



THE *Galloway* DISPATCH

GALLOWAY: MAKING CATTLE GREAT AGAIN

2022 National Western Stock Show

**February
2022**

The National Western Stock Show (NWSS) reconvened after a one year Covid19 hiatus in 2020. This was also the inaugural year for the completely reimaged and newly constructed Yards.

By all reports, the new facilities are excellent. Electricity is available in every pen, adding a new element to the Yards, namely quietness! The wash racks are plentiful and offer cold and hot water. Water hydrants are located in each aisle nearby every pen, so long hauls with five gallon buckets are a thing of the past.

The new pens are 24' x 32', created with new pipe panels that utilize some wood infill. The panels are already equipped with cabling to hang farm signage.

In the reconstruction process, some of the bricks and lumber from the old Yards were repurposed as accent work in the new Yards building and Herd Bull Display area. The new Yards building includes the Yards offices, numerous restroom facilities, two bars and meeting rooms which overlook the new Herd Bull Display area.



Making Galloway Cattle look awesome in the ring! L to R: Chuck Cole, Brady Strand, Patti Blake, Harley Blegen, Michelle Blegen, Rex Berry, Eli Berry, Darrell Riemer, Ryan Scott. Not pictured, Mark Riemer

A big shout out to this group of breeders and helpers who made sure the Galloway breed was on hand for this 'New Inaugural' NWSS show. If you watched the show online, you saw the high quality Galloway cattle that represented our breed in Denver this year. If you missed the show, enjoy the photos in this issue.

"The two most powerful warriors are patience and time."

~ Leo Tolstoy

War and Peace.

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Galloway: When it absolutely has to be the BEST beef.



Grand Champion Bull
Strand's Jackpot S1J



Grand Champion Female
Berry's Heavenly 6H



Reserve Champion Bull
HB Just Right 3591



Reserve Champion Female
Bar R Kibby 25J



Champion Percentage Female
Berry's Miss Red 17



Reserve Champion Percentage Female
HB Jasmine5481

2022 NWSS Galloway Show Results

Heifers Calved after July 1, 2021

1st Berry's Jade 15J

Heifers Calved April-June 2021

Bar R Kibby 25J

Heifers calved January-March 2021

HB Jewel 2421

Heifers Calved January - June 2020

1st Berry's Heavenly 6H

2nd Bar R Daphine 33H

3rd Strand's Harper S1H

Certified Bred Female born prior to July 1 2019

Champion: HB Glamour Girl 3059



Carcass Champion
Bar R Daphine 33H

For Carcass Results see page 5

Grand Champion Female

Berry's Heavenly 6H

Reserve Grand Champion Female

Bar R Kibby 25J

Champion Junior Heifer

Berry's Heavenly 6H

Reserve Champion Junior Heifer

Bar R Kibby 25J

Grand Champion Senior Female

Berry's Faye 28AF

Reserve Champion Senior Female

Bar R Hope 27A

Grand Champion Percentage Heifer

Berry's Miss Red 17

Reserve Champion Percentage Heifer

HB Jasmine 5481

Grand Champion Pair-of-Females

Blegen Galloways

Reserve Champion Pair-of-Females

Berry Ranch

Cow/Calf Pair

1st Berry Ranch

2nd Bar R Galloways

Best Progeny of Dam

Berry Ranch

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and Richard Serr.

Leslea Hodgson led a discussion on the Galloway branded apparel. She said the silk screener and embroidery shop had a minimum production run on number of units. Leslea wanted to know if the minimum orders were not reached would the AGBA be interested in purchasing apparel for future resale? Minimum order of t-shirts is 12 of each design and embroidery item minimum is 4. The manufacturer would let a jacket and a sweatshirt both count toward the minimum of 4 units. Leslea had sent an email to the directors recently which detailed the specifics of prices and sizes of the t-shirts and jackets.

Eli Berry made a motion that the Association cover the number of units needed to complete a minimum apparel order, Leslea seconded. After some discussion, the motion carried.

The next discussion was on breed promotion. The \$1400 promotion budget was expected to be used for ads and give-away items at shows. It was determined that this item could not be discussed further until the 2022 proposed budget was created.

