



Newsletter July 2005

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McCurdy Plantation Horse 2005 Fall Sale

Sat., September 17, 2005

Hosted by Van Carter at Cedar Hill Farm
Lowndes County, Sardis, Alabama.

If you want to Buy or Sell a top quality
registered McCurdy horse of any age, start
making plans now!

**The McCurdy Production Sale will include a
section of open breed, gaited, proven
Field Trial Horses, and Trail Pleasure
Horses.**

**If you want to consign a registered
McCurdy, a field trial horse, or a trail
pleasure horse, let us know *immediately!***

Tammy Mason is the Sale Manager.
Email her at Bentoaklady@cs.com, or phone
Evenings at 334-875-7895.

Send all information, pictures and monies to:

**Tammy Mason
12 Washington Street
Benton, Alabama, 36785**

**Checks need to be made out to "The
McCurdy Plantation Horse Association."**

Sale Booklets will be available for download
from this page or from Tammy Mason.

Preview starts at 10 am
Sale starts at 1 pm after Lunch Break

**This will be an event filled with wonderful Southern
hospitality, and the Legacy of the Old South, McCurdy
Plantation Horses!**

**Visit with the buyer, seller and stallion owners!
All exhibitors and buyers are invited to join us for a
wine and cheese social at the sale grounds on Friday
evening.**



From the McCurdy Association Office

Lodging for Fall Sale will be available for Friday night thru Sunday. The local **airport** is Montgomery Regional Airport-Dannelly Field, in Montgomery, Alabama, serving most major carriers.

The St. James Hotel 334-872-3234
 Best Western 334-872-1900
 Day's Inn 334-872-0014
 Comfort Inn 334-875-5700
 Budget Inn 334-872-3451
 Holiday Inn 334-872-0461
 Hampton Inn 334-876-9995

All of these are relatively new except for the Holiday Inn. All except the St. James are on HWY 80 west.

The Southern Sportsman also has rooms available. Jim Mason 334-872-9740 or 334-412-0991 cell

Jim or Tammy Mason 334-875-7895 pm

Just a reminder for all those who have not paid their dues yet, please do so. **2004 & 2005 foal registrations are due.** If you need a pedigree registration application, please contact Ed McCurdy or print your application from the web page. Please follow registration instructions on application. **Reminder:** To those members selling or purchasing a McCurdy to complete the Transfer of Ownership and submit to Registrar.

Breeders' web site Listings are due now! Send your \$50 for year 2005 to Ed McCurdy.

Ed McCurdy reports that we now have 408 registered McCurdy horses and 188 Association Members. Our numbers are growing in the Association, new members are:

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| Ali, Jean, Xenia, OH | Matzke, Richard & Laura, Onalaska, WA |
| Benjamin, Elizabeth, Lowndesboro, AL | Nutt, Dana, Mabank, TX |
| Campbell, Judy, LaRue, TX | Riley, David, Corvallis OR |
| DeLoney, Jerry, Tallahassee, FL | Steele, Karen, Prosperity, SC |
| Frazier, Roy, Alabaster, AL | Street, Susan, Taylor Lillian, AL |
| Haas, Sr., Charles A., Moravian Falls, NC | Weller, Tom, Daphne, AL |
| Hardy, Wayne & Kay, Chelsea, AL | Whittington, Kathy, Mount Pleasant, NC |
| Herlong, Henry, Greenville, SC | Wilks, Billy, Henagar, AL |
| Hosmer, Carolyn, Athens, TX | Williams, Chris, Blakely, GA |
| Huggins, Lawton & Lynn, Walterboro, SC | Wilson, Jerre, Lakeland, FL |

WELCOME!

Ed McCurdy-Registrar
 1020 Houston Park, Selma,
 Alabama 36701
 Phone evenings: (334) 872-5412
 Email: emccurdy@wwisp.com



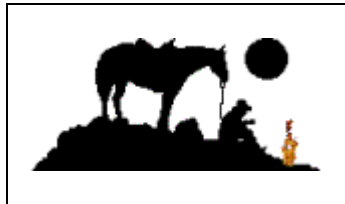


Annual Fall Trail Ride



Saturday October 1, 2005
 Location: Southern Sportsman
 Hunting Lodge
 Hwy 80, 12 miles East of Selma, Alabama

Riders depart from Lodge at 9:30 AM sharp! Be saddled and ready. Organized crossing of highway 80, don't be left behind. We will return to the lodge for lunch. The afternoon ride will leave the lodge at 1:30 PM and will return around 4:00 PM. The cost of the ride, including lunch, will be \$15. Additional meals Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be available at the lodge. All riders must pay fee, present current negative Coggins and obtain a name tag to ride. No alcoholic beverages permitted during the ride.



