

88 Ranch Performance Horses *Start of a New Chapter*

With nearly 2 decades of experience in breeding performance horses, the Henry Family with 88 Ranch Performance Horses out of Douglas, Wyoming, knows a thing or two about that 'perfect cross'. Family matriarch Garrett Henry, middle child of Susan and the late Mike Henry, stresses the importance of knowing your herd inside and out, and what to look for and be aware of when crossing each individual mare over a stallion.

"In our program, our mares are just as important as our stallions," Henry said. "We have come a long way in nearly 20 years since starting this endeavor and one thing that has stuck with us is the importance of building a set of mares that would compliment our stallions."

With two outstanding stallions, Frenchmans Easy Doc and Casino Heist, the Henry family was becoming increasingly well-known in the barrel horse industry. Standing two sons of the all-time leading sire Frenchmans Guy, Henry wanted to add a little something else to their growing program.

"I wanted to develop a bloodline that was not only unique but also very proven in the barrel and rodeo world. I began looking at NFR barrel stallions from the past, trying to find ones that were successful from years gone by,

and I found Maudies Joak."

Maudies Joak was the son of Joak who was the son of Joe Reed II, and out of a daughter of Leo. His performance record and his pedigree was just what Henry was looking for.

Almost immediately falling in love with the 5x NFR qualifier and World Champion barrel horse under the guidance of Connie Combs, Henry started searching for daughters of Maudies Joak.

"I was able to find 5 daughters that were still living, and we ended up buying three of them," explained Henry.

Now that he had found the perfect broodmare sire, Henry started searching for a very successful stallion that was equally as unique as Maudies Joak, from a pedigree and performance standpoint, to cross on his Maudies Joak daughters.

"Our main goal was to find a stallion that was not over bred to the point that everyone had one of his offspring."

It didn't take long for the Henry family to catch drift of a stallion that was somewhat of a 'hidden secret' in the northwest.

"We found Bogie Biankus and knew immediately that he was the one we needed to cross on our mares. He was an NFR barrel horse and was also a 5x Columbia River Circuit

Finals Champion. In addition, he also sired two CNFR World Champions and recently, 2017 NFR Qualifier and Rookie Of The Year Taci Bettis' Bogie Is A Smash," Henry explained.

Bogie Biankus was by the legendary Biankus, who sired many great horses, and out of Calapooia Kay who was by Browns Royal. He (Bogie Biankus) had the pedigree, conformation and record Henry wanted to produce his families next stallion.

"The Britt Family, who owned Bogie Biankus, was amazing to work with, and we were so blessed that they believed in our dream stallion as much as we did."

Henry bred two Maudies Joak mares to Bogie Biankus and the result was two stud colts the following spring.

"The amazing thing about this whole story is that both sire and dams were in their mid-late 20's."

While both colts were phenomenal, the Henry's only wanted to promote one, and ended up cutting the other as a 2-year-old

"We kept both colts as stallions for two years to decide which one we liked the best and the result was 'Roller And A Shaker'," Henry said. "Sadly, Bogie Biankus is passed now and our

Maudies Joak mares are too old to produce, but fortunately these genetics will live on through Roller And A Shaker. We are very proud of him!"

Roller And A Shaker will be 5 this spring and is competing at the barrel racing futurities in 2018. Henry firmly believes in showing and promoting your stallion to the public, whether it be in the barrels, roping, etc.

"If you don't believe your stallion is good enough to compete, then why should someone else want to breed to him, or even buy a colt out of him? It is extremely important to us that we showcase the talent that our stallions possess."

"We are very excited about his future and we believe that he will cross well on any mare that you put in front of him. He also has all three key components that I believe stallions should possess: a great mind, outstanding conformation, and a pedigree that speaks for itself. We are proud to offer him to the public in 2018."

For more information on Roller And A Shaker and the rest of their horses, visit www.88ranchperformancehorses.com or check out their Facebook Page '88 Ranch Performance Horses'.