Richard Serr started a discussion on the 2022 National Western Stock Show Herd Bull Display. He asked if the expenditure had been approved, and had it been paid. Terry Marcotte indicated that the invoice had been paid. Regarding the AGBA website: Richard Serr shared that he had updated the Directors information and

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**Right: Grand Champion
Mature Bull
Berry's Empire 128E**

**Top: Grand Champion Female
Berry's Heavenly 6H**

**Left: Grand Champion Percent-
age Heifer, Berry's Miss Red 17**



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	VID	Weight	REA	REA/CWT	%IMF	FAT	
Bar R Galloways	Bar R Kibby 25J	500	7.23	1.45	3.45	0.30	
Bar R Galloways	Bar R Daphine 33H	1130	14.55	1.29	6.87	0.07	CHAMPION
Bar R Galloways	Bar R Galloway	1725	15.14	0.88	3.37	0.15	
Berry Ranch	Berry's Heavenly 6H	1165	13.66	1.17	4.39	0.30	
Berry Ranch	Berry's Miss Red 17	760	8.98	1.18	3.58	0.21	
Berry Ranch	Berry's Faye 28F	1245	12.25	0.98	5.33	0.23	
Berry Ranch	Berry's Grand 15G	1665	15.92	0.96	3.80	0.10	
Berry Ranch	Berry's Empire 128E	1975	15.30	0.77	4.19	0.23	
Brady Strand	Strand Harper S1H	1040	10.91	1.05	4.46	0.38	
Brady Strand	Strand Jackpot S1J	745	8.67	1.16	4.26	0.28	
Chuck Cole	Cole HENRY	970	13.41	1.38	3.70	0.10	
Blegen Galloways	HB Jewel 2421	840	11.41	1.36	3.85	0.30	
Blegen Galloways	HB Jasmine 5481	685	8.26	1.21	4.45	0.37	RES CHAMPION
Blegen Galloways	HB Glamour Girl 3059	1355	14.09	1.04	3.89	0.50	
Blegen Galloways	HB Just Right 3591	795	9.51	1.20	3.25	0.20	
Blegen Galloways	HB Jackpot 4091	815	9.93	1.22	3.49	0.15	

NEWS BULLS

Bulls

Bulls Calved April-June 2021

1st Strand's Jackpot S1J

Bulls Calved January-March 2021

1st HB Just Right 3591

2nd HB Jackpot 4091

Bulls Calved July-December 2020

1st Cole's Henry

Bulls Born Prior to July 1 2019

Berry's Grand 15G

Bar R Galloway #238489

Mature Bulls 2018 and Older

1st Berry's Empire 128E

Pair of Bulls

-Champion

Blegen Galloways

-Reserve Champion

Berry Ranch

Grand Champion Bull

Strand's Jackpot S1J

Reserve Champion Bull

HB Just Right 3591

Champion Junior Bull

Strand's Jackpot S1J

Reserve Champion Jr Bull

HB Just Right 3591

Grand Champion Yearling Bull

Cole's Henry

Grand Champion Senior Bull

Berry's Grand 15G

Reserve Champion Senior Bull

Bar R Galloway #238489



Election of Officers

The AGBA Board of Directors met via Zoom on November 6th for election of officers.

The 2021 Officers are as follows:

President: Joyce Jones

Vice President: Harley Blegen

Sec/Treas: Terry Marcotte

Grand Champion Yearling Bull

Cole's Henry

Galloway: The BE\$T kept secret in the beef industry.

The Yards 2022 Edition



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Michelle Blegen
&
Eli Berry



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is important that the great Galloway genetics are not lost. Galloways are among the minor breeds on the American Livestock Conservancy list. Galloways have been known for centuries to have excellent quality beef, great ability to forage and the hardiness to withstand various weather conditions. They thrive under conditions many other breeds cannot withstand. The genetics that have been developed and proven through the years must not be lost.

