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Walking This Way

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From the President

As we begin a new year, I want to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on all that is going on within the Tennessee Walking Horse Association of Oklahoma. The TWHAO has made many changes for 2007 including new bylaws and new committees; we are committing to 3 trail rides this year; we have an opportunity to partner with the Oklahoma Equestrian Trail Riders Association (OETRA) in a GPS and trail ride clinic in May; we are lining up a pre-show clinic in April; and a saddle fit clinic and picnic in June. Additionally, the website is up and running and already a source of event information for gaited horse owners throughout the state. In our upcoming Spring Show in May, we will be adding classes for United Mountain Horse owners in the South Central region, and we will be participating in an NWHHA regional high point program. We continue with our quarterly newsletter, we are updating our membership roster, and are looking for new membership opportunities by developing an advertising flyer to recruit more gaited horse enthusiasts. Another key initiative is to promote a cooperative spirit through increased participation in other club's activities. These include the OETRA, the Pure Pleasure Gaited Horse Association (PPGHA), the Green Country Fox Trotting Horse Association (GCFTHA), and the Bad Girls Trail Riding Club (BGTRC). This should yield more trail riding and play day opportunities.

On the personnel front, we are looking for volunteers for some open key positions. This includes a Trail Ride Committee Chairman, a Newsletter Editor, and a Membership Committee Chairman. We have quite a few talented people in our club, and would like to encourage those who are inclined to give us a hand.

Also, in our January board meeting, Cris Van Horn was elected to serve as our Vice President filling a recent vacancy, and also volunteered to serve as this year's Show Manager. And we have two new board members, Josh and Laurel Stretch.

We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year. Come along and enjoy the ride!

Mark Wolf

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Ann Kuykendall
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ACTIVITIES/HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
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TRAIL RIDE COMMITTEE

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Cris Van Horn





BULLETINS FROM THE BOARD

TWHAO ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 11, 2006

i. Call to Order

President Mark Wolf called the meeting to order at 12:35 at Johnnies Charbroiler in Tulsa, Ok.

Members Present: Cris Van Horn - Board Member, Bob Kuykendall - Treasurer, Raydene Walker - Secretary, Ann Kuykendall - TWHBEA Board, Eddie Walker - Member, Mark Wolf - President, Becky Wolf - Member, Tonya Ridley - Board Member, Rick Gates - Vice President

II. Approval of Minutes of the June 10, 2006 Semi Annual Meeting

A motion was made by Cris Van Horn to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2006 meeting, seconded by Eddie Walker. Motion carried. Ann Kuykendall reported that the old web site had not be dismantled and that needed to be done. This will be looked into.

III. Treasurer's Report

Bob Kuykendall gave the Treasurer's report. See Attachment. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Cris Van Horn seconded by Becky Wolf. Motion carried.

IV. Review of activities for the year.

Play Day

Raydene Walker reported that the Play Day held at Right Path Riding Academy was enjoyed by those attending. There were approximately 15 who attended with 8 horses.

Trail Rides

Sportsman's Lake there was no club members who attended this ride. Cris Van Horn suggested only having two trail rides one in the fall and another in the spring. We had three rides this year. One at Thompson Ranch which was very well attended and then the open ride at Eufaula with 34 riders. The Eufaula ride went very smoothly thanks to the **efforts** of Cris Van Horn. Out of the four groups that left the camp only one became totally lost but it appeared they had a lot of fun being lost. (Maps didn't help them).

Show Report

Cris Van Horn reported she had all the show information on a disk to be used for the 2007 show. The 2006 show was a very big success and the Right Path group again did an exceptional job. The attendance was up as well as the number of entries.

Meetings

A suggestion was made to have meetings at the spring and fall rides, also it was felt we needed to have speakers or presentations at the June and Nov. meetings. Board meetings would continue to be open to all members but there would be other attractions as well.

V. Committee Reports

Activities Committee - no report

Web Page/Newsletter - Cris Van Horn will get with Stan Kaltwasser and do a few final adjustments to the web site. The newsletter will be electronically sent to all members who have e-mails and then snail mail to everyone else. This will save money and time.

Show 2007 - Cris Van Horn stated she will not be show manager for the 2007 show. She has prepared, electronically, everything that is needed for this show for whom ever takes it over. Discussion followed on a show manager for 2007. Suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Membership - No report

TWHBEA Report - Ann Kuykendall reported that registration is going to DNA this year. The cost will be \$25.00 per breeding horse. GO! Program for geldings. GO! Flat shod super gelding & versatility. Cancelled World Grand Champion class at the Celebration this year do to soring. There will be a World Invitational Show in Nov. That show has now been canceled. Executive Director Charley Hulsey resigned. TWHBEA is now looking for a new Exec. Director. Christy Love is acting Exec. Director. Annual meeting of TWHBEA association is the first of Dec. Ann served as the Youth Director and has really enjoyed this year. USDA is cracking down on soring. They have banned Trainer for life. TWHBEA has pulled out of NHSC. This should help TWHBEA move toward a more natural horse.

VI. Election of Officers

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer,

A motion by Rick Gates to keep the Executive Board as is was made. Tonya Ridley seconded the motion. Discussion: Cris Van Horn stated that keep the continuity of the Executive Board would be a good idea at this time. The motion carried.

