

WOOD COUNTY HORSE RIDING CLUB, INC.
113 Miller Ridge Road
Davisville, WV 26142

July, 2008 newsletter

Hello Everyone,

The July meeting was called to order @ 7:10 pm by President Rob Lowther with 11 members present at their ride in Glenville, WV. I'm happy to inform everyone that our club now has **a tab on Mountwood Parks** website; www.mountwoodpark.org. They posted our last newsletter, membership application and information about the upcoming ride during the Labor Day weekend.

Mountwood Park leased about 1,000 acres from the Dennis O'Brien Estate Partnership. The two decision-making partners in the estate partnership, James Hardigg and Mary Ann Pettigrew, were honored on Monday June 16th by the Wood County Parks and Recreation Commission. Several members attended the meeting at Mountwood Park. Vice President of the board, Neil Holmes presented James Hardigg with a nice plaque recognizing him, his wife and Mary Ann Pettigrew for supporting the park and our horse camp by allowing hunting, horseback riding and hiking on their properties. Mr. Hardigg and Mrs. Pettigrew are the heirs of Dennis O'Brien. Mr. Hardigg said the property has been in the family since the 1870s. Several members enjoyed visiting with Mr. Hardigg and listening to his interesting stories. Thank you for participating in that presentation.

The two workdays in June were successful in opening some more trails, thanks for your hard work and dedication and I want to say a *special thank you* to Dorla Yeager for helping us on the night we did the mowing and weed-eating at the horse camp, she wasn't a member until after she worked all evening, then she joined the club. ☺

The **Out Here with Horses Day** at Tractor Supply on June 21 was a huge success and we had some new members join the club at this event. I want to thank Tim & Steve for all their hard work to make our clubs display one of the nicest there. You boys did a GREAT JOB with it and with helping Colette (of Tractor Supply) with anything she

Tara Patterson **Contacted Betty Carver**; head of tourism in WV and Betty is very excited about what we're doing at the park. She put our Labor Day ride event information on their website www.wvtourism.com and wants to be kept informed of anymore rides/events. She said when the horse camp is open to the public they will advertise it as a destination on their website.

The Forth of July neighborhood parade in Willowbrook went real well. Thanks Christy, Marissa, Brenda, Lora, Jane and her family for representing our club at this event. I'm sure the kids loved the horses.

*I'd like to welcome our newest members; Pam & Bill Doak, Jeff & Opal Webb, Bob Moore, Don & Kathy "Hollywood" Courtney, Greta & Kenny Schaad, James & Kay Gray, Joe & Tammy Burton, Don & Melinda Underwood, and the Dorla Yeager family. We're glad to have you and announce with your memberships we now have **125 members.** ∅*

SUBMITTED BY SALLY;

Rob and I would like to thank all club members and guests from both Wood County and Little Kanawha Trail Riders Clubs for their participation and support during our first 4th of July trail ride this past weekend. You made it a success. In lieu of the day long rainstorm on the 4th we had 7 diehard camping rigs in our muddy meadow with 5 more showing up on Saturday for the ride. 27 riders saddled up Saturday and enjoyed trail riding at its best thru shady trails to the top of the mountain to take in the awesome view of Gilmer County and on Sunday we had 20 riders. The rain on Friday was disappointing but in lieu of the damp weather we all enjoyed watching Rob tow rigs in the mud, grilling hotdogs and hamburgers on the front porch, telling stories, playing cards and partaking of Susan's apple pie. We then all made our way to the 33 Club that evening for steak dinners, pool tournaments, jukebox music and dance lesson by Sonja and Sherri. Brian Thomas even practiced a few dance steps thru the meadow by showing Nan how to not get muddy. He fell flat on his way back to his rig. Nan laughed.

Saturday Morning we woke up to wonderful sunshine and 27 of us finally got to ride. We had both a long and short ride with 6 hours riding.

Sad moment: Randy McDonald's dog got loose in the night and we haven't been able to locate him yet.

Funny moment: Marla McDonald riding up on her horse's neck coming down a mountain and Allison Minton complaining of a sore butt. We all returned safely and all seemed to enjoy Rob's spaghetti. Some cooled off in the pool and then again later played cards again. Sunday morning we provided all breakfast and again saddled up in dry weather to ride again for 4 hours. Then came back and finished up the spaghetti, more pool swimming and then pulling out rigs. Everyone got back on the road safely.

Another funny moment: Nan Thomas has a lot of blonde moments. Just ask her about it. Well hope she can remember to pull her underwear down the next time she has to pee.

Rob Lowther and Sally Webb

Lisa Dwire's father, Kenny Hall is recovering from heart surgery & Dick Barton was in Healthsouth of Morgantown, but I just got word he came home yesterday. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

We're adding recipes to the cookbook we're putting together to do as a fundraiser and still have room for more so keep sending in any recipes you'd like included in this to the address above or email them to; holytara@yahoo.com

Susan Mick is checking into the details of an umbrella sales fundraiser for our club and will give us the details on this at our next meeting.

We have new T-shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts and hats for sale.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TIFFANY & DANNY FREEMAN on the birth of their new son; Cole Robert, 5 lb 8 oz., born on July 7, everyone is doing GREAT and we wish them the best.

The next club meeting will be 7pm, Tuesday Aug. 5, 2008 at the Golden Corral in Parkersburg, WV. Come eat with us at 6pm and the meeting will start at 7pm.

HAPPY RIDING,

TARA PATTERSON SEC/TRES

UPCOMING RIDES and EVENTS

Brent & Tara are planning to ride or work on the trails at Mountwood Park, most weekends during July & August. If you're interested in helping please call; Brent 304-482-4833, Tara 304-210-4894 or email holytara@yahoo.com

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

Aug. 29-Sept. 1st Labor Day Weekend Ride

Mountwood Park Horse Camp

Rides start; 1pm on Friday

10am on Sat, Sun. and Monday (if anyone wants to ride that day)

Camping; \$10.00 a night

(Unless you're a member of the Wood County Horse Riding Club, then the fee is \$8.00 a night)

Limited electric hookups, and plenty of primitive camping. City water is available and a place to bath the horses. There is a nice restroom, but no shower house, can drive over to the regular camp ground across RT. 50 and use their showers. There's a few stalls, some tie lines, hitching posts and you're welcome to set up portable corrals or put up your own tie lines if you want. Backroads Pizza is nearby and they deliver to the horse camp if anyone wants to skip cooking. :) Reese's Country Store has a grill where you can purchase breakfast and other sandwiches

Bring a covered dish for dinner on Sat. evening.

Call Tara's cell: 304-210-4894 or Brent's cell 304-482-4833 for more information.

Directions: 12 miles east of Parkersburg, WV on Rt. 50, turn onto Volcano Road and follow the main road through the park and up the hill with sharp curves, the camp is on the left (across the road from Presley Ridge). Come through the gate to the top of the hill.

Oct. 5-11 ride @ Cross Country Trail Ride in Eminence, Missouri
www.crosscountrytrailride.com NEED TO TAKE YOUR OWN FIREWOOD OR
A CHAINSAW TO CUT SOME WOOD OUT THERE, THIS IS 1ST YEAR
THEY'ER NOT SUPPLING IT.