



# STLA NEWS

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Visitors enjoy looking over the herd at the C&W Ranch at Lampasas. Cool winds and sunny skies made for a great day of Longhorn learning and Longhorn fun at the Spring 2005 Field Day.

## April 23rd Field Day & Annual General Meeting was the Hot Happening for Spring

The cold, chilly north wind that blew in that late April morning just wasn't stiff enough to cool off the day's festivities for the STLA Spring 2005 Field Day and Annual General Meeting. From most accounts, if you weren't one of the over 65 members and guests who attended the event, you missed one of the hottest Field Days in STLA history!

While the coffee pot worked overtime to help kill the chill, the morning activities were kicked-off with a ranch tour hosted by Allen and Suzanne Perry at Pearl Longhorn Ranch. After the tour, guests settled in under the big tent to listen to Dr. Barry Lambert, from the Animal Sciences Department at Tarleton State University give a special presentation on "Feeding Strategies for Longhorns." Pearl Ranch

hands served a buffet lunch during the noon hour and attendees found time for visiting and some more Longhorn gawking as the weather started to mellow into a sunny spring afternoon.

STLA President, Christy Randolph opened the 2005 Annual General Meeting after the luncheon with membership and financial reports from board officers. Election of the 2005-2006 Board of Directors was held with Christy Randolph remaining as President of the organization for another term, Rick Adams continuing as Vice-President and Membership Chair, Clarence Harabis as Vice-President, Bill Plaisance and Barbara Homer again elected to continue as STLA Treasurer and Secretary

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### STLA Members Stay in the News with Spring Sales and Wins at the World Show

Springtime for the serious Texas Longhorn breeder is punctuated with some basic rituals – and our STLA membership helped make headlines at some of these popular annual events.

#### Red McCombs Fiesta Texas Sale

Longtime STLA members Red & Charline McCombs once again hosted this annual red-hot bidding showdown on May 7th at the RM Ranch near Johnson City. The turnout was one of the largest in recent years and the sale featured 120 registered lots which garnered an average selling price of \$7,068. The Friday night pre-sale party treated guests to bar-b-que, music and dancing, and a lively panel discussion which featured well-known breeders, Bill Hudson and Bow Carpenter, along with STLA's Joel Lemley and Kim Richey. Each gave a short presentation about their adventures in the Longhorn business and an overview of their breeding program.



#### The 2005 Millenium Futurity Show & Sale

The annual "coming out" party for the some of the best young heifers and bulls in the industry was held in Hattiesburg, MS on May 20th. Once again, STLA folks left their mark on this event where breeders

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## We need your e-mail address!

We are updating our membership files. Please send your current e-mail address to Membership Chair, Rick Adams (gusadams@ev1.net). We are starting to send association information and announcements out via e-mail, so be sure we can find you.

## Members in the News

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gather to show and sell some of the finest new Longhorns and a few from our organization walked away with a little extra change in their pockets for their show wins.

Those on the Top 15 List of high-selling heifers included: Kay and Ted Roush, Schulenberg, with the sale of *ASOCL Hot Shot Queen* for \$8,100; Star Creek Ranch of Somerville, with the sale of *She's A Hillary* at \$7,500; and John & Christy Randolph of Smithville selling *Turbo's Solitaire* for \$5,000.

Kay and Ted Roush also took a big First Place win in the Jan-April '04 Bulls classification at the Futurity Show with *ASOCL Helluvabull*.

## World Show Caps Off the Show Season in "Grand" Fashion

Early June marks that special time when all qualifying show people pack it up and head to Fort Worth for the finale of the show season. This year fellow STLA breeders came home with some big wins and proud smiles.

In the Haltered Division, the Peoples / Lomaglio Partnership (Tom & Mary Beth Peoples of Quail Ridge Ranch in Burnet) took one of the top honors when *QR King of Broken Hearts* was named as the 2005 TLBAA World Grand Champion Bull. He was first crowned as the World Champion Junior Bull.

In the Trophy Steer Division, once again, the title of 2005



***This beautiful original watercolor of Classy Blubutler, painted and donated by STLA's Lonnie Shan, was the top-selling item at the Silent Auction held during the STLA Annual General Meeting and Field Day on April 23rd. This and many other lovely items sold during the auction helped to raise almost \$1,200 needed to fund various STLA events in the coming year. Winning bidders for this painting were Wes & Carol Chancey of Lampasas.***

TLBAA World Grand Champion Trophy Steer was awarded to the renowned, Wow KCC, owned by Kimble Cattle Company, in Karnes, City, making him a five-time winner of this title. Wow also received the title of World Senior Champion Trophy Steer.

