



# British White Cattle Association of America

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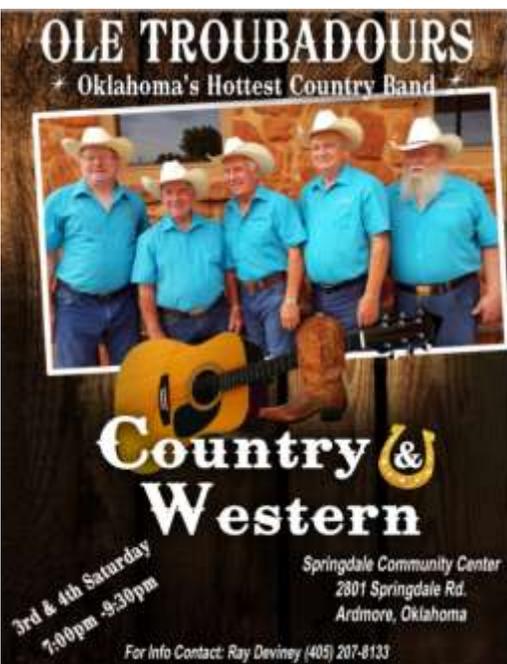
## Planning Update

2017 BWCAA Annual Meeting,  
National Cattle Show and Sale,  
October 6-7, 2017  
Purcell, OK

**The 2017 BWCAA Annual Meeting** will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning at the OSU Farm and Home Building with coffee and pastries. The program will include a presentation on Artificial Insemination (AI) and a panel discussion on bull selection followed by the annual BWCAA Membership meeting.

Following lunch, the Board of Directors will hold their annual re-organization meeting.

The afternoon will be highlighted by a Showmanship clinic at in the McClain Event Center designed for new and experienced competitors in cattle shows by this year's judge Clinton Laflin. Members can learn the fine points in how to prepare an animal for show and the skills helpful in presenting the animal to the judge.



In the evening, we can dance, dance, dance to the music of the Ole Troubadours. Admission is \$5/person with free entry for kids age 5 and under. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be offered for sale by the BWCAA Jr. Association.



Clinton Laflin, Judge

**The BWCAA National Show** will begin early Saturday morning at the McClain Event Center. All cattle shown must be registered with BWCAA and be Standard marked. In order to

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show an animal in the Show, a person must be a BWCAA member (Active, Associate or Jr.) in good standing, but need not own the animal. All show animals must be standard marked.

Every youth entering the Showmanship competition will receive a buckle. Youth buckles **sponsorships** are available for \$75. Sponsors may have their name or ranch name inscribed on the back of the buckle. Call Sue Seep to sponsor a buckle.

**The BWCAA Sale** will be held immediately after the Show. All animals offered for sale must be registered with BWCAA and standard marked. **BWCAA will be publishing and mailing out a 2017 BWCAA Show**

**and Sale Catalog in mid-August.**

In order to be included in the Sale Catalogue, the deadline for consigning animals is August 5, 2017. Entry forms for the Show and Sale will be available from the BWCAA website or can be obtained by calling the Association office.

Consignments may either be "absolute" or "reserved". If "absolute", the animal is sold at the price where the bidding stops. However, one may consign an animal at a "reserved" price, and if the reserved price is not met, the owner retains ownership. The sale commission is set at 10% for all animals sold at the sale auction and 6% for "reserved" animals that do not sell above the reserved price. We encourage photos of the animals consigned for the Sale for inclusion in the Catalogue. Be sure to plan ahead. Certain health certificates are required to transport cattle across state lines. You may need to schedule vaccinations for your heifers and bulls.

**For accommodations**, we recommend Ruby's Inn 405-527-5577, the Executive Inn, 405-527-5582 or the Sleep Inn 405-307-0919. Many of us have stayed at Ruby's Inn the last two years. It is located about 3-4 blocks from the meeting site. We found it to be clean and well managed, plus the restaurant had some pretty good food at reasonable prices. **If you have an RV or pull camper, there are reasonably priced RV hookups at the McClain Event Center on site.**

## **BWCAA Photo Contest for the 2018 BWCAA Calendar**

**Entries will be accepted from July 1 through July 15, 2017.**



The British White Cattle Association of America is holding its annual photo contest in conjunction with the production of an 8" X 10" British White Wall Calendar for the year 2018. We hope to publish some great new photos of our beloved breed for the enjoyment of all. Primarily, the purpose of the photo contest is to engage our members to share in a fun event. The calendars will be sold at cost beginning at the Annual Meeting, October

6th in Purcell, OK. They can also be purchased from the Association office. They make great Christmas and promotional gifts.

One photo of British White cattle will be chosen as the featured photo for each month of the calendar year. Members will also have the opportunity to vote on their choice of the best 12 photos from the final cut of 24 as determined by the contest committee. Check them out on the BWCAA website July 31. The results of the voting will be announced at our the Annual Meeting.

Voting by members will take place from July 31 through August 15, 2017 by email or regular mail, with one vote per email address/member.

