

Letter From the Editor

Greetings, everybody! Brennen Hankins here, writing in as the new editor of the Northwest Pinzgauer *Tails*!

You ever get hired for a job you didn't apply for and didn't know you were hired for it until somebody told you secondhand? That pretty much sums up how I got the job. (Not that I mind, but if you hire somebody for a job and they don't know it, their work performance is going to be a little bit absymal, don't you think?) I think it had something to do with that mind-shatteringly awesome letter I sent in to the Pinzgauer Forum in this last issue that just came out, but I could be wrong. Maybe somebody volunteered me for the job? I dunno, but either way, methinks I should be attending the NWPA meetings more often. I'd hate to get fired from a job I was unwittingly hired for.

All good humor aside, I hope I can put out a decent publication for you guys, like (that rhubarb-stealing) Dixie Berg has done for us all these years. I thank her for her service, and the NWPA for giving me the job.

I'm doing a few things different with the *Tails*. One you might have noticed is the fancy cover. No idea why I did it, I just thought it'd seem cool (and hopefully put all of the other associations' publications to shame). Another thing I'm doing different is to feature a farm or ranch in the Northwest area. If you would like to feature a ranch or farm in your area, please contact me and I will select one in a fair manner. If you have content you would like to see in the *Tails*, would like an article done on an event in your area, want to send in photos, or nominate a breeder to be featured, please either e-mail me at b_hank26@yahoo.com, or, if you'd rather send by snail mail, send all letters to:

The Tails Editor (I only request this be on the addressee listing because my mother gets nervous when I get large quantities of mail and questions me when I get home from work)

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Failing that, I always have my phone numbers: (503)-463-9390 (Home) and (503)-569-5839 (Cell). Please try calling my home number first, as I have a limited amount of minutes on my cell and would prefer that number be called in emergencies only. Also, please do not send texts to my cell phone, it will not receive them (I don't use the texting feature, but I still get billed for receiving them, so I blocked all texts off my phone). Sorry about being picky about my contact info, but Verizon Wireless really likes to stick you with any possible fee they can slap onto you.

Merry Christmas to you and your families, and a Happy New Year!

Brennen Hankins

-Brennen Hankins, Tails Editor-

Tom Gordon Wins Omer Thompson Bell at Oregon State Fair

Salem, Oregon- Tom Gordon has cowbell.

Whether you understand the “Saturday Night Live” reference or not, he has it, and he won it fair and square in the cow/calf pair class of the Pinzgauer Show at the Oregon State Fair last August.

The Omer Thompson Memorial Bell is awarded every year to the grand champion cow/calf pair at the fair. The winner of that class gets to keep the Austrian bell for a year, before it is returned to the State Fair for next year’s competition. And it’s enough to make the likes of Will Ferrell and his SNL cohorts drool with envy. It is named in honor of the late Omer “Pops” Thompson, who was one of the first breeders in the Northwest to help get Pinzgauer rolling. He lived with his wife, Joy Thompson, on their ranch in Estacada, Oregon. A former Hereford rancher, Omer and Joy saw their first Pinzgauers at the former PI expo in Portland. They purchased cattle from Alvene Leinweber in Washington a year later. They were very involved in the association and showed all over the state. Omer passed away in 1989.

The bell was purchased in Washington sometime in 1989 by the NWPA with money obtained through a fundraiser. The NWPA gave the award through the Oregon State Fair because that was Omer’s home state fair, and they only award it to the cow/calf class because that was an event he favored. The award originated in 1990.

Tom was friends with the Thompsons for a long time, going back 35 years. Living outside of Forest Grove, Oregon, he’s been a member of the association since its conception in 1973. This marks the first time Tom has ever won the bell.

“It’s been something I’ve wanted to do for awhile,” Tom said.

The cow/calf pair class at the State Fair does not give out any premiums in addition to the bell, only the bell itself, but Tom doesn’t seem to mind.

“To me it’s the prestige of just having the bell. Winning it was very, very precious to me.”

The award-winning cow/calf pair was GP Serna (cow) and GP Warwick (bull calf). We all wish Tom the best, and Lord help whoever has to try and take it away from him for the fair next year.

Cows Not To Blame For Global Warming

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Davis, CA- Despite oft-repeated claims by sources ranging from the United Nations to music star Paul McCartney, it is simply not true that consuming less meat and dairy products will help stop climate change, says a University of California authority on farming and greenhouse gases.



Figure 1: UC Davis Associate Prof. and Air Quality Specialist Frank Mitloehner proved that livestock are not responsible for global warming.

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UC Davis Associate Professor and Air Quality Specialist Frank Mitloehner says that McCartney and the chair of the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ignored science last week when they launched a European campaign called "Less Meat = Less Heat." The launch came on the eve of a major international climate summit, which runs today through Dec. 18 in Copenhagen.

McCartney and others, such as the promoters of "meatless Mondays," seem to be well-intentioned but not well-schooled in the complex relationships among human activities, animal digestion, food production and atmospheric chemistry, says Mitloehner.