The 2005 World Reserve Junior Champion Trophy Steer award went to Sunrise Studly (aka Bevo XIV), owned by John T. & Betty Baker of Liberty Hill.

Randy Holmes and Thelma Garza of HG Long-

horns in Robstown, received the Col. Fraser West Texas Twist Award for their outstanding Longhorn steer, HG Chico.

Congratulations to all of the winners for 2005 and to all STLA folks who compete in shows throughout the season.

Watch for upcoming information about the Spring 2006 San Antonio Stock Show and the 2006 Star of Texas Show in Austin. Mark your calendars now and join in the fun of showing your animals and promoting the Texas Longhorn breed at these great shows in the central Texas area.

# President's Letter

Dear Members:

Well, it's out with the old and *in with the "old"*.....the STLA membership has voted that I serve as your president for another term. I'll try not to mess this up much! I'm gratified that you've decided that I can be an effective leader for STLA; but the credit has to go to the dedicated Board of Directors that lead us. We have a lot of "heads up" thinking and "out of the box" creativity from this board – which leads me to Steven Zunker.

Steven is the brainchild behind the idea of STLA being very much at the forefront of the Membership Directory advertising in July, 2005. He thought of, developed, and pitched the idea of offering ad spaces in the July *TRAILS* issue that reaches over 5,000 members of TLBAA. The Membership Directory is published every two years, so your ad, if you chose to place one, can have some far-reaching effects! When Steven offered his idea, Suzanne Perry quickly volunteered to help with art and production, and, together, have forged ahead with this wonderful plan. Thanks to you both for the ingenuity and the hard work! I can't leave out Rick Adams, who has provided some valuable marketing insight as well. The end result of this idea is a beautiful 4-page color advertisement in the July *TRAILS* featuring 22 ranches from our membership. Be sure to check this out, and if you weren't able to participate this time, STLA plans to offer another co-op ad later in the year.

While I'm thanking folks, I must not leave out the Perrys and the Chanceys for opening up their homes and ranches to the many of us attending the AGM on April 23rd. WOW, what a treat! The guest speakers were excellent, the food was terrific, the views spectacular. I must say, it was a great day! Thank you, guys, for doing this thing RIGHT!

We have some busy times ahead. Watch the STLA calendar for upcoming events. We are moving ahead with the San Antonio and Austin shows and are investigating the possibilities of working with the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce about helping with a Longhorn Show in their venue. With all the successful sales lately, it looks like there are sure to be some exciting times for all who wish to participate. Don't get left in the dust!! Be visible. Till our paths cross again.....

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Christy Randolph, *President*

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respectively. New board members chosen for upcoming two-year terms included Steven Zunker, Theresa Castillo, and Suzanne Perry. Cal Monger agreed to complete the unexpired term for former director, Pat Beach, who died in early April.

The meeting continued with reports on the successful San Antonio and Star of Texas Shows that are sponsored annually by the STLA and a preliminary discussion about the possibility of STLA becoming involved in the sponsorship of another Longhorn Show in the Rockdale area in 2006.

Steven Zunker presented information to the membership about running a cooperative ad for STLA in the upcoming July 2005 *Trails* Membership Directory issue. The group ad would allow for a slightly cheaper rate for individual ranches running a full-color ad and also generate some extra revenue for STLA depending on the number of ads sold. His proposal was greeted with great response from those present and several ranches ordered spot ads that day to be included in the large co-op ad. (*Editor's note: Look for this in the July issue of the Trails with over twenty STLA member ranches highlighted in the advertisement.*) At the conclusion of the 2005 Annual General Meeting, the Field Day activities moved to the C&W Ranch about 25 minutes away (> *continued on page 6*)



## Summer is Heating Up and So Are Those Cows! Heat Detection Tips for Cattlemen

### Early Signs - Before a Cow is in Standing Heat

1. A small string of mucous may drip from a reclining cow a day or two before she comes into standing heat.
2. A heifer bawls when others are quiet. This sign is not often seen in cows.
3. The cow or heifer is more alert or observant; looking around and watching for other cows in heat.
4. The cow walks in a rapid, business-like manner. While other cows may saunter, she walks as if she has places to go.
5. She may remain standing up when all of her herdmates are lying down.

### Signs of Standing Heat

1. The cow will sniff other cows much in the

same way a bull checks for heat.

