

# SPANISH BARB HORSE ASSOCIATION



**DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION, PRESERVATION,  
PERPETUATION AND PROMOTION OF THE CRITICALLY RARE  
SPANISH BARB HORSE**



*2017 Annual Meeting at the Historic NAN Ranch in SW New Mexico*

## **SPECIAL PROMOTIONAL EVENT INVITATION NEED VOLUNTEERS - WITH OR WITHOUT A HORSE**

Attention Members: Our club has been invited to participate in the Mane Event, an All Breed Expo, at West World, in Scottsdale AZ on March 30-April 1, 2018. This is the 2nd year the event has been hosted there.

This event will be a perfect opportunity for us to showcase our Barbs. The Mane Event venue features an all equine trade show, an arena, a round pen and a lecture/demo area all under one roof.

For event information go online to <https://scottsdale.maneeventexpo.com>

We will need people to man our booth to answer questions from participants and public, distribute handouts and sell promo items. We will need riders with their horses to join in the Parade of Breeds Friday and/or Saturday. We will have a pen for the horses and time slots will be allotted for our horses to meet attendees. Of course, any help in addition to these would be welcomed!

There is so much opportunity for our club at this fantastic event. For more information contact Beth Mendivil: [Royaldomino@hotmail.com](mailto:Royaldomino@hotmail.com) or call/text: 520-990-8414. See you there!

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Newsletter by Becky Boyd and Heidi Collings

## **REMINDER:**

**2018 Dues due in  
February. Please renew  
promptly.**

**See page 7 for details.**



# He's My Buddy

By Doug Lindgren

To many of you reading this story, I'm preaching to the choir but I'll go on anyway. About two years ago I was asked if I would go to a ranch here in Arizona and pick up four wild 5 year old Spanish Barb stallions. When I got the call I really had no idea what I was getting into. I had no real knowledge of the Barbs and no experience with the breed. The main reason I even considered looking at the horses was the fact that I'm always up for a challenge.

A couple of my friends and I drove up to the ranch to take a look at the horses offered to me and at first glance I almost took a pass. But... wait...there's something about these guys that seems a little different, a bit unique. I had to take another look and then I could see these guys in the future. I saw them cleaned up and groomed and about two hundred pounds heavier. I thought to myself, not too bad, these guys don't look too bad.

I made a deal with the folks that needed to re-home the boys and took them home with me. When we opened the door on my trailer into a ninety foot round pen we got to see how wild they were. They were at the opposite side of the pen in a shot and circled around at top speed. They wanted to be somewhere else and they wanted to get there in a hurry. After a while they settled in but were wary about their new home.

I left them alone for a day and then decided to get to work on them. I had to catch them, get them trained to lead and allow me to handle them well enough to geld them so my work was cut out for me.

I started on the bay first, and then I went on to the other three blacks. I like bays and I really liked this bay for some reason. I think it was this horse that caused me to say to myself, wait, and take another look at these guys.

I started all four horses and got them gelded except one of the blacks, named Amigo. The folks that I got the horses from decided to keep Amigo and are really enjoying him and have him at Stud for the public. He's a great horse to help carry on the breed. I believe Jacques is at home with Amigo and doing well. Brick is living next door and my neighbor is having a great time with

him trail riding.

Now back to the bay. Bill is my buddy and we have been lots of places together. The moment he figured out I wasn't going to eat him we started a relationship that will last as long as we both have breath. We are inseparable because we get each other. For me he's the most fun horse I've ever ridden and I've ridden a lot of horses so to say that is a big thing. Bill was the easiest horse I've ever started. His willingness and interest in what I wanted from him was off the chart. He's like a sponge that never gets full. I would go from one stage of training to the next and I could hear him say to me, "OK that's good, now what's next?" He's got a swagger and attitude that makes you feel good inside. Oh, did I tell you I really like this horse? I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH GOOD ABOUT HIM.

