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December 2005 Newsletter

Mark your calendars for January 21 !!

Medina OHC annual banquet is having a **CARNIVAL NIGHT**
where you can play games to win not just one prize but groups of prizes.

****Prizes totaling close to \$1500.00****

Come meet new and old friends, eat drink and be merry

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Medina OHC Annual Dinner

Carnival Fun Night

Join the Gala - Try your Luck - Test Your Skills

Win Prizes and Join the Fun

Where: Stancato's Café of Richfield - At the corner of 303 & Broadview Road

When: January 21st 6-10 pm

Tarriff: \$18.50 (Dinner includes a beverage (coffee, tea, pop) salad, bread/buter, veggie, potato and dessert

What: The Fare (Choose One) Chicken Marsala or Sliced Sirloin of Beef

The Entertainment: For a price (bring a new member and play 3 games free)

Games of Skill Tic Tax Toe, Bean Bag Toss, Magnetic Darts. Games of Luck, Speed Dressing And More

The Prizes for those Who Risk the Games:

****Harley Davidson Child's Rocker**** Cash Prizes totaling more than \$100**

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For Reservations (deadline January 14) Contact Stacy Sadar at stacy@rsirichfield.com OR call 216-470-0699 OR mail 5044 W. Streetsboro Road, Richfield, Oh 44286 (Checks made payable to Medina OHC)

Name _____

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Sirloin of Beef _____

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Total Amount Enclosed _____

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JACK'S STALL December 2005

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to one and all as we approach the end of another very eventful year for the Medina County Chapter of Ohio Horseman's Council.

The year started with the murder mystery dinner in January. It was a wonderful evening and everyone attending had great fun helping to solve the mystery of the murder of the dear departed Dusty. The club kept going and never looked back.

The Celebration Ride and the Competitive Trail Competition were very successful due to the efforts of so many of you stepping up to lend a hand or in some cases an arm and a leg. The regional ride and the Halloween Gala were very nice social events. At the regional ride Phil and Ronda Urbank were honored for all of their efforts on behalf of MOHC over the past quarter century and given well wishes as they relocate to their new homestead in Carroll County. The Halloween Gala was the wettest weekend of the year. It rained and rained and then rained some more. However, we were able to do some of the turnpiking of the Valley Trail between 303 and AP Road. The saddle fitting clinic was very informative and the Saturday night clambake was as good as it gets. I think that we must make the clambake an annual event. We continued to offer our Valley Girl Calendars. Who can forget Mike Pota (who has been a great advocate of MOHC and the Valley Girls) at the monthly meetings announcing his latest sales count. He just keeps going and going. These are just a few of the memories of the year.

One of my personal highlights was riding in Columbus with Gene Glasscock to the State Capital Building as he finished the journey started over three years ago. Please read the article written by Jo Ellen Reikowski. The Northeast Region was represented by Mike Gerard of Wayne County, Jo Ellen Reikowski of Stark County and Jack and Linda Weese of Medina County. It was a very long day but well worth the time and effort. Patty did a nice job of carrying me down Broad Street.

At the State Meeting in November I was elected Vice President. At the same meeting the bylaw revisions were accepted. It is an honor to be a part of this great organization and I am really looking forward to helping OHC

through the transition as the new bylaws take effect. You will be seeing some very positive moves on the part of OHC. I will keep you posted.

Please, please, please, pretty please get your trail miles to Susan Burrows. I can't begin to tell you how important it is to show that our bridle trails are being used. If our trails mean anything to you, please take the time to report your trail miles. If our trails don't mean anything to you please report your miles anyway. I know that I probably sound like a broken record as far as trail miles are concerned but if we don't show that our trails are being used by horsemen then other groups have a better chance of taking over our trails. We certainly don't want that to happen.

Again I wish to thank everyone who helped make 2005 a great year for MOHC. Sherry you did such a fantastic job. I will try my best to help make 2006 a great year also.

