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VALLEY NATIONAL PARK



January 2008

MEDINA COUNTY OHC

Meetings:

The 1st Wednesday of
the month at 7:00 p.m. at
Hines Hill Conference
(Hines Hill Rd.)
Cuyahoga Valley
National Park

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NEWSLETTER

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MOHC members get
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AKA "THIS & THAT"

Linda Weese, Lsweese@aol.com, (440) 234-9668

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Thank you to all 2007 Medina OHC members, officers, and committee chairmen! Your accomplishments were fantastic and you should be very proud of the trails you maintained and helped to reopen. Your website and newsletter are awesome and read by many folks all over the state. You also managed to put on such wonderful and enjoyable events this past year. A lot of horsemen came to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in 2007 and had a great time!

I personally want to send a special thank you to Jack Weese. I know how much time and energy that he gave to Medina OHC in the last 4 years as VP and President. I want to thank him for all of the many intangible things that he did for the club. Most folks wouldn't even be aware of a lot of the things that he did, made, dug, cut down, called about, mowed, wrote about, talked about at special meetings, investigated about on line, drove miles to pick up, worried about, etc., etc. Thanks Jack for a

lot of heart and a job well done!

There was always one member that Jack could count on if he needed a *spur of the moment* helping hand. Thank you Carol Himelright, you're a fine club member with a lot of heart and willingness to always help! We also have a few club members who just take it upon themselves to walk the trails and maintain them. Some we know about like Patricia Vance. She's out there all of the time. Others we don't often hear about like Wayne Crouse. Thank you Wayne for the many hours you spend on your own maintaining the trails and Robinson Field.

Welcome, all 2008 members! We're off and running for another great year in Medina OHC and we're so glad that you're coming along on the ride! We have a fine bunch of officers and committee members lined up. With the help of you, our membership, we have the potential for major accomplishments and a very good time in 2008!

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2008 Membership

If Rosemary has not received your membership for 2008, the following will happen:

1. You will not receive a Corral
2. If you had OHC Plus, you are no longer covered for insurance.
3. We miss you already!

There is a membership application in this newsletter on page 4. Please fill it out completely and get it into Rosemary as quickly as possible to restart your insurance and Corral.

Trail Miles for 2007

are due to Cheryl by January 15th!!! Please get them in to her as soon as possible. It's very important for OHC Members to report their miles. It helps get funding and help for trails. You will find the form in this newsletter on page 3. **YOU MUST USE THIS FORM** to turn in your miles. Do not send Cheryl 17 pages of miles you've logged throughout 2007! Use the summary form and make her life easier.

Banquet Reservations MUST be received by Jan. 21st!

Don't miss out on a Great Time!!!!

Reservation form on page 5 in this Newsletter

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Recently, while helping Stacy with the Heritage Potluck Dinner, I've had the opportunity to learn much more about our club by delving into the early days of Medina OHC. My hat is off to our Charter and early Members. What a dedicated, hard working and fun loving bunch of horsemen you were when you formed Medina OHC and road out that fateful day in 1986 to build your first mile of horse trail in the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. It's been an amazing journey and here we are still going strong in 2008!

The theme of our **2008 annual club dinner is *Heritage Days***. We want to pay tribute to our Charter Members of 1986 and everyone else that's come along since then. Please bring your potluck dish and come to the dinner on January 26th at the Brushwood Pavilion in Furnace Run Metro Park at 4955 Townsend Rd. in Richfield. Townsend Rd. is off Brecksville Rd. (SR 21).

Ham, Poultry, Coffee, Soft Drinks, and Paper Products will be provided. Remember that Brushwood Pavilion is a non-alcoholic facility in the Metro Parks. The charge for adults is \$5.00 and children (under 12) \$2.00. **Please send your reservations to arrive by Jan. 21st**. That will save a spot for you. Send them to: Stacy Sadar, PO Box 247, Richfield, OH 44286. For more information please call Stacy at (216) 270-0699 or email Stacy@medinacountyohc.com.

George Windate's organizational and leadership skills lead the way for the establishment of Medina OHC back in 1986. George is coming to the dinner and has been asked to say a few words from his memory bank. I've heard from many that he's a dynamo so this should be fun! Ronda Urbank has promised to share an anecdote regarding Phil – something about riding a child's toy? We're also hoping to have a special musical presentation for you.

When you come to the dinner, please bring any memorabilia such as Scrap Books, Photos, newsletters, etc. from early or new days to be placed on a table for all to see. We hope to have CD's of photos playing for casual viewing.