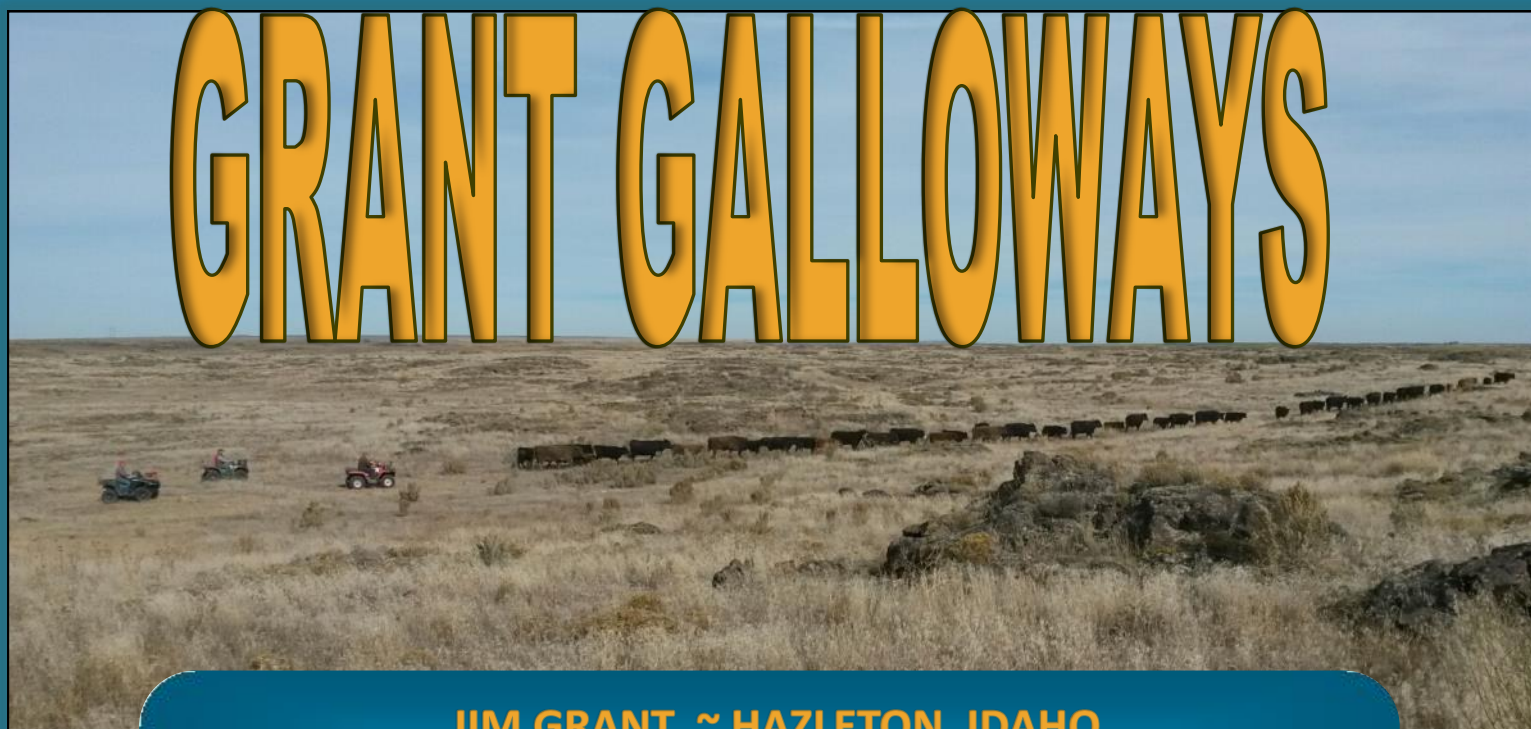
Our board of directors will be having several meetings throughout the year and new committees are being discussed. The directors who will be working on these committees will be calling you for your input. Please be willing to share your knowledge and work together to promote our wonderful breed. Our goal is to grow the breed and the association. We cannot do that unless we all work together. I am counting on you, the AGBA members, for your assistance during the coming year to accomplish our goal, and I thank you in advance for your help. It takes all the members of an organization to make it grow. My best to you in 2022.

Joyce Jones

AGBA President

Editor's note: CLRC update: Online registrations and transfers are now available through your account at CLRC. More information coming next issue. Or get started at <https://www.clrc.ca/manage-my-account>

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AGBA Board of Directors Meeting

November 16, 2021

The Zoom meeting called to order by Vice-President Harley Blegen at 7 p.m. CST.

