



*FROM THE  
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*Newsletter of the Pineywoods Cattle Registry & Breeders Association*

*Calendar of Events 2011*

Each year brings events to celebrate PW heritage, brings the PW community together, and brings new opportunities to promote the breed. Keep your calendars on hand!

**Note:** We are looking for a host farm/ranch to host the fall field day/meeting and a lot of the PCRBA members like to travel. So if anyone wants to host outside of the box, (MS) that is, we would all like to go on a road trip. If you are interested, please contact Jess Brown at [cowpencreek1@aol.com](mailto:cowpencreek1@aol.com) or at 601-270-1619.

**January 29:** PCRBA Annual Meeting, 2pm,  
Forrest County Extension Office, Hattiesburg, MS  
**April:** PCRBA Auction  
**July:** PCRBA Officers/Board Of Directors Meeting  
**October:** PCRBA Fall Meeting/Field Day



The Fred Diamond (Diamond Ranch) family in front of Mr. Fred's restored truck

*PCRBA Field Day & Fall Meeting*

The Field Day was held in Howison, Mississippi at the Diamond ranch, home of Mr. Fred & Mrs. Dottie Diamond. Upon arriving everyone was greeted by the Diamond Family. The Diamonds had a lot of help with their three sons, Greg, Bob, & Troy, along with their lovely wives and eight grandchildren, all eager to help out! Two of the granddaughters, Kayla & Lyndsey, were celebrating birthdays!

After a blessing of the food & the hands that prepared it, the feast began. As always, Mrs. Dottie had a big barn length picnic table full of good ole' country cooking that included Pineywoods cattle steaks and burgers with a host of side orders that still leave a mouth to water! I'm not even gonna mention the desserts! If you did not attend, you just missed out completely! Plus it left more for us that showed up!

Our guest speaker of the day was Mr. Fred Diamond who gave a brief history of his family line of PW cattle and where they ranged along the Biloxi River. After lunch a small meeting was held in which the association voted on Vice-President and Ryan Schaffer of Oklahoma was elected. We also voted to give Honorary Lifetime Memberships to a few folks that really deserve the recognition! Those cannot be mentioned at this time due to a SECRET recognition at the 2011 PCRBA Sale.



After the adjournment of the meeting we had a chuck wagon tour of the Diamond Ranch where we inspected and conversed over a beautiful herd of PW cattle in a picturesque setting of open pastures surrounded by tall Longleaf pine savannahs where the cattle graze along the Biloxi River. Mr. Fred spoke of his cattle and showed everyone the distinct differences among his cattle. Other than Diamond Cattle he has one Dark Brindle Spotted Shoate Broadus cow, one Red Spotted Charlie Carter Cow, and some Yeller Griffin/Diamond Cross. The last stop was the Milk Shed where he milks one of his woods cows every day! At the end of the tour Bob Diamond gave us a film presentation/history lecture on Mississippi State & County Roads that were Indian Trails in MS Territory before MS was a state. This was truly a full day of fellowship for all PCRBA members who attended!!

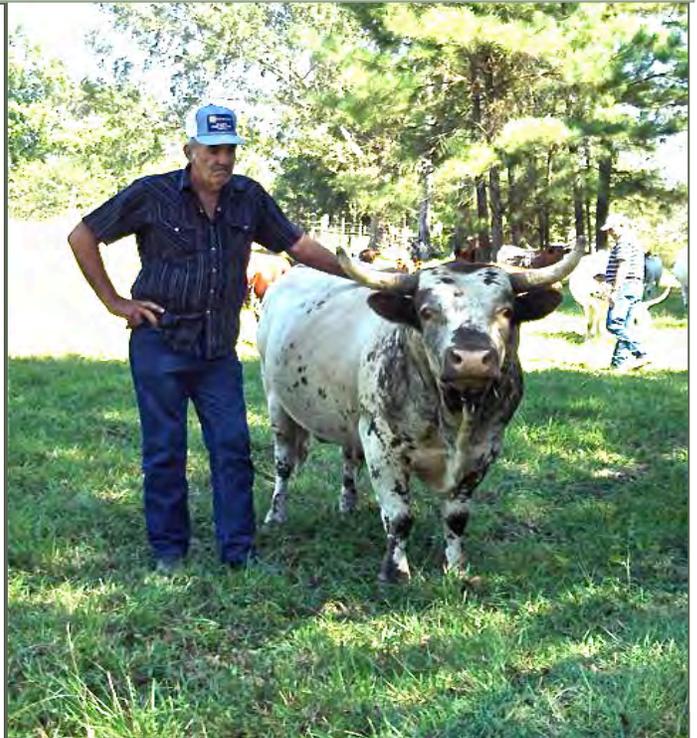
Jess Brown, PCRBA President,

## The Diamond Woods Cattle

I was born on the same property as I now live. I have three sisters and one younger brother. We were brought up in the WWII times. I can well remember the rationing of gasoline and commodities such as sugar and rubber. If you were able to raise your food such as vegetable, corn and meats, mostly speaking of chicken, one could survive. We only had chicken on Sunday, providing you butchered on Saturday night or early Sunday morning. We did not butcher beef since we had no means of keeping it from ruining. Electricity was not available until the late 1950's.

