



Cow Chips
July/August 2013

GAA Fall Seminar set for September

The Georgia Angus Association (GAA) is preparing for a seminar targeting cattle producers in Georgia and the surrounding areas. The main objective of the event is to promote Angus genetics and to promote how much the 'modern' Angus bull can do for cattlemen.

The Fall Seminar will feature several speakers, an industry trade show, an ABAC Beef Unit tour and lunch. This event is free to all Georgia Angus members and commercial cattlemen. It will be kicked off at 9 a.m. and conclude after lunch.

The GAA is pleased to have two guest speakers for the event. Gary Fike from Certified Angus Beef will discuss the role of Angus Source and Angus genetics in general. Rodney Schoenbine from Zoetis Animal Health will discuss how the 50K genomic test works and what it provides.

Those interested in participating in the event should pre-register by September 1 by completing the registration form found in this newsletter.

Companies wishing to participate in the trade show can contact Christy Page in the GAA office at 770/307-7178 or info@georgiaangus.org. Sponsorship of the of the event is \$100 and includes company recognition and a table top display at the event.

Fall Seminar Schedule
September 14, 2013
ABAC - Tifton, GA

Room 139 - Agricultural Sciences Building

8 - 9 a.m.	Exhibitor/Sponsor Set-up
9 - 9:30 a.m.	Attendee Registration/Trade Show
9:30 a.m.	Welcome
	Mike McCravy, <i>Georgia Angus</i>
	Dr. Tim Marshall, <i>ABAC</i>
10:00 a.m.	Gary Fike, <i>Certified Angus Beef</i>
11:00 a.m.	Trade Show, Beef Unit Tour & Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Rodney Schoenbine, <i>Zoetis</i>
2:00 p.m.	Producer Panel



Georgia Angus Association Fall Seminar
Saturday, September 14, 2013
ABAC - Tifton, GA
Registration Deadline: September 1

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
 Farm _____
 Address _____
 City, State Zip _____
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Total # Attending: _____

Names of those attending for name badges:

Return by September 1 to:
 Georgia Angus Association
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 Jefferson, GA 30549
 or e-mail info@georgiaangus.org

**Seminar is free but pre-registration is required.



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Letter from your President

Greetings!



I hope all of you have been getting the rains that we have here in west Georgia. What a difference a year makes!

I would like to start out with a big thank you to all of the members and other volunteers of the Southern National committee for another successful event. The GAA could not do the things that it does without you. Committee members include Larry Bramblett, Smitty Lamb, Andrew McPeake and Christy Page. Thank you to all of the show sponsors and those that participated in the silent auction.

Also, thank you to all of the ladies with the Georgia Angus Auxiliary. The Auxiliary hosted a great reception for everyone at the Southern National and offered many contests for the kids. The Auxiliary is led by Tanya Eidson, Melissa Miller and Holly Alford.

As I write this, I am sure all of the juniors and parents that are going to the National Junior Angus Show are really getting geared up. By the time this newsletter gets out to our members, the show will probably be over, but I hope everyone had a great time. I'm sure Georgia was represented well!

At the last Georgia Angus board meeting, we started working on the final plans for the Fall Seminar to be held at ABAC, Saturday September 14. The committee has put together a very informative program that I think it will be a very interesting event for everyone. Please help us get the word out about this event and make plans to be there - we need your support!

Thanks again for all that you do to support the GAA.

Mike McCravy

Congratulations

- To Andrew and Julie McPeake, Arnoldsville, Ga., on the birth of their son Charles Aubrey McPeake. Cam was born June 23, 2013 and weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. His big sister is Naomi. Andrew and his family own CAM Ranch.
- To Drew and Ruth Wilson, Commerce, Ga., on the birth of their daughter Collins Ava Wilson. She was born May 10, 2013, weighed 8 lbs. 15oz., and was 21.5 inches long. Drew and his family own Rocking W Angus.



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GAA Board Minutes

The GAA board of directors met June 7, 2013 in Perry, Ga., during the Southern National Angus Show. The following highlights the information that was discussed.

