

BLUE RIDGE HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



WEBSITE: www.brha.us

August 2011

August Meeting:

We had a delicious meal of: Beef Stew, corn bread salad, rolls and chocolate mousse for dessert. Thanks Mary for the wonderful meal.

Our NEXT meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20th, at Tractor Supply in Lenoir at 6:30 pm.

Meetings are held every 4th Tuesday of the month. There is always a meal available just after 6pm at each meeting for a small donation. No DEC. meeting!

Meeting was called to order @ 6:36 by President Ted Johnson & about 42 members were present.

Old Business: Generator discussion was tabled until after Labor Day events. We now have a meter to test noise levels that weekend and a decision will be made at the next scheduled meeting.

Power pole underground wiring has been completed at no charge to BRHA, it is in full operation.

New Business: BJ spoke about personal BRHA auto tag now being available, contact him for further information.

Members of the club voted to purchase two new 10X30 tents to be used on club land of \$700.00 for future events.

Meeting highlights: Spoke about Benefit ride for Kelly Blanton and Rodeo for Dennis Michaels was a huge success, raising around \$10,000 from the benefits. Thanks to everyone that participated.

New Rides: LABOR DAY WEEKEND UPDATE:

First off let me commend all the folks who stepped up to the plate for the various tasks associated with putting this thing on; the folks who worked last weekend to get everything cleaned and mowed; and the folks who set up the tents, the people who donated food, brought deserts, set up the band stage, the club members who ran the grill Friday night, led trail rides, organized special events, ran the store, watched the entrance gate, etc, etc, etc. The list just goes and goes with all the chores that come into play during this weekend. Getting ready, setting up and also tearing down and cleaning up!

I heard many, many compliments on the food vendor, and on both bands; We'd like to thank Southern Embers and also Wild Roses & Horses for playing for us; we'd like to thank all the different vendors who came out, and also thanks to Alan Davis, Cowboy Preacher from Vale, NC for delivering a message for a large crowd in front of the band stage Sunday morning.

We had almost 100 trailers at my one count but the total count would be higher since trailers were coming

and going all weekend; but by Sunday evening most everyone had heard the weather forecast for 100% chance of rain for Monday and we high-tailed it outta there!

The unofficial "profit" total after paying our expenses is just under \$1,400; we will have the exact amounts for everyone by the next meeting; we purchased two large 10x30' tents, have T shirts still left to sale at our Best Of America ride and drinks bought for the next few club meetings; and still made a great profit so all in all it was a wonderful weekend!!

Thanks to everyone who came out, participated in the rides & events or just came up to enjoy the music! We do apologize that the Saddle Fitting Demonstration was moved to the weekend of Oct. 29 & 30 during the Best of America TV Show filming; the saddle ticket drawing will be done by Tom Seay of the TV show during the dinner meal. Come back and enjoy the weekend during the fall color leaves, be on TV, eat some more of that delicious pork BBQ, listen to some more music of the band Southern Embers, and enjoy another great weekend at Anita-Alta. Signup for this weekend for the TV show ride, band, and dinner must be done through www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com

Thought I would give you guys a report on the Trail Horse Challenge Contest. We had 13 entries and 3 age categories. With an extra donation, \$80.00 was made on this event. All prizes (and they were good ones) and ribbons were donated. A special thanks go to those who donated prizes: Hoss Tack, Tractor Supply, Johnson Milling, Roger Sisk Farrier, Roy Barnes Farrier, Mark Ward Farrier, BJ and Jill Moretz, Mark and Kim Picton, Will Cogdell and Penny Yount, Quody's Tack Cleaning, and KK Kreations. Please ask all club members to remember these folks as they shop for their horse or gift needs.

Kristen Kirby, a Parelli Professional and one of our newest members, was our judge for this event. We thank her for taking time to judge for us and for her desire to become a member of BRHA.

Junior Class (15 and under) had two entries and Ellie Rader placed first in this division.
Young Adult Class (16 to 25) had 2 entries and Cody Lee placed first in this division.
Older Adult Class (26 and over) had 9 entries and Michael Anderson placed first in this division.

Grand Champion for this event was Cody Lee and Reserve Champion was Michael Anderson.

Our congratulations and thanks to all who participated and helped with this event. Please encourage the membership to enter this competition next year to make it an even bigger event.