My father and grandfather always had Pineywoods Cattle, but a limited number of them. I can remember as a very young child the sound of bull whips, dogs and men on horses driving their stock up, as this was in the time of open range. Cattle often roamed off to the highway and sometime were struck by an automobile. Traffic was only 1 or 2 automobiles within an hour's time!

We raised hay and corn for the farm animals. The hay was cut with a cycle mower and raked with a horse drawn racking machine, then loaded on a wagon with a pitch fork and stacked around a pole in the opening. The stack would be about 12 feet around and as high as you could stack it with a pitchfork and well packed. The top was sealed with what ever material you had, but most instants it was tar paper. As a child thinking that was a lot of hay, but most of the time it wouldn't even last until Christmas with the cold weather. The corn would carry a little bit further.

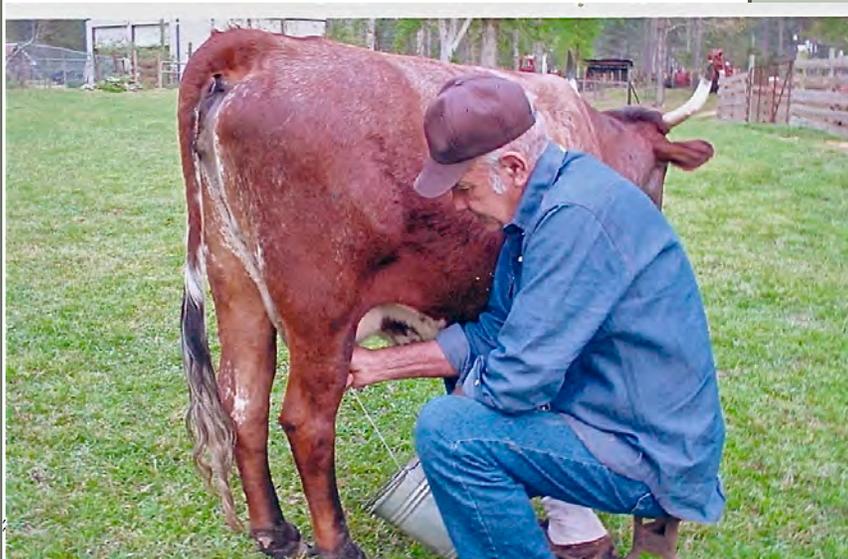


Ending up in March and April at different times we have cut down Bay trees with an ax because the cows loved the leaves off of them. I was always able to hold on to a few of these Pineywoods cows.

As a young boy of nine years old, (on my own) I started milking a Pineywoods cow to supply milk for the family. Today I still milk a Pineywoods cow and with electricity, am able to provide food to eat. I also raised an ox for transportation and work, which would pull a wagon and ride. I would take the ox and wagon to the nearest local store, which was in Saucier, to purchase staples and other necessities.

Through the years things got quite a bit easier and more enjoyable to watch the Pineywoods grow and perform. Along with holding on some of the Diamond bloodline, I was able to acquire a few other bloodlines such as Broadus, Seals, Hickman, and Ladner, which I still have today. The love for the Pineywoods cattle still remains in my heart today and as long as I am able to enjoy the outdoors I will continue.

Fred Diamond





## REGISTRAR'S NOTES: The Diamond Line

Fred Diamond has all sorts of interesting rare threads in his herd, and all seem to be pretty typical of that area: Diamond, Seal, Bounds, Ladner, Hickman, Griffin. This is a really important herd, because little or none of these occurs anywhere else.

Fred Diamond's herd also includes Hickman and Broaddus influence as well as other local cattle. This herd has recently used a Seal bull, which is a line that is otherwise extinct. The Seal cattle were from the Wiggins area. Diamond's start was from old family cattle, and includes several old cows of old traditional type and old family breeding. The cattle vary in color, but include several dark reds and browns. Horns are long, twisted, and typical. The size varies, but many are larger framed rangy type cattle. Fred Diamond milks one nice dark purple roan cow that produces a gallon a day after weaning her calf. In addition to the Seal bull, other recent ones include the "Blue Speckled Butterbean bull" from Fresco, Alabama and Jess Brown's Yellow Griffin bull (likely 3/4 Griffin, 1/4 Baylis breeding).

-- Phil Sponenberg

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