



ARABIAN HORSE  
ASSOCIATION

# NEWSLETTER

## 1st Quarter 2007

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### Hello from the Region 8 Director

Well, greetings to Region 8, most of which has endured a lot of winter this year! Many of us have had more snow and cold to



*Jim Hitt, Region 8 Director*

deal with than we are accustomed to. I, for one, have spent many hours clearing snow one bucket full at a time. Scottsdale for many was the first glimmer of what coming months hold. I think most of the exhibitors from probably two-thirds of the country were more than glad to get some warmth and sunshine for at least a couple of weeks. As March has descended upon us there is finally more

than white to see out my front window.

The March AHA Board of Directors meeting was certainly not the first I have attended, but my first as Director. It also may have been the most interesting one I've attended with some tense moments and lively discussion. Yet, in the end I believe some positive steps forward for our Association.

A substantial portion of the meeting was dedicated to Governance, or the way our organization is run. A firm had been hired to review our structure, procedures, opinions of Board members, etc. No great surprise, but we are to some extent dysfunctional, primarily due to two factors: 1) an obsolete governance structure that has too many layers and is thus cumbersome and inefficient; and 2) a lack of defined roles or job descriptions for most everyone from staff to Board of Directors, to delegates.

Everyone agrees on the primary issues and on the fact that changes need to be made. The work in progress is how to make these changes and best serve our membership. The basic thought is to have more delineation between who's responsible for overseeing the "business" of AHA, and who is responsible for overseeing the events, activities, competitions" of AHA.

I am sure there will be many rumors out there with

respect to this issue, but at this point I can assure you that you, the members, are of the greatest consideration. If we continue on the track that appeared to be developing at this past meeting, I don't think anyone is going to "lose" anything (delegate down the line), but rather may actually "gain." It is a work in progress, with no specific solution yet determined.

Other Board of Directors meeting notables with some editorializing by your Director:

- The PR network is off and running with all 18 Regions having 9 trained rep(s).
- New 501(3)(c) that merges the old Arabian Horse

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### What's Going In Your State?

#### What's New In Colorado

All CAHC (Colorado Arabian Horse Club) **Premium Books will be on-line** this year. Premium Books and entry blanks for the CAHC Spring Show, CAHC Estes Park Show, CAHC Fall Show, and CAHC Christmas Show will have individual downloads available at: [www.cahc.info](http://www.cahc.info). If you cannot access the internet to download the show premiums or entry blanks, you can contact the show secretary, Jo Anne Read at 303 648-3261. She will print a premium book and mail it to you. We look forward to seeing you at the CAHC Shows in 2007!

Also, CAHC will be having our annual **School & Fool Show** at the National Western Events Center (Denver), on Tuesday April 10, 2007. This is great opportunity to work with not only the young show horses, but the "too smart" veterans! For more information and a class list and schedule go to [www.cahc.info](http://www.cahc.info) (look under shows) or call Mike or Kathy Troxler at 719 683-3415.



Thanks! Michael Troxler, CAHC President

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## What's New In Kansas

### Competitive Trail Ride

"Big Hill Thrills CTR" will be held Saturday and Sunday May 19th and 20th, 2007 at Big Hill Lake near Cherryvale, Kansas. This event is sanctioned by the North American Trail Riding Congress (NATRC). Sponsored by the Kansas Arabian Horse Society, this distance competition will host three classes: Novice, Competitive Pleasure, and Open. Within Novice and Open there are junior and weight divisions. There will be a number of opportunities for KAHS members to volunteer for the ride.

Joy Benninghoven has agreed to coordinate all volunteers, but Karen Everhart is the Ride Manager and is developing the list of names for each volunteer opportunity so contact her first for job descriptions, etc. If you are interested in competing or if you have questions about ways you can assist us, contact Karen Everhart at 620-725-3402 or email at rainbowmeadowsranch@gmail.com.

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## Region 8 Youth

Hi Everyone!

I just came back from the Board of Directors Meeting in Denver. I'm excited to report all of the things that the Board has planned for this year's Youth Nationals and Convention.

As many of you know Emerson Drive will be performing at Youth. It's the first time that Youth will have a major country concert. They will be performing Wednesday night during Youth and at this time the estimated cost of their tickets is going to be around \$10 each.

This year's theme for Youth Nationals is AHYA Goes to Hollywood. Region 8 will be participating in the Parade of Regions. Make sure you bring ideas for decorating the golf cart to the Region 8 Youth Meeting. Returning activities this year will be the Dog Costume Class and the Creative Contest.

Convention will be on the first Friday June 8 (instead of Saturday). We will hold elections of AHYA officers, as well as workshops, fun activities, and our guest speaker will be Liz Carlise (more to come on her later).