We've also requested that you send your happy anecdotes and memories to be printed in a collection to hand out at the dinner. Some of you have graciously responded and it should be a nice keepsake to take home with you. We've made an effort to contact as many of our early members as possible. Some are coming in from out of town to join us that evening. Please get your reservations in early to Stacy so that we may prepare for a great evening and save you your space.

It's utterly amazing and absolutely ridiculous that I should find myself writing an article under the heading of President's Message. I thought that Mike Andrea would move into the President's position from Vice President, but he declined the invitation. Hey Mike, maybe sometime down the trail you won't be so busy and will reconsider.

Five years ago, if you had told me that I would be President of a horse organization, I would have said that you're *nutty as an old fruitcake*. First of all I would not be *caught dead* on a horse. Secondly, I had no clue about this strange horse organization called OHC. All I knew was that every year I sent a check in to the membership chairman because Jack wanted to be a member. But now, strangely enough, I find myself looking forward to serving as your President. I still don't ride a horse and never will, but I do know much more about OHC now. I have come to love and admire the members of OHC. OHC has been and continues to be an amazing organization for horsemen in Ohio and the Medina Chapter is no exception.

Your help will be needed so please be involved and step up and lend a hand. You don't have to make a huge commitment, but a small one would be so very helpful. If you are at an event, offer to lend a hand with setting up or cleaning up. Don't sit back and wait for an invite, step up and ask if you can help. One particular club member comes to mind. Whenever her work schedule permits, she wants to help with our monthly work parties. On more than one occasion she has expressed her appreciation for the club officers and the committee members that give a huge amount of time and energy to keeping horsemen out on the CVNP trails and that she also appreciates the quality events that Medina OHC presents for all to enjoy. She is right, it takes a huge amount of time and energy to keep things going and with many hands it's easy and fun. But, we also want to say to her that we equally appreciate the time and energy that she gives to the club when her schedule permits her to come work on trail!

There is so very much that I don't know regarding the trails and horses, so I will lean heavily on all of you, the experts. Do not hesitate to call or email me or your Vice President, Joyce Tretow with ideas and suggestions. With your help and knowledge the club will thrive and grow stronger in 2008 and years to come!

We have many fine folks who have accepted responsibilities in 2008. We want to thank them for being willing to take on these volunteer positions. Let me know if I have forgotten someone or something. I hope to have more names to add to the list next month after I contact a few more folks. Here are the volunteers for 2008:

Medina OHC Members – Building and Maintaining Trails in the CVNP. Working to get the remainder of the closed Wetmore Trails open and working on projects to continually improve the condition of the trails. Promoting quality events.

Joyce Tretow - Vice President, author of the Medina article in Corral County Lines, Medina OHC newsletter publicity articles, MOHC Program Meetings, Over the Top Obstacle Ride Manager

Rosemary Young - Treasurer, Membership Chairman

Kim McAninch - Secretary, Awards & Auction Committee

Stacy Sadar - Website, Newsletter, Awards & Auction Committee, 2008 Annual Dinner,

Mike Andrea - Trail Committee (Chairman)

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PLEASE turn in your trail miles for 2007! ONLY use this Summary Form

NAME: _____

**All
Mileage
forms are
DUE to
Cheryl by
January 15,
2008**

An Excel file can
be found on the
MOHC website
so you may *email*
them to her at
MOHCTrailMiles@aol.com

