



Hags on Nags April 2010 Newsletter

If it's April, it's Midwest Horse Fair time! Heck, most of us wait for this one big event all year long. Horses, friends, entertainment, shopping....what more could a girl want?

Looking Ahead.....

Meeting and Socializing Saturday, April 10th



Ride for the Cure

Please make every effort to attend our next meeting for the Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure event. We will meet at about **4:30** in the back room at the **Owls Club**. The Owls Club is located on Hwy 26 between Milton and Fort Atkinson. Everyone is encouraged to attend....remember, this event is not just a committee thing; it takes the whole club to pull off a successful event like this. Bring your spouse along and stay for supper if you like. Contact **Amy J** amy_jane@msn.com for more information.

Pink Ribbon Ride April 10th Meeting Agenda:

Updated fliers will be available!

We are specifically looking for anyone who knows people who will have booths or stalls at Midwest Horse Fair to ask them permission to leave a stack of fliers for the ride at their table. If you do know someone who will allow this, please stop by at the meeting and pick up some fliers for them to put out.

Topics to be discussed, please bring your ideas and suggestions:

- updates on entertainment
- current received donations
- potential prizes for "high achievement awards" for riders with the highest pledge amounts
- shirts.. what we have available, prices, order new ones for 2010?
- new ideas?

It's getting to be... PRR Promotion Time!

Sample sponsor letters are ready - download our pre-written letter, customize and start mailing! Let's get those donations rolling in early this year! Monetary donations or items for raffles and auctions, anything is appreciated! The sponsor letter, tax exempt status for BCR and the current flier are available for download off the website, and also available at the meeting on the 10th.

****Note**** Please post on the HON Facebook discussion page or email me when you have sent a sponsor letter to a business, I will be keeping an ongoing list on the Facebook page (out of view of non-HON members) so we are not sending repeat requests. If you don't have Facebook access, email me and I will check to see if the business you have in mind has been contacted yet, or add your contact to the list.

Postcards advertising the event are ready.. supply addresses of stables you know of, and we'll send them an invite!

Tell everyone you know! Word of mouth is our biggest seller when it comes to this ride, so spread the word! Belong to a club? Spend time chatting on online horse communities? Need an excuse to introduce yourself to the new neighbor down the road? Let them know about our ride!

The Midwest Horse Fair April 16, 17, 18

Once again, Fair organizers have done a fabulous job of bringing top name clinicians from a wide range of riding disciplines to Madison. One look at the schedule and you'll see that there is something for everyone! Evening entertainment includes a rodeo Friday night and Grand Prix Show Jumping on Saturday night. We sadly won't have the Mustang Challenge this year, but I'm looking forward to seeing something new this year on Sunday. It's a take-off of the TV sensation "Dancing with the Stars" but with a horsey twist. Six local celebrities will be "Jumping with the Stars" and raising money for Children's Hospital. Popular radio and TV personalities as well as an Olympic speed skater and an Olympic runner have been training with local hunter/jumper trainers. You can read the details on the MWHF website <http://midwesthorsefair.com/> and then be there to watch the fun on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Many of our HONs will be participants in the 2010 MWHF....various breed demonstrations, drill team (Kettle Moraine Rough Riders) etc. Be sure to check the schedule and be on the look out for HONs all over the place!

Season Starter at Rock Cut: April 23-25



Day ride and/or Camping - Rock Cut

Where: **Rock Cut Loves Park, Illinois**

Contact: **Michele - 815 289 4964** Will try to be there by Noon Friday - My trailer is under construction so I will be a little bit reliant on my sister's schedule.

I don't think we should try Kinnickinnick this trip unless the weather stays dry - maybe Sunday we leave Rock Cut early and go to Kinnickinnick for a

ride before going home. Usually about 2 hours to do that park. They tend to keep it closed until ground is really firm in the spring so we'll have to check on it.

Directions: Map Coordinates 42.355056,-88.997025 - works for Google Maps & Map Blast. I can't find the exact address of the park entrance but if you put those into the search it should come up.

Does NOT use the park entrance on the DNR map (Hwy 173) -- You cannot get to the horse camp through the regular park entrance- you need to turn onto Hart RD from Perryville Rd. There are signs for Equestrian Camp. It will be a left hand turn onto Hart Rd if you turned onto Perryville from Hwy 173 - just over the top of the hill.

- No alcohol allowed in park (wink wink) usually the rangers will come through once or twice a day. If you are discreet they won't hassle you. They typically come between 5 -7pm to collect camping fees. DO keep your dog on a leash - they are stricter about that. I think it's \$8.00 / night - sorry no idea for out of state but no trail pass required or vehicle sticker.

