

The Celebration Begins

American Angus Auxiliary kicks off its 50th anniversary celebration.

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During the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., the American Angus Auxiliary met to kick off the celebration of the 50 years the organization has existed. The start of the celebration began during the annual Auxiliary breakfast, Sunday, Nov. 11. Jane Ebert, Sparta, N.C., 2000-2001 Auxiliary president, served as the master of ceremonies.

The activities continued as members met to discuss the business of the organization during its Annual Meeting. Reports for all Auxiliary committees were given during the meeting.

In the afternoon, the Auxiliary hosted a 50th anniversary celebration reception. Angus enthusiasts were invited to attend the reception and view scrapbooks filled with the organization's history. During the reception, a memorial service for deceased Auxiliary presidents was presented by Nellie Meinders, New Sharon, Iowa, and Bette Votaw, Wellfleet, Neb.

The Auxiliary plans to continue the 50th year celebration at Angus events throughout 2002.



▶ Jane Ebert, outgoing Auxiliary president, was recognized by Howard Hillman, 2001 president of the American Angus Association, at the American Angus Auxiliary breakfast.



▶ Above: Julie McMahon French read excerpts from a letter by Rachel Breck, former owner of Hedge-rows Farm of Connecticut, during the Angus Reception, Sunday evening, Nov. 11. The original crewel artwork donated by Breck was offered for auction as an Auxiliary fund-raiser. Bob Laflin, Olsburg, Kan., purchased the needlework for \$6,000. The funds will be used to provide scholarships for junior Angus members. Results of other fund-raising efforts are reported in "Auxiliary Notes" on page 63.



▶ The Auxiliary kicked off its 50th anniversary with a reception. Lucile Patton (left) and Anne Patton Schubert cut the cake to begin the celebration.

▶ Cortney Hill-Dukehart was crowned the 2002 Miss American Angus. The Auxiliary sponsors Miss American Angus to serve as an ambassador to the Angus industry.



▶ Above: The Auxiliary met to conduct business during its Annual Meeting in Louisville, Ky. Jane Ebert (right) presided over the meeting until passing the gavel to the newly-elected president, Pat Grote (left).



▶ Numerous past presidents of the American Angus Auxiliary gathered to begin the organization's 50th anniversary celebration.

Annual Meeting &



► Attending to the official business of the American Angus Association, 317 delegates representing 43 states and Canada signed in at the 2001 Annual Meeting in Louisville, Ky., Monday, Nov. 12.



► Leroy Baldwin, Ocala, Fla., is escorted to the podium as the 2002 president of the American Angus Association.

Board Action

The following is a review of action taken during the meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association conducted Nov. 10, 2001.

Pursuant to notice, President Howard Hillman called the meeting of the American Angus Association Board of Directors to order in the King Room of the Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Ky. The following officers and directors were present: Howard Hillman, president; Leroy Baldwin, vice president; Steve Brooks, treasurer; Keith Arntzen; Jim Bradford; Minnie Lou Bradley; John Curtin; Ben Eggers; Joe Elliott; Jot Hartley; Paul Hill; Brian McCulloh; Cecil McCurry; Lowell Minert; Abbie Nelson; and Dave Smith. Leo Baker was present throughout the meeting by telephone.

Director of Finance Richard Wilson presented the 2001 year-end financial audited report that was reviewed in detail by the Board.

Wilson also reviewed the October 2001 financial reports, as submitted, for the Board.

The Board approved a recommendation by the Activities Committee that a change be added to the wording of Rule 6 of the National Showmanship Contest rules to read:

To be eligible, each contestant and alternate must presently own registered Angus.

The mailing list policy was reviewed by the Board, and it was their consensus that the policy remain as amended and approved in September 2001.

Staff members presented a progress report regarding the concept of recording ancestral information and performing multibreed evaluation for Angus-influenced cattle. The consensus of the Board was that this concept should remain a priority item for continued research and study.



► Leroy Baldwin presents the president's gavel to outgoing president Howard Hillman, who received a standing ovation from the delegates in recognition of his service to the Association during the past eight years.



