



# HORSE SENSE

## The Tuckahoe Equestrian Center Newsletter

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Wednesday,  
Sept. 15, 2010  
Meeting  
7 p.m.

TEC Clubhouse

Speaker:  
Joetta Denny

"Emergency on the  
Road"

Paul McMullen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The July 21, 2010 meeting minutes were read as printed in the August 2010 newsletter; a motion was made, seconded and passed that the minutes be accepted as read.

Buck Schuyler read the Treasurer's report and noted an ending balance of \$30,945.52 in the checking account.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Sunshine:** Sandy Schwaninger reported that she sent a card to Royce Herman and Burt Brodt.

**Update:** Paul McMullen said he finally got to speak with Royce and while the operations have not been as smooth as he and Martha had hoped, they are working to feel better and get back home. Feel free to leave messages on the recorder; they do receive them and we wish them both a speedy mending!

**Trails:** Joyce Bell reported that Sally Cookson of the League of Maryland Horsemen called and invited us to an ice cream social to be held this Saturday, August 21, 2010 at the League. Contact Joyce for more information. Karen Mack reported that the Sassafras Ride was well attended and enjoyed by all; it offered a cooling August ride. She also said that 5 hearty souls enjoyed the Fair Hill Ride, too, despite the high temperature; they stayed in the wooded areas as much as possible and rode for only 2 ½ hours. Jack Doub mentioned that the famous Doub Ride needs to be rescheduled because of conflicts on Wye Island; the new date is tentatively set for October 16, 2010. The Killer Trail Event at TEC is now rescheduled for November 7, 2010.

**Speaker:** Joyce mentioned that Joetta Denny will be next month's speaker and will discuss the US Rider program and how it helped her.

**Parades:** Dale Kinnamon was not present and there was no official report, but Francis mentioned that there is a Stevensville parade later this month.

**Membership:** Burt Brodt reported that membership is at 199 with 346 cards issued.

**Building Committee:** Paul McMullen reported that he is still waiting on two more renovation estimates.

**Trail Clearing:** Lem Kinnamon and Brenda Kibler differed somewhat on their assessment of trail conditions at TEC, but it sounds like it is time to do some clearing, trimming and pruning. So, if you are riding, bring a clipper with you and lend a hand until we get something organized.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Outlaw Days:** The last organizational meeting was August 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at TEC. All is moving along but much remains to be done. Linda Doub has done a great job with a full line up of arena events and activities; Burt has the information and will be putting it together for the map and program. Phil Tindall is in charge of the arena gate. The costume contest on Sunday is western themed or equine themed—all are welcome to participate. Crafters and food vendors are looking good. Charlene Thomas has most graciously agreed that she and her SOAR Program members will be responsible for running the children's games both days—thank you, Charlene! Jack Doub reminded everyone that volunteers should come dressed in western garb. Buck Schuyler said the absolute last (drop dead) date for ads for the program book is this Saturday, August 21, 2010 because the layout is going to the printer on Monday. Francis Kinnamon said he needs to tidy up along the long lane and we will be picking up after him. Jack Doub is getting the sign hardware from Burt Brodt. Ed Miller has agreed to water the lanes for us—thank you, Ed. Laura Kaufmann will be contacting Queen Anne's County DPW and arranging for the horse crossing signs to be

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permitted to be placed for the week-end. Much discussion ensued about the limited parking at TEC for Outlaw Days; only handicapped parking, horse trailers, actors and some volunteers with heavy/extensive equipment will be permitted to park on the TEC side because of safety concerns stemming from too much traffic, the wagon rides, the people movers and activities on the grounds. Most volunteers will need to park in the public parking area and either walk over or ride the people movers over to the grounds. Also, please remember to bring your volunteer pass to gain entry. Buck Schuyler mentioned that Tracey Snyder did an awesome ad for the Horse Force magazine and it looks great. Thank you, Tracey.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Daffin House Ride:** Lisa Ritter passed out flyers for the annual fund raiser/Daffin House Ride on September 25, 2010.

**Cindy Berkey Weekend Ride:**

Joyce Bell is looking for someone who would like to head up the weekend events or just the ride—call Joyce to volunteer. This is always a great time because it is perfect riding weather.

