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MEDINA COUNTY CHAPTER OF OHIO HORSEMAN'S COUNCIL

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October 2010

Meetings:

1st Wednesday of the Month
6:30pm Social
7:00 pm Meeting
at Boston Store
(Boston Mills Rd.)
Cuyahoga Valley
National Park

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patricia Vance, pavancelaw@aol.com 330-836-9358

The leaves are turning. We are having some warm and sunny days and cool nights! Soon we will be clearing leaves off our beloved trails.

Our Obstacle ride was a success. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out. Like the Celebration, it takes a lot of volunteers to make this happen. Jack Weese and Reuss Griffith enjoy doing it and do a fine job.

We look forward to the Halloween ride. Plan on the night ride to the Covered Bridge. Could it be the Legend of Sleepy Hollow was just a story about a pumpkin, but the Legend of the Covered Bridge is the real thing! Plan to be there and be ware of ghosts and goblins and bats in the dark woods...that fly faster than lightning and tangle in your horse's mane!

Lynn Garrity will speak to us at our meeting November 3. Lynn is the Trail Planner. We will all have an opportunity to ask questions. Please see Trail Report in this issue for more details on the trail plan workbook. Our club is one of the Stakeholders as are Cuyahoga and Summit Chapters. Each chapter will be responding with input on behalf of the equestrian trail users. Also, anyone can send their own individual response. As was the consensus at the October meeting, if you feel the need to individually respond, please keep your comments positive.

Linda Weese wrote her general comments about the Draft Alternatives and sent the letter to Lynn Garrity and Paul Stoehr, deputy superintendent. Paul promptly replied with an email. Paul's letter was shared with everyone at the meeting as was Linda's. Linda's letter was positive in nature yet clearly spelled out all the concerns and complaints of our members.

Your club's input based on the consensus at the October meeting will be positive.

Thanks to everyone who brings refreshments to our meetings. It makes for a hospitable

atmosphere and everyone appreciates it.

We will be electing officers for 2011 at the November meeting, anyone interested in serving as an officer may be nominated from the floor. We will have a business meeting after our speaker and the questions.

We will see you Saturday morning for the trail session! Good weather is promised and those who work on trail may camp at Robinson.

Patricia Vance

Medina OHC Meeting

Boston Store, CVNP

November 3, 2010

Social 6:30, Meeting 7:00 pm
Bring a snack or dessert to share.

Special Guest – Lynn Garrity CVNP Trail Planner

and

Election of Officers

Nominating committee slate of officers
for 2011:

President – Patricia Vance
Vice President – Mike Andrea
Treasurer – Rosemary Young
Secretary – Karen Knuth

**Nominations are accepted
from the floor.**

**Anyone else wanting to run for an office
may be nominated from the floor.**

Medina OHC Work Party Adventures

We will feed you LUNCH after the work party ~Camping with Horses for Work Party Volunteers~
(no drive-in riders unless you worked on the trails)

October 16 ~ November 20

Contact the Medina OHC Trail Co-Chairs for all maintenance matters regarding the CVNP Horse Trails and Work Party Adventure Information.

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Jack Weese, weesej@att.net, Home (440) 234-9668, Cell (216) 780-9668

TRAIL REPORT ~ October 2010 *by Patricia Vance*

21 volunteers showed up on September 19 and helped make major improvements on Langes trail in the area behind Conway's. We had with us Doug Pollard, machine operator with the Park and the excavator. Some of the machine work had been started the day before. We installed 6 x 6 wood pieces that are 6 feet or 8 feet long. In places where a swale is located to drain water off the trail at an angle, these are referred to as water bars, where they are straight across the trail they are referred to as checks. Checks are buried so the top surface is at trail tread level. Water bars are set in so that the downhill edge is against firm soil.

When we arrived at the site in the morning, we found a ditch had been started by machine on the left side of the trail if you are going downhill. Doug and the machine finished the ditch so the water is directed straight off the trail at the turn. The large eroded area at the turn was filled with dirt from the ditch and packed down. We installed two more checks at that turn to help prevent erosion. We installed the three checks on the lowest part of the hill which had already been graded.

Doug, with the machine, re-graded the flat area at the bottom of the hill, moving dirt that had piled up on the down side of the trail there back over the trail to make a sloping grade so that the water coming off the hill can now continue to flow across the trail. This grading also accommodated the water coming down in the ditch on the right side (if you are going down) of the last hill. Doug does a great job with the machine. It is a great feeling to stand by and watch the machine do all that heavy lifting for a change!

Our SCA, Erica Larson was also out there on the job, she brought some tools and materials with the gator and helped with installing the checks. This was her last day on the job for us. We all enjoyed getting to know her and appreciate all the work she did on our horse trails and wish her much success!

