



Fence Talk

March 2005



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18-20Equine Expo - Albany
April 9.....Pear Blossom Parade
April 9..... Equifair in Grants Pass
April 13.....Club Meeting
April 17.....Trail Trials Clinic

UPCOMING RIDES

(**March 19** - No ride this weekend due to Albany Horse Expo)

Saturday, March 26th

OET is doing a work party on the Collins Mountain Trail. We are meeting at the Magnolia Grill in Ruch at 7:00am for breakfast or be there by 7:45 to travel to the trailhead. Please call Don at 826-7656 if you can help. (See article)

Sunday, April 3rd (*NOTE! This is the first day of Daylight Savings time so be sure and change your clock Saturday night!!*)

Karen Matheny will lead a ride up to Willow Lake via the MP 26 trailhead right off of Hwy 140. Meet at the Lake Creek Cafe at 8:30am for breakfast or be there no later than 9:15 to leave for the trailhead. Lake Creek Cafe is 15 miles up Hwy 140. Watch for the sign "Lake Creek" and turn right. Follow that road right to the little church on one side and the cafe and store on the other. There is plenty of parking. This is a very easy ride L1-2, mostly logging roads, very little water to cross. Take a lunch and coat. Call Karen at 245-8511 for more info and to let her if you are coming.

Saturday, April 9th

Pear Blossom Parade in downtown Medford.

Collins Mountain Work Party

On Saturday, March 26th, OET (Oregon Equestrian Trails) is doing a work party, in cooperation with the Forest Service, on the Collins Mountain Trail and invites all JCHA members to help as well. This trail is right at Applegate Lake. About 1/2 mile up the trail from the road there is a bad rocky section that is dangerous to horses. We will be drilling and breaking out solid rocks to make a wider, safer tread way.

Do not bring horses on this work party. If you have a shovel, breaking bar, Pulaski, etc. please bring it, along with gloves, lunch and water. We will have one pack horse to haul all the stuff, but you will have to walk the 1/2 mile (uphill) to the site.

We are meeting at the Magnolia Grill in Ruch at 7:00am for breakfast or be there by 7:45 to travel to the trailhead. Please call Don at 826-7656 if you can help.

February Meeting

Date: April 13

Time: 7:00pm meeting

Place: IOOF Hall

1139 Hazel St., Central Point

Refreshments: Carol Lutz,
Julie Slaughter and Charlotte
Maynard

Door Prize: Denise Snyder &
Linda Stockdill

From the President's Paddock

Wow! What a great meeting last week! We had a packed house. Good friends, terrific treats (Marshall's homemade toffee bars were AMAZING), and lots of great horse-talk. I'd like to thank our guests, Bonnie Cazier and Sharie Cobb, for joining us and becoming members by the end of the evening!

We have a lot of activities coming up, and there's something for everyone.

Some of my neighbor's saw about five trailers headed up for Don's ride on Stein Butte Saturday. He couldn't have picked a nicer day. I bet the views up there were spectacular. We could use a little rain, but hopefully the weather holds for our Collings Mountain Work Party on the 26th. This is a beautiful trail and it's going to be really great to finally get it fixed. Bring your tools and your hiking boots and come on out for a day of teamwork as we improve one of our favorite trails.

Karen is leading us to Willow Prairie on April 3rd. Don't forget to change your clocks or you'll miss breakfast! You won't want to miss this ride. It's absolutely beautiful up there at the lake and the canyon, especially this time of year. Keep your eyes out for Morels!

The Saturday after that is the big PARADE! Everyone loves a parade, and there's nothing better than a bunch of beautiful horses prancing down Main Street. If you haven't signed up yet, just give me a call. So far we have 25 riders signed up, including two gorgeous Paints to proudly carry our flags out front. Meet us at the Clark Street staging area at 9:00 AM, Saturday morning, April 9th.

Well, gotta run. Chores are callin' and we've got four new calves on the ground that I just can't stay away from. I just LOVE this time of year!

Thank you for again for being a part of the Jackson County Horseman's Association. I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to call me at 899-1793, or drop me a line at StacieAndZach@hotmail.com or president@ridejcha.com. Remember: Life is just better from the back of a horse!

