

**Newsletter February 2006**  
<http://www.mccurdyhorses.com>

## McCurdy Plantation Horse Spring Trail Ride

**Saturday April 1, 2006**

**OPEN TO ALL BREEDS!**

**Location:** Lowndes Academy

**Directions:** Go approximately 18 miles west of Montgomery on US Hwy 80 (25 miles East of Selma) turn North on Lowndes County road 29 at blinking yellow light, go 1/2 mile to Lowndes Academy on the left.

**Contact:** Ed and Kim McCurdy 334-872-5412  
 Billy McCurdy 334-278-3314

**Overnight Accommodations:**  
 Southern Sportsmans Lodge 334-872-9740  
 Dave Lyon 334-875-8743 (home)

All riders must pay \$15.00 fee to ride morning and afternoon, if you ride only the morning or afternoon ride, you will still pay \$15.00, present current negative Coggins and obtain a name tag to ride.

**No alcoholic beverages permitted during the ride.**

We will be leaving the school at 9:30am and 1:30pm sharp! Returning to the school around 11:30. Lunch \$6.00 per person will be hosted by the school with an Association meeting immediately following. Afternoon ride will leave at 1:30pm and return to the school around 4:30-5:00pm



## From the McCurdy Association Office

**We have a total of 422 horses registered. They consist of:**

135 Foundation Mares  
26 Foundation Stallions  
30 Appendix registered  
231 Pedigree Registrations

### **Just a reminder:**

- 1) As registration and/or transfer papers are being submitted, please make sure all **forms are properly completed** and everything is enclosed, ie. pictures, original registration form, etc. Submitting an incomplete package delays you receiving you completed registration form.
- 2) Make sure and send in **transfer papers** when you are either buying or selling a McCurdy.
- 3) **As foaling season arrives**, get prepared to submit you application for registration. Applications for registration can be obtained on line or by contacting the registry office.
- 4) For those that have not submitted their **2005 foal registrations**, there will be a 30 day window after the date of this newsletter to submit your 2005 foal registrations without a late fee. Take advantage of this and get your foal/foals registered today!

**You can find forms on the McCurdy Plantation Horse website.**

**Breeders' web site Listings** are due now! Send your \$50 for year 2006 to Ed McCurdy.

Ed McCurdy reports that we now have 422 registered McCurdy horses and 204 Association Members. Our numbers are growing in the Association, new members are:

Allen Fulton	Montevallo, AL
Tom Farwell	West Linn, Oregon
Rodney Poston	Pamplico, SC
Billy D. Wilson	Jacksonville, TX
Scott Grantham	Clanton, AL
Barbara J. Dick	Honeoye Falls, NY
David & Cathy Crook	Lowndesboro, AL
Mike & Cindy Till	Millbrook, AL
Bernice Robertson	Hogansville, GA
Rhonda J. Matthews	Atmore, AL
Susan Babcock	McAlpin, FL

### **WELCOME!**

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# October 1, 2005 Fall Trail Ride



The Fall Ride was one of the best ever. The Southern Sportsman Hunting Lodge was filled to the brim with avid McCurdy enthusiasts as well as numerous other trailriding friends who always make the Fall ride. We had about 180



riders for the morning ride which took us on a beautiful scenic tour through Lowndes County woodland trails, open pastures and prime hunting country. As usual, a delicious lunch was served at the Lodge after our 2 hour ride. Many guests and riders stayed over on Friday and Saturday nights and enjoyed lots of fellowship and fun!! Riders came from all across the southeast. Coming from South Carolina and all the way from Texas. Thanks to Leigh Edgar for your photos!



