



Pinckney Trail Riders Association

Spring 2014

Board meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7pm.
• All Members Welcome • For more information call, 734.878.2975

Upcoming Events

May 18th, 2pm Members Spring Ride

Meet at staging area and father afterwards for visiting with fellow PTRA members and friends.

June 14th Member Camp Out and Potluck

Join us at Hell Creek Ranch for a weekend of fun followed by a potluck dinner at 6:30pm. PTRA will provide the meat, beverages, and table service. Bring a dish to pass. Will are also looking forward to our favorite DJ, Roger Burgdorf, to spin the records for dancing and later, an awesome laser light show. Plan on joining us for a great weekend. Reservations can be made by calling Hell Creek Ranch @ 734-878-3632. Please let them know that you are with the PTRA to get the \$30/site/night rate. All donations will be accepted to cover rental cost and food pavillion. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

July-TBD Kids Day at the Ranch

Kids from Ele's Place will be invited for games, lunch, and a trail ride. Sponsors needed for the kids at \$25 each. Mail your check to: PTRA, 11185 Country Lane, Pinckney, 48169. IT'S TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!!

September 27th Desensitiation Clinic for Bicycles, Stollers, Hikers

Bring your horse to the Lakeland Trail for the DNR "Park It." Pens will be provided for your horse to stay in next to seasoned horses to help them stay calm while bikes, stollers and/or other foot traffic passes. Limited availability. Fee applies. Details will be forthcoming at a later date.

October 18th, 12pm (rain date, October 25th) Halloween Member Ride and Chili Cook Off

Awards for best consumes and best chili recipe. Monks Road staging area. More details forthcoming.

Dec. 6th, 6 pm PTRA/BTRA CHRISTMAS PARTY. Details to be announced.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATED DETAILS ~ WWW.PINCKNEYTRAILRIDERS.COM

Monks Road Staging Area is Getting a Facelif

PTRA is working hard for you! Sue Armstrong, President, along with Sandra Batie, Chairperson of Equine Trials Subcommittee (ETS), and Chuck Dennison, Park Manager, received the go-ahead to apply for a grant for major improvements to the staging area. Pinckney was chosen over another park due to our many improvements that we have made to our trail system. Chuck applied to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund through the Recreational Trails Program. The funds come from the oil and gas leases the state collects monies from.

PTRA entered a Partnership Agreement with the DNR as a condititon of this and we happily agreed to draft the agreement using Sleepy Hollow's agreement as the example and it was signed by both parties March 31, 2014. We have basically agreed to maintain the trails and signs (DNR to provide the materials, we provide the labor) which we do anyway. In turn they have agreed to mow the staging area and maintain water and toilet facilities at the staging area. Both parties have agreed to work in cooperation to the mutual benefit of us, them and the general public.

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Monks Road Staging Area is Getting a Facelift (Cont.)

The improvements that the grant is being applied for is for a well, toilet facility, major driveway improvements to include enlarging turning radius', hitching posts/rail, mounting block, and a gate to back field. We have applied to MHC for a grant to build a kiosk for posting information. Should we not receive those funds, I am expecting one to be included in the grant. The only thing we were shut down on getting was a pavillion but we can certainly handle getting one purchased by the club.

According to Chuck, we will not hear about the funding until the end of this year. Hopefully we will see construction begin next year at our staging area!



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Items For Sale

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Davis Medicine Boot, 4" (\$20). Call Sue Armstrong at 734-878-2975.

LIKE NEW!!! Tucker Gen II- Rockcreek Tooled Saddle, 16.5," black, wide tree. Call Trish at 586-915-2134.

Slightly used full horse harness (\$350); single cart (\$375); sleigh - seats two adults and two children (\$750); 17" Stubben eventing saddle, medium bullet width, great condition, includes stirrups and leathers (\$350). Call Allison Pine at 734-904-4682.

Cordura/leather Tennessean 16" saddle (\$200). Call Karen at 517-376-9205.

