



Excelsus American Bulletin



Texas Explorers:

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Texas' Legendary Cowboy Hospitality!

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Hennie, Pikkie, Graeme, Margie made the seventeen hour flight via Atlanta to Houston with the express mission of finding new genetics, strengthening old friendships, making new friends, inspecting our recently used bulls and identifying brand new prospects for the future. Herd visits at Dick and Sylvia Hornback's DBR Ranch, Smith Genetics, Filegonia Stud of Beth Mercer, RX Simbra's of Sally Buxkemper, Pine Ridge Ranching of Bill and Jane Travis, RLR embryo

ranch with Tracey Williamson, Strak Ranches, Jud Flowers who also showed us his very impressive citrus packaging plants, Tres Portrilos Ranching with Alvaro Gonzales and son and ending with La Muneca ranches and the MAS Sale. The kind hospitality of the Texans lived up to their legendary reputation to make this the very best. trip yet with every last person, from the store owners, business people, restaurant owners, waiters and ranchers doing everything possible to

assist, help and set us on our way. We would all like to thank, congratulate and show our deep appreciation to all the Texan's for all the effort made on our behalf, with especial thanks to Bill and Jane Travis. These are the attitudes and hospitality that makes Texas the great State that it is.

"Siya Bonga Kakulu, Salani Gathle." (Thanks a Million and stay well) (Zulu)

Houston Rodeo



The Rodeo is much like our Shows only much larger, more educational and generally heaven for any cattle-horse fancier!



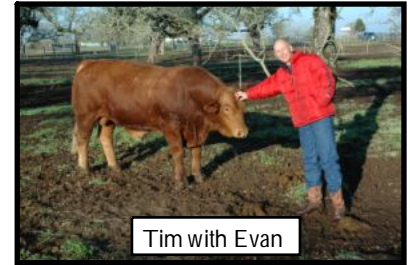
The Texas Longhorn is so much part of their culture that it features in almost every part of Texas. These tremendous cattle originated from Spanish cattle that eventually ran wild and evolved according to their environment. They had to walk long distances for water and had to fight anything that came their way. The early cattle farmers such as the King Ranch trekked these cattle along what are now well known trails, for thousands of miles, clear through from Mexico to Texas and on to Kansas or the nearest railroad. A trail outfit consisted of a Foreman, cook and about twelve ranch hands or cowboys. They could average about sixteen kilometers a day. Everywhere you look you see a proud heritage of cattle, the cowboy, the Lone Star and Texas and American Flags everywhere. The Rodeo is the same as our country shows with ranchers showing their cattle, company's showing their wares, feed, tack, tractors, bakkies, cattle handling facilities and generally heaven for any cattle-horse fancier. Everything is educational, teaching kids and all non farming folk how farming actually works with cows calving indoors and television screens showing how it happens. Cattle are milked, eggs are hatched in see through incubators, pigs farrow, and sheep lamb, all in front of large crowds of people, and with all the different breeds on display. Stetson hats, beautifully made boots, super long Wrangler jeans, long sleeved check shirts and yet more hats are the order of the day. The Rodeo as such is the main event where all the bull riding, bronc. busting, roping contests etc are held. The feats that these cowboys do are phenomenal and it is now all professional at this level. This is truly an event that all farmers, if they get the chance, must attend.

MAS Sale: Another Good Day in Texas!



Carlos Guerra and fellow MAS consigners really know how to put together a fantastic weekend with many highlights such as the two children's shows, Live music, Fandangos and Mariachi Bands culminate in the weekends highlight of an evening sale showcasing the best cattle from over ten breeders. In later Excelsus bulletins we will bring you all the top sellers, volume buyers and results from the shows. This is the premier Simbra show and sale in Texas and another great place to meet all involved in the Simbra industry. Thanks Carlos and Family, You do the Simbra proud!

Smith Genetics



Tim with Evan



Bella Bella

Smith Evan a Nu Approach Son from Bella Bella

Tim Smith of Smith Genetics has always been at the forefront of American Genetics, producing many champions such as Smith RFI LMC Red Bullet, Princess, Bella Bella and a host of others. Excelsus met Tim on our last trip three years ago, and a mutual agreement to bring Smith Genetics to Africa was reached. Three Bulls were initially identified namely Smith Seargent, sire of Hagens Ante Up, Smith James Outlaw and Smith Top Shelf. Embryos from Red Bullet and Sergeant were also imported in a dual partnership deal. Tim's latest baby is the classy Smith Evan who is super long, well muscled, correct, extremely broad and has a tremendous hind quarter. Evan is sired by Smith Nu Approach and the Champion donor cow Bella Bella.

