

## ***Deserving Members Inducted into BBU's Hall of Fame***

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – During the 2010 Beefmaster Breeders United 50th Anniversary Convention on Oct. 28-30 in Las Vegas, Nev., deserving members were inducted into the BBU Hall of Fame for their outstanding contributions to the Beefmaster breed. Inductees include the late Oscar “Lee” Adair from Corpus Christi, Texas; Don Biles, DVM of Purcell, Okla.; and Bill and Dusty Carr, Laredo, Texas.

### **Oscar “Lee” Adair**



**Oscar “Lee” Adair** – Adair became very active in Beefmaster Breeders Universal in 1977 after he bought a ranch in Dike, Texas. He served on the Advertising and Public Relations Committee, Nominating Committee, Junior Beefmasters Committee and the Executive Search Committee. Additionally, Adair served as a director from 1986-1989. He has received many honors from BBU – Beefmaster Breeder of the Year in 1992; Junior Beefmaster Breeders Helping Hand Award in 1993; and the Lone Star Beefmaster Breeders Association awarded him Member of the Year in 1995.

Dr. Tommy Perkins, BBU Executive Vice President, stated Adair was instrumental in formulating JBBA scholarships.

“Lee Adair was instrumental in the formation of the Brian Murphy Foundation from its inception,” Perkins said. “Many young Beefmaster enthusiasts have had their education paid for because of Mr. Adair’s vision.”

Bruce Robbins, Robbins Cattle Consulting & Marketing, said Mr. Adair was one of the greatest assets that the Beefmaster breed was lucky enough to have been involved with.

“Lee was known as the ‘Sheik of South Texas’,” Robbins said. “You knew if the ‘Sheik’ showed up at your sale, you just added about \$1000 per head to your average, along with a bunch of excitement. I had the pleasure of meeting him in 1984 and worked with him until his passing this year. His Beefmasters were some of the best the breed had to offer, and their legacy still lives on today through the 6/2 line Lee developed. This award, along with all the others he has received, are well deserved, and the Beefmaster breed is better because Lee Adair was a member.”

## Dr. Don Biles, DVM



**Dr. Don Biles, DVM** – Dr. Biles was born and raised near Madill, Okla. and has a lifetime of cattle experience. After flying bombers in the Air Force, Biles earned his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Oklahoma State University. After establishing his practice, he started a stocker and cow/calf operation. His decision to become a purebred breeder stemmed from the superior performance of Beefmasters in his commercial operation.

Biles helped form the Central States satellite, and has served as a director and was president twice for CSBBA.

Along with his offices held, Dr. Biles has served on many CSBBA committees. He led CSBBA in Pacesetter and Typesetter cows, earned CSBBA Breeder of the Year and is in the CSBBA Hall of Fame. To couple his CSBBA involvement, Biles has served on BBU committees, was a director and BBU President. As president, he facilitated the unification of FBA and BBU. He continues to serve on committees and is a trusted counsel to the association and its members.

Dr. Biles has been the “Gold Standard” for service to the association stated Dr. Tommy Perkins, BBU Executive Vice President.

“He has spent his entire BBU career volunteering his time and knowledge at both the satellite and national level through leadership roles,” Perkins said.

Mark Blau presented Dr. Biles with his award, and said Dr. Biles’ integrity and intellect have well served BBU.

“The majority of his herd is the result of utilizing the upgrading program, which he started in the early 80’s,” Blau said. “Dr. Biles always uses the ‘Six Essentials’ as his management, selection and culling standard. He maintains the most important aspect of an animal’s pedigree is the breeder’s name. ‘Beefor’ cattle are highly respected, topping most of the sales entered. His bulls are always top performers.”

## Bill and Dusty Carr



**Bill and Dusty Carr** – The Carr’s have been breeding Beefmaster cattle for nearly 40 years on their three Texas ranches and have been a guiding voice for BBU. Mr. Carr served on the BBU board twice; served as the President of BBU; served on many committees for BBU; was a major influence on the By-Laws Committee; served as a NCBA Board Member; and has been named as the Breeder of the Year, received honors as Performance Breeder of the Year, Environmental Award, Junior Beefmaster Breeders Helping Hand Award, Live Oak Beefmaster Breeders Association “Legends” Award.

The Carr’s are known throughout the U.S. and many foreign countries – especially Mexico. At their recent production sale, nearly 40% of their cattle were sold to Mexico.

Dr. Tommy Perkins, BBU Executive Vice President, said the Carr’s are to be commended for dedication to their program.

“Bill and Dusty Carr are to be commended for dedication to total performance measurements in their program,” Perkins said. “The Carr cattle will be measured for every trait possible. Buyers know what they are getting with a Carr produced Beefmaster.”

Anthony Mihalski, Sale Manager, said there is no one he respects more than Bill and Dusty Carr.

“Bill and Dusty Carr came into this breed [Beefmaster] with a passion for perfection,” Mihalski said. “That passion was introduced to the association, and Bill and Dusty became a guiding voice. Their dedication to producing top-quality cattle has been an asset to the future of Beefmasters in the beef industry. Anyone who knows Bill and Dusty knows they are unselfish in their service, have always set their goals high and never settled for less.”

BBU extends a congratulations to all deserving inductees and appreciates all the past, present and future contributions made to the breed.