

2010 Super Stakes Results

by Larry Barker

Although the temperature was well over 100 degrees, exhibitors arriving at the 2010 Autobahn Super Stakes were not deterred. The hardiness and tenacity of Texas Longhorn youth was on display as they went about the business of unloading their animals and preparing for the three day Super Stakes.

The 2010 Super Stakes marked the 10th Anniversary of the Autobahn Motorcar Group Youth Scholarship Tour. To commemorate the occasion, John Chase owner of the Autobahn Motorcar Group and his wife Diann gave each of the youth exhibitors (including the pee wees) \$100 for their scholarship accounts. Additionally, a special 10th Anniversary buckle was commissioned and the winners of the Rodeo Clown Costume Contest, a new event, received \$5,000 in scholarships. With these additional funds, a total of over \$160,000 in scholarships was awarded at the Super Stakes. With the \$140,000 at the February Autobahn Classic, the 2010 Autobahn Youth Tour rewarded the youth exhibitors with over \$300,000 in scholarships. The ten year total of scholarships granted to Texas Longhorn youth through the generosity of John and Diann Chase is well over the \$1,000,000 mark!

The 2010 Super Stakes enjoyed a record number of entries with 211 females, 62 bulls and 100 steers for a total of 373. Aaron Cooper, College Station, TX, judged the 42 classes of animals and the 8 classes of showmanship. Cooper's Grand Champion Female was Sanddollar Abygayle, exhibitor Jessica Johnston, followed by MK High Society, exhibitor Jordan Culpepper, for Reserve Grand Champion Female. The Grand Champion Bull was Sanddollar Mama's Boy, exhibitor Jordan Culpepper, and HD Flash Point, exhibitor Keely Dennis, was Reserve Grand Champion Bull. The Steer show was extremely competitive with Judge Cooper selecting VNR Battle Song, exhibitor Miriam Grace Faske, for his Grand Champion and Trail Boss KCC, exhibitor McKeena Kimble, for Reserve Grand Champion Steer.

The competitor's showmanship skills were put on display for Judge Cooper and he chose the following for first place: Junior division, Miriam Grace Faske and Dylan Fairchild; Intermediate, Tori Fairchild and Taylor Frontera; Teen, Sarah Faske and Brandon Bearden; Senior, Jessica Johnston and Abigail Faske.

The extra events were well attended with the Team Penning garnering the most participants, 116 youth on 29 teams vied for a portion of the \$10,000. The 1st place team with a time of 9.03 seconds was Casey Carpenter, Brittany Guinn, Amy Babler and Destry Morgan. The Speech contest had 57 orators competing for \$16,000. The first place winners were Junior, Rachel Faske; Intermediate, Karsen Morgan; Teen, Kylen Harrell and Senior, Matthew Wilson.

The Extemporaneous Essay contest and Short Course quiz had 69 and 94 participants respectively. The first place winners in the 4 divisions for the Essay contest were Lainey Lampier, Jake Vinson, Samuel Faske and Matthew Head. First place in the quiz were Sam Babler, Jimmie Gee, Wesley Meadows and Allyn Ryan.

The Rodeo Clown Costume contest was introduced at the Super Stakes. The contest proved to be a fun event with 53 contestants dressed in their best clown garb. The first place winners were Reese Ryan, Caroline Girard, Devin Overdorf and Becca Vizza. The Livestock Judging contest had 114 participants with Dylan Fairchild, Tori Fairchild, Sarah Faske and Naomi Faske taking first place honors and received one of the heifer calves donated by Joe Graddy, Danny, Carole and Emily Phillips, Morgan and Shirley Cook and Carla Payne.

The 50 Art Contest entries ran the gamut from photography to ceramics. Kylie Bena's drawing took Best in Show. The coveted title of All Around Exhibitor for the 2010 Autobahn Youth Tour was very close. The \$1000 scholarship and plaque were presented to Junior Division winner, Lainey Lampier; Intermediate winner, Jimmie Gee; Teen winner, Sarah Faske and Senior winner, Matthew Head. Other awards of note were the Herdsman Award presented to the King Family, York Springs, PA, The Laura Harding Perseverance Award and its \$2,500 scholarship were given to William Babler and Timothy Phillips. Stephen and Kim Head along with Kevin and Laury Rooker took home the Top Hand Awards, for their

unselfish dedication to youth.

The 2010 Super Stakes was deemed a success by all in attendance. Of the 154 exhibitors, 110 won scholarship money beyond the \$100 that each received for participating. There were 24 first time exhibitors and 16 of them won scholarship money or a calf. If you would like to attend the next Autobahn Youth Tour show February 17-20, 2011, contact Larry Barker (817) 988-6110 or lbarker@abahn.com. You can also visit AutobahnYouthTour.com for more information and a complete list of the results for the Autobahn Super Stakes.