

Laura Hendricks and her Arabian gelding Obayid (R Beyonnet x Isme Amira) won the Region 14 Trail class, the Region 10 Reined Cow Horse Limited and were tied for Reserve Champion Arabian Reining ATR in the Hesa Zee+/ Reining Challenge.



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The inaugural Working Western Horse Celebration held in Cannon Falls, Minn., from June 20-23, 2013, attracted 140 horses and awarded \$33,000 in prize money making it a “Win-Win situation all around,” said event manager Sandy Woerle.

“What made this show so unique was that it was a celebration of the Arabian and Half Arabian working horse combined with other breeds and disciplines,” said Woerle. “This show brought together Arabians, Half-Arabians, Quarter Horses, Morgans,

Paints and Appaloosas — other breeds competing in the world of reined cow, working cow, trail, cutting, ranch pleasure, and western riding.” The show was sanctioned by AHA, AQHA and NRCHA. Costs were kept down by combining so much under one event.

“With more and more working cow and reining trainers accepting both Quarter Horses and Arabian and Half-Arabian horses, at this show they could bring all their horses and not have to choose to leave some of them at home,” said Woerle.

Cutting was held Thursday in the indoor arena, and an AHA One Day concurrent show for Regions 10 and 14 was held in the outdoor arena. Friday was a qualifier for Region 10 for the Regional Championships the next day (Saturday). Friday night was the all-breed White River Ag Products Reining Shoot-Out which awarded buckles, jackets, vests and added money. White River Ag Products also donated a ton of pelleted bedding for each Champion in both the Open and the Amateur divisions.

Working Western Celebration

SCORES BIG!

On Saturday, besides the Region 10 Championships, there were also NRCHA classes in the mix. The NRCHA Derby had \$3,000 added for the Open and \$1,000 for the Non-Pro. The Bridle Spectacular had \$1,500 added for the Open and \$1,000 for the Non-Pro. These events were not restricted by breed. Prizes included buckles, jackets, matching headstalls, custom artwork, garlands, coolers and halters. There were lots of “goodies” such as Healthy Hair Care products given to each blue ribbon winner and bottles of fly spray and other hair care grooming products to exhibitors and spectators alike.

Eleanor Hamilton donated added prize money for the Hesa Zee All-Breed Reining Challenge on Saturday night, named after her purebred Arabian stallion Hesa Zee+/ (Xenophonn x Something Special) who has sired so many winners in the Arabian working western world. There was \$2,000 added in the jackpot for the all-breed reining plus added money for Arabian Reining Open and ATR, Half-Arabian Reining Open and ATR, and an all-breed amateur class as well. You did not need to ride a horse with Hesa Zee in the pedigree, but for those horses that did have Hesa Zee blood, there was an extra incentive bonus. It was streamed live via Arabian Horse Global.

Sunday was a regular NRCHA show with good prize money for those classes. The Rookie boxing class was designed for those folks just starting in the sport of working cow and awarded \$500. The show committee hoped to have something for everyone,



CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT: Lance Scheffel rode Half-Arabian Throttle Up SB (CG Colonel Jac x Opera Gloves), aka “Rocky”, owned by Frank Gaddie of Louisville, Ky, to the Region 10 Half-Arabian Working Cow Junior Horse Championship title. Rocky was also named the Firecreek Farwa Versatility Champion; Toni Trego who is President of the Arabian Cutting Horse Association competing on VG Tsantine+; Steve Grove and Cashmere MA+ (Negatraz x *Catarina) tied for Reserve Champion in the Arabian Reining ATR Hesa Zee+/ Reining Challenge and won Half-Arabian Reining ATR on Sheza Cowboy Too (Hesa Zee+/ x Cowboy Jill); Laurel Reeves rode Arabian Firecreek Farwa (Overlook Farwa x Firelight TF) and sponsored the Versatility Award in the stallion’s name for both Arabians and Half-Arabians. He was Arabian Reining Reserve Champion in the Hesa Zee+/ Reining Challenge ridden by Sarah MacKay.

including classes in the AHA Rule Book not usually seen at Arabian shows such as Western Riding that was open to all-breeds to allow people to try new things with their horses.

The judges were Tim Stewart from Paso Robles, Calif., Jan Dublin from San Angelo, Texas, and Leo

Fourre from Edina, Minn. Collectively, this group has judged every major event in the horse world including the U.S. Nationals, Scottsdale Reining Futurity, AQHA World, AQHA Congress, NRCHA Snaffle Bit, European Championships in Germany and the NCHA events. 🐾