WOOD COUNTY HORSE RIDING CLUB, INC.
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August 2008 newsletter

Hello Everyone,

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm in the Golden Corral of Parkersburg, WV by President Rob Lowther with 22 members present. WOW we sure got a lot accomplished at this meeting. Everyone seems so excited about the horse camp and all the work that has been completed out there. We really appreciate all the support.

Prior to the meeting some of the men have volunteered to build some more stalls if we could get the materials, so I sent out an email before the meeting asking if anyone would like to sponsor a stall at $250.00 each. I'm so happy to inform you; Mary White and Dixie Leasburg come to the meeting and both sponsored a stall. ***Thank you both so much***. Then we passed a motion for the club to donate another $500.00 to build two more. They hope to have them completed by the Labor Day ride with the exception of the roof. If you would like to sponsor a stall or come help with the construction of them please let us know. We also passed a motion for the club to purchase the materials to build two shower stalls (for people ☺), so as soon as they get a chance they will start on those, again if you would like to help with these projects please let us know.

We've had several work days on the trails for the horse camp and we've been successful in opening many new miles of trails. We have work days then we take a day to ride the trails to check for areas that need improvement, we work to fix those areas and then ride again. This is truly a "work in progress" project and will take many hours to complete it. We've had several members join us for their first experience at Mountwood Park, for some of them the only thing they knew about Mountwood Park was the location of their sign on Route 50. They've had wonderful comments about the park, the horse camp, its location, all the work our club has done out there and the fact that they can be camping with their horses yet order a pizza and have it delivered to the horse camp. One lady had a hard time convincing her husband of this, he said "we can't even get a pizza delivered at home and you're on a horse ride and can get it"……too funny.

I want to send out a special THANK YOU to Iris and French McCartney for giving our club a $100.00 donation to use at the horse camp. *They came up to visit with us after one of our ride days, they have been too busy in the hay fields to make the work or ride days but wanted to support us.* ***We really appreciate it.***

Dave Hannon (Equine Management Specialist from Charleston, WV) came up on July14th, to check out our horse camp and was very pleased with what he saw. He said he could tell we were very safety conscience and put a lot of thought into what we've done so far, and he likes how our trails start right out of the camp area. We also received some very good reviews in the monthly newsletter from the President and some of the members of the Shiloh Trail Riders Club (Ritchie County, WV), after they rode with 24

of us on one of our ride days. We're doing really well at getting new people to try out the trails and check out "One of the best kept secrets in Wood County WV"……Mountwood Parks slogan. ☺

Congratulations to Tracy Meadows on the birth of her baby girl; MaKayla Jo, born on June 29th at 7:10am weighing 6lb 10oz and 20 inches long, she is such a cutie.

FRIENDS OF MOUNTWOOD PARK: Carla Knapp reported how our volunteer hours (that I keep track of) can qualify you for a free membership to this group. We need some of our members to get involved in this group.

Due to all of our club officers going to a ride in Missouri in Oct, **the Oct. meeting will be the second Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7:30pm** (we voted to change the meeting time from here on to 7:30 pm to help Sally & Rob out, since they come in from Glenville, WV).

Before I close I'd like to share our sympathy and understanding to our club members Dave & Patty Matthews whose house burnt down on July 16th and they lost everything including their beloved dog Abby in the fire. The Ohio Horse Council is having a benefit dinner for them on Aug. 16th (see details enclosed). Our club has also decided to do a benefit Chinese auction for them on Sat. evening at our Labor Day weekend ride. Please bring an item to donate to this when you come for the ride, or if you can't make the ride and want to donate something you can give it to Sally Webb in Glenville, WV 304-834-2112, Susan Mick who works at American General Finance in Vienna, WV 304-485-5496 or myself 304-210-4894. If you'd rather make a monetary donation you can do this through any Peoples Bank branch under "Matthews Fire Fund". Thank you so much and I know they appreciate everyone helping them through this tough time in their lives.

We voted to have the next meeting after the meal on Sat. evening, Aug. 30th at the horse camp in Mountwood Park, during our Labor Day ride, to save Rob & Sally a trip back this way.

HAPPY RIDING,

TARA PATTERSON SEC/TRES

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UPCOMING RIDES and EVENTS

We need help to get the mowing & weed eating done at the horse camp before the Labor Day ride, remember to let me know how many hours you put in if you go out by yourself so I can keep a record of them.

Aug. 15-16-17 Williams & Skinner camp out and ride in Glenville, WV everyone is welcome. Bring a dessert or salad for the Sat. evening meal. For more info: **Call Ronnie & Susie Williams 304-462-8821 or Doug & Debbie Skinner 304-462-7591**