

Bill Squire
KQHA Hall of Fame Inductee

Growing up riding horses and working cattle on his father's 7L ranch gave Bill his appreciation of the merits of a well-trained, well-bred ranch horse. As an adult he and his father J.C. Squier owned and leased over 228,000 acres of grass for the purpose of grazing cattle brought into Beaumont by steam locomotive from Texas before shipping them on to the stockyards at Kansas City after grazing the summer on the bluestem prairie.

Bill was a well-known rancher, breeder, trainer, exhibitor and judge. He started his career in the late 1950s showing horses at the KQHA events in halter and cutting classes. Many of these horses he bred and raised at the ranch.

In 1961 Bill made a trade with Doc Hyman for a horse named Aledo Red Man, a sorrel gelding by Old Man who was a son of Old Sorrel and out of Peppys Red Ant by Peppy. In 1962 he competed in the cutting horse division at the American Royal. In the first go round he tied for first place with Alice Star ridden by Stanley Bush of Texas. In the second round he again tied for first place with a horse named Star E Night owned by Elmer Martin of Herrington, KS. In the finals of the championship stake he again tied for the championship with Alice Star who at the time created waves in the horse world when she sold for \$30,000, a huge sum of money for the time. Aledo Red Man ended the year as the 1962 KQHA champion in cutting. He won the Kansas State Fair cutting contest from 1962 - 1964.

Another notable horse trained and shown by Bill was fellow KQHA Hall of Fame member Rondo Leo owned by Harley and Mamie Price of Bazine, KS. Rondo Leo was shown in AQHA and NCHA competition and was awarded an NCHA Certificate of Ability with \$2745 of earnings. In AQHA competition he earned an AQHA Championship. 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.

Bill is a charter member of KQHA and served on the board of directors. With his wife he arranged and sponsored the annual banquet on several occasions including once in Beaumont at the old hotel there. He was president of the Kansas Cutting Horse Association for 3 years. He is a long-time member of AQHA and NCHA serving as an area representative for the NCHA

Many long time KQHA members will remember the AQHA shows held in Beaumont at the 7L ranch as part of the Wichita shows held at Rose Hill, Augusta and Beaumont. These shows were some of the largest in the country and were attended by many well-known AQHA exhibitors such as Matlock Rose, Jerry Wells, Billy Allen, and Dean Smith.