



**South Carolina Angus Association News
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Happiness, Smiles, Joy, Laughter.....that's the South Carolina State Fair.

I begin today's article with a quote that pretty much sums me up; "I don't know how to find balance, so I find joy." – Mara

Being the Secretary of the South Carolina Angus Association, I am on the road at pretty much all of the sales and all of the junior shows all across South Carolina, documenting and taking pictures, and writing up stories on all of the events, and so once again this year I found myself going to the State Fair, to take pictures of the children and juniors showing their Angus cattle.

Friday, Sheldon and I hit the road to Columbia, parking right at the barn, I immediately jumped out and started taking pictures of the children and juniors and all of the parents and all of the cattle, and we just talked and laughed and saw so many people.

You know there's something about a fair that brings out everything childlike in a person, right?! Wanting to eat cotton candy, or candy apples, wanting to ride rides, wanting to explore and see, and eat hot cookies, looking and laughing and playing games, and singing out loud, and dancing around, now I don't know about you, but that's what it does to me, and so just for the day I was like a child again, filled with joy, just pure joy!

INSERT THE TWO PICS OF ME HERE

2016 South Carolina State Fair Angus Show

Angus exhibitors led 35 entries at the 2016 South Carolina State Fair Angus Show, October 21 in Columbia, S.C. Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala., evaluated the entries before naming champions.

Sights from the fair:



Grand Champion Female; ROSEWOOD Georgina 504 won grand champion female at the 2016 South Carolina State Fair Angus Show, Oct. 21 in Columbia, S.C. Carly Watt, Iva, S.C., owns the January 2015 daughter of S A V Brilliance 8077. Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala., evaluated the 35 entries. Photo by David Gazda, American Angus Association.



Reserve Grand Champion Female; CJ Barbara 8045 won reserve grand champion female at the 2016 South Carolina State Fair Angus Show, Oct. 21 in Columbia, S.C. Breann Steadman, Greenwood, S.C., owns the October 2015 daughter of S A V Perfection 1891. Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala., evaluated the 35 entries. Photo by David Gazda, American Angus Association.



Reserve Grand Champion Bull; Cedar Creek 1101 1501 won reserve grand champion bull at the 2016 South Carolina State Fair Angus Show, Oct. 21 in Columbia, S.C. Breann Steadman, Greenwood, S.C., owns the January 2015 son of Cedar Creek 826T 1101. Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala., evaluated the 35 entries. Photo by David Gazda, American Angus Association.



Reserve Grand Champion Female; CWF Lady Power C116 won reserve grand champion female at the 2016 South Carolina State Fair Junior Angus Show, Oct. 22 in Columbia, S.C. Carly Watt, Iva, S.C., owns the November 2015 daughter of EXAR Classen 1422B. John Rayfield, Lubbock, Texas, evaluated the 0 entries. Photo by David Gazda, American Angus Association.



Overall Showmanship Winner; These junior Angus members won top honors in their division of showmanship at the 2016 South Carolina State Fair Junior Angus Show, Oct. 22 in Columbia, S.C. Pictured from left are Carly Watt, Iva, S.C., Angus show senior champion; Kaylen Ryan, commercial show junior champion and Madilyn Ryan, Angus show junior champion, both of Fair Play, S.C. Photo by David Gazda, American Angus Association.

INSERT MORE FAIR PICTURES HERE.....

I'm thinking about this saying we always us, "Dry as a chip!" and that's exactly what we've got here. We haven't had a drop of rain since Matthew, back on Oct 7th, but man oh man the wind we've had. I remember writing last month and talking about all the water around after Hurricane Matthew, and what a mess for folks in those targeted areas, matter a fact, some of those folks are still trying to get their lives back too normal. We just never know what the next challenge might be as producers, we just face them each day with a grain assault and with the Lord, hoping all will work out okay - for our farms, for our families and for our friends.

Each month I continue to say.....Weather can completely devastate the world and life of a farmer and cattle producer. It can also make a person or break a person. If you're hurting or in need of help in any way, reach out to me. It might be the need for hay, it could be getting your overstocked herd sold down, there are a lot of factors that might be an issue for you, just reach out, I promise I will work hard to find what's needed to help you get thru. This holds true every day for our family of cattle producers, but especially now, after the storm! So, please reach out if you are in need! Also, remember the Cattle Connection is always a month behind, so if you'd like to read the newsletter as it comes out, please go to our website at www.scangus.org and click on our Newsletter tab.

