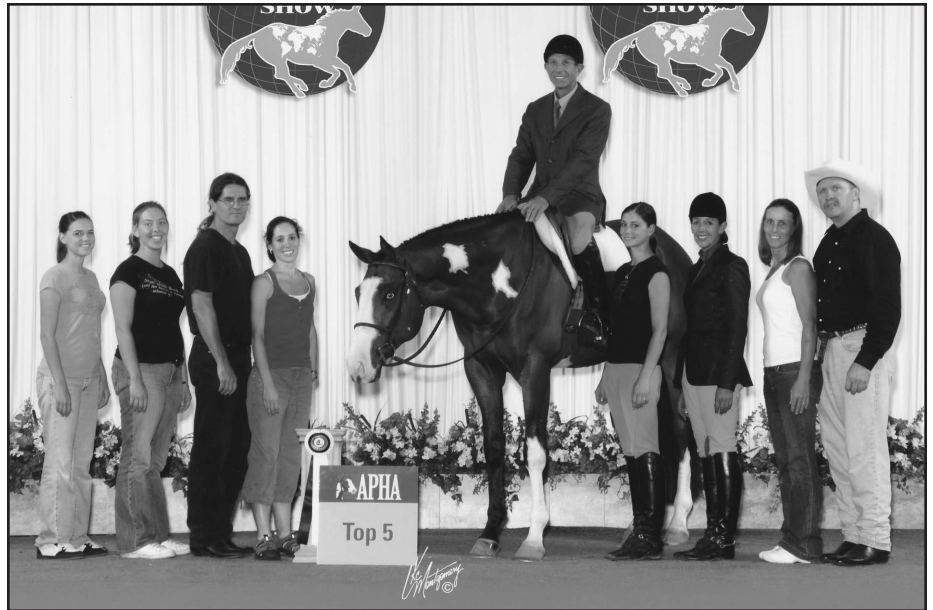


Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch

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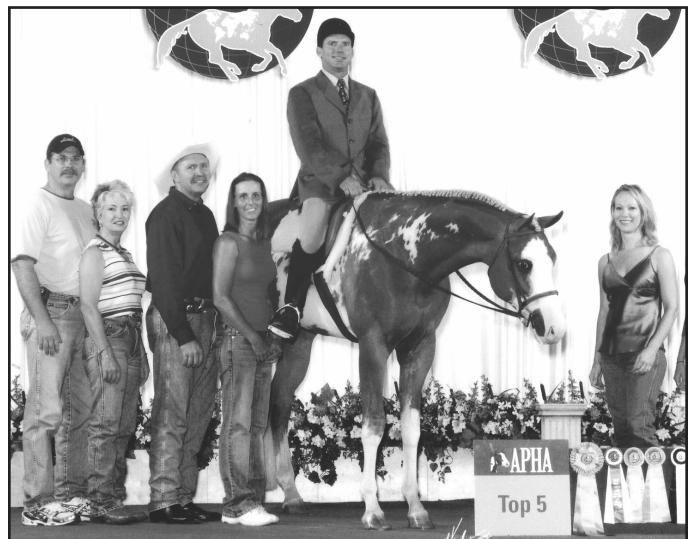


Arizona is the home of the two top young Hunter Under Saddle stallions at the 2007 APHA World Show, one of which is NFR Wiconi Warrior.

Stallion owners know the importance of a high quality stallion in order to have a successful breeding business, and mare owners know just as well how important their mares are in the breeding of great foals. At Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch, Chuck and Sherry Marx have tackled the task of breeding great paint horses by owning great stallions and equally great mares. Their top two stallions, NFR Wiconi Warrior and The Gift of Midas, placed 4th and 3rd respectively in their classes at the 2007 World Show. The ranch's broodmares come from such great stallions as Red Charisma, Frozen Assets, Dirty Rocki, Will Spot Ya, R Big Time Fancy, Red Sonny Dee and Zippo Pine Chex.

NFR Wiconi Warrior is a 2004 stunning mahogany bay overo with blue eyes, who is 16.3 hands and "still growing." Wiconi is by the late North Forty Rocket (NFR) who was a Superior Halter and 44 time Grand or Reserve Grand Halter Champion. Wiconi's 17 hand dam, Falcon Slew (JC), is out of Slew Of Irish, herself by One More Slew, who was sired by none other than the infamous and only undefeated Triple Crown winner, Seattle Slew (TB). Wiconi finished 4th at the 2007 APHA World show in the 3 year old HUS Challenge under the guidance of Karen Qualls. Wiconi has since been sold to World Champion trainer Suzanne Whittington of Silver Legacy Pleasure Horses. Congratulations to Silver Legacy on acquiring this World Class athlete! Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch is maintaining the breeding rights to Wiconi. He is available for your mares through the marvelous technology of frozen semen!

