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# June 2005 Newsletter

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## *JACK'S STALL*      6-05

Isn't it wonderful to be able to complain that it is too hot. Believe me given a choice I much prefer to complain that it is too hot instead of that it is too cold.

I trust that many of you are getting in some trail miles. It is so nice to be able to ride familiar trails and to explore new ones I like to find out what is around the next corner or what is over the next hill.

The June meeting program by Eric Clark was very informative. Those of you that are interested in natural horsemanship that were not in attendance missed a lot.

The Celebration 2005 Ride committee has been working hard to take care of all of the final details necessary to make for a successful event. Please make plans to join us at Howe Meadow. It doesn't matter if you can only stop by for an hour or for the whole weekend we need you. You will have a very good time.

The work-camp weekend with Wayne County OHC promises to be a fun time. Please let me know if you think that you can take part. Wayne County has been very good to us. This is a good time to return some of the favors.

The trail competition in August is taking shape. We will need a lot of help with this event. We'll need 2 or 3 people to work each obstacle. If you can please keep the weekend open so that you can help.

Remember that numbers are important to governmental agencies. Please keep track of your trail miles and work hours. Susan Burrows is the new mile keeper.

May you be with your horse.              Jack

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## Hoosier Daddy Ride

*By Deb Aldridge*

Hello everyone. How was the weather here the last 4 days? I wasn't here. I was in So. Indiana with Theresa Heger at a competitive ride. The weather here was cold and nasty when we left and there it was sunny and high 70's the whole time, unless of course, when it got dark. Then it was just that.....dark, and in the 50's. Great sleeping weather if you like to sleep outside in a camper or tent.

Had a GREAT time at the Hoosier Daddy (love the name!!) in the Hoosier National Forest!! Took us a total of 8 hours to get there what with traffic and stopping for lunch and whatnots.

What a GREAT ride!! The trails were totally awesome man. It was held at the Monk's Mule and Horse Camp. Guess what they had there? Well, there were mules, horses but no Monks unless you want to count Gene Monk and his wife. Wonderful couple. They hook up about 4 mules to a wagon on Sundays and take whoever wants to go to a little town called Norman about a mile and a half away and go to breakfast. Cool huh? They charge \$20.00 a night for camping with elec. and water. Anyone who wants info on this place, please contact me!!

There's also another horse camp not far from there but I didn't get to see it and don't know the name. The one we were at has hot showers, they sell ice, they have a big pavilion, you can get elect. and water or camp primitive for \$15.00. They also have small stalls to rent. You cannot use portable corrals but they have those wooden things to tie your horse to like on the show Ponderosa? They let us use portable corrals for the ride tho.

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The biggest perk for the ride was someone doing people massages for \$25.00!! Now that's something you don't see too often at these rides.

Anyway, we did the 25 CTR on Sat. Not many were in that one, just 11 of us. Guess it's going out of style because there were 50 some in the 25 limited distance and 50 some in the 50 mile endurance. The good news is Derby and I finished our 25 miles. The bad news is Derby's arthritic hock was really bugging him and it showed at the trot out at the end. Oh well. We are trying to deal with this issue as is Theresa. Unfortunately, her horse Kit has some issues also and they were pulled at the halfway. Even so, she had gotten a first and a second at some other rides so they are up and down. Next time, they will be up!!

Here is a nice pic of me and my buddy Derby. Till next time.... Happy Trails!!  
Deb Aldridge

## **OHC UNDAUNTED BY RAIN**

*By Ronda Urbank*

The Medina County Regional Ride was held May 13, 14 and 15. The entertainment Friday evening was a spectacular lightening show. The key word here is EVENING. The day was warm and sunny and those lucky enough not to have to work on Friday enjoyed plenty of trail riding in the CVNP. By Saturday morning the rain was over. Everyone enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes and sausage before heading out to ride or to reroute part of the Riding Run Trail near the Arizona Bridge. The rain held off again until most everyone had returned from an afternoon ride. Don Sloan and Lynn Burson were two of the unlucky wet ones. There were 39 of the 50 expected for Phil's roast beef dinner. Wayne County was well represented throughout the week-end but four members drove up just for dinner.

Following dinner there was a wonderful surprise for Phil and I. We were presented with cards signed by Medina members who had attended this ride and other events this spring. There was another card signed by everyone on the Regional Ride. The cards were to wish us well as we prepare to move to Carroll County at 6077 Lynn Road Minerva Oh 44657-9727. Our phone will be 330-895-3660. There was a beautiful nut-raisin cake and lots of good words from our President Sherry Eucker and memories presented by Patricia Vance. Patricia Vance wrote a song about our OHC experiences and it was sung by Molly Eastwood, Debbie Aldridge and Patricia Vance. The music was very good and the lyrics quite humorous. Phil and I want to thank all of you for the surprise and the good wishes. If we survive this summer, we should be ready to ride next year as we will both be retired and our shed and barn and fences should be built. Let us know when you are going to Beaver Creek, Salt Fork, Bark Camp, Jefferson Lake, or Harrison State Forest. We should be free to join you. You are welcome to come visit us anytime!

Sunday morning breakfast of French toast and very fresh bacon was served. Again the sun was out and riders got in a good ride. It was a little cooler, but it was dry. About 50 different folks rotated through the week-end. The counties represented were Wayne, Stark, Medina, Holmes, Summit and Cuyahoga.

Phil and I want to thank everyone who helped with the ride this year. There was Louise Harting, Molly Eastwood, Deb Aldridge, Robin Wicks, Sue Benedict, Sue and Bob Burrows, Jack and Linda Weese, Reuss and Sherry Griffiths, and Joyce Tretow. I always hate to name names because my Senior Citizen mind forgets things so easily and I do not want to leave anyone out. We really appreciated everyone's help. It made the week-end very enjoyable!

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## **He will be missed.....**

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Dear OHC Members,

I have the sad duty to inform you of the passing this morning (Sunday June 26th) of our dear founding member of many NEA OHC Chapters, Joseph Bush.

As many of you know, Joe resided at Hospice of the Western Reserve for quite a while. Joe spent his last months as he had spent his life, making the most of each day and winning the hearts of all who became his new friends at Hospice.

Joe was a joy to visit and remained upbeat with a great attitude, always wanting to know more about his visitors than telling of his illness.

We will miss him greatly! He was a steadfast anchor in many of our lives with encouraging words and friendship.

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