

Daily Chatter

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National challenge

\$294,936 in prize money for 35th edition of NCHA National Finals

Winner will ride home in style

The owner of the highest scoring horse at this year's Wayne Hodges & Outlaw Conversions/NCHA Eastern National Championships will take home a brand new, deluxe 3-horse slant load horse trailer compliments of Wayne Hodges Trailers. The winner (age 18 or older) will have one-year use of the trailer. If there is a tie for the highest score, there will be a drawing to determine the winner.



Guy Woods and Jo Ellard held the spotlight last year, when Scratchin, owned by Bill and Jo Ellard's EE Ranches, Whitesboro, Texas, and ridden by Woods, won the Open Eastern National Championship.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$10,000 Novice - 1st go

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$3,000 Novice - 1st go

\$10,000 Novice - FINALS

CAT FISH DINNER

7:00 p.m. Trade Mart Bldg.

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro - 1st go

\$3,000 Novice - FINALS

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$2,000 Limit Rider - 1st go

The Wayne Hodges & Outlaw Conversions/NCHA Eastern National Championships continues its reign as one of the most popular events on the cutting calendar.

This marks the 27th year that the event has been held in Jackson, MS and participants can celebrate at two separate complimentary catfish fries, on March 7 and March 14, as well as at the popular Taste of Mississippi on March 16.

This year's event offers almost \$300,000 in prize money, with a hefty added purse, thanks in part to Wayne Hodges Trailers & Outlaw Conversions.

Past champions to watch for

in this year's competition include Austin Shepard, who won back-to-back Open titles in 2002 and 2003, on Widows Freckles and Uno Dos Seventyseven, respectively.

This year, Shepard rides Smart Lil Maverick, owned by Miles Elliott, Estill, SC, and Widows Intentions, owned by Jim Langdale, Quitman, GA, in the Open division.

It was the other Shepard from Alabama - Sam, Austin's father - who won last year's \$3,000 Novice division on Cats Savannah owned by Phil Adcock, Raymond, MS. Sam Shepard rides Cats Savannah today in the first go-round of the

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Former champions to look for this year include, left to right: Sam Shepard won last year's \$3,000 Novice on Cats Savannah and rides the horse today in the \$10,000 Novice; Casey Crouch rode Alotta Pepper to claim co-reserve in the 2004 \$3,000 Novice and will be up on the horse in today's \$10,000 Novice competition; Mandy O'Hearn, last year's \$2,000 Limit Rider champion on Mr Mom, will ride the gelding in this year's \$20,000 Non-Pro.

\$10,000 Novice and is also entered in the Open division.

Casey Crouch rode Alotta Pepper, owned by Jay Bedford, Sunnyvale, TX, to claim the co-reserve title in last year's \$3,000 Novice division. Today, Crouch will be up on Alotta Pepper, now owned by Martha Nors, Crawford, TX, in \$10,000 Novice competition.

Tim May, Salttillo, MS, last year's Non-Pro champion on Doc Bar Pep, is back next week in the Non-Pro go-round aboard Copper San Lena.



**Next edition of
Daily Chatter available
Thursday, March 9**

TASTE OF MISSISSIPPI
Thursday, March 16
7:00 p.m. Trade Mart Bldg.



