

# Stock Horse of Texas Newsletter

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## **Stock Horse of Texas History and Vision**

The Stock Horse of Texas (SHOT) is an association which was started by a state-wide planning group in the mid 1990s and incorporated in 1998. Its purpose is education for western horse enthusiasts to ride and train an all-around western stock horse that can be ridden on the ranch, in the ring or down the road. SHOT's goal is to teach rider knowledge and skills to maximize horse trainability, performance and safety by offering affordable, fun and standardized western stock horse riding clinics and competitions.

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## + UPCOMING SHOT EVENTS +

If you want information on hosting a SHOT event in 2009, Contact B.F. Yeates, at: 979-846-4538 or [SHOT@suddenlink.net](mailto:SHOT@suddenlink.net)

All final show and event approvals and dates are coordinated by the office of the Stock Horse of Texas Association Executive Director.

## **July 18, 19 & 20, 2008 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Seguin, TX**

Sponsored by the Guadalupe County and Comal County Horse Task Forces, the Clinic will be held on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and the Competition on Sat. the 19<sup>th</sup> and Sun the 20<sup>th</sup>. Location: Diamond F Arena, 5835 Old Seguin-Luling Rd Contact Travis Franke – 830.379.1972 or Glenn Avriett – 830.620.3440 (Flyer is Enclosed)

*\*Hotel rooms are in short-supply. Make reservations immediately!*

## **August 7, 8 & 10, 2008- SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Belton, TX**

Sponsored by the Bell County 4-H Horse Club, the clinic will be Thurs evening, August 9 and all day Fri., August 10. The Competition will be Sat. August 11<sup>th</sup>. Location – Bell County Exposition Center with two covered arenas, stalls, RV Hookups. (Make motel reservations several months before show) Contact – Dirk Aaron – 254.933.5405 (Flyer is Enclosed)

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## **August 22 & 23, 2008 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Conroe, TX**

Sponsored by the Montgomery County Extension Horse Committee, the clinic will be on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the competition will be Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Location–Conroe Expo Center. Two Covered Arenas with stalls Contact – Mike Heimer 936.539.7822

## **September 12 & 13, 2008 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Athens, TX**

Sponsored by the Henderson County Extension Horse Committee, the Clinic will be on Friday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and the Competition on Sat., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Location: Henderson County Fair Park Complex. Three arenas – two covered, stalls, RV Hookups. Contact: Carrie Sharp – 214.801.3013

## **October 3 & 4, 2008 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition –**

**Bryan/College Station, TX** Sponsored by Brazos County Extension Horse Committee, the Clinic will be on Friday, Oct 3 and the Competition on Sat the 4<sup>th</sup>. Location: Brazos County EXPO Center Contact: Phyllis Young – 979.255.1227 or Nora Thompson – 979.589.3091

## **November 6, 7, & 8, 2008 - SHOT Stock Horse Versatility Clinic and Competition – Rosenberg, TX**

Sponsored by Fort Bend County Horse Task Force, the Clinic will be Thurs. evening, Nov 6 and all day Fri. Nov 7. The Competition will be Sat. Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Location – Fort Bend Co. Fairgrounds with two covered arenas and warm up area and stalls. Contact - Don Brehm – 281.341.9005

## **November 20, 21, 22, & 23, 2008 – American Stock Horse Association Exposition and National Championship Show – Heart of Texas**

**Fairgrounds, Waco, TX** – The purpose of this event will be to bring horsemen from other states to Texas to learn about and experience an ASHA event, to send participants home with knowledge, materials and links to resources to conduct stock horse versatility education and events patterned after the SHOT program, and to publicize and market the new ASHA organization. This championship show will also provide double points for SHOT members for 2008 End of Year Awards. A clinic will be Thurs. Nov 20 and the Competition will be Fri. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, Sat. Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sun Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Contact – B.F. Yeates – 979.846.4538, [SHOT@suddenlink.net](mailto:SHOT@suddenlink.net) or Kim Lindsey – 806.254.2050

## **January 16 & 17 2009 - Annual SHOT Membership Meeting, Conference and Awards Banquet for 2008 End of Year Champions – Fort Worth, TX**

The meeting and conference will be held in the Historic Stockyards in Ft Worth. Rooms have been reserved with a special SHOT rate - available through Oct.1 – at Hyatt Place in the Historic Stockyards @\$159 – 817.626.6000

## American Stock Horse Association (ASHA)

The American Stock Horse Association will become a reality in late 2008 and will be operational in 2009. An organizing committee made up of SHOT members will guide ASHA in the first two years. As people in other states and/or regions become active by joining ASHA, organizing affiliates and/or sponsoring ASHA Events, they will be included in leadership positions.

All members of SHOT need to know how ASHA is becoming a reality. ASHA is being formed by the Stock Horse of Texas Association as a result of public pressure from other states who want a program modeled after SHOT. The SHOT office has had inquiries from many states such as Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, and Tennessee. regarding starting up a Stock Horse Association in their state modeled after our SHOT program. AHSA's goal will be the same as SHOT's - to teach rider knowledge and skills to maximize horse trainability.

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SHOT will become the first affiliate of ASHA. The SHOT program as we know it will not change and it will continue to serve Texas.

One example of this new national enthusiasm is in New England where an organizational, informational meeting was held in July to explore the organization of a New England Stock Horse Association in preparation for becoming an ASHA affiliate. This group is enthusiastic and ready to move forward with their affiliate of the American Stock Horse Association.

## High Price of Fuel Affecting Horse Industry

The state of the American economy including the increase in fuel prices is causing horse organizations, both large and small to alter their show programs and qualifying show points.

Conversations with SHOT members reveal that fuel costs continue to be a problem for them, and, apparently the cost of fuel and its affects will not be going away in the near future.

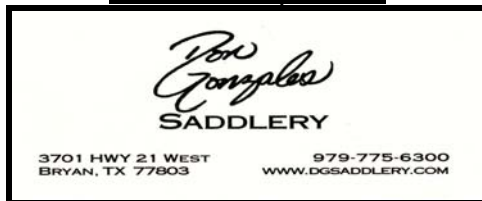
Many of you are developing a buddy system that allows you to consolidate horses in fewer trailers, therefore, cutting travel expenses. This office is available for assistance if you need help in finding someone in your area to pool horses with.

We added 15 enthusiastic new members in Lufkin so this situation is encouraging for SHOT. Meanwhile, consider leaving home 1 hr earlier and driving 10 mp slower, and you will save fuel. This saves cost, as well as being much safer!

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