#### ENTRY RULES

- One must be an Active, Associate or Jr. Member of BWCAA to submit photos.
- Only photos of Registered British White Cattle or their offspring will be eligible.
- One member may submit up to 5 photos.
- Entries should be submitted in jpg format at the camera's highest pixel setting. If emailing, restrict the size of the file to less than 3 MB in size. Higher resolution photos can be submitted on a disk. Suggested pixel size for digital photo entries should be close to 3675 wide by 3300 high.
- Emailed entries should be sent to [office@britishwhite.org](mailto:office@britishwhite.org) . Disks should be mailed to BWCAA 6656 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472.
- Disks will not be returned. Entries that are lost, late, incomplete, invalid, unintelligible, misdirected or technically corrupted or garbled will be disqualified. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt by BWCAA. Entries must be fully original creations of the entrants, and must not have been submitted to any other contest. Entries must not infringe or violate rights of third parties, including copyrights, trademarks or rights of publicity/privacy. If BWCAA determines that an insufficient number of entries were received, it may cancel the contest.
- Submit only non-altered ("Photo shopped") photos.
- A maximum of two entries per member will be considered for one of the 12 winning photos.
- Entries will be accepted from July 1 through July 15, 2017.
- By participating in the contest, it is understood that submitted photos become the property of BWCAA and can be used by BWCAA in other publications, videos, advertisements, etc., without compensation to the entrant. Submission of entry constitutes permission to use the winners' names, city, and state of residence for purposes of publicity or promotion. Also, entrants release and agree to hold harmless BWCAA and its respective successors, assigns, employees, officers and directors, from any and all liability for any claim, loss, damage, cost, or expense resulting from the entrant's participation in the contest or any contest related activity.

#### **Advertisement Opportunities are available in the 2018 BWCAA Calendar**

Members who would like to purchase a \$100 ad for one month of the calendar can call Sue at the BWCAA office and reserve a month on a "first-come/first served" basis. Ads, business cards or other artwork will appear in the blank day-spaces on the calendar of the month they sponsor. Advertisers are responsible for providing the copy-ready information.

# Put Those Bulls to Work in the Off-Season!

When one looks for potential AI sires among the registered British White gene pool, the choices are pretty narrow. I can name five registered British White sires that I have used and two that I haven't. Now, if I don't want to use the two that I haven't, do I start over? There must be a better way. There may be more BW semen out there, but unless available semen is advertised or known by word of mouth among BWCAA members, the list remains quite short.

**Maybe there is a bull in your pasture that can contribute to the advancement of the British White breed. Perhaps you might consider having him collected and offering semen for sale to other British White breeders or for crossbreeding.**

If you are thinking along those lines, some advance planning would be wise. It starts with data collection on the bull in question along with data from his offspring. Keep records on birth weight, weaning weight, yearling weight, scrotal size, frame score, docility score, and carcass ultrasound data. Be sure to report these to the Association in a timely manner.

When registering your heifers, also strongly consider sending data on your steers sired by this bull. You don't have to register steers, but by providing data on the steers, valuable progeny metrics are added to the sires' production record.

Consider also the phenotype. Is he structured properly, have the right markings and good feet?

**What does it cost to have semen collected and stored?** One company in Nebraska offers a one-day collection for a basic charge of \$30 plus \$3.00 per straw for up to 100 straws, and \$2.00/straw for 101 to 200 straws. If you want to store the semen with them, it costs \$150/year with a 200 straw minimum. Assuming a minimum of 200 straws is collected, the final cost is about \$3.00/straw. Upfront costs would be approximately \$450-\$500. If the bull stays for more than one day, a health exam is required along with testing for TB, Lepto, Brucellosis, and BVD (Bovine Viral Disease Complex). These add an additional cost of \$250 plus a day-care fee of \$6.50/day. If desiring EU (European Union) certification, the cost can vary from \$800 to \$1900, in which case the bull usually remains at the facility. In this scenario, if it is an extended visit to collect 500 straws, without EU certification, the cost would still be approximately \$3.00/straw, but the upfront cost would be approximately \$700-\$750.

To put in terms of dollars per straw, semen collection and storage costs run from \$3.00 to \$4.00/straw depending on whether it is a onetime collection or extended stay collection. In general, one can purchase British White semen from \$15 to \$25/straw in groups of ten. So you can see there is additional potential to have your bulls earn their keep in the off-season. And wouldn't it would be great to have more sire choices within the British White gene pool?

# Handy Online Calculators

Detailed below are three useful websites to help with your planning of some very important dates, such as recording weaning weights, yearling weights, frame scores, and registrations of cattle with the Association, etc.

**"Date Calculator: Add to or Subtract from a Date"** <https://www.timeanddate.com/date/dateadd.html> is useful when determining when to take 205 day weaning weights of your calves. For example, 205 day weaning weights must be recorded between 160 to 250 days of age. For a calf born April 1, 2107, one would go to the website and enter April 1 in the start date, then enter 160 in the "add days" box and click on "Calculate New Date". In this example, the result is September 8, 2017. This date is the earliest you could weigh the calf. Then go back to the site and enter "250" in the "add days" box. This result is December 7, 2017. Now you have the window in which to record the weaning weight of the calf. This is much simpler than counting days or weeks on a calendar. Timely registration of newborns can save fee expenses. Fees are \$30 for calves up to 250 days, \$35 for calves 251 to 365 days, \$50 for yearlings 366 to 451 days and \$100 for animals over 451 days old. These online calculators can be very useful planning tools.

**"Frame Score Calculator"** <http://www.cattlecalculator.com/frame-score-calculator/> will provide the frame score of an animal to three decimal places, although one decimal place is probably sufficient. It eliminates the need to interpolate between frame scores when using the chart included in the Association's "Breeders Guide". All you need to input is the age in days, sex and height in inches. This formula works between the ages of approximately 5 months (160 days) to 48 months (1460 days). But, to get the age in days, you can first go to **"Calculate Duration between Two Dates"**, <https://www.timeanddate.com/date/duration.html> and enter the birth date of the animal, then the date in which the hip height was measured. Enter that result into the frame score calculator to determine the frame score.

## Comments or Suggestions for e-News?

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