Bill gets lots of looks and comments from our guests at Hay Creek Ranch here in Arizona and at our location in South Dakota. Most often folks want to know what breed he is. Lots of them think he's a Mustang. Well, I understand their confusion on that because he's very close to the mustangs in the southwest for good reason. The mustangs were derived from the Barbs.

When guests begin asking about Bill's breed I get to give them a better understanding of the role the Spanish Barbs played in the horse world. It's so cool to ride a horse that finds its roots in faraway places and was the first breed to carry man across the Americas.

Having ridden Bill for a couple of years now it's very easy to see why the Spaniards choose to bring these horses on their expeditions. All of the Barbs, the four boys I've had experience with met the standard I've seen and heard about the breed. They are stout, durable, good minded, devoted, awesome horses. Their heavy mane and tail hair is envied by all that see them. The feather on their fetlocks adds more flair, and their rock solid large feet are fantastic. Did I tell you I like these horses?

Bill and I have a bond that is more like the bond man and a dog might have. It's a bond like a lot of people have after working, playing and living together might have. I guess you might say we have a bromance going on.

Last year Bill and I were leading a ride to the

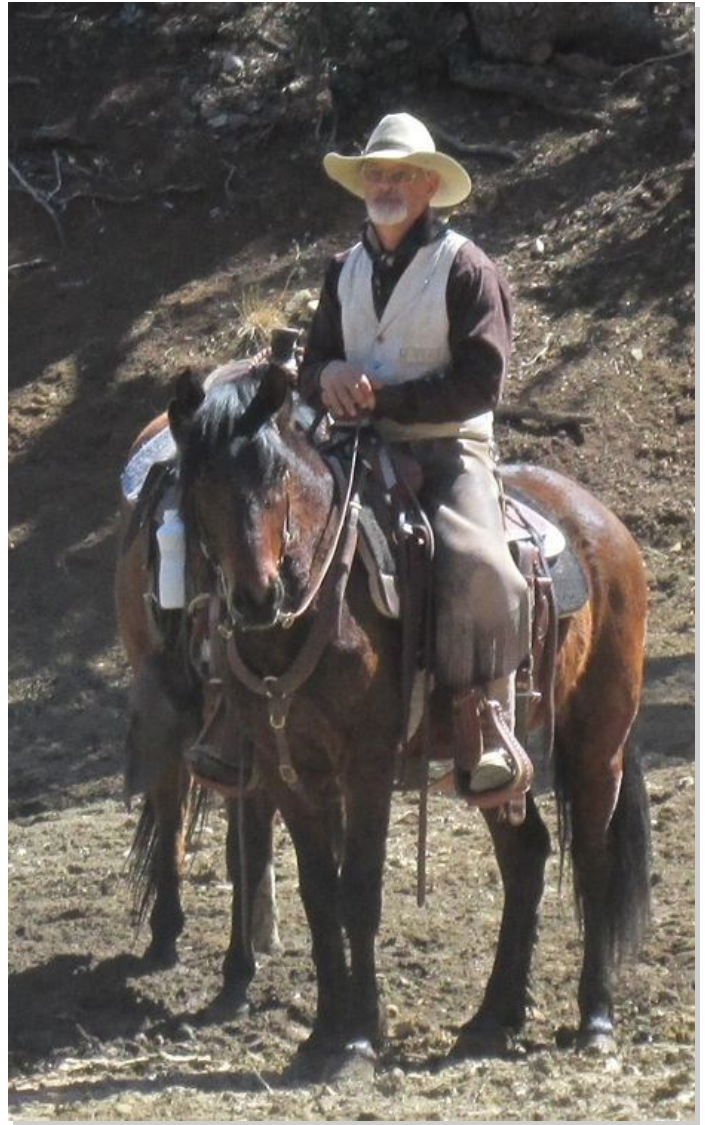


Apache ruins North of our camp just off of the Arizona Trail. No big deal, right? Well, the cool part of this is that we were on the Trail headed west and as we were traveling I looked up and to the north at the peak and thought to myself “I think I’ll take the ride up there.” About a hundred yards further on Bill took a right turn onto the trail that headed to the ruins without one single cue from me. The Apache warriors talked about being one with their horse and after that experience I have an idea of what they were talking about. The minds of these horses go beyond our comprehension. The devotion to their rider/partner is remarkable. The memory of these horses is like a steel trap. There’s not one place in Arizona, South Dakota, Wyoming or any other location I’ve been that Bill doesn’t remember every detail. He remembers every lunch stop, bathroom break for him or me, every camp site and rest stop. All I can say is it’s amazing.

