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MEDINA COUNTY OHC

March 2008

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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AKA "THIS & THAT"

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Hello everyone! March Madness is upon us and has taken a wild bounce that has been affecting everything from the weather to my sinuses. I know it had to be that one nice warm spring-like day we had a few days ago that gave me this lousy cold. Our recent March meeting brought out a very pleasant group of hearty souls in various stages of respiratory ailment and recuperation. I truly value and look forward to seeing every single one of you each month. Thanks for coming out and bringing those yummy refreshments! Hope to see even more folks next month!

Cuyahoga Valley Horse Trail Wilderness Adventure – How do you like the new name of our Volunteer Trail Work Sessions? Patricia Vance came up with this name and I think that it is appropriate and fun. I

personally have always found it somewhat of a wild adventure every time I go out to work on trail. I think those adventures may be related to my personal coordination issues.

Our first "WILDERNESS ADVENTURE" (Work Party) is coming up very fast on SATURDAY, March 15th. We will meet at the COVERED BRIDGE PARKING LOT no later than 8:30 AM. This one is special because we're having breakfast! For our very first work party this year, Kathy Tompkins has volunteered to make BREAKFAST for us. So, if you want breakfast you must be at the Covered Bridge Parking Lot a little before and no later than 8:30 AM. Kathy says breakfast will be

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SCA INTERN WANTED!

Do you know a fabulous college student or a fine physically fit individual over the age of 18 who would enjoy an internship in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park this summer? Let us know!

We're still looking for a fabulous capable individual who would like to work on horse trails and other types of trails and related activities in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. This internship will be under the auspices of the Maintenance Department.

If you are over the age of 18, enjoy the outdoors, are physically capable of trail work and would like to be considered as the SCA Intern sponsored by Medina OHC then check out www.thesca.org for more information about SCA interns and call the CVNP Volunteer Coordinator Travis White at 1-800-433-1986, Extension 5996.

Pass the word around and help us find the right person for this 12-week internship as our Student Conservation Association Intern in the CVNP!

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ready by 8:15 AM. We will have a wonderful quick breakfast and get right out on trail --- fueled and ready to go! Thank you Kathy for coming up with this warm and wonderful idea!

We have horse trails all over the state of Ohio, thanks to Ohio Horseman's Council Members! Folks, if we want to have trails in the CVNP, then it's up to the Medina County Ohio Horseman's Council to get out there and help maintain them.

The CVNP is one of the more popular riding spots in Ohio. If you're out there riding or using the trails, then please lend a hand in keeping them in shape. We'd love to see all of you at every single work party, but I know that's just not realistic thinking on my part. However, I do tend to be somewhat of a dreamer and why not? I'm sure every (physically capable) rider can arrange to give back to the trails on at least one or two "Wilderness Adventures" a year. See what you can do with your schedule. Lend a hand as often as you can! Maybe we'll see you for breakfast on March 15th?

SCA Intern Sponsored by Medina OHC -- We are still looking for a fine individual to sponsor as our *SCA Intern* in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Please help us find a fantastic person over the age of 18 who would like to work on trails and related assignments. The SCA Intern would work under the auspices of the maintenance department for 12 weeks this summer.

At our club meeting the other night I mentioned that we thought we had found a possible SCA candidate. That turned out to be a false alarm since that particular individual was found by and will be sponsored by a different volunteer group. So now we're looking again. If we get an intern who is not from this area, the housing issue discussed at the meeting is no longer a problem and has been favorably resolved. We will advertise nationally and will now have a better chance of getting an intern available in June, July and August.

Please talk it up and try to think of someone who might fit the bill and be interested in the position. There's more specific information in this newsletter. Find our fantastic SCA Intern for us!

There's a season of wonderful activities coming up this year. Thanks to Ohio Horseman's Council Members you will have many enjoyable rides and events to choose from this spring and summer. There's a myriad of events, Regional Rides, & State Rides to choose. Medina OHC has many fine events planned.

Kathy King, Cuyahoga Chapter President, has extended an invitation to Medina Members to join them for their *End to End Ride* this year as they plan to ride the Cleveland Metro Park Trails. The first one is April 26th at Hinckley. Meet 10:00, at the Kiwanis Building.