Our volunteers included Rosemary Young, Jack Weese, Hugh Freeman, Greg Monsanty, Cynthia Greene, Doreen Danner, Mike Andrea, Louise Harting, Roy Hager, Kathy Tomkins, Stacy Sadar, Janet Gremba, Jim Justine, Jenny Stein, Hannah Stein, Chris Stein, Austin Thompson, Molly Eastwood, Cheryl Hess, Patricia Vance and Wayne Crouse..

One group also worked on improving the creek crossing at the bottom of that hill. At a previous session, we had worked on removing a rock dam which had been constructed immediately downstream of the crossing which had caused the water to back up on the trail. This day, we worked on getting a better clearing of the area so the water could flow by the crossing.

After completing the job the group returned to Robinson for a wonderful lunch prepared by Karen Knuth and Louise Harting. Everyone enjoyed relaxing and visiting. For sure it was a job well done and a great improvement to our trails.

The Park has made much progress on repairing the mud area on the Wetmore trail alongside the upper pasture. They have been adding material and hardening the surface and creating means for the water to drain off.

The Park has begun the work on repairing the creek crossing on Wetmore which has persistently been extremely muddy. It is the crossing where there is a very large boulder. Most of this work is machine work. This has been on our project list for some time as a priority. Depending on the status at the time, we may be doing some work there on our next session which is October 16.

Plan to join us! Saturday, October 16! Meet at 8:30 am at Robinson. After we finish our project, as usual, we are all treated to a great lunch.

There has been a lot of club interest in the Draft Alternatives provided to the public by the Park. Many of us attended the public meetings and expresses our concerns.

Included in the Draft alternatives is a possibility of sharing Wetmore loop with mountain bikes! The Park apparently understands the concerns of the horse riders and bike riders that this would create a potentially dangerous situation so their idea is to share the trail on

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alternate days! At the present time, mountain bikes are not permitted on the horse trails. As we all know, there are mountain bikers who ignore the rules and ride the horse trails, just as there are horse riders who ignore the rules and ride on closed trails. Also, we see that alternative as the equestrians are losing trails that our volunteers have built and maintained for 20+ years.

Your trail committee met with Mike Farley and Frank, members of CAMBA, the mountain bike association. They assured us that they did not request the Wetmore or Bedford alternatives. They are in agreement that bikes do not belong with horses. They also agree that the alternate days idea is unworkable. There is no way to make this idea fair.

The Park has indicated that they are aware of a trail in some state park in Carolina, where there is a shared trail, horses and bikes, and they claim it is working out well. What the Park failed to look into is what is meant by shared trail at that park. As we understand it, this trail has a central trailhead. There is a loop trail (I don't know actual direction) let's say east of the trailhead and another completely separate loop trail west of the trailhead. Each trail is in a separate area of the park. So, if you arrive on any given day to ride, you will see the sign that tells you which trail is yours today.

There were many in attendance at our October meeting, including members from Summit and Cuyahoga chapters. Our club, as a Stakeholder will be responding to the request for input to the Draft Alternatives as a club, as will Summit and Cuyahoga. A committee was formed to prepare an outline setting out our recommendations and requests in a concise form. We will be requesting to be part of setting trail standards, we will propose new horse trail routes. What comes from the committee will be the response of the equestrian users.

Park officials continually tell us these are drafts, in no way are they the final plan and our input is welcome.

Lynn Garrity, the Trail Planner will be at our November meeting. She will speak to us at 7pm. All will have full opportunity to ask questions. Please do your homework!

As the deadline for submitting our response is October 30, you will have our response available to you before the November meeting.

In the meantime, please, all of you who showed up because of the trail plan at the October meeting, who never come out to work on trail, you will be welcome. It is disheartening for those of us out on the trail work session to watch you members who never help out, enjoying riding by us as we work on your trails.

Patricia Vance for the trail committee




OHC Members ~ Don't miss it ~ It's fun ~ Food is great!
OHC Halloween Gala Camping and Riding Weekend
 October 22 – 24, Robinson Field, CVNP
Clambake – Saturday October 23, 2010 at 5:30 pm
Reservations are required for the Clambake. Send them ASAP.
 Info: Reuss Griffiths, reussg@yahoo.com, (216) 218-6954
 Sherry Eucker, bratlikeu@yahoo.com, (216) 440-0748
Check out the flyer in this newsletter.

JACK'S STALL ~ October 2010

Our 6th annual "Over the Top" Obstacle Ride was great. We had 26 riders who all came back into Robinson Field with brains and bones intact. We had 50+ volunteers who did a great job of taking care of all of the details, and judging the obstacles. Thank you folks, you came out and you conquered.

