

Message from our General Manager, Dr. Tom Quarles

Howdy! Greetings from the Expo staff and a belated Happy New Year to all. Hoping everyone will experience a rewarding and prosperous 2017!

The Expo is continuing on the same growth path that we have been blessed with for the past 10 years. The Expo staff is always thankful for the growth that we continue to experience in the total number of events, the variety of events, the size of the events and the number of event days of which we have multiple events that are booked throughout the facilities at the same times.

If you occasionally have the time, please check our calendar, on the Expo website, to be more aware and up to date on the volume/type of events that are routinely happening at the Exposition Complex. As I have mentioned several times before, it is a blessing to have such a modern facility and to have the support and resources needed to manage it the way that an event facility should be managed.

The Phase III Expo Expansion project has been a little slow getting off the ground, but should finally get underway sometime in the next two to three weeks. We are thrilled about adding another half of a stall barn, which will give us three complete stall barns. We will also add a dedicated covered warm-up arena for equine events, significantly upgrade our lighting and sound throughout all of our covered arenas and stall barns and do a couple of smaller projects that will help us serve our customers better. Completion of this expansion project should now be around the end of September this year.

During the first quarter of FY17, October through December, the Expo had a very challenging event schedule. We had Texas High School Region 9 Rodeos (2), Trophy Hunters Banquet and Fundraiser, 2016 TTI Short Course and Fajita Fest, 2016 Extension Service Pizza Ranch, Humana TRS Meeting, Texas Professional Real Estate Inspectors Association Conference, Little Wranglers Barn Dance, BCYLS Sheep & Goat Validation, Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo, Southwest Electrical Metering Association Convention, Shriners Halloween Show, Buster McLaury Horsemanship Clinic, Meeting Planners Showcase, Still Creek Ranch Banquet and Fundraiser, STX Comic Con Trade Show, TAMU College of Education Career Fair, Brazos County AgriLife Banquet, 2016 TAMU Ducks Unlimited Fundraiser and Banquet, Brazos Valley Young Life Banquet, TAMU College of AgriLife Legacy and Leadership Scholarship Banquet, TAMU AKA Sorority Pageant, 2016 Chamber of Commerce Ag Breakfast, BCYLS Swine Validation, Big Loop Big Money Team Roping event, Texas American Saddle Horse Association Holiday Horse Show, 2016 K-12 State Testing, St. Joseph Magical Christmas Community event, Southern Classic Livestock Show, Texas Quarter Horse Association Introductory Show & Clinic, Mid-South Baking Christmas Party, Texas Engineering Extension Service Reception and a Britt Rice company event.

The second quarter of FY17, January through March, promises to again be really busy and we are loving every minute of what is to come and the subsequent results that we will see! Scheduled events include the Shriners Circus, Texas High School Rodeo Association Region 9 Rodeo, Texas Senior Pro Rodeo Association Meeting, High Caliber Gun & Knife Show, Kubota, Inc. Training (two weeks), Sassy Shoe Social, Vista College Graduation, Opas Gala, Seth Broesche Memorial Barrel Race, Team Roping and Concert, TAMU Construction Science Career Fair, Texas High School Rodeo Association Region 9 Rodeo (second rodeo), CSISD Educational Foundation 50 Men Who Can Cook Fund Raising Event, Home & Garden Expo, US Team Roping Championship, St. Joseph Spring Fling Benefit, Hospice Happening, Texas Mounted Shooters event, BCS Chamber of Commerce Taste of Aggieland, 40 Days for Life Benefit, Texas High School Rodeo Association Region 9 Rodeo (third rodeo), Honoring Our Hero's benefit, Spring Bridal Show, BCYLS Rabbit

Validation, Junior League Bargain Blitz, Art of Helping Children Benefit, TAMU Collegiate Rodeo, Champion of Champions Team Roping, Big Loop Big Money Team Roping Event, BCS Chamber of Commerce Crawfish Boil, Interscholastic Equestrian Regional Finals, Art of Helping Children Benefit, Aggiecon 48 Tradeshow, Texas High School Rodeo Association Region 9 Rodeo (fourth rodeo), K-12 Testing, Aggie Super Circuit Horse Show, several wedding receptions and more events are pending!

Please check the event calendar, included in this Newsletter, to see the Expo events scheduled and remember to visit our website, www.BrazosCountyExpo.com, to obtain more details/information regarding these and other events. Please remember that most of the livestock shows and horse shows are free to the public and are good events to bring children to.

Wishing all of you the very best this winter and early spring!