I will probably miss the January meeting if my knee replacement takes place on Dec. 29th. I know that Mike Andrea our new Vice President will keep all of you in line at the meeting. However, I'm not going to miss our annual dinner on the 21st. Vicky and her crew have been working for months to make this a memorable evening. Make those reservations NOW!!!!

I will leave you with this thought. "Life's Journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting...Holy S---!!!! What a Ride!!!"

May you be with your horse, Jack

Ps...If you have any GREAT ideas for programs at our meetings, please speak up! I need all the help I can get with good program offerings!

A Horse's View of the World

Arena: Place where humans can take the fun out of forward motion.

Bit: Means by which a rider's every motion is transmitted to the sensitive tissues of the mouth.

Bucking: counterirritant

Crossties: Gymnastic apparatus.

Dressage: Process by which some riders can eventually be taught to respect the bit.

Fence: Barrier that protects good grazing.

Grain: Sole virtue of domestication.

Hitching rail: Means by which to test one's strength.

Horse trailer: Mobile cave bear den.

Hotwalker: The lesser of two evils.

Jump: An opportunity for self-expression.

Latch: Type of puzzle.

Longeing: Procedure for keeping a prospective rider at bay.

Owner: Human assigned responsibility for one's feeding.

Rider: Owner overstepping its bounds.

Farrier: Disposable surrogate owner; useful for acting out aggression without compromising food supply.

Trainer: Owner with mob connections.

Veterinarian: Flightless albino vulture

**Trail Maintenance Report
December 2005**

Our November trail project was to reroute the portion of the Valley Trail that goes out onto Akron Peninsula Rd just south of Robinson field to avoid riding in traffic. We worked with the Trail Council people to put in about ½ mile of new trail that drops down into Robinson Run instead of going out onto the road and over the bridge. We had to bench in about a 200 ft section of the new trail into the side of a hill in order to join up with the existing Valley Trail south of Robinson Run.

The section where it is benched into the side of the hill is still soft and can be damaged by riding on it. We closed this small section of trail and made a minor temporary reroute (marked by orange ribbons) below the new trail. We would appreciate if riders would stay off this newly benched-in trail this winter so that it can harden up for next season.

CAMBA invited me to a meeting with the CVNP to discuss the likely process for moving forward on a new trail for mountain bikes and repaired trails for horses. The Park is going to redo their master trail plan for all trails and will include mountain bikes for consideration for separate trails. This will require an environmental impact study (\$350K) and will take at least two to three years to complete to the point that trails can be built or repaired under this study. The Park did not get the pilot program for mountain bike trails.

The Park has evaluated the damage to our closed trails and will be meeting in January to develop a plan to open as much as possible. They told me that it is likely that they will be able to open Wetmore, Butler and Dickerson Trails. I suggested that they consider applying for the Ohio Trails Partnership spring trail program for next year to repair these trails. They are very interested and have asked that I apply to be considered for this program.

The trail work hours for all people working on trails this year are follow:

Reuss Griffiths
Trail Maintenance Chairman

2005 TRAIL WORK HOURS

Griffiths, Reuss	49.0	Heinz, Michelle	4.0
Eucker, Sherry	32.0	Heinz, Tom	4.0
Burrows, Bob	25.0	Hill, Mary	4.0
Crouse, Wayne	25.0	Johnson, Kelly	4.0
Weese, Jack	24.5	Kemen, Bill	4.0
Burrows, Susan	22.0	Sales, Russ	4.0
Weese, Linda	20.0	Sales, Shirley	4.0
Himmelright, Carol	17.5	Himmelright, Kim	3.8
Bennington, Bonnie	13.0	Aldridge, Connor	3.5
Burson, Lyn	9.9	Aldridge, Kristin	3.5
Sloane, Don	9.9	Avila, Rachel	3.5
Bauer, Sandy	9.5	Eastwood, Molly – Summit	3.5
Harting, Louise	7.5	Gress, Earl – Wayne	3.5
Aldridge, Deb	7.0	Nowack, Cheryl	3.5
Bauer, Ron	7.0	Nussbaum, Marge	3.5
Dillman, Becky	7.0	Pota, Mike	3.5
Dillman, Kym	7.0	Reikowski, JoEllen – Stark	3.5
Sadar, Stacy	7.0	Smiley, Ginny	3.5
Tretow, Joyce	6.0	Williams, Steve	3.5
Vance, Patricia	5.0	Bedullion, Nancy	3.2
Brawly, Amy	4.0	West, Linda	3.2
Freeman, Hugh	4.0	Urbank, Phil	3.0
Hager, Roy	4.0	Urbank, Ronda	3.0