► 2002 Association President Leroy Baldwin

Board Highlights



► Newly elected officers and directors of the American Angus Association are (seated, from left) Steve Brooks, Bowman, N.D., vice president; Leroy Baldwin, Ocala, Fla., president; Joe Elliott, Adams, Tenn., treasurer; (standing, from left) Jay King, Rock Falls, Ill.; Richard Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D.; Jot Hartley, Vinita, Okla.; Ben Eggers, Mexico, Mo.; and Mark Gardiner, Ashland, Kan.

2002 Committee and Board Assignments American Angus Association Board of Directors

► EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Leroy Baldwin, chairman; Steve Brooks; Joe Elliott; Jim Bradford; Abbie Nelson; Keith Arntzen; Lowell Minert; Brian McCulloh; Minnie Lou Bradley; Jot Hartley; Ben Eggers

► ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Abbie Nelson, chairman; Paul Hill; Joe Elliott; Dave Smith; Mark Gardiner

► BREED IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Minnie Lou Bradley, chairman; Brian McCulloh; Ben Eggers; Leo Baker; Keith Arntzen

► PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Jot Hartley, chairman; Lowell Minert; Jim Bradford; Richard Tokach; Jay King

► FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joe Elliott, chairman; Paul Hill; Jot Hartley; Minnie Lou Bradley; Ben Eggers

► MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Keith Arntzen, chairman; Abbie Nelson; Jim Bradford; Richard Tokach; Jay King

► COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lowell Minert, chairman; Dave Smith; Brian McCulloh; Leo Baker; Mark Gardiner

► CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF LLC (CAB) BOARD

Chairman to be announced; John Crouch, vice chairman; Jim Riemann, president; Leroy Baldwin; Steve Brooks; Jim Bradford; Joe Elliott; Brian McCulloh; Lowell Minert; Bob Norton

► ANGUS PRODUCTIONS INC. (API) BOARD

Steve Brooks, chairman; John Crouch, vice chairman; Terry Cotton, president; Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Dave Smith; Ben Eggers; Abbie Nelson; Mark Gardiner; Brian McCulloh; Paul Hill

► ANGUS FOUNDATION BOARD

Abbie Nelson, president; Keith Arntzen, vice president; Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Brian McCulloh; Paul Hill; Dave Smith

► NATIONAL CATTLEMEN'S BEEF ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Ben Eggers

► CHAPLAIN

Dave Smith

► PARLIAMENTARIAN

Paul Donnelly

2002 SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Feb. 27-March 1, Saint Joseph, Mo.
June 1-4, Saint Joseph, Mo.
Sept. 11-13, Saint Joseph, Mo.
Nov. 9 & 12, Louisville, Ky.

Angus Producers Recognized

Several Association members were recognized for their respective achievements and contributions to the breed during the American Angus Association 2001 Annual Banquet, Monday, Nov. 12, in Louisville, Ky.



► John McCurry (right), Burrton, Kan., received the outstanding leadership award from the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). The award, given in memory of Barbara Smalstig, recognizes a junior who has been a leader in the beef industry and within the community. Brittney Burns, NJAA leadership director, presented the award.



► Don Good (left), Olsburg, Kan., was inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation earlier this year. He received a picture recognizing his accomplishment at the 2001 Annual Banquet. Tom Patterson, NJAA chairman, presented the award.



► Conrad Grove, West Chester, Pa., was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation. Grove's brother, Whitney (left), accepted the award in his behalf from Association President Leroy Baldwin.



► Ben Houston, Platteville, Colo., was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation. Ray Sims (left), Raymore, Mo., accepted the award in his absence.



► Lazy Lane Farms, Upperville, Va., received the *Angus Journal's* Land Stewardship Award. Pictured are (from left) Terry Cotton, *Angus Journal* general manager; Gary Hornbaker, Loudoun County Extension agent; Jim Wylie, Lazy Lane Farms ag manager; and Shauna Hermel, *Angus Journal* editor.

Angus Reception



► Keith Evans, former director of public relations for the American Angus Association, autographed copies of the history book he wrote about the Association.



► Jerry Lehmann, Parkville, Mo., cried the fund-raising auction conducted at the Angus Reception Sunday evening. The Auxiliary auctioned several items to raise money for scholarships. The Wisconsin Junior Angus Association auctioned items to benefit the 2002 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).



