



**Newsletter January 2003**  
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| Lewis H. McCurdy         | Lowndesboro, AL | Ronald H. Mann         | Cullman, AL    |
| Roy A. Rogers            | Greenville, AL  | Edward S. McCurdy, Jr. | Selma, AL      |
| J. Richard McDuffie, Sr. | Aiken, SC       | A. Grey Till, Jr.      | Birmingham, AL |

Board of Directors Meeting 2002



**Trail Ride** The annual fall McCurdy Plantation Horse Association Trail Ride was held on October 6, 2002 at the Southern Sportsman Hunting Lodge on Hwy 80 between Selma and Montgomery, Alabama.

The ride was well attended with 160 riders. The weather was unseasonably hot and humid for October. Both horses and riders were checked by the heat, even at a slow pace. After a 2 ½ hour morning ride, most of us were happy to get back to the Lodge to get re-hydrated. About 20 riders went back out for the afternoon ride with our Director Ed. McCurdy, in the woods and fields behind the Lodge. Owners Jim Mason and Dave Lyon were the gracious hosts, as always.

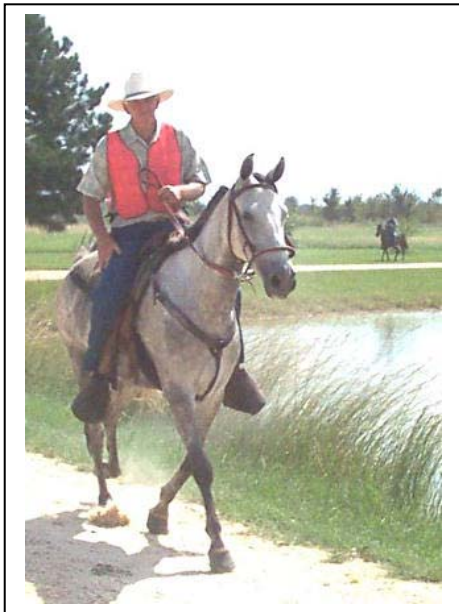


The good food and southern hospitality over the weekend made for another successful fall trailride!

The Lodge is available for many group functions or banquets. Contact Jim Mason to book your next group event at the Southern Sportsman Hunting Lodge at 334-875-7895. See the Lodge website at [www.southernhunting.com](http://www.southernhunting.com)



## From the McCurdy Association Office



**Just a reminder** for all those who have not paid their dues yet, please do so. **2002 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 2003 to Ed McCurdy.

**Association Members: 150**

Foundation Mares 111  
Foundation Stallions 20  
Pedigree Reg. 161  
Appendix Reg. 14

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**New members 2002 are as follows:**

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| Billy Joe Glass   | Linden, AL              | Mike Jenkins         | Montgomery, AL |
| Cynthia Johnson   | Batesburg-Leesville, SC | James & Laura Rowell | Elba, AL       |
| Dan Singleton     | Lapine, AL              | Robert Thomas        | Greenville, AL |
| Cindy Williams    | Birmingham, AL          | Sherry Wyman         | Maple, WA      |
| Mary Ann Beaufort | Gilbert, SC             |                      |                |

**WELCOME!**

**REMINDER:** If you have not done so already, get those 2002 foals registered. When submitting registration applications, make sure all forms are completed and photos are submitted. Not doing this only delays you receiving your registration certificate. Forms and information can be requested from Ed McCurdy and they are also available to download from the web site.

Remember to get transfer papers as you sell or purchase a McCurdy. They can also be found on the web site for download and printed from your computer. [www.mccurdyhorses.com](http://www.mccurdyhorses.com)



**Tribute to A. Gray Till, Sr.**

Dedicated McCurdy breeder A. Gray Till, Sr., age 84, passed away October 23, 2002. Our hearts go out to his son and family, A. Grey Till, Jr. of Birmingham, Alabama.



Mr. Till was from the Forest Home/Monterrey Communities in Butler County, Alabama, and a lifelong member of the Mt. Moriah Methodist Church. He was a cattleman and a timber farmer.

Mr. Till was present and well mounted on a family bred McCurdy horse at most every McCurdy Trailride since 1995. His last mounted trailride was last year at age 83, prior to a stroke.

In his day, Mr. Till used his McCurdy horses to work his extensive cattle operation covering 1500 acres in Lowndes, Butler, and Wilcox counties. He would spend all day on horseback in the winters driving cattle to the feeding areas, as well as penning, sorting and cutting cattle.

Their family bred McCurdy horses were vital to their operation and used as a hard working utility horse that could cover 20 miles a day in harsh conditions and terrain at a smooth easy gait.

No doubt Mr. Till is riding his favorite gray McCurdy mare in the pastures of heaven.



