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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Good morning! We are looking forward now to some fine fall weather for riding. Our people have accomplished a lot this season improving our beloved trails. See Trail Report in this newsletter. We can all be proud of our contribution to this effort.

Our State Ride was a big success and Mother Nature cooperated. Read more in the article in this newsletter.

Next event is the Obstacle Ride which is always a lot of fun.

September 24 is National Public Lands Day and we will be involved as reported in last month's newsletter, retrieving the big bridge from where it rests downstream. The horsepower will be provided by Todd Riedel's fine Shire mares.

At our August meeting, we voted to again purchase the ParkShares for Robinson field, in effect we adopt the field for a year. Due to a mix up last year, we did not use the right to purchase one that had been donated to our club by the Conservancy and was won by Cynthia Green. She donated it to the club to use to buy one of the Robinson "acres." The acquisition is complete and MOHC now has the seven "acres" that we use of Robinson. The cost is \$75 per "acre." You can find out more from the web site - parkshares@cvnpa.org. This contribution helps toward the endowment part of the "Trails Forever" program of the Conservancy.

The nominating committee, Rosemary Young and Carol Himelright are seeking club members to fill the four officer slots. All four of your officers have now served two terms and our by-laws provide for term limits. So, if you are interested in being an officer, let Rosemary or Carol know. Election will be at the November meeting.

Our 25th Anniversary party on the train November 5 at last report, there were only

6 tickets left. You all have been reminded many times by the committee that the private car is limited to 64 people. So, if you have not gotten your ticket by now, we will not feel sorry for you if you come around wailing on November 4. It will be a great party and for sure something different.

Reminder, Metroparks Serving Summit County is again having the archery program this season. This program is for the purpose of providing a means of culling the deer herd. Permits are issued to 25 hunters. Each must be certified and licensed by ODNR and also comply with additional requirements of the Metro Parks. They are assigned areas and are not to be close to any trails. The hunt is limited to archery only, no firearms. I personally have encountered several of the hunters in the past two years and Metroparks seems to be doing a great job of selecting responsible and ethical individuals to harvest some of the deer.

Some of you may not be aware that quite a bit of the land upon which our horse trails are located are owned by Summit Metroparks. These include parts of Perkins, Riding Run, Langes, Wetmore and Valley.

Louise Harting and Becky Sheryak made an inventory of club items that we have at the storage shed the park permits us to use. That will be very helpful for future events. It can be updated as it is in electronic format. Who knows, maybe it can be kept up to date on an ongoing basis!

Don't forget the next trail work adventure, September 17 and the Obstacle Ride September 24th. See you there!

Patricia Vance, president

CELEBRATION 2011

Congratulations to all who volunteered to help make Celebration 2011 a huge success! This year we had more competitors, of course the regulars who are competing for year end points and awards as well as some who decided to give the sport a try for the first time, and also those who enjoy competing at Celebration just to be part of the fun and camaraderie, assess how their trail horse is doing, and learn a little bit more about horses and trail riding.

We had a lot of junior riders this year including Ashley Weaver, Chris Stein, Hannah Stein, of our club. Ashley Weaver, riding Jack Weese' gelding, *Willie*, placed third in heavyweight division of the 25 on Saturday. Ashley also placed second in the 15 mile on Sunday with her horse, *Sam*.

The objective of Competitive Trail Ride is the condition and fitness of the horse. It is about taking care of your horse. Each horse is examined by the judge before, during and after the ride. The Judge must be an equine veterinarian.

Holding this event each year helps our club members better explain the need for more trails. Non horse folks can better grasp the concept of the horse carrying the person over 25 miles of trails – no big deal, or 50 miles, again – no big deal - **as long as horse is in fit condition to do it (and the rider also)**! Recreational trail riding is a non competitive distance riding sport.

This is year 19 for Celebration. It was in 1992 that Carolyn Sullivan and Deb Donner suggested the club put on a CTR. And so, it has become our major fund raiser. In years before 1992, the club had possession of the farmstead at Wetmore Trailhead and in September would hold a gathering called Celebration in the Valley. Members could stay overnight and stable in the barn there and there was food and music. As we know, the Park decided to lease that property.

The Park generously allowed us to use Howe Meadow, called at that time The Special Events Site, for our base camp and so it has been ever since.