*God Bless –
Stacie Grier
President*

Equestrian Event Calendar

(Events not sponsored by JCHA))

March 18-20 – Greater Northwest Equine Expo in Albany.

April 9 – 2005 Equifair in Grants Pass 541-479-4791

April 17 – Spring Poker Ride in Crescent City. Carolyn Dikes 707-464-9261

May 6-8 – Klamath Falls Packing Clinic

May 15 – Lingo Ride in Crescent City - Linda Athey 707-482-8845

June 25 – Roseburg OET - Trail Horse Trial and Horse Bingo - Janet Miller 541-440-0450

July 9 – Trail Trials Clinic – Grants Pass – Sponsored by SOHA - Candy Harvey 541-472-1593

August 6 – Trail Horse Trail – Lily Glen – sponsored by SOHA – Candy Harvey 541-472-1593

October 9 – Fall Poker Ride in Crescent City. Eileen Mitchell 707-464-5895

Equifair 2005

April 9th – Grants Pass Fairground

Here is just a few of the scheduled events! There will be dozens of vendors and clinics all day long. Joyce Gay will be doing natural Horsemanship clinics and Jerry Henning will be doing Packing clinics too! Go to www.jcec.org to get a list of ALL the happenings!!

9:15-9:30 Peruvian Paso Fun Presents "The Peruvians"

9:30-10 Draft Horse Club Presentation

10-10:45 Foundation Quarter Horse "Ranch Trail" Demo

10:45-11 Triple S Mountain Horses Present the "Mountain Horses"

11-11:30 Horse Dancing ~ performing a skit to music

11:30-12 Driving presentation Sandi Williford and Friends

12-2 Stallion Parade

2-3:10 Buffalo Cutting

3:10-3:30 Harley Performance Horses "Reining Demo"

3:30-4 Karen Parker Presents "Clicker demo"

4-4:30 Endurance Riders Brought to you by Rogue Riders

4:30-5 Gina Gardner Gaited Horse Presentation

5-5:30 **GRAND ENTRY**

5:30-7 Drill Teams and 4H Gamblers Choice Trail!

7-close Dressage, Jumping, English

\$\$ CLASSIFIED ADS \$\$\$

PEAR BLOSSOM PARADE

FOR SALE: English endurance saddle, like new \$200.00, Winter blankets - size 76, like new.\$60.00 and size 82 used 2 winters, \$50.00, no rips or damage. Both are waterproof, windproof and breathable. Call Christine at 840-3843 after 4:00pm.

FOR SALE: 6 yr old papered paint mare - Broke and has ridden on trail rides & the beach. Trailers, clips, LOVES WATER. She just needs to be finished. She would make someone a great horse if they wanted to put some extra time into her. \$2,500 or best. May consider trade for a 10 to 14 yr old finished horse that does trail riding, beach, gymkhana, trailer, clips anyone can ride horse. Papered/equal value please. Call Kim or Tom at 541-621-2611.

MUST SELL: 14 yr old Arabian Mare, trail rides, loads, bathes, clips. She is just standing in the pasture and hasn't been ridden in a while. We would like to see her go to a good home that has time for her. She would make a good 4-H project for someone with some experience. \$700 or best offer. Call Kim or Tom at 541-621-2611

FOR SALE: 8 yr old POA/Appy Buckskin mare w/filly at side. Open for '05. Mare has done Pony Club, 4-H Fair, and been in Pear Blossom Parade. Kid Safe! Has had 3 foals, good mom. Filly is Bay/Blanket, will be weaned end of April. Health forces sale. \$2,500/pr. or \$2,000 mare only. Call Valerie at 890-8141

FOR SALE: Home + 3.77 acres, all irrigated (TID) new 4 stall barn & older barn, completely fenced and cross fenced; 3 bdrm. 1 bath, remodeled 2001.Lovely home located in Talent. \$375,000.00. Pam 535-3893

WANTED: Used endurance saddle for big Arabian mare. I'm a new rider looking for a saddle (or two) that will get me started. Ryan Langemeyer 541-400-7700

This year's parade is on **Saturday, April 9th**. The parade begins promptly at 11:00am. We need to be ready and in place by then. Please be at the staging area by 9:00am to saddle, vet wrap legs and get settled. The club will provide the vet wrap (blue and gold) and butt sashes. Please wear JCHA colors, preferably one of the gold and blue t-shirts and dark blue jeans. Hats are optional.

