

# NWSA Good Go

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### Fall Classic Update

September 17 – 20, 2015

Jimmy Robertson, Judge

Oregon Horse Center,  
Eugene Oregon

*There will be an Oregon  
football game in town so get  
your hotel reservations soon!*

#### Host Hotel:

Valley River Inn  
1000 Valley River Way  
Eugene OR 97401  
(541) 743-1000

**GROUP CODE:  
0930NWSA**

Group Rate: \$104.00

## Presidents Message

“Celebrating the Past, Riding the Present, Dreaming the Future”

♪ *I'm all about that horse* ♪

There is a catchy phrase of a pop song out currently that got me thinking—I'm all about that horse. If you are an American Saddlebred I don't care where in the Northwest your barn is or if you are short or you are tall. I don't care what your job is, if you are a dressed up Saturday night stake horse or you are a laid back, kicked back, cow pony rounding up cows. I'm all about that horse. No troubles. I don't care if you are a new born foal or a retiree with a young rider wanting to brush you all day long because you smell like a horse. If you are the world's best pasture ornament eating grass all day or you are a prima donna turning your nose up at everything but the finest hay, as long as you have the heart of an American Saddlebred don't worry ----- Cause, I'm all about that horse, no troubles!

I am totally honored to have been recently elected President of the NWSA in a very exciting time of growth. We are projecting between a 5 to 10% increase in membership this year. Breeders are planning on more breedings and we are hoping for more participation in our Futurity with a larger reward for the winners. Last year's weanling filly received just over \$300. We are looking at a possibility this year's winner may receive almost 3 times that amount. Start dreaming about your weanling now!

Our website [www.nwsaddlebreds.org](http://www.nwsaddlebreds.org) has been updated already, with a complete new design in the works that you can be proud to send your friends to. They can see why you are so excited about the American Saddlebred in the Northwest. Our Youth Group is very active and excited for projects to work on. Oh yeah, did I mention the Scholarship money that the NWSA has available for Junior Members!! Our Good Go Newsletter will be published electronically with articles of interest to all Saddlebred owners throughout the Northwest. Our crowning jewel The NWSA Fall Classic and Futurity plans are in place for September 17<sup>th</sup> to be the start of our best Fall Classic ever. (Hard to top last year!) Mr. Jimmy Robertson will be our Judge.

On top of all that, we as owners, have the chance to share our love of the American Saddlebred at every corner! If it doesn't show, I want you to know I am excited for the coming year!

Doug Cross, President



## Dick Boettcher Stables Open House

A big “thank you” to Dick Boettcher and Eduardo Castillo for a wonderful Sunday morning open house. We were treated to homemade tamales, wonderful sweets and lots of hot coffee to enjoy, while watching Eduardo ride and work several exciting, talented young horses. The weather was crisp, clear and sunny – making the morning a wonderful way to end our convention weekend!

## 2015 NWSA CONVENTION

### *SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LIVE AUCTION DONORS*

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Family**

Culminating the 2014 show season, the annual NWSA convention once again did not disappoint. NWSA members and friends came from across the Pacific Northwest to attend this event which kicked off Friday evening and ran through Saturday night closing with a delightful banquet and awards ceremony. Held at the Embassy Suites in Bellevue, WA, the hotel lobby was packed with friends of the NWSA enjoying mingling and bidding on the abundance of silent auction items. Alan Bosworth, keynote speaker, presented an entertaining and insightful overview of opportunities to promote the American Saddlebred and to educate the public on this historic breed. (*[Click here for a link to video of Mr. Bosworth presentation.](#)*) He followed up with a challenging trivia exercise covering both local as well as national Saddlebred lore. On Saturday afternoon, he participated in a round table discussion, further developing his thoughts on outreach. Alan was accompanied to the convention by the rest of the Bosworth family. McGee Bosworth gave an inspirational speech for the youth exhibitors sharing her successes as a Junior Exhibitor.

At Saturday’s banquet, Laurel Nelson, inducted into the NWSA Hall of Fame during the convention, gave an impressive speech about the history of the American Saddlebred and the breed’s influence in America both inside and outside the show ring.

A warm welcome and congratulations to the 2015 NWSA Board of Directors; Doug Cross elected as President, Vice President is Ginger Perry-Failor, Treasurer Heidi Cuddeford, Secretary Jeff Frechette, Stephanie Schoenborne Youth Coordinator, Pam Christensen Silver Circuit, Cathy Sauer Outreach, Ben Lachman in charge of membership, Dana Paparo professional spokesperson and Mel Lueck is the Futurity Coordinator. We’re looking forward to the 2015 season and everything the NWSA brings to the region.

“Go to: [www.nwsaddlebreds.org](http://www.nwsaddlebreds.org) for a complete convention report and listing of 2014 Silver Circuit award winners”

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## Spotlight on Hank Rumburg

Hank Rumburg and his pony "Breezeland's Traviata" are the 2013 and 2014 NWSA Silver Circuit Roadster Pony under Saddle Champions. Many of us have been lucky enough to watch the dynamic duo but who is the kid behind those silks?

When Hank is not practicing with his pony he attends Ridgeline Montessori School in Eugene, OR. He serves as Student Council Representative for his class and based his running platform for election on the idea that kids need more recess!! His favorite part of school is hanging out with his friends, playing football and doing research for class projects. Hank loves hunting, tagging his first deer at age 9. Talking about things that go boom..He has a pretty good knowledge about tanks and weapons from World War II. While on a break from recess Hank's favorite class is history of that era.

