

Gulf Shore Region Report

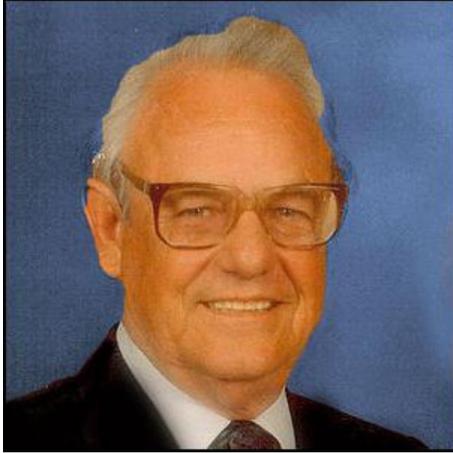
October, 2013

September was a crazy month here in the Gulf Shore Region. During this time, we're usually on high alert, as it is the peak of Hurricane season. Even though we didn't have a hurricane in the Gulf to worry about, the weather still managed to play havoc for some in our region.

One of the nicest cat shows of the year is a sleeper show in Alexandria, LA on Sept 14th and 15th. This 10 AB ring show is put on by the Cenla cat club and the Bougalie Rebels cat club. For the last two years it's been held at the Best Western Conference Center which is adjoined to the Best Western hotel- making for a super convenient hotel show! The club has negotiated an awesome rate for the exhibitors, and the best part is the free, made to order breakfast that is included. For lunch, everyone enjoyed a club prepared lunch of homemade red beans and rice, Cajun gumbo, beef brisket with potato salad or sausage dogs. I always look forward to any show in Louisiana because I know the hospitality is going to be way above average. The raffle was filled with various treasures, including some homemade baked goodies and the gate was good enough for kittens to be sold by the exhibitors who had brought them. We like this hotel so much in fact; it's being considered it as a possible location for the Regional Awards show and banquet. Once everyone sees how nice the Best Western hotel and Conference Center is, I doubt Alexandria will be a "sleeper" show much longer. Plan to attend this one next year!

Unfortunately, while we were enjoying ourselves in Alexandria, parts of Colorado were being plummeted with torrential rainfall and flooding. The resulting mess had barely enough time to be cleaned up for the big 9 AB-1 SP ring cat show hosted by the Foot of the Rockies Cat Club and the Maine Coon Cat Jamboree Cat Club on Sept. 28th and 29th. This is an annual event held in the National Western Stock Show Exhibition Hall National Western Stock Show Exhibition Hall National Western Stock Show Exhibition Hall. This year, the show nearly filled to its 225 limit, proving once again, that no amount of bad weather will keep a determined exhibitor looking for points away! Entry Clerk, Cheryl Thieler got over a foot of water in her basement, luckily she and her husband Steve were able to get the computer equipment and two boxes of CFA paperwork for the upcoming show out ahead of the rising water. The original show hotel, The Embassy Suites suffered severe damage from the flooding, so everyone's reservations were moved to Homeward Suites. Region 3 exhibitor Sunny Lodge's 18 acre organic farm was transformed into a lake, and the rescue of her goats made the nightly local news. Diana Heizen's (Region 5) daughter Tonya, who lives in Loveland, CO was rescued from the fast moving, rising water through the top of her SUV. I was amazed to see how those affected took what in some cases must have been a huge personal and financial loss in stride and with good humor.

Sadly, September saw the passing of two Region 3 exhibitors: Larry Bouchelle and Sheree Dachman.



Larry Bouchelle passed on September 29, 2013 after suffering a heart attack and open heart surgery. He was 82 years old. He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Barbara Westling Bouchelle; brothers, John G. Estlinbaum, and Byron Bouchelle; and sister, Janie Woods. Larry will be missed by his sons, Lawrence G. III (Beau) and wife, Berneta; Michael and wife, Damaris; and Jeffery. He was blessed with five grandchildren, Lawrence IV, Faith, Bianca and Barbara Bouchelle, Bailey Sprague and husband, Matt and great grandchildren, Corbin and Grady. Larry loved and enjoyed many nieces and nephews

and his many friends and former employees. Larry was born on January 10, 1931 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He graduated from Classen High School and earned an Associate Engineering degree from Oklahoma State University. Larry was an air force veteran, a deacon of Royal Haven Baptist Church, a choir member, taught RA's, Sunday School, Training Union, and was a current member of First Baptist of Farmers Branch.

