

# The Western Saddle Club News



November-December 2009

Rickey Jones, President; Charles Duvall, Vice-President; Jody Jones, Treasurer; Terri Astin, Secretary  
Board of Directors: Dee Allen, Tim Conway, Gladys Duvall, Gary Cox, Shorty Gray, Ken Jones

## Meeting Highlights

The next meeting of the WSC will be held on Monday January 4th, at 7:30 PM, at the club house. The November meeting was opened by Vice-President Charles Duvall. The Officers' reports were read and accepted by the membership.

### The old business addressed at the meeting:

- Remember, continue to observe all of the rules Berry College requires when riding. Only ride on the appropriate trails, stay out of the restricted areas, and have your permits and ID with you at all times. If you have any questions on where to ride, please check with Berry College before going out on the trails. Tickets are being given for rule violations.

### The new business addressed at the meeting:

- Elections for 2010 officers were held. Please see the article in this newsletter for results.
- The club is discussing holding some running shows next year to help raise funds for the club. There would be a limited number of shows, and there will be pay back for these classes. Bobby and Jenny Shirley have agreed to help us with these shows. If you have any comments or suggestions about shows for next year, contact one of the officers or board members with your suggestions.
- Shorty Gray recently suffered a back injury from a fall off of his truck and the injury was serious. The club recently sent him a "get well" basket. Let us keep Shorty in our prayers for a speedy and complete recovery, and if you would like more information, contact one of the officers.

## Board of Directors

No new announcements

## 2010 Elections Results for the WSC

The election of 2010 WSC Officers and Board Members was held during the November election by a secret ballot. The results of the election for our 2010 leadership are as follows.

The following club officers ran unopposed this year. The nominees elected for these posts are:

President: Rickey Jones  
Vice Pres: Charles Duvall  
Treasurer: Jody Jones  
Secretary: Terri Astin

The six elected board members for this year are:

Dee Allen	Cyndy Ferguson
Tim Conway	Shorty Gray
Gary Cox	Greg Smith

All new officers and board member will take office at the first meeting in January. Let's all give a hardy thank you to those who have served the club in 2009, and our support for the new officers and board members in 2010.

## Christmas Party

The annual WSC Christmas Party will be held on December 5, at 6 PM. The club will furnish Turkey, Ham, and some soft drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish with enough to share. If you would like to participate, there will also be a "white elephant" gift exchange as well. Make your plans to attend.

# Get Ready Now for the Thanksgiving Ride

The annual Thanksgiving Ride is the major fund raising event of the WSC for the year. After last year's very rainy weekend, everyone is hoping for a large turnout and a very successful weekend this year. The WSC has been listening to suggestions made by participants and here are the plans for this year's ride.

The dates for the ride will be November 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Like last year, the gates to the WSC grounds will be open at Noon on the 26<sup>th</sup> for anyone who wants to camp.

With the hard economic times this year, the WSC has lowered rates for this weekend. It will be \$50 for a family staying the weekend (2 adults and all children under 18). Single persons will pay \$30 for the weekend. Weekend rates will include a powered camper space if available. Day riders will be charged \$10 for that day's event.

The club has 42 camping spaces with electrical power. As a new feature this year, you may reserve a space for the event. If you want a reservation contact Jody Jones at 706-252-4169. A deposit for the full cost of the weekend must be received by Jody to reserve a space for you.

If you cancel your reservation eight or more days before the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, a \$10 service charge will be taken from your deposit and the remainder sent back to you. For any cancellations seven days or less, the deposit money is nonrefundable.

Events for this year's weekend include:

Friday, a short ride will start at 1 pm and is expected to last about 2-3 hours. That night you can get rid of your Thanksgiving leftovers at the Pot Luck dinner at 6 PM.

Saturday: A full ride will start at 10 AM and should finish about 3 PM that afternoon. At 8 PM, test your talent with Karaoke and dancing. You can also bring your favorite CD's for dancing or Karaoke if you like.

Sunday: a short ride will start at 10 AM and should be finished around 1 PM. This will give everyone plenty of time to pack for the trip home. The event is planned to end at 5 PM.

As always, there will be plenty of time on and off the trail to fellowship and make new friends. The WSC Clubhouse does have restroom and shower facilities. Make your plans to attend now!

## 2009 Planned Club Activities

<b>Oct 24:</b>	Trail Ride	10 AM
<b>Nov 2:</b>	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
<b>Nov 27:</b>	Thanksgiving Ride	1 PM
<b>Nov 28:</b>	Thanksgiving Ride	10 AM
<b>Nov 29:</b>	Thanksgiving Ride	10 AM
<b>Dec 5</b>	WSC Christmas Party	6 PM

### 2010:

<b>Jan 4:</b>	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
<b>Feb 1:</b>	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM
<b>Mar 1:</b>	WSC Club Meeting	7:30 PM

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