Ronda Urbank of the Carroll County Chapter (now a secondary Medina Member) has extended an invitation to Medina Members to join them down in Carroll County for their rides and events. We'll try to get everything on our Calendar as soon as possible.

Helpers are welcomed! Medina OHC has wonderful members who are willing to step up and put on worthwhile events for you. Committee members have already had meetings and are working toward a fantastic year. If you would like to help out, give me a call and we'll put you to work as little or as much as you want! You can be active in Medina OHC even if you don't ride a horse. Come on out, we welcome and value your help!

Websites just for you! The State Website, www.ohiohorsemanscouncil.com is loaded with all kinds of information geared to you. Check it out periodically and find out what is going on in the horse world as it relates to you. I'm on there every day it seems.

The Medina Chapter Website, www.medinacountyohc.com is another fine source of information geared just for you. Our "webkin", Stacy Sadar, does a fine job of making the site both beautiful and informative. By the way, she also does a wonderful job on your newsletter. For those of you who have email, she's able to get the newsletter out to you as soon as it's put together. If you have the capability of printing off your own newsletter and are willing to do so, please email stacy@medinacountyohc.com and tell her that she can conserve her time and the printing costs and postage fees on your newsletter.

There's a Medina OHC Spring Ahead Ride planned for Sunday, April 6th. We'll meet at Route 606 and ride out at 10:00 AM. Bring "tailgate" if you want to be sociable afterwards.

Our next Medina OHC Meeting is April 2nd at Hines Hill. Social is at 6:30 & the Meeting at 7:00 PM! If you can, please bring a snack to share.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to stop in at the Ohio Horseman's Council Booth at the Equine Affaire, April 10 - 13. We're located in the Breed Pavilion of the Voinovich Center. We'd love to see you there too! If you can lend a hand at the booth, we'd love to have your help!

Members, thanks for the many wonderful things you do for horses and horsemen every single day!

Linda

Dear Medina OHC,

Thank You for all of the member's prayers and support in the passing of my father.

Thank you also for the money gift, it is greatly appreciated.

Love, Carol Himelright

Trail Report ~ March 2008

Patricia Vance, Trail Committee Co-Chair

The first Cuyahoga Valley Horse Trail Wilderness Adventure will take place Saturday March 15, 2008.

Gather at the Covered Bridge Trail Head.

We will have breakfast provided by Kathy Tompkins at 8:30 am. Sharp! We will then immediately proceed in search of Adventure! You will be going into uncharted wilderness so you will want to be among the first to be in on this Wilderness Adventure!

You will also be privileged to experience the presence of certain wildlife that others less fortunate than you must travel many miles to view.

The weather will be very nice, perfect for a Wilderness Adventure.

All the equipment you will need will be provided for you.

March 15 – a date nationally famous for wilderness adventure! Don't miss this!

Patricia Vance co-chair Trail committee

MOHC Trail Miles 2007 - Final Totals

(report submitted by Cheryl Nowack, Trail Miles Chairman)

Kathleen Tompkins 1135
 Nancy Bedillion 982
 Sammie Kendricks 840
 Jack Weese 777
 Pat Vance 763
 Wayne Crouse 700
 Ron Bauer 659
 Sandy Bauer 659
 Joyce Tretow 650
 Sherry Eucker 555
 Stacy Sadar 538
 Denise Crowley 500
 Deb Aldridge 494
 Mike Andrea 494
 Leslie Andrea 494
 Jeff Mollison 462
 Mary Mollison 462
 Ginny Smiley 441.5
 Russ Sales 383
 Shirley Sales 383
 Louise Harting 300
 Hugh Freeman 286
 Donna Phillippi 270
 Reuss Griffiths 265
 Kim McAninch 208
 Carol Himmelright 158
 Jenny Stein 115
 Hannah Stein youth 109
 Abby Christman 103
 Coral Slansky-Lear 103
 Kristin Aldridge youth 96
 Ansel Weese youth 81.6
 Kenneth Lear 72
 Tim Stein 57
 Chris Stein youth 18
 Erin Weese 11.5
2007 TOTAL 14625
 (36 members reporting)

LUCKY #7... Do You Want to get in on the Luck next year???

2007 state totals for reported trail miles were received by MOHC President Linda Weese and that is where Medina members stand in total mileage reported for 2007. 7th highest amongst all reporting OHC chapters. 36 of our members reported 14,625 miles ridden for 2007. That is up almost 500 miles from last year.

