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River Valley Horseman's Club

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eNote

November 2011

From The President

Dear Friends

I can't believe it's November already! It's been a rough couple of months. We finally get the trails cleaned up from the Irene damage and the day before our hunter pace we get heavy snow! Very disheartening. We had to postpone, and finally cancel, the pace—which means we have to pay our bills out of our savings until next year (I guess we are lucky we have savings). The trails are littered with branches, including a few that require chainsaw work, so we'll have to get out there again. A HUGE Thank you to everyone who did SO much work. To Kristin and Mark, Tom and Gloria for all your labor and the use of your equipment. To everyone who came out to work, clip & ride, and mark trails, and especially to Genie who organized, recruited and communicated with volunteers and competitors, got blasts and messages out (even going to Starbucks when she had no power) and somehow managed to keep perspective and a sense of humor—I'm certain wine was involved. In the end I guess you can't fight "Mother Nature."

Normally this edition would be full of hunter pace photos, ride results, and so on so this will be a short version.

A few other things have happened since my last report.

The September 18 Pataconk MO ride had to be relocated at the last minute when the first trailers showed up to find there was no place to park since there was some kind of event going on. When Lynda called me to say she was redirecting everyone to my place I wasn't sure she was serious. Needless to say Lynda doesn't kid about stuff like that. Soon 15 or so trailers were in my yard. We broke into a couple or three groups and went out in the CLCT Kenilworth Forest. It somehow turned into a rodeo. Lori Kaplan's horse fell with her and she hurt her arm. It eventually turned out to be broken, as was her collarbone. Then everyone ran into ground yellow jacket nests in a number of different locations. Quite a few horses and people were stung, including Terry Buckley's horse, Belle, who

Hunter Pace Co-chair's Note:

I was sad that we had to cancel the hunter pace due to the storm as we had a great day planned.

Thank you to everyone who had volunteered to help at the hunter pace. We had a record number of volunteers signed up to help and had planned several changes to make our riders' road crossing even safer. We also had a change of caterer planned to provide lunch, Saldamarco's Deli & Italian Market, Clinton, CT.

A special thank you to my co-chair Lynda Perry for all of her help and for always being just a phone call away. Thank you also to our club president, Melissa Evarts who shows such dedication and is always willing to lend a hand or an ear.

Twelve of our riders showed their support for the work that we do to create and maintain trails by donating their entry fee to the club, and several joined our club.

We will look forward to better weather next year.

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panicked--throwing Terry--which knocked one of her teeth out on a tree or rock or something. Somehow we all made it back to my place where a new member asked, "What is the worst thing that ever happened on a MO ride?" The unanimous answer: "THIS!" Usually our rides are really quiet. Terry and Lori, I feel so bad. I hope you guys are healing well.

The September meeting program about feeding the easy keeper by Sarah Block was quite interesting. I think I need to look into getting a slow feeder of some kind for Max. He can suck down hay faster than you can believe and he just gets rounder and rounder (and slower and slower).

On October 2 quite a few of us were out in Weber Woods doing Irene clean-up to get ready for the hunter pace. The October 16 MOR scheduled for Pachaug was also rescheduled to be a clip & ride in Weber Woods. I think we had 10 or so riders with clippers and saws out for that. Luckily no bees! Maybe Kristin had scared them all away with the tractor. The October 27 general meeting was very quiet. It was a cold and rainy night and with no program I guess folks were just reluctant to get out. We did welcome one new member--Vanessa Weber's daughter, Polly. The seven of us who were there worked on final details for the hunter pace and gave Polly a mini tour of the fire museum.

The BPC-sponsored Boy Scout Eagle Bridge Project is completed. It looks great. Daniel will be sending his final report with pictures to Peggy soon. This multi-user bridge is safe for horses--though in summer we will likely continue to use the ford, allowing our horses to drink--and is already being appreciated by dog-walkers and hikers.

I hope to see you soon.
Melissa

Upcoming Events:

November 17 -LCRVHC Elections Special Meeting will be held on the 3rd Thursday (the 17th) since the 4th Thursday is Thanksgiving. Meeting will be held at 5 Owl Hollow, Killingworth.

The slate proposed is as follows:

Melissa Evarts-president,
Peg Lupone-vice-president,
Lynda Perry-treasurer,
Genie Dethloff-secretary,
Kristin Elliott Leas-advisor,
Shirley Tirrell-at large,
Chuck Sharples-at large.

Thank you to Bob Cameron for your service. We will also accept nominations from the floor. After a short business meeting and elections Sue Davenport will share a slide show of her recent African Horseback Safari. Refreshments will be served!

November 20 - (was November 13)-Annual Chatfield Hollow MO Ride and Chili Party hosted by Emmy Pavelka and Sue Davenport. RSVP to Lynda (cymaronfarm@snet.net) for details and parking, start time, food.

December 11 - Christmas Progressive Ride, parking and breakfast at Rough Draft Farm, ride in CLCT Kenilwoth Forest (no bees!) and local roads in Clinton and Killingworth, length depending on weather and wishes of riders. Lunch and dessert at stops on Spencer Hill Road in Killingworth. RSVP to Lynda (cymaronfarm@snet.net).

Annual Holiday Party at Sue Davenport's house, Owl Hollow, Killingworth. Date and Details to come. Watch your e-mail. No newsletter or meeting in December.

See calendar and web site for more.



MEMBERS ONLY RIDE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
note that this is a different date from the calendar

Come to lovely **CHATFIELD HOLLOW STATE PARK** for a fun ride.
Afterwards, eat chili and corn muffins and more while the horses hang out.



Details:

*Ready to ride @ noon

*Parking is on the cul-de-sac at the end of North Chestnut Hill Road. General formation is to pull into the cul-de-sac and go to your right so that you circle counter clock-wise. Park one after the other at the road edge. First trailer to arrive should keep pulling ahead to be headed out. Remember to leave room for the back ramp of the trailer in front of you. We will make a 2nd ring if need be. Buddy-ing up in a trailer would help, if it's possible.

*Bring some finger food desserts, your own beverage (we will have warm cider).

*A folding chair is helpful.

*Please R.S.V.P. to Sue Davenport at s1davenport@comcast.net We will need to know how much chili and we will need your email address to advise of any cancellations due to weather. If you want to tell me what you're bringing, I might be able to intercept too much of one thing.

Thanks,

Sue Davenport & Em Pavelka

P.S. As usual there will be shooting from the nearby gun club and you need to take that into consideration. However, with our later start time most of the shooting should be over.

2011 Calendar

All General and Board of Directors (BOD) meetings will be held at Evarts Fire Museum at 7 pm unless specified otherwise.

CLCT work plans are made about a week ahead, see web site www.clintonlandtrust.org for details.

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