If you have a Barb I hope you enjoy yours as much as I do Bill. If you don’t have a Barb I hope you get to find one and enjoy him as much as I do Bill. These tough little rock ponies are the best horses you can ever ride. If you’re looking for a friend that will be there for you every day then a Barb is the horse for you. Did I mention that I really like these horses? I love my buddy and will be forever in debt to the folks at Aravaipa Ranch for calling me a couple of years ago to come and take a look at four wild horses that just happened to be Spanish Barbs.

I’LL TAKE THE BAY...

*Doug owns the Hay Creek Ranch in Oracle, AZ where horses are always welcome & great riding is everywhere.*



#### **SBHA CENSUS**

Registered SBHA	<u>Stallions</u>	<u>Mares</u>	<u>Geldings</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Permanent Division	3	13	12	
General Division	8	51	56	
Pending Registration	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		
TOTAL Registered Horses	14	65	68	147
Numbers of pure Wilbur-Cruce horses registered				
	8	43	60	111
Appendix Barbs	1	1		
Half-Bloods		1	1	

***Spanish Barbs are a CRITICALLY ENDANGERED BREED!***

#### **From the Registrar**

We have launched into a new & very big project. I have wanted to scan the registration files to have digital records of all horses, but holy cow ... who wants to spend that much time standing in front of a scanner. Then, an amazing discovery was made. You can buy an inexpensive app for cell phones to scan documents. Brilliant! So now with the help of some volunteer members all the files can be scanned & be available to share with the membership. If any members who live relatively close, like the Tucson or Southern New Mexico areas, would like to help out, I would be happy to give you some folders to scan. It is really fun seeing photos and reading about horses registered in the SBHA through the years. Contact me at 575-654-3137 or email sbhors-es@gilanet.com if you would like to help out.

Thanks, Heidi Collings



## Promotional Events from 2017



### ORACLE OAKS

#### FESTIVAL PARADE

April 21, 2017 a group of Spanish Barb enthusiasts headed up to the beautiful and cooler town of Oracle Arizona. We went to ride our Barbs in the annual Oracle Oaks Festival parade. We had a great time and even had our unforgettable mascot Chuy the Llama carrying our banner. Lol. SBHA member and Oracle resident Esha Mork has a Spanish Barb booth at the festivities every year. Thanks Esha! The horses were groomed to perfection and behaved beautifully. Those involved this year were, Kathleen White on Fabiana, Jerry Gallegos on Xavier, Alana Carden on Alejandro and Chuy our mascot Llama who hung with them as he is best friends with Alejandro. Finally, Esha Mork on a very pregnant La Reina,

Alfredo Mendivil on Hermoso, Beth Mendivil on Lorenzo completed the participants. This was the first parade ever for most of the horses!

### EQUINE VOICES –DAY OF THE HORSE

March 18th 2017 a dedicated group of volunteers took horses and publicity materials to the Equine Voices a horse rescue organization Day of The Horse event. They ask us back each year as we are a popular attraction and we get a lot of exposure for Our Colonial Spanish Horses.

It takes a lot of preparation and effort to go to these events and do a good job of it. For example, grooming the horses so they look outstanding to making our Information booth as attractive as possible and talking to people all day long, then taking it all down and heading home after. It's a long but rewarding day of informing the public about these special horses. It just wouldn't be possible without the dedication and commitment of the horse owners and volunteers. Thanks Everyone!

Kathleen White with Fabiana, Jerry Gallegos with Xavier, Alfredo Mendivil with Hermoso, Beth Mendivil with Lorenzo. Becky Boyd, Esha Mork, Ana Trucha and Eme Rodriguez, all performed a great service!





## EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2018—PLEASE JOIN IN

- ◆ Steam Pump Ranch farmers market in Oro Valley, Arizona. Second Saturday of each month, October through April.
- ◆ Tucson Rodeo Parade on Thursday February 22nd , Tucson AZ
- ◆ Mane Event at West World in Scottsdale, Arizona, March 30-April 1  
<https://scottsdale.maneeventexpo.com/>
- ◆ Oracle Oaks Festival Parade and SBHA booth at the Oracle Community Center on April 21st.
- ◆ Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo parade on Saturday June 30th at 9am Prescott, AZ
- ◆ Brandi Fenton Park near Tucson, AZ. SBHA Promotional Event in Fall 2018. Details to follow
- ◆ Annual Meeting at NAN Ranch NW of Deming, NM September 20-23, 2018

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Everyone is welcome & encouraged to participate.

### Los Golindrinas Living History Museum.

On October 1, 2017, Remi Bellemare, Kathleen Bellemare, Dax Bellemare and Claire O'Neill introduced visitors at the Santa Fe museum to their Spanish Barbs, Feliz (aka Whipper), Orejano and Calabasa. The horses looked and behaved beautifully, and onlookers were impressed with how calm the horses were with kids on their backs amid the crowds.



### PRESCOTT ARIZONA 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Members Esha Mork and Deb Wolfe hauled to the cool country and shared their Barbs by riding in this historic parade. Pictured right is Esha riding Pilar. Below at Steam Pump Ranch Farmers Market



## SUSANNE STADLER AND HER SPANISH BARBS By Susanne Stadler

I bought my first Spanish Barb, Diamante in 2001. He is a Wilbur-Cruce gelding. This April 2nd he will turn 26 and is still boss in our herd. My goal was always to do endurance with him but life got in the way. However we did spend countless hours trail riding and even did some local packing.

As Diamante got older I began looking for another horse. Spanish Barbs are not common in California so I tried a string of other breeds, but none would develop into the special relationship I have with "Monty". So finally in 2014 I travelled to New Mexico and met Golandrina de Mogollon. She was 5 years old, unbroken and had the confirmation and independent brain (she would pick her own trail at her own time instead of following the herd in a hurry) I was looking for.

I was able to have her bred to Kay's Spanish Smoke before she was shipped to California in June 2014. After just a few days trying to work with her I decided I did not have the know how to train her myself.

I sent her to a reputable mustang trainer, who after 4 months called me and told me to pick her up. She was not going to touch this horse anymore, would not even saddle her as she was crazy and dangerous. Heartbroken I picked up the mare.

Then I decided to get a second opinion. A trainer from Canada, was visiting my neighbors and worked with her for 4 days. He declared there was nothing wrong with her, that I just needed to learn to trust her! My partner was very worried, and I finally said to him, if she kills me you can bury her with me.

I started ponying her off my big horse, her pasture buddy, with a pack saddle on her hung lots of stuff. I would also hike with her, get on for a while if the ground was soft, get off if things felt wrong. All the while she is getting bigger with foal. About 2 month before she foaled we were doing 8 mile trail rides by ourselves!

She had her colt and was a terrific mom and most important, because she trusted me with her colt, learned to trust me herself.

In my dreams I saw myself riding her and ponying the colt. Six months later we were regularly doing just that. She kept her cool when the rope got under her tail and even when we encountered a bear.

Last year my goal was to do some Limited Distance endurance rides. We completed 2 back to back 30 mile rides with no problems.

Then I decided to try the Grand Canyon ride. I was supposed to

ride with a friend who talked me into signing up for a 50 miler with him. I drove from California to the North Rim with her, just to find out my friend would not be able to ride with me. Well, I figured I would do the 30 miles on Friday and then decide what to do on the 2nd day. We did Friday no problem, and completed our first 50 mile race by ourselves on Saturday. Both days I let her decide on her speed, she is a horse that will first take care of herself, just like Diamante. I used a heart rate monitor to check

her. It did not matter what all the other horses did, she had her own pace. Both days we came in middle of the pack without effort.