**Youth Group:** Karen Mack mentioned that the youth had their July meeting and discussed participation points – they have so many activities, they are racking up points. They also talked about a possible drill team; tye dyed t-shirts; and award ideas. They are considering awards that are not too horse focused since there are varying interests and some members might not have horses. They had a bake sale and raised \$127 plus another \$40 in donation monies. Thank you to the moms and others who baked for the sale.

**Speed Show:** Doug Kaufmann mentioned that the best attendance yet was at the August series finale—there were 27 riders. Jeanene Glover reported that the Stan Schmidt Speed Show Series High Point Awards will be announced and presented at the September TEC membership meeting!

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa I. Ritter

**TEC Awarded \$500 Grant**

Thanks to a grant written and submitted by Joyce Bell, the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB) has awarded Tuckahoe Equestrian Center (TEC) of Ridgely, MD, a \$500 grant to be used towards the cost of the audio system rental [from Mid-South Audio] for Outlaw Days. MHIB is an organization dedicated to promoting and researching horses, educating the public about them, and creating awareness of how equine activities relate to green space preservation for them. TEC organizes its annual September event, Outlaw Days at Tuckahoe, with some of the same goals in mind.

Outlaw Days, held Sept. 11-12, 2010, educates everyone, especially the non-horse public, by offering a wide variety of exciting horse-related activities. The audio system will be used in the five, original live-action shootouts that are held both days in Tuckahoe City. It will also be used throughout the weekend during a variety of arena demonstrations.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010

\*\*\* means event or leader is not yet confirmed

REMEMBER TO CALL THE CONTACT PERSON ABOUT A RIDE IF THE WEATHER OR  
EVEN JUST THE TRAIL CONDITIONS ARE QUESTIONABLE.

### SEPTEMBER

**Sat, Sun Sept 11, 12:** Tuckahoe Equestrian Center Outlaw Days 2010 9-5 daily

**Wed Sept 15:** Monthly Meeting at TEC, 7 pm

**Sat Sept 18:** Youth Group at TEC, 9 am -1 pm

**Sept 18:** TEC Killer Trail Ride CXL'D [RESCHEDULED FOR SUN. NOV. 7—THE CINDY BERKEY WEEKEND.

**Sun Sept 19:** Ridgely Joust, Martin Sutton Park (Ridgely) 1 pm Dorsey Wooters 410-479-0565

**Sat Sept 25:** Daffin House Ride [See Page 4 for details]

**Fri Sept 24—Sun Sept 26:** Amelia, VA Ride

**Sun Sept 26:**

**ESJA Pre-Championship Joust** TEC 10 am Paul McMullen 410-482-2176 and...

**ESJA Championship Joust** TEC 1 pm Diane Sherwood 410-364-5172

### OCTOBER

**Fri Oct 1—Sun Oct 3:** Thurmont Riding Club at TEC

**Fri Oct 1—Sun Oct 3:** LOMH Invitational Ride—Members from regional horse clubs get together at the League to share riding and ideas. **Fri.** night soup provided. **Sat.** am breakfast and lunch served -plus covered dish dinner (refrigerator & grill available.) **Sun.** breakfast provided w/dinner in early afternoon. Ride leaders both days. Portable corrals up to 12 x 12' ok. Dogs on leash ok.

Show Coggins at registration. Cost \$25, 7 years & under, free.

**REGISTRATION:** Checks to "LOMH" - send to Evelyn Burkhouse, 331 Old Chestnut Road, Elkton, MD 21921 **BY SEPTEMBER 25** so food can be ordered. No registrations accepted after this date. **Info: Call Evelyn: 410-398-9749.** (Phone rings 10 times before message plays.....)

**Fri Oct 1—Sun Oct 3:** Bill Mills Ride Contact is Adina Barnett 410-758-2251 or barnettadina@gmail.com

**Thurs Oct 7—Sun Oct 10:** Stargazers camped at TEC

**Sat Oct 9:** Youth Group at TEC, 9 am -1 pm

**\*\*\*Sun Oct 10:** Scavenger Hunt (\*\*\*) Buck/Paul)

**Sat Oct 16:** Doub Ride, Wye Island This is "firmly tentative" -

a rescheduled ride from Nov. 13. Date will be officially confirmed—with details—next month. Jack and Linda Doub: 410-827-8613.