There are no set campsites - There are tall wooden poles for high ties and you can tie to trees as well. You need to provide the rope. There are no corrals. There are a couple of locations for dumping poop but no wheelbarrows provided.

Clean enough pit toilets and a water spigot for horses - you could probably drink there if you had to :)

There is a place to dump your trailer waste now.

Trails are a mix of woods and open fields, no maps available to take with you that I'm aware of but the main trails all circle back. You can ride on both sides of Hart Road with more trails on the horse camp side.

You are right in Rockford/Loves Park so you can easily run to stores or restaurants if you prefer.

"Roses for Rescue" Saturday May 2nd



Spirit Horse Equine Rescue of Janesville is sponsoring a Fundraiser on Saturday, May 2nd. The group, which now is officially recognized as a

501c3 non-profit organization, will be holding the big event at the Janesville Country Club from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a little bit of Kentucky right here! With traditional Derby Day food and drinks and dress up, as well as wagering on the day's big race, participants can also bid on high quality silent auction items and compete in the Derby Day Trivia Contest. Sounds like a great time. For more information, visit their website <http://www.spirithorseequinerescue.org/>.

Help Palmyra's Horse Riders Camp and Have Fun!!!

Sunday, May 3rd

HONs love riding in the local Kettle Moraine forests and many of us enjoy camping there too, be it the Southern or Northern Park. The Northern Kettle horse camp has undergone recent renovations, and

now plans are in the works to update the facilities at Southern, too! As we learned last fall from members of the Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association, it will cost approximately \$1,000 per site to provide electricity. Now, thanks to the Illinois Lake County Mounted Posse www.lcmp.info/, we have the opportunity to have fun and help out! On **Sunday, May 3rd** you can enjoy a **steak dinner** (steak, baked potato, side dishes, and beverage), trail riding, and entertainment for \$25...with all proceeds going towards providing electricity to campsites at HorseRiders Campground. The event will be held rain or shine and you must purchase a ticket in advance. Tickets will be available at the Midwest Horse Fair SKMHTA booth or you can download the flyer and ticket from the link on our website calendar. This is a great opportunity...hope to see you all there!



Wow! Lots of new members to welcome. First, there's **Liz J.**...better known as Amy's mom. Many of you will recall her from several of our rides in 2009. Liz lives in Rubicon and operates a small boarding facility. Welcome, Liz! **Linda R** sent in her membership application in January. Linda lives in Rockford, IL and, with her husband, owns 5 Paso Finos! Linda also does Greyhound Rescue (owner of 3) and finds time to knit, crochet and bake. Newly retired, Linda is looking forward to trail riding, meeting other trail riders and exploring new trails. Welcome, Linda! **Kacy S** also joined our group in January. Kacy lives in Darien, WI and owns a standard bred. Kacy enjoys riding English, Western and bareback and has done some barrel racing. She is looking forward getting out on the trails this summer with new people as well as helping out with community projects. Welcome Kacy! **Wendi K** is another new member. Wendy lives in Edgerton and is beginning a new chapter in her life after having raised her family and recently losing her husband. She looks forward to riding with a new sisterhood of horse lovers. Welcome, Wendi! **Fawn R** is another new HON member. Fawn lives in Sussex. She is a professional dog trainer and does sports photography. She has a small business www.powerpawpics.com and is a software programmer. She prefers gaited horses and is looking forward to hanging out with fellow animal lovers. Also please welcome **Pat G.** from Cary, IL. Pat is a friend of HON Joanne and enjoys practicing Natural Horsemanship groundwork techniques. Welcome, Pat! **Kathy T** is another new member. Kathy lives in Deerfield and has two mares, a tri color Paint (age 6) and a Paint/Spotted Draft cross (age 3). Kathy got the mare "Molly" last year when her brother was killed and the mare has soothed her soul. Welcome, Kathy! Another new member is **Barb S.** Barb lives in Milwaukee and is looking forward to meeting new people. Barb loves to cook and help others and plan events. Sounds like a great match for HON! Another welcome to a mother/daughter team! **Julie K** and **Monica T** also live in Milwaukee. Both have an interest in Natural Horsemanship and meeting other women with the same interests. Monica claims to have some "wild

horse" experiences and a strong history of getting hurt. She has an interest in driving, has been in some parades and is always willing to try new things. Welcome Monica and Julie! Last but not least, please welcome **Michelle (Shellie) L**. She lives in Oconomowoc and owns a QH that she would love to get out and ride more. Shellie is creative and artistic and makes and sells CowGirl Jewelry on EBay and ETSY. www.Zippos55mom.etsy.com. She does Rhythm Beads and show blanket Bling. A self described "Martha Stewart" type person, Shellie is looking forward to having the opportunity to do more fun things with horses and HONs. Welcome, Shellie! I sure hope I didn't miss anyone...please contact me if I did. It's great to get so many new members!!