Also, just so everyone knows.....I am so, so very glad all the elections are over, because to tell you the truth, it really started to wear on me, and I have a hard time believing that anyone in Washington has any idea what all is going on in the real world, especially not in my real world!

Hot off the Press:

Reporting on the 2016 Angus Convention for the SCAA, Windy Bartee

The Angus Convention in Indianapolis on November 5-7 opened with the whine of bagpipes. The Gordon Bagpipe Band marched in and around the Sagamore Ballroom at the Indiana Convention Center to announce the Angus business had begun. The bagpipes reminding us that our Angus roots originated in Scotland. In June next year the World Angus Forum will take place in Scotland.

From Scotland, George Grant brought the first three Angus bulls to Victoria, Kansas in 1873. The Angus breed grew from that beginning to the largest registered breed association in the world.

This theme was reiterated in all the presentations, reports and speeches including the five contestants for Miss American Angus. The leaders in our American Angus Association have made some critical and difficult decisions that have brought the Angus to this level of success.

One of the big Angus changing decisions was to form a branded beef label called Certified Angus Beef, CAB. This past year CAB broke all records by selling over one billion pounds of Angus beef. This great demand for our Angus beef puts greater pressure on the Angus breeders to produce more of the quality Angus that the consumer is demanding.

Our commercial beef brothers are seeking to enter into this market by using the data that AAA has accumulated for EPDs and DNA to improve their product as well. This issue is on the table for the leaders of our industry.

The ultimate purpose of the annual meeting is to elect new leaders for the American Angus Association. The SCAA delegates, Kevin Yon of Ridge Spring, Walter Shealy III from Newberry, and Ted Bartee from Clover, cast their votes to select new leaders for AAA during the annual meeting on Monday morning, Nov. 7.



Five new board members were selected from eight candidates. The first ballot elected these four:

Dave Hinman from Montana, Alan Miller from Illinois, Jonathan Perry from Tennessee, Dr. Barry Pollard from Oklahoma. After three more ballots the fifth board member was elected:

Richard Dyar from Alabama. The newly formed-board consists of two members that were former regional managers, a neurosurgeon, a restaurant owner and a former National Junior Angus Board member., but all the board members are Angus breeders of both large and small operations.

Kevin Yon from Ridge Spring, SC has been serving as the treasurer of the AAA. At this meeting Kevin was elected as vice-president. The vote was unanimous. Charlie Boyd II from Mays Lick, KY was elected by the board to fill the office of treasurer. Usually these officers move up each year until they become president of the AAA



Alan Moczygamba, the CEO of the American Angus Association presented the annual report and the long range strategic plan. This work was available in print and deals with the future of the AAA.

This convention also was designed as an educational session for all beef breeders whether Angus or commercial. The session was called The Angus University. Classes dealt with diverse subjects.

Many had to do with the DNA and the genomes of the Angus and the potential of their use in the future of the industry. The first day keynote speakers featured cutting edge information about the research and advances in genomics. Sunday was divided into classes that you could select according to your interests. The classes varied from low-stress movement of cattle, marketing, management tools for the herd, even to advice on ensuring your cattle and land make a smooth transition to your heirs. The classes were arranged to give 24 opportunities for your education.

One of the events that I enjoyed is listening to the speeches of the 5 young women vying for the position of Miss American Angus, from these Keegan Cassady from Normal, Illinois was chosen. She replaces Jera Pipkin of Republic, Missouri as Miss American Angus.

At the Angus Auxiliary breakfast, President Shall Rogen from South Dakota handed over the leadership reins of president to Julie Murnin from Montana. Ann Lamprey from Scott City, Kansas was honored with the Distinguished Woman Award.

Meanwhile the trade show provided many vendors with products that cattle men/women can find useful for their profession. Food for meals were provided by sponsors and always included

Certified Angus Beef in delicious varied forms. Desserts and beverages were included. I just wish some of the recipes were included.

All those present enjoyed the fellowship with old friends. The education opportunities provided and challenged all to take a look at their methods on their farms. The Angus Association has improved the annual meeting event with this new format of the Angus Convention. Next year 2017 the Angus Convention will take place in Fort Worth, Texas. Everything in Texas is big and they plan for this to be big too.

