



HOOFPRINTS FEBRUARY 2012

Midlands Saddle Club held its monthly meeting on February 2, 2012. Darlene called the meeting to order and reported on the January ride at Hitchcock Woods. We had a group of twelve or so brave souls who thought the weather might not cooperate, but it turned out to be a beautiful, crisp day and everyone had a good ride. Darlene's granddaughter, Ashely, missed the connection with her horse while attempting a jump, but she was OK. Like a good cowgirl, she got right back up on her horse with a smile! New members Alison Estrada, Steve Gantt and Renee Gantt were welcomed. It was Steve's lucky night because he won the door prize – a nice set of wind chimes! We also recognized guests Candy and Mike Burgess.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSED

- Treasurer's report given by Athea indicated a bank balance of \$525.88. She sent our donation of \$200 to Dream Equine Therapy Center on January 10. We have twenty-nine people signed up to purchase club T-Shirts. If we order thirty-six, we will get a better price. There is an extra charge for XL shirts – maybe a couple of dollars. It would be nice to get them ordered so we can proudly wear them to the Spring Fun Show.
- A motion was made to give MSC members a \$5.00 discount on the Fun Show fees. A discussion led us to vote “no” on the motion because, in essence, we are giving or donating the money to the club anyway.
- Jackie Nance gave Spann a list of possible riding locations. We don't have a ride planned for June yet, so maybe we can pick one from this group. Spann will report back next month.
- Katie Nichoalds, who boards at Larry Fulmer's farm in Newberry, has offered to give a demonstration of natural horsemanship methods (Parelli). She offered to do it at the Fun Show, but we decided there wouldn't be enough time for everyone to get the full benefit of it at the show. Spann will speak to her and see if she would do this on a Saturday that we don't have a ride planned.
- The show sheet for the Spring Fun Show was planned. A final version should be on the website soon.

2012 MEETING TOPICS

- March 1 Kevin Sherer will speak to us about hoof care.
- April 5 Bingo Night. \$7.00 per person – good Horsey prizes!
Last meeting before the Fun Show - Details will be nailed down.
- May 3 Horse Trivia Night. Test your knowledge of common and not so common equine facts.
- June 7 Not yet planned.

TRAIL RIDES, ETC

- February 11 Giddy Swamp – Darlene and Clarence’s place. Bring a bag lunch and be ready to ride at 11:00. (Directions at end of newsletter.)
- Feb 24-26 Equestrian Exchange Tack Sale, Charlotte, NC.
www.equestrianexchange.com
- March 17 Oakland Hills Trail Ride, Saluda. Make a weekend of it, March 16-18.
Camping and entertainment available.
Oaklandhillstrailride.com
- March 24 Big Red Ride, Saluda. Camping and entertainment March 23-25.
864-980-9555, 864-445-3898, 864-980-5241
- April 21 Saddle Up for St Jude Trail Ride. Lynches Woods, Newberry. Register at 10:00, ride starts at 11:00. Lunch provided by MSC member Sandy House and the Chapin Ride with Pride 4-H Club. All donations go to St Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Information available from Sandy (803-603-3502) or at the next MSC meeting.
- April 20-22 Wonderful Weekend in Ward. wardscevents.com
- April 28 MSC SPRING FUN SHOW. Red Bank Arena.
- May 11-13 Wet ‘n’ Wild Weekend at Double J. ridedoublejranch.com
- May 18-20 Riding and camping at Croft State Park, Spartanburg.
- June No ride planned yet. Where would YOU like to go?
- Oct 31-Nov 4 31st Annual Jack Monroe Heart Association Beach Ride
Ahabeachride.org

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 1 at Ryan's in Lexington – 7.:30pm. Guests are always welcome! Kevin Scherer will present a program on hoof care. You don't want to miss this!

JUST A REMINDER

If you haven't already turned in your membership forms and dues, you may get a form at the next meeting or print one from the website.

PERSONALS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to Tommy Swygert on February 14th. What a fitting birthday for this handsome cowboy!

GET WELL WISHES – MSC member Larry Fulmer has been in the hospital recently and is really under the weather. We wish him a speedy recovery and brighter days as soon as possible. Get well soon Larry.

FOR SALE – Spann's daughter has two registered Paints for sale, a mare and a gelding. "Sassy" is an Overo Paint and is twelve years old. "Mick", a Tobiano Dun Paint, is six years old and stands tall at 16 hands. They are located in Central, SC. If you are interested, give Spann a call (803-767-8427).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Alison Estrada
Riley Edwards
Steve and Renee Gantt

DIRECTIONS TO GIDDY SWAMP RIDE THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

660 Collum Pond Road
Wagener, SC
803-603-997 Darlene's cell
803-979-3552 Clarence's cell

From Pelion: Take Hwy 302 toward Wagener. Turn right on Brown Pond Road. Go to Stop sign and turn left on to Collum Pond Road. Giddy Swamp Farm is on the left.

From Batesburg-Leesville: Take Hwy 178 toward Fairview and turn right on Hwy 113. Go to end on Collum Pond Road – turn left to go to Giddy Swamp Farm. (There will be a school on the right when you turn left to find Giddy Swamp Farm).

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