Various Bits for Sale: Tom thumb 5" bit with cheek rings (\$20/BO); Stainless steel 5"reining bit with copper roller, 8 3/4" cheek pieces (\$30/BO); QUICK hinged snaffle bit with 8" aluminum cheek pieces, **NEW!** (\$75/BO); Mylar 5" Pelham #2 bit, **NEW!** (\$120/BO). Pictures available. Call Sue at 734-878-2975 or Suemarmstrong@yahoo.com.

Senate Passes Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act

(Submitted by admin of American Horse Council on Thursday, 01/09/2014 - 18:08 at <http://www.horsecouncil.org/senate-passes-veterinary-medicine-mobility-act>)

The United States Senate passed, the Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act (S. 1171), sponsored by Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS). The bill was passed unanimously without amendment and has been sent to the House of Representatives where it awaits further action.

Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act amends the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to clarify that veterinarians are allowed to transport, administer and dispense controlled substances and medications outside of their registered offices and hospitals. It would ensure equine veterinarians have the ability provide mobile or ambulatory services in the field to the horse community.

Equine veterinarians often provide mobile services and treat horses at farms, training facilities, horse shows, or racetracks. In many cases it is not possible for owners to bring their horses to a clinic or hospital. For this reason, veterinarians have for years carried any medications they may have needed with them secured in their vehicle. However, their ability to do this and provide care to horses in the field is now in jeopardy.

This legislation would allow vets to continue to treat horses as they always have. The PTRAs were represented by Elsa Elmore, board member, who supported this bill by contacting our senators and voiced an opinion on our behalf. It is hoped that the House will pass the bill quickly.

In addition, Ms. Elmore is acting on our behalf to prevent all soring tactics (Act H.R. 1518)

Thank you Elsa for your hard work and your concern for the well-being of our equine friends!

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Council Expo in March, the PTRAs received \$25 that is unaccounted for. If you have paid for a membership and have yet to receive a memeber package in the mail, perhaps you have yet to be credited. If no one reports this discrepancy, the funds will be added to the PTRAs general fund.

Thank You!

SPRING WORK BEE

By Sue Armstrong



Our breakfast work bee held on Saturday, April 26th, was a successful one! We had good weather (a little windy but no rain) and everyone filled up on pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee before going off to their designated work areas. We had crews on atvs and a side by side to take care of the downed trees and we had the foot soldiers hand whacking away. By noon we were done and a nice job was accomplished by all. The trails are reported to be in good condition this year and don't appear to need any major clearing back by Russell Tree Service but we will be hiring them to clear the scrub out between the trees along Monks Rd. at the staging area to open up the visibility. We did not get to any trails heading to the bridge or the other side. There is still a large tree down across the trail just north of the bridge that will need a chainsaw. If you know of any other areas that need trees cleared, please let us know. Any future work bees will be on an as needed basis. Thank you to Amy Scharmen and Dianne Martin for spearheading the work areas and a huge THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO HELP!

Oh we have Happy Trails and spring is coming (I think, anyways)

PTRA LOGO NEWS

By Sue Armstrong



PTRA has recently secured our logo with the pine trees that is on our embroidered apparel. We hired a designer to redo the logo and provide it in several different types of files for us to use on everything from our website to heat transfer apparel. This has been a struggle for several years as this design was originally a MS clipart with cactus in the picture and we could never get the design with our trees. We now have that and it is OURS!

We are so excited to have this that we are anticipating ordering coffee mugs and safety vests with our logo. If you want anything with the PTRA logo on it, please let us know. We are also hoping to make an embroidered clothing order so if you want any shirts, hoodies or other apparel, please let us know that as well.



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PTRA Membership Renewals are Due!

2013 MEMBERSHIPS ENDED 4/15/14. If you have not renewed your membership, please complete the application and mail with your check. We value each and every one of you so we hope you will renew your membership today! We are making great strides and need your continued support to keep marching on. Besides it gives your Board the incentive to stay on board so to speak ;o).

FINE PRINT – NON-RENEWING MEMBERS WILL BE DELETED FROM RECEIVING INFORMATION SHARING AND OTHER BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP. DDAY 5/31/14!