Accommodations available in the Lodge or for Campers & RV's.
 Call for reservations:

Jim Mason 334-872-9740 or 334-412-0991 cell
 Jim or Tammy Mason 334-875-7895 pm

We want owners of McCurdy-registered horses to bring as many as possible to exhibit. Ride is open to any breed. Yellow ribbons in horse's mane designate a McCurdy Horse for sale.

McCurdy Briefs



Submitted by Richard McDuffie, Dunrovin Plantation, Aiken, South Carolina

Various sections of our nation have produced different cultures, including different kinds of horses and their uses. No section of the nation has produced better multi-use horses than the plantation culture of south central Alabama. The McCurdy family of Lowndes County, Alabama, produced the best and most widely known of these types. A large percentage of the McCurdy type horses were gray. However, there was never a time when all McCurdy horses were gray. Gray is the result of a modifier gene that turns the base color that a foal is born to white, by 10-15 years of age. Most McCurdy horses are born bay, sorrel or chestnut, with a few blacks and roans. Foals that do not inherit the gene for graying remain the base color they were born. One parent must be gray for a gray foal to result.

Over time, gray became the color preferred by a big majority of Alabama horse owners. A well-known Alabama horseman told me that a gray coat was worth \$500 on any horse. Primarily because of the demand for field trial mounts, there developed a trend in Alabama to breed for large (15.2HH-up) gray horses.

North of Atlanta, Georgia, there never developed a plantation culture. There, most were small farmers, merchants, and artisans. Their descendants are now the horse men and women of the east central and northeastern part of the country. The type of trail horse in demand there is the type of the original McCurdy horses. Non-grays are more popular than grays. Also, horses less


than 15.2HH are in most demand. Particularly women want a horse they can mount without a block or other aid. They also want a smooth ride and to know that their horse is completely trustworthy. To most, temperament is the most important trait. Temperament is the trait that really sets McCurdys apart from other breeds.



I have owned, ridden, bred, trained, bought and sold McCurdy horses exclusively for almost 50 years. Those I owned in the 1950s were for the most part non-grays, less than 15.2HH and around 1,000 pounds. That is the type of horse I prefer today. I own four personal horses that are not for sale. They are a copper chestnut stallion, 15.0HH; a bay gelding, 15.1HH; and two mares, one bay that is 14.2HH and a sorrel roan that is 15.0HH. At 72 years of age, it is a lot easier to mount and ride smaller horses. Those are the type horses I try to breed, buy and sell. Those are also the horses I find the greatest demand for.

It is my goal to ride a horse every day. I no longer green-break horses. I buy them green-broke or hire someone to green-break them. However, I still ride out horses that have been green broke. I put miles on them and expose them to every situation they will encounter when someone buys them. I hope to still be riding young horses when I reach 80.

Breed Promotions

 **Alabama Co-operative Farm News** magazine did a feature article on the McCurdy breed in the July 2005 issue. See the article online at www.alafarmnews.com or call 256-353-6843 to order this issue, or visit your local Co-Op to get a copy.

 **June and Barry Snook, J Bar Farm and Kennel, Canby, Oregon Northwest Horse Fair and Expo**

The McCurdy Plantation Horse has finally been formally introduced to the people of the Northwest at the *NORTHWEST HORSE FAIR AND EXPO* this spring. The Expo took place for four days from the 17th to the 20th of March at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany, Oregon.



J-Bar Farm and Kennel exhibited the McCurdy's and their stallion, *MCCURDY'S NEW TRADITION*, to a large audience of horsemen traveling from California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Utah and well as British Columbia.

Each full day included exhibits of many different breeds of horses as well as renown clinicians. A daily *STALLION REVIEW* allowed June Snook, of J-Bar Farm and Kennel to present the description and history of the McCurdy Plantation Horse. She showed off *MCCURDY'S NEW TRADITION's* great disposition, conformation and gait to huge audiences. Overwhelming applause and cheers resonated from an audience of approximately 600 when Tradition was exhibited in the arena. People were astonished at his calm behavior and demeanor while being walked down the stallion aisle with some 17 stallions on both sides of him. He was the perfect gentleman and a true representative of the McCurdy breed!



