

Louisville

Angus in Louisville

The North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky., was host to the American Angus Association Annual Meeting and 2003 National Angus Show.

Angus enthusiasts gathered in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 16-19, 2002, for Angus activities held in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

The American Angus Auxiliary kicked off this year's Angus activities with a reception Saturday evening, Nov. 16. The Auxiliary celebrated its 50th Anniversary with hors d'oeuvres, compliments of Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), and a program that looked back on Angus history and fashion trends. (See additional coverage on page 56.)

The Auxiliary had a full day of activities Sunday, Nov. 17, including its annual brunch, annual meeting and Miss American Angus competition. (Coverage is presented with "Auxiliary Notes," beginning on page 55.)

Dr. Dave Nichols, Manhattan, Kan., judged

the Junior Angus Heifer Show Sunday. Junior Angus members paraded 164 females for his evaluation. Katy Satee, Montague, Texas, led the grand champion entry, which also won the grand champion bred-and-owned title. Eric King, Tiffin, Ohio, showed the reserve grand champion female. (Additional results can be found on page 134.)

Forums

With an attendance estimated at more than 600, Angus producers filled the room of the expo hall Sunday afternoon for the informational forum presented on the Angus derivative concept. Minnie Lou Bradley, chairman of the Association Breed Improvement Committee welcomed everyone and provided insights as to why the Board and staff had considered the concept.

John Crouch, executive vice president of the Association, presented an expanded overview of the issues.

Crouch reported that in June 2002, the Board reviewed proposed options and tabled further discussion of the concept. At the September 2002 Board Meeting, based on requests from members, the Board voted to conduct an informative program in Louisville. At that same time, the Board agreed to defer further consideration on the concept until June 2003.

Harlan Ritchie of Michigan State University moderated a panel of producers who discussed their viewpoints on the issue. The panel then answered questions from the audience that were submitted to Ritchie on cards. Participating on the panel were Phil Trowbridge, Gallaghers Farm, Ghent, N.Y.; Gordon Stucky of Circle S Angus Ranch, Kingman, Kan.; Gary Dameron, Dameron Angus Farm, Lexington, Ill.; Rob Thomas, Thomas Angus Ranch, Baker City, Ore.; Cliff Edwards, Billings, Mont.; and Henry Bergfeld, Summitcrest Farms, Summitville, Ohio.

At the candidate-delegate forum following the educational forum, seven members introduced themselves as candidates for the Board and answered questions from attendees. Candidates included Leo Baker, Saint Onge, S.D.; Gregg Blythe, Madison, Ala.; William "Bill" Davis, Sidney, Mont.; Bob Laflin, Olsburg, Kan.; Robert "Bob" Schlutz, Columbus Junction, Iowa; John Schurr, Farnam, Neb.; and Quintin Smith, Lebanon, Tenn. Brief biographies on each candidate were published in the October 2002 *Angus Journal*, beginning on page 41.

Reception

Cowboys and cowgirls spiffed up to enjoy food, friends and spirits at Sunday evening's Angus Reception, which was hosted by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. They even had a chance to do a little bidding, as items were auctioned to raise funds for the 2003 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Lexington, Ky. Mike Jones, West Point, Ga., auctioneered.

To help raise funds for the 2003 NJAS,



► James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities for the American Angus Association, and Sandra McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan., dance to a tune from the past during the American Angus Auxiliary 50th Anniversary Reception.



► The Dave McMahon Family of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., purchased this quilt that was donated by Deer Creek Ranch, Saint Jo, Texas, with the proceeds going to the 2003 NJAS. The reception was sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.



► Left: Several items were auctioned at the Annual Reception to raise funds for the 2003 National Junior Angus Show. The Wisconsin Junior Angus Association purchased a sexed heifer pregnancy for \$4,000, then donated the pregnancy back to the 2003 NJAS to auction again. The pregnancy resold for \$3,000 to Sugar Springs Ranch, Lincoln, Ark.

Covered Bridge Farm, Lancaster, Ky.; C&H Cattle Co., Lancaster, Ky.; Boyd Beef Cattle, Mays Lick, Ky.; and Davis on the Highlands, Springfield, Ky., donated a choice of a sexed heifer pregnancy due in 2003 or the 2002 heifer calf out of YR Forever Lady 971. The Wisconsin Junior Angus Association purchased the package for \$4,000, then donated it back to the 2003 NJAS. Auctioned again, it brought \$3,000, being purchased by Sugar Springs Ranch, Lincoln, Ark.

Also auctioned were the choice of frozen embryos with a guaranteed pregnancy donated by Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan. Shady Brook Angus Farm, Leoma, Tenn., purchased the GAR Precision 819 x Bon-View New Design 1407 embryo package for \$6,500. Sunny Valley Farm LLC and Oak Tree Angus, Yorkville, Ill., purchased the GAR New Design 1779 x GAR Expectation 4915 or Whitestone Precision H141 embryo/pregnancy package for \$4,250.