Hank's horse show goal is to ride at the World Championships. According to Hank, "It's ok if I don't win, it would just be so awesome to get to go!" Hank wants to be a famous horse trainer someday. He already is teaching a young friend to ride his pony and she is planning to show "Belle" this year. This year Hank plans on driving more and showing his Mom's horse in walk, trot and canter classes! We all know Hank loves to go fast to prove that he wants to fly airplanes—jets I'm sure.

One more thing about Hank that I **didn't** see coming --favorite meal ... Sushi!!

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## Youth Group Report

Welcome to all of the NWSA youth! My name is Stella Frechette and I am the new President of the NWSA Youth Group. Let me first thank Katy May for the terrific job she did as our president the last couple of years--thank you so much! I am really looking forward to another great year of riding and spending time with old friends and making some new ones too. Show season is just around the corner and I have been thinking about what the youth group can add. I have been thinking a lot about what to work on this year and have 3 areas I would love to work on: Firstly I would love to make the shows as much fun as possible! Secondly, I am hoping that we can help to get more people in stands cheering us on and getting our horses excited to be performing. Lastly, let's continue to do some great fundraising and have some fun while we are at it!

I always have so much fun at Fall Classic! There are so many fun things happening there. It got me thinking that maybe we can add some fun activities to some of the other shows. Key Classic is during Mother's day so I had this idea of having the youth write some letters thanking their moms for all that they do for us and we can have the announcer read them between classes. I'm sure not only would our moms love to hear the stories but so would everyone else. I was also thinking that for C-fair we could do a scavenger hunt again--that was tons of fun! Maybe we could even do an outdoor movie with popcorn and drinks. These are just a couple of ideas to get you all thinking of some on your own--please share any of them with me!

I know my horse loves to be cheered on and so do I! I have been thinking of some ways to get more people in the stands. One of the ways I already mentioned: those thank-yous to moms should bring some more people in there. I was also hoping that we could come up some ways to lure some others in there as well. I thought of this idea of "come watch my class." The youth can go around the stables passing out flowers, polishing boots, grooming horses, sweeping aisles, whatever?? And when someone asks "how much does it cost/" We say "come watch my class!" So if any of you youth have some great ideas for this campaign let me know!

Fundraising...ughh. Fun-Raising is more of what I have in mind. We can still do the raffle tickets and silent auctions but I would love it if every time someone saw the youth roaming the aisles and approaching it was not about collecting money. Maybe we can reach outside the horseshow crowd and do some fundraising in the community. Last year I got Mudbay to donate treat bags two days before the show and got a promise of big baskets for Fall Classic this year full of leashes, collars, etc. I think we can have some fun together, make some new friends, and spread the word about our sport!

This show season will be outstanding but different and changing just like it has been the last 100 years or so, but that is what makes it fun and interesting. As president of the youth group I want to make sure not to cross or under-cross the line of too much change and not enough, which can be difficult. So setting out for this years' goals let's make shows more fun and entertaining, more people in the stands supporting and cheering us on, and keeping some fundraising that will still be fun, eventful and successful. I hope everyone an amazing 2015 full of happiness, love, hope, and most of all time with their beautiful American Saddlebred!

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If you have an article or information you would like to see on our website, please send the information to Ginger Perry-Failor at [vperryfailor@gmail.com](mailto:vperryfailor@gmail.com)

### *In Memory of Edgar Ross*

Edgar Floyd Ross passed away on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at the age of 90 in Sacramento, CA surrounded by his family. Born in Central Point, Oregon on October 4, 1924. Edgar was the son of the late Floyd Angus Ross and Mildred Lura Slayton Ross. The Ross and Slayton families were Oregon pioneers, having traveled west on the Oregon Trail in the mid 1860's. They staked homesteads in Prineville and Southern Oregon. In 1936 Edgar moved from Central Point with his family to Prineville. They settled on the Slayton family farm. Edgar graduated from Crook County High School in Prineville. He was drafted into Army service in 1943 and was off to Europe to serve in WWII. He landed on the beaches of Normandy shortly after D-Day and was later promoted to Sergeant, 514<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion. Edgar fought under General Patton, helping liberate Nazi concentration camps and fought in The Battle of the Bulge. Edgar graduated from Oregon State College (University) in 1949, thirty years after his mother graduated in 1919 and then his son thirty years after Edgar in 1979. Edgar had a long career with the Oregon Department of Agriculture in Salem. He worked with farmers through the division of commodity commissions promoting agriculture to the world. He was named to the Oregon State Agriculture Hall of Fame. His honor resides at the Oregon State University Alumni Center in Corvallis. Edgar and his wife of 62 years, Janet, loved to travel. Janet was Edgar's constant companion to the Agriculture Events throughout the United States. Edgar was an active member of Rotary. His love for floral design and decorating was an added addition to many Rotary functions. Janet was with Edgar at every Rotary Event supporting the many charitable activities Rotary contributed to. Edgar had a lifelong love of horses, particularly hackney ponies. Edgar was a legacy member of the Northwest Saddlebred Association Hall of Fame. Edgar's family would like to thank Sunrise Assisted Living of Fair Oaks, CA for their faithful loving and compassionate care that allowed Edgar dignity the last seven months of his life. Edgar is survived by his wife of 62 years, Janet, daughter Elizabeth Simmons of Fair Oaks, CA (Bob), son David of Spokane, WA, granddaughter Megan Seattle, WA, grandson Brian Fair Oaks, CA, Brother John (Beth), Cousin Jean (Jim), a nephew and nieces.

Services were held Tuesday, March 3rd at 3pm at City View Cemetery Chapel, Salem OR

Donations in Edgar's name may be made to the Northwest Saddlebred Association Youth Program, NWSA, Heidi Cuddeford, 23065 NE Hyland Drive Newberg, OR 97132

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