Directors in attendance were: Joan Hoffman, Harley Blegen, Christa Grywusiewicz, Joyce Jones, Richard Serr, Leslea Hodgson, Eli Berry, Joe Schumacher, and Terry Marcotte

Election of officers: Joyce Jones volunteered for President. Richard Serr nominated Joyce Jones for president and Joan Hoffman seconded. Richard Serr moved to close nominations; Christa Grywusiewicz seconded. With the absence of other nominations, a unanimous ballot was cast for Joyce Jones.

Vice President- Joyce Jones nominated Harley Blegen, and Richard Serr seconded. Harley Blegen nominated Eli Berry and Joe Schumacher seconded. In the absence of other nominations, Christa Grywusiewicz moved to close nominations and Richard Serr seconded. With a voice vote, Harley Blegen won the nomination.

Secretary -Treasurer: Eli Berry nominated Terry Marcotte, and Richard Serr seconded. With no other nom-

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is Always On.**



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We have 2 nice red bulls available. Born late March 2021. Plan to have yearling wts and more pictures by mid-March. Also have few fancy GallowayXRed Angus heifers.

The following account was originally published in a 1965 issue of an old Canadian Galloway Association newsletter, whose name is illegible in the photocopy version received. The article is a somber read, yet a certain delightful freshness and straightforward reporting draws the reader in. Enjoy.

(Thanks to Susan Waples for providing the photocopy. Please see her addendum next page).

"In the fall of 1961 sheep rancher Wayne Fairchild, and his good wife, Ruth, of Philip, South Dakota, drove up to Hawley with their truck for a load of our Galloway heifers, with which to start their purebred Galloway herd. They stayed with us overnite, and while discussing the Galloway cattle Wayne told me the reason he wanted to get some Galloways and establish a herd, was that when he was a boy his father told him about the big blizzard which occurred in western South Dakota in the month of May, in the year 1907, and just about the only cattle that survived that terrible blizzard at all was a herd of Galloway cattle that belonged to a rancher by the name of Haxbee. Haxbee was a neighbor who lived about 15 miles away on the Cheyenne River, and both Haxbee and Fairchild Sr had their ranches in Haakon County. Wayne was not sure of the number of Galloway cattle that Haxbee had, but as he recalls it there were from 300-400 head. There were a lot of cattle in the country, and Haakon County was a big cattle country at that time. Wayne's father had around 300 head of White Face cattle, all short haired and they had already shed their hair. Wayne says his father told him that Haxbee's Galloways were pretty rugged, long haired cattle, and had not shed their hair at that time.

It was the month of May, 1907. It had been a fine month so far, the grass was green, and 6 inches high, and the cattle over the entire country were out on the range grazing – all over Haakon County. Then the rains came, and it rained for 3 days. Rain in May is not unusual, so all the cattle stayed out on the range. The water holes filled up first. Then came snow, and the big howling wind, the blizzard that raged for three days. The snow was wet, but drifting, and the wind was fierce. Even though the farmers had drift fences, the cattle started to move with the wind, they went through the fences, and into the water holes first.

The first cattle in the water holes drowned and the rest of the cattle walked right over them. The cattle in the entire country kept going with the wind, and there was absolutely no way of stopping them. The White Face cattle that Wayne's father had kept drifting along with the thousands of other cattle and they drifted for 24 miles south of Bad River. Wayne's father lost all his cattle, except 3 or 4 milk cows and 17 horses. It took Fairchild Sr the rest of his life to pay up his debts on these cattle that he lost in that big blizzard. Except for those 3 or 4 milk cows, all the rest of the 300 White Face cattle died in the storm.

When the cattle came to the Bad River country, they went over the Badland Walls. All the cattle that got that far went over the Badland Walls, like Napoleon's cavalry at the battle of Waterloo. They piled up as they went over the walls, by the thousands, and perished like Napoleon's army at Waterloo. This happened to the cattle of Wayne's father, and to the cattle of all other ranchers and farmers in that area. All, that is, except the cattle of rancher Haxbee.