We receive many compliments from participants on how nice the location is. Our volunteers do a great job to show our appreciation and do our utmost to take good care of the field. We especially appreciate the generosity of Curtis Perkins, owner of Agricultural Waste Solutions, a division of C. Martin Trucking in Medina for donating the use of the big dumpster to dispose of manure during the event. Dennis Sinclair volunteered to collect the manure and deposit it into the dumpster with his tractor and front end loader. Most everyone was very conscientious about cleaning up their sites to perfection.

We appreciate very much our vet judge, Dr. Pam Hess, DVM of Chardon, Ohio. Dr. Pam is an equine veterinarian and is also on the faculty at Lake Erie College. She is always friendly and cheerful and very knowledgeable and provides many helpful suggestion to competitors as to how they can improve in various aspects of handling the horse, and provides information to them about any situation going on with the horse. The scribes included Bonnie Bennington, Becky Sheryak and Roxanne Owen. This is the job to have if you want to really learn a lot. The scribes mark the score sheet for the vet as to each horse. Scribes get to observe the horse and learn from the vet what is seen, for example any lameness and where it is.

It is also necessary to have folks to take the horse's pulse at vet checks. Helping with that were Bobbie Broa, Debbie Donner, Denise Connaly and Kim Andrea.

This year our secretary was Mickie Newnam. Mickie has been involved in the sport for many years and has experience as a secretary. She was our lay judge last year. Did a great job. Again this year, Dan Schmidt provided the use of his large closed trailer for the secretary's office. Many thanks to Dan!

Dave Donner, again set up shop and provided lunch for all the volunteers on Saturday and Sunday, so that from around 11 am until around 4 or so, food was available. Dave is the volunteers' hero!

Patricia received many compliments on the delicious dinner served to all competitors and volunteers Saturday night. Patricia donated the dinner and no, she did not cook it, she left that to the professionals. Helping to serve were Cynthia Green, Tim Stein, Chris Stein, Beth Imars, and Rosemary Young. Dessert was a fabulous sheet cake from Fairlawn Giant Eagle.

Our lay judge this year, Carolyn Loudeman, volunteered her expertise. The lay judge assists the vet judge. Jack Weese was in charge of grounds, parking, and transporting equipment to and from Howe, and water buckets etc to and from Robinson, and filling water buckets at the halfway vet check. Many people showed up to help with setting up and tearing down at Howe, the tent and tables etc.

Mike Andrea was in charge of road crews. Included in this were Beth Imars Teresa Heger, Sandy Bard, Wayne Crouse, Jonathan Hughes and Leslie Andrea. Our competitors very much appreciate the road crossing people. These folks keep track of the horses coming through, so if all have gone through their checkpoint but one or two, they call to Mike to inquire. Usually it has to do with taking a wrong turn.

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The auction has become a great attraction of our ride. It took place at 5pm on Saturday, right before dinner. Our auctioneer was the one and only Tom Sadar! Our prize acquisition committee collected some very, very nice merchandise for the auction.

Jim Sullivan served as timer – timing each rider as they left Howe, timed them in at Robinson and then out from Robinson, and then timed them in at Howe on their return. Peggy Dunn was a great help in this as well.

Carolyn Sullivan took care of setting the routes for the ride, preparing the maps and a document for each rider, “Things to Remember.” Very helpful. Helping to mark trails Denise Connolly, Debbie Donner, Molly Eastwood, Carolyn Sullivan. Cheryl Hess and Joyce Tretow helped take down markers after the ride.

Stacy Sadar helped to gather prizes, transported club equipment to the site, and worked road crew.

Linda Weese took care of helping with prizes, handling the auction, running the club store and generally helping out wherever needed

Roxanne Owen, Jonathan Hughes, Peggy Costic, Cynthia Green, Peggy Dunn, Becky Sheryak, Ashley Weaver, Rob Pliskin, Pam Weese, Ansel Weese, Caitlin Weese, Erin Weese, and many others helped out in many ways. I know that we have not listed everyone. Please see a list of all volunteers in this newsletter prepared by Linda Weese.

Our friends at the Park, Bill Zimmer, Dan Manning and Norm Rieker were awesome! Aside from the other assignments on their agendas, they managed to take care of removing all fallen trees on the ride route, and mowing any areas on the route that needed mowing that we reported to them. We appreciate all the help our club receives from the Park for this event.

As you can see, Celebration is the huge success that it is because of all of you, our volunteers, who give of your time, experience, money and effort toward making this all happen. The event made a nice profit for our club. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!!!!