To get to the staging area take McAndrews Road west to Summit Ave (across from Sage Road). Take Summit to E. Clark St. and turn left. Go to the end of E. Clark St. to the large parking area right next to the railroad tracks.

PLEASE call Stacie at 899-1793 if you want to ride in the parade and haven't signed up yet.

Following are the parade guidelines. These guidelines are for your safety as well as the safety of the other members and spectators.

JACKSON COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSN. PARADE RIDING GUIDELINE

These guidelines have been adopted by the Board to help keep members safe while riding in parades and in consideration of liability issues for both JCHA and the parade sponsors. Remember, you are representing JCHA in the parade, and you should uphold the standards of JCHA.

- Only members in good standing are eligible to ride in parades.
- Report to the parade starting point and be ready to ride on time. Allow plenty of time to saddle, vet wrap your horses legs and attach your parade sash. And, to allow you horse to settle in before the parade starts.
- Keep a distance of six (6) feet between you and the rider in front of you. Keep a distance of three (3) to four (4) feet between the rider beside you and crowd.
- Riders 12 and under must wear a riding helmet.
- No stallions allowed.
- Members should wear JCHA colors (gold or blue) and boots. No tennis shoes or sandals.
- Members should ride at a walk, maintaining the appropriate distance between riders. No trotting, galloping, trick riding, etc. Pay attention to the horses in front of you and anticipate the next stopping point.
- If your horse acts up (nervous, rearing, bucking, running into other horses, etc.) you must get off your horse and walk. This is for your safety as well as those around you.
- No throwing anything from your horse, including candy.
- Safety and common sense should prevail.
- **Above all, relax, smile, wave and HAVE FUN!!!**

J.C.H.A. Board of Directors

Stacie Grier.....President.....899-1793
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Carol Dombrowsky.....Board.....779-7697

Trail Horse Trials Clinic

Back by popular demand is the Trail Horse Trail Clinic. It will be held at the Krouse Barn at the Jackson Co. Fairgrounds on **Saturday, April 17th**. Enter through Gate 5 and proceed all the way to the back, turn right and park in the parking area. The Krouse Barn is the second covered arena, but there is no parking beyond this point. This clinic is open to **members only** due to insurance. (Anyone can watch though.)



There will be many different types of obstacles set up such as a bridge, logs, mail box, rain slicker, etc. You can take your horse through them at your own pace. (There will be several horses in the arena at the same time doing different obstacles.) Helpers will be on the ground to help put the obstacles back in place. The event will begin at 10:00am.

We are going to have a potluck lunch around 12:30pm with hamburgers and hot dogs, so please bring condiments, salad or dessert to share. The Club will provide table service, but bring your own beverages.

The event will go until about 4:00pm, but you can come and go at whatever time you like. Call Stacie Grier at 899-1793 for more info and/or to volunteer to help.

Note: All children 12 years of age and younger will be required to wear a safety helmet while riding in any event or activity sponsored by the club.

Northwest Horse Fair & Expo

March 18-20, 2005

Linn County Fairgrounds - Albany Oregon

Yes, Albany is about 4 hours north from Medford – but it is well worth the trip to this big event!! There is so much to see and do. This year's clinicians include Clinton Anderson, Jane Savoie, Van Hargis, Steve Edwards, Ken McNabb and more! There are two large buildings crammed full of vendors, one barn full of different breeds of horses and interesting lectures from several vets. Doors open at 9:00am. Go to www.equinepromotions.net and then click on 'schedule' for the complete lineup.

