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**Bringing you Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season  
 and exciting News for 2005!**

McCurdy trail riders on the horizon  
 photo by Harold Wilson, Fall Trail Ride, Oct 2004



I saw a man sitting on a red horse... Zechariah 1:8-11



## From the McCurdy Association Office



**Just a reminder** for all those who have not paid their dues yet, please do so. **2004 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.

Photo by Harold Wilson

Ed McCurdy reports that we now have 383 registered McCurdy horses. Our numbers are growing in the Association, new members are:

Tom Weller, Atlanta, GA  
Paul Wells Wilton, CA  
Norman C. Nettles Barnwell, SC  
John Donner Centreville, AL  
Rodney Rives Sardis, AL  
Quinby Gowers Williston, SC  
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**WELCOME!**

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**First Annual McCurdy Plantation Horse Production Sale** hosted by Van & Marion Carter at their Cedar Acres Farm, Lowndes County, Sardis, Alabama. Tammy Mason, Sale Manager - Brian Wood, Auctioneer - Ringmen, Nathan Lipscomb & Brian Wood's Assistant – Photographer, Paula Sue Swope, Texas.



site.

Our first Production Sale was a big success. A huge THANK YOU to all of the above for making it happen. It was a tremendous piece of work, esp. for Sale Manager, Tammy Mason and for Paula Swope, who formatted the sale booklet and also put it all on our web



This gala event was filled with wonderful southern hospitality, good food, meeting of new friends and the legacy of the old south, McCurdy Plantation Horses.

A Friday evening wine and cheese social was hosted on the viewing deck at the barn by Marion Carter and Kim McCurdy for all of the exhibitors and buyers.



Saturday was filled with excitement as all of the sale entries were presented by auctioneer Brian Wood. Our very own breed expert, Herbert Mims, moderated. Nathan Lipscomb (ringman) was a huge asset as he made factual observations about the sale prospects to the buyers to encourage their participation.

All of the horses were well presented. Many of the entries were fitted by Vicki Lipscomb and she worked them in the ring in her

professional showmanship manner.



Miss Kayla Mason & Miss Kate Lipscomb added special flair to the event by serving as our southern belle hostesses in vintage attire. Their grace, beauty and charm made all of us feel welcomed.

A delicious lunch was catered at the barn by Jim Mason of the Southern Sportsman Hunting Lodge.



Several breeders had displays set up in the barn foyer to promote their operation and their stallion.



McCurdy breeder June Snook of J-Bar Farm & Kennel, Canby, Oregon was there to promote their stallion, "McCurdy's New Tradition." He is the only stallion in our breed that is trained for AI (artificial insemination). He is registered McCurdy, TWH & Racking. If you prefer shipped semen for breeding your mare, contact June & Barry Snook, 503-266-3411 visit their website at



[www.mccurdynorthwest.com](http://www.mccurdynorthwest.com). They also have a promotional stallion DVD of Tradition and his get upon request.



Buyers, presenters and McCurdy enthusiasts came from all over the U.S. We had about 100 people in attendance and 23 horses in the sale.

Make plans to be a part of this exciting event for next year, and bring your sale prospects.

The Stallion Showcase was a big hit. Having

several of our breed stallions on site and presented under saddle proved that our breed is all that we say it is. This also aided prospective buyers of their offspring to see the sire, his disposition, conformation, and gait.



The stallions were set up side-by-side in portable pens draped in cloth and ribbons and completed with fall flowers. Everyone enjoyed seeing and experiencing the stallions. They were:

1. McCurdy's Iron Little Man, Ed & Kim McCurdy, Selma, AL
2. Midnight Case, Teddy Pouncey, Sardis, AL
3. Go Boy McCurdy, Larry & Penny Lolley, Roxboro, NC
4. McCurdy's Ragin' Cajun, Ron & Colleen Cates, Destiny Hills Ranch, Athens, TX

 Trail Ride   




The 2004 Fall McCurdy Plantation Horse Trail Ride was heralded as the best every by riders commenting to Ed McCurdy. They said that of all the trail rides offered in the southeast, ours is one of the best! Approximately 200 horses and riders convened at the Southern Sportsman Hunting Lodge on Oct 4, 2004 to enjoy riding in historical and beautiful Lowndes County. Thanks to Jim Mason for hosting and providing lunch for our event. All breeds were represented and welcomed, as well as our McCurdy riders. This is an annual event, always the first Saturday in October for the Fall Ride and always the first Saturday in April for the spring ride which is held at Lowndes Academy

in Lowndesboro. See the web site for full details.



Photos by Harold Wilson



## McCurdy Briefs



**Submitted by Cathy Faulkner of Tallahassee, Florida.** We got Moe about a year & a half ago from Donald & Susan Dillard in Cottendale. He was not quite 3. His papered name is Mann's Blue Steel. Was owned by Justen Mann, bred by Ronald Mann out of Cullman, AL. His Sire is McCurdy's Mann O. Steel and the Dam is McCurdy's Iron Maiden.



The rider in the picture is my other half, Jerry DeLoney. They make a good pair. In his prior life he bred & raised Holstiners & Hanavarian crosses. I was true blue quarter horse person. We are both new and green to gaited horses, except for the fact that Jerry's brother, Jack DeLoney in Ozark, AL, breeds TWH, we had never been involved with them. We just lucked in to finding Moe. All Jerry was looking for was a gray that was going to be big.

