

Montana Red Angus

2025 Spring Newsletter

From the President's Desk:

Hello 2025 members of the Montana Red Angus Association. It's hard to believe another year has come and gone. Spring is quickly approaching and winter is hopefully in the rear view. Winter... the extended subzero temperatures along with excessive snow this year – and additionally the struggles our membership has endured over this past year. This winter has been extra hard. I am grateful beyond measure to those of you who have stepped up to lend a helping hand; offered words of confidence and encouragement through these winter storms. As I reflect, the substance and beauty of our Montana Red Angus Association showcases our membership helping each other through life's storms. We will emerge into spring with purpose and drive. With the warmth of spring coming nearer every day you can visually see new hope and new beginnings popping up all around; from the first sprouts of green grass to the new calves hitting the ground by the dozens and growing so quickly.

This year shows tremendous promise in the cattle industry as well as our Montana and National Associations. As a Montana board we are working to better promote our members with innovative ways that best help to showcase each of their operations as well as their talents as cattlemen and cattlemen. Working off of our MTRAA foundation we have plans to strengthen, build and promote our Association and its members along with our commercial cattlemen who utilize Red Angus. Wishing you all a productive spring, watching your calves grow strong and healthy. Best of luck in your bull sales and safe travels going to sales and delivering bulls to your valued customers. Looking forward to seeing you at our April 3rd Spring meeting.

Luke Larson
MTRAA President



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MTRAA SPRING MEETING

April 3rd, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

Columbus Community Center

Columbus, MT

MTRAA 2025 Spring Meeting Agenda

Columbus Community Center at Columbus, MT

April 3, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Reading of the minutes of last meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Introduction of Guests
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Advertising/Promotions - Tim
 - i. Grants- Kara
 - b. Membership -Kara
 - c. Commercial Marketing- Tom
 - d. Junior – Lacey
 - e. Nile Committees
 - i. Show/Barn Superintendent – Dana Weatherford
 - ii. Sale - Luke
 - iii. Futurity – Madri
 - iv. Banquet – Kara Herbst
7. National Report – Kay Klompien
8. Old Business
 - a. Semen Auction – Kara
9. New Business
 - a. Tour –
10. Announcements
 - a. 2025 calendar update
11. Adjournment

MTRAA Committees

ADVERTISING

Tim Geib – Chair
Cele Menees
Kara Herbst

COMMERCIAL MARKETING

Tom Morton – Chair
Trish Gruszic
Bruce Ketchum
Ryan Clark

JUNIOR COMMITTEE

Lacey Sutherlin – Chair
Shelley Brown
Esther Fischer
Veronica Christensen
Lance Rutledge – MTJRA
President

MEMBERSHIP

Kara Herbst – Chair
Katie Morton

NILE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

NILE BANQUET

Kara Herbst – Chair
Jaclyn Ketchum
Betsy Larson
Ali Jo Merritt

NILE FUTURITY

Madri Blom – Chair
Ron Fischer
Marvin Laubach
Tim Geib

NILE SALE

Luke Larson-- Chair
Tim Geib
Craig DeBoer
Paul Herbst
Kyle Shobe

NILE SHOW

Dana Weatherford –Chair
Madri Blom
Jenny Moke
Vern Stensvad

NILE Sale Incentive

Kara Herbst – Chair
Lacey Sutherlin
Jake Feddes
Annette Steffan
Katie Morton

By-Laws

Bruce Ketchum – Chair
Andy Roberts
Tom Morton
Luke Larson

Nominations

Tena Ketchum – Chair
Laurie Sutherlin
Karen Raisland

2025 Buckle Sponsorship

The MTRAA board is asking for sponsorships to help with funding our Buckle Program. Every year the MTRAA awards buckles to Montana youth who excel with their Red Angus influenced livestock at their county fairs. To receive a buckle, individuals must win Grand or Reserve Grand overall in Breeding, Market or Carcass. The winning animals must be at least 50% Red Angus. Through the years we have seen a growth in this program, which has exceeded our expectations. The youth are the future of our breed and the Ag industry. All sponsorships are tax deductible. You may print a form from the mtraaredangus.org website or email mtraasecretary@gmail.com and I will get a form to you. We would like to have the sponsorships by August 1st.

2025 NILE HAPPENINGS

- Oct. 15 Arrival
- Oct. 16 Check-in
Annual Meeting
Futurity
- Oct. 17 Prestigious Sale
Banquet
- Oct. 18 Show

In order to have an animal in the NILE sale, your membership dues need to be paid by May 1st, 2025.

Mark it on your Calendar!!!

2025 NILE Headquarters

Hampton Inn Billings
5110 Southgate Drive
Billings, MT 59101
(406) 248-4949

Tell them you are with MTRAA

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1st Membership due if order to participate in the 42nd Prestigious Red Angus sale

June 15th NILE Nomination Forms Due

August 1st Calendar Ads need to be submitted to MTRAA secretary

Juniors

Carson Christensen
Memorial Scholarship

Forms Due
May 15, 2025

Red Angus Youth Expo

June 8-13, 2025

Springfield, MO

Competitive events, livestock shows, and educational activities for Red Angus juniors.

JRA's Annual Meeting

For more information – youthexpo@redangus.org

Contact: Taylor Dorsey

JRA Round-up in Montana

July 14-18, 2025

National Scholarships Available

Merit Award Application

Commercial Cattlemen's Scholarship

Heather Presser Memorial Scholarship

For more information

Contact: Taylor Dorsey – taylordorsey@redangus.org

Deadlines May 1, 2025

MTJRAA Scholarship

Forms Due

May 1, 2025

**Form is on the MTRAA
Website**

Fill out online or send to:

MTRAA

C/O Kara Herbst

8133 Amsterdam Rd

Manhattan, MT 59741

Round-Up Scholarships also available through MTRAA – Make sure we you hear back from us after you submit your letter.

Contact

Lacey Sutherlin – threecattleco@yahoo.com

Kara Herbst – mtraasecretary@gmail.com

Private Treaty Highlights:

MTRAA is doing Private Treaty Highlights this year using our Facebook page. If you are interested in being involved, send the following to Kara – mtraasecretary@gmail.com.

Ranch Name

A paragraph about what you are listing.

A picture or two

If you have a Ranch Facebook page



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