

2000 KQHA Hall of Fame Inductee

Orville Burtis



KQHA came to life the founding members selected Orville Burtis as the first president of the organization. They could have selected no one more able to lead the group through the initial growing pains.

Orville was selected as one of the first AQHA inspectors. He traveled to Stanford, Texas with founding AQHA member Dan Casement to watch one of the early Quarter Horse Shows. Thinking he was there only to observe the competition he was surprised when handed a piece of paper indicating he was an AQHA approved judge. Casement then informed him that he was there to work. In his first judging assignment he had the honor of giving the immortal Poco Bueno first place in the stallion class.

In 1953 Orville was elected as the 6th president of AQHA. He served two terms, during one of the fastest periods of growth that AQHA has ever experienced, requiring an expansion of the offices to handle the increased number of employees.

As an inspector Burtis selected horses for inclusion into the registry. His territory included Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska, plus Texas, Mexico, New Mexico and other places as needed by AQHA. When his ranch work began to take up most of his time he retired as an inspector, but continued to judge a few shows every year, including the Fort Worth Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show on three occasions, one of the few people to do this.

Orville served as a national director representing Kansas for over 38 years. He was at the forefront during the formation of the American Junior Quarter Horse Association, now known as the American Quarter Horse Youth Association and was the chairman of that committee for many years.

Burtis owned a ranch near Manhattan, Kansas and owned a band of broodmares. He bred to Casement's stallions with an emphasis on hardy ranch type horse for use in his operation. It is interesting that he never sold a stallion. He gelded all the colts for use in the ranching operation.

He was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 1988 and died in 1990. On January 22, 2000, KQHA inducted Orville into the KQHA Hall of Fame.



Duane Walker

Duane Walker along with his wife Jo is the owner of Tee Jay Quarter Horses in Canton, KS. They stood fellow Hall Of Famer Jackie Bee and for many years were on the AQHA leading breeder of halter horses list including two Honor Roll Halter Horses. Duane served KQHA in many capacities including a stint as president of the organization. He served on the national level for many years as an AQHA director and on many committees helping to shape the direction of AQHA. He is now an AQHA Director at Large.

Merle Wood **1920 - 1996**

KQHA Director
 Elected AQHA Director from Kansas
 Active in AQHA Committees
 Named AQHA Honorary Vice President in 1990
 Supported AQHA youth programs
 Active breeder, owner, and exhibitor
 Served as AQHA and NCHA judge
 Merle Wood Humanitarian Award presented by AQHA yearly
 For outstanding contributions to the Quarter Horse industry on the national and state levels
 Inducted into the KQHA Hall of Fame January 22, 2000



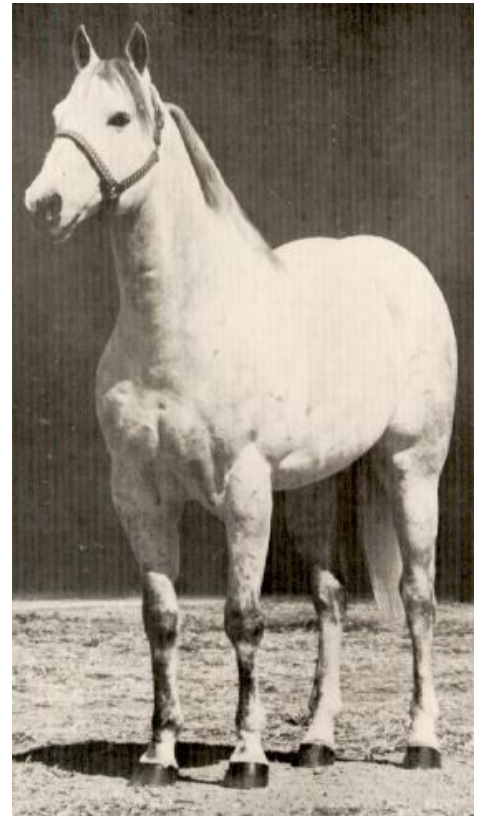
Jackie Bee
1962 Gray Stallion

Sire: Jimmy Mac Bee Dam: Jackie Diane

Breeder: Glen L. Davis Estate - Canton, KS

Owner: Duane W Walker - Canton, KS

Sired by another KQHA Hall Of Fame horse, Jimmy Mac Bee, Jackie Bee achieved his award for his prowess as a breeding horse. He sired 1,009 foals in 26 crops. Of these horses 1 started on the race track but failed to earn any money. In the show pen horses sired by him earned 3,133.5 open, 8 amateur and 772 youth halter points. In performance they earned 1,962 open, 146 amateur and 1,858 youth performance points. These horses earned 11 open , and 1 youth superiors in halter and 7 open and 1 youth superiors in performance. He had 7 open and 9 youth AQHA champions. He was the sire of 1 open and 2 youth world champions and 2 open and 2 youth reserve world champions. In year end competition he was the sire of 3 honor roll winners. These horses earned \$579.35 in Incentive fund money, \$246.69 at the World show and \$74.37 in NSBA earnings. In PHBA competition they earned 409 halter and 51 performance points.

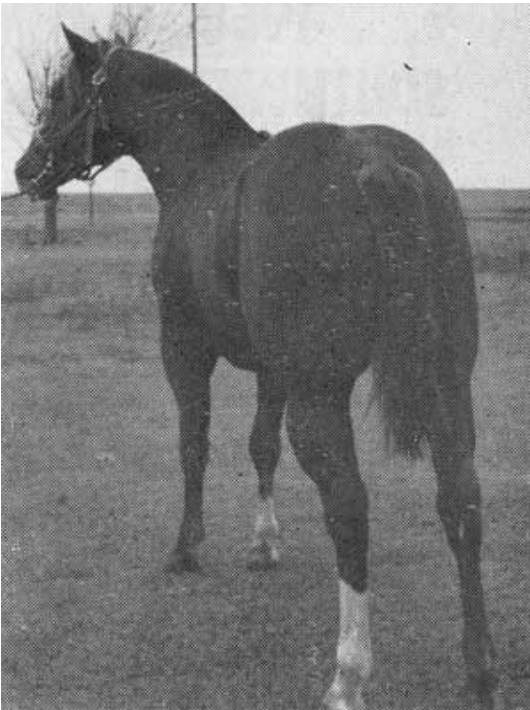


Rondo Lee
1957 Sorrel Stallion

Sire: Leos Question Dam: War Bird

Breeder: Mrs. Dwight Timbers of Glen Elder, Kansas

Owner: Harley and Mamie Price family of Bazine, Kansas



Rondo Leo was shown in both NCHA and AQHA competitio. In AQHA competition he earned an AQHA Championship. In NCHA competition he earned a total of \$2745 and an NCHA Certificate of Ability. He sired a total of 151 foals registered with AQHA. These horses earned a total of 239 points with 1 superior and 6 register of merits. His most noted get is the sire Mr Gun Smoke. He died in 1987.