OR

snail-mail to:
**Cheryl Nowack
PO Box 247
Richfield, OH
44286**

PARKS/FORESTS	MILES	PARKS/FORESTS	MILES	PARKS/FORESTS	MILES
ALUM CREEK		MARY JANE THURSTON		PUBLIC/PRIVATE	
ASHTABULA GULF		MAUMEE		CAMP TUSCAZOAR	
BARKCAMP		MIAMI WHITEWATER		EAST BRANCH TRAIL	
BEAR CREEK		MILL CREEK		ERIE CANAL TOWPATH	
BEAR TOWN		MILL STREAM		FALLON PARK	
BEAVER CREEK		MOGADORE RESERVOIR		MOHICAN VALLEY TRAIL	
BEDFORD		MOHICAN		RAILS TO TRAILS	
BIG CREEK		MOSQUITO LAKE			
BLUE ROCK		MT GILEAD		OTHER	
BRECKSVILLE		NATIONAL TRAILS		PUBLIC/PRIVATE TOTAL	
BRUSH CREEK		NORTH CHAGRIN		OUT OF STATE	STATE MILES
BUCK CREEK		OAK OPENINGS		SHAWNEE NATIONAL	IL
BURR OAK		PAINES FALLS		BROWN COUNTY	IN
CAESAR CREEK		PAINT CREEK		CLARK	IN
CARLISLE		PENITENTIARY GLEN		HARRISON CRAWFORD	IN
CARRIAGE HILL		PERRY		HOOSIER NATIONAL	IN
CHAPIN		PIKE		MIDWEST	IN
CHARLEMONT		POSSUM CREEK		SALAMONIE	IN
CUYAHOGA VALLEY NP		QUAIL HOLLOW		VERSAILLES	IN
DEAN		RIVER ROAD		WHITEWATER	IN
DEER CREEK		ROCKY RIVER		CAVE RUN	KY
DILLON		SALT FORK		DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL	KY
EAST FORK		SCIOTO TRAIL		LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES	KY
EDISON WOODS		SHAWNEE		MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL	KY
ENGLEWOOD		SILVER CREEK		SHORE TO SHORE	MI
GEAUGA COUNTY		SLATE RUN		WATERLOO	MI
GIRDLED ROAD		SOUTH CHAGRIN		EMINENCE	MO
GREAT SEAL		STONE CHURCH		MARK TWAIN NATIONAL	MO
HAMMERTOWN		STROUD'S RUN		RED HOUSE	NY
HARRISON		SUGAR CREEK		ALLEGHENY NATIONAL	PA
HEADWATERS		SWINE CREEK		BENEZETTE	PA
HELL'S HOLLOW		SYCAMORE		COOK'S	PA
HINCKLEY		TAFT RESERVOIR		FLYING W RANCH	PA
HOCKING		TAR HOLLOW		BLACK HILLS NATIONAL	SD
HOLDEN		TRI-COUNTY TRAILS		BIG SOUTH FORK	TN
HUESTON WOODS		TWIN CREEK		BUFFALO RIVER	TN
INDIAN POINT		VAN BUREN		NATCHEZ TRACE	TN
INFIRMARY MOUND		WEST BRANCH		HIGH COUNTRY HORSE CAMP	VA
JEFFERSON LAKE		WESTWOODS		HUNGRY HORSE	VA
KIPTON		WINTON WOODS		HUSSEY MOUNTAIN	VA
KISER LAKE		ZALESKI		JEFFERSON NATIONAL	VA
LAKE COUNTY METRO				MT RODGERS NATIONAL	VA
LAKE FARM		OTHER		SPRUCE KNOB	WV
LAKE VESUVIUS		PK/FRST TOTAL		BIG HORNE NATIONAL	WY
LITTLE MIAMI		PUBLIC/PRIVATE	MILES	YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL	WY
LOBDELL		BOB EVANS FARMS		OTHER	
MALABAR FARM		BUCKEYE TRAIL		OUT OF STATE TOTAL	

Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.
Membership Application For Year 20__
(Membership is from January 1 to December 31)

New Renewal

Member Since _____

Please print clearly or type

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone: _____

Spouse: _____ Age: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____ @ _____

Primary Chapter _____

At-Large: At-Large members Mail To:

The Corral and State Quarterly are included in your membership fee.

Anne Lindimore, State Treasurer

I do **not** want to receive the Corral. I do **not** want to receive the State Quarterly.

3680 E. St. Rt. 60 N.E

McConnelsville, OH 43756

Note: Some OHC chapters charge an additional fee to cover costs of chapter newsletters, etc. You may be notified of same by that chapter

OHC Basic Membership (Without Equine Excess Liability Insurance)				OHC Plus Membership (With Equine Excess Liability Insurance)				
Type	Membership Fee	Chapter Charge	Total	Type	Membership Fee	Chapter Charge	Insurance	Total
Single	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$18.00	Single	\$15.00	\$3.00	\$19.00	\$37.00
Family	\$22.50	\$5.50	\$28.00	Family	\$22.50	\$5.50	\$38.00	\$66.00
Senior Citizen*	\$ 8.75/ea.	\$2.25	\$11.00	Senior Citizen	\$8.75/ea.	\$2.25	\$19.00/ea	\$30.00
Student**	\$12.00	\$4.00	\$16.00					
* Age 62+ as of January 1 **Under Age 18 as of January 1				*Age 62+ as of January 1				
Associate Membership								
No. of Members:	Membership Fee	Chapter Charge	Total	Association President/Chairperson:				
	\$25.00	\$11.00	\$36.00	Address (If different from above):				

If family membership, list names and ages of children **under 18** (this is needed for insurance purposes).