**Sun Oct 17:** Paper Chase at Blackbird State Forest - Patty Kemp 302-222-2017

**Wed Oct 20:** Monthly Meeting at TEC, 7 pm

**Fri Oct 22—Sat Oct 23:** Haunted Walk Tuckahoe Equestrian Center

### NOVEMBER

**Sat Nov 6—Sun Nov 7:** League of Maryland Horsemen Fall Ride

**Sat Nov 6—Sun Nov 7:** TEC Cindy Berkey Weekend including a ride and the Harvest Auction on Saturday and the TEC Killer Trail on Sunday! Start gathering your stuff for the auction. AND...

**Sun Nov 7:** TEC Killer Trail Event: Paul McMullen and Buck Schuyler 410-482-2176. Details in October.

**Nov 13:** Doub Ride, Wye Island CXL'D [RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 16.]

**Wed Nov 17:** Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, TEC

**Sat Nov 20:** Youth Group at TEC, 9 am -1 pm

**Sun Nov 21:** Judged Pleasure Ride (\*\*\*)Buck & Paul)

### DECEMBER

**Sun Dec 5:** Conquest Beach Ride - Karen Mack 410-778-3827

**Sat Dec 11:** Youth Group

**Wed Dec 15:** Monthly Meeting (location to be determined)

**“Bits” Page**

**You can sell it, buy it, or announce it—right here**

**7TH ANNUAL  
DAFFIN HOUSE TRAIL RIDE**

**Saturday, September 25, 2010**  
*All proceeds benefit  
Whimsical Equine Rescue, Inc.*

Poker players **MUST** register and start by 10:30 am.  
Non-players may register and start by 12 noon.  
Noon: Obstacle class competition (a fun obstacle course in an enclosed area.)

*Raffles—50-50—Music and Food  
Professional Photos of you and your horse!*

**Negative Coggins Required**

Cost: \$30 -13 years or older, \$15 -under 13 years  
\$10 -Obstacle class

Directions: from Route 50 near Easton, turn East on Route 328. Cross Tuckahoe River. Left on Tuckahoe Road—Go about 2 1/2—3 miles. Daffin House historic estate will be on left.

***BOARDING AVAILABLE  
(near Trappe)***

**Field Board  
(large field with run-in)**

**- or -**

**Stall Board  
(large stalls, large field turnout)**

**CALL SANDY: (cell) 410-924-2623**

**OUTLAW DAYS ATTENDEES  
FROM T.E.C. !!**

**PLEASE COME IN WESTERN DRESS—  
JEANS, A NECKERCHIEF OR WEST-  
ERN-STYLE SHIRT OR HAT WILL DO!**

**Please....no T-shirts....**

**— WANTED —**

**USED HAY ELEVATOR—16’**

**Call Lisa 410-634-2685**

**Teens -Teens -TEENS!**

Get your Service hours for school in the most fun way possible, assisting our non-profit Tuckahoe Equestrian Center!

Volunteer for our fund-raiser, Outlaw Days, the weekend of September 11, 12 in Tuckahoe State Park!

Be outdoors, around horses (or not), be helpful AND have fun! Bring your friends to help! Lots to choose from!

**Call Joyce at 410-820-8002**

**HOOF PICKS—MEETING REMINDERS**

**6 PM—WEDNESDAYS**  
Sept 15, Oct 10, Nov 17, Dec 15

**LESSON HORSES/ PONIES FOR SALE  
Reducing my Herd**

[www.sunsetstable.com](http://www.sunsetstable.com) (photos)

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## **2011(!)**

### **APRIL**

**Sat Apr 9:** St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Benefit Ride at TEC.

**Sun Apr 10:** Easter Bunny Fund Drive at TEC

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### **OUTLAW DAYS PASSES AND ADMISSIONS ...and beyond**

As some of you know, the Tuckahoe Equestrian Center is enduring the same hard financial squeeze as many of the rest of us. Participation in our all-important fund-raisers (which are also FUN raisers for everyone) has dropped off; the club is struggling to meet expenses and at the same time trying to preserve cash to re-model our existing clubhouse.

While we are trying to raise more money here and there, we are also trying to plug the potential holes that allow some income to not be realized.

