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The 2007 Wayne Hodges * Outlaw Conversions / NCHA Eastern National Championships to get Underway Soon

(Fort Worth, TX) – The 2007 Wayne Hodges * Outlaw Conversions / NCHA Eastern National Championship is right around the corner, March 10 – 21 in Jackson, Miss., at the Mississippi State Fair Grounds. This year total payouts to contestants will be more than \$335,250. Everyday the show will begin at 8 a.m., with many activities held throughout the event.

While at the cutting visitors have the opportunity to shop many of the vendors at the trade show and attend any of the special events. Some that will be taking place are the Taste of Mississippi starting at 7 p.m., March 11, in the Ag Center Train. There will be two catfish dinners, March 13 at the Farmers Market, and March 19 at the Farmers Market, both start at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a Youth Team Cutting March 14 starting at 6 p.m. The team cutting contest requires four youth cutters to dress up in their most creative costumes, and then show their horse. All four team members' scores are combined for a "team score" with prizes awarded to the highest team score and best-dressed team. Youth members are responsible for the entire contest and serve as herd holders, turn back help, show secretary, announcer and judges.

In addition to cash prizes, the 2007 Eastern Champions will receive awards from sponsors including Murray Leather, Boehringer Ingelheim, KO Trading, Teskey's Saddle Shop, Tioga Territory and trophy buckles from Gist Silversmiths.

The National Cutting Horse Association is made up of 17,000 members across the United States with a wide range of backgrounds. The sport of cutting has roots in Western ranching traditions, where good horses were a necessity for everyday ranch work and cattle handling. From cowgirls to CEOs, from firefighters to professional football players, the common ground is often in the

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cutting arena. Each year more than 2,200 NCHA-approved events are held throughout the country with more than \$42 million in prize money awarded.

For more information about the National Cutting Horse Association, the 2007 Eastern Championships, or the long list of events and activities associated with this show, please call the NCHA at 817-244-6188 or visit www.nchacutting.com.

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