



## Hags on Nags November 2009 Newsletter

November can be a cold and dreary month, but that kind of weather can be a good time to reflect on all the wonderful things we have enjoyed throughout the year....throughout our lifetimes. I am sure you will all agree....we have much to be thankful for.

### Looking Back.....



#### **Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure**

I don't think I'll ever forget the feeling of seeing all those trailers rolling into the Kettle Moraine Ranch on October 4<sup>th</sup>. After months and months of planning, our big fundraising event turned out to be everything we had hoped for and more!

Approximately 170 riders and their horses took part in the first annual Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure. Riders collected pledges for the WI Breast Cancer Coalition (WBCC) and enjoyed the day at Kettle Moraine Ranch in Eagle, WI. The site provided access to fifty-four miles of equestrian trails in the beautiful Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. Al and Cindy Gagliano, owners of *Kettle Moraine Ranch*, are both cancer survivors and know the importance of raising money for a good cause.

The Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure was sponsored by the Hags on Nags Saddle Club in memory of [Suzanne Daniels Shadel](#), a HON member who lost her battle with breast cancer five years ago. Organizers of the event, **Donna M.** and **DeDe N.**, both have close family members that have battled breast cancer, and some of the HON members are breast cancer survivors themselves. The Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure was especially meaningful for HON member **Ellen P**, Beloit, who was riding a horse that had belonged to her good friend who had passed away from breast cancer 4 years ago.

Besides the wonderful trail riding, the day offered other activities, too. Riders could enjoy a Fun Course of Challenges, including a "car wash" with swinging pool noodles and a "duck pond" where riders tried capturing pink rubber duckies. A big thanks to **Amy J** for developing the much liked course. Susan Peterson, Kindred Spirits Equine Massage, did horse massages, with donations to the WBCC. The *Kettle Moraine Rough Riders Drill Team* pleased the crowd with two performances. *Joe Roberts and the Country Classics* performed classic country hits in the warmth of the big barn. A silent auction featured 105 items for both the horse owner and the non-horse person. Food and drinks were available all day.

The winner of the raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt was PJ Deschler of Roscoe, IL and the custom sign certificate by SignWorks was won by Ginny Hoff of Edgerton. The Chris Cox training DVDs went to Joica Campbell, Cary, IL and the Riverside Bed and Breakfast certificate was won by Steve Hepp, Watertown. All in all, it was a great day!

The Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure, sponsored by the Hags on Nags Saddle Club, **raised a total of over \$17,500** for the WI Breast Cancer Coalition!!! The largest donation was raised by a young lady named Breanna Vaughn, Nashotah, who raised \$1200. Karin Stork of Whitewater collected donations totaling \$1023. Even our member in Mexico, Marise, who couldn't be with us sent a wonderful donation too! The WI Breast Cancer Coalition and the Hags on Nags Saddle Club offer a huge THANK YOU to all those that participated in the event.



A special thank you to all the HONs that worked on making this event such a success. I look forward discussion about hosting the event again 2010!

Check out the plaque we received and some of the [pictures](#)!

## Endless Valley October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>



By all accounts, the weekend at Endless Valley was great fun. The weather was great (remember the year with the snow?!) and everyone got in some wonderful rides. New member, **Barb**, got the chance to get to know the HONs that were there: **Sherri T**, **Sandy Rob.**, **Cindy A**, **Ann P**, **DeAnn H**, **Michelle E**, **Dee S**, **Ronda S**, **Vicki S**, and **Jeannie Z**. And **Kim J** joined in too! Hope I didn't forget anyone. I was really sorry that I didn't make it this year

(dang knee!), but I am already looking forward to next year. Thanks to **Sherri T** for again organizing a fabulous weekend and to **Cindy A** for the [pictures](#).

## Halloween Fun



A few of our fun-loving HON members participated in the local Orfordville Halloween Parade. It was a chilly, windy ride but looked like great fun. How about putting something "Halloween-ish" on our calendar for next year? Check out the other [pictures](#) and look for HONs **Cindy A**, **Diane F**, and **Deana Z** (aka Raccoon Lady) **Joan B** and **Crystal K** went to the Halloween party sponsored by *Acclaim*

*Performance Horses* and report that it was the best party ever! They especially liked the hay wagon ride. Let's talk about ideas for next year at our annual meeting in January!