All you need to do is take one of those extra 2008 calendars and record your trail miles to send at the end of the year. Many of our members say they keep one in their horse trailer or handy in the barn to record their miles on. So keep track of your miles and be counted in 2008.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park was also listed as Lucky #7 in the state for total miles. OHC members logged 11,703 miles in the CVNP. Hinkley Reservation came in at #8 with 11,545 miles. MOHC members contributed 5,768 miles to the CVNP state total and 1,169 miles to the state's Hinkley total.

MOHC's #1 award in reported trail miles goes to Kathleen Tompkins who logged 1,135 total miles. Rounding out the Top 5 reporting for MOHC were Nancy Bedillion – 982; Sammie Kendricks – 840; Jack Weese – 777 and Pat Vance – 763.

THE OHC BOOTH

***Equine Affaire®*, April 10-13, 2008**

Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, OH
Breed Pavilion in the Voinovich Center



STOP BY THE BOOTH FOR A VISIT!

See your chapter banner, book and the slide presentations.

OHC MEMBERS PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Help Set Up on Wed., April 9th, Noon to 9 pm.

Be a Booth Greeter on Thursday April 10th – Sunday April 13th.

You'll have a very good time talking OHC and Horses!

Sign up for 2- hour shifts. Volunteer for as many shifts as you like.

Help Tear Down on Sunday, April 13th at 5:00 PM.

To volunteer please email: webmaster@ohiohorsemanscouncil.com
 or contact Linda Weese at 440-234-9668 or Lsweese@aol.com.

Be sure to include your Name, Chapter, Days & Times, Phone Number & Email Address

JACK'S STALL 3-08

At the State OHC Spring Meeting held in Delaware, OH on March 2nd Medina OHC was represented by Reuss Griffiths, Mike Pota and Jack & Linda Weese. The meeting was quite long and at times a bit intense. However, in the end I think that everyone left feeling pretty good about the meeting.

There were several items that required a bit of discussion. The membership restructuring and dues increase beginning in 2009 after much discussion was voted on and passed. The dues increase is minimal and will be easier for the State and County Treasurers to work with.

Senior Citizens, Youth and Individuals would be combined on one line and the dues will be \$15.00 each.

Family dues will increase to \$25.00 (from \$22.50).

Associate dues will increase to \$30.00 (from \$25).

Out of the dues amounts the County Chapters will keep \$2.00 each for the Seniors, Youth and Individuals; \$4.00 for the family classification and nothing for Associate dues.

Keep in mind the amounts listed above do not include the Medina County Chapter surcharge.

A by laws change in the grievance procedures was also voted on and passed.

I know that many of you have a lot of mistrust as far as the State OHC is concerned. The State OHC is not the same as it was a few years ago. The State Officers and Committees are very committed to working for the good of the County Chapters and of all of the membership. The by laws change (that Reuss and I played a part in) establishing the Executive Cabinet was a major change in the way the State OHC operates. It has proven to be very successful.

Linda gave a report regarding the status of the plans for the booth at Equine Affaire. Everything seems to be close to being under control.

I reported that we will have 11 State Trail Rides this year. Brown, Columbiana and Medina County Chapters will be hosting new rides this year.

Jackie Romaker reported that the company that we get the liability insurance from is now offering equine mortality insurance and insurance for equine professionals. The company must be contacted for information regarding rates and stuff like that.

It was interesting to hear about all of the work that the various chapters are involved with. Without the efforts of OHC the bridle trails in Ohio would not be nearly as extensive or as nice as they are. We are really lucky to have so many miles of bridle trails to ride and enjoy in the State of Ohio.

Plans are well under way for our very own State Ride in August. I will be very grateful to all of you who will be helping make our State Ride a wonderful weekend for our guests. As Larry Mathews would say, "Join in and do all the work that you wish to do and all for free" That is not an exact quote but I think that you get the idea.

If you are looking for something to do the weekend of March 29 & 30th the OTP weekend will be a great opportunity to help build some new trails in the Mohican-Malabar area. The OTP weekend was supposed to be March 8 & 9. It had to be rescheduled due to weather conditions. I hope that the weather is better on the new dates.

May your horse or mule be with you as you traverse the trails of life.