"Smarter animal farming, not less farming, will equal less heat," Mitloehner said. "Producing less meat and milk will only mean more hunger in poor countries."

Mitloehner traces much of the public confusion over meat and milk's role in climate change to two sentences in a 2006 United Nations report, titled "Livestock's Long Shadow." Printed only in the report's executive summary and nowhere in the body of the report, the sentences read: "The livestock sector is a major player, responsible for 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions measured in CO₂e (carbon dioxide equivalents). This is a higher share than transport."

These statements are not accurate, yet their wide distribution through news media have put us on the wrong path toward solutions, Mitloehner says.

"We certainly can reduce our greenhouse-gas production, but not by consuming less meat and milk.

"Rather, in developed countries, we should focus on cutting our use of oil and coal for electricity, heating and vehicle fuels."

Mitloehner said leading authorities agree that, in the U.S., raising cattle and pigs for food accounts for about 3 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions, while transportation creates an estimated 26 percent.

"In developing countries, we should adopt more efficient, Western-style farming practices, to make more food with less greenhouse gas production," Mitloehner continued. In this he agrees with the conclusion of "Livestock's Long Shadow," which calls for "replacing current suboptimal production with advanced production methods — at every step from feed production, through livestock production and processing, to distribution and marketing."

"The developed world's efforts should focus not on reducing meat and milk consumption," said Mitloehner, "but rather on increasing efficient meat production in developing countries, where growing populations need more nutritious food."

Mitloehner particularly objects to the U.N.'s statement that livestock account for more greenhouse gases than transportation, when there is no generally accepted global breakdown of gas production by industrial sector.

He notes that "Livestock's Long Shadow" produced its numbers for the livestock sector by adding up emissions from farm to table, including the gases produced by growing animal feed; animals' digestive emissions; and processing meat and milk into foods. But its transportation analysis did not similarly add up emissions from well to wheel; instead, it considered only emissions from fossil fuels burned while driving.

"This lopsided 'analysis' is a classical apples-and-oranges analogy that truly confused the issue," Mitloehner said.

Most of Mitloehner's analysis is presented in a recent study titled "Clearing the Air: Livestock's Contributions to Climate Change," published in October in the peer-reviewed journal *Advances in Agronomy*. Co-authors of the paper are UC Davis researchers Maurice Piteskey and Kimberly Stackhouse.

"Clearing the Air" is a synthesis of research by the UC Davis authors and many other institutions, including the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board. Writing the synthesis was supported by a \$26,000 research grant from the Beef Checkoff Program, which funds research and other activities, including promotion and consumer education, through fees on beef producers in the U.S.

Since 2002, Mitloehner has received \$5 million in research funding, with 5 percent of the total from agricultural commodities groups, such as beef producers.

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Our Featured Northwest Pinzgauer Breeder

This issue, we'd like to recognize the Jenks Family and their ranch, Stuart Creek Ranch Pinzgauers.

Located in northeastern Clatsop County near Westport, Oregon (East of Clatskanie) off U.S. Highway 30, Stuart Creek Ranch currently (as of November 2009) has 50 head of Pinzgauers spread out over 88 acres (they lease land as needed, sometimes up to 200 acres).

Ron Jenks, family patriarch and proprietor of the ranch, has worked in numerous farms and dairies until finally settling into ranching permanently in 1996. He bought his first Pinzgauers in 2003, after seeing them in the show ring.

“My granddaughters saw them and wanted to show them, so I found Donna and Howard [Laney, of Cygnet fame] and bought a couple Pinzgauers,” he said. “The meat is excellent, and they're easy keepers. The only time they get rowdy is feeding time.”

Ron's ranch crew consists of his wife, Maria-Teresa, and his grandchildren; the girls, Chantel, Sierra, and Shania Jenks; and the boys, Jevin and Holden Jones. They usually show at local venues such as the Washington and Clatsop County fairs in Oregon, Clark County in Washington, the Oregon State Fair in Salem and the Western Washington State Fair (Also known as the Puyallup Fair) in Puyallup.

An unusual gimmick of the ranch is that most of the tools and accessories in their tack area are usually pink. This was the girls' decision, since they were the ones wanting to show and originally the first in their ranch to do so, so the tack area design is theirs. My only hope is that they don't decide to get uniforms, I don't think poor Ron would be too happy in a frilly pink jumpsuit. (Would make a good cover photo for the Journal, however.)

So if you happen to see them at a fair, (hint: the pink John Deere curtains are a dead giveaway), pop in and say hello to the Jenks family. And be sure to keep an eye out for your next Featured Breeder.



Shania (Left), Maria-Teresa (middle), and Chantel Jenks (right), sitting in their tack area at the 2009 Oregon State Fair

NWPA General Meeting
Chehalis, WA
Minutes – November 14, 2009

President Rick Boyer called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Present were Steve and Theresa Johanson, Wayne and Ruth Adams, Garry and Barb Anensen, Ben Ames, Mark Stupfel, Nancy Hankins, Tom Gordon, Bill Boatman, Donna Laney, and the recording secretary, Donna Boyer.

