appraisal of grazing value of National Forests. In 1935 the Farmers Independent Council of America elected him president of their organization. He was a member of the first KQHA board of directors. He was also an honorary vice-president of AQHA.

Casement died in 1953, and was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 1986. He was honored with inclusion into the Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1958. He was inducted into the KQHA Hall of Fame January 20, 2001.

**Hade Gupton**  
**1904-1991**

Hade Gupton served as the second President of the KQHA and was manager of early KQHA sales. He was a well-known Kansas Quarter Horse breeder and exhibitor. Hade served as the State Brand Commissioner for seven years and was known for working with local youth and 4-H horsemanship programs. He was inducted into the KQHA Hall of Fame January 10, 2001 for outstanding service to the Kansas Quarter Horse industry.



**RL McMillen**

RL McMillen served as the KQHA Executive Secretary-Treasurer for 20 years and editor of The Kansas Quarter Horse magazine for 14 years. He helped start and build the KQHA Futurity into a premier event. RL was a renowned Kansas breeder and exhibitor, owning the notable stallion Sonny Day Bee, sire of Jimmy Mac Bee. He was inducted into the KQHA Hall of Fame January 10, 2001 for outstanding service to the Kansas Quarter Horse industry.



**Jimmy Mc Bee**  
**1958 Dun Stallion**

Sire: Sonny Day Bee Dam: Miss Hackberry  
Breeder: Ronald Crowther Estate - Gypsum, KS  
Owner: Ronald Crowther Estate - Gypsum, KS

Jimmy Mac Bee competed in open AQHA competition earning 1 halter point having been shown at only 1 show. His get were shown in Get Of Sire classes at 52 shows, winning 27 times and earning him another point for his AQHA show record.

His greatest fame was as a sire of show horses. He had a total of 347 registered offspring in 17 crops. Of these horses 80 entered AQHA competition and 1 ran in an AQHA approved race. His foals earned a total of 2,932 points of which 930 were in open AQHA halter and 695.5 in open AQHA performance classes. 17 offspring earned a ROM in performance and 6 were awarded AQHA championships. There were 4 Superior Halter Award earners and 3 Superior Performance Award winners. In youth competition his foals earned a total of 149 halter and 1,087 performance points from 21 performers. These foals earned 11 performance ROM's, 6 AQHA Youth Championships, 7 Superior Performance Awards and totaled 42 individual show All Around awards. In amateur competition they earned a total of 70.5 points from only 3 performers. They had 1 performance ROM, and 4 individual show All Around awards. His most noted offspring is another KQHA Hall Of Fame inductee, Jackie Bee.



**Mr Impressive**  
**1974 Bay Stallion**

Sire: Impressive Dam: Joak Easter Gal  
Breeder: Nelson Porter - Jefferson City, MO  
Owner: Oakville Ranch Wheatlands - Benton, KS

Mr Impressive had impressive credentials in both the show pen and the breeding barn. As a show horse he earned a total of 80 Grand and 13 Reserve Champions with 136 halter points, 5 western riding points and 206 western pleasure points. For his efforts he earned an open AQHA Championship, a superior in halter and a superior in western pleasure. In 1977 he was the high point junior horse and stallion in western pleasure and ended the year in 10th place in halter.

As a sire Mr Impressive had 966 registered foals of which 462 attempted AQHA competition. He had 2 starters in AQHA approved races with a total of 8 starts earning \$329.00. In the show pen his foals earned 6,953.5 open, 1,011 amateur and 983 youth halter points. In performance they earned 4,788.5 open, 2,688.5 amateur and 3,591 youth points. He sired 12 open, 12 amateur and 6 youth halter ROMs, and 86 open, 29 amateur and 39 youth performance ROMs. There were 8 open, 1 amateur and 3 youth AQHA champions. Many of these foals excelled at their events with 57 open, 4 amateur and 3 youth superior halter awards and 32 open, 11 amateur and 15 youth superior performance awards. In total 369 horses have earned 20,015.5 points worth \$142,529.83 in incentive fund money. At the world show they have earned \$40,043.68 with 9 world open championships, 3 amateur and 7 youth. They also earned 6 open reserve world championships, 4 amateur and 65 youth. In NSBA competition they have earned \$31,198.25. In PHBA shows they are earners of 213 halter and 2,823 performance points. In IBHA they earned 4 halter and 27 performance points.