Paul and Paula Carpenter of Deer Creek Ranch, Saint Jo, Texas, donated the "Sunrise on the Farm" quilt they had originally purchased from the 1999 NJAS. The one-of-a-kind, handmade quilt was constructed by Sandra McKinley and Gayle Hughes of Oklahoma. It was purchased for \$2,000 by the Dave McMahon family of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark.

Belle Point Ranch also purchased the heifer donated by Grandview Womack, Pembroke, Ky. Grandview Womack Pride 2681 was purchased for \$5,000.

Five premium pages of the NJAS Show Program, produced by Angus Productions Inc. (API), were auctioned. The owners of Stevenson Salute (Belle Point Ranch and Stevenson Angus Ranch, Hobson, Mont.), purchased the outside back cover for \$3,500. Owners of Rito 111 of 2536 Rito 6I1 (Bell Point Ranch and Wehrmann Angus, New Market, Va.) purchased page one of the program for \$3,000. The Angus Booster Club, coordinated by Jim Rentz, Minster, Ohio, purchased the inside back cover for \$3,000. Merial purchased the inside front cover for \$3,000. C&H Cattle Co. purchased the space opposite the inside back cover for \$1,250.

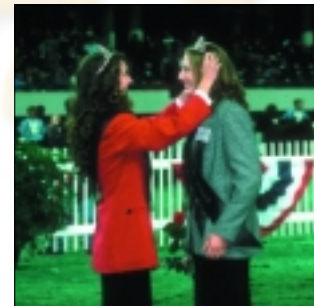
In addition to the items auctioned at the reception, a heifer donated by Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio, is being raffled to support the 2003 NJAS. One ticket to purchase a chance at winning the heifer costs \$5. Five tickets can be purchased for \$20. Tickets are available through the Kentucky Junior Angus Association. For more information, contact Charlie Boyd of Boyd Beef Cattle at (606) 763-6418.



► The judges evaluate a class in the super-point ROV Angus show before a crowd of onlookers Monday, Nov. 18. In a change of schedule from past years, cow-calf pairs and bulls were evaluated Monday, and females were judged Tuesday.



► The 2003 candidates for Miss American Angus were introduced Monday afternoon. Candidates are (from left) Alicia Kramer, Farina, Ill.; Kristi Wilson, Orleans, Ind.; Hope Herd, Fair Grove, Mo.; Joanna Olson, Hereford, Texas; and Emily McCurry, Burrton, Kan.



► Before the selection of the champion bull, 2002 Miss American Angus Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, Md., crowns Joanna Olson, Hereford, Texas, as the 2003 Miss American Angus.



► Three hundred twenty-seven delegates convened Monday afternoon, Nov. 18, to conduct the business of the American Angus Association at the organization's 119th Annual Meeting.

Auxiliary support

Several items were auctioned to raise funds for the American Angus Auxiliary scholarship fund and the Pat Grote and Richard Spader memorials. Jerry Lehmann, Lake Ozark, Mo., cried the event.

The "Tribute to the Youth" original acrylic framed art, featuring the late Richard Spader and Pat Grote, was donated by Koupal's Angus Ranch, Dante, S.D., to be auctioned at the Annual Reception Sunday evening. The artwork was created by Joe Flannery, Mankato, Minn. It was purchased by a group of Angus enthusiasts for \$11,380. Proceeds will be split among the Spader and Grote memorial funds and the Auxiliary scholarship program. The original painting will be displayed at the American Angus Association.

Cathy Watkins of Beaver Ridge Angus, Middletown, Ind., purchased the No. 1 bronze of the Harvey Rattey sculpture, "The Next Generation," for \$500. Jerry Forsythe, Marshall, Ill., purchased a baseball jersey

autographed by Tom Helton of the Colorado Rockies. The jersey brought \$550. Julie McMahon French of Belle Point Ranch purchased a hat donated by Sandra McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan., for \$200. The proceeds of these three items benefited the Auxiliary scholarship program.

2003 National Angus Show

Monday, Nov. 18, marked the beginning of the NAILE Super Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, which doubled as the 2003 National Angus Show. In a switch from former years, bulls and cow-calf pairs were shown on Monday. Angus exhibitors led three cow-calf pairs and 72 bulls before lead judge Randy Daniel, Colbert, Ga., and associate judge Frank Jackson, Bentonville, Ark.