QUESTIONNAIRE for JCHA Emergency Trailer/Horse Travel Assistance

Several club members have had similar experiences with breakdowns in the past year. Even though they had towing insurance through AAA (with RV coverage) or other companies, the tow truck companies contracted would not haul horses because of the liability involved. Even if the towing company will tow your pickup and trailer, what do you do with your horses?

It has been proposed that JCHA maintain a list of club members that would be willing to come get your trailer and/or horses. Club members who use this list would still need to have towing insurance and the calling for assistance would be strictly **for an emergency only** when the towing company won't haul your horses. The club member in trouble would be responsible for reimbursing the assisting member for their fuel and any damage to their equipment and also sign a release of liability form. The owner must be there to handle and load their horses. (This list could also be used in the event of a fire or flood evacuation.)

If you would be willing to help out a club member in trouble as an assisting member, please complete the enclosed form concerning your willingness and capabilities and return it to: Bill Ryan, 11322 Modoc Rd., White City, OR 97503 or call Bill at 826-8171 if you have any questions.

A list will be compiled from the questionnaire and a flyer will be made available to all members. It will also be posted on the member-only web site section. Remember – this doesn't mean you have to ALWAYS be available, if you are called and can't help at that time, it's okay!



TRAIL TALK BY KAREN MATHENY

Hi Again,

Spring is just around the corner, but it looks more like the beginning of summer in the mountains. If you want to go for a great ride you can go up to Willow Prairie campground and ride the trails with no problem. The blow downs are minimal and the trails are in great shape. I've been up there twice already and it is beautiful, but take water for your ponies or you can probably use the hand pump in camp, but the streams around camp are dry. It was quite a shock to see such dryness so early in the season, hopefully we still have a chance to get some rain or they may be kicking us out of the woods early this year.

My letter last month did not make it through cyberspace to Debbie so I just wanted to let you know how grateful I was to get a lifetime membership. Yes, I'm still riding and plan to for quite a while. I join an elite group of people in the lifetime members so I was very proud to accept. And, not having to remember to pay my dues is another plus, thanks again.

We had a great ride last month on Don's ride at Sterling Ditch trail in the Applegate. Thirteen riders including myself made the ride. It was a beautiful day with the hint of rain which never occurred. There are great views from the top of the trail into the canyon and the trail was in good shape. We had to stop the horses and let them blow quite a few times as the trail is a little steep in places, but we could catch up on a little gossip when we did stop. We had a great "slower rider" leader, Clayton Johnson. He cleaned trail in front of us so we would have not trouble. He is a great worker and is such a gentleman. All the girls were impressed, thanks Clayton!

My ride up Stratton Creek only had 7 riders but it was a great group. All girls, so you know the talk at lunch. Were your ears burning all you men? The road was also in great shape and a little bit more water for the horses along the way. This is a great Spring ride when the Dogwood are in bloom as the woods are full of beautiful white blooms this time of year. We older riders who used to go on ride when Carol Kirsch would take us remember the bad places in the trail which are covered over with brush now, thank goodness. You can go all the way to the river, but we usually woos out about half way there and have lunch to make it a nice short ride to get the ponies in shape.

Hey, our first work party is on March 26th. This sounds like a fun day starting with breakfast in Ruch, they have great blueberry pancakes, then a nice short hike up Collings Mtn to get rid of that pesky rock that most horses have a hard time getting over. Bring a lunch and we will have great views to enjoy while we eat.

This weekend a few of us are going up to Albany to the horse expo, this sounds like a lot of fun. I guess there are lots of venders and I hope to find the perfect saddle. Also big names are there helping us poor riders learn more about our four legged friends included Clinton Anderson. If you need info on this give Debbie or myself a call.

The Etna Rodeo is coming up on May 8th this year. This is a fun family rodeo, no big names but lots of mutton busters, steer riders, and once in a blue moon, a rider stays on the bull. Yes, the stock is still pretty rank, which makes for a fun time for the onlookers. There is a great parade at 10 a.m. on Sunday and we usually eat breakfast at 8 a.m. at the restaurant just as you come in town. For details call Carol Dombrowsky or myself.

Lots to do this year and looking forward to great rides with all of you.