As far as Region 8 show activities go, we are planning on having a Region 8 Championship Show High-Point. It will be broken down into the three age divisions and each winner will receive a belt buckle. This year we will be having two fundraisers at Region 8. The Delegate Duck Toss, on Saturday June 9, and the St. Jude Research Hospital, on Friday June 8. These are important fund raisers so all Youth in encouraged to participate. Last but not least is the Region 8 Youth Meeting. The meeting will be held on Thursday June 7 at 6:00 p.m. This is an important meeting, as we prepare for Youth, so please try and be there.

Look for my upcoming e-mails with more details on all of these events. If there are any questions, comments, or concerns please contact me at bkaiser035@aol.com

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## 2007 SCOTTSDALE YOUTH JUDGING RESULTS

Colorado was well represented at the 2007 Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show Youth Judging Contest, sending three teams. In the Arabian Horse Association Youth division, the Colorado Arabian Horse Club/Region 8 team was named

Champion Team. The team was high team in halter judging, high team in performance judging, high team in reasons and high team overall. Team members Jordan Owen and Christa Forsberg tied for high individual honors, with the nod going to Jordan Owen, as she was high individual in reasons. Olivia Fetter, closely followed her teammates, being named fourth high individual. The team is coached by Jodi Zeier.

The 4-H/FFA division of the contest was a larger division with twelve full teams competing. Colorado had two counties competing, El Paso County was coached by Jonathan Vrabc and Boulder County was coached by Jodi Zeier. El Paso County was named Champion team with the first, second, third and sixth high individuals. Boulder County was Reserve Champion team with the fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth high individuals. El Paso County was high team in halter and reasons, followed by Boulder County. Boulder County was high team in performance, followed by El Paso County.



All team members are members of JCAHC and Region 8. Left to Right: Katie Richardson, Jessica Mullin, Meghan Rickell, Katie Knorr, Olivia Fetter, Christa Forsberg, Jordan Owen

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## Jim Hitt Shows Us the Finer Points of Working Cow Horse? If ya can't turn it, roll it!



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Foundation into the new Arabian Horse Charity. This will aid in allowing donations and contributions for scholarships and other charitable functions.

- Member health insurance. Have been working very hard on this. Thought Humana was on board for 26 states, but have hit a "glitch". This is a fairly high priority with a substantial amount of time and effort being put into it.
- National Events. The new three-judge scoring system will be utilized at Regionals and Nationals as voted in by Resolution at the November 2006 convention. It has been proven that this system is probably the "worst" of the systems out there. "Pure Points" is likely the best. Ron Harden's (Region 8) "Best Mess" is one of two suppliers of our scoring system. He made a presentation that discussed this. Likely we will see another resolution at the next convention. Hopefully, this time we will make a better informal decision. Remember, any system looks good with good judges, but what happens when the judging isn't so good?
- Marketing. New magazine to be out the first part of April; new name, new look, lots more editorial, and should be self-funded by 2008.
- FBR Open. Believed to be a success, primarily in changing our image with potential corporate sponsors. Deemed to have had a \$300,000 value in "Brand awareness" and a potential \$900,000 in corporate sponsorships. True success may be difficult to measure, but time will tell.
- IT update. Working on updating on-line service to be easier to navigate all on-line services.
- Membership. A year long promotional is going to run for lifetime memberships. An adult lifetime membership with competition card will be available for \$650.00.
- Sweepstakes. All checks and payments have been made. \$2.7 million paid out to owners; \$300,000 to breeders; \$170,000 was breeder incentive. Points program paid \$37.80 per point.
  - The trust fund balance is stabilizing
  - Nominated sires is reduced to \$1,500
  - Shows should utilize the "\$" sign to designate Breeders Sweepstakes classes in their show premium books.
- New from USEF. Has put together a new program to encourage newer exhibitors at the Class A level. "USEF opportunity classes" see rules in the USEF rulebook. In summary, a show may hold up to 20 classes (from the approved list) for exhibitors to enter without joining USEF. These non-members cannot show in the regular USEF classes, and likewise, the USEF member exhibitors may not show in the "opportunity" classes. This may help some of our smaller shows.

