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THE CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

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President Message

Hi Folks!

Our first meeting as a member run club was held last Wednesday. It was attended by 25 members, a lot of “new” faces showed up to have their voice heard in the day to day decisions of this club.

There was a small applause when the first motion was voted on and seconded by members, the first time in a long time for this club!

We are now shifting our focus to the weekend of October 23rd and 24th. This will be our first annual Halloween weekend ride/work at Robinson Field. We are still planning it (!) However, we will have games for old and young, 2 and 4 legged. We will be trick or treating from campsite to campsite, and we will have prizes for costumes. Games will include some trail simulated obstacles, as well as Horse bobbing for apples, and a good ol' fashion Manure sling! Saturday night will be a potluck, with the main dish being supplied by the club. The trail work party will be playing a great game while we work...I understand the best prize of the weekend will be given away of the trail work party! And of course we will be riding and enjoying our beautiful CVNP Trails.

This is a weekend, that we hope you will bring your children, grandchildren, and the folks next door who always wanted to learn the basics of horsecamping, Robinson Field is a great place to learn, and we have a fun bunch of people available to help you out!

Our next general membership meeting will be held Wednesday evening, November 3rd at Hines Hill Conference Center, Meeting begins at 7:30pm, with a very short business meeting update, and the election of our Officers. This will be the first time the members will be able to vote on the President and Vice President positions. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

We will show the movie/documentary afterward (if there is time) “In the company of horses”.

See ya on the trail!

Sherry

MEDINA OHC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Oct 16	Ashtabula County Regional Ride	Gulf Metro Park	Sandi Kanicki tacklehillJS@alltel.net	440-577-1488
Oct 22-24	Medina OCH Halloween Campout	Robinson Field	Reuss Griffiths	330-928-1912
Nov 3	Board/General Meeting	Hines Hill Conference Center 7:30 PM	Sherry Eucker	330-928-1912
Nov 13	Trail Maintenance	Work Party	Reuss Griffiths	330-928-1912

Nominations for 2005 Officers
(To be voted on at the November 3 General Meeting)
President - Sherry Eucker
Vice President - Jack Weese
Secretary - Shari Dahmer
Treasurer - Stacy Sadar

Medina County OHC's First Annual Halloween Camp Out and Ride -- October 22rd and 24th

. This is a ride/work weekend in the CVNP. We are asking that all of you who have not attended one of these weekends come! bring your children and grand children, if you have never camped with your horse, we'll help you.

This weekend has a Halloween theme, come with costumes for you and your horse, horse and people games, campsite to campsite trick or treating (ride or walk on horseback!)

Saturday morning is a trail work session. This is a productive time for both relationship building and trail building. Many of you love to ride in the CVNP. Join us as we continue to earn the right to use these trails. Most OHC chapters do maintenance work on their trails. If you have never been part of a trail party come and experience the pride of making the trail yours. If you have "slaved" in the past, join us anyway--its fun. We will have a game for the work party with a "Brown and Black Beta trail Bridle as the prize

If you do not want to stay the night, then come for the day! enjoy the riding on the beautiful trails of the CVNP!

It's 2005 membership renewal time

Yes, it's that time of year again! Time to re-new if you are a current member or sign-up new members. Remember, numbers do count! So just follow these simple rules:

1. Fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter or on our website with all the correct information. (If you need more forms, just e-mail me at Mohotta@prodigy.net or call me on 440-884-7994)
2. Include your e-mail address if you want to receive information on-line. Get up-to-the minute info on trail projects, rides and other club activities.
3. Sign the form
4. Make your check payable to Medina OHC
5. Family memberships include children under 18. 18 and over must have their own membership
6. Mail completed memberships to
Rosemary Young, 9480 Tracy Trail' Parma Oh 44130

Important information !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Secondary memberships are \$10.
 Anyone joining or renewing through the state will be charged
 for the allowance that Medina county chapter keeps from it's usual membership fees.

October Trail Maintenance Report

There were two note worthy events recently: Perkins Trail was finally opened by the CVNP; and our neighbors to the north, CAMBA (Cleveland Area Mountain Bike Association) held a trail building seminar at West Branch State Park.