## Coming Soon.....



### Chili Dump November 7th

One of our most popular events of the year is coming up soon! It's the annual "Chili Dump" at **Horsemen's Park in Palmyra**. Here's how it works....everyone brings a small sample of their favorite chili. We dump it all into a big pot (in this case, two Nescos!) and the result is the best tasting chili you can ever imagine! We'll have tasty bread, crackers and all the fixins for a fabulous lunch. Bring a beverage (hot chocolate with or without Butterscotch Schnapps is always favorite!) and sample one (or more!) of the tasty desserts. Please contact **Joan B** to let her know if you are coming and to figure out what to bring. (We need things other than chili!) Plan to ride at 10:00 a.m. and return back to the pavilion around noon for lunch. If the weather is nasty, we have an alternate location all lined up so watch your emails. (The Finney "clubhouse" in Milton is Plan B, but let's hope we don't need it!) Of special interest this year will be speakers from the Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association. They will explain what the plans are for installing electricity at some of the campsites at Horsemen's Park and let us know once and for all if there is any truth to the rumors about hot showers in the plans. You are all encouraged to bundle up and come....with or without a horse. See you on November 7<sup>th</sup>!



### Illinois Horse Expo and Holiday Market: All Things Equestrian

The 2009 Chicagoland Equestrian Lifestyle Expo is set for **November 21-22** at the new *Lake County Fairgrounds' Expo Center* in Grayslake, IL. There are some new features and at least 50 educational presentations by Mary D. Midkiff, Richard Shrake, Randel Raub and others. It isn't really all that far away, and it sounds like they have a lot going on....including shopping! If you'd like additional information on presenters and their subjects, use this link to go directly to the Expo website - <http://www.horsemenscouncil.org/Expo/> If you are interested in organizing a group HON trip there, please reply to me (**Sandy R**) soon. New adventures are always fun!

## West 20 Wish and Wine November 27



Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>!!! The date is set for the "2009 Wish and Wine Extravaganza" event at West 20 Ranch and Saddle Store. For those of you that haven't attended this event...here is what'll be going on. We will have a holiday table set up in the back room where you can sample appetizers and sip some wine or other beverage. You are also free to roam the store...which you will see is PACKED with SO many horse related items...from

boots and clothes to tack to every kind of horsey thing you can imagine. If you see something you like and decide to make a purchase, you will receive a discount that night. If you see something you'd like to put on a "wish list," Julie will send an email with the information to your Santa(s). Plan to arrive a little after 6:00 pm and bring a bottle of wine or some other beverage and a small appetizer. Contact **Deana Z** if you have questions. See you on the 27<sup>th</sup>!

## **Christmas Parade(s)**

Let's try a new parade this year! As you may recall, last year (pictured here) the Thursday night Whitewater parade didn't go over real well. It's hard when it is on a week night and the weather doesn't cooperate. As an alternative, **Crystal** has checked into Jefferson's Parade of Lights and is recommending that we give this one a try this year. This parade may be easier for more of us to participate in and will undoubtedly have more



spectators, since it is Saturday, Dec 5th @ 5:30pm. We will be able to use the same "costumes" for our horses as we did last year. Please contact **Crystal K** if you are interested in participating in the Jefferson Parade of Lights. Watch for more details!

## Christmas Party



Mark your calendar for **Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**. That's the date for our annual Christmas party. Our party organizer, **Crystal**, has arranged for a spot at the **Towne Inn**, in **Jefferson, WI**. It should be an easy to get to location for most of our members....easy to find since it is right on Hwy 26! More information about the party will be coming, so watch for details. Again, we will do a small gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped, horse theme gift costing less than \$15. We will be asking for RSVPs, so please put this in your plans. We've always had a great time! Hope to see you there!



We have several new members this month! **Val H** of Janesville is a friend of HON member Ellen P. and joined her for the Ride for the Cure. Val had such a good time, she joined the Hags on Nags right there on the spot. That was also the case for **Laura K.** of Deerfield, WI where she has 110 acres of mowed trails. Laura's horses are AQHA and APHA. Laura is a veterinarian and enjoys trail riding and camping. **Marcia H.** is another new member who lives in Monroe, WI. Marcia made a promise to herself that she would have a horse when she turned 40. She says her wish was fulfilled with Arabian horses and she has never been so happy. Another new member is **Susan K** from Beloit, WI. Susan has Morgans and enjoys trail riding. She also was at the Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure and says it "was a total pleasant surprise." She is a talented writer with a great sense of humor from what I can tell from her membership form! **Michele M** is another new member. Michele lives in Rockton, IL and rides Missouri Fox Trotters. She rides at many of our local favorite parks, so it seems like our club will be a good fit for her! **Barb L** lives in Madison and rides a Belgian/QH cross. Barb got her horse last fall and her trailer last month, so she is ready to go. Barb boards her horse near Sauk/Mazomanie where the 200 acres back up to Black Hawk Ridge. Sounds like a place we should visit! Welcome to Hags on Nags, ladies!!! We're glad to have you with us.