Welcome New Members:

- #1043 Benjamin & Alisha Whisenant Granite Falls NC
- #1044 Tracy & Shirleen Byrd Hickory NC
- #1045 Seth Brannock & (sister Hannah) Vale NC
- #1046 Tori Tolliver & (mom Marilyn & sister Trudi) Jonesborough TN
- #1048 Edwin Moyer Bostic, NC
- #1049 William & Liz Wyatt Maple Hill NC
- #1050 Brian & Alethea Norton (children Allison & Kyle) Hubert NC
- #1051 Andrew & Kathy Helton (children Tyler & Mary Glenn) Hickory NC
- #1052 Benny & Myra Thomas Wallace NC

Typo correction for Robert and Jill Lynn welcome to the club

Renewal- Mary Bruce

Treasurer's Report		AUGUST			
Beginning Balance	Monday August 1, 2011			\$	14,785.02
Deposits	Memberships		\$	420.00	
	Land Donations		\$	20.00	
	Parking		\$	225.00	
	BRHA Store- (T's, Tags, Buckles, hats)				
	Club meal money surplus		\$	139.75	
	Group Fees collected	BSA	\$	60.00	
	Map sales		\$	20.00	
	Redeposit of returned NSF check				
	Cabin Rental		\$	30.00	
	hunting permit		\$	200.00	
	corral				
	stickers sold		\$	13.00	
	MISC		\$	124.00	
	Total Deposits for this month		\$	1,251.75	
				\$	16,036.77
Expenses	Lease				
	Power				
	Phone	ATT	\$	(67.69)	
	Propane		\$	-	
	Club Meal		\$	(72.00)	
	Donations & Memberships			\$	-
	Mowing		\$	(420.00)	\$ -
	Secretary		\$	(200.00)	\$ -
	Insurance liability			\$	-
	Web site			\$	-
	Postage		\$	(158.00)	
	Office supplies		\$	-	\$ -
	Post office box fee		\$	-	
	Printing maps			\$	-
	Cost of Goods for BRHA Store	t-shirts	\$	(651.00)	\$ -
	TENT		\$	(700.00)	\$ -
	building maintenance - paint, wiring		\$	(61.11)	
	Porta Jon		\$	(332.67)	
	ping pong balls		\$	(74.95)	\$ -
	permit		\$	(75.00)	\$ -
Total Expenses for the	Wednesday August 31st		\$	2,812.42	\$ -
Ending Balance			\$	-	\$ 13,224.35
Updated balance of 2011 memberships		301		8/1/2011	
Renewed memberships for this month					
New memberships for this month		14			
Total Current 2011 memberships		315		8/31/2011	

Meeting was adjourned @ 7:20 pm

If you are unable to attend the workdays ; any small donation for gas or supplies would be greatly appreciated. Mail to BRHA PO Box 15, Lenoir, NC 28645- Put "Land maintenance donation" in memo line.

Thanks to the following member for a land maintenance donations:

2011 BRHA Ride & Event Calendar

Sept 16-18 Legs Up Ride @ Grassy Creek Methodist Church, NC/VA state line; 479 Grassy Creek Rd, Grassy Creek, NC 336-384-1143

Sept. 27- BRHA Meeting- Tractor Supply- 6:30pm

Oct. 16- County Line MotoX Race @ Rattlesnake Ridge- BRHA Fundraiser

Oct. 25- BRHA Meeting- Tractor Supply-6:30pm

Oct. 29-30 Best of America by Horseback Trail Ride / TV Show

Nov. 2-6th - 30th Annual Jack Monroe Beach Ride-Lakewood Camping Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC- Help the American Heart Association and ride at the beach at the same time! For reservations call: Mary Kate @ 843-447-7701, and for info call 843-282-2911 or 866-915-6238. www.ahabeachride.org

Nov. 6- 7th Annual Rattlesnake Ridge Trail ride Fundraiser for BRHA- 11am- sponsored by Brad Caldwell

Nov. 22- BRHA Meeting- Tractor Supply-6:30pm

NO DEC. CLUB MEETING!

Jan. 1st- News Years Day Ride- Place TBA-

REMEMBER to carry your membership card with you!!!

