

Gulf Coast Donkey and Mule Association



WOW! Everyone seemed to have a great time at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Donkey and Mule Show! Congratulations to all of our exhibitors, and many thanks to those members who didn't show, but came out to cheer us on!

Friday's move-in went smoothly, and thankfully Mother Nature waited until most of us were in the stalling area Saturday morning before the rains! Apparently with the changing of our weekend to show (from the last weekend to the middle weekend of the show), we were hosted by a different group of volunteers, and they were quick to let us know that our group has the reputation for being easy to get along with and fun loving!

Results and points will be posted soon on our GCDMA website (www.gcdma.org; remember if you paid your 2014 membership dues before the Houston Show, points earned at that show count towards the ASSpiring to Greatness Awards at the end of the year. If you still need to pay your dues, please send your check to our GCDMA Treasurer - Sherry Kent; Sherry's mailing information is: Sherry Kent; 217 County Road 351; Cleveland, Texas 77327. 2014 dues are \$15.00 per family, and additional membership information can be found on the GCDMA website (www.gcdma.org).

2014 Ear of the Year awards were presented to:

- Donkey - 'Who Dun It' (owned by Mary Kitzmiller) - official ear measurement was 33.25 inches
- Mule - 'My Lasst Dannce' (owned by Dianne Smith) - officially measured in at 27.125 inches
- Miniature Donkey - 'RDC Giancario' (owned by Jan Stallone) and his official measurement was 21.875

No points are earned in this class, but what fun; a great time was had by both the competitors and those looking on as the measurements were taken!

Here's a list of 2014 GCDMA dates to remember; be sure to put them on your calendar:

March 15 & 16, 2014

[Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Donkey & Mule Show](#)

Houston, Texas

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May 24 & 25, 2014

First Annual GCDMA Trail Ride & Drive

Indian Spirit Springs - 4342 Dobrovolny Rd; Bryan, Texas

To RSVP for meals and potluck (and just so we know you are coming)

or for questions, email jenniferevansstewart@gmail.com or call/text

Jennifer Stewart, GCDMA Trail Coordinator at 713-392-3761.

August 8 - 10, 2014

[Texas State Championship Donkey & Mule Show](#)

** We just received approval from ADMS recognizing this show as the 2014 ADMS National Show*

Brazos County Expo Center - Bryan, Texas

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October 3 & 4, 2014

[State Fair of Texas](#)

Dallas, Texas

Sanctioned by GCDMA

Additional GCDMA dates and information will be posted as it becomes available!

Your GCDMA officers are always eager to hear from club members; if you have comments, feedback and/or ideas to improve our club and its activities, please do not hesitate to contact one of us!

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* In addition to holding the office of Vice President, Dana Heath has once again volunteered to accept the responsibility of Show Chairman for our Texas Championship Show in August of this year, and she will be looking for volunteers to lend a hand in various ways to make this show a success. Please email Dana (dheath@dvm.tamu.edu) if your schedule that weekend allows you some time to help out!

2014 is going to be a great year for GCDMA

JoAnn Jordan
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