

Summer
2011

Rainbow Ranch Ranch Hand News

Hi everyone, and welcome to the tenth edition of Ranch Hand News. I hope you enjoy reading it, as much as we enjoy putting it together. And as always, we welcome your input.

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Hot & Sticky Summer

Just be glad you were not in Wichita Falls, Tx; over 60 days in a row of 100+ degree temps and just as sticky. But before you complain about the heat, humidity, and Irene, remember last winter's snow; nine winter storms, in twelve weeks. In case history repeats itself, remember to recommend:

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Powwow 2011



Left to Right - Brandi (holding Teddy), Ciera, Charlie, KB, Marilu, and Vinnie

This year's crew had a couple of Powwow rookies in the mix. But being seasoned horse folks made it easy for them to fit right in. It only took a few hours before they were working together like a well oiled machine. This year's weather also cooperated and the new camper fit our needs perfectly. Our annual trip to the powwow, in addition making a few bucks, also is an adventure, with a few laughs, a break from the routine, and a challenge to pull off. Now with a number of years experience, the planning has become easier, but the doing would not be possible without the support of the behind the scenes folks, who deserve a big Thank You.



Charlie Goes to the Fair



And takes a 1st Place

At this year's Warren County Farmers Fair, Charlie dominated in the costume class with his Uncle Sam costume while prancing around the show ring as "Stars & Stripes Forever" was played on a boom box, earning him a blue ribbon and a trophy. The other classes he entered, he was not so lucky, but received honorable mention.



One highlight of his night at the fair was a visit to the Republican Party tent, where he in his costume were an immediate success. He rubbed elbows with the politicians, and before long we were chanting; "Charlie for Governor!"

Register Now for Fall Riding Programs

This season's riding programs will be filling up soon, so be sure to secure your spot.

Pee Wee Riding (Ages 5 to 7)

A five week program giving the young rider an introduction to riding,

Beginner Riding (Ages 8 to 12)

An eight week program giving the rider an understanding of horses, riding, and safety, from the ground up.

Private lessons (open to all ages)

Private and Semi Private (2 riders) lessons geared specifically to individual levels of experience. One hour lessons on a flexible schedule.

Lino Update



Yes, that's Lino and I working with some cows. He's certainly not up to Poco's level, but he's coming along. It took him a little while, but about two months ago a little light bulb must have gone off in his head, and he started tracking. Simply put, what some folks call tracking, is a horse's ability to mirror a cow's movement on his own, without cues from the rider. The cow's instinct is to get back to the herd. The horse's job is to prevent that from happening. I invite you to watch this short video showing some steps in Lino's journey. So turn up your speakers, sit back, and be sure to watch in full screen mode. Click on the link below to view "A Brother's Journey"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQapsLxJn_U

The plan now is for me to get to know Lino better while he is still in training. We'll get to chase some cows, go on a couple of trail rides (already went once, and he was very good). We need now to just get to

know each other better. Based on how he and I progress as a team, he should be coming home maybe at the end of Sept, or even Oct. The longer he stays at RHO, the better we both will be in the long run.

Poco Lena

1949 - 1968

If you would like to know a little about Poco & Lino's Great, Great, Grandmother; she was AQHA's 1st horse inducted into the cutting horse Hall of Fame. The following link will bring you to a song and video by Gerry Lukacik that tells her wonderful yet tragic story.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeFRyUNBhw>

She was Reserve NCHA Champion 5 times, in the top ten 9 times, escaped death once when she coliced under Don Dodge's ownership and had to be rushed into surgery, escaped death a second time when she was left abandoned in a trailer, and escaped death yet a third time when her last owners, upon seeing her for the first time, wanted to put her down. The Jensen's attending vets convinced them to give her a chance. After three years, the effects of the hormones she was under while showing finally subsided, and she was in foal for the first time. Sadly, she only produced two foals, but both went on to found a dynasty that still exists today.

One of RR's own has started:



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Best Picture of the Quarter



Best Joke of the Quarter

Did you hear about the overweight man who took up horseback riding as exercise? The horse lost 15 pounds in a week!

Down the Road a Bit

- * Murder at the Deadwood Saloon????
- * Canyon's Story
- * Grace Fellowship's Car Show
- * Lino's Homecoming
- * E mail us any stories, pix, or jokes you would like to share with the RHN readers.

Until next Time:

Happy Trails to you, and Yours.