The Forest Service has asked that we **do not tie our horses to the trees.**

Please Please Please...Do Not Ride Your Horses to the Public Campground at the Boone Fork Park. This is for campers only. NO HORSES; Horses are only allowed to be in the old Horse Campground at the back of the park.

If you smoke cigarettes, please don't throw your butts down, please place them in an empty bottle or something.

If you must use paper on trail when you use the bathroom, please don't leave it in the middle of the trail.

We are finding a lot of trash, cans, and bottles on the trails, again if you can **"Pack it in, you can Pack it out"**. We are aware that all the trash on the trails is not from horseback riders, but since we are the largest user on the trail, we will more than likely get the blame. If you are off your horse and see trash, please pick it up. Thanks

Leave only footprint, hoof prints and paw prints.

Best of America by Horseback Trail Ride- Oct. 29-30, 2011

Join us at the NEW Anita-Alta BRHA Youth & Horse Camp!! A 375 acre Horse Campground located at 2929 Mulberry Creek Rd.; Lenoir, NC. Bring your horses & camp with us in the Pisgah National Forest.

October 29-30, 2011

Be our guest this weekend & enjoy the 375 acres of our new campground as well as the miles and miles of trails of the adjoining 43,380 acres of Boone's Fork area.

For more info:
triplecccfarm@aol.com
www.brha.us
info@bestofamericabyhorseback.com

\$3.00 per vehicle to park

Live Band!! Sat @ 7pm-
"Southern Embers"- Bring
your lawn chairs- Public is
invited- FREE- Only \$3 to
park!!

Join BRHA & Tom Seay for a film shoot of the TV show Best of America By Horseback! Ride along with Tom Seay and his film crew on an organized Trail Ride; enjoy a BBQ Banquet Sat. night; live band, a longer Trail Ride Sat. afternoon; several clinics and booths will be set up as well as a drawing for New Tucker or Circle Y saddle on Sunday. Cowboy Church Sunday morning @ 9am.

Register online at
www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com or 540-
829-9555- \$100 per person for the weekend
plus \$3 parking per day per vehicle.

Directions: From Lenoir, NC; take Hwy. 321 N. toward Blowing Rock to the flashing caution light. (Hwy 268 intersection) Take a left at the light beside Cheek's BP, to the 1st right (1/10th of a mile) take Coy Miller Road to the STOP sign, Take a LEFT onto Roby Martin Rd. Go to STOP sign, Take a RIGHT onto Mulberry Creek Road, follow it for 1.3 miles, driveway to camp is on the RIGHT > 7/10 of a mile BEFORE pavement ends. 2929 Mulberry Creek Road, Lenoir, NC

Sponsored by: Blue Ridge Horseman's Association- (828)-758-5528

Come on and join us for a fun weekend while filming the TV show Best of America by Horseback, hosted by Tom Sealy as seen on the RFD channel.

The event will take place on OCT. 29-30; Included will be a film shoot trail ride Saturday morning showcasing some of the beautiful areas of our camp and trails, another trail ride later in the day, a Vet clinic from NCSU, a visit from our landlord; Larry Hancock; a live band "Southern Embers" playing Sat. night; a BBQ banquet catered Sat. night; Circle Y Eastern US saddle reps will be here to do a Saddle Fitting demonstration' and Saddle raffle tickets will be sold up to Sat. night at which time Tom Seay will draw the winner of the free saddle-choice to be of the winner- seat size, leather color, tree size, and wither one of the following brands: Circle Y, or High Horse. You can even take your horse to Nelson Royal's Western Store in Mooresville for a custom fit of your new saddle!! Please "INVEST" in your horse club by signing up to ride in this huge event!! This is the only way that our horse club will ever be able to advertise on TV and reach so many potential new members!! And it will be seen again and again through repeat shows. Sign up today at www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com or by calling 540-829-9555. Be sure to join BOA Trail Club free to get \$35 off registrations cost.

Only those who signed up will be able to participate in the rides, banquet, band and camp in the designated area set aside for BOA Grand Tour.