Board Members

Position 4 currently held by Holly Hardcastle

Position 5 currently held by Gary Kirk

Rick Gates moved to place Becky Wolf to fill Sarah Brewster's position on the board. Sarah has not attended the required number of meetings and has not contacted any of the Executive Board with any explanation as required in the by laws. Motion was seconded by Ann Kuykendall. Motion carried. Ann Kuykendall moved to delete 2 board positions, seconded by Cris Van Horn. Motion carried.

An invitation to hold the Jan. 13th Board Meeting at Mark and Becky Wolf's was made. The Board accepted the invitation. The meeting will be Jan. 13th at 5:00 P.M.

Committees:

Show Committee - Ann Kuykendall/Becky Wolf

Hospitality/Activities Committee - Tonya Ridley/Cathy Fellers

Newsletter/Membership/Web Page - Cris Van Horn

Trail Rides - Rick Gates

VII. Marketing Flyer

Cris Van Horn's doctor has offered to develop a tri-fold flyer for marketing purposes for TWHAO. There will be no cost to the club. The offer was gratefully accepted. Suggestions for the flyer:

Membership application, Membership benefits, Web site address, Pictures of events.

VIII. Joining Oklahoma Horse Industry Council

Bob Kuykendall moved to join the Okla. Horse Industry Council, seconded by Ann Kuykendall. Motion carried.

IX. Old Business

By-laws revision - Cris Van Horn will send out a revision of the by-laws for all to look at and then we will discuss these at the January 2007 meeting. Membership Roster Development & Distribution - Since Cris Van Horn has taken on chairing that committee she will be in charge of this information.

X. New Business None

XI. Door Prizes

Due to lack of attendance it was decided to hold the door prizes to the next all member activity.

XII. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.





TWHAO Board Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2007

1. Ready For Call of Meeting

President Mark Wolf called the meeting to order at 4:20 P.M. Members Present: Becky Wolf, Mark Wolf, Cris Van Horn, Raydene Walker, Ann Kuykendall, Bob Kuykendall, Nancy Mullins, Cathy Fellers, Tonya Ridley

2. Reading and Disposal of Minutes Secretary Raydene Walker. A motion was made by Ann Kuykendall to approve the minutes of the Nov. 11, 2006 annual meeting. Motion was seconded by Bob Kuykendall. Motion carried.

3. Reports of Officers and Committees

President Mark Wolf

Correspondence for Rick Gates. Rick has resigned his position as Vice President of the club due to personal commitments that he feels will keep him from doing the job as it should be done. Mark followed up the letter with a phone call to clarify Rick's resignation and Rick told Mark he had over booked himself and was just not comfortable in trying to handle the position. Mark had received a certificate from TWHBEA for our sponsorship of the National Versatility Show. A letter from Right Path Riding Academy was received and read thanking the club for the sponsorship from last year.

Secretary Raydene Walker

Correspondence from Rick Gates. Rick was requesting an article in the newsletter about the monthly clinics he would be offering. Also Jack Arnold had presented a proposal requesting that TWHAO participate in a series of play days to promote versatility in the gaited horses. It was suggested that we would sponsor and put on one play day. The members felt that at this time we have committed the club for all the activities we could successfully handle but we would put the play days on our calendar and encourage the membership to participate.

Treasurer's Report Bob Kuykendall

There were 27 paid members at the beginning of the meeting but four more had paid dues the day of the meeting. Total \$9227.56 plus the \$80.00 for new members which leaves a total of \$9307.56.

TWHBEA Rep. Ann Kuykendall

No report

4. Election (If Any)

Discussion of vacant Vice Presidents position. There was a discussion of how to fill the position of Vice President. The By-laws state that the executive board can appoint someone to fill the position. It was decided to go ahead and have the executive board and board members appoint a new vice president. Becky Wolf nominated Cris Van Horn, motion was seconded by Tonya Ridley. Question was called. Motion carried. Discussion was then held on filling the vacant board positions. Becky Wolf nominated Laurel and Josh Stretch. Ann Kuykendall seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cathy Fellers will contact Laurel and Josh to see if they will accept these positions.

5. Unfinished Business

Discussion of revision to by-laws was held. The by-laws were gone over point by point. Each revision was discussed and accepted or re-worded according to the boards wishes. Bob Kuykendall moved to accept the new by-laws as discussed and revised. Motion was seconded by Cris Van Horn. Motion carried.

6. New Business

Show Committee - Ann Kuykendall

Discussion and vote on show affiliation. The show committee recommended affiliation with NWAHA. Board agreed. Discussion and vote on show manager - Cris Van Horn agreed to accept the show manager position if the Committee would find a Show Secretary. Discussion and vote on including classes for United Mountain Horse: Motion by Cris Van Horn and seconded by Bob Kuykendall to open classes for the United Mountain Horse. Motion carried. Discussion to add half a day to the show - Friday afternoon: This was discussed during the show committee meeting and the recommendation was to have the versatility classes held at the same time as the rail classes with a time period for each class so the participants could do the versatility classes between rail classes. Discussion of early on-site registration on Friday evening: Cris Van Horn volunteered to do Friday night registration. Discussion and vote to join Texas in High Point proposal: Texas High Point to be included in our show but we will not be responsible for keeping track of the points. Motion was made by Ann Kuykendall seconded by Cris Van Horn. Motion carried. Show Secretary - Nancy Mullins said she would check with her husband and look at the duties and might be interested in doing the show secretary. She will let Ann know what her decision is. Dwight Calhoun had called and ask what classes the walking horse exhibitors would like to have at the GCFTHA regional show in July. We would like halter; 4 & over, 3 & under two gait E or W; 4 & over canter E or W.