Over the past probably 20+ years the ONLY thing important in Jerry's life was football & fishing....spent every spare moment on his 28' sports fishing boat out on the salt water dawn till dusk. Then came Moe. The boat went up for sale last winter as since Moe came he gave it up. His friends

thought he lost his mind, but he summed it up to one saying "he loved fishing and the boat, but in all the years he had it, it never loved him back the way that horse does" and that's the truth.

So now within just a year we have gone from tent camping with the horses, to the big LQ trailer and everything in our lives is about the horses. Funny! Mostly we trail ride with them. We've been to Hard Labor in Georgia; many times to The Heart of Dixie in Troy, AL; Coldwater National; and many local rides and parks & greenways near home, and we got involved in field trials last fall/winter and are looking forward to starting up again this year. We have also met many nice new friends who are good horse people. We are actually going to Dixie Plantation in Greenville, FL this weekend for the first annual Midnight Sun Memorial Ride & show.

To show the great temperament of this McCurdy...when we first got him Donald & Susan Dillard talked us into taking him to a show they were going to, just to see how he did (we know nothing about shows other than having been spectators at some). He had just turned 3. We literally ran to WalMart, Jerry got black jeans, white shirt, borrowed some gear from the Dillards, ran to the show and unloaded Moe, gave me the lead & said "find the farrier" wadded some money up in my hand and ran off to get registered. There I stood with this horse I just met, in a very hyped up environment with noise, people running by, horses pumped up, etc., found the farrier and Moe just took it all in. He is very patient. They entered the show, didn't place, but if you had seen him you would

have thought he had been doing it all his life. Head was set perfectly, did everything he was asked and appeared to just love showing off. We just aren't show people or we would definitely have kept him at it.

Moe is powerful, graceful, dependable and teaches us something every day. There is nothing he is not willing to do. He's very trusting. He also has a sense of humor and loves to be paid attention to.

We really enjoyed the McCurdy ride. Being new to that one, we did think it would have been nice if McCurdy owners were tagged in some way so you could meet others. Some were easy to identify, others not. We had a great time and even ran into some folks we have ridden with at other places. Will definitely do this one again.



 The Gaited Horse Magazine featured the McCurdy Plantation Horse in their summer 2004 issue, in the Salute to Sires Section. The stallion profile was of McCurdy's Iron Little Man, owned by Ed and Kim McCurdy of Selma. Our breed garnered lots of positive response and exposure as a result of this opportunity. I want to thank the editor, Rhonda Hart Poe for asking me to write the article. The Gaited Horse Magazine is an all gaited breed publication both in the USA and abroad. It has been a major influence in the promotion of our McCurdy Horses. I encourage everyone to subscribe to this informative and factual magazine as well as to advertise your farm/ranch in the breeder's listings or to promote your stallion.

To subscribe contact: The Gaited Horse, PO Box 3070, Deer Park, WA 99006, Ph. 509-276-4930, 1-866-320-2233, Subscriptions are 18.95 per year.

 Mark your calendar for Jan 22-23, 2005 for the ALABAMA HORSE FAIR at Garrett Coliseum, Montgomery, AL. This event has gotten bigger and better every year and we are very proud of what it represents to Alabama and the southeastern horse industry. Details at Alabama Horse Council website, [www.alabamahorsecouncil.org](http://www.alabamahorsecouncil.org)



**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:

1. Name of Stallion
2. Owners Name
3. Address
4. Phone number
5. E-mail

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



## Registered McCurdy Horses for Sale

Two photographs of a white horse with a brown mane and tail. The top photo shows the horse standing in a green field with a wooden fence and trees in the background. The bottom photo shows the same horse from a different angle, also in a green field.

**LoneStar McCurdy**  
Diamond Cate x Red's Letohatchee Legend  
Registered McCurdy Plantation Horse  
Foaled: March 5, 1999  
Sex: Mare  
Color: Chestnut Roan

Star has great genetics from both her dam and sire. She has the natural "McCurdy Lick" gait and is a big bodied McCurdy Mare with great bone and very athletic. She has great disposition and is a proven good mother. Star can also be registered as a McCurdy Foundation Mare. References required. Serious inquiries Only....\$7,000.00 firm  
Please e-mail at address below, upon request can send move and additional pics.  
[www.journeysendfarm.net](http://www.journeysendfarm.net) [mkoper@journeysendfarm.net](mailto:mkoper@journeysendfarm.net)



McCurdy's Helles Belles  
Born 4-24-04  
Firm at \$1500  
Pictured as weanling. Bright blue roan as of Oct 2004. Handled daily with ground work exercises. Flashy, easy going, smooth gaited filly. (McCurdy's New Tradition x Good Golly Miss Molly - of Dunrovin F-16 F-104)  
J-BAR FARM AND KENNEL  
June & Barry (Bear) Snook  
23338 South Blount Road, Canby, Oregon, 503-266-341, [Snook@pdx.net](mailto:Snook@pdx.net)



McCurdy's Neon Moon  
Born 4-28-04  
Firm at \$1500  
Pictured as weanling. Turning dappled grey as of Oct 2004. Handled daily with ground work exercises. Smooth gait, beautiful conformation and willing disposition. (McCurdy's New Tradition x McCurdy's Silver Queen F-16 F-194)  
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