It was clear to most of us that everyone – competitors and volunteers alike had a great time and really enjoyed themselves. And, Mother Nature provided very nice weather!

Patricia Vance, Ride Manager

SEPTEMBER 2011 TRAIL REPORT

On August 13 eighteen volunteers showed up and a lot was accomplished. A project to remedy the mud at the double creek crossing on Wetmore had been started by the park earlier in the week. Mike Andrea, Jack Weese, Greg Monsanty, Phil Urbank, Madison Fleming and Megan Fleming helped out at this location. Material was installed, a frame constructed and grass was planted. We will see how this works out. So far it seems to be fine.

Another project also partly done with machine work by the park was the approach to the Arizona bridge on Riding Run Trail. Material was installed, the trail was slightly rerouted, and it looks like the project is a success. Eliminating the deep mud was the objective. Helping on both these projects were Jeff and Norm from the Park. Also, Rob Pliskin, Jack Weese, Phil Urbank, and Mike Andrea helped on this as well.

Becky Sheryak, Ronda Urbank, Bonnie Bennington, Molly Eastwood and Kathy Tomkins cleared all the ditches on Riding Run and a very nice job it was!

Fixing erosion and mud areas on Perkins switchback were Wayne Crouse, Rob Pliskin, Janet Gremba, Jennie Stein, Hannah Stein, Austin Thompson and Patricia Vance. A great improvement!

Eventually everyone made it over to Robinson and enjoyed the fine lunch prepared by Karen Knuth and assisted by Peggy Costic (temporarily unable to help on trail) and Linda Weese.

Our next session is September 17. Meet at Robinson field. The more of you who show up to help the more we can improve our trails. Also, it never fails, we all have a fun time with it! Overall, the trails are in great shape and we heard many compliments from the guests at the State ride.

Patricia Vance, for the trail committee

JACK'S STALL ~ September 2011

I have really been having a big bunch of fun with OHC events this year. The year is going by so quickly. Where does the time go?

The latest adventure was our MOHC State Ride. I was very pleased with the outcome of the ride.

We started the weekend with the moonlight (sans moonlight) ride to the Covered Bridge. Jenny Stein led the ride and the drag rider was Ashley Weaver. Linda and Jack Weese, Becky Sheryak and Jonathan Hughes provided traffic control at the road crossings. I'm not sure but I believe there were 18 horses and riders on the ride. Everyone seemed to be able to evade the bees along by the goats except Ashley who collected a couple of stings. Fun ride!

Saturday dawned bright and clear. Just about everyone from the 48 rigs present took to the trails and had wonderful rides. A couple of folks had a bit of trouble finding all of their chips for their poker hand but they eventually prevailed.

What is a MOHC State Ride without a little bit of rain? This year we were prepared for inclement weather. We had a second tent in the dining area. It showered just for a couple of minutes just before we started dinner on Saturday, then the sun came back out and all was well and good.

Bob and Susan Burrows prepared a very tasty pig (190+ pounds) with all of the trimmings. So many folks pitched in to help with the dinner that I can't begin to name everyone for fear of omitting someone. A big Thank You everyone.

Brenda Montandon and some of her picker buddies entertained us by the campfire after dinner. They make some mighty fine old time music.

We had guests from 14 county chapters and some at large members. I think that I had 48 rigs parked in Robinson Field. We served dinner to about 125 people. I think that these are record numbers for a MOHC event.

A couple of accidents happened during the event. Bob Schoger was rear ended as he was turning to enter Robinson Field. Both he and his Percheron "Ralphie" were pretty shook up but had no serious injuries. A Park Ranger was behind the car that hit Bob. This is probably the first time in history that a ranger was on the scene of an accident waiting for it to happen.

Cynthia Greene's horse Whisper lost his footing on a slick switchback. Both he and Cynthia had some bumps and bruises. Cynthia received a ride back to civilization in an ATV courtesy of the Peninsula rescue squad and Whisper was ponyed back to camp. Both were on Bute for a few days.

THANK YOU to all of our CVNP friends for helping prepare Robinson Field for our State Ride and some last minute touch-up of the trails. Bill Zimmer, Supervisor of Trails/Grounds, and his crew are a bunch of great guys. We thank you very much.

THANK YOU to everyone who did more than their share all weekend from set-up to teardown. Medina OHC has wonderful members who will go above and beyond when it comes to pitching in and helping. Thank you all who helped make this ride possible and showcase the unique beauty of CVNP.

