

# President's Message

September 16, 2004

Hi Folks!

Last night a very important milestone was crossed. Twenty-five members attended our general membership meeting and voted to accept the new [By-Laws](#) and [Standing Rules](#). The new By-laws open up the club to be run by the general membership and does away with the Board of Directors. I am very grateful to the By-Laws Committee, headed up by Vice President Jack Weese, for all the long hours, telephone calls, email messages, research and re-draftings that went into this project. As a special treat, Bill Carroll, Deputy Superintendent of the CVNP, stopped by to talk to us about the status of our closed trails, and the environmental laws which dictate the studies needed to begin the process of reopening and/or rerouting the trails. He took the time to patiently answer all the questions asked of him. I think all that participated felt the encouragement and goodwill he extended to our club.

Our Nominating Committee, will now be asking for you to step forward and hold the officer positions. I hope that if you are asked to serve in one of these positions you accept the challenge. This club is now in your hands, it will reflect the effort that is put into it.

Election of Officers will be held at the now General Membership Meeting of November 3rd. We will continue to meet the first Wednesday of every month at Hines Hill Conference Center for the short run. I hope you will be inspired to attend, elect your officers and participate in a new club with a bright future.

Our club has gone through many changes this year. The loss of a third of our bridle trails has pushed us to go ride elsewhere. Which is the purpose of the "club on the move". We have held day rides and tailgate parties which were attended by as many as 20 people. It is my vision that these rides, both the "club on the move" weekend camp-outs and the day ride and tailgate lunches, are events that all our members, whether you ride a horse, or just come along to enjoy nature, look forward to.

This has been the year of the Calendar, which at this writing has completely sold out of the first printing and is well into the sales of the second printing. It is our vision, that the proceeds of this very unique fund raiser, will contribute significantly to the restoration process of our closed trails. This Calendar has had very favorable coverage in Two major daily newspapers, and one local talk show, as I write this channel 3 news is considering doing a story. I personally want to thank Sandy Bauer and Hope Orr for bringing this vision to a reality, It is the inspiration playfulness of this kind of thinking that produces a club spirit and personality, which I personally am honored and excited to be a part of.

It has been a great year with some very unique programs, and who could forget the Pack Burro Guy! Or the Carol-less Himmelright Ride.

The Celebration Competitive Ride was moved from June to September because of the weather and as the tally's are coming in, it looks as though we made a little money. This ride went off and ran very smoothly, Deb Aldridge, Debbie Donner, Molly Eastwood, Carolyn Sullivan Kathy Schmidt and her sister Carol, (and if I don't mention your name It isn't an oversight, this ride takes a village to run, thank you for helping us!) Just know what to do, and the ride flowed. Us new comers, Joyce Tretow, Reuss and I, Bob and Susan Burrows, Jack and Linda Weese had our jobs, and ran support for whoever and whatever needed to be done...The most outstanding job I saw was "Louis" who ran the tractor all weekend, picking up the manure, and I swear as the horse was dropping it! The radio crew, the CVNP rangers and Mounted Assistance all worked to make this a most pleasant weekend. A big attaboy! To Tim Atkinson for the OUTSTANDING job the CVNP did on the Perkins Trail.

It was the year of the website! Thank you Stacy Sadar for stepping forward and offering your amazing webmaster talents. We have the absolute BEST website in the entire OHC organization! Because of this website, we are able to cut our Newsletter costs (which ran us in the red by almost \$500.00 a year) to almost nothing. The schedule of events is always current. After most events, the articles and pictures are up on the site. I learned last night that Yahoo just upgraded our website, so we virtually have enough memory to store all our pics and articles for the next 15 years! WOW! Please mark it as a favorite on your computer and use it. You may advertise for free, horses for sale, hay for sale, trailers ..Personals etc. If you have not checked it out.. What's stopping you? [www.medinacountyohc.com](http://www.medinacountyohc.com)

We are planning an October Campout weekend at Robinson Field October 23/24. This weekend will be a

Halloween theme. Costume party, horseback games, scavenger hunt, Cowpie bingo, raffles, prizes. Food and fun. We will be encouraging folks who have never camped with their horses to come on down. We will help you get started, and show you a safe fun time on the trails and in the camp. Bring your friends, and grand kids. Lets make it a family weekend of fun.

