



CUYAHOGA COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE OHIO HORSEMAN'S COUNCIL

Horsemen Helping Horsemen

Dedicated to preserving our trails by offering our help and friendship to the men and women who work so hard to care for our beautiful and beloved Cleveland Metroparks.



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President's Message Carole James

I hope everyone is enjoying summer and finding time to get out and ride.

Our June meeting at Stearns Homestead was a wonderful evening (see lower photo). It is such a blessing to see young people working with, learning from, and developing a true love for animals. The Equine 4-H

members shared what they are learning through their horse projects, including horse care and management, English and Western riding, barrel racing, and jumping. They will be showcasing their hard work at the Cuyahoga County Fair, and we are looking at ways our chapter can support them. They would also enjoy having a few of our members bring their horses to ride alongside them at the Farmstead.

It was especially exciting to learn that two of the Equine 4-H members are considering careers as large animal veterinarians. As someone who was a 4-H member growing up, it was inspiring to see these young people developing skills, confidence, and a passion for horses. They truly are the future of the horse industry, animal care, and organizations like the Cuyahoga Ohio Horsemen's Council.

All the children proudly introduced us to their various animals, and it was obvious how much love and care they give each one. Thank you to everyone at Stearns Homestead for welcoming us and sharing. Thank you to everyone who attended. We were so happy to see Josie Wolf and family. (Continued next page)



Comin' Up

July 12, Angels Haven Fun Show (flyer)

July 20, 9 a.m. registration begins for Ride the Beach

July 27, General meeting (flyer)
Aug. 31, General meeting
Sept. 28, General meeting
Oct. 9-11, Ride the Beach
Oct. 26, General Meeting
Nov. 7, Clinic at Mounted Unit

President's Message (Continued)

July 27 is one of our favorite meetings— Ice Cream Social at Al and Kathy King's farm. We'll also enjoy an informative presentation on proper saddle fitting. Be sure to check out this month's flyer for all the details. We hope to see you there.

On a personal note, my husband and I traveled to Asheville, North Carolina, last week for business and had the opportunity to stay and tour at the beautiful Biltmore Estate. I learned that Mrs. Vanderbilt helped establish the 4-H program, while Mr. Vanderbilt was a pioneer in forestry and land conservation. It was fascinating to see how their legacy continues today. We also found a little time to ride in the mountains, which was absolutely beautiful. It was encouraging to see Asheville and the surrounding communities continuing to recover from the devastating flooding they experienced. See top photo on page 1.

Stay cool, enjoy everything July has to offer, and I hope to see you on the trails.

Carole James

Penny Passalacqua Cleveland Metroparks Trail Liaison

Horse trailer parking at Jacks Place will be closed for repairs of Wood Creek.

(This is the creek with the bridge to the Hemlock picnic area.) So we will not be able to access Jacks Place to park trailers as the roadway will be home to the gravel etc. for the repairs. This will take 6 to 8 weeks.

We will be able to ride Bedford Reservation even though Jack's Place is temporarily closed. Remember, there is no parking at Egbert Picnic Area for trailers.

NC2 Bridle Trail is NO LONGER closed between Hemlock Trail and Squire's Lane Trail (across from Strawberry Picnic Area) for a culvert replacement project. This project was completed ahead of schedule



Parking for horse trailers will be at Astorhurst Park, 6990 Dunham Rd. Bedford OH. GPS Coordinates 41.37231 N, 81.58204 W.

This lot is west of Dunham almost directly across the street from Gorge Parkway. It's sandwiched in between the



Astorhurst Park Bedford Reservation sign and Tinker's Creek Eats and Treats. Pull your rig all the way to the back of the lot where you'll see "Horse Trailer Parking" signs.

After parking at Astorhurst, ride through the parking lot to Dunham Rd., where you'll cross Dunham and ride on the grass (Yep, it's okay) alongside Gorge Parkway. You will then have access to the trail to your left where you cross the river; or, keep riding along Gorge Parkway, and about a quarter mile later you'll see the trailhead to your right.

And a big shout-out to Bedford Manager Ryan Hopper who has been very helpful and supportive in keeping us posted with information on Bedford Reservation.



Editor's Column

Equine Essentials Tack Shop Brunswick, Ohio

Gail Davis and her daughter, Kelly Myatt-Jones (pictured at left. Check out that pink hat Kelly is wearing. Look close.) and their tack shop, Equine Essentials, are new to Brunswick but they are experienced and knowledgeable partners in the horse business. Gail is the owner of Equine Essentials and Kelly, an event rider who owns a TB and a quarter horse, is its general manager.

Their story started in 2013 in Avon, when they purchased the shop. Gail had envisioned owning a business “one day,” so when the opportunity presented itself to buy Equine Essentials, she enlisted the help of her daughter who was still in college. “It’s not an easy business,” says Gail; and Kelly added that she’s not doing as much eventing because the tack shop is a priority.