 **McCurdy Breed to be in the June 2003 issue of *The Premier Magazine of the West, COWBOYS AND INDIANS***



Thanks to breeder Mr. Van Carter, of Selma, Alabama, who recently hosted a trailride at his horse barn and property, Cedar Acres, in Lowndes County. Ms. Mary Catherine Kozusko of Dallas, TX, Design Associate for *Cowboys and Indians* magazine was part of the entourage. She was intrigued with the deep southern histories of the Carter family and of the McCurdy horses.

Ed McCurdy and Tammy Mason were also involved in

sharing the McCurdy breed history and presenting the horses to the group. As a result of their southern hospitality, Ms. Kozusko has arranged for including our breed profile in this prestigious magazine!

Thanks to Van, Ed, and Tammy for all the efforts to make it happen.





**McCurdy Plantation Horse Testimonial**, from June and Barry (Bear) Snook.  
 J-Bar Farm and Kennel, Canby, Oregon. [snook@pdx.net](mailto:snook@pdx.net) 503-266-3411

Field trialing is probably the ultimate test of the temperament and stamina of a horse. The activities that a field trailer, especially in the Northwest, puts their horse through are really extreme: Ropes all over, chasing dogs, shotguns, up and down steep mountains at a hefty pace, long hours, long hauls in trailers...roading of dogs in harness, riding in high desert heat, coving up to 30 miles a day and expected to be smooth in gait and calm in attitude. Most horses cannot fill these requirements. Most horses do not have the strength and endurance to take this rigorous test. Most horses do not have the calm and willing attitude necessary to provide the field trailer with all the tools to compete. The horse must definitely be strong, athletic and willing. The horse's legs must not be too refined or they cannot handle the terrain of rocks and steep uphill, downhill, and crosshill courses over years of trialing.

After years of field trial experience, we at J-Bar Farm and Kennel seem to have found the perfect breed of horse to fit this extreme. The McCurdy Plantation Horses have a calm and willing disposition, smooth forward gait, athletic ability, strong legs, and deep chest providing great bottom for endurance. They are good looking animals, built right: short strong backs, good bone, large hind quarters and very deep chests. Their heads are extremely attractive with small ears – and the kindest eyes anyone ever looked in. They seem to have a great intelligence that allows them to pace themselves and be ready to provide everything necessary for a field trailer when they need it.

The McCurdy Plantation Horse is new to the Northwest. We hope to provide the introduction of these horses to people in this area. Thankfully, we have discovered the McCurdys and brought them to the Northwest!



June and Bear Snook have added a stallion to complete their McCurdy herd. He is being trained at Williamette Valley Equine Center by DVM's Saunders and Teshera for semen collection for Artificial Insemination (AI) to provide McCurdy



mare owners across the U.S. an opportunity to get their mares bred without hauling long distances for live cover.



He is "McCurdy's New Tradition" F-16, a Foundation Registered dapple gray with a high percentage rate of fillies and grays. Also TWH registered, and goes back to "McCurdy's Fox."

 E-Mail and photo from Janice and Donny McDonald, Panama City Florida, about our gelding McCurdy's Smoky Snow (out of McCurdy's May and McCurdy's New Tradition). He is now 22 months old, and we hope to use him for trail riding, field trialing and possible showing. Everyone





remarks on what an exceptional horse we have! He is calm, happy, smart as a whip and playful. He will go anywhere and do anything when ponied, and he has yet to spook over anything. We have cinched a saddle on him to pony him in it and the first time we put it on him he reached around to smell it and acted as if he had been wearing one his whole life! He loves to go! The only bad thing--- he can untie any knot and open most gates, takes off other horses halters for fun, and can take off his winter blanket without breaking or undoing one buckle! He is smart, that's for sure! **Submitted by Janice McDonald.**

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR HORSE STORY AND PICTURE!**  
We welcome your Farm and Ranch profile and/or stallion information.



### McCurdy Briefs

 **The Spring Trial Ride** will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2003 and as usual at Lowndes Academy. We will leave the school at 9:30AM and return to the school at noon for lunch. Leave for afternoon ride around 1:30PM. The spring ride is always packed with great horses, food, and fellowship. Plan to come! **Ride departs at 9:30AM SHARP! Be ready to ride out.**

 **Anyone wishing** to have their horse considered for **Foundation Registration** should contact one of the Registrar directors before the ride begins.





**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 Ed McCurdy. Caps \$10 and jackets \$30.



## Registered McCurdy Horses for Sale



Reg. McCurdy sorrel mare 6 years old, bred to EZD's Macon Rebel to foal in April 2003. Rebel is out of a world champion on both sides in the speed racking. This mare is very pretty and stylish but is just green broken. I am not able to ride any more from a bad back.

\$2500

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14 year old Gray McCurdy mare, Gypsy Rose McCurdy F119, 14.3HH. In foal by Doctor Coppertone F12 for late May, early June delivery. Lots of trail and field trial experience. Great gait, tireless—bred, trained and ridden until 12 years old by Grey Till. Proven reproducing brood mare.

\$3,500

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