

NPLC GAZETTE



Special points of interest:

- A long delayed review of the 2018 NPLC Annual on inside pages.
- **San Marcos, Texas**
Founded on the banks of the San Marcos River, the area is thought to be among the oldest continuously inhabited sites in the Americas. San Marcos is home to Texas State University (Bobcats) and the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment.
- This year's lineup of NPLC speakers includes representatives of the San Antonio and Houston Livestock Shows
- TSU's official motto: "The noblest search is the search for excellence."

ANNUAL MEETING PROMISES TO INFORM, INSPIRE AND INVIGORATE!

And you thought the NPLC newsletter editor was locked up somewhere! Time to make plans for the 2019 Annual Meeting hosted by the South Texas Area Beef Breed Associations. Program information is now posted on the website, and all indications are that the content and presenters are not to be missed. This year's theme: "**Maximizing Values and Leadership in a Changing Livestock Industry,**" is

certainly of interest to all of us. From ag issues in DC to customer service and fundraising, the agenda seems to be packed with valuable stuff.

Plan your travel, book a room at the **Embassy Suites, San Marcos, Texas for May 6-8.** (reservation link is also on the website).

The extracurricular activities should appeal to everyone. We're talking wine, a chuck-wagon dinner and a pilgrimage to Luckenbach! Doesn't



get much better than that.

You should have received a preliminary letter from our pal Bubba Bain. Also included in his communiqué was information about **sponsorship opportunities.** All of us know that hosting a major meeting or event requires support from as many players as possible, so whatever you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. Don't let the idea of a sponsorship get lost in your head. Take care of t today!

One more thing! The NPLC **Silent Auction** is back, along with a few special items in a live auction. You've been creative in past auctions and your support is worthy of a huge thank you.

The main message is: get yourself, and maybe other staff, to San Marcos in May!



RETIRED RANGER TO BE FEATURED SPEAKER

I did a little reading up on this guy, Clete Buckaloo, and I'm certain that he has amazing stories. More importantly, he seems to be the kind of guy the world needs more of. Passion and compassion might be where to start on the list of admirable traits. To "borrow"

a few tidbits from dallasjustice.com: "For many years, Clete Buckaloo was one of the elite as a member of the Texas Rangers (the law enforcement kind). Then, he retired as a Ranger and took the job as the head of the 216th Judicial District proba-

tion office. He then stepped into a new spot as head of a new investigative unit formed to fight corruption in law enforcement across the state.... Second to none in reputation and experience." You are hereby urged to listen.

There We Were...Kansas City!



2018 ANNUAL MEETING

“I keep endlessly busy with all kinds of stuff, mostly horses, cattle, livestock, things like that.”

Sam Shepard

The cattle breed folks hosted NPLC at Harrah’s Casino and Hotel in KC. With apologies for not holding on to some of my notes, let’s just agree that, yet again, the gathering was exceptional in terms of informative sessions, useful and thought-provoking presentations, fellowship, food and fun. We

keep telling our absent comrades that this really is a must-attend meeting. And, thanks to the impressive collection of photos from our social director, Debbie Fuentes, we are able to prove that getting together with professional peers and personal friends is a great thing. A huge “Thank You” to the host committee

and sponsors. NPLC offers members the opportunity to tune in and better understand the connections we share in the livestock industry. Whether it’s keeping up with genetic technology or agreeing that milk doesn’t really come from almonds, we enjoy the keep-trying parts of our jobs.

BAAS RECEIVES SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Tom Baas, Emeritus Professor of Animal Science at Iowa State University, earned an NPLC Distinguished Service Award. In addition to teaching, his main research focus at ISU was related to swine breeding and genetics, meat quality, and real-time ultrasound. Dr. Baas traveled to and consulted with producers in 22 different countries and has made truly significant contributions to international

animal agriculture. He is one of those who continuously gave of his time and expertise to organizations. Dr. Tom has been a significant contributor to the National Pork Producers Council, National Pork Board, National Livestock &

Meat Board, Iowa Pork Producers, National Swine Improvement Federation and National Swine Registry.