CSS Semen should be available late 2010 or 2011.

"Embryo's form a major part of the Smith success story and Smith-Excelsus embryo calves are due in South Africa in September 2010"

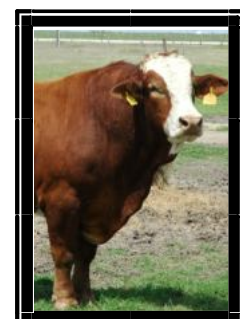
Old Friends: Sally Buxkemper, Beth Mercer, Keith Strak and Skip Butler

Some of the finest people we have met are in Texas and we would like to thank all the ranchers and other folk that made our stay such a good one. Sally Buxkemper, the breeder of Platinum and Becherovka, Beth Mecer who exported Becherovka and Futuristic and lately Guapo, Skip Butler of Broken Arrow Ranche who helped us with the La Muneca bred bull Patriot, Keith and Ernie Strak, Jud Flowers who owns LMC Red Skin and has some great Prevail and Scout calves, Tres Potrilos who own Red Ammo and the National Champion LMC No Limit bred by the great Red Bullet. Dick and Sylvia Hornback who are building a really top herd using PRR Pioneer and PRR Scout. Pretty good people with some pretty good cattle. Thanks Again Amigos!

A special thanks to our great friends Bill and Jane Travis, Dick and Sylvia Hornback, Scott and Paula Erikson and last but not least Steve and Les Martin for making this the best trip ever!



Sally Buxkemper



LMC Patriot

"Pine Ridge Ranching" Bill and Jane Travis



Pine Ridge Heifers



PRR Palisade



PRR Cow & Calf



PRR DR. Dazzle



Perfection Sons



DBR Heifers



PRR Rito



PRR Papa



PRR Cow & Calf

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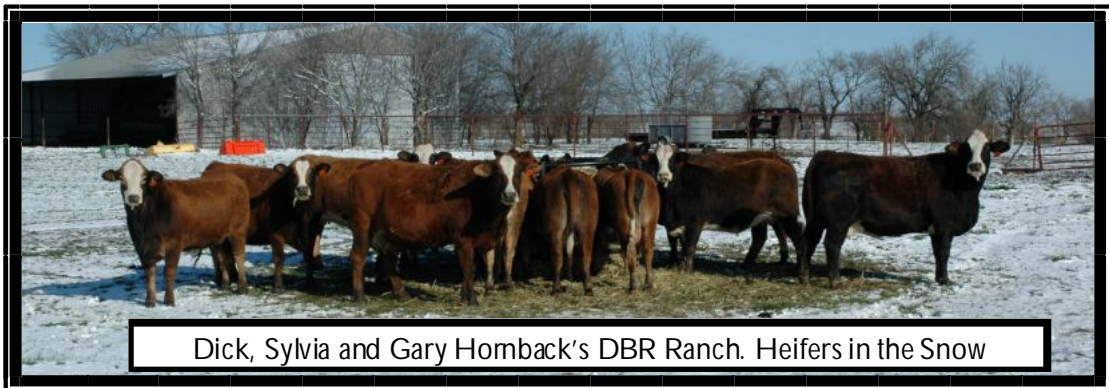


PRR Palisade



PRR Perfection Son

They say a photo speaks a thousand words!
"Pine Ridge Ranching" Truly ahead of its Time!



Dick, Sylvia and Gary Hombach's DBR Ranch. Heifers in the Snow



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Sports and Showing



Texas fashion "Aitsa"

Frankfort Show 2010

The Frankfort show committee headed by Dan Kriek have been building a really great show in March every year. This show has become the shop window for most of the major breeds in the Free State. The Simmentaler contingent numbered almost ninety animals and forty Simbra's were shown. Our partners in many various genetic schemes ZMZ Family Trust showed Zamugo Socrates a pure breed Enos son from the

Wisp Will Karen line, with Excelsus Trust. Socrates has been at Sakkie Coetzee's Stella farms in the semi-Kalahari for the last three years. It is just sand, camel thorn trees, leopards and mambas there and still some of the finest cattle country anywhere. Excelsus also showed Fanta, a former calf champion and Stix daughter led here by Ian Currin jr.



Up and Coming Events:

16/17/18 April Mighty Men Greytown.

28/29 April Lichtenburg Show.

5/7 April National Championships Vryburg.

5 May Excelsus "Out of Hand Sale" Oranjeville.

19 August 2010 "The Event 3" Oranjeville.