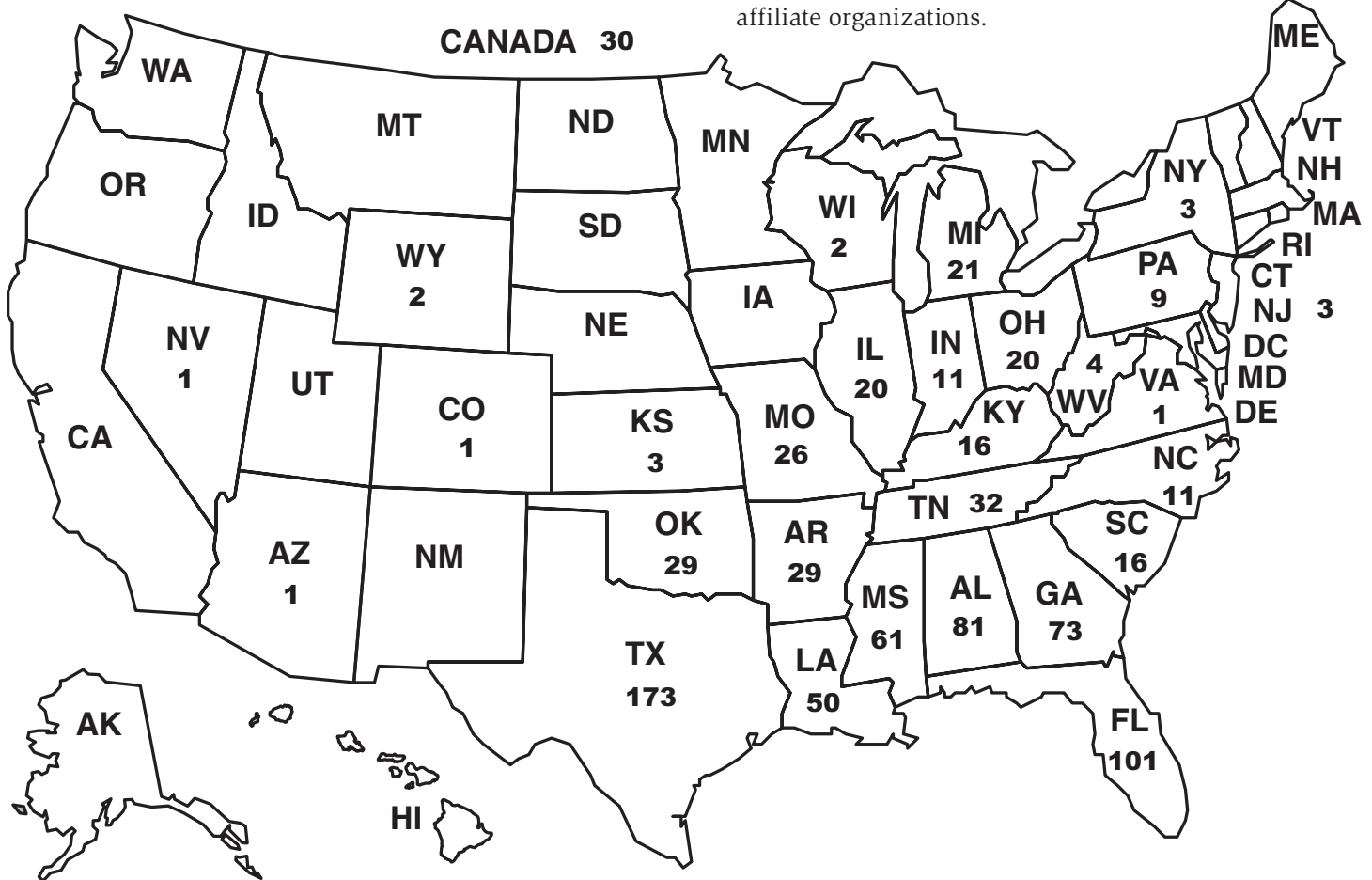
You say it's your birthday!

*These NCHA members
are celebrating their birthday today.*

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|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Amy Angle | Hilliard, FL | Lydia Laske | Oklahoma City, OK |
| Karen Antoni | Ukiah, CA | Bobby (Keith) Lowery | Rayville, LA |
| Luke Barnhart | Hesston, KS | Brandy McBride | Gonzales, LA |
| Ramona Bieber | Tigard, OR | Steven Millard | Downey, CA |
| Keith A Biggs | Brighton, MI | Cory Miller | Eaton, CO |
| Erin Bimat | Orland, CA | Marilyn Mullis | Cadwell, GA |
| Stormye Britton | Weatherford, TX | Barbara Payne | Mineral Wells, AR |
| Michael Burden .. | Medicine Lodge, KS | Don Plagge | Sheffield, IA |
| James Carter | Italy, TX | Frank Reznicek | Wallis, TX |
| Billy J Coleman | Elkhart, TX | Morgan Rodrigue | Thibodaux, LA |
| Tee Crenshaw | Bladen, NE | Y Jan Roper | Tulia, TX |
| Dan Eaton | Canada, | Chris W Smith | Monticello, MN |
| David Eldridge | Alvin, TX | Gerald Smith | Pender, NE |
| Wesley Elford | Mayville, WI | Donna Stoneback .. | Perkiomenville, PA |
| Kalin Kenney Fish | Moriarty, NM | Kirk Swanson | Red Oak, IA |
| Gil Galyean | Wayne, OK | Lori Troutman | Clyde, TX |
| Kathy Goss | Morgantown, IN | Rena Vandament | Stillwater, OK |
| Hal Guthrie | Haleyville, AL | Adrienne Willett | Greenfield, MO |
| John Hall | Glen Rose, TX | Tammy Williamson .. | Marble Hill, MO |
| Sarah Higgins | Fredericktown, OH | Melinda Woodward | Edwards, MS |
| Margaret Hoffmann | Ada, OK | Ed Wright | Henderson, TX |
| Chris Hughbanks | Douglass, KS | | |
| Kim Lamarr | Brenham, TX | | |

Coast to Coast

Wayne Hodges & Outlaw Conversions/NCHA Eastern National entrants come from 76 NCHA affiliate organizations.



