



From the archives of : Jean & Greg Rapson

The first reining trophy awarded at Quarerama in 1970 ws presented to Greg Rapson and OQHA Hall of Fame stallion Show Tip.



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The first Show Saddle presented by Quarterama was awarded in 1971 to OQHA Hall of Fame Horse, King Clipper Joe and Greg Rapson



From the archives of: OQHA

The very first OQHA information booth was set up in 1969 and manned by (left to right) Connie Rapson, Walter Scott, and Philis Fisher.



From the archives of: Debbie Haughton

Weanling Fillies at the 1982 Area 4 Futurity

Once upon a time there was a thriving community in and around the Kawarth and Highland regions in Ontario known as Area 4. In 1982 the futurity was held at Picov's Horseman's Center in Ajax Ontario and featured 28 entries in its weanling Filly class. The futurity was only open to those members who resided within the OQHA Area 4 boundaries.



From the archives of: Debbie Haughton

AQHA Stallion Joe Rocket Winning the 1974 Quarterama Sr Western Pleasure

from left to right: Olmstead Quarterama Chairman, Gord Wadds (rider), and then owners (Smiths)

Joe Rocket won the Senior Western Pleasure at Quarterama in 1974 out of 118 horses, at that time it was the largest class Quarterama had ever had. Gord Wadds continued to show him through out the season and qualified him for the 1974 AQHA World Show where he was the top placing stallion and 4th in the Western Pleasure. Joe Rocket was then purchased by Debbie Haughton in the fall of 1975. Joe Rocket went on to produce many AQHA ROM and superior winners and a Congress Open Versatility champion. He has played a big part in Debbie's horse history and so she is happy to share with OQHA this glimpse of the past.

From the archives of: Dianne Runtz

Once Upon a Time EOQHA held a 3 day show called July - A - Rama at Four Islands Farm in Ashtion Ontario



from left to right: top row : Leslie Uens, Carrie Runtz, Jenny Runtz, Leanne Cross
front row: Jennifer Watson, Amanda Cunningham (Yates), Jennifer Wilson, Gavan Milban, Mike Rapley

From the archives of: Lisa Desroches

The Ontario youth team won the Quarterama 1984's Youth Team tournament



From left, Janet Jarvis, Sandra Peck, Lila McPhee, Lisa Watt (Desroches), Joe Carter Team Advisor, Patti Carter, Michelle Ayton, Sandra Nooyen and Cathy Keown.

1968 Ontario Youth Congress Team

This was the first year there was a Youth competition at Congress.



From the archives of Will Truesdell

(left to right) Brenda Martin Dresden, ON & Bo Serina (showmanship),
Debbie Coverdale Campbellville, ON & Crickett Whipple (Western Pleasure),
John Abra Sarnia, ON & Mimosa Mike (horsemanship)
Jim Babcock Dresden, ON & Tinas Lad (showmanship)
Will Truesdell Sarnia, ON & Peggy Whipple (reining)
Blaine Smillie Guelph, ON & Leos Anna (reining)