As most of you know, our dear friend Jim Mason, wonderful host for our Fall Trailrides and co-owner of the Southern Sportsman Hunting Lodge, suffered a 25 foot fall from a tree stand the day after Christmas 2005. Due to very serious internal injuries and complications he was 5 weeks in the hospital, two of which he was in a drug induced coma in ICU. Just recently Jim has returned home, and is making remarkable progress. Tammy and Jim would like to thank each and every person who has prayed, brought food, helped care for their horses and children, helped with transportation, and visited. Our website designer Paula Sue created a webpage for Jim at [www.bentoakfarm.com](http://www.bentoakfarm.com) so we could post bi-weekly updates on his condition to keep many people informed.

**Send a card to Jim at home, 12 Washington Street, Benton, AI, 36785**



## McCurdy Briefs



Submitted by Field Trialer Tom Farwell, West Linn, Oregon  
"McCurdy Cadillac Jack" Under 5 months old!



Submitted by Trail rider Cindy Johnson of Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina  
"Aria Isa Dream" McCurdy Mare

There simply are not enough words to convey how much I love my horse. She came from Alabama (along with several others) in January 2003 to SC. I went to look over these new horses who were all skinny, in bad need of a bath and frightened after the trip from AL. When I got to the stall Aria was in all I saw was bones, badly matted mane and tail and the most pitifully frightened eyes I'd ever seen. Something in her fright called to me and I stood at the door of the stall for almost an hour before she turned to me.

I was going to try to save that little mare's beauty. I spent several hours that day just earning her trust and she finally allowed me to get a lead rope on her and she stood in the alley of the barn while I began finger combing her mane. Before the day was out I asked if I could take her to my barn (whether I decided to purchase her or not) so I could clean her up and continue working on the disaster that was her mane and tail.

This bony little mare was afraid of bathing and was almost panicked around men. She wouldn't bolt, but stood with her legs locked and would lean as far away from them as she possibly could. I knew without doubt that she had been abused and I was more determined to earn her trust and teach her that all humans were not bad.



Well, Aria came to my barn and had her first spa day. After bathing her I spent almost 12 hours, several bottles of deep conditioner, and a bottle of aspirin (for my arthritis) on her mane and tail and was able to save that beautiful, flowing hair. Once all of the matted hair was combed out, her tail laid on the ground and her mane hung well below her neck.

I have no idea what Aria was called when I got her, but after several camping trips and much time spent in the woods riding, just her and me, I knew what her name had to be ---- Aria, because she is like a solo musical performance, and she was then and continues to be a dream come true for me. Aria Isa Dream, the perfect horse for me. Although she is still somewhat skeptical around strangers she is absolutely fearless under saddle and will go anywhere I ask her without hesitation. We have accumulated close to 2,000 trail miles, have spent countless nights camping and I couldn't ask for a better horse.

I was not blessed to have the company of horses until I was 47 years old. My first horse was a big ex-polo pony (quarter horse) with one speed – very fast – and a huge trot. Great horse, but not for a beginner. Over the next few years several horses of different breeds came through my barn – Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred, Tennessee Walker, Paint, all wonderful horses but just not the one for me. I took lessons and was often discouraged because I just hadn't found the right horse ---- then I met a skinny, frightened little mare that needed a lot of TLC.

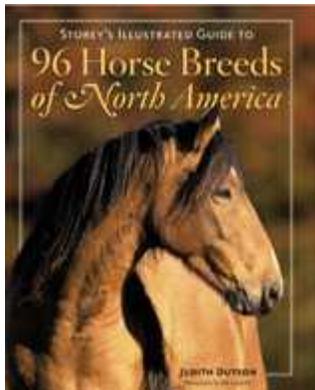
The one horse that opened the door to an incredible world of riding, my friend, my partner, Aria Isa Dream.

I bought a McCurdy gelding in June 2005 and he has the same gentle spirit that Aria has, a spirit that is seen throughout the McCurdy breed.

Cindy



### Stories Illustrated Guide to "96 Horse Breeds of North America" by Judith Dutson



**The McCurdy Horse is one breed included in this beautifully illustrated book.**

416 pages, 8 1/2 x 10 7/8 trim size, full-color photographs and illustrations throughout.