Before the naming of the grand champion bull, the American Angus Auxiliary crowned Joanna Olson, Hereford, Texas, as the 2003 Miss American Angus. Candidates this year

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also included Alicia Kramer, Farina, Ill.; Kristi Wilson, Orleans, Ind.; Hope Herd, Fair Grove, Mo.; and Emily McCurry, Burrton, Kan.

The judges named Gamble's Hot Rod, owned by Holly Gamble, Clinton, Tenn., grand champion bull. Beth Patton, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Roth LaGrand Angus Ranch, Freeman, S.D.; and DeWayne Costin, Greencastle, Ind., won reserve grand champion bull with Roth CAF United 3481. (Turn to page 130 for complete results.)

Side note: While not required, a white shirt and blue sweater vest are considered the traditional attire for exhibiting cattle at an ROV show. The blue sweater vests can be purchased through the American Angus Association by visiting the shop online site, which can be found at www.angus.org, or by calling the Association at (816) 383-5100.

New leadership

Steve Brooks, Bowman, N.D., was elected president of the American Angus

Association at the group's 2002 Annual Meeting Nov. 18. Brooks replaces outgoing president Leroy Baldwin, Ocala, Fla., to lead the Association after serving six years as director and the past year as vice president.

More than 300 delegates, elected to represent their state's Association members, conducted the business of the American Angus Association Annual Meeting at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

Joe Elliott, Adams, Tenn., was chosen to serve as vice president of the Association, and five individuals were elected to the Board of Directors.

Brooks and his wife, April, and their three daughters are partners in Brooks Chalky Butte Ranch. The Brooks family has managed commercial Angus cattle since 1941 and has been in the registered Angus business for 25 years. The ranch hosts an annual production sale each spring and includes other farming enterprises.

Brooks has been active in several industry organizations, including the North Dakota

Angus Association and the North Dakota Beef Commission, serving as president of both. He was a former North Dakota director of the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) and is a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

During his tenure on the American Angus Association Board of Directors, Brooks served on numerous committees, as well as serving as chairman of the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and API boards. He completed terms as treasurer and vice president before getting tapped to lead the organization.

Joe Elliott, the Association's newly elected vice president, just completed his second three-year term on the Board and a one-year term as treasurer. His operation, Robert Elliott and Sons Angus, is a family operation that includes Angus cattle and diversified farming enterprises.

Elliott has spent his entire life farming and producing Angus cattle in north central Tennessee and is the sixth generation to do



► New officers and directors of the American Angus Association are (seated, from left) Keith Arntzen, Hilger, Mont., treasurer; Steve Brooks, Bowman, N.D., president; and Joe Elliott, Adams, Tenn., vice president; (standing, from left) Bill Davis, Sidney, Mont.; Gregg Blythe, Decatur, Ala.; Leo Baker, Saint Onge, S.D.; Bob Schlutz, Columbus Junction, Iowa; and John Schurr, Farnam, Neb.



► Garrett Lampe, Scott City, Kan., (center), receives the outstanding leadership award from Lacey Robinson (left), National Junior Angus Association leadership director, and Fred Smalstig.



► John and Stephanie Wilkins (left and center) accept the 2002 *Angus Journal* Land Stewardship Award for Llangollen Farms, Middleburg, Va. Stephanie Veldman, assistant editor, presents the award on behalf of the *Angus Journal*.



► Association Treasurer Joe Elliott, Adams, Tenn., presented the fiscal year 2002 financial report. Although the year started slowly, it ended strong, with registrations up 4% and transfers up 3½% over FY 2001 figures.



► After eating a *Certified Angus Beef*® prime rib dinner Monday evening, attendees of the Annual Banquet were entertained by motivational speaker David Okerlund. The beef for the meal was sponsored and supplied by U.S. Premium Beef and Farmland National Beef.



► Angus activities at the 2002 NAILE and the 2003 National Angus Show wrapped up with the ROV female show Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Board Action

Highlights of the Nov. 16, 2002, meeting of the American Angus Association Board of Directors

so on his family's farm. He and his wife, Anne, have two sons.

Leo Baker was elected to his second term on the Board. Four Angus producers were elected to serve their first three-year term: Gregg Blythe, Bill Davis, Bob Schlutz and John Schurr.

Members honored at banquet

Several members and guests were honored during the American Angus Association Annual Banquet Monday evening, Nov. 18. Garrett Lampe, Scott City, Kan., received the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Outstanding Leadership Award. This award is given in memory of Barbara Smalstig to one outstanding NJAA member each year.

John and Stephanie Wilkins accepted the 2002 *Angus Journal* Land Stewardship Award on behalf of Llangollen Farms, Middleburg, Va. Their conservation practices were featured in the November 2002 *Angus Journal*. API will nominate Llangollen Farms for the 2004 National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Environmental Stewardship Award.

