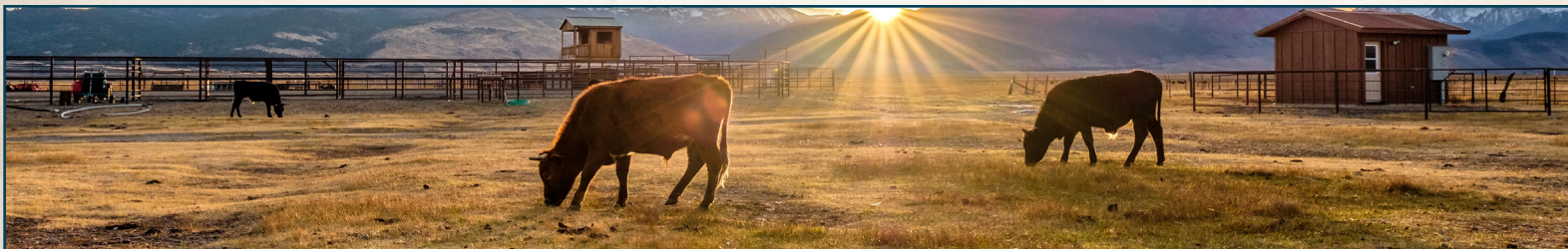


2023 MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

Ranch Tours | Saturday, June 3



..... All tours leave from Cloverleaf Hall at 9:00 AM

Tour 1. Zumwalt & Buckhorn Overlook Tour

Participants will ride a bus that leaves from Cloverleaf Hall at 9:00 am and return at 2:00pm.

This tour will travel through the lower Prairie Creek farm ground, up through the Zumwalt Prairie, to Buckhorn Overlook where you will be able to look down into the vista view of the Hells Canyon complex including lower Imnaha canyon). The bus will have a sound system that will allow for the local expertise to offer comments as we travel throughout the tour.

Stop 1. Zumwalt Prairie

Zumwalt Prairie is the southern tip of the Palouse prairie that is mix of old homesteads that have migrated to improved rangeland and pristine and intact native range that represents the original condition of the Palouse prairie that covers much of eastern Washington. Consequently, this prairie is one of the most studied sites in Oregon. This privately owned prairie is an intact bunchgrass rangeland that is not only an integral part of many ranches on Wallowa County is also home to elk, deer, cattle and Raptors including the Red-tailed hawks, ferruginous hawks, marsh hawks, rough-legged hawks and great horned owls. In early June you may well hit the best week of the year to experience Zumwalt Prairies wildflowers on full display.

Stop 2. Buckhorn Overlook

Buckhorn Lookout presents one of the most vast and beautiful canyon views anywhere, even if you've visited The Grand Canyon. Hells Canyon, the deepest river gorge in the United States. From the rim at Buckhorn the earth drops away to the chasm called Imnha. The canyon walls of the upper slopes, green during spring and early summer have already turned to shades of brown in the lower canyon, where the season is advanced by weeks. Idaho's Seven Devils Mountains, snow-capped in all but the hottest months, poke above the canyon rim to the east like a bad set of teeth. Oregon's shapely Wallowa Mountains can be glimpsed to the west.

We will spend an hour viewing the canyon, eating lunch and discussing canyon ranching.



Tour **2.** Purebred Seed Stock Tour

Participants will travel in their own vehicles on this tour. All stops are within 5 miles of the fairgrounds.

Stop 1. Stangel Buffalo Ranch - Bob Stangel & Family

The Stangels come from a long line of farmers and ranchers who migrated from north central Oregon to their current location, Enterprise, Oregon, in 1958. The three Stangel brothers, Joe, Bob, and Dick formed a partnership that was originally comprised of farming dryland grain, raising cattle, and operating a heavy equipment and machine shop. Bob has managed the farm and ranch portion of the partnership, which began its transition from cattle to bison soon after Bob graduated from college. In 1979 Bob and his brother Joe purchased six heifers and two bull calves from a rancher in Colorado and by 1987 all of the cattle had been sold and the transition to a strictly bison livestock operation was complete. Throughout the years the ranch numbers have fluctuated from a high point of over eight hundred head to its current number of close to six hundred.

It is with great pride that the Stangel family continues their agricultural heritage. Two of Bob's daughters, Theresa and Marta, have returned home to help run the ranch and it is their goal to make this way of life an option for generations to come.

Stop 2. Highview Angus Ranch - Jeff Parker **Purebred Angus Bulls**

Highview Angus Ranch is a third-generation family cattle operation dedicated to providing genetic solutions to their customer's needs through Angus Bulls and Females deep in nationally known and proven A.I. sires. At Highview Angus Ranch every registered female and sale bull is many generations deep in known A.I. sires. Their A.I. sires have been progeny proven to be the best in the breed not just from an "in house" herd sire. Every maternal pedigree can be traced to these proven sires thru decades of A.I. use.

Stop 3. McCadden Farms - Kevin & Melanie McCadden **Gelbvieh/Angus Crossbred Balancer Bulls**

McCadden Farms specializes in Gelbvieh/Angus cross Balancer Bulls to expand the quality genetics of their customers. They focus on carcass traits while maintaining sound functional fertile maternal females.

Stop 4. 7N7 Ranch - Rancher Skyler Willis **Purebred Angus Bulls**

7N7 Ranch was established in 2013. Our commitment to our customers ever since has been unwavering. Our goal is to make our customers as profitable as possible by bringing high performance black angus genetics to the market, and standing behind every bull we sell. If our customers next calf crop isn't better than their last, we did not do our job.



Tour 3. Sunrise Iron Tour
65708 Sunrise Road, Enterprise, OR

100 years of old Iron Heritage

Participants will travel in their own vehicles on this tour. Sunrise Iron is 4.2 miles from Cloverleaf Hall. This is a self-guided tour. There is no charge but there is a donation can if decide you want donate. You can take as much time or as little time as you choose.

Erl McLaughlin has a love of agricultural bordering on obsession. He has been collecting antique tractors since 1983, restoring them to their original glory and storing them in a 40' x 220' metal shop on his property. If people hear about his antique tractor and farm implement collection, and they want to see it, they call Erl on his cell phone. They will likely catch him farming his fields. When he receives a call, Erl jumps down from his tractor, the one he uses to farm today, and he brushes the dirt and the dust from his jeans, and he meets you at his showroom, if you can call it that, because really is just a big metal shop off a dirt road. But it contains an incredible collection of agricultural history.

With over 35 antique tractors and as many farm implements dating from as far back as 1835 -- many pieces are extremely rare -- it is one man's monumental tribute to the agricultural heritage of North America in the 1800's and 1900's. The collection includes four hard rubber tire trucks from 1918, a number of horse drawn wagons, original cast iron tractor seats, and authentic vintage signs.