During the upcoming Outlaw Days, visitors will be more closely checked as to whether or not they are truly volunteer **participants** (who have passes) or simply someone accompanying an actual participant. **While we welcome all with enthusiasm, we will be requiring an admission payment of anyone without a pass.** We hope you all understand that this is necessary. Many people want TEC to continue to exist and expand its goals. The legacy left for us by Cindy Berkey was to continue to educate the public about everything equestrian, help children become better adults by keeping, training and riding horses, and to keep trails and green spaces open for all to use.

The short statement is, pay an admission fee happily, if you should.

The big statement is, do as much as you can to keep TEC alive and well. Cindy would love you for it.

Hey all,

With Outlaw Days 2010 fast approaching, I reflect on the hard work a small group of members put into this annual fundraiser for the club. You know who you are and THANK YOU! But guess what? That crew is getting tired and apparently in 2011, many of the tried/true events from the past may not be held in their same format or size or simply disappear. To be honest, its actually a normal cycle for all volunteer-based clubs to have people lose interest in working so hard without any chance to enjoy the fruits of their labor or the pleasures of their hobby. If you're always volunteering and working, then you're not out there 'riding your horse'.

So...if you really loved those past events such as the Judged Pleasure Ride, Scavenger Hunts, Easter Egg Hunts, Speed Shows, Specialty Shows, Clinics, and more.. Then get involved, step up..volunteer to help, and most importantly.....Volunteer to run these events for a couple of years, etc. If you need help, perhaps the organizer who ran the event will 'consult' in order to make it move along smoother.

Actually, if you have something that's never been put forth before but you have a passion to see happen, that's the type of event you could champion and promote! (e.g. Gaited horse, Miniature horse, Mule/Donkey/shows etc.

If you can't make a weekday evening meeting (like me!) and want your voice heard at the monthly meeting, contact any of the officers or member on the Board and explain to them your ideas and have them present those ideas to the general membership for 2011. Don't use the excuse that you can never make a meeting to stop you from getting involved! BTW.. Don't let anyone else tell you otherwise! LOL (e.g. you never make a meeting, so don't you dare express an opinion!)

However, getting involved is more than attending the monthly meeting and bringing cupcakes! See ya around next month at OD!

Sincerely,  
Pao Lin Hatch

## A Cool Dip, Anyone?

Lisa Ritter

What better way to spend a Saturday in August than with your horse, 27 great friends and a refreshing dip in the water? That was the agenda for the Sassafras Ride on Saturday, August 6th. Led by Karen Mack, about 28 riders (some of the usual suspects and several new faces) met in the parking lot at 10 am to set out for a leisurely morning to mid afternoon ride. Some of the later arrivals, like Lem Kinnamon, had to park in the middle of the lot (it was full of boaters and riders—what a great mix of rigs and uses.) As Lem said, “they can get around me when they leave.”

We set off a little past 10 am, encountered only a minimal (for August) number of pesky insects on the first part of the trail, traversed open fields, the edge of corn fields (where many a horse felt the need to try to snatch a snack), through brambles, multiflora rose, poison ivy and wooded areas before coming finally upon the river.

At the water’s edge, several new horses decided they would trot the edge or perfect their back-up techniques before finally deciding to try out the refreshing coolness of the water. Once in the water, all horses seemed to enjoy the coolness, some splashed and riders worked hard to avoid the inevitable attempt to drop and roll; others waded out farther and made seaweed hats for their horses (the multiple purpose whip pressed into service.) Many played at the water’s edge and enjoyed a short rest while other riders stripped their saddles and packs and donned bathing suits (see what you miss if you skip a ride?) or shorts to head out into deeper waters. Eventually we headed for the picnic area where the horses enjoyed munching on grass while the riders rehydrated and ate lunch before heading back to the trailers.

We had new faces from Cordova, Harrington and as far away as Salisbury. Horses were pretty evenly divided between gaited and W/T/C horses. During the ride, we often broke into several smaller groups giving everyone the opportunity to choose the speed, pace and gait they wanted to ride. Laughs aplenty and even some child-like antics (duck

when plant materials fly your way or you could be bonked on the head) from the adults provided a great way to relax, enjoy the company and ride. We returned to the trailers between 2:00 and 2:30 and all agreed they had a wonderful day! Thanks for a great ride, once again, TEC members!