Gail and Mary Kay. Love the boot leg riding pants!

Why the move to Brunswick just two years ago? Medina County offers a thriving horse community and a location near I-71 and the Cleveland Metroparks as well as other trail systems.

When I visited Gail and Kelly at their store, two things were immediately apparent: A surprisingly large store space with a wide variety of horse and rider equipment; and a friendly, helpful attitude. This is where you go not just to buy equipment and clothes (Oh, the fashions!). Go for conversation, resources, information, networking, a cup of coffee and a sit-down on the sofa with a magazine. We three talked about saddle fitting options, HYPP disease, riding with osteoporosis (yep, we covered it all), riding injuries, and size “L” breeches looking more like a size “S.”



Gail and Kelly have established roots during their short time in Brunswick, and they are determined to give back to the community—and to the horses. For example, they hosted “Fill the Easter Basket,” where customers picked items out for Copper Horse Crusade and in return the customer got a gift card to Equine Essentials.

Ever want to sell that old but serviceable bridle or saddle but are struggling to do so? Equine Essentials has a consignment option. And if it turns out your stuff won’t or didn’t sell, Equine Essentials can donate it to

organizations such as Angel’s Haven, Copper Horse Crusade and Fieldstone.

Kelly and Gail establish a bond with their customers as they are giving back to the horse rescue organizations. Kelly said, “What really sets us apart is community. We have such a great relationship with many of our customers. E.E. really is a no-judgement zone where people can be themselves, talk about things they want to, get some retail therapy and just have some fun.”

Although the store leans toward English riders, Gail and Kelly are listening to their clients. As a result, there is more Western gear on the way. The store does not carry new saddles but has a significant number of good-looking used saddles. Consigners agree to a six-month contract and a percentage split between the consigner and shop on a sliding scale. So if

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Editor's Column (Continued)

your saddle sold for \$500, you get 70% in cash--or 75% if you accept your cut as a store credit. But if your riding boots sold for \$50, you get just 30% of the sale in cash or 60% in store credit. For about ten bucks, they will clean your saddle. Of course, the shop has the right of refusal to accept your stuff for consignment. They know what will sell, and they will help you determine its value. And there is a waiting list to consign your equipment.

Here's a great opportunity to shop local (and *on-line* local)—and meet our newest OHC member.



ANGELS HAVEN HORSE RESCUE

STEAK AND BAKE OFF

20 years and still trotting along
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1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

North Park Community Room, 1050 Novak Road
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Age Groups are: Adult, Family (includes children)

Entry fee is a \$5 per age group (you may cross enter into any of the five bakery categories for the \$5 donation).
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All ticket donations help pay for the horses feed, supplements, veterinary and farrier care and stall bedding.



Ride the Beach

From the Cleveland Metroparks Website

The Cleveland Metroparks Mounted Unit is proud to offer our **Ride the Beach** fundraiser for its 9th consecutive year. Thank you for the generous support of our Official Community Sponsor the Cuyahoga County Horseman's Council along with Centerra-Purina

and the continued support of Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply, as the Mounted Unit looks forward to sharing our beautiful Lakefront Reservation with you.

Our event provides the public an opportunity to bring their own horse and ride the Cleveland shoreline at historic Edgewater Beach- taking in the spectacular views, plenty of photo opportunities, and time in the water if you choose. Proceeds directly assist the Mounted Unit with specialized equipment purchases and unique training opportunities.

Ticket sales will be online and begin July 20th at 9am. Space is limited.

Available Ride Times:

Friday October 9th 10am-12pm (18 spots @ \$135), 11:30am-1:30pm (18 spots @ \$135)

Saturday October 10th 10am-12pm (18 spots @ \$135), 11:30am-1:30pm (18 spots @ \$135), 1pm-3pm (18 spots @ \$135)

Sunday October 11th 10am-12:00pm (18 spots @ \$135) 11:30am-1:30pm (18 spots @ \$135)



Dogs are All in the Family

Mary Kay Dessoify

Earlier this summer, my nephew Dylan and his mom, Therese, (pictured here with Sophie) made the courageous decision to send their dog Sophie, who had a painful and incurable disease, over the rainbow bridge. This was a profound loss, especially for Dylan, because Sophie was his constant and loyal companion. She slept by his bed, went on neighborhood "wheely walks," took handouts gently, and deftly avoided collisions with Dylan's power chair. In turn, she received love and attention in full measure, a fenced yard, and appropriate veterinarian care.

Finally satisfied that Sophie was happy in her new home in heaven (all dogs really do go to heaven), Dylan is ready to consider adopting another dog. Maybe you know of one that could pass his stringent but necessary qualifications. If you do, call or text me: 440-785-2839, or mdessoify@sbcglobal.net. Here are the job requirements:

- A small dog, 15-30 pounds
- A companion dog who doesn't need copious exercise
- A laid-back personality
- One that is friendly with people and other dogs
- An adult dog



CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO HORSEMAN'S COUNCIL

*July Meeting &
Ice Cream Social!*



GOOD FELLOWSHIP ★ GREAT INFORMATION ★ SUPPORTING HORSES & TRAILS



MONDAY, JULY 27

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6:00 PM



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the weather.