The 2011 "GIBBY MEMORIAL RIDE" and work session was held the first weekend in August at Barkcamp State Park. Walter Gibson was the driving force creating the bridle trail system here.

I (with the help of child bride Linda, inside joke) was in charge of the logistical details and Rick Patterson took charge of the crews.

The total number of rigs attending was down from previous years but the number of people working on the trails was up.

The handshake agreement is that the Park takes care of the Blue

Trail that circles the Park and that OHC takes care of the remaining trails that crisscross the Park. Belmont County Chapter does as much as they can with the trails but the job is beyond what they can do. This is where the rest of OHC steps in with our three-day work session.

This year we were able to completely clear the Red, Yellow and Silver Trails. A platform was installed on the White Trail. We had six DR Mowers clearing the trails with several chainsaw crews leading the way.

A new highline was installed in the area of Sites 55, 57, 59, 61 and 63. The old highline was anchored to dead trees and was falling down. The new one is held up by 6x6 treated posts set about 3 1/2 feet deep in concrete. It will stay a long time

In the highline area behind Sites 42, 44 and 45 mud was scooped out, drainage improved and limestone-screening fill was used to replace the mud. A big improvement!

We had a worker appreciation dinner Thursday evening, Belmont OHC provided hot dogs and burgers Friday evening and we had our world famous potluck Saturday evening. The Stark County gang took care of setting up the potluck and Danny Anderson and Steve Six cooked the burgers and hot dogs. The Square Dance band cancelled out on us due to the weather. The GIBBY Award winners were Craig and Charlene Santee from Licking County Chapter. Just as we were finishing up the award presentations after dinner on Saturday it really started to pour down buckets of rain. It rained most of the rest of the evening.

Kim McAninch and her horse Dexter went with us to the "Gibby" She was such a big help. She ran one of the DRs for a couple of days (everyone on the work crews fell in love with her) helped me with the grill (she is a very good corn on the grill turner) and did most of the taking care of the horses. She even got in some trail riding. Thank you Kim.

THANK YOU everyone who came to the "GIBBY". You are an awesome group of horse people dedicated to making sure that Ohio has the finest bridle trails in the world.

Coming back closer to home, the "Over The Top" Trail Obstacle Competition will be the weekend of September 24th. I am going to try to incorporate more natural obstacles this year and a few more basic horsemanship challenges. It promises to be a lot of fun. Larry Owens is working on the obstacles, Kim McAninch and Liz Bailey are working on the food and Cheryl Nowack is the ride secretary.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

As usual we are scrambling to find enough judges and spotters for the judges. We will be calling many of you past judges for a commitment to judge again this year. If you and some of your friends would like to help out please give me a call or shoot an email. 440-234-9668 weesej@att.net

We will be setting up the tent Thursday evening, the 22nd. If you come to help you may also camp free of charge. We will be creating and organizing obstacles Thursday afternoon and on Friday. The ride is on Saturday. And of course we will have the teardown and obstacle removal after the competition and the field cleanup Sunday afternoon.

Between now and the Obstacle Ride I don't have too much going on. Well, we do have a work session in there sometime and then there is The Chili Cook-Off at Mohican State Forest and I do need to paint my garage. But wait a minute, isn't painting best left to those who don't know how to ride?

As always, may your equine be with you as you traverse the trails of life. Remember, a beautiful horse is only a light switch away.

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Boston Mills Area Planning Public Scoping Request for public input on three following questions

Input from Horsemen's Council

Question: What issues or concerns would you like NPS to consider during this planning effort?

Answer:

All aspects of the Plan should be consistent with the Trail Plan efforts now in progress for CVNP with consideration to needs of the equestrian users of the Park. Valley Bridle Trail, which extends from Brecksville/Bedford in the north, south to Wetmore and across the valley to the west, passes through the Boston historic district. The Bridle trail should remain intact through this area with minimum impact by vehicles and bicycles.

The parking lot known as Boston Store overflow lot was constructed partly with financial contributions from the Horsemen's Council and has historically been in use for horse trailer parking to provide access for equestrians to the Valley Bridle Trail in this area.

Question: What might improve or enhance your experience in the Boston Mills area?