SEE YOU ON THE TRAIL,

KAREN

JCHA Apparel Order

We have some requests for JCHA gold t-shirts for the parade, so we will be placing an order for all apparel on April 1st. The order will be back on April 8th.

Here is a brief rundown of what is available with the JCHA logo (normally a large one on the back and a small one on the front shoulder):

T-shirts - white, gold, black, red, royal blue, navy blue, green, teal. Sizes S-XL \$9 2X-3X \$11.

Crewneck Sweatshirt - white, black, navy, red, royal, green, maroon, teal, gold. S-XL \$17, 2XL-3XL \$20

Hooded Sweatshirts - white, black, navy, red, royal, green. S-XL \$22 2X-3X \$25

Lined windbreaker - red, black, navy, royal, green, gold, white, light blue. S-XL \$23 2X-3X \$25

There are other items available too - Letterman Jackets, Henley shirts, tank tops, etc. Please call Debbie for info on these. Also, most items are available in youth sizes too.

Please call Debbie at 664-1635 by March 31st with your order.

Minutes from March 9, 2005 Submitted By Debbie Davenport

Meeting was call to order at 7:00pm by President Stacie Grier. Roll call of the board showed everyone present. There were no new members, but guests were introduced. She thanked the refreshment and door prize donors.

Motion was made and approved to accept the February minutes as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer report, presented by Nancy Konantz stated we currently have \$6,460.44 in the checking, savings and petty cash. Report was approved.

Colleen Low didn't have any new cards to report for the Sunshine report. Colleen reminded everyone that they can send an e-mail to sunshine@ridejcha.com . Stacie said she did send a card to Colleen for the sudden passing of her father.

Don Ferris said his last ride on Sterling Mine Ditch was attended by 13 riders. It was a beautiful day. His next ride will be on March 12th to Stein Butte. Meet at the Magnolia Grill in Ruch for breakfast. Don also told about the Collins Mtn work party to be held on March 26th. Meet at the Magnolia Grill at 7:00am for breakfast. No horses on this work party.

Karen Matheny' ride on Stratton Creek had 6 ladies. They had a very nice day. Her next ride won't be until April 3rd and will be up to Willow Lake from MP 26.

The proposed budget was passed around and a motion was approved to accept the budget.

Karen suggested we sell the old club cook trailer because we haven't been using it and it is just sitting getting rusty. After some discussion a motion was made and approved to sell it for \$100. She was going to offer it first to the man who wanted to buy it a couple of years ago.

Stacie talked about the Pear Blossom Parade. We have several signed up already. Meet at Clark Street at 8:00am. The club will provide the vet wrap and sashes. Pooper scoopers are Gina, Carol, Judy and Karen. Stacie is brining the trailer and 4-wheeler.

Stacie discussed the upcoming Trail Trials clinic set for April 17th at the fairgrounds. We will have a quick meeting after the meeting to discuss it. Bill requested \$100 to buy lumber to build some obstacles. After much discussion it was decided to borrow some obstacles from either the 4-H or the Morgan's. Bill withdrew the motion to purchase materials.

Dave Doran told about the Etna Parade and Rodeo on May 8th.

Stacie discussed the Lily Glen campout over July 4th and requested a short meeting after this one with volunteers.

Debbie announced that the Elk's Lodge in Medford had been secured for the 2005 Christmas Party on De. 10th.

Bill Ryan passed out a questionnaire about an emergency trailering list for JCHA members. Members that become stranded with horses in a trailer and find that their towing insurance will not pull the trailer with horses can call a volunteer member to help.

Ann Hathaway talked about horses that have died recently due to contaminated horse feed from Alder Cave Mills. It seems they do not clean out their equipment in between mixing medicated cow feed with Rumensin and horse feed. This is deadly to horses even in small amounts.

Jim Williford announced SOHA was doing a Trail Trials Clinic on July 9th in Grants Pass and a Trail Trials at Lily Glen on August 6th.

Kay Smith won the 50/50 drawing and Clayton Grier won the Door Prize.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.



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www.ridejcha.com to
get all the latest news,
ride updates,
classifieds, calendar of
events and so on!!