Trail Ride

Cris Van Horn reported on the Trail Rides (see attachment). Cris Van Horn moved to list the trail ride dates as proposed (see calendar). Seconded by Tonya Ridley. Motion carried. Nancy Mullins will call Polly Alton about being Trail Ride Chairman. Discussion of location and set date for TWHBEA Host a Ride - Ann Kuykendall reporting on TWHBEA's trail ride promotion. 10-20-07 at Bell Cow Lake, Chandler. TWHBEA will give the club \$400.00 for this ride as before. It is to be an open ride for all breeds. Bell Cow has good trails and adequate parking and facilities. Discussion and vote on partnering with OETRA at Bell Cow, Chandler for a Poker Run. No action

Activities/Hospitality Committee - Tonya Ridley

Discussion and vote on the two General Meetings to be held this year: June Semi-annual meeting- picnic at Tonya Ridley's with clinic on saddle fit. Date not set. Ann Kuykendall made a motion to pick up the cost of food. Seconded by Cris Van Horn. Motion carried. Time 4:00 P.M. Annual meeting set for Nov. 17th 12:00 P.M. location to be announced. Discussion and develop attendance incentives for meeting; The incentives will be divided between the Thompson Ranch ride and Seminole ride. Discussion of how to involve TWHAO and the 4-H group - no action Discussion of horse soccer and partnering with PPGHA for competitions: It was decided that if a member is interested they should contact Barb Graham. Clinics Examples: teeth, feet, & saddle fit with NWAHA sponsorship. Horsemanship. No action

Membership/Webpage/Newsletter Committee - Cris Van Horn

Presentation of advertising flyer - Cris reported that there was a need for more pictures before this project could be completed. Discussion and vote to pay developer: tabled. Discussion and vote on printing of flyer: tabled.

Payment for show manager and show secretary

Motion by Ann Kuykendall to pay both show manager and show secretary for this year's (2007) show. Tonya Ridley seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2 Raydene Walker moved to pay Cris Van Horn for the manager's position at last year's show in the amount of \$600.00. Seconded by Cathy Fellers. Motion carried.

Call for any other business - none presented

7. Adjournment

Cris Van Horn moved to adjourn. Tonya Ridley seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Raydene Walker





TRAINING ANYONE?

National Walking Horse Association (NWAH) Clinic

Basic Classical Training for the Gaited Horse

The NWAH is hosting a clinic on March 10, 2007, introducing Basic Classical Training for the Gaited Horse at Mystic Acres Arena, 6558 FM 2578 in Terrell, Texas. Instructors Nancy and Jennifer Cade will work with up to 10 riders discussing and demonstrating classical training techniques to help improve the gaits of your horse. Each rider will receive individual instruction as well as group instruction. The Cades have worked with gaited horses for many years using the classical (dressage, if you will) techniques to improve collection, balance and timing of the gaited horse and are eager to share their knowledge with horse people who are looking for a way to train their horses without mechanical and artificial devices. Rider places in this clinic are only guaranteed with advance payment. Contact Val Delana at 214-695-9533 or tnwalkin@sbcglobal.net. If you need overnight stall accommodations, you can make these arrangements with Jan at Mystic Acres Arena, 972-962-4572. Please plan to be at the clinic location before 9:30 a.m. on March 10, 2007 for check-in. Fees are: NWAH members -- \$80.00, Non-Members -- \$90.00 and Auditors --\$10.00

Monthly Gait Instruction Clinics

Rick Gates of the Gaits Place in Catoosa, OK, is offering monthly clinics the last Friday of each month in 2007. Rick wants to teach you to train your horse yourself. The clinic format begins at 10:00 a.m. where Rick will evaluate each horse's gait and make suggestions on how to correct problems. He trains as naturally as possible with very little in the way of mechanical aids. He has ridden over 2,000 horses, most of which were gaited. He has conducted clinics, judged shows, shown horses, and trail ridden over a lot of the country. He has had some success with increasing walk speed and stride on horses with little or no smooth gait. He has also succeeded in squaring up most pacing horses. He said he has made about every mistake one can make and he can help you avoid experiencing them yourself. After lunch, Rick will work with each client horse with the goal of improving the horse's performance substantially in the arena of your choice. When the clinic is finished, you can ride the trails down the hill, reflect on the day's experience, and practice what you have learned. You may also camp overnight (primitive only) or leave your horse and stay in one of many local Catoosa motels. Clinic fees are \$200 per horse and \$25 per spectator. Lunch is included. In Tulsa from 193rd E. Avenue, and I-44, go east on US 412 for 6 miles to 289th E. Ave. (look for the big, blue water tower on the north side of the highway). Turn North and go 1.5 miles. Turn east and follow the road approximately one mile. The tan/green barn is on your right next to the big, white water tower. Send a \$50 booking fee to Rick Gates, the Gaits Place, 1695 S. 267th East Ave., Catoosa, OK 74015, 918-625-2565.