Jack Weese

2008 OHIO TRAILS PARTNERSHIP (O.T.P.)
WORK WEEKEND
RESCHEDULED to March 29 and 30

Location: Muskingum Water Conservancy District. Pleasant Hill Lake Park on St. Rt. 95 between Butler and Perrysville, OH

Time and Place:

- **Saturday, 3/29/08, 8:15 a.m.** Meet in the Recreation Center near boat dock for work assignments.
 - 8:45 a.m. Start work.
 - Coffee and donuts, 7:00 a.m.
 - Pack your own lunch
 - Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (provided)
 - Campfire
- **Sunday, 3/30/08, 7:30 a.m.** Meet in the Recreation Center near boat dock for work assignments.
 - 8:45 am. Start work
 - Coffee and donuts, 7:00 a.m.
 - Pack your own lunch
 - Work until 1:00 p.m.

Accommodations Available:

- Free camping with electricity and showers
- Ladies cottage – sleeps 8, first call basis
- Malabar Farm Hostel – dorm style (separate for ladies) - \$23/night
 - Call Barbara Dolbzal (419) 892-2055
- Angelwood Hideaway, Bed and Breakfast, Pleasant Valley Road
 - Call Vicki Cochran (419) 892-2929
- Mohican Lodge (419) 938-5411

Bring Tools (some will be available)

Contact: Mike Gerard
330-262-4537
 mgerard@bright.net

From North and Northeast - Directions to MWCD Pleasant Hill Lake

I-71 South to S.R. 30 East (towards Wooster) go approximately 1 mile to S.R.603 to right, (South) follow 603 through Mifflin, O. to end of 603 at S.R. 95, left on S.R.95 approximately 3 miles to Park entrance on right

 ***Keep this info handy in case you need to contact the co-chairs on the way to the work party!***

Medina County - Ohio Horseman's Council (Medina OHC)

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Patricia Vance (Trail Co-Chair) ~ (330) 836-9358, pavancelaw@aol.com
Mike Andrea (Trail Co-Chair) ~ (330) 592- 5953, mlandrea@yahoo.com
Linda Weese (Medina OHC President) ~ (440) 234-9668 or (216) 319-2252 Lsweese@aol.com

Please contact the Trail Co-Chairmen with all concerns, information and questions regarding Medina OHC Horse Trail Work Sessions in the CVNP. Keep their information handy in your truck or car in case you need to call on your way to a work party.