PARKING:

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the Corral.



BRING YOUR HORSE!

Enjoy a ride before
the meeting on the
Metroparks trails!
The Mill Stream
Corral is right
across the street.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

You do NOT have to
be an OHC member
to attend. We'd love
to meet you and are
always happy to
welcome new members.



**QUESTIONS ABOUT
HORSEKEEPING?**

Before & after the presentation,
Kathy & Al can answer questions
about keeping horses at home,
as well as beekeeping
and gardening
(sorry – no chickens – so far).



INTERESTED IN JOINING OHC?

Membership forms will be available
at the meeting, or join online at

ohconline.com

**Find a Chapter →
Cuyahoga County**

Other Ohio chapters listed
in the Find a Chapter section.



PLEASE RSVP

This event is for Ohio
Horseman's Council
members and their invited
guests or guests with an
interest in saddle fitting
or the club. Please PM an
RSVP if you are not an
OHC member.



Message us if you need help joining this multi-faceted club who helps the
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Membership Application for Year 20 (enter year)
Membership Year is from January 1 to December 31

Chapter: **CUYAHOGA**
(County or At Large)

() New () Previous Member

Please print clearly

Name: _____ Birth Year: _____ Phone: _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Other

Spouse/Partner/Other: _____ Birth Year: _____ Phone: _____ ☐ Cell ☐ Other

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
☐ Address Above is a Change of Address

The Corral and Newsletter are included with your membership.
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If Family membership, list names and ages of dependents residing in your household. If member is listed above, do not include in this space.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
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OHC Basic Membership (Without Equine Excess Liability Insurance)				
Type (please check appropriate box)	Membership Dues	Chapter Charge		Total
☐ Individual (age 18 or older, no dependents)	\$25.00	\$5.00		\$30.00
☐ Youth (under age 18; parental/guardian signature required)	\$10.00	\$5.00		\$15.00
☐ Family (includes spouse/partner/other and/or dependents)	\$35.00	\$5.00		\$40.00

OHC Plus Membership (With Equine Excess Liability Insurance)				
Type (please check appropriate box)	Membership Dues	Chapter Charge	Insurance	Total
☐ Individual (18 or older, no dependents)	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$55.00
☐ Family (includes spouse/partner/other and/or dependents)	\$35.00	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$90.00

Associate Group Membership (List contact person's information at top of form)		
Open to groups desiring to support OHC; must be affiliated with a county chapter or state OHC.		
No. of Members:	Membership Dues: \$40.00 + \$5.00 chapter charge	Association Name:

Primary applicant(s) must sign. Parent or guardian must sign in addition to applicant under age 18. **Please date this document.**
By signing this document, I (we) agree to the terms and conditions of the Bylaws of the Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Make checks payable to: CUYAHOGA County OHC
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Send to: Joani Hedderick
(Chapter Treasurer)
Address: PO Box 233
Hudson OH 44236

For Chapter Use Only

Membership Card issued by: _____ (initials) Date: _____

Insurance Card issued by: _____ (initials) Date: _____

Insurance Certificate issued by: _____ (initials) Date: _____

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Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.



Multiple Chapter (Secondary) Membership Application for Year 2024

Membership Year is from January 1 to December 31

Secondary Chapter: CUYAHOGA (County)

(must have primary membership in another county chapter or At Large)

() New Secondary Member () Previous Secondary Member

Please print clearly

Name: _____ Birth Year: _____ Phone: _____ (Cell?)
Spouse/Partner/Other: _____ Birth Year: _____ Phone: _____ (Cell?)
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

☐ Address Above is a Change of Address

Secondary Member's Primary Chapter

Email: _____ (or At Large): _____

If **Family** membership, list **names and ages** of dependents residing in your household. If member is listed above, do not include in this space.

Name / Birth Year

MULTIPLE CHAPTER (SECONDARY) MEMBERSHIP			
Type (Please check appropriate box)	Membership Dues	Chapter Charge	Total
☐ Individual (18 or older; no dependents)	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
☐ Family (includes spouse/partner/other and/or dependents)	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Make checks payable to: **Cuyahoga County OHC**

Give to: **Chapter Treasurer** (do not send to State OHC Treasurer)

Joani Hedderick
(Chapter Treasurer)

Address:

PO Box 233
Hudson OH 44236

For Chapter Use

Secondary Membership Application & Dues received by OHC Chapter Officer:

_____ (name) Date: _____ Amount _____ Check #:

_____ or Cash: () Membership Card issued by: _____ (initials) Date: _____

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