

MICHIGAN ANGUS NEWS

The Official Publication of the Michigan Angus Association

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Angus Friends,

This is an exciting time of the year. Calving season is here, the spring sales and show are coming up and the Michigan Angus Association annual meeting will be held March 13. Information and reservation forms are included in this newsletter.

The 2011 MCA/MSU Performance Bull Test Sale will be held on March 19 at the Bull Test Station in Crystal. There are about 60 Angus bulls consigned this year. The Michigan Beef Expo will be held April 1 and 2 this year. Consigners have entered 40 lots. These two events promise to have outstanding sets of Angus seed stock available and offer opportunities to see old friends and meet new breeders as well. This year Sara Snider from the American Angus Association will be at Expo to present a program about the Angus Source Program and discuss EPD'S. Watch for more information in the Expo catalog.

The Michigan Angus Association Board of Directors met recently to discuss a new format for the fall sale. More information will be available at the annual meeting. The Board has also proposed amendments to the Bylaws. These are printed in the newsletter. I encourage you all to attend the annual meeting and take part in discussions about the future of your association.

As always, visit our website at www.michiganangus.org for information about the association, upcoming events and the Angus breed. Thank you to those who have paid their 2011 dues and updated their information. A new directory will be printed this spring so dues need to be paid to be included. A membership application is included in the newsletter. If you have comments or concerns you can email me at capresto04@hotmail.com or call me at 989-873-4164.

Chuck Preston

ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET

The 2011 Michigan Angus Association Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet will be held on **Sunday, March 13th at Gene Davis and Sons Catering, 3575 Francis Street, in Jackson.** The meetings of the Michigan Angus Association, the Michigan Angus Auxiliary, and the Michigan Junior Angus Association will begin at 10 a.m., followed by dinner and the awards program. The afternoon program will include an auction for the 2011-12 directory ad spaces, semen packages on several top bulls donated by A.I. companies and Seldom Rest/Dameron/and Express, and Beswick ceramic Angus donated by Singletree Farms and Sterzick Farm. All members and other interested persons are encouraged to attend. Reservation details are enclosed in this newsletter and are due by Friday, February 25, 2011. **PLEASE NOTE THAT DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ALSO BEGINS ON MARCH 13, 2011.**

MICHIGAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Farm Name: _____

Owners Name: _____

Farm Manager (if applicable): _____

Juniors: (under age 21) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County: _____

Home Phone: _____ Farm Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail _____

Web Site: _____

Directions to farm: _____

I prefer to receive the Michigan Angus Newsletter: _____electronically _____ via U.S. mail

I am interested in serving on a committee for the Michigan Angus Association (check as many as you wish to participate in, a brief description of the activities involved with each committee is listed below and more details are available on the web site or from the officers and directors):

_____ Marketing and Promotion (Bull Test, Fall Sale, Futurity Show and Sale, Commercial Opportunities, Preview Show)

_____ Education and Mentoring (New members, Junior members, Field Day, Annual Banquet, Member Recruitment, Educational Articles)

_____ Communications (Web site, Newsletters, Directory, Advertising)

_____ Policies and Procedures (Responsibility of the Board of Directors, if you are interested in possibly serving on the board in the future please check this line)

Dues are \$25.00 per calendar year. Make checks payable to: Michigan Angus Association.

Please send application and payment to:

Michigan Angus Association

Bonnie Canfield, Treasurer

8002 Freeport Avenue

Clarksville, MI 48815

616-868-6412

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE JANUARY 1
(REMEMBER THE 2011-12 DIRECTORY WILL BE PRINTED THIS SPRING)
PLEASE SEND YOUR APPLICATION AND CHECK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

As we start 2011, excitement is high amongst Angus breeders as evident by the overflow crowds at the recent National Western Angus Show in Denver. Here are a few points to keep in mind as we go forward in the upcoming year:

- Bull sale averages are up \$467/head for registered Angus bulls.
- Registrations are up 8 – 11% for the month of January, which is up five percent over the prior year.
- The Angus source program is as popular as ever and is showing significant growth. Sara Snider will be at the Michigan Beef Expo to put on a program.
- First quarter sales of CAB is up 7% over last year. This is the 4th record year in a row for sales.
- “I am Angus” was seen by 178,000 viewers, up from 74,000 in the past.
- Pfizer donated \$8000 to the Angus Foundation in Denver.
- The foundation heifer package sold for \$50,000 to Dr. Long’s Briarwood Angus in Missouri.
- Please take a minute to fill out the survey for the Angus long-range plan. This can be found at the American Angus Association website: www.angus.org

Scott Foster

American Angus Association Director

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The following proposed by-law additions will be voted on at the annual meeting on March 13, 2011.