The Park did a fabulous job on Perkins once they got the equipment they needed in place. It went from one of our worst trails to one of our best in about a week of very hard work. It was the culmination of a year of hard work but well worth the effort! We have received many rave review from our members and have passed them on to Park staff. Tim Atkinson told me that they will spend the balance of this year working on the really muddy sections of the Riding Run Trail. The area around the Arizona bridge will be the main focus.

Our next work session is the weekend of Oct 23, our Halloween Ride weekend. We will be meeting at Robinson field at 8:30 AM as usual. We have a joint trail work session scheduled with the Trail Council people in November. The date hasn't been finalized with the Trail Council yet.

On September 24/25, CAMBA held a trail building seminar featuring the IMBA/Subaru Trail Care Crew. This two person crew is sponsored by Subaru and travels the country putting on these seminars on how to build and maintain sustainable trails for muscle-powered users. Dan Manning, CVNP maintenance, Bob and Susan Burrows of our club as well as several members of Cuyahoga OHC all attended.

This is an excellent seminar with something to be learned by all levels of trail builders. I got some good tips on problems we have encountered our recent trail building efforts on Perkins Trail. I purchased their excellent trail building book "Trail Solutions". I bought it as a reference for our club and to have available for anyone interested. The classroom portion of the seminar lasted until noon at which point we broke for lunch generously provide by CAMBA.

After lunch we went out to their single track trails on the south side of the West Branch Reservoir to put in a new trail. They offered us horse people a guided tour of their recently built trails (1 2 years old) instead of immediately starting on trail benching. I was very impressed. The trails were laid out exactly the way they were taught in the seminar and they were in great shape with very few signs of erosion or bike tire marks. They had some really neat features like small bridges built on tree roots over ravines (not that you could do that for horses but wouldn't it be fun if you could). The rest of the clinic was spent benching in a new trail in the more technical area of their trail system.

Prior to this seminar I was only peripherally aware of who CAMBA was. Sherry and I met Bill Braum, their president at an OTP sponsored trail building clinic earlier this year. They are a very dedicated group of trail users who are serious about getting mountain bike trails for their members. They have a fine and growing system at West Branch. They are actively pursuing more trails with the Cleveland MetroParks and the CVNP. To date they have met with limited success but they are committed and persistent. They are a member of OTP. Their goals are the same as ours. They want separate but equal trails for their use and are willing to work in a coordinated effort to get trails for everyone. I think we should adopt the OTP position of working with them instead of against them. Check out their web site at www.camba.com.

Reuss Griffiths Trail Maintenance Chairman

REMINDER RECORD TRAIL MILES?

**THIS MESSAGE HAS APPEARED
IN ALMOST EVERY NEWSLETTER
THIS YEAR AND I'LL BET MANY
OF YOU HAVE YET TO RECORD
YOUR FIRST RIDE MILES --AND
THE LEAVES ARE BEGINNING TO
CHANGE COLOR! OUR TRAIL
SYSTEM IS DEPENDANT ON USE-
-BUT IF YOU KEEP IT'S USE
SECRETE BY NOT TELLING THE
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Geauga County OHC Regional Ride Hosts Enthusiastic Riders Despite the Rain

By Ronda and Phil Urbank, Regional Ride Committee

Geauga County OHC used to hold its Regional Ride in August. It was very hot and buggy. The decision was made to move the ride to the first Saturday in October and Geauga has been punished for leaving their Sunny August date! I think it has rained or snowed on the first Saturday in every October they have held their ride. No matter! Twenty horses and riders took to the trails suited up in their water proof apparel and enjoyed the most improved trails in Northeast Ohio. Riders had a choice of riding strictly on groomed trails or following Nora Stanton on all the groomed trails plus a bonus primitive ride where trails will be added to the system.