We also entered the educational Tevis ride, since I wanted to learn more about endurance riding. It was hot, 102 degrees both days. Most of the Arabs certainly were faster and some riders had a hard time controlling their horses while I rode with a loose rein. At the vet check midday, after a very steep climb out, many horses got

pulled. The vet congratulated me. I asked what for? My mare got all A's, the first and one of the only horses to do so! I learned some techniques on that ride, but mostly I learned my mare is my partner.

In November we completed our 3rd endurance ride, first day 30 miles, no buddy rider, second day 50 miles, my friend Crockett rode with us. We had a wonderful ride.

Did I mention I don't feed this horse unless we do a hard ride or travel? She has lived on a 200 acre pasture. When she is confined to a corral she gets hay and after a hard ride pellets with beet pulp and oats. Only on the last endurance race did I add half a dose of electrolytes to her pellets after the ride. I wanted to find out what she is capable of without loading her with supplements and possibly masking any problems.

She still has a couple of quirks, mainly she is afraid of people, and she can pull back when tied, but she is fantastic on the trail and paces herself.

Her colt will be 3 in April, I think it looks to me that he has all her smarts without the little bit weirdness. Starting him was a piece of cake, a couple of bucks the first time he loped with a saddle, now I am riding him with a hackamore around the ranch for a few minutes at the time.

For 2018 I am excited about traveling to amazing places and entering endurance rides, and spending more time with my colt under saddle.





## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Please continue to support the Spanish Barb Horse Association by renewing your membership. Your dues go a long way towards defraying costs of attending promotional events needed to educate the public about our wonderful horses.

You can renew online with PayPal at <http://www.spanishbarb.com/membership/> or mail your checks to our new Membership Chairperson, Barbara Kaminski. You don't need to be a horse owner to join SBHA.

Barbara Kaminski Email: [bmlk58@hotmail.com](mailto:bmlk58@hotmail.com)

SBBA Membership

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*A special thanks to Sheila Segien for handling memberships for many years.*

### Spanish Barb Horse Association



#### Membership Application/Renewal

Or, mail the completed form and your check or money order to:

Barbara Kaminski  
SBBA Membership  
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Marana, AZ 85658

Type of Membership: ☐ Breeder ☐ Family ☐ Individual

\$40.00      \$35.00      \$25.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ranch/Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in: (please check one)

☐ Owning and/or breeding Spanish-Barbs

☐ Supporting the restoration and preservation of the breed and the goals of the SBHA through a General Membership

Yes or No: Include my telephone number and email address information on the membership list, distributed to members only.

As a member of the Spanish-Barb Horse Association, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the SBHA Handbook.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your support!*

## 2018 Annual Meeting—Mark Your Calendar You Won't Want to Miss it



Dates for the Annual Meeting are September 20-23, 2018. It will be held again at the Historic NAN Ranch in Southwest New Mexico. The NAN is by far the best location for the meeting we have enjoyed. Lovely accommodations, pens for horses, gorgeous riding and wonderful hosts. Please plan to join us.



### SPANISH BARBS IN CANYON de CHELLY BY Heidi Collings

Jerry and I were fortunate to take time last fall to ride in Canyon de Chelly National Monument on two of our Spanish Barbs. I cannot imagine a better way to experience this spectacularly beautiful gem, located near Chinlee, Arizona in the middle of the Navajo Reservation. Chiseled by millions of years of stream-cutting and land uplifts, the colorful sheer cliffs are dotted with hundreds of ancient pueblo ruins and the canyon bottoms were full of cottonwood and willow bosques in their finest fall colors.



Although it is a National Monument, the entire area is owned by the Navajo people, the Dine', therefore a trip into the canyons requires a Navajo guide. Good friend and SBHA Member Karen Austermiller arranged the trip, choosing Justin's Horse Tours. We camped in the canyon for 2 nights, allowing us 3 full days of riding. The trails in and out are "technical" in endurance rider's terms, but the Barbs as well as the Navajo ponies all handled them well. Riding in the canyon was all flat and sandy, which allowed us to spend all our energies taking in the glorious scenery. We were treated to great meals and warm company from our Navajo hosts. I cannot recommend this trip enough. We hope to go back and do it again.