The following committee reports were given:

Junior Activities - The juniors were making plans for their trip the National Junior Angus Show. Twelve juniors from Georgia entered 27 head of cattle.

Hall of Fame - The board discussed nominees for the 2014 awards. The committee will bring the final nominations to the next board meeting to vote. It was also suggested to look at having a plaque with all past winners and to add new winners each year at the Georgia National Fairgrounds.

Membership - This committee is working on planning a September 14 Fall Seminar in Tifton, Ga. It was decided to have several speakers, small trade show and lunch. The event would be free to GAA members and commercial cattlemen, hopefully gaining new membership while conducting the event. It was decided to have several sponsors (vendors) to help offset the cost of lunch. The group decided ways to promote the event.

Resources - The 2013-14 GAA Membership Directory is complete. This project will generate approximately \$13,000 for the association.

Southern National - Nearly 40 exhibitors from five states were exhibiting approximately 75 head of cattle at this year's show. The committee thanked all of the sponsors and volunteers. Additionally, the Auxiliary would be holding a reception that evening for everyone to attend.

In new business, the board voted to provide \$500 to the Georgia Cattlemen's Association building fund.

The next GAA Board meeting will be held during the Fall Seminar.

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“Angus Black Books feature space for health notes, nutrition records, pasture information and artificial insemination (A.I.) breeding records. It also provides a gestation table and the codes required to enter records into the AAA Login system.

The 2014 books are available in any quantity for \$3 each, and can be customized free of charge with purchases of 100 or more. Standard orders feature the Association's logo. Customized orders may include the operation's logo and contact information foil-stamped onto the back cover. To place orders, contact the AngusSource Genetic department at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.

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“The winds are changing. Exciting news coming this August.”

Southern National Junior Angus Show

June 7, 2013 • Perry, GA • Judge: John McCurry - Burton, KS



P&M Heather Z126 won grand champion bred-and-owned female. Logan Steed, Carrollton, Ga., owns the September 2012 daughter of Leachman Saughatchee 3000C.



Verner Princess 216Y won grand champion owned female. Baylee Steed, Carrollton, Ga., owns the November 2011 daughter of S A V 8180 Traveler 004.



Daltons Rita 0286 won grand champion cow-calf pair. Callie Eastin, Gretna, Va., owns the September 2010 daughter of O C C Emblazon 854E. A November 2011 bull calf sired by S A V Brilliance 8077 is at side.



Banner Mr Eastin C56 won grand champion bred-and-owned bull. Callie Eastin, Gretna, Va., owns the November 2012 son of S A V Brilliance 8077.



Mc Cauley Lookout Z10 won grand champion steer. Destiny McCauley, Bowling Green, Fla., owns the May 2012 son of B C Lookout 7024.



MCCO R001 Esteem 105 won reserve grand champion bred-and-owned female. Clayton McGuire, Waverly, Ala., owns the September 2011 daughter of Kesslers Frontman R001.



Dameron Countess 1134 won reserve grand champion owned female. Logan Steed, Carrollton, Ga., owns the September 2011 daughter of S A V Net Worth 4200.



LB Hazel 1707 won reserve grand champion cow-calf pair. Preston Nichols, Graceville, Fla., owns the September 2010 daughter of S A V Pioneer 7301. A February 2013 heifer calf sired by Connealy Confidence 0100 completes the winning pair.



AA Braveheart 462 won reserve grand champion bred-and-owned bull. Brandais Austrino, Dade City, Fla., owns the October 2012 son of S A V Brave 8320.



Genflo Net Worth 9512 won reserve grand champion steea. Chris Hart, Danielsville, Ga., owns the September 2012 son of S A V Net Worth 4200.



These junior Angus members won top honors in their division of showmanship. Pictured from left are Reid McGuire, Waverly, Ala., intermediate champion; John McCurry, judge; Logan Steed, senior champion and Baylee Steed, junior champion, both of Carrollton, Ga.



These young Angus enthusiasts won novice showmanship honors. Pictured from left are Adam McCauley, Bowling Green, Fla.; Kristen Walker, Lexington, Ala.; Ellie Taylor, Nashville, Ga.; Hailey Minert and Landon Minert, both of Jacksonville, Fla.