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## Region 8 2007 Ride and Show Dates

Show Dates	Show Name	Location	Contact	Region	Phone
February 16-25	Scottsdale Arabian Show	Scottsdale, AZ	Harriet Landrum	7	
March 8-9	Kansas Sunflower Arabian Show I	Wichita, KS	Cynda Fells	8	785-257-3287
March 10-11	Kansas Sunflower Arabian Show I	Wichita, KS	Cynda Fells	8	785-257-3287
March 25-26	Spring Fever	Albuquerque, NM	Lois Seibel	7	505 345-2244
March 29-30	Deseret I	South Jordan, UT	Dayle Dickhaut	7	208-234-0157
March 31 - April 1	Deseret II	South Jordan, UT	Dayle Dickhaut	8	208-234-0157
April TBA	Trinity All Arabian Show I	Alamogordo, NM	Audrey McDaniel	8	505 437-9367
April TBA	Trinity All Arabian Show II	Alamogordo, NM	Audrey McDaniel	8	505 437-9367
April 19-22	Colorado Classic Horse Show	Denver, CO	Anne Burton	8	303 665-3307
April 24-30	Region 7 Pre-Show & Champ.	Scottsdale, AZ	Irene Wells	7	
April 26-27	MO-KS Border Bonanza I	Sedalia, MO	Ruth Charpie	11	816-765-5683
April 28-29	MO-KS Border Bonanza II	Sedalia, MO	Ruth Charpie	8	816-765-5683
May 4-5	Colorado West Arabian Show	Grand Junction, CO	Sue Copeland	8	970 255-9184
May 10-12	Zia Classic I	Albuquerque, NM	Jim Porcher	8	505 867-8344
May 13	Zia Classic II	Albuquerque, NM	Jim Porcher	8	505 867-8344
May 11-13	CAHC Spring Show	Denver, CO	Liz Wheeler	8	303 660-9521
May 19-21	Great Plains Arab Show	Lincoln, NE	Deanne Allen	8	402-464-4995
May 25-28	Larimer County Spring Show	Denver, CO	Barbara Arkin	8	303 431 -4252
June 2-3	Wyoming Arabian Show	Douglas, WY	Barbara Arkin	6	303 431 -4252
June 5-9	Region 8 Championship Show	Denver, CO	Pat Thompson, Manager JoAnne Read, Secretary	8	303 646-6242 303-648-3261
June 20	Region 6 Pre-Show	Brookings, SD	Dick Peterson	6	605-692-6821
June 21-24	Region 6 Championship Show	Brookings, SD	Dick Peterson	6	605-692-6821
July 1-4	CAHC Estes Park Show	Estes Park, CO	JoAnne Read	8	303-648-3261
July 1-4	Region 8 Sport Horse Championship	Estes Park, CO	JoAnne Read	8	303-648-3261
July 14-15	HAAAC Summertime Celebration	Longmont, CO	Anne Burton	8	303 665-3307
July 28 - Aug 4	AHA Youth Nationals	Albuquerque, NM	AHA		303 696-4500
TBA	Region 8 Endurance Ride	TBA	TBA	8	
August 17-19	Wyoming State Faair	Douglas, WY	Ann Burton	6	303-665-3307
August 20-25	Canadian Nationals	Regina, Saskatchewan	AHA		303 696-4500
TBA	Region 8 Competitive Trail Ride	TBA	TBA	8	
Aug 31 - Sept 3	CAHC Fall Show	Denver, CO	JoAnne Read	8	303-648-3261
Sept 7-9	Fall Charity Horse Show	Denver, CO	Anne Burton	8	303-665-3307
Sept 26-30	Sport Horse Nationals	Lexington, VA	AHA		303-696-4500
Sept 22-23	NM State Fair	Albuquerque, NM	Expo NM	8	
October 13-14	Chilli Roast Fall Fiesta	Albuquerque, NM	Jim Porcher	8	505-867-8344
October 18-27	US National Show	Albuquerque, NM	Expo NM		303 696-4500
November 14-18	AHA Convention	Tulsa, OK	AHA		303 696-4500
Dec 7 - 9	CAHC Christmas Show	Denver, CO	Michael Troxler	8	719-683-3415

# AHA REGION VIII BURR BETTS College Scholarship Application Application Deadline May 1

*Please Type or Print*

**Category "A" or "B":** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security #** \_\_\_\_\_

**College Registration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Region 8 Club Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

These educational funds are sought to assist in carrying on a program of study at: (your scholarship money will be sent directly to the College. Address must be accurate.)

**College:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dept:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Current High School or College:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dept:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:**(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Applications must be accompanied by all items listed under requirements. **Your prompt and careful attention to directions for completing your application** will facilitate the Selection Committee's Evaluation.

