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THE INVESTER

FOALED IN 1969 AND BRED BY Eldon England of Oklahoma City, The Investor was originally named Hank Lou Bars, tracing back to his sire, Zippo Pat Bars, and dam, Hank's Peppy Lou. However, the name just didn't fit the charismatic sorrel colt.

The Investor became an AQHA champion, with points in cutting, western pleasure, reining and hunter under saddle. He earned more than \$12,000 in National Cutting Horse Association competition, and he could hold his own in the halter arena, earning a superior and standing grand or reserve champion at 45 of 50 shows.

Horseman Jack Benson bought the colt for George Pardi of Fredericksburg,

Texas, but then wound up owning him after the Pardi dispersal in 1973. Jack and trainer Brad McCamy worked to promote the stallion, who Jack said "moved like a dream." His foals inherited his abilities, and at the 1980 All American Quarter Horse Congress, there were six of The Investor's foals in the pleasure futurity finals. Four took the top four spots.

In 1989, Jack was killed in an automobile accident. Carol and Dan McWhirter of Doniphan, Nebraska, had owned a son of The Investor and were impressed with the bloodline. So they partnered with Wayne Atchley and brought The Investor home to Nebraska.

Of his 1,163 foals, 426 earned 22,360 points.

There were 16 AQHA champions, one youth supreme champion and numerous register of merit earners. In fact, The Investor is the fourth all-time leading sire of performance ROM earners.

He sired four AQHA world champions – El Cicatriz, 1974 youth yearling gelding; We Are Magic, 1980 weanling mare; Bonafide, 1985 youth western pleasure; and Impulsions, 1989 2-year-old western pleasure.

His foals have earned more than \$190,000 in AQHA's incentive fund, more than

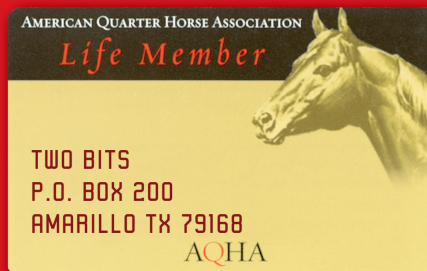


\$18,000 in NCHA competition and more than \$300,000 in NSBA events. The Investor was inducted into the NSBA hall of fame in 1994.

In 2002, at age 33, The Investor died due to complications from his age. He was inducted into the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in March.

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