The Gift of Midas, a 2005 sorrel overo stallion, was sired by I Got Charisma, a World Champion sire, who was sired by the ever popular Red Charisma, also an APHA World Champion sire. The Gift Of Midas sire and grandsire were both raised by good friends, Deb and Eric Jarvis, of Jarvis Ranch. Chuck describes The Gift Of Midas as a horse that "looks like the original Paint stock horse - tall, good looking and well balanced. He has a pedigree that is loaded with winners." The stallion's 16.1 hand sorrel overo dam, Supreme Silver Bullet, has excellent conformation and has been Reserve Champion in a number of open shows. Her sire, Vans Silver Bullet, is pedigreed with at least seven AQHA Hall of Fame horses. This dazzling young stallion



The Gift Of Midas, a two year old stallion by Red Charisma, placed third at the 2007 APHA World Show.



Rock With A Zippo, pictured here with her 2007 overo filly by R Big Time Fancy, is now bred to Special Invitation for a 2008 foal.



Red Classy Sensation is a 2007 overo filly by Zippos Sensation, out of the mare, Red Classy Dee by Red Sonny Dee.

finished 2006 as the Ultimate Yearling in Arizona and went on to finish 3rd at the 2007 APHA World Show in 2 Year Old Hunter Under Saddle. He is being trained and shown by World Champion trainer, Mark Kuhlwein.

Both stallions, NFR Wiconi Warrior and The Gift Of Midas, are nominated to the Arizona Paint Breeders Futurity, the NSBA Stallion Incentive Fund and the APHA Breeders Trust. With these top Hunter Under Saddle stallions in the breeding program, Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch plans to become one of the top pleasure breeders in the country with its base in the beautiful mountains of Prescott Valley, Arizona.

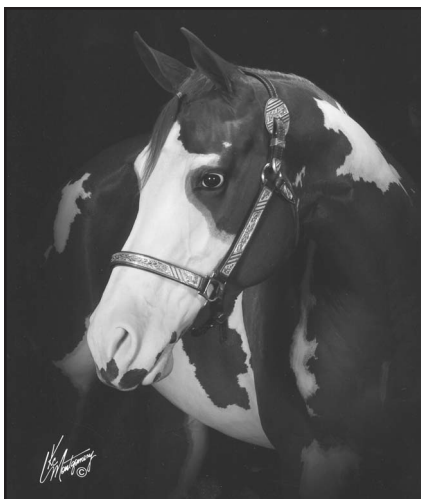
On the other side of the breeding program are phenomenal mares. Each one was selected for its movement and impeccable bloodlines of top twenty stallions on both the sire and dam sides. Rock With A Zippo, a 1996 sorrel overo mare, is by Dirty Rocki. "Rose" has 96 APHA points and two ROMs. She is in foal to Special Invitation for 2008. She had a beautiful filly in February 2007 who was sired by R Big Time Fancy. "Aeris" is a loud western pleasure

overo who was featured with her mom in the media room at the APHA World Show this past year and was featured on page 136 of the October issue of the Paint Horse Journal.

Red Classy Dee, an APHA Champion, was a 1992 sorrel overo mare by Red Sonny Dee. The 16 hand mare was double registered APHA and AQHA with more than 500 lifetime halter and performance points and eight ROMs and three Superior Awards. "Jewels" was bred to Zippo Sensation, the sire of 38 World and Reserve World Champions. Jewel's filly, Red Classy Sensation, was born in February, 2007. She is a gorgeous minimal sorrel with a beautiful head. She has the same high class stature and graceful movement of her mother, and we are excited about her future in the show ring.

RC Cruise Control is a 2001 16.1 hand sorrel overo mare sired by Red Charisma. Her filly, sired by the Ranch's stallion Norfleets Super Sun was born in February 2007. "Sparkles" was purchased by Lauren Rawlings when she was only two weeks old. It was hard for Lauren to wait until RC Sparkles was weaned from her mother before she could take her home. RC Sparkles, with her mother in the background, graced the cover of the Arizona Paint Horse Journal for the weanling issue this last August.