Phil and I have ridden at Westwood in the Geauga Park District several times. Each time, the trails were improved. We did not see one puddle or muddy spot on the trails. The trails have all been built up with stone of many sizes depending on the situation and covered with a crushed trail mix. Our barefoot horses were able to gait on the established areas of these trails with no difficulty. Rubber has been laid under sections of the trail. The slopes have many waterbars and culverts. The ditches are lined with very large stone. It was a treat to have been riding in the rain for 2 ½ hours and still bring in a horse and tack that was mud free.

Tents had been set up over the picnic tables and box lunches had been ordered from a local Deli. There was a free raffle with two prizes and a gift for everyone all courtesy of

Web site Reminder

A reminder to all you cyber junkies. Our Club President, Sherry Eucker is a wonderful communicator. She just keeps everyone informed. She emails the membership twice monthly with upcoming events. If you are not getting her email and want to -- get her your correct email address at (chickodeelanding@msn.com). If you feel she has the correct address and you are still not getting it check your settings to see if you are screening her out. If all fails -- call her 330-928-1912.

The Medina County OHC web site an easily available way to see what is going on in the club. Give it a try and join in the activity of a "club on the move."

The Differences in Riding Disciplines Explained Part 3 of a 4 part series

The Western Pleasure Rider:

The western pleasure rider is starched, bejeweled and has more silver than the Queen of England. The ladies wear more rhinestones than Liberace and you can literally go blind watching the Amateur western pleasure class.

Their horses have to have Zippo, Chococolate Chip, Blazing, or Dynamic in their name or they aren't worth buying.

Most pleasure horses walk at the jog (what happened to a 2-beat diagonal gait?) and look like they're impaled on a carousel pole at the lope, yet they are a "pleasure" to ride. If the class got any slower the horses & riders would be asleep.

Most of the men look like they're sitting in recliners any way, reared back & propped up. Huge spurs with wicked rowels are mandatory for obtaining forward motion and that "infamous" spur stop. Kind of a contradiction huh?!?

The Dressage Queen:

The dressage queen is freshly coiffed and dressed. Diamond stud earrings are elegant and stately, and not so large that they blind the judge during her passage-piaffe movements. \$30 dollar denim jumper is worn over \$300 full-seat white breeches and custom Koenigs.

Her horse, Fleistergeidelsprundheim ("Fleistergeidel" for short) is a 17.3-hand warmblood who was bred to make Grand Prix in a European nation where his sellers are still laughing hysterically when they talk about 'zat crazy American.' Despite being runty, his new owner fell in love with his lofty gaits, proud carriage and tremendous athleticism.

Never mind that this talent was not revealed until he was chased by a rabid fox, and has not been repeated since.

2004 Committee Chairman

JACK'S STALL Oct. 2004

Fall is here and I hope that all of you are enjoying the fine weather that we have had and are doing a lot of riding. The fall colors should be showing up before too long.

On Sunday Oct. 3rd I rode the Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center's Ride-a-Thon. Club members Joyce Allen and Joanne Duta also took part in the ride. I'm sure that there were probably other club members riding but I didn't see them. It started at the Polo Field with a lunch break at the Harper Road picnic area and then returned to the Polo Field. It was a beautiful day and we rode some trails that had not been used in the past or maybe it is a new section of trail. It was very nice. There were 6 of us in our group and we all had a very nice ride. Patty and Willie also enjoyed themselves very much.

I can't tell you how much of a relief it is not to be having by-laws committee meetings. I do hope that many of you take advantage of having more of a voice in the affairs of your club. Remember the more that you participate the more fun the club is for you.

Speaking of fun, the Halloween camping, work party weekend at Robinson Field should be blast. A costume ride to the Covered Bridge with a stop at Szlay's might be something different. I know that the games will be enjoyable for all. If you have not horse camped before the veterans will be more than willing to give you all of the help that you need.

May you be with your horse. Jack

Holiday Tack Auction

The Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau Equine Advisory Committee is sponsoring a Holiday Tack Auction November 20 at 5 PM at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in the heated Arts and Crafts Bldg in Berea. Holidays gifts, tack, equine products, Amish crafts, John Deere and collectibles are among items being auctioned. Free admission and door prizes.

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**Halloween Ride and
 Campout Oct 23-24**