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____

SIGNATURE (required): _____ Date: _____

(Parent/Legal Guardian must sign for student under age 18)

(MEDINA COUNTY OHC INFO)

Member's Cell Phone No: _____

Secondary Membership **Fee \$10.00** Secondary Member's Primary County:

(You may not become a secondary member unless you have membership in a primary county)

Rewards program: May we include your name in the rewards program that benefits our Medina OHC? Yes No

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

Make checks Payable to: Medina County OHC

Mail To: Rosemary Young, 9480 Tracy Trail, Parma, Ohio 44130

Membership Card Issued By: _____ Date: _____

YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION AND SIGN FORM.

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THE FORM, IT WILL BE SENT BACK TO YOU.

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Circle Membership	
OHC Basic	OHC Plus
Single	Single
Family	Family
Senior Cit.	Senior Cit.
Student	
Secondary	

Medina County OHC Annual Banquet Heritage Days ~ Pot Luck Dinner Saturday, January 26th, 2008

5:30 Social ~ 6:30 Dinner

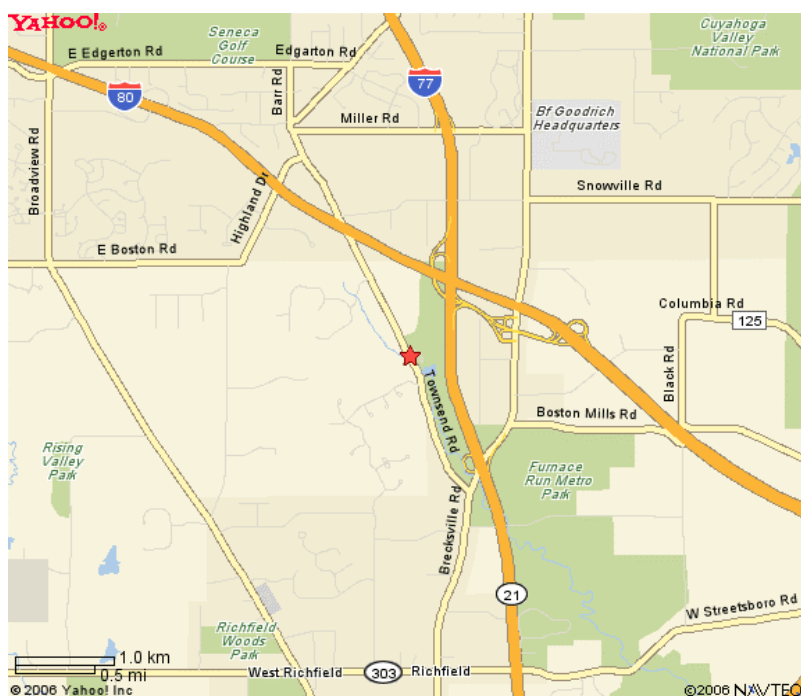
~ Heritage Days Banquet ~

We are going back to the olden days! Reminiscing on days gone by with Medina County Ohio Horseman's Council. Bring your old photos and stories to share of good times had by all! Call an old member and ask them to join us for the fun....we miss them ALL and hope they'll join us again!

**Cost: \$5.00 adult
\$2.00 child**

*Price includes, meat of Ham & Poultry,
non-alcoholic drinks
(Reservations required by January 21st)*

**Brushwood Pavilion
Furnace Run Metro Park
4955 Townsend Road, Richfield**
Townsend Road is off of Brecksville Road (SR21)



**Reservations Required by
Monday, January 21, 2008**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Adults ____ x \$5.00 = _____

Children (12 & under) ____ x \$2.00 = _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to:

Medina OHC

Mail checks & reservation to:

Stacy Sadar, PO Box 247,
Richfield, OH 44286

Contact info: 216-470-0699
stacy@medinacountyohc.com

*In order to make sure we have a good variety of Pot Luck Foods
to choose from, Please tell me what you plan to bring...*

Circle one please...

Appetizer

Side Dish

Main Dish

Dessert

JACK'S STALL 1-08

This is the first time in four years that I am not an elected officer of MOHC. It really feels a bit weird to be writing this column as a plain old member of the group. Oh well, the club needs lots of plain old members to help the present officers and committee chairs continue the fine work for which MOHC is so well known. I certainly plan to do my share. I would like all of you to join me and share the work, fun and all of the other good stuff.

