

The Western Saddle Club News



March 2009

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Meeting Highlights

The next meeting of the WSC will be held on Monday April 6th, at 7:30 PM, at the club house. The March meeting was opened by President Rickey Jones. The Officers' reports were read and accepted by the membership.

The old business addressed at the meeting:

- Donations are needed for the scavenger hunt ride. These may be any item that is related to horses.
- If you are interested in competition trail riding, contact Melinda Gresham 706-291-0995.

The new business addressed at the meeting:

- Berry College has notified the club of problems with the trails. Be sure to read the letter included in this issues of the newsletter.
- A new gate code is in effect. Contact Jody Jones if you need it. 706-252-4169
- Remember you must have your WSC Membership Card and your Berry Permit with you. If you are on a WSC ride, the club permit covers you as long as you are with the group.

Board of Directors

No new announcements

Happy Trails 2008 Members

If you have not renewed your 2008 membership this will be the last newsletter for you. So, renew today in order not to miss out on all of the fun! The family membership is \$60. This is for adults and children under 18 years of age. Individual memberships this

year are \$30. Full time student memberships are available for \$10.

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See warning: Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, regarding equine activities and events.

2009 Planned Club Activities

Mar 28:	Trail Ride	10 AM
Apr. 6:	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
Apr 25:	Trail / Poker Ride	10 AM
Apr 26:	Trail Ride	10 AM
May 4:	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
May 24:	Trail / Scavenger Ride	10 AM
June 1:	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
June 27:	Fort Mountain Trail Ride	10 AM
July 6:	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
Aug 3:	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
Sept 12:	Pink Ride	TBA
Sept 14:	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
Sept 26:	Trail Ride	10 AM
Sept 27:	Trail Ride	10 AM
Oct 5:	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
Oct 24:	Trail Ride	10 AM
Nov 2:	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
Nov 27:	Thanksgiving Ride	1 PM
Nov 28:	Thanksgiving Ride	10 AM
Nov 29:	Thanksgiving Ride	10 AM
Dec:	WSC Christmas Party	TBA

Important Letter From Berry College To All WSC Members

Officers of the Western Saddle Club
c/o Rickey Jones, President
P.O. Box 2471
Rome, GA 30164

Dear Friends:

Berry College is grateful for the leadership you have shown this year as we established recreational trails for horseback riders, runners and bikers. We appreciate the notifications you have sent to Billy Yeomans when there are problems with the trails, and we know that you have taken the lead in alerting your members and other riders to Berry's regulations for recreational use of our property.

As you know, Berry is committed to welcoming our friends and neighbors to the property, while ensuring that the recreational needs of our students, faculty and staff are a priority. We have noted that the newly created trailheads are being widely used and that riders continue to enter the property through both of them.

Unfortunately, we are continuing to encounter compliance issues with some riders. All of the signs that were placed around the reservoir, cautioning that horses cannot be watered, have been torn down. In addition, riders are still frequently encountered on trails that are not designated for horses. While we do not believe there is widespread disregard for our policies, we are once again attempting to let riders and clubs know that continued problems could force us to close the property to non-Berry riders. We do not know, nor do we assume, that any of these problems are from your members.

However, we hope that you will once again advise your members of this concern, and we will send letters to all of our riding permit holders within the next few weeks. The staff at the Gunby Equine Center will ensure that permit holders receive copies of the trail map and the recreational use policies of the college when they complete their permit paperwork. In addition, we are asking

employees of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, who maintain the Wildlife Management Area for Berry, to step up their monitoring, especially near the reservoir. We hope that you and your members will also alert us when you encounter riders who are disregarding the trail designations or who are failing to adhere to our recreational use policies.

Again, we appreciate the spirit of cooperation that you have shown this year! We look forward to resolving these problems and continuing a positive relationship with horseback riders who enjoy riding on the Berry property. If you have any suggestions for us, please let Alan Storey, Billy Yeomans or me know.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Mathews
Assistant Vice President

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