There was one herd of cattle that survived intact. That herd was Haxbee's Galloways. Instead of drifting with the wind, what did Haxbee's cattle do? They stayed in the breaks. They never left the breaks. The country was rough and did afford a lot of natural protection if the cattle stayed put, and the Galloways stayed put. Instead of drifting with the wind they lay down in the snow, their long hair protected them, and Haxbee lost nothing, except probably 2 or 3 head at the very most. It seemed that the Galloways instinctively stayed put, an inheritance from many generations of ancestors who had gone through similar experiences in the southwestern part of Scotland where the Galloway breed originated.

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Haxbee also had drift fences like the other ranchers, but the White Face and other breeds of cattle went right through the drift fences. Haxbee's cattle did not try to go through the drift fences, because from long instinct they knew what to do when they found the shelter in the breaks they stayed there, and did not move any farther.

This true story illustrates perhaps better than anything I have ever heard, or read, or seen, one of the distinctive qualities of the Galloway cattle: their ability to take care of themselves in bad weather and hard circumstances, and the protection given to them by their double coat of hair, the long coarse outer hair, which cuts down the wind and the fine hair which keeps them warm and dry."

As told by Magnus Wefald, Hawley, MN. 1965

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inations, Joyce Jones moved to close nominations and Richard Serr seconded. A unanimous ballot was cast for Terry Marcotte.

Harley Blegen read the minutes of the 2020 Director's Meeting. Eli Berry made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Richard Serr seconded. A discussion was made to revise the minutes, as Shawn Schumacher did not recall offering to change the registration form which was Action Item #1. Eli Berry moved to strike Action Item #1 and Richard Serr seconded. The minutes will be revised accordingly.

Eli Berry made a motion to approve the 2020 minutes as amended and Richard Serr seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The 2022 Proposed Budget will be prepared by Terry Marcotte

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History Repeats

Devastating storms can occur anywhere, anytime, but in 2013 another killer storm occurred in this same general area as the great blizzard of 1907 (see above). An early blizzard raged October 3-5, 2013, and depending on where you live, you may recall seeing pictures and news footage of hundreds of dead animals in its aftermath. One rancher reported he rode all morning and never saw a live animal. One month after the storm the death toll was as follows: 13,977 cattle, 1,257 sheep, 287 horses and 40 bison. The following Spring a rancher from that area contacted a Galloway breeder looking to buy some bulls. He ran a lot of commercial cattle in leased pastures here and there and lost hundreds in that October storm. He studied the scenes and concluded that the last to die, as well as the actual survivors, were Herefords and those cattle that had some Galloway ancestry. In one pasture he ran yearling heifers and one old purebred Galloway cow he had bought through the auction ring. Her job was to stabilize the yearlings... who can get giddy, as we know. Apparently she was good at her job, as none travelled with the storm and all survived. There is a theory that Galloway face into the wind and do not drift with it, thereby avoiding pileups and other dangers. I don't know if this has been proven but it does make sense as facing that way would keep the hair coat unbroken and able to retain heat. I have tried sneaking up on ours during some goodly storms but they always hear the old pickup engine and are facing toward it when I get in sight. And they do have Russian Olive trees to break the wind. I so appreciate these cattle when it's cold, but also when the flies are bad. Their instincts and their hair coat fortify them against environmental abuses that can wreak havoc on their more common counterparts.

~ Susan Waples

Hello Everyone,

President's Corner

Here's wishing you all a healthy and Happy New Year. With all the issues facing agriculture today, I wish for you and your families the best of times and good health.

I thank everyone who has kept their dues current so they can enjoy the benefits of AGBA membership which includes registering their cattle at reduced rates, the receipt of the quarterly newsletter, "The Galloway Dispatch" and inclusion in the breeders' list on the AGBA website. It also gives you the ability to advertise on the website at reduced rates.

In addition to the tangible benefits, you have the intangibles: meeting other folks who are like-minded in their love for Galloways. You can network via americangalloway@googlegroups.com. Also consider visiting the two annual Galloway shows at either the National Western Stock Show in Denver in January and/or the World Beef Expo held in Milwaukee, WI in September. What a great way to meet Galloway folks. New exhibitors are always welcome. Your directors are listed in the Galloway Dispatch and also on the AGBA website. Give one of them a call. We all love to "talk Galloways" and share information.

I encourage you to look at your animals and register those you believe to be the best quality animals. It

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2021 Annual Meeting

Minutes

October 23, 2021

There were 12 members present including virtual attendees.