Larry worked in all phases of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration including being owner and teacher at ACR training School. He retired as Chief Building Engineer at Parkway Plaza. Larry also enjoyed showing in Region 3 and bred Himalayan's with his wife Barbara under the prefix Beaukit in Dallas, TX.

The following was submitted by Janis Walkingstick, who was a good friend of Sheree Dachman and her family:



Sheree Dachman (Sharon Ruth Weinreich Dachman) of Aurora, CO passed gently Monday, September 30 at 7:30 am. Sheree's Syntifiny Cattery collaboration with Gar and Ande DeGeer's Hedgewood Cattery is one of the most significant contributions (if not The most) to silver tabby American Shorthair lines in the past 40 years. Sheree had been hospitalized for more than a year and died at 72 of complications from congestive heart disease and diabetes.

She is survived by her sister Vicki Sharp and brother Steve Weinreich, her children, Cindy and Scotty and three grandchildren.

Here are the highlights of her cat fancy career. CFA's 5th Best Cat of 1991, GC, NW Sarouk's Satellite of KCDancers, DM was out of a breeding pair Sheree had given to CFA judge Joan Benson. Satellite's sire and dam are Syntifiny Spotlight and Ch. Syntifiny Satin Doll of Sarouk, DM. Satellite was the foundation male of the Kathy and Craig Miller's KCDancers Cattery. Ch. Syntifiny Satin Doll, DM is also the dam of Sarouks Sundi of Placer, DM who was the foundation female of CFA Judge Caroline Lyons Prisser's Placercats Cattery. Sheree was co breeder of CFA's Best Cat in Premiership for 1988, GP Briarson Babette of Midinite, a brown patched tabby, Babette's dam, GC, GP Syntifiny Karbin Kopy, was leased from Sheree by Brian Pearson who subsequently became a CFA judge. CFA's 6th Best Kitten in 2005 was co-bred by Sheree and Dawn Skupin of Stedam Cattery. The dam of GC, NW Stedam's Autumn Splendor of Bovon, a brown patched tabby and white, is Ch. Syntifiny Samantha of Stedam, DM, a blue and white American Shorthair.

Other catteries that were significantly influenced by the Syntifiny lines include, but are not limited to, Carocats (Carol and Michael Rothfeld), Kathausblus (Lori Stephenson), Rockytop (Kathy Prebble), Sweetplicity (Karen Szabo) and Walkingstick (Janis Walkingstick). My foundation American Shorthair, GC, GP, RW Syntifiny Sandia of Walkingstick (GC Syntifiny Stroke of Luck, DM x Ch Hedgewood's Too Timer of Syntifiny, was the National American Shorthair Club Kitten of the Year in 1985. Too Timer, "Tootie," was sired by GC, NW Hedgewood's Greatest American Hero, DM, a silver tabby who was CFA's Cat of the Year in 1984 (as of this writing there have only been 3 American Shorthair cats of the year in CFA). Sheree's first cat was Ch. Rhonkat's Travis of Syntifiny, a silver tabby born in 1980. He produced her most significant breeding male, GC Syntifiny Stroke of Luck, DM (Ch Rhonkat's Travis of Syntifiny x Ch Millcreek's Mademoiselle, DM.) Sheree would have mentioned her friend "Annie," CFA judge Ann Kimball (Millcreek Cattery) as a dear friend and mentor. The Millcreek lines play a significant part in Syntifiny pedigrees. Sheree was always careful to mention those who came before her, those breeders who contributed to her beautiful cats.

Sheree is buried at Emanuel Cemetery in Denver. Anyone wanting to send condolences may send them to her sister Vicki Sharp, 7805 Aravon Ct., Lonetree, CO 80124. There is a perpetual condolence book online at feldmanmortuary.com. The family has asked that donations be made to Jewish Family Services or to Divine Feline (online at www.thefelinefix.org), a trap, neuter, release program for feral cats.

May next month bring better days for us all and keep us mindful of all of the great friendships we share in this region!