Registration form link:

http://www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com/images/2011_Anita-Alta_BRHA_Horse_Youth_Camp_ride_registration_form.pdf

MAID SERVICE- Please be aware that according to our By Laws that each member must supply their OWN toilet and that BRHA makes no guarantee that a campground bathroom will be available for you to use; also, please be aware that our caretaker; Laura Lail, is 100% volunteer; in taking calls, returning calls, checking trails, mowing, selling BRHA store goods, selling memberships, checking the gates, checking parking permits, handling group rentals, etc. BRHA does NOT pay Laura to keep the bathrooms clean; so if you see something that needs attention; please go the extra mile and take care of it. Better yet, a good rule of thumb would be to always leave the bathroom your using cleaner than you found it.

Recovering: Continue to keep Kathy Slight in your prayers, she had a heart attack a couple of weeks ago and is now home recovering.

DA is still recovering from his truck accident but is hoping to be well enough to attend the big Labor Day events.

Please keep them in your prayers that they will make full recovers and be back in the saddle again soon.

If you are not receiving your newsletter either by email or snail mail, please contact Kathie Adkins at Kathie.adkins@duke-energy.com or 828 758 7421. If you hear of someone that says they are not receiving a newsletter, have them contact me.

Shirts for Sale:

For those of you who have asked, a few BRHA long-sleeved shirts and sweatshirts are now available at the club house T-shirts are \$10, Long-Sleeved are \$12, and Sweat Shirts are \$15. Hoodies are also available for \$20, but we don't have any of those available now. Add \$1 for every X over x-large.

Labor Day T-Shirts still available – Kids \$8, Adults \$10, Pocket T's – XXL & XXXL \$11

Sponsor a Ride: It's easy, doesn't cost a cent and fun! Just pick a place where YOU want to ride, pick out a date that suits your schedule; and then call me with directions and info about the trails or area. Most folks schedule rides to leave out around 11am in cold weather and around 10am in warmer months. It's ok to have 2 rides on the same date

but Benefit rides normally pull in the most folks from our club because we are a group of caring people and like to help out others in the horse community. Please call Brad @ 828-217-0173 for more details or email to TripleCCCFarm@aol.com to talk about a ride.

MEMBERSHIPS

Please tell your riding buddies to renew their MEMBERSHIP, only \$30 a year, what better way to keep informed of what is happening in the horse world and find out where all the good rides are happening than to stay in the Blue Ridge Horseman's Association. Send your renewal in today to BRHA, PO Box 15, Lenoir, NC 28645. We thank you, and wish you Happy Trails.

Remember; you can bring in any guest to ride with you during the day at A-A for just the \$3.00 parking fee for your vehicle; but all Guests must leave A-A by 11pm or they must join BRHA due to liability reasons. Only current, paid members are allowed to camp overnight.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Clover T Stables Horse Boarding-, pasture board with barn stalls, tack room, round pen, and more. Located off Sawmills School Rd. Neg. Coggins, worming, and current shots required. For more information contact Thomas Laws at 828-217-2717 or 828-396-2717

Custom saddles, repairs and leather work for over 50 years and as a Senior rider and U. S. Army Veteran, having ridden my own horses for 62 years, I will give a 10% discount to any member that has work for me to do and is over 50 or is a U.S. MILITARY VETERAN. If it is made of leather and not boots or shoes I can make it or repair it.

Doc...Dr Larry Miham Ph D E.S.

336-469-9679

goodhorses111@yahoo.com

Hoss Tack & Supplies - We have all your horse needs. We are located at 3096 Freezer Locker Road, Hudson, NC 828-726-1799 or email at hosstack@bellsouth.net, web page, hosstackandsupplies.com, Stores hours are: Closed Sunday & Monday, Open Tuesday thru Friday from 10am till 5pm, Open Saturday from 9am till 3pm. Come by and see Renee & Roger for all your horse needs and the needs of the cowboy & cowgirl, or just stop by to say Hello.

Johnson Milling & Feed - Serving Alexander, Caldwell, & Catawba Counties on Hwy 64/90 between Lenoir & Taylorsville. We stock a large selection of local/national brands of feed, farm, and home supplies. Open Mon-Fri 8-5:30, Sat 8-2. Closed Wed & Sun. Visit our web site at www.johnsonsmillingandfeed.com for specials and coupons you can print out!! Call Jeff or Donna Johnson at 828-632-5969.