TOTAL 405.3

**It's The Night Before Christmas
(for the simple country girl)
Maxine Wheatley**

**It's the night before Christmas, you've got to be joking!
I'm still baking cookies, the oven is smoking!
I dropped half the sugar all over the floor,
I'm taking a walk, I can't take anymore!!!**

**I stomp 'round the house, down the walk in the yard,
past the mailbox brimming with card after card.
I'm tired and grouchy and pushed to the limit.
This day's been too long, I can't put more in it!**

**I've wrapped and I've baked, cleaned floors and washed clothes.
My whole body aches from my head to my toes.
I've figured out why, as I walk in the night
"Ba-humbug!" for sure, it's not worth all this, right?!?!**

**Then I heard a soft whinny in the still of the night.
"What now?", I thought, as the moon shone so bright.
Our little brown filly, who was just born last Spring
came up to the fence and with her did bring....**

**The wonder and excitement that young children feel
as they lay trying to sleep...knowing Christmas is real.
We went in the barn, just the young horse and I,
and in the warm bedding she laid with a sigh.**

**I sat down beside her, my thinking now clear.
The first Christmas happened...in a place much like here.**

Medina-OHC Members and Friends lend us a hand!!!!

We're looking for prospective advertisers for our website and printed newsletter. We think that this is a good way to offset the cost of our printed newsletter, website, and also add to our Trail Fund. If you can think of a business that would benefit of our services, please take a moment and send us an email.

We will send them a letter and the information provided below. We will also contact them by phone.
Thanks for your help!

Linda – Lsweese@aol.com

Stacy – stacy@medinacountyohc.com

What Time is it? It's Membership Renewal Time !!!! Be sure and read- Some things are a-changin'

Time to renew your membership with the Medina Chapter of the Ohio Horseman's Council. Join now and your membership will be good through December of 2006. Remember if you don't renew by March of 2006 you'll be dropped from the membership lists! You will no longer receive the Corral or state newsletter.

New for 2006 - Membership cards will be mailed out in a general mailing in March of 2006 for those renewing their memberships. New members will get their card with the welcome letter.

Just follow these simple rules (and nobody gets hurt!):

1. Fill out the membership form !!!!! (legibly, please) with all the correct information. This goes to the state, so it's not just for our benefit.
2. Make sure you specify if you need a paper copy of the newsletter.! Now that it is in our website we are able to save money by only mailing it to those who have no internet access.
3. Include your e-mail address. This way we can keep you updated with current news and events. Don't worry we aren't going to sell your email address!
4. Sign the form !!!!
5. Family memberships include children under 18. 18 and older must have their own membership
6. If this is a Secondary membership be sure to write "Secondary" across the top of the form. Secondary memberships are \$10.
7. Make your check payable to : Medina OHC
8. Mail the check and completed form to : Rosemary Young, 9480 Tracy Trail, Parma Ohio 44130

Also remember to let me know of any address, telephone number or e-mail changes- use the membership form and write "Address change only" across the top.

Thanks - Rosemary Young Your friendly membership chairperson

Medina County Chapter - Ohio Horseman's Council Membership Application

Year: _____ New _____ Renewal _____ Equine Activity _____ Occupation: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ @ _____
(Your email address is for OHC use only. It is only used to keep you updated on last minute events.)