<http://www.storey.com>  
paperback - \$29.95  
ISBN# 1-58017-612-7

hardcover with jacket - \$40.00  
ISBN# 1-58017-613-5



**McCurdy Plantation Horse Association and breed information was presented at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Feb 2006.** Dianne Garcia, of the Horse Education Center displayed our McCurdy Brochures, and also played two promotional DVD's of McCurdy Horses, featuring stallions, mares, and offspring from both J-Bar Farm and Kennel in Canby, Oregon, and Destiny Hills Ranch of Athens, Texas. She reported back that there was intense interest in our breed information and it was very well received.



**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	Submit Photo

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



Beautiful bay broodmare, MPH & TWH registered. 18 years old, foundation bloodlines, in foal to McCurdy's Iron Little Man. \$2,000.00 Contact Ed or Kim McCurdy 334-872-5412  
<http://mccurdyhorses.com/mccurdysironlittleman/index.html>



Dapple gray gelding, MPH, coming 3yr. old, 15 hands, ridden on numerous rides, loads, clips, great gaits, even tempered, \$6,000.00 Contact Ed or Kim McCurdy 334-872-5412  
<http://mccurdyhorses.com/mccurdysironlittleman/index.html>



Sorrel gelding, coming 2yr. old, MPH & TWH reg., easy to handle, loose, \$2,000.00 Contact Ed or Kim McCurdy 334-872-5412  
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9 month old colt, TWH & MPH reg., Ritz grandson, easy to handle, great mover, chestnut, \$2,000.00 Contact Ed or Kim McCurdy 334-872-5412  
<http://mccurdyhorses.com/mccurdysironlittleman/index.html>



8 month old filly, strawberry roan, nice mover TWH & MPH reg., easy to handle \$1,500.00 Contact Ed or Kim McCurdy 334-872-5412  
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*McCurdy's CAMEO Cate*, 9 year old. 15.2H, 1100 lbs. dappled warm bay, 3 socks, star. Big hip and chest. Current video now available. price 6,000. She is a luxury trail and pleasure mount for an amateur or experienced rider, plus a proven broodmare Contact Colleen at 903-677-4858  
<http://www.geocities.com/mccurdylady>



McCurdy Sand and Sable: 5 year old double reg. mare, in foal to McCurdy's Iron Mason, a calm, well gaited, double reg. gray stallion. Sable is saddle broke but has been working as a brood mare for the past 2 years. \$4500.00 Jim and Tammy Mason (334) 875-7895  
<http://bentoakfarm.com/>



Steele blue: 11 year old Walking horse brood mare. Has produced 2 of this breeds finest breeding stallions. She is in foal again to McCurdy's Iron Little Man. This will be a full sibling to our Breeding stallion. \$2500.00 Jim and Tammy Mason (334) 875-7895  
<http://bentoakfarm.com/>



McCurdy's Iron Justice: yearling filly. Double reg. gray, gaits in the pasture. This fine filly is out of McCurdy's Red Rose and McCurdys Iron little Man. \$2000.00 Jim and Tammy Mason (334) 875-7895  
<http://bentoakfarm.com/>



McCurdy's Scarlet: 3 year old McCurdy mare, sorrel, excellent gait in the pasture, calm disposition, ready to start under saddle. \$2000.00. Jim and Tammy Mason (334) 875-7895  
<http://bentoakfarm.com/>



McCurdy's Iron Mason: Standing at stud for the 2006 breeding season. McCurdy and TWHBEA registered, beautiful gray stallion. Calm, excellent gait, and well mannered. Call to book your McCurdy and or TWHBEA Mares. Jim and Tammy Mason (334) 875-7895  
<http://bentoakfarm.com/>



If you are interested in a web site for your farm, ranch, horses, dogs, contact me. Paula Sue Swope, [pswope@candw-webmasters.com](mailto:pswope@candw-webmasters.com), 903-489-0294.

