

# The Western Saddle Club News



October 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 November 2nd, at 7:30 PM, at the club house. The October meeting was opened by President Rickey Jones. 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. About 95% of trees are marked with an orange "i" symbol for horse trails. 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 are coming up. Please see the article in this newsletter.
- A work day for the WSC has been set up for Tuesday Oct. 20th and the rain make up day will be Thursday Oct. 22nd.

### Board of Directors

No new announcements

## 2010 Elections to Be Held at the Next Meeting.

It is now time to elect the officers and board members who will run our club for next year. Nominations for these posts were held at the last meeting of the club this month. A secret ballot

will be held at next month's meeting, and you must be present to vote.

The club officers are running unopposed again this year. The nominees for these posts are:

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

Although you may not think about them, the Board of Directors regulates all activities of the club. In many ways, they are more vital to the success of the club than the officers. This year we will elect six members to the board. There are currently eight members running for the board. The nominees this year are:

Dee Allen	Cyndy Ferguson
Tim Conway	Shorty Gray
Gary Cox	Ken Jones
Gladys Duvall	Greg Smith

Elections are extremely important. Make an effort to attend and vote at this important meeting.

## Make Your Plans 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:</b>	WSC Christmas Party	TBA

### 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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