Sizemore Stables: Available for..Birthday Parties, Riding Lessons and Boarding Services. Contact Todd Sizemore @ 828-403-1248

Need Insurance: contact Todd Sizemore @ 828-437-3410, cell 828-403-1248 or by email @ tsizemore@live.com @ The American General Life and Accident Insurance Company

Quody's Tack Cleaning Service- "The Dirtier It Is The Cleaner It Gets", Western Package Deal \$25, this includes saddle, breast collar, bridle, and rear cinch. English Package Deal \$25 this includes, Saddle, Bridle, Girth & Martingale, contact Cody Lee at 828-850-3679 or quodystack@gmail.com for individual items and any other information you may need.

Remember, if you have something for sale or you have an equine service you would like to put in the newsletter, please contact Kathie Adkins at 828-758-7421 or email @ Kathie.Adkins@duke-energy.com.

We have still not received a confirmation on the date for Best of America by Horseback. We will keep you posted as we get the information in.

FARRIER SERVICES

Horseshoeing - Roy Barnes is a member of the Brotherhood of Working Farriers Association (BWFA), and is a Certified Journeyman II. Very dependable. Contact him at 828-499-1350

Horseshoeing - Roger Sisk is available to shoe horses. He offers 20 years of experience and Very dependable. Contact him at 828-313-0738 or 828-244-7105

Horseshoeing – Mark Ward is now shoeing horses. He can be reached at Cell# 828-485-8749 or Home # 828-635-7458

FOR SALE

For Sale: Rocky Mountain Horses..Please contact Sharon Bowers @ 238 1844 or email her at cmlbowers@aol.com for more information. 5-11

For Sale: 2006 Exiss Sport Horse Trailer

3 horse slant load, stud box, living quarters, am/fm/cd stereo w/ inside and outside speakers, extra long awning, A/C, electric heat, gas furnace, hot water, bathroom w/ commode & shower, pass through doors. Satellite dish, TV antenna connection. Sleeper sofa, gas & electric fridge & stove top, kitchen sink, microwave , escape door, chrome wheels, electric jack. One owner, always stored in shed. Pulled maybe 10 times.

Asking 27,000 OBO call 828-310-2716 3-11

For Sale: 6 yr old bay & white paint gelding. Good trail horse. \$700 firm. Please Contact Mark or Lisa Wark @ 828-635-7458 4-11

For Sale: Honda jet ski, 4 stroke, excellent condition with double Triton trailer \$5,700..also for sale ..Foal monitor, new-never used..call Tony Ollis at 828-403-5850 for more information 4-11

For Sale:

13 yr old Sorrel & White Gelding. He is gaited, but is not a full blooded walking horse. 14.1 hands, easy keeper, shoes and loads well, loves to work. Was trained as a cow horse. Quick, and very smart. Smarter than a beginner rider. Stays clean and hates it! Negative Coggins and shots up to date. Has been ridden as a trail horse the last 6 years. Will go anywhere and try anything, as long as it doesn't involve a wild turkey flying at him. Asking \$1500. 828-292-6387 anytime, or 828-758-2819 after 5 or weekends.

WANT to BUY: Jo Amber Baumgarner is looking for a miniature (preferably) donkey; if anyone has or knows of one for sale; let Brad Caldwell know so he can contact her, thanks

Mike & Metisa Graham want to buy 2 Horse Bumper-Pull Trailer, contact them at 828-233-1877

Quite camping generator that will run A/C and refrigerator. Please contact DA Brown @ 828-313-7254 or 828-757-0652. 4-11

FOR ANYONE WISHING TO SPONSOR A RIDE OR HAS RIDE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT Brad Caldwell Ride Coordinator 828-217-0173

*****All adds whether they are for sale or want to buy adds, will be deleted 3 months after the date posted at the end of each add, unless you either email or call Kathie Adkins at 828-758-7421.*****

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DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BRHA? Please pass this along:

Blue Ridge Horseman's Association is open to all persons with or without horses interested in working toward the preservation of open trails for the sport and pleasure of horseback riding or hiking. It is a family-oriented Association with an emphasis on helping Association members and those in the community in many ways. Annual household dues are \$30 per year

Send this form to: BRHA, PO Box 15, Lenoir NC 28645

Name (Please write plainly)

Membership Number (If renewing) Date

Address

City

State Zip Code

Phone Number (Home) (Work)

E-Mail Address (Optional)

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