Congratulations go to all of our participants. Everyone finished the event. Barb Vega came in first place in the Adult Division with a whopping 150 points. Nicole Perry was a close second with 147 points. There were 18 entrants in the Adult Division and congratulations go to the rest of the ribbon winners: Tamra Kernen, Christine Griffin, Dave Danner, Doreen Danner, Wayne Stromsky, Barb Jurgens.

There were 6 riders entered in the Novice Division of Adults. Lori Lukehart was 1st place Novice and Mary Lou Caniglia was second. Thanks for stepping up and taking on a new challenge with your horse.

The Youth Division brought out our *Medina OHC Midnight Riders*. Congratulations Austin Thompson 1st place, and Hannah Stein and Chris Stein. Hope you all had fun!

Reuss Griffiths and I were the ride managers and we need to say a very special thank you to Connie and Don Shutts, and Hugh Freeman and Louise Harting who hung in there for four straight days to help us get things ready and set up for this event and then torn down as well. You guys are really great and we can't thank you enough.

We have many volunteers to thank but we'd be remiss without mentioning Rosemary Young (registration and accounting) who stepped in to help when the ride secretary was unavoidably unable to be there, and Joyce Tretow (scorer), and Kim McAninch (food). Some of you came in on Thurs. to help set up. Others volunteered on Friday. Some came in on Saturday and were judging teams and helped with various jobs. Then there were those who were there on Sunday to help with clean up. It's important for you all to know that this event would not go on without YOU. Thanks a lot for your help!

The next work party adventure is this Saturday, October 16th. Volunteers will meet at Robinson Field at 8:30 am. Volunteers may camp for the weekend. We'd love to have you come out and lend a hand and have some fun as well. For camping updates call me (440) 234-9668 or cell (216) 319-2252.

There's a lot of club stuff going on and many of us have been really busy trying to keep up with it all. If you came to the **October meeting, you know that as a group at the meeting we worked on formulating a Medina OHC response to the CVNP Master Trail Plan Alternatives that are due by October 30th.**

A special committee is in place and working so please **check your emails** and the Medina Website as we bring you more information regarding our plan of action.

Check out the CVNP Trail Management Planning Workbook at:

www.nps.gov/cuva

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cuyahogatrailplan>

When you get on the website, click on Document List and then Draft Alternatives - Trail Management Plan.

You can print the whole thing or select certain pages to print. Just be sure to keep checking your emails and the website for important updates and we'll try to keep the lines of communication open.

As I've said so often in the past, numbers are important. Please bring your 2010 Trail Miles Record up to date and continue recording those miles so that you can report them at the end of December and in January. Don't forget to keep track of your exact number of miles ridden in the CVNP as well as other parks. Record your hours in the saddle too!

Did you know that you're all welcome to come to the OHC State Meeting in Delaware, OH on Sunday November 7th at 10:30 a.m? You can find information regarding the meeting on the Home Page of the State Website

www.ohiohorsemancouncil.com. We'll be electing officers and oh yes, I almost forgot, I'm running for State President. If you want to come out and vote for me, I wouldn't be opposed.

Get out there and have some fun this October. I'm on my way to the Hocking Hills with Willie. I'll do a chain saw clinic and then we'll ride and then ride some more. It's supposed to be a beautiful weekend. Go have a blast!

As always, may your horse or mule or pony be with you as you traverse the trails of life. Jack Weese



!!! CLAM BAKE 2010 !!! HALLOWEEN GALA



MEDINA COUNTY CHAPTER OHC OCTOBER 22-24

ROBINSON FIELD IN CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

Friday 10/22: 1:00 pm – Field Opens Primitive Camping Horse water provided
7:30 pm – Moonlight ride to the Haunted Covered Bridge!

Saturday 10/23: Guided rides on request, fun games (corn hole, horseshoes, etc.)



4:30 pm – Horse & Dog Halloween Costume Contest
(People may dress up too!)

!!! 5:30 PM - CLAM BAKE !!!
Please bring a dessert to share and your own beverage.
Coffee will be provided.
CAMPFIRE at DUSK

Sunday 10/24: Ride on your own. Field closes at 4:00 PM.
Please remove all manure and loose hay from your site. Have a safe trip home.

**CLAM BAKE --- \$20.00 per BAKE - INCLUDES 1 DOZEN CLAMS, ½ CHICKEN,
CORN ON THE COB, YAM or POTATO, COLESLAW, ROLL AND BUTTER.**

CLAM LOVERS -- Add on to your bake: Extra dozen clams @ \$6.00

CLAM LOVERS -- Send in your reservation by Oct. 6th and you will be entered in a drawing to win an additional dozen clams.

For more info: Sherry Eucker 216-218-6954, bratlikeu@yahoo.com, Reuss Griffiths 216-440-0748,
reussq@yahoo.com, Jack Weese 440-234-9668, 216-780-9668, weesej@att.net.