Wilderness Adventures: 3/15, 4/19, 5/17, 6/21, 7/19, 8/9, 9/13, 10/18, 11/15

Mar 15 Sat	Medina OHC ~ Cuyahoga Valley Horse Trail Wilderness Adventure! (AKA Medina OHC Work Party)	8:30 am SHARP!! Meet at the Covered Bridge Parking Lot COME EARLY for BREAKFAST!	Mike Andrea 330-592-5953 Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net	Patricia Vance 330-836-9358 Pavancelaw@aol.com
Mar 29-30 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
Apr 2 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 Lsweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
Apr 6 Sun	Medina OHC Spring Ahead Trail Ride	10:00 am Hinckley at 606 trailhead Bring "Tailgate" if you want to socialize after the ride	Jack Weese	440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net
Apr 9 Wed	OHC Booth Set up at Equine Affaire Volunteers are needed!!	Noon - 9:00 pm Columbus Expo Center State FairGrounds	Linda Weese	440-234-9668 Lsweese@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 Lsweese@aol.com
Apr 19 Sat	Medina OHC ~ Cuyahoga Valley Horse Trail Wilderness Adventure! (AKA Medina OHC Work Party)	8:30 am For exact meeting place contact the Trail Committee....Jack, Mike & Patricia	Mike Andrea 330-592-5953 Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net	Patricia Vance 330-836-9358 Pavancelaw@aol.com
Apr 25-27 Fri-Sun	Carroll County OHC/Buckeye Trail Riders	Harrison State Forest Work Weekend Chili Cook-off, Camp with Horses	Ross 330-739-2432 Kross@ohio.net	Matkowski 330-627-4749 Dec@preservetheplanet.org
Apr 26 Sat	Cuyahoga County OHC End to End Ride in Cleveland Metroparks	10:00 am Hinckley at the Kiwanis Building	Kathy King	216-443-6996
May 3 Sat	Summit County OHC Novice Competitive Trail Ride	Brecksville Metro Park		
May 7 Wed	Medina OHC General Meeting 6:30pm Social 7:00pm Meeting	Hines Hill Conference Center in CVNP MOHC members: Please bring something to share if you can	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lsweese@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	440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net
May 17 Sat	Medina OHC ~ Cuyahoga Valley Horse Trail Wilderness Adventure! (AKA Medina OHC Work Party)	8:30 am For exact meeting place contact the Trail Committee....Jack, Mike & Patricia	Mike Andrea 330-592-5953 Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net	Patricia Vance 330-836-9358 Pavancelaw@aol.com
May 17 Sat	Columbiana County OHC Regional Ride	Beaver Creek	Randi Jackson	330-702-1324 spudsridri@aol.com
May 17 Sat	Cuyahoga County OHC End to End Ride in Cleveland Metroparks	10:00 am North Chagrin ~ Oxbow Parking Bonnie, Joy, & Penny to lead	Kathy King	216-443-6996
May 23-26 Fri-Sun	Brown County OHC State Ride	East Fork State Park	Wayne Miracle 513-625-6855 Wmir5045@aol.com	Don Trindle 513-617-5002
Jun 4 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 Lsweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
Jun 6-8 Fri-Sun	Jefferson County OHC Regional Ride	Jefferson State Park	Kathy Ross	330-739-2432 Kross@ohio.net
Jun 6-8 Fri-Sun	Hocking & Fairfield OHC State Ride	Hocking Hills State Forest Camping at Palmerosa Campground Need Reservations	For reservations call... Chris Wheatley 740-385-3799	For Information... Neil Shaw 740-385-5306 Nb_lazvvalleyfarms@hotmail.com
Jun 7 Sat	Cuyahoga County OHC Regional Ride	South Chagrin Reservation Cleveland Metro Parks	Penny Passalacqua	440-248-0156 Pennyohe@sbgglobal.net
Jun 13-15 Fri-Sun	Greene County OHC State Ride	Caesar Creek State Park	Herb Rider 937-375-9829	Jack Lambert 937-376-8274
Jun 14 Sat	Stark County OHC NE Regional Ride	Tri-Co Horse Center	Jo Ellen Reikowski	330-497-2417 Jreikowski@juno.com
Jun 21 Sat	Medina OHC ~ Cuyahoga Valley Horse Trail Wilderness Adventure! (AKA Medina OHC Work Party)	8:30 am For exact meeting place contact the Trail Committee....Jack, Mike & Patricia	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 4-6 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 4-6 Fri-Sun	Wayne County OHC Regional Ride	Mohican State Forest	Tom Bahl	330-264-5640 TBahl@core.com
Jul 19 Sat	Medina OHC ~ Cuyahoga Valley Horse Trail Wilderness Adventure! (AKA Medina OHC Work Party)	8:30 am For exact meeting place contact the Trail Committee....Jack, Mike & Patrici	Mike Andrea 330-592-5953 Jack Weese 440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net	Patricia Vance 330-836-9358 Pavancelaw@aol.com
Jul 19-20 Sat-Sun	Columbiana OHC State Ride	Beaver Creek State Park	Dave Blower	330-542-3098 Davebcha@aol.com
Jul 20 Sat	Carriages in the Park Presented by the Western Reserve Carriage Association with the Help of Medina OHC	Cuyahoga Valley National Park Howe Meadow & Hale Farm 9:00 am — 5:00 pm	Bob Burrows	
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	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 Medina members: Please bring something to share.	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lsweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
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Aug 15-17 Fri-Sun	Medina OHC <u>STATE RIDE</u> 3rd Annual Bob Burrows PIG ROAST!	Cuyahoga Valley National Park Robinson Field on Akron Peninsula Rd	Jack Weese	440-234-9668 Weesej@att.net
Aug 24 Sat	Lake County OHC Regional Ride	Holden Arboretum Chincapin Camp ~ Baldwin Field	Michelle Sheliga	440-635-0596 Sheliga1@alltel.net
Sep 3 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 Lsweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
Sep 5-7 Fri-Sun	Lorain County OHC Regional Ride	CharleMont Reservation	Nathan Reader	440-748-1556 Dottiedart@msn.com
Sep 5-7 Fri-Sun	Pike County OHC State Ride	Pike Lake State Forest Camping at Tanglewood Acres	Joyce Schwartz tnglwd@bright.net	Ed Allshouse 740-207-1609
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 19-21 Fri-Sun	Carroll County OHC Regional Ride	Harrison State Forest	Kathy Ross	330-739-2432 Kross@ohio.net
Sep 19-21 Fri-Sun	Clermont County OHC State Ride	East Fork State Park	Jack Masterson	513-876-3956 jackanddasic@peoplepc.com
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 Medina members: Please bring something to share.	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lsweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 TretowJ@hotmail.com
Oct 3-5 Fri-Sun	Delaware County OHC State Trail Ride	Alum Creek State Park	Diane Hardin 740-524-4301 Fhardin@midohio.net	Kathy Bruno 614-889-1521 auntkak@juno.com
Oct 4 Sat	Geauga County OHC Regional Ride	WestWoods	Jackie Brown	330-469-2687 Ladygranya@yahoo.com
Oct 11 Sat	Ashtabula County OHC Regional Ride	Gulf Metro Park Ride at 11am ~ Lunch Provided	Kathy Mills	440-594-1440 Kjikitkat@hotmail.com
Oct 11-12 Sat-Sun	Preble County OHC State Trail Ride	Hueston Woods State Park	Doug Adams	937-452-7447 douga22@earthlink.net
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 Medina members: Please bring something to share.	Linda Weese 440-234-9668 Lsweese@aol.com	Joyce Tretow 330-725-3795 Tretow.J@hotmail.com
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We love our animals but sometimes - - - - -