Answer:

Accommodations for overnight stabling of horses at Stanford house barn would greatly enhance the experience of equestrian users in this historic area. They could stay at Stanford house and stable their horses in the barn. This would afford them the opportunity to explore the area on foot during their stay, visit the center, take short hikes, for example to Brandywine Falls. A loop trail should be created to afford the opportunity to ride from this location to Brandywine Falls. This trail can also be used by hikers.

The Horsemen's Council supports the Conservancy's suggestion to increase the number of primitive camp sites at Stanford.

Question : Can you describe and specific alternatives or actions that should be considered?

See above

Comment: At this time the Horsemen's Council does not have sufficient information to comment on the Zielenski property as a site for a visitor center. We agree the Boston Store has inadequate floor space and parking to serve as the primary Park Visitor Center.

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We also want to thank all of our AWESOME Medina OHC Members who have donated their auction items, time, money, and effort to making this a great Medina OHC Event!

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Work party volunteers may camp with their horses Fri. – Sun.

Sept. 16-18 - STATE RIDE at Mohican – Chili Cookoff – Wayne County

Sept. 23-25 - **Medina OHC Obstacle Ride Robinson Field, CVNP** Jack Weese, weesej@att.net, (440) 234-9668Oct. 5 – (Wed) **Medina OHC Meeting**, Boston Store, CVNP, Social 6:30, Meeting 7:00 PM Please bring a snack to share!Oct. 8 – (Sat) **Medina Work Party Adventure, Robinson Field, CVNP, 8:30 AM**

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October 21-23 – **Medina OHC Halloween Gala and Clambake Weekend**Nov. 2 – (Wed) **Medina OHC Meeting (ELECTION of OFFICERS)** Boston Store, CVNP, Social 6:30, Meeting 7:00 PMNov. 5 - **Medina OHC 25th Anniversary Banquet**Nov. 6 – **OHC State Meeting**, Eagles Lodge, Delaware, OHNov. 19 – (Sat) **Medina OHC Work Party with Trails Council.** 8:30 AM, Location TBADec. 7 (Wed) **Medina OHC Meeting**, Boston Store, CVNP, Social 6:30, Meeting 7:00 pm Please bring a dessert or snack to share!**Conservancy Response to CVNP Request for Public Opinion****1. What issues or concerns would you like the NPS to consider during this planning effort?****Conservancy position:**

- **We need a "full service" park visitor center in the heart of the national park.** The Conservancy believes the Cuyahoga Valley National Park - 10th most visited national park - has enough national, regional, and local visitation to warrant a centrally located visitor center. The Boston Store Visitor Center has inadequate floor space for visitor orientation, exhibits, sales, and audio visual functions, and has inadequate parking availability. Reliance on this inadequate facility as the primary park visitor center results in unnecessary congestion in the heart of the Village of Boston.
- **Consideration of expanding the backcountry camping site adjacent to the Stanford House.** The existing campground has only five campsites, which is inadequate to meet current demand. The number of campsites should be increased to at least ten, and consideration should be given to providing remote parking to service this facility as well as upgrading current campground services.
- **Better pedestrian and trail connections linking park-owned facilities in the Boston area, including Hines Hill Conference Center and the Stanford House.**

2. What might improve or enhance your experience in the Boston Mills area?**Conservancy position:**

- **Relocation of the CVNP visitor center functions from the Boston Store to the Zielenski Court property, located at the corner of Riverview and Boston Mills road.** Located on the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Scenic Byway - Riverview Rd. - this historic property is ideally situated along the Cuyahoga River and across from the Boston Mill railroad station, and would provide parking outside the Village of Boston, thereby lessening congestion in the heart of the village. The first floor of the Boston Store could then function as exhibit space or be used for some other purpose.

3. Can you describe any specific alternatives or actions that should be considered?**Conservancy position:**

- **The Conservancy has acquired an option to purchase the Zielenski Court property, as we believe this may be an ideal location for a new Visitor Center for the National Park.** Pending park study of this matter, the Conservancy is prepared to raise the necessary funds to both exercise its option to acquire Zielenski Court, and develop this facility as "full service" visitor center for the national park. The property would be transferred to the national park upon project completion.

From your 25th Anniversary Committee

It's less than 2 months away! Our great 25th Anniversary train ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. **We only have 6 seats left!** Please contact Rosemary Young (440-884-7994 or mohotta@prodigy.net) or Cynthia Greene (440-792-4691 or cyngrne@roadrunner.com) for reservations.

The maps to the Northside station in Akron will be mailed out the week of September 11.