Our Social Committee, is planning "it's a long cold winter, lets go to a Movie" nights, featuring those old Classic Westerns!

Finally I want to thank you for the privilege of acting as your President for the year of 2004. I hope that the changes we have seen have been in the spirit of our founders and will continue to evolve to a more socially active fun organization that all will be excited to be a part of.

May the Horse be with you!  
Sherry Eucker

## **JACK'S STALL**

### **Sept. 04**

This has really been a busy time for the club. The Celebration Ride and the By-Laws acceptance vote were major accomplishments.

The Celebration Ride was really important because it was a major motivation for the park to open the Perkins Bridal Trail. It was nip and tuck for a bit as the park was still working on the trail on Friday and didn't open the trail until late Friday afternoon. I wish to thank Tim Atkinson and his crew for all of their efforts to get the trail open.

The new by-laws are important because it is now you the members of our club who have a vote on everything that the club undertakes. I hope that all of you will take advantage of this opportunity to be a part of the decision making process.

Once again I would like to thank all of the by-laws committee members (Ron Bauer, Hope Orr, Reuss Griffiths, and Pat Vance) and all of the other club members who contributed their thoughts and wisdom.

The Standing Rules must be tweaked a bit but all in all everything is in pretty good shape. If you have any concerns please share them with the club officers.

May you be with your horse. Jack

## **LORAIN COUNTY OHC REGIONAL RIDE SEPTEMBER 10, 11 AND 12, 2004**

Medina County was represented at the Lorain County Regional Ride by Connie and Don Shutts, Don Sloan, Lynn Burson and Phil and Ronda Urbank. Some of our dual membership members also attended. Mike Pota was there selling calendars. Lorain County has about 6 or 8 miles of trail in the Char-La-Mar Reservation of the Lorain County Metro Parks. A path is cut between the trail and Claremont Camp grounds. The camp grounds allows the horses to camp on the circle used during the camping season by day campers. There was a large number of horses at the ride. The trail was in the best condition of any we have ridden all summer. Lorain County OHC has been out rerouting any really muddy spots and they have done a great job.

Phil and I parked close to the driveway that circles through the day camping area because we don't have 4-wheel drive and we get stuck on wet grass! When we lowered our awning, it was about 10 feet from the driveway. Claremont campgrounds has permanent site campers. Most of the residents own golf carts that they use in the place of cars to travel throughout the grounds. The popular thing to do during the week-end was load up your golf cart and go see the horses. We were enjoying our Sunday lunch under our awning and several golf carts stopped by the trailer to look at our horses eat their hay at the picket line. We greeted each looker and they told us how much they enjoy watching the horses and thanked us for coming. I told Phil I felt like there was a fence next to the driveway and we were the zoo animals all week-

end! It was fun to watch the children's eyes light up when they got close to the horses. On Sunday morning there was a parade of horses and riders that rode through the park to entertain the residents.

One resident of Claremont Campground has a small airplane. There is an airstrip located opposite the driveway where we were parked. We have never seen the plane take off or land during previous rides and we were very surprised when the plane came cruising down about 100 feet from this large group of horses! A few horses looked up from their hay bags to see the plane. Zorro and Shadow never raised their heads from the bale of hay they were consuming. The owner of the plane invited a friend with a plane and the two of them gave plane rides in the late afternoon. About every 7 minutes for two hours a plane went up or came down. We had a front row seat and were totally amazed none of the horses cared. Little planes are NOISY.

Lorain County provided chicken breasts grilled over an open grill and sweet corn that was also cooked on the open grill. Everyone brought a dish to pass. Following dinner, a singer and bass guitar player entertained us with 4 hours of western and folk music. I am told the campfire was a busy place until about 1:00 AM. We stayed last year until 1:30 and knew better this year. I guess we are just getting old!

Put this ride on your calendar for next year. Our Competitive ride should not conflict because it will be back in June for 2005. Regional Rides are another activity supported by YOUR Medina County OHC Chapter!