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 p.m. EDT by Vice-President Harley Blegen.

☐ Treasurers Report was given by Secretary-Treasurer Terry Marcotte.

o Joyce Jones made a motion to approve, Joan Hoffman seconded and motion carried

☐ Michelle Blegen updated the group on the 2022 NWSS

☐ White colored cattle registry forms were discussed, and tabled until Eli Berry could follow up with CLRC.

☐ Judy Decker led a discussion on the possibility of publishing the Galloway Dispatch only three times per year instead of four to save approximately \$500 per year. Leslie Hodgson moved to keep publishing four issues per year, Joyce Jones seconded, and the motion carried.

☐ Joyce Jones led a discussion on setting the premiums for the World Beef Expo to match the premium amounts for the NWSS. Joyce made a motion to leave the premiums paid the same as NWSS. Frank Wenzel seconded, and the motion carried.

☐ Leslea Hodgson presented information on Galloway imprinted apparel and asked the AGBA about purchasing a credit card reader. The Board of Directors will discuss this at their next meeting.

☐ Election of Directors Positions open were: Mountain (1), Central (1), Pacific (1) and at large (2)

Terry Marcotte nominated Harley Blegen -Mountain, Eli Berry- Cental, Tom Wilder- Pacific.

All of the nominees had previously indicated that they would be willing to serve another term.

Joyce Jones seconded the motion. Eli Berry motioned that nominations cease and Joan Hoffman seconded the motion. All nominees were re-elected.

For the At Large Directors:

o Terry Marcotte nominated Christa Grywusiewicz, Frank Wenzel nominated Courtney Speer and Joe McDaniel, Joan Hoffman nominated Leslea Hodgson. Eli Berry moved that nominations cease and Michelle Blegen seconded. Courtney Speer and Joe McDaniel withdrew their names and Christa and Leslea were unanimously elected.

☐ Eli Berry made a motion to adjourn, Joyce Jones seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m EDT.

Terry Marcotte

AGBA Secretary- Treasurer

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will update the elected officers and the cattle registration information to incorporate the new forms for white and colored Galloways. The white Galloway form is posted on the CLRC website, the colored form is posted but is undergoing changes.

Harley Blegen led a discussion on cattle from the Mullen-dore Beef Program in which the DNA blood card samples from a deceased bull were determined to be untestable. He wondered about the possibility of approving the bull without building a DNA profile and subsequently registering some of his offspring based on herd records which appear to be meticulously kept. The AGBA Bylaws allows for the Secretary/Treasurer to make a decision by examining herd records submitted in case-by-case situations in which DNA verification was not possible. It was stated that if the Secretary-Treasurer makes a decision and the owner disagrees, the owner can bring the case to the full Board of Directors, whose decision shall be final.

Richard Serr made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Joyce Jones seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm CST.

Terry Marcotte

AGBA Secretary-Treasurer

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Attention Annual Members:

If you are an Annual Member in good standing, your farm should be listed on the AGBA website under the Galloway Breeders tab. Go there and look! If your name and farm information are not listed, kindly send all pertinent information to **Richard Serr at raserr@aol.com**. Just the basics, look over a few of the other entries for the general idea of it. Also, if your address or email address change, contact Richard for website changes, and cc myself for changes to the Dispatch mailing list... renfarms@osprey.net

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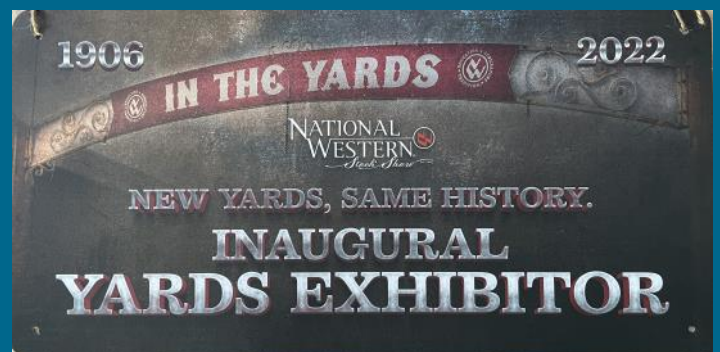
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