The address is 27 Ridge St, Akron OH 44308 at the corner of Howard St. The two maps give an overview of the area and a more detailed view of the nearby streets. Please do your own MapQuest or use your GPS for getting to the station in downtown Akron. Unlike the other stations, this one is a bit harder to explain how to get to. Give yourself plenty of time on November 5. We're hoping for good weather. The train will leave promptly at 11:35. Boarding starts at 11:05.

We hope to make this a really fun time. We have our own car with an area of domed seating, our own bartender and great lunches from Acme catering. Don't get left behind! Get aboard the "M" train!

Time to Renew Your Membership !

All memberships must be renewed before Dec 15, 2011 !!

Your liability insurance expires on December 31!

You will also be taken off all state and county distribution lists if you do not renew!

Liability insurance (if you purchase it) becomes effective on January 1, 2012. The policy is with the state and printed copies of the policy as well as insurance cards are not available until 2012.

1. **Fill out the current membership form completely** (legibly, please)
2. Include your e-mail address –makes communication easier and faster!
3. Include your cell phone number (if possible) – this helps us communicate during events
4. **Sign the form! - It will be return if un-signed !!!!**
5. Make your check payable to : **Medina OHC**
6. **Family memberships – Please read as this has changed in recent years!**
Family memberships are for spouses or domestic partners one of whom must be 18 years of age or older and their dependants. Dependant means that the spouse or domestic partner contributes greater than 50% of the dependant's support. This is even if the dependant is over 18 years of age.
For family memberships that include two adults, **BOTH adults must sign** the form.
7. There is also a type of membership for a single adult with minor children who wishes to get the liability insurance. It is \$50.
8. **Secondary memberships:**
Be sure to write "Secondary" across the top of the form. The amount is \$10. You must already be a primary member of another county.
Do not include secondary memberships for other counties! You need to contact that county and fill out their form.
9. **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 our club money!
10. 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. Just use the membership form and write "Address change only" across the top.
If you have any questions, contact me.

Thanks!

Rosemary Young 440-884-7994 mohotta@prodigy.net

“Over the Top” Obstacle Ride

6th Annual Medina OHC – Judged Pleasure Trail Ride Competition ~ Saturday, September 24, 2011



RIDE MANAGER: Jack Weese—440-234-9668 (weesej@att.net)
Larry Owens---330-825-9145 (rollercade4fun@aol.com)

RIDE SECRETARY: Cheryl Nowack---216-475-3415 (mohctrailmiles@aol.com)

WHAT IS IT:

Obstacle Competition (Saturday) paid participants will Ride their Horse on approximately 6-8 miles of the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park Bridle Trails encountering 6-15 obstacles of various levels of difficulty along the way ~ All with alternative ways around. Event shows how the horse & rider work as a team.

(Sunday) On your own practice with selected obstacles at Robinson Field. Ride and food on your own.

TERRAIN: Mostly wooded, improved bridle trails

WHERE: Robinson Field, Cuyahoga Valley National Park

DIRECTIONS: From I-271 take 303 East to second light in Peninsula, turn right on Akron Peninsula Road. Continue down Akron-Peninsula Rd. for approximately 2 miles. Robinson Field is on the left side of the road, but it is unmarked. (Approximately 1/3 mile past Wetmore Rd.) Carefully turn into the gravel driveway marked with OHC signs.

CAMPING: Primitive with port-a-potties. Horse Water is provided. Stores, motels, restaurants located within 6 miles of the site. There are high lines onsite at Robinson Field. (Due to damage to the field, corrals are restricted to areas approved by the ride managers) Grounds officially open Friday at 1:00pm & closes Sunday at 5:00pm.

FOOD: Each Competition Entry includes food tickets that can be used for snacks or a light meal on Saturday. Additional food tickets will be available for a modest fee at the event.

FEES:

OBSTACLE COMPETITION	Saturday, September 24, 2011	\$40 adult (Jr. \$25) • Pre-registration for Competition is NOT Required; but it is preferred.
	Sunday, September 25, 2011	Work on your skills (\$free) Ride on your own.
Camping	\$10 for the weekend	
Clean-Up Deposit	\$10 refundable deposit required for site cleanup This is Required for ALL people with horses - DAY RIDERS or CAMPERS	

ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMETS!