Reported by Windy Bartee, for the SCAA and Sharon Furr.

Thank you so much Ms. Windy – I know you guys had a great time out there!!

And CONGRATULATIONS to you Kevin Yon!!! This is great news! Speaking of the Yon's and Kevin and Lydia, they had a great Fall Sale up on the Ridge as usual, enjoy the story below!



2016 Yon Family Farms Fall Sale

A sunny, warm day was the setting for the Yon Fall Sale on October 29th. The sale offering included both bulls and females, mainly registered Angus, with a select offering of SimAngus and Ultrablacks. The sale was broadcast live on the internet and television using the services of DVAuctions and Superior Productions. This enabled both bidders at the sale and those unable to attend, the opportunity to view the auction and bid. A standing room only crowd was on hand throughout the day as the 323 head came through the ring. A delicious beef stew lunch was served up by neighbors and friends and many former employees and friends were on hand to help make the auction run smoothly. Auctioneers were Mike Jones and Darren Carter. The results of the sale are as follows:

- 82 Coming Two-Year-Old Angus Bulls averaged \$4604
- 10 Coming Two-Year-Old SimAngus Bulls averaged \$4550
- 4 Coming Two-Year-Old Ultrablack Bulls averaged \$4375
- 118 Yearling Angus Bulls averaged \$4083
- 11 Yearling SimAngus Bulls averaged \$3091
- 2 Yearling Ultrablack Bulls averaged \$3250
- 18 Angus Cow-Calf Pairs with September baby calves averaged \$4553
- 24 Angus Bred Heifers averaged \$2913
- 10 Angus Open Heifers averaged \$2950
- 35 Angus Bred Cows averaged \$2951
- 4 SimAngus Cow-Calf Pairs with September baby calves averaged \$3625
- 3 SimAngus Bred Heifers averaged \$2933
- 1 SimAngus Bred Cow averaged \$3100

Top Bull was Lot 2, Yon Final Answer C842 at \$16,000 to Knoll Crest Farms, Red House, VA
Top Females were, Lots 264, 265, and 313A all at \$6500, selling to Eugene Shuffler, Union Grove, NC; Holly Knoll Farms, Batesburg, SC; and Olson Cattle Research, Barnwell, SC, respectively.



Top Bull: Lot 2 -- Yon Final Answer C842









2017 CLEMSON HEIFER SALE

The 2017 Clemson Heifer Sale sponsored by Clemson University and the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association will be held on February 4, 2017 at the Garrison Livestock Arena - Cattle Complex near Clemson following the 2017 Clemson Bull Test Sale.

Only 19 pens of heifers will be accepted due to pen limitations. A nomination fee of \$25 per head to partially cover sale expenses must accompany the completed nomination and herd health forms. Heifers will be screened by an Extension Animal Scientist for quality, muscling, size, structural soundness, body condition and disposition. Contact Dr. Steve Meadows if you are interested in participating at: smdws@clemson.edu

Nominations Forms Due - December 19, 2016

Upcoming Events:

SOF Field Day

Saturday - December 10th at 9:00 A.M.

Spanish Oaks Farm located at 2049 Boyd Rd. Blackstock, S.C. 29014, will be hosting a field day at the farm on December 10, 2016, beginning at 9:00 am.



Will Mahoney, owner of Best Livestock Equipment, will be on site demonstrating how to install the Tire Tank watering troughs and his Hay Saver cone hay feeders.





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Tim Jackson with Purina will be on site demonstrating and talking about the benefits of Wind and Rain Minerals along with the benefits of the Accuration tubs, blocks and liquid.



For more information, call Sharon at 704.577.3639 or email her at spanishoaks@truvista.net. Lunch provided!

Be on the lookout for your voting ballots, coming to your mailbox during the month of December, to elect officers and board members.

If you need to reach me, or if you have something cool to share with me, or if you have any great pictures from any event you have been to, please don't hesitate to call me, or text me, or email me – I'd love to hook up with you.

Don't forget next month I will be working on all the SCAA Directory Ad's, so if you need to send in a check or an attachment for your ad, please do so NOW!

Please send both to me at: SCAA, c/o Sharon Furr - Secretary, 2049 Boyd Road, Blackstock, SC 29014, or to my email address below.

Contact information: 704.577.3639 – spanishoaks@truvista.net

I can't wait to see you on the road, but until then.....



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Sharon