In other words, he gave back to the industry in countless ways and most certainly is worthy of recognition by NPLC.



President Mike, Dr. Tom Baas and his wife Cindy.

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DORIAN GARRICK, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

An NPLC Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dorian Garrick, Chief Scientist at the AL Rae Center in the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences at Massey University, located at the Ruakura Research Centre in Hamilton, New Zealand. His early work in animal breeding and genetics was done at

Iowa State University and Colorado State. Dorian has been involved in the development and implementation of national animal evaluation programs, performance recording databases and breeding schemes. He is a founding partner of Theta Solutions LLC (software for genetic and genomic evaluations).



Garrick receives DSA from Jack Ward, AHA.

“You have a choice...you can either throw in the towel...or use it to wipe the sweat off your face.”

Heidi Anderson

NPLC LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Our long-time professional pal John Boddicker received the “LHM.” Most of us got to know John as an NPLC member and 25-year EVP for the American Maine-Anjou Association. He served as a director of NPLC and was a president of the U.S. Beef Breeds Council. In his “retirement” years, John has been busy with Team Sloan Livestock, a premier show pig breeding operation, Pathway Genetics

(cattle partnerships) and now he and his son are building a Boddicker Show Lambs operation. I guess that means the livestock thing is in his blood forever. Thanks John for your years of service and for helping NPLC as a member and



Mike Paul, Rhonda and John.

leader. We always appreciate the opportunity to share and learn from a true veteran of the industry. Wishing you all the best with whichever species.

That's all there is on this page.

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Informed Stewardship

Statement of Position on Animal Care

The National Pedigreed Livestock Council encourages producers to:

- Produce a quality, wholesome, nutritious product
- Provide a high standard of livestock health
- Manage livestock in a humane manner
- Use and maintain transportation and handling facilities that provide livestock health and safety
- Provide feed and water to maintain livestock health and productivity
- Consult with a licensed veterinarian concerning animal health care practices
- Use approved livestock health products according to label directions
- Sustain and conserve natural resources by proper management of land, air, water and wildlife
- Support and maintain rural and family traditions important to our society



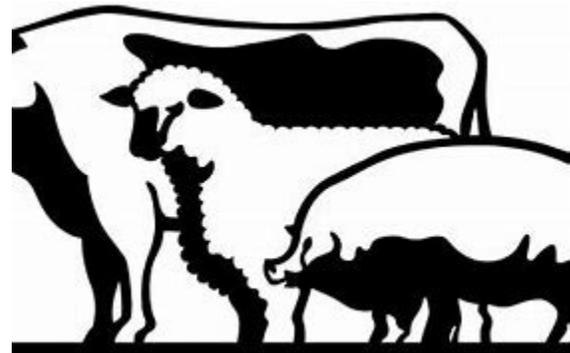
ANOTHER LOOK BACK

From the NPLC Centennial book:

In 1911, representatives of American livestock registry associations formed the National Society of Live Stock Record Associations for the purpose of sharing information for the creation of livestock improvement systems.

At that time in history:

- William Howard Taft was President of the United States.
- The United States Supreme Court ordered the breakup of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company.
- The Chevrolet Motor Car Company was founded by William Duran.
- Proctor and Gamble of Cincinnati introduced "Crisco" vegetable oil.
- Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics won the Major League Baseball World Series, defeating John McGraw's New York Giants 4 games to 2.
- The first Indianapolis 500-mile auto race was held on May 30.
- Americans were listening to the hit song "Alexander's Ragtime Band" on the Victrola.



And across the landscape, men and women were poised on the beginning of an era when livestock registry would assist the American livestock breeder in creating a climate where breed improvement would benefit an entire society. The National Pedigreed Livestock Council and its predecessors would play a central role in that transformation.