News From Our Members

***** From **Audrey K**

I have 3 Picket Line kits for sale. \$85.00 includes quick ratchet set-up, 50 ft of rope, 2 knot eliminators (but a person could add more) 2 tree savers and the handy backpack to hang at the picket line, for storage or to take on the trail with you.

***** From **Michele M**

I'm starting as a volunteer at Smiles in Darien and here are a couple of easy ways we can help them out:

For SMILES in Darien <http://www.smiles.nu/horses.cfm>

SMILES is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation founded in 1985, offering therapeutic and recreational horsemanship lessons to children and adults with disabilities.

PICK N'SAVE RECEIPTS

If you shop at Pick n'Save ask them to list SMILES as your charity. Pick n'Save will donate a portion of your receipt! Please remember SMILES when you shop for food!

PLEASE SAVE YOU MCDONALD'S RECEIPTS FOR SMILES

(I'm not sure how best to do this- if people could save them up for a while and then mail them to me or wait until a meeting/ride?)

McDonalds has a test program in WI where SMILES receives office equipment when we send in receipts. We need many receipts, but if everyone helps, we can get items free that we would normally have to buy. Receipts are only accepted from 10 counties in WI. The counties are: Dodge, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington & Waukesha.

***** From **Diane Finney**

Be sure to be in the Coliseum on Saturday afternoon, at 4:30 to see the Mustang Pride Demo. Jessie Willyerd, Diane Finney, Cindy Anderson's grandson, Dakota, and daughter, Shannon, and Joan Baker will all be riding in the demo. And, our home town trainer, Tracy Porter! The group will be doing another demo on Sunday morning at 9:40. Come cheer them on while they play soccer on horseback!

The Rock County Multi-use Trails Group has been notified that they will receive \$3,000 from the Wisconsin State Horse Council to be used at Magnolia Bluff. This grant will be used to help finance a trailer parking area at the park.

***** From **Michelle E**

I will be representing Ainsley, the Gypsy stallion, at the Midwest Horse Fair. Check us out!

***** From **Karen M of Transitions Equine:**

Robin Salerno is offering her Part One Workshop "I CAN Hear You" on animal communication 5/1/10. Part Two is scheduled for June, 2010 and registration notification will be sent in May. Part One returning trainees are offered a discounted rate.

***** From **Deb S**

I just have to share the good news of Maggie May's first obedience fun match ... actually, I have to brag. <GGG>

We participated in novice rally which is working a pattern on leash that consists of 15-25 command stations where you have to do what the command says. There were 24 dogs.



Then we participated in pre-novice obedience (all commands on leash). Maggie was astounding. There were 18 dogs in her class. Out of a maximum score of 200 points with 170 points required to qualify, Maggie received 192 and SECOND PLACE. When the judge announced "in second place with a score of 192 the little Lhasa" and my number, I was so floored, amazed and happy. Maggie had perfect scores on her long sit, long down and stand for exam. I talked to this judge afterwards ... she said Maggie was positively amazing; I told her Maggie's story which really emphasized to the judge how far Maggie has progressed.

Two of my good friends came to watch. One of them, Sandy Rogers, had seen Maggie the very first day I adopted her (last May 19th). She was so amazed with Maggie's transformation from a sad and very frightened little girl with no confidence to a confident little Diva who loves to prance, show off and can't take her eyes off of me. Well ... now I've bragged. Thanks for listening and letting me share my wonderful news.

***** From me, **Sandy Rg**

Thanks to everyone for the warm wishes towards recovering after my recent knee surgery. Every day is a little easier and I sure am looking forward to getting back in the saddle soon. A big thanks to **Jessie W** for exercising the two horses that my husband and I will be taking out west in June. Rowdy and Jewel will be happy they're in shape when they navigate those Black Hills! Jessie has some time now between jobs, so she is for hire if your horses need exercise.

April Birthdays

Diane C	April 5
Beth K	April 10
Pat N	April 13
Terri W	April 17
Joanne A	April 18
Joann S	April 20
Bonnie C	April 26
Lynn P and Susan L	April 27



Happy Trails, Sandy