Southern National Open Angus Show

June 8, 2013 • Perry, GA • Judge: Harlan Yocham - Sapulpa, OK



"The Biggest Little Show in the South"

P&M Heather Z126 won supreme champion and grand champion female. Logan Steed, Carrollton, Ga., owns the September 2012 daughter of Leachman Saughatchee 3000C.



Silveiras Style 1530 won grand champion bull. Brandais Austrino, Dade City, Fla., owns the November 2011 son of Silveiras Style 9303. He first won senior champion.



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PVF Hazel 2164 won reserve grand champion female. Taylor Gazda, Athens, Ga., owns the September 2012 daughter of S A V Brilliance 8077.



Thank You to all the 2013 Southern National Angus Show Sponsors

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The Auxiliary hosted a reception on Friday, June 7, 2013 in conjunction with the Southern National Angus Show. I'd like to thank everyone who helped by providing food, setting up or cleaning up afterwards. Thank you especially to Sandra McPeake for organizing the event this year. You did a wonderful job!

Each year our Youth Beef Promotion Committee sponsors contests for the juniors and adults. This year contests were offered in the areas of photography,

poster, written quiz bowl and essay. I'd like to thank everyone who participated and congratulate all the winners who were presented awards during the reception. A complete list of winners can be found in the newsletter. And last but certainly not least, thank you to Melanie Steed who has agreed to serve as Chair of our Youth Beef Promotion Committee.



Tanya Eidson, *President*

God Bless,

Tanya Eidson

Meeting Traceability Requirements

Earlier this year, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) enacted a new rule regarding animal disease traceability. The rule requires livestock, 18 months or older, to have official identification and a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) or similar documentation before moving interstate.

To comply with new regulations, each state is reviewing their current policies and, if necessary, revising them to meet national standards. Both the shipping and receiving states must agree on what is considered acceptable official identification.

Accepted identification varies, depending on location and could include brands, tattoos, ear tags, registration papers, certificates, owner-shipper statements or a combination of ID systems.

While many producers will not need to change their management practices to comply with the new traceability rule, those planning to sell replacement heifers or breeding bulls across state lines must meet requirements of receiving states.

Luckily, the American Angus Association offers cattlemen options to comply with the new traceability requirements.

AngusSource® Genetic

The value-added program, AngusSource Genetic, provides cattlemen with ear tags featuring a 15-digit unique animal identification number (AIN), which is accepted as official documentation according to new traceability rules.

Genette Kurtz, AngusSource quality manager, says the newly improved program offers flexible, user-friendly ID management options.

"Herd identification should be top of mind, given the new traceability rule and as spring calving season winds down and cattlemen prepare to move their herds to grass." Kurtz says. "AngusSource has undergone some changes that bring more capabilities in-house.

AngusSource Genetic is designed for commercial cattlemen who want to document their calves' genetics, age and source. The program uses a tamper-evident AIN tag.

To be eligible for AngusSource Genetic, calves must be sired by registered Angus bulls, born on the ranch of origin, and have calving or breeding records to document group age.

Kurtz says the difference is in the tag. Producers can choose between a generic version to meet the animal traceability requirement, or enroll in AngusSource Genetic program that meets requirements and improves marketability through Angus-based commercial programs and services.