Spouse: _____ Age: _____ Children (under 18) _____ Ages: _____

County Chapter Affiliation: MEDINA _____ At Large _____ If Family Membership - # Of People _____

Other County Chapter Membership? NO _____ YES (where) _____

Corral Free Of Charge: Yes _____ No _____ Signature : _____ Date: _____

Newsletter: Mail it with a Stamp _____ I'll pick it up from the website _____

SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Individual	\$18.00 (State dues \$13.50+\$4.80 County)
Family	\$28.00 (State dues \$19.20+\$8.80 County)
Senior Citizen (as of Jan 1...62 yrs+)	\$11.00 (State dues \$8.20+ \$2.80 County)
Student (as of Jan 1...18 yrs+)	\$16.00 (State dues \$10.80+\$5.20 County)
Secondary	\$10.00 (State dues \$5.20 + \$4.80 County)
Associate	\$36.00 (State dues \$21.20+\$14.80 County)

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE
TO MEDINA OHC SEND
APPLICATION TO:
Rosemary Young
9480 Tracy Trail
Parma, Ohio 44130**

**Please Fill in
ALL AREAS!**

‘Man, what a RIDE’ - Have horse will travel -- and he sure does!

Gene Glasscock is a 71 year old Texas horseman and a Long Rider who rode 20,000 miles in the last 3 years across the United States.

The Longriders Guild is an international association of equestrian explorers formed in 1994 to recognize men and women of all nations who have ridden more than 1,000 continuous miles on a single expedition. See their website www.thelongridersguild.com

Gene is 71 years old and has traveled to 47 state capitals on horseback retracing a similar journey completed by the Overland Westerners from 1912-1915. Gene traveled through Ohio completing a journey that he started 3 years ago in September 2002 at the age of 67 years.. Gene rode into Columbus, the 48th state capital completing his 20,000 mile trip on Thursday, December 1st. OHC has hosted several dinners for Gene on his way thru Ohio. 18-19 people met him at the Der Dutchman in Plain City when he was in that area and around 30 people Fairfield, Hocking, Licking and Franklin counties enjoyed dinner with Gene when he took the weekend off in Lancaster. Gene even made his way (by car) down to Logan and spent Sunday afternoon trading stories with Neil Shaw.

You can learn more about Gene's travels on the following websites.

<http://www.thelongridersguild.com/Glasscock-2.htm>

<http://www.geneglasscock.org>

Mr. Glasscock has already established a record as the only person to have ridden from North to South America. In 1980 he rode his horse Cactus 12,000 miles from the Artic Circle in Canada to the equator in Ecuador.

As Gene came into Ohio, Tammy Brown his coordinator for the trip contacted Gov. Taft's office and was told by the Governor's scheduler that they had no one available to meet him but would be glad to send him a letter. Tammy then made contact with OHC thru many emails. Many OHC members "took charge" of Gene as he came into Ohio from Michigan on November 14th and rode into the Capitol on December 1st.

After transmitting many of the emails, I wanted to be part of the welcoming group for Gene and was overwhelmed by the whole thing!

About 15 to 20 riders rode with Gene. These were people who were from all over the country and decided they wanted to be part of this historical event. They came from Arizona, Michigan, Indiana, Delaware, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Florida and Iowa.

One couple from Iowa brought their two black Percherons and beautiful white carriage.

At the Capital Building, the Director of Agriculture came out to meet Gene and the group along with Auditor of State Betty Montgomery and her staff. Many others who worked in the building also came out. Then all of a sudden who should appear but Governor Taft with a bag of carrots for the horses! Gene even got the Governor on his horse and put his much worn hat on him so he would look like a real cowboy! This was a very nice surprise. I believe he got shamed into it!

A reception was held in the Capitol building for Gene with the Press and guests. Afterwards Westminster-Thurber Retirement Facility held another reception and dinner for Gene. The residents really enjoyed Gene's talk and asked many questions. Someone asked him what made him take on such an adventure and he replied that he had been to the doctor and was told to go home and get his self "in order." So he got on his horse! He looked at the audience pointed his finger at them and said "you can sit in a rocker and rock your life away or you can get up out of it and do something!"

This was an exciting and challenging event and those of us who took part were very glad that we had the opportunity. Horsemen helping horsemen - that is what it is all about.