- Add to Article IV, Section 3: Resignation from the board may be accomplished in two ways.
 - o A letter of resignation sent to the president or secretary.
 - o Not attending three consecutive meetings shall constitute resignation from the board.
- Add to Article V: Section 5 Conference telephone. A member of the Board or committee designated by the Board may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participating in a meeting pursuant to this method constitutes presence in person at the meeting. This section applies to all meetings except the annual meeting. Members participating in this manner will not be counted towards the quorum.
- Add to Article V: Section 6. Action without a meeting. Action may be taken by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof without a meeting if, before the action, all members of the Board or of the committee consent thereto in writing. The written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or committee and approved at the next Board meeting.
- Add to Article V: Section 7. The board of directors may combine the positions of secretary and treasurer. The resulting position could be held by a non member of the Michigan Angus Association. The combined position would not be a voting member of the Board of Directors. The secretary/treasurer would be a voting member of any committees to which they were appointed.
- Add to Article VI: Section 9. Terms of office. Newly elected officers will take office at the first meeting after the annual meeting in which they were elected.

ANGUS BREEDERS AD IN THE MICHIGAN CATTLEMAN MAGAZINE

In 2009 the Michigan Angus Association expanded the Angus breeders' ad in the Michigan Cattleman Magazine. There is still room for a limited number of breeders in the ad. If you would like for your farm to be recognized and listed in the ad for the remaining 3 issues in 2011, send your information or business card to the association secretary, Nancy Thelen, 7821 Weber Road, Saline, MI 48176, along with your check for \$75. You must be a member of the Michigan Angus Association to be included in the ad.

MICHIGAN JUNIOR WINTER BEEF CLASSIC RESULTS

Another successful Michigan Jr. Winter Beef Classic took place In December. Attendance and enthusiasm continues to be high. Thirty-two Angus heifers were exhibited and 20 Angus steers. Sterling Reichenbach of Bath exhibited the Champion Angus Heifer which went on to be the Supreme Champion Over All Breeds Bred and Owned Female as well as the Supreme Overall Female. The heifer is SH Blossom 0138, a February, 2010 daughter of Leachman Saugahatchee 3000C. Patti Vaassen from Ann Arbor exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Heifer, Seldom Rest B F Bardot 9051, an October, 2009 daughter of PVF ALL Payday 729. Katie Reid from Eaton Rapids exhibited the Champion Angus Steer, DOA Pierre Pioneer 0202, a February calf sired by SAV Pioneer. Justin Kennedy from Nashville exhibited the Reserve Champion Angus Steer, Seldom Rest Franky 521, a June calf sired by SAV Bismark 5682. In addition to the winners above, other class winners in the heifer and steer show were exhibited by Tanner Lindorf from Niles, Justin Kennedy, Erika Boehmer from Charlotte, and Kollin Johnson from Quincy. Congratulations to all of the juniors who participated.

MICHIGAN JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Michigan Junior Angus Association is currently planning for the upcoming annual banquet on March 13th. Many juniors will be recognized during the program and a membership meeting will also be held at 10:00 a.m. The main focus of the meeting will be to plan for upcoming activities and the Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show in West Monroe, LA from June 16-18, 2011 and the National Jr. Angus Show in Harrisburg, PA from July 10-16, 2011. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. All members who have participated in the various contests at the National Jr. Angus Show are encouraged to bring the entries they have exhibited as a way to showcase the opportunities at National – even if the junior cannot attend the show. The meeting will also be a great place to get to know other juniors.

Michigan juniors are encouraged to consider attending the Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show June 16-18 in West Monroe, LA. Ownership and entry deadline is May 15th. Check the NJAA website for more details.

LIVESTOCK TRAILER DRAWING FOR JUNIORS

The Michigan Cattlemen's Association, Eby and Burnips Equipment will be offering one lucky junior exhibitor free use of an aluminum livestock trailer for a year! The drawing will take place April 2, 2011 at the conclusion of the last breed sale at the Michigan Beef Expo in East Lansing. Complete details and the entry forms are available at www.micattlemen.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 13 MAA Annual Meeting and Banquet, Gene Davis & Sons Catering, Jackson
- 19 MCA/MSU Performance Bull Test Sale, Test Station, Crystal

April

- 1-2 2010 Michigan Beef Expo, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing
- 3 MSU Block & Bridle Club Jr. Heifer & Steer Shows, MSU Pavilion

ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET Michigan Angus Association

March 13, 2011

**Gene Davis & Sons Catering, 3575 Francis Street,
Jackson, Michigan 49203**

10:00 AM Annual Meeting - Michigan Angus Association, Michigan Angus Auxiliary
(Concurrently) Michigan Junior Angus Association

12:30 PM Dinner (following meetings)
Choice of Rib Eye Steak, Orange Ruffy, or Hamburger

1:30 PM AAA Update, MCA Update, Junior Awards
Auxiliary Update

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE - Friday, February 25, 2011

NAME	5 & under	Junior	Fish	Steak	Hamburger

Meal Prices

	<i>Steak</i>	<i>Orange Ruffy</i>	<i>Hamburger</i>
Adult	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$9.00
Junior	7.00	7.00	4.00
Five & Under -	No Charge		

ADULT

Steak _____ @ \$15.00 = _____
 Fish _____ @ 15.00 = _____
 Hamburger _____ @ 9.00 = _____