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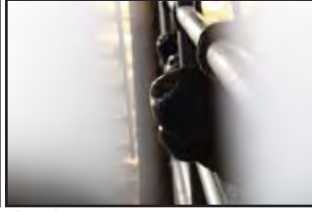
- Terry Alan Bridges, Sr., 58 of Washington, Georgia passed away Sunday, May 26, 2013 at home. Mr. Bridges was a graduate of Oglethorpe County High School in 1971 and then he attended ABAC in Tifton for a short period before joining the military where he served 16 years total time with the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Air Reserves and U. S. Army National Guard. Mr. Bridges worked most of his life for his father at Bridges Angus Farm in Lexington, GA. His most recent place of employment was the Georgia Seed Development Commission in Athens, GA. Mr. Bridges was a member of Salem Baptist Church in the Salem Community, Lexington, Ga. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Hopkins Bridges of Washington, Georgia; his parents Ralph and Margaret Bridges of Lexington; children, Alan Bridges (Melissa) and Phillip Bridges (Leigh Ann) of Lexington, Crystal Bridges of Arnoldsville; stepchildren Lynn Herrin (Preston) of Athens, Frank Pittman of Watkinsville, and Chrissie Pittman (Wes) of Athens and 8 grandchildren. He is also survived by 4 brothers, Steve Bridges (Glenda), of Lexington, John Mark Bridges (Tricia) of Arnoldsville, Walter Bridges (Maria) of Lexington and David Bridges (Gloria) of Stephens; one sister, Iris Walker (Barry) of Lexington.
- Richard Cornell "Dick" Kleedehn, 81, of Hartsfield, died Friday, May 10, 2013 at Unihealth at Magnolia Manor South in Moultrie. Born March 6, 1932 in Cullman, Al., he was the son of the late Richard Fritz Kleedehn and Virginia Ottillia Frank Kleedehn. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a hay and cattle farmer. He was a member of Bay Free Will Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Louvenia Faison Kleedehn of Hartsfield; one daughter, Kirsten Saunders and husband Tony of Hartsfield; one granddaughter, Kari Saunders of Hartsfield; several nieces and nephews.

Auxiliary Contest Winners

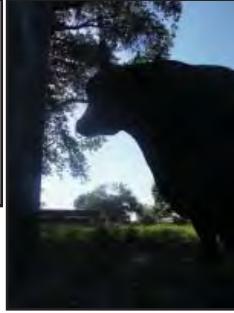
Photography Contest - Angus Cattle



Novice:
Savannah Page



Junior:
Wyatt Walker



Intermediate:
Destiny McCauley



Senior:
Shelby Eidson



Adult:
Melanie Steed

Photography Contest - Landscape



Novice:
Kristen Walker



Junior:
Wyatt Walker



Intermediate:
Abbey Gretsch



Adult & Overall Age:
Nell McCauley

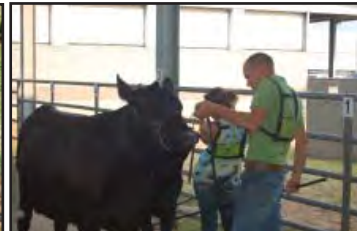
Photography Contest - People



Novice:
Savannah Page



Intermediate:
Madison Baugh



Senior:
Shelby Eidson

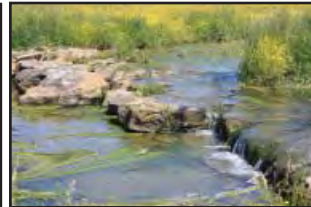


Adult:
Nell McCauley

Photography Contest - Around the Farm



Novice & Overall Age
Champion:
Kristen Walker



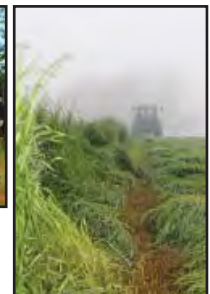
Junior Overall Age
Champion:
Allison Davis



Intermediate:
Abbey Gretsch



Senior & Overall Age
Champion:
Shelby Eidson



Adult:
Melanie Steed

Photography Contest - Enhanced



Intermediate:
Madison Baugh



Adult:
Melanie Steed

Poster Contest

Novice & Overall Champion: Savannah Page

Writing Contest

Novice Champion: Adam McCauley

Junior Champion: Wyatt Walker

Intermediate Champion: Madison Baugh

Quiz Bowl Written Exam

Novice Champion: Owen Austrino

Junior Champion: Wyatt Walker

Intermediate Champion: Destiny McCauley

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Calendar of Events

September 2013

- 14 GAA Fall Seminar - ABAC, Tifton, GA
16 Southeast Empire Angus Show - Lawrenceville, GA

October 2013

- 5 Georgia Nat'l Fair Jr. Angus Show - Perry, GA
12 Gretsches Bros./Acres Away - Crawford, GA
15-17 Sunbelt Ag Expo - Moultrie, GA
18 Lemmon Cattle Ent. - Woodbury, GA



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