TWHAO Hosts Pre-Show Clinic

TWHAO Member, Harold Aldridge, will instruct a pre-show clinic at the Right Path Riding Academy on Saturday, April 7, 2007. This is a great time to get some one-on-one instruction

from an accomplished exhibitor, gaited horse judge and Racking Horse Breeder's Association of America (RHBA) gait inspector.

TWHAO April clinics or "Hey Days" as they are sometimes called are always great fun!! Harold agreed to instruct if Raydene would cook. So, Raydene will be preparing lunch for all who attend. Please contact Tonya Ridley if you are interested in attending at tridley@olp.net or 918-231-2606.

SPOTLIGHT ON SHOWS

NWAH Regional Year End High Point Awards Program

Red River High Point Awards

The NWAH Texas members and show managers collaborated recently and decided to create a year end high points program as an incentive to exhibitors to join NWAH and participate in regional shows. This program is open to any NWAH affiliated show. They invited TWHAO to join in the Red River High Point Awards program for 2007. The current list of participating shows is the East Texas Gaited Classic in Nacogdoches, Texas (March 30 & 31), the TWHAO Spring Jubilee Charity Gaited Horse Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma (May 12), the Gaited Gala in Athens, Texas (June 15 & 16) and the Moonwalker Memorial Show in Marshall, Texas (October).

Four year end awards will be presented: the Youth Award, the Youth Versatility Award, the Adult Award and the Adult Versatility Award. High Point Award recipients will receive a big, attractive nickel belt buckle with the NWAH bronze logo and Red River High Point Award engraved on it, bronze rope edge, bronze lettering and colored rim.

Requirements for participation in the program: NWAH member, may compete on any horse in any eligible class, inclusion is automatic—no registration required, and must participate in at least 2 of the eligible NWAH affiliated shows. Points are awarded to the Rider. For additional information, please contact Val Delana at 214-695-9533 or tnwalkin@sbcglobal.net.

East Texas Gaited Classic

The East Texas Gaited Classic (ETGC) Horse Show will be held on March 30 & 31, 2007, in Nacogdoches, Texas, at the Nacogdoches County Expo Center. Proceeds will be donated to the National Walking Horse Association (NWAH). Shows such as the ETGC serve to increase public awareness of the natural abilities of the walking horse. For more information, contact John Lewis at jlewis@sfasu.edu or 936-569-0933

TWHAO Spring Jubilee Charity Gaited Horse Show, May 12, 2007, Tulsa, OK

TWHAO will once again affiliate with the National Walking Horse Association (NWAH) for this year's show. The NWAH promotes the general welfare of the Tennessee Walking Horse and serves as an advocate for the horse against abusive and inhumane treatment. It provides an equitable affiliation program for Walking Horses to be exhibited, judged and showcased in full compliance with the Horse Protection Act. Our show will serve to increase public awareness of the natural





abilities of the Walking Horse. For more information about NWHHA, please see www.nwha.com.

Before you know it (May 12 to be exact), we will all be at the Tulsa Exposition Grounds struttin' our stuff!!! This year promises to be a wonderful show. We already have offers to donate class prizes from Bonnie Smith in Texas!! As you know from reading the article on the Red River High Point Program, TWHAO winners will accrue points under this regional program. Winners will be announced after the last show (I think that's in October). Also new this year, please help TWHAO welcome the United Mountain Horses from the South Central Region. They have been active show participants in the Texas shows and will join us as exhibitors this year. They promised us we can see 20 to 30 of their beautiful mountain horses. For more information, go to www.unitedmountainhorse.org

We will run two show rings this year—one for rail classes and one for versatility classes. The rail classes will run as usual. The versatility classes will each have a time slot and run concurrently with the rail classes in a separate arena. The exhibitors will have ample time to compete in rail classes and versatility classes. The Show Committee is comprised as follows: Ann Kuykendall—Chair, Becky Wolf—Co-Chair, Mark Wolf, Raydene Walker, Tonya Ridley, Cathy Fellers, Nancy Mullins, Laurel Stretch, Bob Kuykendall, and Cris Van Horn.

Once again, we plan on partnering with the Right Path Riding Academy and donating a portion of the proceeds to it's therapeutic riding program. **We need your help to make this show a continuing success.** You can help by volunteering and by soliciting sponsors. The forms are included later in the newsletter. Talk to your vet, feed store, banker, car dealer, auto mechanic, friends, stables, hardware store, beautician, barber, realtor, massage therapist—anyone you can think of—to sponsor a class or donate services or items as class prizes. I just love winning prizes and the more we get, the more fun this show will be!!!!

Calling All Volunteers

We need your help with the following positions. Please let **Cris Van Horn** know how you can help at the show on May 12, 2007. She can be reached at **918-688-1898** or via e-mail at twocloudsdancing@gmail.com.