*The following is summarized and excerpted from an article written to the Maryland Trail Riders site on yahoo.com this summer...*

On Sunday of Memorial Day, a horse owner in Tyaskin woke to see flames shooting out of the roof of her barn. (The horses were all outside, but other animals were trapped inside.) Despite efforts by the Westside, Hebron and Mardela Fire Departments, within an hour the barn was a ruin of twisted siding and charred timbers. The heat was so intense it melted the siding of a shed and ignited a pile of logs 50 feet away. Insurance is only covering about 80% of the cost of rebuilding, and even less for the contents inside.

[Part of this article goes on to describe the help the family is receiving from others including direct help, fundraisers, etc. It is touching and heartwarming to know of such an outpouring of generosity from both friends and strangers. The family who owned the barn took in unwanted or orphaned farm animals, and provided a retirement home to some older horses.] Then the writer goes on...

Concerning the insurance situation, please, please, please check your policy! Most people have a standard policy which talks about replacement cost. But they do not realize that the replacement cost is the cost of rebuilding LESS depreciation. To get full replacement coverage, you must purchase a rider. That might run you a couple of hundred more a year in your premium, but figure what 80% of rebuilding means if you have to come up with the other 20%! \$200 ain’t so much then!

Also, please, please, please, take a digital camera and photograph your possessions. You should already be doing that for your house, but I never thought to do it for my tack. [ It appears that the writer may have lost her own tack in the fire. She said her claim is just over \$15K. Four saddles alone were over \$6K. ] She advises everyone to “start running the numbers” for all that we own. Make sure your homeowners policy covers your tack and anything else that is not under your immediate control [maybe at a barn where you board?]. It could save you in the event that something like this happens.

[A quick call to your insurance agent will tell you just how covered you really are in the event of a barn fire.]

*The following is a special release by the Humane Society of the United States.*

**The Humane Society of the United States Applauds Passage of H.R. 305,  
The Horse Transportation Safety Act, in the House Transportation and  
Infrastructure Committee**

(July 29,2010) - The Humane Society of the United States applauds the U.C. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for passing legislation—H.R. 305, the Horse Transportation Safety Act of 2009—that will vastly improve the welfare of horse transport in the United States.

Chairman James Oberstar, D-Minn., and Ranking Member John Mica, R-Fla., exhibited strong leadership for horse protection by moving this bill for a vote. Chairman Oberstar spoke eloquently about the dangers horses faced in a series of accidents involving double-decker trailers and commended the bipartisan nature of the legislation. Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa, offered an amendment to remove the ban on double deckers from the bill and to simply regulate these vehicles. He then agreed to withdraw the amendment after several members from both parties spoke strongly against it as undermining the need for an immediate ban.

The legislation would prohibit the interstate transportation of horses in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another. The bill was introduced by U.S. Reps. Mark Kirk, R-Ill., and Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., and has 70 cosponsors. ...

...“The time has come for Congress to ban double decker trailers for all horses,” said Keith Dane, the HSUS’ director of equine protection. “We don’t need any more gruesome incidents to know that double-decker trailers are inhumane and unsafe. These vehicles are primarily used by the horse slaughter industry for hauling as many horses as possible from auctions to slaughter plants in Canada and Mexico. The American public loves horses and this legislation is urgently needed to prevent future tragedies.”

Double-decker trailers are designed for animals such as cattle and pigs—shorter necked species than horses, who require more headroom than double-decker trailers afford. Horses often throw their heads to maintain balance, and injure easily in such vehicles....

...Rep. Kirk said, “Stacking these animals one atop the other in a moving vehicle is simply an accident waiting to happen. It is not only a cruel way to transport horses, but it also puts human lives at risk.”

Rep. Cohen said, “ Using double-stacked trailers is inhumane and cruel. Our bill prohibits any interstate transportation of horses in double-stacked trailers and implements tough civil penalties for anyone caught using such deplorable modes of transportation for horses.”

[The press release goes on to give examples of injuries to and deaths of horses in horrific accidents in Missouri and Illinois.]

**Congress is [in recess] for the summer but returns in September when H.R. 305 is now cleared for a vote before the U.S. House of Representatives.**