## **Application Deadline May 1**

Mail **Four Complete Applications** and all other material to

Barb Arkin  
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# AHA REGION VIII BURR BETTS MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

- Offered By:** Region VIII of the Arabian Horse Association
- Description:** Category "A" - Four scholarships of \$500.00 each to be awarded to four incoming college Freshmen  
Category "B" Four scholarships of \$500.00 each to be awarded to four current college students (Sophomore, Junior or Senior standing)
- College:** Open to the Student
- Course of Study:** Open to the Student
- Eligibility:** Applicant must be a member of an AHA Region VIII club.  
(Region VIII of AHA affiliated clubs in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, and El Paso area of Texas)
- Applicant must be - (Category "A") A graduating high school senior at time of application or  
(Category "B") Registered and completing at least one year of college at time of application

- Requirements:** Category "A" and "B"  
**4 Complete Applications** 1 original, and 3 photocopies
1. Completed the "Region VIII Burr Betts Memorial Scholarship application form.
  2. Four letters of recommendation from:
    - a. one from a horseman or horsewoman
    - b. one from a teacher or advisor
    - c. one from an adult member of your Region VIII club
    - d. one from employer, clergy, etc.
  3. Current year academic record
  4. Statement of Equine background
  5. List of community involvement and/or activities
  6. Statement of sense of direction for furthering education
  7. Current 3" x 5" photograph, head and shoulders only, of applicant

It is mandatory that all of the information specified in the list of requirements be provided by the applicant. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Region VIII Scholarship Priority**
1. Four Scholarships to Category "A" and Four Scholarships to Category "B"
  2. If a category does not have the full number of applicants, the remaining scholarships may be used in the other category in such a manner that no more than 8 scholarships are given out in any one year.

**Deadline for Applications:** May 1 of the given year

Applicants receiving scholarships will provide any other documentation as requested by the Selection Committee. Those receiving a scholarship will be notified of selection with the actual award presentation to take place at the Region VIII Championship Show. Those students receiving scholarships will be requested to be present to receive the award.

**AHA Region VIII  
Income & Expense thur 12/31/06  
Budget 2007**

	<b>Budget 2005</b>	<b>Actual 2005</b>	<b>Budget 2006</b>	<b>Actual 2006</b>	<b>Budget 2007</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Membership	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Directory	0.00	0.00	13,500.00	7,650.00	0.00
Regional Show	18,000.00	41,110.94	25,500.00	33,386.24	27,850.00
Apparel Sales		620.00	500.00	520.00	200.00
Interest	150.00	737.50	650.00	1,154.08	650.00
Other					
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,150.00</b>	<b>42,468.44</b>	<b>40,150.00</b>	<b>42,710.32</b>	<b>28,700.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
Regional Meeting	450.00	404.55	550.00	520.44	550.00
Class Sponsorships					
U.S. Nat'l	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Youth Nat'l	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Comp. Trail	300.00	250.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	250.00
Endurance	300.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Sport Horse	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
AHA Legal Defense Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00		0.00
AHA Convention Fund			500.00		500.00
Convention Expense	1,500.00	2,638.31	2,000.00	3,979.83	3,000.00
Director Expense	1,000.00	1,988.50	1,500.00	3,797.57	2,000.00
Directory Expense			16,000.00	12,353.47	0.00
Donation				200.00	
Insurance	900.00	795.00	900.00	795.00	800.00
Newsletter Expense	3,000.00	2,474.68	3,000.00	902.03	3,000.00
Office Expense	650.00	225.60	400.00	153.48	400.00
Region 8 Banner				362.31	
Regional Club Distribution		5,440.00	5,500.00	5,240.00	5,500.00
Regional Comp. Trail Ride	300.00	603.66	300.00	356.66	300.00
Regional Endurance Ride	300.00		300.00	300.00	300.00
Regional Show Expense				155.00	
Region 8 Apparel Purchases		1,624.88			
Region 8 TAIL Program					2,000.00
Region 8 Promotion Rep.				440.13	2,000.00
Youth Activities Expense					
High Point					
Scholarships	4,000.00	3,500.00	4,000.00	3,750.00	4,000.00
Judging Teams	800.00	800.00	1,200.00	2,800.00	800.00
Youth Director	400.00	506.02	400.00	832.36	400.00
Web Page Expense	400.00	773.55	500.00	1,460.80	800.00
Depreciation Expense		350.00		351.45	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>18,150.00</b>	<b>26,474.75</b>	<b>40,150.00</b>	<b>41,850.53</b>	<b>28,700.00</b>

**Surplus/Loss**

15,993.69

859.79

**2007 Budget Notes:**

- 1) Regional Show Profit exceeded 2006 budget by \$7,886.24
- 2) Regional Directory: Income - \$7650.00 Expense -\$12,353.47 Loss - (4,703.47)
- 3) 2007 Regional Club Distributions set at 2006 rate \$5/member
- 4) Surplus for 2005 \$15,993.69
- 5) Surplus for 2006 \$859.79

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