2. She stands still to be ridden (the single best sign of heat).
3. She will attempt to ride other cows.
4. She places her head on the back or rump of other cows or throws her head up as if attempting to mount. When she mounts, a copious string of mucous will often be expelled. If she is in heat, pelvic thrusts will be vigorous much like a bull.
5. Mucous can often be seen on the tail or rump.
6. She will attempt to join up with other cows in heat. If a fence prevents this, she will be seen walking the fenceline.
7. Cows in heat will stand closer together than normal. An aerial photograph would show cows in heat standing closer to each other than those in the herd that are not in heat.
8. The cow may be followed and/or ridden by

young bull calves (as young as 3-4 months old) if they are in the same pasture with her.

9. The first signs of standing heat will occur twelve to sixteen hours before ovulation when the cow's ovary sheds an egg. Natural breeding or artificial insemination should occur during this time window to have the best chance for fertilization.

### Late Signs - Cow has Just Gone Out of Heat

1. The cow will have wet or matted hair, particularly over the top of the shoulders.
2. Hair on the tail or rump may be slightly matted where mucous has dried.
3. There may be mud or dirt apparent on the hips or hair rubbed off where other cows (or the bull, if present) has ridden her.

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**Krazy K Longhorns** - "Crazy about our Longhorns ... Serious about the breed." Offering straight Butler and blended genetics. Senior herd sire, Shakota Chex (Coach x Hatchet) and junior bulls by VJ Tommie, GF Southbrooke, and 585 Overwhelming Toro. 2004 heifers for sale; some are Millennium Futurity eligible. Theo & Gail Kocian, phone (361) 798-6774, [klonghorns@aol.com](mailto:klonghorns@aol.com).

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**JC Longhorns** Victoria, Texas. Expecting calves from our junior herd sire in the near future. We also have all types of Longhorns for sale at all times. Call (361) 648-6249 or e-mail to [charabis@hotmail.com](mailto:charabis@hotmail.com).

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**C&W Ranch.** Wes & Carol Chancey, Lampasas, Texas. The 2005 calves will be our last by Liberator's Leprechaun. We have several excellent herd sire and show-quality bull calves available. A couple of the flashy bull calves would make excellent trophy/show steers. Watch our nursery grow through our website! We are also offering our Junior Herdsire, CWR Intrepid Ranger, by private treaty. Call (512) 556-8186; or visit our website at [www.cwlonghorns.com](http://www.cwlonghorns.com). Our e-mail is [cwlonghorns@texas.com](mailto:cwlonghorns@texas.com).

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**Box Z Ranch** - Registered Texas Longhorns. Stockdale, Texas. New calves have arrived from our herd sire, Spook KCC (Senator, Shadow, Classic, Texas Ranger JP, Overwhelmer's Jack, and Overwhelmer in background). Located 30 miles southeast of San Antonio and 30 miles south of Seguin. We'd love to show you around! Visit us at [www.boxzranch.com](http://www.boxzranch.com) or call (210) 827-3940.

**Lemley Longhorn Ranch** - Joel & Shirley Lemley, Blackwell, Texas. Home of Tri 7 Southern Emperor. Phone (325) 282-4006 or e-mail to [sdl@camalott.com](mailto:sdl@camalott.com).

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**Whether you need show or pasture cattle;** we have cattle for sale at all times. Also, we are partners in the Millennium Futurity, so anything you purchase is eligible for the Futurity. Stop by anytime. Lonesome Pines Ranch; John & Christy Randolph; (713) 703-8458.

**J-B Longhorn Ranch** - Jim and Barbara Homer. *Our Gentle Giants Are "User Friendly."* We now have two outstanding young bulls in our pasture - a brown & white Leprechaun son and a grulla & white Abraham son. Heifers and bull calves for sale. For more info call (512) 858-7246 or e-mail to [jbarblonghorns@aol.com](mailto:jbarblonghorns@aol.com).

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**Quail Ridge Ranch - Burnet, Texas.** Tom and Mary Beth Peoples. Come see our fall calves and Spring 2005 calves sired by QR It's A Lonely Knight and 4K Daytona. [www.peoplestx.com](http://www.peoplestx.com). Phone: (512) 756-2999.

**Longbranch Longhorns.** Cattle for sale at all times. Top lineage, docile longhorns that have it all! Color, conformation, and some of the longest horns in central Texas. Jimmy & Joann Muse. (512) 253-6722 or [longbranch@ev1.net](mailto:longbranch@ev1.net).