## TWO BROKE GELDINGS FOR SALE (Must sell due to work and caregiver responsibilities)



Perico de Mogollon is 14+ hands with trail experience and has worked some with cattle in the open and pens. Perico is good on trails and will go anywhere you point him. Age 7. \$1500

Call, email or text so we can talk about these two handsome boys.  
520-265-2274  
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Cinco de Mayo de Mogollon, aka Nick is 15+ hands with trail experience and has worked with cattle in the open and feedlot. Nick collects nicely and with some time and work could be great for Western Dressage or Working Equitation. Age 8. \$1500



## CUSTOM MADE SADDLE FOR SALE



Fallis Saddle 2014 great shape. Custom made with breast collar and back cinch. 14 1/2" seat Full Quarter Horse bars **fits our Barbs great** and has short Cutting Horn, Visalia Stirrups  
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## PARELLI FUSION SADDLE FOR SALE

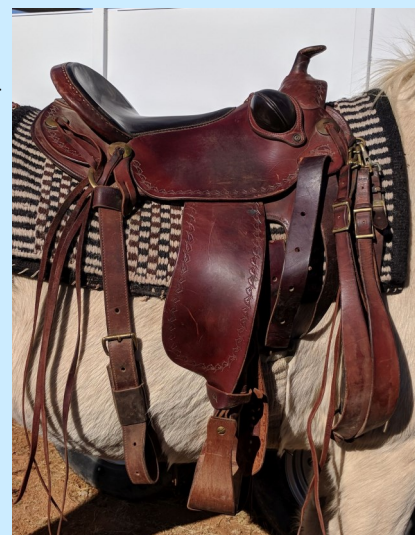
Lightly used Parelli Fusion Ranch Saddle features a rounded skirt, bucking rolls, and a smooth leather seat and fenders. It has leather tie strings and comes with a matching breast collar. 16" seat. It weighs only 28 lbs. Great fit on the wide backs of our Spanish Barbs.

Price: \$1750

Contact John Mayer: jumayer77@gmail.com

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*The following article by Jane Dobrott is reprinted from the 1994 Spanish Barb Journal*

## Historical Background-Wilbur Ranch Horses (Wilbur-Cruce Horses)

The Rueben Wilbur strain of Colonial Spanish Horse, (also known as Spanish Barb, and Spanish Mustang), has a unique historic and genetic background. All such strains of Spanish horse can trace their origin to the royal breeding farms set up in the Caribbean Islands by the Spanish monarchs, Ferdinand and Isabella. After horse populations were increased, they were then exported to mainland Mexico where the Conquistadores, the missionary fathers and the native Indians took part in moving them northward into what is now the United States.

In the late 1600's, Father Eusebio Kino, a Jesuit priest and missionary, first brought the Spanish horse into the Pimeria Alta, the area made up of southern Arizona and northern Mexico. Father Kino established his headquarters in the San Miguel river valley, approximately twenty-five miles east of today's Magdalena, where he founded Mission Dolores and Rancho Dolores. It is from this area that the Wilbur horses originated. His mission remained active in the production of livestock for many decades, producing stock that was destined to be spread northward as each new mission was established. He was responsible for mapping vast areas of previously unknown territory, setting up missions, churches, schools and settlements, seeing to it that each was liberally stocked with animals.

The Spanish horse played an important role in the early development of North America. During the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries, the Spanish horse was the most common equine, existing in an arc from the Carolinas, down to Florida, across the southern part of the county and throughout the western mountains and plains. Beginning in the 19th century, the Spanish horse became rare as it was replaced by larger horse types brought by pioneers from the Northeast. Herds held by Native Americans were all but exterminated in the latter years of Indian domination. A few herds remained in isolation, but for the most part, the fate of the Spanish horse was in the hands of a few individuals, families, and Native Americans who recognized their value and sought to preserve them.