Four individuals were inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation: Lyle Haring, De Witt, Iowa; David McMahan Sr. of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark.; Ray Woodward, Miles City, Mont.; and the late W.J. Harrer, of Montana. Their contributions were featured in the December 2002 *Angus Journal* (see page 75).

The purpose of the Angus Heritage Foundation is to identify and appropriately honor the people who have made major contributions to the improvement and advancement of the Angus breed in the United States. Since its beginning in 1983, more than 150 individuals have been inducted into this elite group for their dedication and commitment to the breed.

Show wrap-up

Judges Daniel and Jackson evaluated 204 ROV females Tuesday morning, Nov. 19., to wrap up the 2003 National Angus Show.

Champion Hill, Bidwell, Ohio, and Fox Cross Farm, Alderson, W.Va., won grand champion female with Champion Hill Lady 2185. Courtenay DeHoff, Tonganoxie, Kan., claimed reserve grand champion female honors with Sedgwick's Queen Mother 3444.

Group classes were evaluated following the completion of the female show. (Complete results of the show begin on page 130.)



Pursuant to notice, President Leroy Baldwin convened the meeting at 1 p.m. in the King Room of the Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Ky. The following officers and directors were present: Leroy Baldwin, president; Steve Brooks, vice president; Joe Elliott, treasurer; Keith Arntzen; Leo Baker; Jim Bradford; Minnie Lou Bradley; Ben Eggers; Mark Gardiner; Jot Hartley; Paul Hill; Jay King; Brian McCulloh; Lowell Minert; Abbie Nelson; Dave Smith; and Richard Tokach.

Sandra McCurry of the American Angus Auxiliary invited Board Members to attend the various Auxiliary events scheduled over the next few days, in particular the Saturday evening reception honoring the Auxiliary's 50th anniversary.

Director of Finance Richard Wilson presented the 2002 audited year-end financial report, which the Board reviewed in detail.

A proposal to utilize the services of MMI Genomics Inc. for DNA profiling and parent identification was accepted effective Jan. 1, 2003.

Following discussion relative to a genetic-defect-monitoring update, staff was directed to investigate the feasibility of genetic tests for Class I genetic defects and report back at the February 2003 Board meeting.

Beginning in September 2003, the president will appoint a nominating committee to research and nominate potential candidates for the Certified Angus Beef LLC Board of Directors.

Table 1: American Angus Association Board of Directors 2003 committee assignments and meeting schedule*

Executive Committee: Steve Brooks (chairman), Keith Arntzen, Minnie Lou Bradley, Joe Elliott, Abbie Nelson

Activities Committee: Paul Hill (chairman), Jay King, Abbie Nelson, Robert "Bob" Schlutz, Dave Smith

Breed Improvement Committee: Ben Eggers (chairman), William "Bill" Davis, Mark Gardiner, John Schurr, Richard "Dick" Tokach

Public Relations Committee: Jot Hartley (chairman), Keith Arntzen, Leo Baker, Gregg Blythe, Minnie Lou Bradley

Finance Committee: Keith Arntzen (chairman), Ben Eggers, Jot Hartley, Bob Schlutz, Dave Smith

Member Services Committee: Abbie Nelson (chairman), Gregg Blythe, Mark Gardiner, Jay King, Dick Tokach

Commercial & Industry Relations: Minnie Lou Bradley (chairman), Leo Baker, Bill Davis, Paul Hill, John Schurr

Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Board: Bob Norton (chairman), John Crouch (vice chairman), Jim Riemann (president), Richard Wilson (secretary-treasurer), Keith Arntzen, Steve Brooks, Joe Elliott, Jay King, Dave Smith, Dick Tokach

Angus Productions Inc. (API) Board: Joe Elliott (chairman), John Crouch (vice chairman), Terry Cotton (president), Richard Wilson (secretary-treasurer), Keith Arntzen, Mark Gardiner, Jot Hartley, Paul Hill, Jay King, Abbie Nelson

Angus Foundation Board: Abbie Nelson (president), Keith Arntzen (vice president), Richard Wilson, (secretary-treasurer), Paul Hill, Jay King, Dave Smith

National Cattlemen's Beef Association Representative: Dick Tokach

Chaplain: Dave Smith

Parliamentarian: Paul Donnelly

2003 Scheduled Board Meetings:

Feb. 25—(new-director orientation) Saint Joseph, Mo.

Feb. 26-28—Saint Joseph, Mo.

June 7-10—location to be announced

Sept. 10-12—Saint Joseph, Mo.

Nov. 15—Louisville, Ky.

Nov. 18—Louisville, Ky.

*Committees were assigned, chairmen appointed and Board meetings slated during the Board of Directors meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002. The exception was the CAB Board chairman, who was appointed at the CAB Board meeting held in Wooster, Ohio, Dec. 4-5, 2002.