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**Rocking "O" Ranch,** featuring heifers and bulls from Brawl (Overwhelmer x India) and Blue Jacket (Abraham X Hello Dolly), the 1999 TLBT National Grand Champion. Blue Jacket is for lease (\$100 per month) or sale (\$2,500). Located 20 miles south of Austin. Call for a photo price list or ranch visit. Curtis Ohlendorf, (512) 327-5766; e-mail: [c.ohlendorf@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:c.ohlendorf@mail.utexas.edu).

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**Heartland Ranch Longhorns** - Robert & Polly Housewright, Harwood, Texas. Call (830) 540-3678 or e-mail us at [robpol@gvtc.com](mailto:robpol@gvtc.com).

**Travis Peak Ranch** has acquired interest in these big-horned bulls: (1) High Point FD, (an Overwhelmer son and high-selling bull at the '03 Gathering Sale), (2) Red Ranger 17, (stacked pedigree Phenomenon son), and (3) Comanche 22, (straight Butler bull). Also, we have show heifer prospects sired by Abraham, Ahab, and ER's Deadly Weapon. Call Bob Coffee at (512) 474-5261 or e-mail to [gkcoffee@aol.com](mailto:gkcoffee@aol.com).

## Heat Detection Tips

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4. If heifers have been branded several weeks earlier, the scab may have been rubbed off during riding.
5. A cow that is tired from being ridden will be lying down when others may be up and grazing.
6. A string of blood-tinged mucous on the tail or rump is an indicator the cow was in heat two to three days earlier.

### Other Signs of Heat

1. The vulva of a cow in heat is more

swollen, moist, smooth, and reddened than that of a cow not in heat.

2. The lining of the vulva becomes dark pink or bright red in color indicative of more blood flow to the area during heat.
3. The cow will be seen butting heads with other cows.
4. The udder and teats of a cow (with a calf at side) will become tighter and more swollen because she has not had the opportunity to nurse regularly.

### Times to Watch for Heat

1. A Canadian study showed that 68% of mountings occur between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00

a.m. (This is further broken down to show that 25% occur between 6:00 p.m. and midnight and 43% occur between midnight to 6:00 a.m.). Therefore, late in the evening and early in the morning are the best times to watch your cows for signs of heat.

2. Take plenty of time when checking your cows. A few minutes is not sufficient. Spend 20-30 minutes of constant observation to get a good take on what's happening in the pasture.
3. If necessary, confine the herd to a small grazing area to make your observation time easier and more efficient.

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## Astera Meadows Ranches

Coupland, Texas

“When Wilton Wilton gets an idea in his head, he usually does what he wants,” Carolyn said not too long ago as she reflected on the almost 20 years she and Wilton have been raising Registered Texas Longhorn cattle. Wilton and Carolyn have cattle on their 20-acre home ranch at Coupland, Texas where they develop their show calves and on their almost 300-acre working ranch near Bryan-College Station where they keep the seed stock for the business. “We started with two bred cows, one with a heifer calf, in 1987, on 50 unimproved acres,” Wilton said. They wanted to start with a heifer Betty Lamb and her manager, Bob Ferguson, had recommended on a tour of Betty’s ranch early in 1986, but the calf, which turned out to be Lamb’s Miss Bar M One Step, was a little more than they wanted to spend. However, they did leave the ranch tour with two friends and mentors that would turn out to be invaluable to their ranch endeavors. “Betty was a great friend and more than that, a truly wonderful person,” Carolyn said. “She introduced us to the old Longhorn bloodlines and some of the foundation breeders of the business. We still have some of those great bloodlines in our herd.”

“Like most every other Longhorn breeder,” Wilton says, “our initial goals were to have a few Texas Longhorn cattle to enjoy and be part of the Texas Heritage.” They joined the TLBAA and STLA, went on numerous ranch tours, and attended sales. They found the friendships they made and the lifestyle of these ranchers to be appealing. Also, they found they needed to have a name, a ranch brand, and a focus. “Focus and plans are a big part of me,” Wilton goes on. “I can’t just put a couple of cows in the pasture to watch. I have to have a purpose. So we sat down and developed a direction.”

The name for the Astera Meadows Ranches came from the condition of the land when the Wilton’s started. There were meadows of wildflowers of the *asteraceae* or *star* family. Their brand uses the first letters of these three words combined. Anita Wappler gets the credit for a big part of their breeding plan. “You need to show,” she said. “It’s enjoyable and you meet a lot of great people.” They chose a heifer they thought met the show criteria, hired a fitter, and jumped in “over our heads,” Carolyn says. “We’ve experienced all the emotions of showing. It just comes with the territory.” Now showing is just part of the business. It’s the promotion side— along with newspaper



*Two of the warmest smiles you'll ever find around a show barn will be those of veteran Longhorn ranchers, Wilton and Carolyn Wilton. Whether it's exhibiting their own cattle, running the show ring, or helping others learn the ropes on the show circuit, Wilton & Carolyn have been top leaders and avid supporters of the TLBAA and STLA for many, many years.*

classifieds, a web site, ads in selected issues of the *Trails*, show banners, and class sponsorships.