Once again I wish to thank everyone for their support and help during the years that I served as Vice President and President of MOHC. Being of feeble mind and body I could not have survived without you.

As I mentioned in last month's column I intend to be more of a cheerleader (isn't that scary) for the State OHC. I am trying to help get the word out that the State organization is much more than two meeting per year at the Eagles Lodge in Delaware.

I encourage all of you to investigate the State OHC web site (www.ohiohorsemanscouncil.com). There is a wealth of information there and I am sure that you will find many things of interest. Linda Waites and Judy Preston do a wonderful job with the web site. They do almost as good as Stacy does with the MOHC web site.

The first major undertaking for the State OHC is the Equine Affaire in April at the State Fairgrounds in Columbus. Your President, Linda Weese, is the chairman of this event. We encourage each and every one of you to lend a hand at the State OHC booth at the Equine Affaire. The planning committee has held their first meeting and the work of preparing for the Equine Affaire is underway and rolling right along. There will be a few changes to the booth in 2008 but the general theme will remain the same. Who are we and what do we do? Why should you be a member? What is the liability

insurance thing? These are some of the questions that we hope to be able to answer at the booth at Equine Affaire. The committee will have at least a couple more meetings before the big show. The meetings are held at the Flying J truck stop at the interchange of Route 36 and I 71, exit 131, just north of Columbus. If you would like to attend please give Linda a call (440-234-9668). We will need a lot of bodies to help set up the booth on Wed. and lots of bodies to man the booth during the Affaire. Those who helped last year had a great time. There is a sign up sheet on the State Web Site.

The second undertaking is helping with the All American Youth Show at the State Fairgrounds in May. State OHC mans the gates at the Coliseum and Fairfield County OHC takes care of the gates at the Cooper Arena and prepares food for the OHC members and other show personnel. Working the gates involves much more than just opening and closing the gates. The gate people take care of organizing the kids for their classes, getting them in line, getting the parents off of their backs and seeing that they get a good start going into the arena. We need you! There will be a worker sign up sheet on the State Web Site.

Please get some trail miles into Cheryl Nowack clnowack@aol.com. At one time MOHC was one of the state leaders in trail miles. It would be nice to return to our past glory. The people in charge of making decisions regarding bridge trails need to know that we use them.

Speaking of trail riding. It behooves us all to be good trail stewards. During wet sloppy times please try to pick trails that you know have a very solid base and that you can ride without creating a sea of mud. Being careful of where we ride is good for the environment and certainly makes for less work for those debilitated folks who spent countless hours helping to maintain the trails that we all love to ride.

May your horse be with you as you traverse the trails of life. Jack Weese, free at last.

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Patricia Vance - Trail Committee (Work Party Coordinator), Celebration Ride Manager

Jack Weese - Trail Comm. (Liaison to the CVNP), State Reporter to Medina OHC, Robinson Field Work Party Staging/Camping Coordinator, Bob Burrows - Finance Committee Chairman

Bob & Susan Burrows - Regional Ride Pig Roasters and Chefs.

Reuss Griffiths, Clam Bake/Work Party/Halloween Gala Weekend

Deb Aldridge - Sunshine Chairman, Awards & Auction Committee

Cheryl Nowack - Trail Mileage Chairman, Club Clothing, Awards & Auction Committee

Crystal Cox - Big Dee Bonus Bucks Coordinator, Club Store, Awards & Auction Comm.

Please let your voice be heard. Remember we are a member driven club and all current primary and secondary members have a vote at our meetings. Come to our next meeting at the Hines Hill Conference Center in the CVNP on Wednesday, February 6th.

Social time starts at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM. If you can, bring a snack to share it's always appreciated. On Feb. 6th we'll be discussing our Medina OHC sponsored SCA Intern that will do trail work in the CVNP for 12 weeks this summer and the possibility of purchasing a Medina OHC storage trailer and a few other items. We may have a movie or some other form of entertainment, not that we're not exciting and entertaining enough ourselves as a group!

We have members that are in nursing homes and also those that have had recent surgery or medical procedures. Please know that you're in our thoughts and we wish you well. We send best wishes for everyone and look forward to seeing you and having many happy times together in 2008.