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS SATURDAY OCT. 16th (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Please print neatly

List your OHC Chapter(s) _____

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____ Email _____

NUMBER OF CLAM BAKES _____ X \$20.00 = _____

No. of EXTRA DOZ. CLAMS _____ X \$6.00 = _____

Indicate YAM _____ or _____ POTATO

(Please indicate one yam or potato per bake)

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Please make checks payable to Medina OHC

Mail to: Sherry Eucker, 4051 Wyoga Lake Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44224

Medina County OHC Annual Banquet

Saturday, December 4th, 2010

5:30 Social ~ 6:30 Dinner

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50/50 Raffle ~ Chinese Auction with Awesome stuff!

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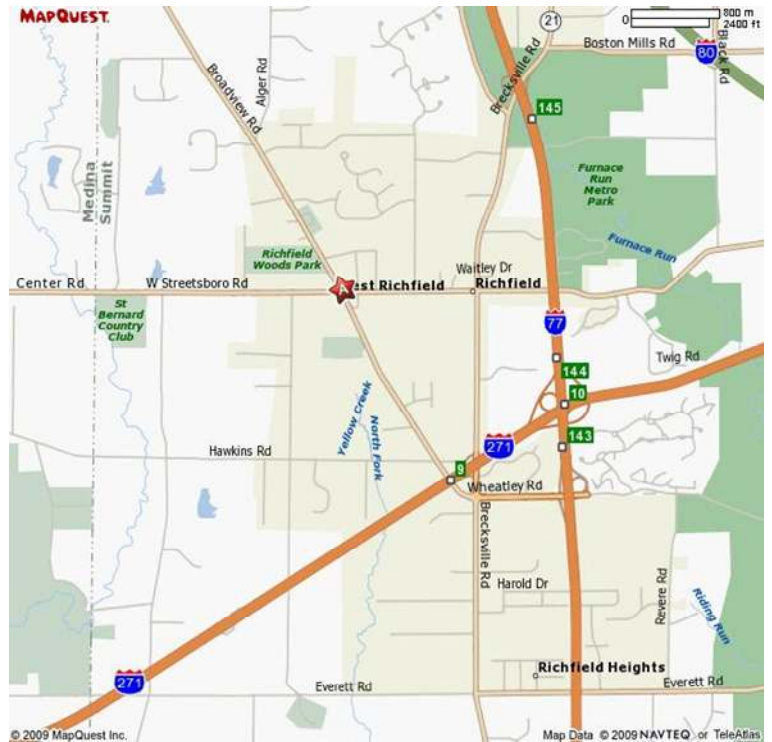
\$15.00 for Medina OHC Members
\$25.00 for Non-members

Price includes:

appetizers, salad, dinner, dessert,
non-alcoholic drinks

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

Medina OHC Members _____ x \$15.00 = _____

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(Membership is from January 1 to December 31)

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Member Since _____

Medina County Chapter

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Secondary Membership Fee: \$10.00

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OHC Basic Membership (Without Equine Excess Liability Insurance)				
Type <i>please circle your choice</i>	Membership Fee	Chapter Charge	Total	
Individual (1) / Student / Senior (65 as of Jan 1)	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	
Family (2) / Senior (both 65 as of Jan 1)	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$30.00	
OHC Plus Membership (With Equine Excess Liability Insurance)				
Type <i>please circle your choice</i>	Membership Fee	Chapter Charge	Insurance	Total
Individual (1) / Student / Senior (65 as of Jan 1)	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Individual with minor children (under 18 as of Jan 1)	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
Family (2) (with or without minor children)	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$40.00	\$70.00

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

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Increase in Insurance Amount!

All memberships must be renewed before Dec 31, 2010 !!

New Insurance Fee—New Membership Form!!!!

1. **If you buy liability insurance, THE AMOUNT HAS BEEN INCREASED BY \$1 PER PERSON! It's now \$20 for individuals and \$40 for families. Insurance takes effect January 1, 2011.**
2. **Fill out the membership form completely** (legibly, please)
3. **This form is for Medina County only.** If you would like to join another county as a secondary member, you must contact that county and fill out their membership form.
4. Include your e-mail address if you care to receive information online
5. Include your cell phone number (if possible) – this helps us communicate during events
6. **Sign the form! - It will be return if un-signed !!!!!**
7. Make your check payable to : **Medina OHC**
8. Family memberships include children **under** 18. 18 years of age and older must have their own membership.
9. For family memberships that include two adults, **BOTH adults must sign** the form.
10. If this is a Secondary membership be sure to write "Secondary" across the top of the form. The amount is \$10.
11. Be sure to check the boxes for **Newsletter (mail or website)**
Please take advantage of reading it on-line at our website, it really saves the club money!
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Rosemary Young
9480 Tracy Trail
Parma Ohio 44130

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

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