Wilton and Carolyn raise cattle with strict show quality and conformation. “We subscribe to the published traits of the TLBAA,” Wilton says. He believes the Texas Longhorn is a beef animal and should have the ability to put meat on its bones and raise a calf. He went to every school and seminar he could find, read every book and sale catalog and recommends that anyone starting in the business do the same.

Wilton adds, “I still think I made every mistake possible starting out. And these wonderful cattle are still teaching me a thing or two. An old rancher repeats often to me, ‘It’s always *something*. You better look for the lesson in every *something*.’”

“Bob Kropp told me once that you’re making decisions today for results four years down the road,” Wilton goes on. They use five bulls, each bull for his own purpose. They designate a junior herd sire for selected first calf heifers because of size matching. They use an aggressive, small frame typical Longhorn senior sire for difficult breeding heifers; he shows them what it’s all about. Wilton is

thinks there is no perfect animal and plans his matings after careful study of the bloodlines, advice from colleagues, and years of watching Longhorn history. A great cow will work with most any bull, but sometimes there is a mismatch; and you must learn from it. While a great bull will improve a whole herd, a great cow with the right bull produces winners in the show ring and a strong foundation family within your herd. “We have several strong foundation families,” Wilton says to illustrate. “Our ‘Joyful’ family goes back to ‘Stonewall’s O-Be-Joyful.’ We are, today, producing class winners from cows in this family.” However, he insists on maintaining the great bloodlines: Each of their three senior bulls has the bluest of blue ribbon bulls in their pedigree. He adds that artificial insemination also plays a big part in their program, “We don’t want to become too stereotypical. Using A.I. is how we bring horn to these show cattle.”

They subscribe to good record keeping with a daily journal for referencing years down the road. “I can tell my customer information they need for registrations and transfers,” Wilton says. Their records were computerized before LonghornMax came along; and they easily imported their records to the LHMax application. In addition, he still has a library of almost every longhorn publication, show, and sale catalog ever printed. “I needed this information to fill out my LHMax pedigrees,” Wilton says. He believes the information is invaluable to research an unexpected result of a breeding. He documents the calving results with photographs each year for backup information.

They are proud to say they have introduced over 50 breeders to the cattle and the TLBAA. Their support of the youth of the TLBT and FFA groups is evident from the AMR brand on cattle shown by Gold Merit winners, Ferris HS FFA, and Katie and Kari Dennis over the years.

“All I can say is,” Wilton concludes, “I have the best partner in the business with Carolyn, the best cattle to raise with Texas Longhorns, the best climate (you may think I’m lying but just look at Iowa and Nebraska), and the best copilot with God steering me when I stray. You are welcome anytime. Come see us and I’ll show you what I mean.”

You can visit Wilton and Carolyn Wilton at the Astera Meadows Ranches in Coupland or find them online at [www.asterameadows.com](http://www.asterameadows.com). Their phone number is (512) 856-2230.



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STLA members and guests enjoyed the bar-b-que supper as part of the Field Day fun.

## Spring 2005 Field Day and AGM

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near Lampasas. Wes & Carol Chancey opened their beautiful home to the group for the afternoon portion of the fun and started the festivities there with a walking tour to view their herd and facilities.

The excitement continued and the bidding heated up with the opening of the Silent Auction following the ranch tour. Various members and guests donated many outstanding Longhorn household and ranch items, delightful gifts, and beautiful paintings which were sold in the auction to generate funds for future STLA activities.

One of the highlights of the afternoon agenda was the very informative slide presentation by fellow Longhorn breeder and professor, Dr. David Hillis, from the University of Texas at Austin, who spoke to the group on the "Genetics of Longhorn Coloration," based on his recent five-part series in the *Trails* magazine. After his presentation, Hillis opened the floor for discussion and answered specific questions from breeders about their herd and coloration.

Guests were then treated to a delicious Bar-B-Que supper at 6 PM on the back lawn and the fellowship and fun continued into evening. High bidders for the auction items were announced after dinner and almost \$1,200 was raised from the auction.

Keep watch for upcoming information about the next STLA Field Day to be scheduled sometime in Fall 2005.



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