Linda

Jan 15 Tue	Important! TRAIL MILEAGE DEADLINE	Send your trail miles to Cheryl	Cheryl Nowack PO Box 247 Richfield, OH 44286	OR Email MOHCTrailMiles@aol.com
Jan 21 Mon	RESERVATIONS DUE for Medina OHC Pot Luck Dinner	HURRY! Stacy needs your Reservation by today!	Stacy Sadar	216-470-0699 Stacy@medinacountyohc.com
Jan 26 Sat	MEDINA OHC - HERITAGE DAYS POT LUCK DINNER \$5.00 Adults / \$2.00 Children	Furnace Run MetroParks Brushwood Pavilion Richfield, OH	Stacy Sadar	216-470-0699 Stacy@medinacountyohc.com
Jan 27 Sun	Cuyahoga County OHC Annual Banquet Doors open at Noon, dinner at 1pm	Pazzo's Grand Ballroom 10808 Granger Rd Garfield Hts. OH	Kim Longar	440-248-0955 Kim28025@msn.com
Feb 2-3 Sat / Sun	Jurgen Gohler-Dressage \$85 in advance, \$95 day of clinic \$160 both days paid in advance \$10 ring fee for non-boarders \$20 stall fee (ring fee included)	Ledge Hollow Stable 982 Ledge Rd. Medina, OH 44356 Proof of shots including strangles & negative coggins must	Jeanne Fashempour	330-239-2587 LedgeHollowStable@yahoo.com
Feb 6 Wed	Medina OHC General Meeting 6:30pm Social 7:00pm Meeting	Hines Hill Conference Center in CVNP Medina members: Please bring something to share.	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
Feb 9-10 Sat / Sun	OHC Work Weekend Hocking State Forest	Work on rail to Chapel Cave (aka 21 Horse Cave)	Larry Mathews State Trail Committee Chair 740-984-4703 Larry@stephens-matthews.com	Jack Weese Medina OHC Trail Committee 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net
Feb 16 Sat	Medina OHC Horse Trail Work Party 8:30am (TENTATIVE)	Meet at Robinson Field On Akron Peninsula Rd Between Wetmore & Northampton Roads	Mike Andrea 330-592-5953 Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net	Patricia Vance 330-836-9358 Pavancelaw@aol.com
Mar 2 Sun	State OHC Meeting All OHC members are invited! www.ohiohorsemanscouncil.com	Eagles Hall Delaware, OH	Jack Weese	Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net
Mar 5 Wed	Medina OHC General Meeting 6:30pm Social 7:00pm Meeting	Hines Hill Conference Center in CVNP	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
Mar 8-9 Sat / Sun	Ohio Trails Partnership (OTP) Annual Work Weekend	Location to be announced	Larry Mathews State Trail Committee Chair 740-984-4703 Larry@stephens-matthews.com	Jack Weese Medina OHC Trail Committee 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net
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Apr 6 Sun	Medina OHC Spring Ahead Trail Ride	Hinckley at 606 trailhead	Jack Weese	Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net
Apr 9 Wed	OHC Booth Set up at Equine Affaire Volunteers are needed!!	Columbus Expo Center State FairGrounds	Linda Weese	440-234-9668 Lweese@aol.com
Apr 10-13 Thu-Sun	Equine Affaire ~VOLUNTEERS NEEDED~ Be an OHC Booth Greeter!	Ohio Exposition Center, Columbus, Ohio www.ohiohorsemanscouncil.com	Linda Weese	440-234-9668 Lweese@aol.com
Apr 19 Sat	Medina OHC Horse Trail Work Party 8:30 am	Meet at Robinson Field on Akron Peninsula Rd Between Wetmore & Northampton Roads	Mike Andrea 330-592-5953 Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net	Patricia Vance 330-836-9358 Pavancelaw@aol.com
May 3	Summit County OHC	Brecksville Metro Park		
May 7 Wed	Medina OHC General Meeting 6:30pm Social 7:00pm Meeting	Hines Hill Conference Center in CVNP	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com