Show Positions

Show Manager	Cris Van Horn
Show Secretary	Barbara Clewien
Advertising Manager	_____
Announcer	_____
Announcer's Assistant	_____
Rail Class Ring Master	Camille Sutrick
Versatility Class Ring Master	Eddie Walker
Stall Manager	Raydene Walker
Office Assistant 1	Becky Wolf
Office Assistant 2	Dawn Edelman
Office Assistant 3	_____
Office Assistant 4	_____
Trophy & Ribbon Coordinator	Sarah Walker
Obstacle Foreman	Bob Kuykendall
Obstacle Wrangler 1	Josh Stretch
Obstacle Wrangler 2	Josh Stretch's Employee
Flag Presenter 1	Becky Wolf
Flag Presenter 2	Ann Kuykendall
Class Runner 1	_____
Class Runner 2	_____

OUT Gate Keeper A.M.	_____
OUT Gate Keeper P.M.	_____
IN Gate Keeper A.M.	_____
IN Gate Keeper P.M.	_____
DQP Assistant A.M.	_____
DQP Assistant P.M.	_____
Photographer	Jim Wright

Club Positions

Trail Ride Committee Members	_____
Membership Committee Members	_____
Activities Committee Members	_____

OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Thanks to the Bad Girls Trail Riding Club

A big THANK YOU to Deb Stowers of the Bad Girls Trail Riding Club!!! I told Deb how much I liked the format of the BGTRC Newsletter and wondered if she would share a template with me so we could use it for our newsletter. I discovered that Deb actually designed the template and she graciously shared a copy with me for our use. She also helped me straighten out some operator issues I had. Way to go, Deb!!!

Horse Soccer

What the ?????????????? Horses playing soccer? It's the new game in town. Just ask Cris Van Horn or Miya Boyken. Check it out at www.horsesoccer.com. It is a blast!!!! If you are interested in trying your horse at horse soccer, send an e-mail to Barb Graham of the Pure Pleasure Gaited Horse Association at bsgpaso@sbcglobal.net and join the fun. Better yet, create your own team and compete in some friendly tournaments. Well.....I don't know how friendly the tournaments will be—Barb admits she is competitive!!!!!!

Just in Time GPS Clinic

The Oklahoma Equestrian Trail Riders Association (OETRA) is hosting a GPS clinic and Poker Run Trail Ride at Bell Cow Lake in Chandler, Oklahoma, on May 19, 2007. The fee is \$10. Bring your own lunch. OETRA has invited TWHAO to partner in this event. GPS instruction will be in the morning followed by a Poker Run trail ride in the afternoon to hone your newly acquired GPS skills. Check out the OETRA website www.oklahomahorseonline.com/oetra or contact Milt Alexander for more information, 918-367-5805, milt@hiddenspringsranch.net

GCFTHA Play Day Series

The Green Country Fox Trotting Horse Association (GCFTHA) invites gaited horse owners to join the Gaited Horse Play Day Series and have some fun in 2007 doing versatility exercises with gaited horses including but not limited to: Timed Events (Poles, Barrels, Flags, Team Penning), Reining, Ranch Work, Trail in hand, Trail Obstacles and Just for Fun events, with emphasis on the gaited horse in a semi-controlled and supervised environment, utilizing the expertise of experienced horse handlers to teach, instruct and mentor less experienced riders and horses.

All funds gained as the result of sponsorship or entry fees will be used for awards and expenses incurred by the Play Day





Series. Awards and trophies will be presented at the award presentation at the designated end of the series. The first play day is March 17, 2007, at the Lazy J Ranch in Bristow, OK. The second play day is March 31, 2007, at the JMJ Ranch in Claremore, OK and the third will probably be in Ponca City, Oklahoma, in April.

Rider age groups will include the following: 8 and under, 9 – 13, 14 – 18, 19 – 34 and 35 & Over. Entry Fees will be \$2/class. Just for Fun classes are free. For more information, contact Jack Arnold at jarnold@hillcrest.com or lazyranch@prodigy.net

Enclosed Arena Available For Rent

Gaited horse owner wannabe, Anita Miller, recently purchased My Friend's Barn at 136th Street and Hwy 169 in Collinsville, OK. If the weather often stops you from enjoying riding your horse and you want a comfortable place to ride on a regular basis, call Anita at 918-260-6809 to reserve her 60' X 12' enclosed arena. Trainers are welcome. Other services include boarding, special events, clinics, beginner horsemanship lessons, starting horses, haul-in lessons, sales consulting, play days, auctions and sales, and organized trail rides. Check out Anita's website at <http://myfriendsbarn.com>.

Equine Massage and Energy Work

The Natural Horse Magazine often features articles about the benefits of energy work with equines. Luckily for Oklahoma, Cindy Kraft, Equine Energy Worker and Massage Therapist, lives in Okmulgee and can be reached at 918-758-0433. Give Cindy a call!!

TWHAO Advertising Flyer

Dr. Paul Harris, a friend of Cris Van Horn's and naturopathic doctor, developed a beautiful tri-fold flyer for TWHAO that is being reviewed by the board. Once approved, the flyer will be available for distribution to the public to encourage interest in the Tennessee Walking Horse and TWHAO. If approved, the flyers should be available at the Pre-Show clinic in April. Stay tuned!!

Go Shopping and Help TWHAO

Help TWHAO by Shopping at Country Supply on-line. At the end of your order when it asks for a coupon code, insert TWHAO and earn money for TWHAO. This will help us offer more member benefits and enable us to offer more support to our favorite charities.

WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE COUNTRY CARE PROGRAM



Shop at the Country Supply website:
www.countrysupply.com
and they will donate a
percentage of your purchases!
Simply enter our Care Code
when you complete your order.



Our Care Code: **TWHAO**

RIDING BUDDIES

2007 Membership Drive

To date, TWHAO has ~ 38 paid memberships! This is GREAT!! Keep up the good work!! A membership roster will be sent out in March 2007 together with the new By Laws. Membership applications can be downloaded from www.twhao.org.

New Members & Renewals

Aldridge, Harold	Aulton, Polly
Bounds, Bob & Nancy	Braly, Mac & Sharon
Calhoun, Dwight & Suzanne	Cambiano, Rhonda
Chaffin, Paula & Harvey	Clewieen, Ed & Barbara
Crall, Don & Debbie	Evensen, Jana
Fellers, Cathy	Fellers, Tom
Gates, Rick & Rosie	Grimsley, Leroy & Norma
Holloway, David & Joyce	King, Jim & Linda
Kuykendall, Bob & Ann	Marshall, Mary Ben
McLaughlin, Kelly	Mullins, Nancy & Burns
Neal, Nancy & Winston	Perryman, Carole & Larry
Ridley, Tonya and Robert	Stretch, Josh & Laurel
Van Horn, Cris	Walker, Eddie & Raydene
Wolf, Mark & Becky	Robertson, Stephen
Naiman, Dyane	Adair, Teresa
Van Evera, Donna	Tate, Betty & Rusty
Johnson, Debbie & Danny	Boyken, Marshall & Miya
Clements, Ray	Strickland, Jeanette
Rhodes, Robert	Avery, Stacy

If you don't see your name here, this will be your last Newsletter. Don't Delay!! Renew Today!!

TRAIL BLAZIN'

This year proves to be very busy for trail riding enthusiasts—just look at the Calendar of Events at the end of the newsletter. TWHAO will host three trail rides this year—a members only trail ride at the Thompson Ranch in Warner, Oklahoma, in April (see below); a trail ride at Sportsman's Lake in Seminole in September; and the second annual open, all breed trail ride at Bell Cow Lake in Chandler, Oklahoma, in October in partnership with the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors Association (TWHBEA). We are always looking for people to help with the rides. If you can lend a hand, please contact Mark Wolf at rmwolf@olp.net.

Additional trail riding opportunities exist with the Pure Pleasure Gaited Horse Club, the Green Country Fox Trotters Horse Association, the Oklahoma Equestrian Trail Riders Association, and the Bad Girls Trail Riding Club. To keep up to date on activities around the state, check the Calendar on the TWHAO webpage at www.twhao.org or www.oklahomahorseonline.com often. If you know of an event that should be listed, please send an e-mail to twocloudsdancing@gmail.com and Cris Van Horn will post it on the calendar.

TWHAO Members Only Trail Ride

Josh and Laurel Stretch once again invite TWHAO members to ride the Thompson Ranch on **Saturday, April 21, 2007**. Non-members can join at the ride. For more information, contact Mark Wolf at rmwolf@olp.net





Best of America by Horseback

If you watch RFD-TV, you probably know about this show already. Host, Tom Seay, features a different riding location each week where viewers can go with their own horses or the locations are sites that provide horses for their guests. The show covers all of the details you would want to know before you visit yourself, such as the trails and terrain, the footing and the difficulty level of the trails.

On **Sunday, April 15, 2007**, the Horse Heaven Ranch in Talihina, Oklahoma, www.horseheavenranchresort.com, will be hosting a ride as part of the 2007 Grand Tour of America. The great thing about this is that you can be a part of this ride and may even see yourself on television later in the season. Show your support for the State of Oklahoma and sign up to ride on this tour at by visiting the website www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com.

LOST

Last November at the TWHAO / TWHBEA Trail Ride at the Arrowhead Campground at Lake Eufaula, fluorescent orange vests were provided to the trail leaders. One of the vests did not return. If you know where this wayward vest may be hiding out, please let Ann Kuykendall (windyhillba@yahoo.com) or Raydene Walker (Rwalker389@aol.com) know. These vests are for trail leaders and workers at TWHAO events. TWHAO appreciates you!! That sneaky little vest.....what was it thinking—sneaking off like that?!?!?!?!?

WEAR YOUR CLUB

TWHAO is taking orders for short sleeve T-shirts with the TWHAO logo on it so you can showcase TWHAO and your love of Tennessee Walking Horses. The T-shirts are heather grey, cost only \$12 each and have the TWHAO logo on the pocket area of the shirt. Please place your order with Raydene Walker at 918-224-9932, Rwalker389@aol.com.

SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP!!

Now you can advertise your horses, stud services, training services, therapeutic services, boarding services, tack sales, etc. Members get 5 lines free in each newsletter. The charge for additional lines for members and advertisements for non-members is \$5.00 for five lines. Please submit your advertisements to Polly Aulton at aault@intellex.com.

For Sale: Excellent All Around QH Mare: Sound, 15 Y.O. Buckskin Mare, 15 HH, great on trails, play days, parades, cavalcades, goes anywhere, does anything, just in time for the trail riding season. \$2500. Call Cris Van Horn at 918-688-1898.