Oh, there were also two other "long riders" at the event. One lady told me she had just returned 3 weeks ago from a trip across the US from San Diego to her home in Delaware (I think). It was just really neat talking with these adventurous people!

Jo Ellen Reikowski
Stark County OHC

Quotes of the Month

"When you're young and you fall off a horse, you may break something. When you're my age and you fall off, you splatter."
-- Roy Rogers

"When your horse has reached his potential, leave it. It's such a nice feeling when you and your horses are still friends."
-- Dr. Reiner Klimke, Olympic dressage gold medalist for Germany

Interesting article on Laminitis can be found here.... <http://www.holisticvetpetcare.com/horse-laminitis-founder.htm>

Sorry...it's too long and detailed to print in the newsletter

**Subject: Fwd: Rescued Horses Need Blankets
These two young horses, rescued from starvation and neglect,
need blankets to protect them from the cold.
Please help if you can.**

If anyone can help, please reply directly to: Julie Hamilton Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.

From: "Julie Hamilton" <Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.>
To: **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**
Subject: Maybe You can Help
Date: Tue, 06 Dec 2005 16:49:09 -0500

Tia, I don't know if you remember me I am Julie from Mansfield. I get you messages for helping those in need. You seem to be able to reach many people and although this is not dog related it is animal related.

I rescued two baby horses one is a weanling (5mos old) the other is a yearling! Chaz & Spirt is what we have named them.

Spirt was in a stall with manure and wetness up over his knees and his momma so under nourished that she had very little milk to give him! There was no food, no water and no hay to be found!

Chaz was in a tie stall tied up with a piece of log chain, he too was in manure up to his knees. I have rescued both babies and gotten them on their way to a new and better start, we have had to put them on some special vitamins through the vet and a special feed. We have to feed 5 small meals a day until they become accustomed to eating.

Spirt the younger of the two had to see the vet in the middle of the night for a fever, cough, and colic like symptoms. Medication and he is a tad bit brighter today!

Here is where I was wondering if maybe you could get the word out the vet feels a stable blanket as well as a turnout blanket would do them more wonders than I could imagine (his words) however as much as I would love to go get them new blankets everything has added up to be quite a bit.

Perhaps someone would know someone that might have blankets they would be willing to donate or sell real cheap! They are both growing Spirt measures a 56 but a 58 would work as well and Chaz measures a 64. The blankets would help keep the cool chill off the little guys since their immune systems are so low. Any help would be much appreciated. Julie

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Feb 1	General Meeting	Hines Hill Conf. Center	Jack Weese
Feb	Regional OHC Mtg.	David's Fireside Rest. Rootstown, OH	
Mar 1	General Meeting	Hines Hill Conf. Center	Jack Weese
Mar 5	State OHC Meeting	Delaware, OH	Jack Weese
Mar	OTP Weekend	TBA	Reuss
Apr 2	Spring Ahead Trail Ride	Hinckley	TBA
April	Trail Work Party	Robinson Field	Reuss
April 5	General Mtg	Hines Hill	Jack Weese
May 3	General Mtg.	Hines Hill	Jack Weese
May	Trail Work Party	Robinson Field	Reuss
Jun 7	General Mtg.	Hines Hill	Jack Weese
June	Trail Work / Camp Party	Robinson Field	Jack / Reuss
July 5	General Mtg.	Hines Hill	Jack Weese
July	Trail Work Party	Robinson Field	Reuss
July 9-10	Celebration Ride	Howe Meadow	Patricia Vance
Aug 2	General Mtg.	Hines Hill	Jack Weese
Aug	Trail Work Party	Robinson Field	Reuss
Aug TBA	State Regional Ride	TBA	Jack Weese and Bob Burrows
Sep 6	General Mtg.	Hines Hill	Jack Weese
Sep	Trail Work Party	Robinson Field	Reuss
Oct 4	General Mtg.	Hines Hill	Jack Weese
Oct 27-29	Halloween Gala Trail Work / Camp Party	Robinson Field	TBA
Nov 1	General Mtg.	Hines Hill	Jack Weese