May 15-18 Thu-Sun	All American Youth Show OHC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED To work gates & help lining up riders	Ohio Exposition Center Ohio State Fairgrounds Columbus Ohio www.ohiohorsemanscouncil.com	Jack Weese	Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net
May 14-16 Fri-Sun	Medina OHC Horse Trail Work Party Camping with Horses ONLY for WORK PARTY VOLUNTEERS!	<u>Work Saturday 8:30 am</u> Meet at Robinson Field on Akron Peninsula Rd Between Wetmore & Northampton Roads	Mike Andrea 330-592-5953 Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net	Patricia Vance 330-836-9358 Pavancelaw@aol.com
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Jul 11-13 Fri-Sun	Medina OHC "CELEBRATION" Competitive Trail Ride OAATS & AERC sanctioned	Howe Meadow Cuyahoga Valley National Park ~Compete or Volunteer~	Patricia Vance	Patricia Vance 330-836-9358 competitiveride@aol.com
Jul 18-20 Fri-Sun	Medina OHC Horse Trail Work Party Camping with Horses ONLY for WORK PARTY VOLUNTEERS!	<u>Work Saturday 8:30 am</u> Meet at Robinson Field on Akron Peninsula Rd Between Wetmore & Northampton Roads	Mike Andrea 330-592-5953 Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net	Patricia Vance 330-836-9358 Pavancelaw@aol.com
Aug 1-3 Fri-Sun	OHC State Trail Ride Gibby Award Presentation All OHC members welcome!	Barkcamp State Park Horse Camp Reservations Required www.ohiohorsemanscouncil.com	Jack Weese	Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net
Aug 6 Wed	Medina OHC General Meeting 6:30pm Social 7:00pm Meeting	Hines Hill Conference Center in CVNP	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lsweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
Aug 8-10 Fri-Sun	Medina OHC Horse Trail Work Party Camping with Horses ONLY for WORK PARTY VOLUNTEERS!	<u>Work Saturday 8:30 am</u> Meet at Robinson Field on Akron Peninsula Rd Between Wetmore & Northampton Roads	Mike Andrea 330-592-5953 Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net	Patricia Vance 330-836-9358 Pavancelaw@aol.com
Aug 15-17 Fri-Sun	Medina OHC Regional Ride 3rd Annual Bob Burrows PIG ROAST!	Robinson Field on Akron Peninsula Rd	Jack Weese	Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net
Sep 3 Wed	Medina OHC General Meeting 6:30pm Social 7:00pm Meeting	Hines Hill Conference Center in CVNP	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lsweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
Sep 6 Sat	Lorain County OHC Regional Ride			
Sep 12-14 Fri-Sun	OHC State Ride & Chili Cookoff All OHC Members Welcome!	Mohican State Forest Reservations Required	Barb Gerard	330-262-4537
Sep 20 Sat	Medina OHC OBSTACLE RIDE Field opens 9/19 at 1:00 pm Field closes 9/21 at 4:00 pm	Robinson Field in Cuyahoga Valley National Park on Akron Peninsula Rd Between Wetmore & Northampton Roads	Joyce Tretow Ride Manager	330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
Sep 26-28 Fri-Sun	Cracked OAATS Crunch Competitive Trail Ride	Details Soon!		
Oct 1 Wed	Medina OHC General Meeting 6:30pm Social 7:00pm Meeting	Hines Hill Conference Center in CVNP	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lsweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
Oct 3-5 Fri-Sun	OHC State Trail Ride	Alum Creek		
Oct 17-19 Fri-Sun	Medina OHC HALLOWEEN GALA & Reuss Griffiths CLAM BAKE Horse Trail Work Party	<u>Work Saturday 8:30 am</u> Robinson Field	DETAILS SOON!	
Nov 5 Wed	Medina OHC General Meeting Election of Officers 6:30pm Social 7:00pm Meeting	Hines Hill Conference Center in CVNP	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lsweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com

Medina OHC ~ Who are we?

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I have been a member for several years now, and I have to say what brings our group together has to be it's diversity. We still have a few founding members, people that have been around forever and know the history of our group. We have had an influx of new blood in recent years as well, folks with lots of enthusiasm and ideas. What we really have is a bunch of independent thinkers; who have a huge variety of experience to draw on when we need it most! I have personally been a (grateful) recipient of this knowledge base, as I have taken on different assignments for the club.

I guess what I am trying to say is that we should all appreciate each other more. As I have gotten to know each of you, I have found value in knowing something about your life experiences and understanding your perspectives. I haven't met a single member yet who wasn't worth the time it took to get to know them. We have members from all sorts of backgrounds and with many different interests. This means that when our group takes something on, we can really make things happen! Each of us has our own "thing" that we do, that contributes to the whole. Think of us as puzzle pieces; all of us are needed in

order to finish the puzzle. The trick is learning how the pieces fit; it varies over time and depending on what else is going on. To do this you need to get to know us, mostly by attending some club functions and by just talking to people. (There is no shortcut, unfortunately.) There is a lot of discussion to get our club to agree on anything; but if the time is taken to get everyone up to speed ahead of time, I have never met a group of more committed people who will band together to GIT'R DONE! I believe we need all of us, with all of our different experiences and perspectives, to meet the challenges our club will face going forward.