► A heifer pregnancy was donated by NER Farms of Oconto, Wis., as a fund-raiser for the 2002 NJAS. It was purchased by John and Linda Crace, Lancaster, Ky., and Garry Simpson, Nicholasville, Ky., for \$5,000. Pictured are (from left) Cody Quam, Wisconsin Junior Angus Association; Linda and John Crace; and Glen Island, Oconto, Wis., manager of NER Farms. The Craces and Simpson also purchased a quilt for \$2,700 that was sold to support the 2002 NJAS as well.

Book sale honors former exec

Bidding was hot for the Angus history book sold during a one-time auction at the 2001 American Angus Association Annual Banquet, Nov. 12, in Louisville, Ky. Auctioneer Ray Sims, Raymore, Mo., took the final bid of \$10,000 for the signed No. 1 copy of *A Historic Angus Journey — The American Angus Association, 1883-2000*.

Ten buyers purchased the book, then donated it to the Association, which in turn presented the book to the family of Richard L. Spader. The buyers included Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo.; Sugar Hill Farms Inc., Fort Smith, Ark.; Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark.; Pollard Farms LLC, Enid, Okla.; Woodlawn Farms, Creston, Ill.; Summitcrest Farms, Summitville, Ohio; Bill Clark, Houston, Texas; Stevenson Angus Ranch, Hobson, Mont.; Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio; and the Missouri Angus Association.

In addition to the live auction, books No. 2 through 5 sold via a silent auction that ended Nov. 19. Purchasers included Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo., book No. 2; Howard and JoAnne Hillman, Sioux Falls, S.D., book No. 3; Roth Angus, Freeman, S.D., book No. 4; and Weaver Angus Farms, Peoria, Ill., book No. 5. The four books sold for \$2,500 each.

"The support of this Angus history book project has been tremendous," says John Crouch, interim executive vice president for the American Angus Association. "The writing of a history book about the Association was one of Dick's many ideas, and therefore, we will contribute the proceeds from the first five books to the Spader Memorial Scholarship fund."

Keith Evans, former director of communications and public relations for the Association, wrote the Angus history book. All sales of the book will go to the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education and research.

The books are available from the American Angus Association. For more information call (816) 383-5100, or visit www.angusfoundation.org on the Internet. Leather-bound editions are \$50 and cloth-bound books are \$25, with a shipping charge of \$5 per book. A limited number of the signed and numbered books are available for \$150, and come with a letter from the author. **A**



► Bill Roche, Galt, Calif., was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation. Accepting the award in his father's behalf from Leroy Baldwin is Steve Roche (left).



► Wayne "Doc" Smith (right), Wini-gan, Mo., was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation. Leroy Baldwin presented the award.



► Wayland Crouch was inducted posthumously into the Angus Heritage Foundation. Son John Crouch (right) presented the award to T.J. Cawood, Cleveland, Tenn., who accepted the award on the family's behalf.



► Richard Spader, was inducted posthumously into the Angus Heritage Foundation. Leroy Baldwin (left), American Angus Association president, presented a certificate to the Spader family. Pictured receiving the certificate are Brett, Sheri and Jared Spader, all of Rosendale, Mo.



► Bidding was hot for the signed Angus history book numbered one during the Association's 2001 Annual Banquet, Nov. 12. Auctioneer Ray Sims, Raymore, Mo., took the final bid of \$10,000 for the No. 1 copy of *A Historic Angus Journey — The American Angus Association, 1883-2000*, which was written by Keith Evans.



► A group of 10 Angus supporters purchased the history book, then donated it to the Association, which in turn presented it to the Spader family of Rosendale, Mo., in memory of Richard Spader, former Association executive vice president. Pictured are (seated, from left) Jared, Sheri and Brett Spader; (standing, from left) Curtis Long, Butler, Mo., Missouri Angus Association president; Ray Sims, Raymore, Mo.; Wayne Smith, Wini-gan, Mo., Missouri Angus Association field man; John Crouch, American Angus Association interim executive vice president; Blanford & Joan Pierce, Woodlawn Farms, Creston, Ill.; John Barton, Lake Ozark, Mo.; Lynn & Paul Hill, Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio; Roberta & Keith Stevenson, Stevenson Angus Ranch, Hobson, Mont.; and Darla & Ben Eggers, Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, Mo.