Team challenge

The American Quarter Horse Association continues its commitment to National Cutting Horse Association members through sponsorship of the AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge held during the Wayne Hodges &

Outlaw Conversions/NCHA Eastern and Western National Championships.

AQHA will distribute a total of \$27,000 among the top ten placing affiliate organizations at each of the National Championships. The top affiliates will receive a check for \$5,000.

Initiated in 2002, the AQHA/NCHA

Affiliate Challenge has helped bolster entries at both shows by adding a team concept to the events. In addition to individual competition, all entrants also compete on behalf of their NCHA affiliate organization. Points are awarded for both participation and excellence of performance.

Each of NCHA's 129 affiliate organizations may send their top 10 competitors from 11 different classes to compete in both the Eastern and Western National Championships.

The North Mississippi Cutting Horse Association has claimed the Eastern National Championship AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge top spot for the past four years and is on track for a fifth win in 2005 with 630 points.

The Florida Cutting Horse Association, however, has given North Mississippi a run for their money and is still in contention with 550 points; Middle Tennessee and Heart of Dixie are third and fourth.

“There are two ways to slide easily through life; to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking.” Alfred Korzybski

Catfish Fry x 2

**Tuesday, March 7
7:00 p.m. Trade Mart Building**

**Tuesday, March 14
7:00 p.m. Trade Mart Building**



AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge Scores

The AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge brings a “team” concept to the Wayne Hodges/Outlaw Conversions NCHA Eastern National Championships. The top 10 scoring affiliates at this show will earn cash awards totaling \$27,000 from the American Quarter Horse Association. The program is designed to reward participation as well as excellence, with points awarded as follows:

- 10 points Enter and Show in a Class
- 25 points Make the Finals of a Class
- 25 points Place 3rd - 10th in the Finals of a Class
- 40 points Reserve Champion of a Class
- 50 points Champion of a Class

Here’s a look at the scores based on entries as the NCHA Eastern National Championships opens:

Affiliate	Points
NORTH MISSISSIPPI CHA	630
FLORIDA CHA	550
MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHA	330
HEART OF DIXIE CHA	310
ONTARIO CHA	290
SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHA	270
OHIO CHA	260
LONE STAR CHA	230
MID SOUTH CHA	230
SOUTHEAST CHA	230
MAGNOLIA CLASSIC CHA	200
ROSE COUNTRY CHA	190
STATE OF MISSOURI CHA	180
WEST POINT CHA	170
EAST TENNESSEE CHA	160
OIL BELT CHA	160
GATEWAY CHA	150
KENTUCKY CHA	150
GREAT LAKES CHA	140
LONGHORN CHA	140
CHISHOLM TRAIL CHA	130
LOUISIANA CHA	130
BLUEGRASS CHA	120
NUECES CANYON CHA	120
WATEREE CHA	120
GEORGIA CHA	110
INDIANA CHA	90
SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA CHA	90
AREA 18 CHA	80
WEST TENNESSEE CHA	80
ACADIAN CHA	70
EAST COAST CHA	70
NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHA	70
SALT CREEK CHA	70

Affiliate	Points
WEST CENTRAL TEXAS CHA	70
ARKLAHOMA CHA	60
NORTHEAST LOUISIANA CHA	60
SHINING M CHA	60
CENTRAL TEXAS CHA	50
DOUBLE EAGLE CHA	50
NORTHEAST CHA	50
RIVER CITY CHA	50
WALLER CHA	50
WHITE RIVER CHA	50
BLUE BONNET CHA	40
MID STATE ILLINOIS CHA	40
BRAZOS VALLEY CUTTERS	30
FOLLY MOON CHA	30
NORTHERN PIEDMONT CHA	30
RED RIVER CHA	30
BEEF EMPIRE CHA	20
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHA	20
CENTRAL SAVANNAH RVR AREA CHA	20
KANSAS CHA	20
PENNSYLVANIA CHA	20
SOWEGA CHA	20
ARIZONA CHA	10
C S CUTTERS	10
LIVE OAK CHA	10
NEVADA REINED COW CHA	10
NEW MEXICO CHA	10
NORTH TEXAS CHA	10
OZARK MOUNTAIN CHA	10
RIVERBOATS CHA	10
SAN ANGELO STOCK SHOW & RODEO	10
SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA CHA	10
SOUTHWEST OHIO CHA	10

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