

Longear News

MARCH 2018



Ft. Worth Stock Show Marks Beginning of 2018 Show Season

THIS THING WAS LEGENDARY!

The Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo results are in and this year was truly legendary. Thank you for making this such a successful and fun show. Congratulations to all our winners:

Shannon Barlow
Emily Lambeth
Paige Westfall
Sandi Costa
Vicki Taylor
Bobbie Ferraro
Shanna Cruse
Nancy Thedford
Paula Brown
Annie Stewart
River Beckham
Brailee Thompson

Greg Schlosser
Casey Taylor
Mike Call
Richie Dement
Carol Obermeier
Kelli Beckham
Bonnie Crouchman
Robin Thomas
Jessica Meuth
Becca Garrett
Sharon Wellman
Heather Heath

Lance Graves
Kelli Beckham
Kristin Stolee
Dana Heath
Barbara Proctor
Robert Polley
Hannah Heath
Charlotte Spires
Lexi Elkins
Tristan Fowler

Kathie McGee
Janet Vance
Carrie Moody
Rachel Williamson
Nikole Cozort
Carson Robbins
Koy Beckham
Eli Robbins
Emma Sage Bien-Lambeth

For a complete listing of champion and grand champion awards in each division, visit:
www.swdonkeyandmulesociety.com

We Want You!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership isn't just for folks who want to show their longears. Membership offers a supportive network of likeminded friends for fellowship, fun and fantastic opportunities to learn and do more with your donkeys and mules! Don't forget to renew for 2018!

SDMS CLASSic Moves to Belton

NEW DATES: AUGUST 10-12, 2018

Our First Annual CLASSic in Hamilton, Texas was a huge success. So, we're hard at work preparing for our second SDMS CLASSic Show. This year's venue will be the new facilities at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton, TX.

We are applying to make this an NMDA Sanctioned Show, and will adhere to the NMDA Official Show Rules. (This can and should be downloaded from the NMDA website.)

Mark your calendars for August 10, 11, and 12th for a fun filled show. The venue is air conditioned, brand new, and right off I-35 for easy access.

There will be exceptional awards for Champion & Reserve Champion, and all "Specialty" division points will go towards Year End Points.

Flyers will be posted soon on our website. Contact our Show Chairman, Lynda Cornell at 817-781-2490 if you have any questions.



Upcoming Events

March 17-18 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Houston, TX

May 25-27 NMDA National Miniature Donkey Show, Salina, KS

June 9 Board of Directors Meeting, Waco, TX

August 10-12 SDMS CLASSic, Belton, TX

October 27-28 SDMS Spooktacular, Belton, TX

Have News or Photos to Share?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We're always looking for content ideas and we want to hear from you! Send us your funny longear photos, share news with your fellow members, or tell us a story. It's easy! Just email Sarah Matz at smatz13@gmail.com or share photos via the SDMS facebook page.





Blast from the Past

THIS MONTH IN 1985

In March 1985, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram published the story, "Are Mules Our New Secret Weapon?," detailing the U.S. Army's decision to study the feasibility of returning mules to active duty. The author explains the history of mules and their obstinate, yet rugged and reliable nature, and ends the piece tongue-in-cheek, "They should try it. After all, that's all a mule can do."

SDMS member and board secretary, Darlene Winters responded with the following letter to the editor, defending our beloved longear friends:

March 29, 1985

Fort Worth Star Telegram
Letters to the Editor
Fort Worth, TX 76101

Dear Editor:

In reply to your article, Are mules our new secret weapon? (Editorial Section - Tuesday March 12, 1985), I would like to comment on the last sentence - "After all, that's all a mule can do."

Mules today are used for packing, pleasure riding, "coon" hunting, and jumping, driving, and even racing. Because of their strength and sure-footedness, mules are being used more and more by cross-country and endurance riders as good, dependable mounts.

Contrary to popular belief, a mule is neither vicious or stubborn, but will respond as he is treated. The mule which is well cared for and not abused, makes an excellent riding or working animal. They are intelligent and with patience and kindness can be taught tricks.

There are regional and specialty clubs throughout the United States and overseas. The main objectives of these clubs are the promotion of donkeys and mules of all types and breeds. My husband, son, and I are members of the Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society and spend many hours every year enjoying our mules (and donkeys) on trail rides, shows, etc.

Sincerely,

Darlene Winters
Secretary
Southwestern Donkey and Mule Society

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