For Sale: Reg. TWH Bay Roan Gelding, sound, 7 Y.O., 17.1 HH, great grandson on Pride's Generator & JJ's top Dollar. Wonderful, smooth gait & disposition. Well broke but not ridden much. Needs patient, experienced rider. \$2500. Call Nancy Mullins at 918-483-5026.

For Sale: Reg TWH 2 & 3 YO full brother geldings by Gold Powered Jackson Blue out of Good Friday's Cookie Shine (Supreme Versatility Champion). These colts are gentle,

beautiful, jet black; one with no markings and the other with a small star. Reg. TWH 5 YO bay gelding, trail wise, show quality, gentle. This horse is big, powerful, and well gaited by Kujo's Generator out of Marauder's Princess Grace. Outstanding horse. Call Ann Kuykendall at 918-682-7128.

At Stud: Reg. TWHs. (1) Gold Powered Jackson Blue by Gold Power (sire of many outstanding pleasure horses, standing at Harlinsdale Farm, Franklin, TN). This stallion is jet black, excellent disposition, conformation & ability. Fee \$350. (2) Senor Pusher by Senor Generator (World Champion Plantation Horse) out of Lady's Doin' Time (Pusher breeding). Black roan sabino, lit up, eligible for Spotted Saddle registry. This horse has great a disposition, easy to handle, nice long stride. Fee \$350. Call Ann Kuykendall at 918-682-7128.

THE WORLD AROUND US

The most recent issue of the Sound Advocate, the publication of the Friends of Sound Horses, Inc. (FOSH), included many interesting updates. *FOSH revised its mission statement to read, "to promote "sound," naturally gaited horse, with a specific emphasis on Tennessee Walking Horses ("sound" means not "sored"). Importance is placed on education regarding the humane care, training, and treatment of all gaited horses. FOSH will only support flat shod or barefoot horses, and will never endorse any event that uses stacks or chains as action devices, nor any mechanical, chemical or artificial means to modify the natural gaits of the horse. FOSH focuses on three areas for gaited horses: 1. Educating people on sound training principles; 2. Sanctioning sound show and events; and 3. Working to end soring.*

Other news--Keith Dane, most recent Executive Director of FOSH was just appointed to the Director of Equine Protection with the Human society of the United States (HSUS). The International Judges Association (IJA) rulebook was revised for 2007 to add rules covering the Untied Mountain Horse and the Florida Cracker Horse. The one inch shoe is now restricted to Park Classes only. Two classes were added—Authentic Gaits and the Natural or Heritage Tennessee Walking Horse class,

which is designed to reward Walking Horses that perform their gaits with natural angles and toe length and without additional shoe weight. Horse must be either barefoot or shod with keg shoes without trailers or caulks. Two major changes will occur in 2008 and affect all breeds. Toe length, including the shoe, will be a maximum of 4.5 inches. Also, two year olds will not be allowed to show under saddle beginning in 2008.

WHAT'S NEXT?

This is YOUR newsletter. Please share your thoughts with your fellow members by submitting articles of interest to the Editor. Polly Aulton has graciously agreed to take over as editor and you can contact her at aault@intellex.com. Polly wants to hear from you!!!

Next Member Meetings

- ❖ Member meeting at the Thompson Ranch Trail Ride in April.
- ❖ Semi-annual member meeting at the Saddle Fitting clinic at Tonya Ridley's house on June 9, 2007. More details to follow.

DON'T DELAY!!!! RENEW TODAY!!!!!





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6351 West Shawnee, Muskogee, OK 74401
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Deadline for advertisements in the program is April 20, 2007





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Membership Application

Dues follow Calendar Year _____ (January 1 – December 31)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

E-Mail _____

The purpose of the TWHAO is to promote the owning, breeding, selling, enjoying and exhibiting of sound, naturally gaited, registered and non-registered Tennessee Walking Horses; to provide fellowship, social and educational activities for owners and admirers of the sound Tennessee Walking Horse; and to present a positive image of the naturally gaited Tennessee Walking Horse to the community and the public at large through Association activities.

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Breeding & Raising _____ Trail Riding _____ Training _____ Clinics _____

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Activities & Hospitality Committee _____ Show Committee _____

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How did you hear about TWHAO? _____

Release of Liability

I do hereby release the Tennessee Walking Horse Association of Oklahoma from any liability due to accidents, death, illness, or injury, to myself, my guest(s) or horse(s). Additionally, I authorize the Tennessee Walking Horse Association of Oklahoma to call for medical services and/or veterinarian services in case of emergency without incurring financial liability.

Confidentiality Clause

Members will not, without the express permission of the TWHAO Board of Directors: (1) Disclose membership information; (2) Represent TWHAO in outside business; or (3) Use information concerning members for their own personal use or benefit. Blatant disregard of the TWHAO Confidentiality Clause is cause for termination / denial of membership with TWHAO.