Reading of the minutes. **MOTION**: Tom Gordon, 2nd Wayne Adams to approve the minutes. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report – There is currently \$7,736.46 in the bank account. **MOTION**: Garry Anensen, 2nd Tom Gordon to approve the treasurer's report. Unanimous.

There was a motion made at the meeting at the Puyallup Fair in September 2009 about reimbursing Ben Ames and Pat Schrader for their expenses to get into the fair. They did not show at the fair and had to pay entry fees and parking to attend the meeting. Tom Gordon brought up that expenses have never been covered to come to a meeting, and he did not like the precedent this was setting. This was one reason we moved the annual meeting to the Spring Fair in Chehalis so the expenses were not so high. Most of the breeders who attend the meeting are at the Spring Fair showing cattle.

Nancy Hankins brought up a concern she had about hiring better judges. She was not happy with the attitude of the young judge at the Spring Youth Fair for the general show. There was discussion about the difficulty finding *any* judge, and that we may have to work with young judges so they gain experience.

Donna Laney is working on the tour for the International Pinzgauer Congress in 2011. She is working with a tour company and will come up with a price per person, excluding airfare. At this point in time, we are not sure if they will start the tour in Oregon and end in Washington or vice versa.

Ruth Adams has had a difficult time changing the bank account from US Bank in Battle Ground to the US Bank in Longview. Ruth looked into changing to Timberland Bank; but they required a tax ID number, which we do not have. The decision was to keep the bank account with US Bank. The three people who will be authorized to sign checks will be the President Rick Boyer, Vice-President Steve Johanson, and the Treasurer Ruth Adams. These three officers need to go to a US Bank and sign a signature card. Dixie Berg will be removed from the bank account.

There was discussion about the Pinzgauer Tails. Nancy Hankins suggested her grandson, Brennen Hankins, might be interested in writing the Pinzgauer Tails. There will be some guidelines that he will need to follow:

- The “Tails” will need to be printed quarterly
- In the December issue, the dues form needs to be included
- A membership list needs to be included in the spring issue of the “Tails”
- Business card ads for a fee
- Want ads
- Mail a hard copy to the president of each region
- Recipes, if possible
- Mail a hard copy to the members of the national board
- The “Tails” is only sent to paid members of the NWPA
- New buyers/new members get a subscription to the “Tails”

Donna Laney reported from the APA and their national meeting in Milwaukee. There were 65 head of cattle shown by 21 breeders from 11 states. There were 42 people in attendance at the general meeting. A new breeder from Indiana won the female side of the show. There is going to be a scholarship fund for graduating seniors. There will be a committee set up to review applications. Money donated to the scholarship fund is tax deductible.

Donna said there was talk about an American Full Blood Registry. There was, also, discussion about a fee to have your name in the breeder’s directory. We will see where these two items go.

The National Pinzgauer Show will be in Tyler, TX in 2010. In the past it has been in Dallas but will be moved for the 2010 show.

One person from each show needs to send in results to Kathy Dombrowski who will send them in to the Pinzgauer Journal.

Donna Laney, also, brought back news about Certified Pinzgauer Beef. There will be USDA approved labels that all breeders can get with their farm name on it. The animals need to be slaughtered at a USDA approved facility. The animal must be registered with the APA and be at least 50% Pinzgauer.

During some of the fairs, the youth are not bonding with some of the out-of-state kids. The ice has been broken when the show is over, and everyone is going home. There was discussion that we should order pizza and pop on the first evening of the Spring Youth Fair in Chehalis to get the youth together and “break the ice” early.

MOTION: Wayne Adams, 2nd Donna Laney to order pizza and pop on Friday night of the Spring Youth Fair. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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2010 NWPA Membership

It is time to pay your 2010 dues to the NWPA and/or NWJPA. The cost is \$25 for a yearly membership in the NWPA if paid by January 31, 2010 and \$30 if paid after that date. Dues for juniors in the NWJPA are \$5 and must be current to participate in the NWJPA shows.

Send in your dues and become part of a great organization that promotes the breed, keeps members informed, and promotes Pinzgauer fellowship.

We urge all of you to become part of the NWPA.

Application for Membership

The undersigned hereby applies for membership in the Northwest Pinzgauer Association, a non-profit corporation, with all rights and privileges and subject to the obligations thereof, as more fully set forth in the by-laws of the Northwest Pinzgauer Association. In consideration of the agreement to issue such membership, the annual membership fee is paid herewith.

Name of Membership

Phone Number

Address

Signature of Applicant

Date

_____ ACTIVE MEMBER: Dues are \$25 per farm (2 members). If paid after January 31, dues are \$30.

_____ ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Dues are \$15.

_____ JUNIOR MEMBER: Dues are \$5.

Send dues to: Northwest Pinzgauer Association
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On a separate piece of paper,
please list each member dues are
being paid for.