J-Bar Farm and Kennel's Stall Exhibit included playing a DVD showing Tradition's McCurdy gait as well as a video of some of his foals and their mothers. Literature was openly offered promoting the McCurdy Plantation Horse to hordes of interested horsemen. People showed great interest in Tradition and the McCurdys, as well as in his semen being offered for shipment.



Colleen Cates, Best of America by Horseback



Best Of America By Horseback™ features trailrides that re-discover America, its people, music and most scenic places, all on film, all by horseback.

This series of entertaining, instructional, and human interest programs fill a void in the television viewing market, targeting horse owners and enthusiasts and outdoor lovers. The first series in February of 2005, took the Best Of America By Horseback™ on a multi-state

tour from Virginia to east Texas, with stops in Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Texas.



Colleen Cates of Athens, TX astride her McCurdy mare, "McCurdy's Sugar and Spice" was a part of the Best Of America By Horseback™ trail ride hosted at the 3000 acres Parrie Haynes Ranch in Killeen, Texas, in March. This ride featured mostly gaited horses, and was promoted through the Texas Horse Council. About 50 horses and riders enjoyed the Texas Hill Country experience, and being a part of this television documentary on Aug. 22, at 6:30 pm, CST
All the rides will be televised on Monday evenings of each week at 6:30 CST



(Photo credit: Soundhoof Photography, Strasburg, VA.)



Visit our web site!! Many opportunities are available to the membership, such as:

- Advertise your farm/stable/ranch on the Breeder's page listing as providing a breeding stallion, offspring for sale, training, etc. Just \$50.00 per year.
- Advertise your horse for sale at \$15.00 for 3 months or with a photo of your horse at \$20.00 for 3 months.
- Get trail ride information, coverage, and photos.
- Links back and forth from your personal farm/ranch web site to the McCurdy web site.

If you would like to talk to Paula Sue about a web site opportunity or if you have any information for the newsletter, contact her at: Paula Sue Swope, Prairie Creek Ranch, 11691 CR 1200, Malakoff, TX 75148, 903-489-0294, or paulasue@swopes.org

For the newsletter:

We gladly accept photos and short briefs on McCurdy Horses. Please submit information to Paula Sue Swope

Annual Dues for the McCurdy Plantation Horse Association are \$15.00 per year. Please send in your dues now if you want to continue to receive the newsletter!

McCurdy Caps and Jackets with the McCurdy Logo are available through Roy Rogers 334-382-2853.



List of McCurdy Stallions

We need to compose a list of **ALL** Registered McCurdy Stallions that are available for breeding to provide this information to the Association Membership, as well as others who want to find the nearest McCurdy Stallion in their state or area. Please submit the following information on your stallion:

Name of Stallion	Owners Name	Address
Phone number	E-mail	

This information will be published on the website—Send to Paula Sue Swope. paulasue@swopes.org, 11691 CR 1200, Malakoff, Texas 75148 903-489-0294



Registered McCurdy Horses for Sale



Little Man's Iron Gunner, Stud Colt, August 2004
Sire: McCurdy's Iron Little Man, Double Registered: TWH & McCurdy, Calm Disposition & Halter Broke, \$1,600.00, Billy Tompkins 903-793-3083



McCurdy's Jewel Bum April 4, 2002 mare, Registered TWH and McCurdy. By McCurdy's Iron Little Man, and out of Bum's Rose. Started under saddle & going well on trails. \$3000 Destiny Hills Ranch, Colleen Cates, 903-677-4858



Roy's Annie Foaled 4/5/1994, Reg. McCurdy mare (#95005) She has trail pace and field trial experience. \$3500 firm, Carol Lamberson, (908) 284-0231, Habanero Hollow Farm, Ringoes, NJ.



Trumpet McCurdy Sire: McCurdy's Mann o Steele F-1 Dam: Till's Lady McCurdy F-118, foaled May 2, 2000. Green broke gelding. David Nole, 931-723-3705 Manchester, TN



Gypsy Rose McCurdy, reg. # F-119 DOB 5/1/88 Trail horse and broodmare, \$4000.00 Connie Dozier, Edison, GA - 229-835-2036 or 229-317-0119.



Gypsy Rose McCurdy's 2003 model filly. Her training includes handling with the Parelli methods. Her sire is Doctor Copperton, F12, \$2000.00, Connie Dozier, Edison, GA - 229-835-2036 or 229-317-0119.



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