*Historical photo of the Wilbur Ranch*

In 1867, Rueben Augustine Wilbur, a Harvard educated physician, who originally came to Southern Arizona to become the Cerro Colorado Mining Company physician, homesteaded the first cattle ranch in the Arivaca district of the "Pimeria Alta". In 1870, Dr. Wilbur became the Indian agent to the Pima and Maricopas and in 1871 to the Papagos, establishing San Xavier reservation at the age of thirty-one. In the late 1870's, he obtained a "manada" of twenty-five mares and one stallion from a horse trader named Juan Sepulveda, who brought them from Father Kino's historic home place, Rancho Dolores. Sepulveda moved a large herd from Rancho Dolores north across the border, passing by the Wilbur ranch on his way to the Kansas City stockyards.

Augustine A. Wilbur, son of Dr. Wilbur, was born on the ranch, and eventually took over its management. In 1933, when Augustine was killed in a fall

from his horse at the age of fifty-six, his eldest daughter, Eva Wilbur, was called

upon to oversee the ranch. Through three successive generations spanning over 110 years, their Spanish horses were kept in isolation on the ranch. Only those horses selected for ranch work were caught and handled. The others were allowed to run in wild bands in rocky and mountainous terrain, developing a ruggedness and intelligence that only the harsh selection process of survival of the fittest can produce.

## Preservation of a Living Artifact

When the Wilbur ranch was sold in 1990, Mrs. Wilbur-Cruce donated the herd of seventy-seven wild horses to The American Minor Breeds Conservancy (now called *The Livestock Conservancy*), an organization dedicated to conserving endangered breeds of livestock unique to this continent. The Conservancy coordinated the task of trapping and removing the horses, ensuring that blood samples were taken for typing. Blood typing is a test for genetically inherited characteristics that can be detected in the blood. A basis for comparison is formed by looking at characteristics of all types of Iberian Peninsula horses (those descended from a common source in Colonial Spain). Because Spanish breeds are different in type from other breeds, they can be recognized in this way. Dr. Gus Cothran, director of the Equine Blood Typing Research Laboratory at the University of Kentucky, concluded that the Wilbur horses were "a cohesive group based on type with nice genetic variability, in other words, no inbreeding. The most significant finding was that the results provided evidence of Spanish ancestry supportive of their oral history."



*Last round up of horses on the Wilbur Ranch in 1990*



## Unique Genetic Resource

"The Wilbur-Cruce horses are one of a very small handful of horse strains derived from Spanish Colonial times that persist to the present day in as pure a state as can be determined. They are the only known "rancher" strain of pure Spanish horses that remain in the Southwest. The Wilbur-Cruce horses are of great interest because they are a non-feral strain. The only other strains of Spanish horses that still persist are feral strains in certain isolated areas. Some pure examples, which are otherwise extinct or contaminated, are in privately owned and managed herds. The Wilbur-Cruce horses, as a non-feral strain are truly unique..."

"Visual examination of the herd indicates that their history is very likely accurate. The horses are remarkably uniform and of a very pronounced Spanish phenotype. In some instances this is in the extreme, such as is rarely seen to persist in North America in other Spanish strains."

"The need to conserve this herd is great, since they represent a unique genetic resource. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has limited their interest in rare breed conservation to those breeds that have no Arabian or Thoroughbred influence, because of the incredible scarcity of such populations worldwide. The Wilbur-Cruce horses fit in this category very securely and are therefore of great interest and importance not only in North America, but also in the worldwide efforts to conserve genetically unique populations of livestock".

"The Wilbur-Cruce population is a most significant discovery of a type of horse largely thought to be gone forever," according to Dr. Phil Sponenberg.

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Calabasa

Glen Jordan

Orejano

**HERE'S WISHING YOU MANY HAPPY TRAILS TOGETHER**

## 2017 FOALS



Sundance (Diamond Stud x La Reina) Colt  
bred & owned by Esha Mork



Besar  
(Ahuyentar  
x Paz de  
Dragoon)  
Colt bred  
& owned  
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