## News From Our Members

\*\*\*\*\* From **Sara S** Hey Ya'll, Darn! I'll be in Florida with my Packer tickets to see the team trounce on the Buccaneers. Go Pack! (I always go to Tampa when the Packers play in Tampa

because my brother lives on the Gulf and it's always around my birthday. *Have fun, Sara!!*

\*\*\*\*\* From **Maggie F**

BlackJack is home again. The schooling was too much for him. He didn't like being in a stall- he's always been outside. He needs a family environment with just a few people handling him. There was another family that had given me their number and of course now I can't find it! So if anyone knows someone who is a step above a green beginner- please pass on my number 262-374-0125. If he doesn't go-my granddaughter Kristen will be thrilled as that is who she is learning to ride. She'll be able to get on herself this next summer. A Hag in the making!

I hope to make Chili dump. I am having surgery on the 4th and will probably have cabin fever by then and will come and watch the chili while y'all ride. I am having the tumor removed AGAIN on my left thumb and bilateral carpal tunnel surgery. I can't take these numb, painful hands anymore. Recoup will suck- but I had to do both hands the same time because I can't afford to take off twice (about 6 weeks off). *Good luck, Mags!*



\*\*\*\*\*From **Audrey**: Here is a picture of my new Quarter horse baby Menominee Windchill, he will be 2 years old in February. He took his first camping trip this weekend and was wonderful. He loaded/unloaded and hauled perfect, tied on a picket line and I ponied him all around camp with Cherry. He was exposed to dogs, golf carts, mules, donkeys and scary Halloween decorations and took everything in stride, I am so proud of him!

\*\*\*\*\* From **Deb L....**

I recently traveled to Eagle Ranch, by Collins, MO. This was our second year going there....it is really a nice place, with really great trails and nice accommodations....the staff and owner are super too....they have your trailer cleaned out...before you even get your horse settled into your stall....and clean your stalls for you too! They have small cabins for people who don't have camping trailers...and also one bigger cabin...which we rented this yr....so that was nice to have with a television, full kitchen shower and laundry room.....we had friends from MN. who met us there..so we had an area where we could eat together....since it did rain for several days.....and it was nice to not have to sit under the

trailer awnings in the rain.

Our MN friends headed home on Fri...and my husband, Yerry and I, moved on to Berry Bend Equestrian Park by Warsaw, MO. the last 2 days.....I really loved this park too....as it has 89 horse sites...24 with electricity.....and a nice shower house with flush toilets.....we camped right across the driveway from the shower house....which was really nice.....There are many trails here....I didn't even cover half of them.....the one side goes around the lake...and is just breath taking....the leaves were turning...it was great.....

I met and rode with a couple from Springfield.....the first day....then the second day rode out an hour and a half on the trails that follow the lake....with a lot of beautiful overlooks.....then I turned around and rode back...as we were meeting MO. friends in town for Heritage Days....which was really fun too! I can't wait to go back again! Hopefully, by this time next year....we will be living in MO...

\*\*\*\*\* From **Patti M...now Patti Latimer**

Patti says hello from Georgia. She misses you all and will write more next month. Amos, her beloved gelding, has healed up after his torn suspensory. Patti is looking forward to riding again....and is also looking for work! Until the website contact information can be updated, you can email me for details about Patti's new address, etc. if you'd like to contact her.



\*\*\*\*\* **Carol B.** is a new first time grandma! Darling Hadli Francis was born on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. And yes, Grandma already bought her a pony! Congratulations, Carol and family!

\*\*\*\*\* **Ronda S** is having her second knee replacement on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to her...here's hoping she has a very speedy recovery! **Marion B** is also having a knee replacement this week...maybe she and Rhonda can share rooms!

\*\*\*\*\* **Sandy O** recently got a smashed finger as a result of a horse related incident. It looks as if she will be off work for awhile, so our thoughts go out to her also!

\*\*\*\*\* **Vicki S** wants to let us know that there is a new Tack Consignment Shop in the area. If you haven't visited the JH Second-Go-Round Tack Room

on Kiesling Rd near Jefferson, you might want to check it out soon.  
[www.jhtackroom.com](http://www.jhtackroom.com)



From the **Hag Up North....Babs H**

They celebrate Halloween in Canada too, or is that what Babs always wears to work? Check out [her story here](#). Babs also tells about her husband's service in

Afghanistan...please keep those in serving overseas in your thoughts and prayers.



### November Birthdays



- JoAnn S Nov 6
- Joslyn Nov 12
- Darla Nov 13
- Sara S Nov 14
- Eileen M Nov 15
- Kimberly J  
- and -
- Karen M Nov 19
- Ginny H Nov 23
- Kris E. Nov 27

Remember, birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live!!! Happy Birthday to you all!

Happy Trails,  
Sandy