SCHEDULE		RULES & REGULATIONS
FRIDAY	1 pm Robinson Field Opens for Camping. Please Check in with Ride Secretary and register for the event. Food and Riding on your own	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety helmets required for ALL Riders • Proof of negative Coggins required for out of state horses. • Clean up after your horse and yourself • Place all manure and loose hay in the dumpster or trailer. Do not scatter manure and hay in the woods. • NO Alcohol • NO Ground Fires • All Dogs MUST be Leashed at ALL times • All Horses Must be under Physical Control at All times. • NO Dogs or Horses in or around the Food Tent • Quiet time 10:00pm-6:00am...NO GENERATORS running at this time
SATURDAY	8am On-Site Registration tba Judges meeting 10 am Riders Meeting 11am First Horse Out 4 pm Awards, Prizes, Results <i>Food, snacks, drinks available with tickets. Food Tickets available for purchase</i>	
SUNDAY	Ride on your own. When ready to leave, have your site inspected to receive your refund. 5 pm Field Closes	

Obstacle COMPETITION Saturday, September 24, 2011	\$40 adult (Jr. \$25)	\$
		\$
Camping	\$10 for the weekend	\$
Refundable \$10 Cleanup Deposit Required for ALL people with horses ~ Day Riders or Campers~	\$10 Refundable deposit <i>REQUIRED</i> for site cleanup	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$

Send check made out to:

Medina County OHC & Mail to Cheryl Nowack, 12705 Oak Park Blvd. Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125
Pre-registration for Competition is not required; but it is preferred.
100% refund if secretary is notified at least 24 hours before the event.

Name (Print) _____

Address _____ Telephone # _____

Cell Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Emergency Contact Name/Phone _____

Horse's Name: _____ (S / M / G) Breed: _____ Hands Tall: _____
(out-of-state riders must provide proof of negative Coggins – send copy if pre-registering)

Amt Paid _____ **Check #** _____ **License State/#** _____ **Division** _____

LIABILITY RELEASE: Name of Ride MOHC Over The Top Trail Ride Judged Obstacle Competition Date 9-24-2011

The Undersigned acknowledges that horseback riding is a sport which carries an inherent risk, that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and accidents can happen to anyone at any time whether on trail or in camp, which means a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including, but not limited to any of the following:

- (a) The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
- (b) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movements, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- (c) Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions both natural and man-made;
- (d) A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
- (e) The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant;
- (f) Involve being in remote areas, far from communications, transportation and medical facilities;

The Undersigned, in consideration of acceptance of his/her entry in this ride, does hereby for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release all ride personnel and the sanctioning Ride Organizations, their officers, and all individual members thereof, and all other persons including all property owners over whose land the ride both encamps and crosses, administrators and assigns for any and all right, claim or liability of any kind or nature that the Undersigned might have. Further, the Undersigned does hereby acknowledge that said release will extend to any accidents, damages or claims arising out of his/her entry caused by his/her own acts or anyone or any animal with his/her control.

The participant has read and understands this liability release and agrees to abide by all rules stated in the registration including keeping all dogs on leash, no dogs or horses in and around the food tent, removal of all trash, waste, hay and manure from their immediate parking/camping area and abiding by quiet time hours with regards to generators.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT (Parent, Guardian, or Custodian, if under age 18) _____ DATE _____

EMERGENCY CONSENT FOR THOSE RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE: Riders date of birth _____

I the Parent/Guardian do understand and have signed the statement above. I further authorize ride personnel to consent on my behalf to any emergency medical treatment by a properly licensed person which may be required for my child/ward and do agree to indemnify and hold harmless any person giving such consent.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

Office Use Only: Membership Type _____ Date Rec'd _____ Check # _____ Rec'd by _____ SR# _____

Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.
Membership Application For Year 20__

(Membership is from January 1 to December 31)

() New () Renewal

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Medina County Chapter

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

Primary County: _____ or () At Large Secondary _____

Secondary Membership Fee: \$10.00

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

I do not want to receive the Corral. I do not want to receive the State Newsletter.

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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).

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
 (Name) (Age) (Name) (Age) (Name) (Age) (Name) (Age) (Name) (Age)

Associate Membership		
No. of Members:	Membership Fee: \$30.00 + \$10 chapter fee=\$40.00	Association President/Chairperson:

Your application cannot be accepted without your original signature(s). If Family membership, both spouses/partners must sign; if Individual membership, applicant must sign; if Student and under 18, parent or guardian must sign. Also date this document. By signing this document, I (we) agree to the terms and conditions of the By-Laws of the Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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