I hope our Heritage Days Banquet on January 26th will bring out some of the fun times we have had together. I hope the coming year's work parties and club events will give us the opportunity to have some more fun times together. So, thank you to all of you that have already made me feel needed and welcome (and especially to those who have already saved me from myself several times); and I look forward to meeting the rest of you! What is it they say about strangers just being friends you haven't met yet? Here's to a new year of fun, riding, getting our trails open, riding, great food, riding, good programs, and did I mention riding? Happy 2008!

Ciao for now, Joyce

Never a Dull Moment ~ Jan. 3rd

A Day in the Life of Deb when it's 16 degrees outside Deb Aldridge

This morning I looked out the window and saw a bird that was frozen in mid air and a deer had it's tongue frozen to our flag pole. Bad sign so I thought I'd stay under the covers a little while longer. About 9am. (yeah whatever!), I stiffly got out of bed to get dressed. Man was it cold.

As I was eating breakfast, I got a call from the bus garage asking me if I'd like to be an aide on a special needs bus at 11:15 and then at 2:15 take some high school kids to their swim practice at the Wellness Center. Ok.

I put on my frozen Carhartt jacket and frozen leather gloves, slip on my frozen boots to go feed the frozen horses. Neigh. They had their blankies on. I open the big door and 5# of snow plops on my head and some snow makes it's way down my neck. Yep it's gonna be a great day.

I'm cleaning stalls and the manure has become little frozen balls. The urine is one sheet of ice I can pick up by hand.

Thank goodness for the electric water buckets. I even have an electric water dish for the cats. Those little critters never freeze.

Ever try picking up little balls of poop with a plastic pitch fork? They roll right off and there you are chasing them around the stall. It's very irritating. After unbuckling frozen metal buckles on the horse blankets, I then kick the horses out into the cold. The part I hate is pushing the wheelbarrow from the barn to the manure pile when I dump manure because the wheelbarrow sinks into the unfrozen ground. Oh, and when it IS frozen, the little mud spikes make my wheelbarrow tire go flat. I guess I shouldn't complain but when the wheel gets stuck, it stops suddenly and goes over sideways. Not a pretty sight and little children under the age of 18 should never be around when that happens to me.

When I'm done with my barn chores, I round up the happy little Frisbee dog who has eaten about 10 frozen manure balls and has 1 inch of ice on his legs and tummy. Oh fun. I take off my frozen

boots and my socks go with it. I lose my balance and my foot touches the cold cement floor. It's like getting shocked with a cattle prod. Not that I've ever OWNED a cattle prod or anything. (mom, what happened to that thing when I moved out?)

After letting 16 yr. old Winnie outside 5 times in 15 minutes before I leave to go to the bus garage (I swear that dog needs that surgery that ties up the fallen bladder that runs in our family.) I put on my long underwear, my jeans, a sweatshirt and my tennies.

I almost had a perfect bus drive from the high school to the wellness center except that when pulling out of the high school driveway, I found I couldn't make a full left hand turn with the bus. Backing is a huge no no if you can at all help it but I had to in order to make the full turn. Lesson 1 learned. Don't make a lefty out of the driveway. Lesson 2 learned. Don't wear tennis shoes when inspecting your bus in 3 foot of snow.

Now it's starting to warm up. I think it's 20 degrees. The day just flew. I try to work downstairs but the phone is ringing off the hook and I have to make dinner, put gas in the car and go to get a prescription at the store.

With all that done, it's time to go out and feed again. This time I put my frozen jacket and gloves on the furnace thingy so they warm up and I put on a neck warmer. I open the barn door and 5# of snow fall on my head. This time, I had my hood and neck warmer on but some snow fell into my boots. Gotta invent something for that one.

I push the wheelbarrow out after cleaning stalls again and there I was, stuck in the mud. The wheelbarrow flipped over and most of the manure came out. Not the frozen stuff no. For that, I use my toe and jam it into the frozen crap to loosen it up. I'm sweating at this point.

I slog back to the house and peel everything off again, clean the dogs feet and pick the icicles off his fur and open the door, ahh warmth, only to hear from my husband, "Cold out there isn't it?" He's lucky I'm on meds. *Deb*

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