Kick A Little Assets is a beautiful 1999 black overo mare by top twenty sire, Frozen Assets, who is a three-time World and Reserve World Champion Western Pleasure Stallion. "Kansas" was bred to World Champion Stallion, Paint Me Zippo. Her filly was born on Valentine's Day 2007. "Truffles" is a beautiful solid bred bay. She will be showing in the Solid Bred Yearling In-Hand Trail and Longe Line classes in 2008. "Kansas" is now in foal to Special Invitation for a 2008 foal. Both stallions are standing at Yarnelle Farms.



What A Girl Needs, by Zippo Pine Chex, has her ROM in both Jr. Western Pleasure and Jr. Trail. She is now being offered for sale.



Needing a larger facility for their expanding horse operation, the Marx' Scottsdale home is now offered for sale.

The ranch has many horses for sale including the beautiful mare, What A Girl Needs. "Trixie," who is sired by Zippo Pine Chex, has ROMs in Jr. Western Pleasure and Jr. Trail. She has been started in Hunter Under Saddle and will be sold "in foal" and in show condition to a discriminating show family.

The darling of the group of sale horses is Supreme Charisma. "Lumiere" is a full brother to The Gift Of Midas. He is a 15.1 hand yearling overo gelding who is currently showing in the Yearling Halter, In-Hand Trail and Longe Line classes. Lumiere will be going into training with Suzanne Whittington of Silver Legacy Pleasure Horses.

The other horses that round out the sales barn include:

1. Frozen Solid Zippo by Paint Me Zippo - 2007 Solid Filly;
2. Big Time Fancy Rock, by R Big Time Fancy - 2007 Filly;
3. Supreme Charisma by I Got Charisma - 2006 Gelding;
4. Shes Solid As A Rocki by R Big time Fancy - 2006 Solid Filly;
5. Hez So Zippo by Hez So Heav-enly - 2005 Gelding;
6. Zippin Rock Rock, by Zippin Rock - 2004 Gelding;
7. Admiral Lucky Straw by Dupli-cator - 2003 Gelding;

8. Bordeau and Swiss by Mighty Pat Star - 2000 Gelding.

After four very productive years, Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch was bursting at the seams. "We are expecting five foals in 2008, and our plans are to grow to about ten foals a year. We were out of room for that kind of breeding program in Scottsdale, so we moved to Prescott Valley," says Chuck. "We have ten acres and are developing it into a world-class breeding facility with pastures, multiple barns, a breeding station and a roping-sized arena. The Castlebrook 12-stall Show Barn and the 16-stall Foaling Barn are being built by Mark Kuhlwein of K&E Builders. We need room for future Wiconi and Felipe babies!"

Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch is a family business. All four sons have worked at it at one time or another. Sherry foals the mares out each spring and is being trained to inseminate the mares. She also teaches the weanlings ground manners, including haltering, leading, trailering and grooming. In addition, she usually has one or two yearlings that she trains for In-Hand Trail and Longe Line. Her degree in Early Childhood Education has helped her in knowing how to break the lessons down to small steps that eventually lead to the behavior she is looking for.

Chuck helps Sherry with the business strategies and he is "the professional groom, stall mucker and heavy bag lifter." But his talents don't stop there. He is on the Executive Board for the Arizona Paint Horse Club, and he helps the Club find sponsorships for shows. "Arizona puts on seven shows a year, which is more than any other single state club. More APHA points are generated in Arizona than any other club in the country. In an effort to keep the show costs down for the exhibitors, we look for corporate sponsors and class sponsors to help defray the costs."

Chuck and Sherry love horses and enthusiastically encourage others to enjoy them. To motivate owners to experience a great show career for horses bred to their stallions, Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch offers monetary incentives for breeding to its stallions. The first foal in each foal class to earn an: APHA ROM in any class will receive \$250; APHA Superior in any class will earn \$500; APHA Reserve World Championship will receive \$750; and APHA World Championship will receive \$1,000.

To promote the showing of all yearlings, Mountain View Paint Horse Ranch is sponsoring the Annual Ultimate Yearling Awards for the top three Solid Bred and Regular Registry Yearlings in Arizona. Horses are required to show in Longe Line, In Hand Trail and Halter. See the APHC website at www.azpaints.org for more information.

For information on breeding to NFR Wiconi Warrior and The Gift Of Midas or on horses for sale, contact Sherry at (602) 882-0868 or Chuck at (602) 820-7801. Visit their website at www.mountainviewpainthorseranch.com. When you are driving through Prescott, stop by and see them at the ranch! □