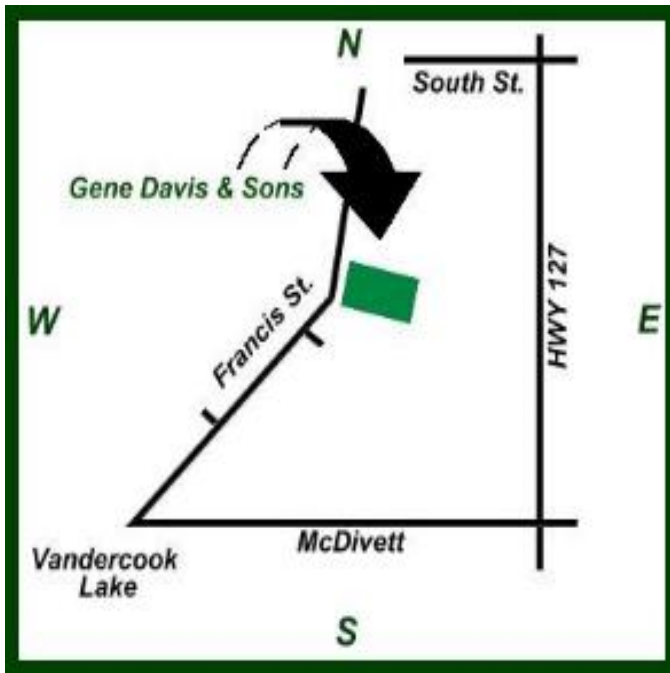
JUNIOR

Steak _____ @ 7.00 = _____
 Fish _____ @ 7.00 = _____
 Hamburger _____ @ 4.00 = _____

**Make Checks Payable to
Michigan Angus Association**

**Mail to: John MacMaster
1591 S. King Rd.
Harrisville, MI 48740
PH. 989-736-6020**

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED _____



GENE DAVIS & SONS

BANQUET AND CONVENTION CENTER INFORMATION:

3575 Francis Street, Jackson, MI 49203

Telephone (517) 789-8878 Fax (517) 780-0153

Driving directions:

Take South 127 to the Vandercook Lake / McDivett Street exit. Turn west on McDivett and follow to Francis Street. Turn north on Francis Street and proceed approximately 1 mile to Gene Davis and Sons Banquet and Convention Center.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Michigan Junior Angus members, who are seniors in high school, are invited to apply for the Michigan Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. The revised application, available at www.angusauxiliary.com, must be submitted to our state chairperson, Jessica (Scrimger) Harfst at 17265 11 ½ Mile Road, Battle Creek, MI 49014 by April 1, 2011. A panel of judges will review the applications. One boy and one girl application will be forwarded to the American Angus Auxiliary Chair for consideration in the national program.

The winners of the 2011 Michigan Angus Auxiliary Scholarship and Katy Maxey Memorial Scholarship will be announced at the Preview Show on June 12. For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Jessica at 269-369-2329 or e-mail jscrimger@yahoo.com.

BE PART OF THE TRADITION – JOIN THE MICHIGAN ANGUS AUXILIARY

The Michigan Angus Auxiliary was established over 40 years ago to assist Michigan Angus Breeders and Angus youth in educational and promotional activities. Each year we sponsor the Miss Michigan Angus contest, provide scholarships for graduating seniors, assist with the banquet and Preview Show, provide hospitality for various activities, sponsor the junior showmanship contest at the Preview Show, award certificates of achievement to outstanding juniors, as well as support American Angus Auxiliary programs and activities. We invite you to become part of this great tradition by joining the Auxiliary today and attending our annual meeting on March 13th at 10 a.m. in Jackson at Gene Davis and Sons Catering. For more information, please contact Sharon Vaassen (734-663-8071) or Vicki Meiburg (810-688-2222). A membership application is also included in this newsletter, as well as in the Michigan Angus Directory.

53rd Michigan Angus Futurity Show & Sale

—Show—

Friday, April 1, 2011, 12:30 p.m.

—Sale—

Saturday April 2, 2011, 11:30 a.m.

MSU Pavilion—East Lansing, MI

For Sale Catalog or information contact:

Merle Boehmer 517-655-4265,

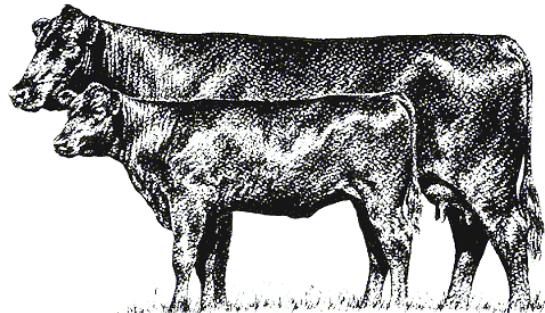
mboeh99@gmail.com

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816-390-6603, jcassady@angus.org



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*Bred Females

*Bulls

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MICHIGAN ANGUS AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Annual dues: \$2

Life Membership: \$15

Please make check payable to Michigan Angus Auxiliary and return this form along with your dues to:

Vicki Meiburg
6469 Booth Road
North Branch, MI 48461

Name _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Day Phone _____

Fax Number _____ E-mail Address _____

2010-2011 Michigan Angus Board of Directors

If you have questions or comments regarding activities and events sponsored and supported by the association, please contact any of the officers or directors.

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