Author Unknown

We've all had trouble with our animals, but I don't think anyone can top this one:

Calling in sick to work makes me uncomfortable. No matter how legitimate my excuse, I always get the feeling that my boss thinks I'm lying.

On one recent occasion, I had a valid reason but lied anyway, because the truth was just too darned humiliating. I simply mentioned that I had sustained a head injury, and I hoped I would feel up to coming in the next day. By then, I reasoned, I could think up a doozy to explain the bandage on the top of my head. The accident occurred mainly because I had given in to my wife's wishes to adopt a cute little kitty. Initially, the new acquisition was no problem.

Then one morning, I was taking my shower after breakfast when I heard my wife, Deb, call out to me from the kitchen.

'Honey! The garbage disposal is dead again. Please come reset it.'

'You know where the button is,' I protested through the shower pitter-patter and steam. 'Reset it yourself!'

'But I'm scared!' she persisted. 'What if it starts going and sucks me in?'

There was a meaningful pause and then, 'C'mon, it'll only take you a second.'

So out I came, dripping wet and butt naked, hoping that my silent outraged nudity would make a statement about how I perceived her behaviour as extremely cowardly.

Sighing loudly, I squatted down and stuck my head under the sink to find the button. It is the last action I remember performing.

It struck without warning, and without any respect to my circumstances. No, it wasn't the hexed disposal, drawing me into its gnashing metal teeth. It was our new kitty, who discovered the fascinating dangling objects she spied hanging between my legs. She had been poised around the corner and stalked me as I reached under the sink. And, at the precise moment when I was most vulnerable, she leapt at the toys I unwittingly offered and snagged them with her needle-like claws. I lost all rational thought to control orderly bodily movements, blindly rising at a violent rate of speed, with the full weight of a kitten hanging from my masculine region.

Wild animals are sometimes faced with a **'fight or flight'** syndrome. Men, in this predicament, choose only the 'flight' option. I know this from experience. I was fleeing straight up into the air when the sink and cabinet bluntly and forcefully impeded my ascent.

The impact knocked me out cold.

When I awoke, my wife and the paramedics stood over me.

Now there are not many things in this life worse than finding oneself lying on the kitchen floor butt naked in front of a group of 'been-there, done-that' paramedics.

Even worse, having been fully briefed by my wife, the paramedics were all snorting loudly as they tried to conduct their work, all the while trying to suppress their hysterical laughter.....and not succeeding.

Somehow I lived through it all. A few days later I finally made it back in to the office, where colleagues tried to coax an explanation out of me about my head injury. I kept silent, claiming it was too painful to talk about, which it was.

'What's the matter?' They all asked, **'Cat got your tongue?'**

If they only knew!

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