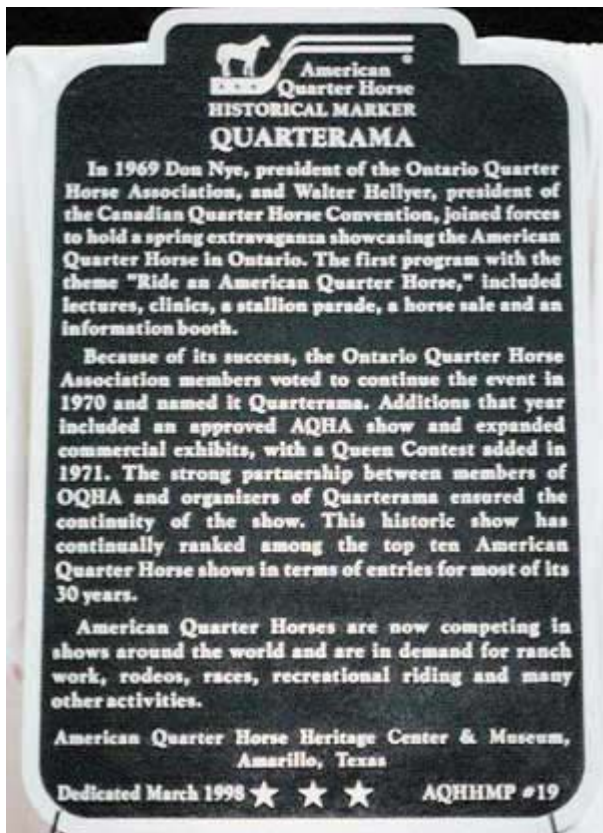
1969 Ontario Congress Youth Team



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(left to right) Shirley Johnston from Wyoming, Tommy Cherkas from Oakville, showed Leo Cedar, Greg Fries showed Showtip or King Clipper Joe, Julie Waugh from Waterford, Ontario Queen, Bruce Crewson showed Bar Raven, Jim Babcock from Dresden showed Tinas Lad, Will Truesdell from Sarnia showed Peggy Whipple

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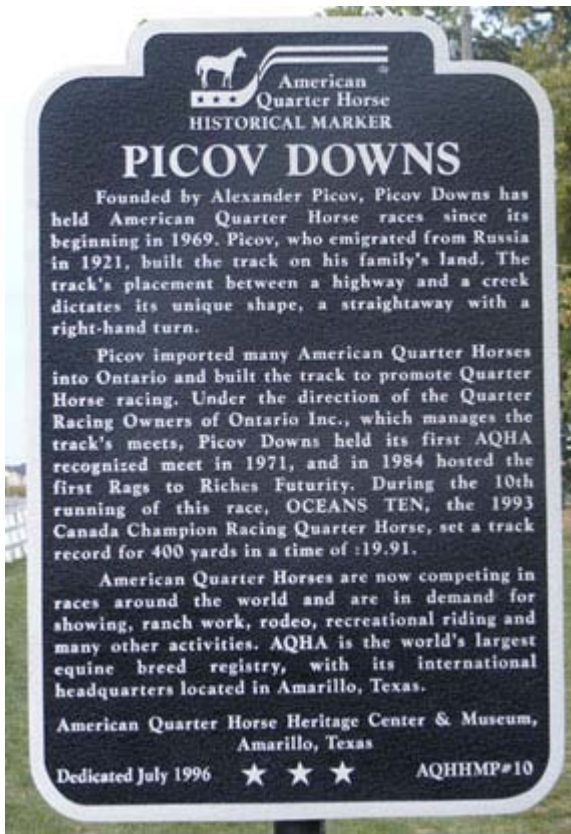


QUARTERAMA

Dedicated March 1998
National Trade Center
Toronto, Ontario

In 1969 Don Nye, president of the Ontario Quarter Horse Association, and Walter Hellyer, president of the Canadian Quarter Horse Convention, joined forces to hold a spring extravaganza showcasing the American Quarter Horse in Ontario. The first program with the theme "Ride an American Quarter Horse," included lectures, clinics, a stallion parade, a horse sale and an information booth.

Because of its success, the Ontario Quarter Horse Association members voted to continue the event in 1970 and named it Quartermama. Additions that year included an approved AQHA show and expanded commercial exhibits, with a Queen Contest added in 1971. The strong partnership between members of OQHA and organizers of Quartermama ensured the continuity of the show. This historic show has continually ranked among the top ten American Quarter Horse shows in terms of entries for most of its 30 years.



PICOV DOWNS

Dedicated July 1996
Picov Downs
Ajax, Ontario

Founded by Alexander Picov, Picov Downs has held American Quarter Horse races since its beginning in 1969. Picov, who emigrated from Russia in 1921, built the track on his family's land. The track's placement between a highway and a creek dictates its unique shape, a straightaway with a right-hand turn.

Picov imported many American Quarter Horses into Ontario and built the track to promote Quarter Horse racing. Under the direction of the Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario Inc., which manages the track's meets, Picov Downs held its first AQHA recognized meet in 1971, and in 1984 hosted the first Rags to Riches Futurity. During the 10th running of this race, OCEANS TEN, the 1993 Canada Champion Racing Quarter Horse, set a track record for 400 yards in a time of :19.91.

To learn more about Quarter Horse racing in Ontario go to [Quarter Racing Owners of Ontario](#) web site.