Date

Signature of Member

Individual Dues (1 Vote):	\$20	New _____	Renewal _____
Family Dues (1 Vote)	\$25	New _____	Renewal _____
Youth (Under 18) Dues (No Vote)	\$10	New _____	Renewal _____

Mail Application and Check or Money Order (made payable to TWHAO) to:

Bob Kuykendall
6351 W. Shawnee Street
Muskogee, OK, 74401
Home: 918-682-7128 E-mail: windyhillba@yahoo.com





Support Your Clubs!!!! What's Happening Around Oklahoma

March 10, 2007	Bad Girls Trail Riding Club (BGTRC) Horse Teeth Clinic. Jennifer Adolf Veterinary Services, Bixby, OK, dkstowers@sbcglobal.net
March 17, 2007	Green Country Fox Trotters Horse Association (GCFTHA) Play Day, Lazy J Ranch, Bristow OK. Jack Arnold JArnold@hillcrest.com
March 17, 2007	BGTRC Shamrock Parade, dkstowers@sbcglobal.net
March 24-25, 2007	Oklahoma Equestrian Trail Riders Association (OETRA) Adopt-A-Trail Project 1 st Work Weekend, Robbers Cave State Park, Wilburton OK. Membership/Board meeting 4:00 p.m. Bring your tools. Work on foot or on horseback. Harvey Sapp, Chm. 918-371-8477. horsezrus@yahoo.com
March 31-Apr 1, 2007	OETRA 2 nd Work Weekend, Robbers Cave State Park. Bring your tools. Work on foot or on horseback. Harvey Sapp, Chm. 918-371-8477. horsezrus@yahoo.com
March 31, 2007	GCFTHA Playday, JMJ Ranch, Claremore OK., Jack Arnold JArnold@hillcrest.com
April 7, 2007	TWHAO Pre-Show Clinic. Harold Aldridge presenting at the Right Path Riding Academy. Contact Tonya Ridley at tridley@olp.net
April 14, 2007	Pure Pleasure Gaited Horse Association (PPGHA) Trail Ride, Walnut Creek State Park, Contact Bill King, tw22@cccexpress.com
April 21, 2007	TWHAO Members Only Trail Ride (join at the Ride), Thompson Ranch, Warner, OK. Contact Mark Wolf, rmwolf@olp.net
April 21, 2007	BGTRC—Guthrie 89ers Day parade, dkstowers@sbcglobal.net
May 12, 2007	TWHAO Spring Jubilee Charity Gaited Horse Show , Tulsa Expo. Contact Cris Van Horn at twocloudsdancing@gmail.com
May 19-20, 2007	OETRA GPS CLINIC, Bell Cow Lake, Chandler OK. Fee \$10. Bring your own lunch. Milt Alexander, Chm.; Dee Hummel, Co-Chm. 918-367-5805, milt@hiddenspringsranch.net
June 2-3, 2007	OETRA NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, Robbers Cave State Park, Wilburton OK. Guided rides. Sat. pot luck supper, meat furn. \$5/meal, children 12 & under, free. Terri Folks, Chm. 405-348-1397, trfolks@cox.net ; Co-Chm. Julie Cameron 405-359-5689, lazyfarm@sbcglobal.net
June 9, 2007	TWHAO Saddle Fitting Clinic and Membership Meeting , Tonya Ridley's, Bixby, OK
June 9-10, 2007	BGTRC, City Slickers Trail Ride, Bell Cow Lake, Chandler, OK, dkstowers@sbcglobal.net
July 6, 2007	GCFTHA Southern Classic Horse Show, Claremore OK. www.oklahomafoxtrotters.com
August 25-26, 2007	BGTRC, All Ladies Ride, Robber's Cave, Wilburton, OK, dkstowers@sbcglobal.net
Sep 1-3, 2007	OETRA LABOR DAY RIDE, Robbers Cave State Park, Wilburton OK. Fee \$10. Guided rides Sat. & Sun. Apprvd 20 mi/day. Co-Chm.: Ann McFarland 405-964-6826, dreamcatcher@mcloudteleco.com ; Shelly Maas 405-255-7421, rmtuffy@aol.com
September 22, 2007	TWHAO Trail Ride , Sportsman's Lake, Seminole, OK. Bring a sack lunch. Contact Mary Ben Marshall, maryben@mbo.net
Oct 6, 2007	GCFTHA Trail Ride, Cedar Lake, Heavener OK. www.oklahomafoxtrotters.com
October 20, 2007	TWHAO and the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's & Exhibitors Association (TWHBEA) are hosting an open, all breed, Trail Ride at Bell Cow Lake, Chandler Oklahoma. Contact Mark Wolf at rmwolf@olp.net
October 27-28, 2007	BGTRC, Halloween Ride, Robber's Cave, Wilburton, OK, dkstowers@sbcglobal.net
November 3, 2007	GCFTHA Trail Ride & Chili Cook-Off, Walnut Creek State Park, Prue OK www.oklahomafoxtrotters.com
November 10-12, 2007	OETRA FALL COLOR RIDE, Cedar Lake Equestrian Camp, Heavener OK. For members only or join at the ride. Guided rides. Apprvd 20 mi/day. Sat. pot luck supper, meat furn. \$5/meal, children 12 & under, free. Co-Chm.: Teri Wyatt 405-340-5491; Tracey Brauer. Reservations can be made 240 days in advance, 1-877-444-6777
November 17, 2007	TWHAO Annual Meeting
November 17, 2007	BGTRC, Jenks Christmas Parade, dkstowers@sbcglobal.net
December 8, 2007	BGTRC, Tulsa Parade of Lights, dkstowers@sbcglobal.net



