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## News!!

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## From The President

It has been a great year to be the President of the IFTHA. The trail rides, the Illinois Horse Fair, the Gaited Horse Clinic with Laura Hudson, the Fun Horse Show in Decatur and the Illinois State Fair have made for a fun and exciting year!

We gained some new members and they have brought some great ideas to the table and it has been a pleasure getting to know everyone. All of the IFTHA board members have worked hard to make this year a profitable one.

Our members are the heart and soul of the club and I would like to continue working towards growing that membership. It is the membership activity that will keep the Illinois affiliate running strong in a time where other affiliates are closing their doors. We have a wonderful breed of horse and a big, long state to support it in and that makes me proud.

I would like to thank all members, riders and the BOD on participating in all the fun horse events that we have had this year and I look forward to many more.

As IFTHA members if you have any ideas, questions, concerns or any events that you would like to talk about, please feel free to email me at [sewardstables2002@yahoo.com](mailto:sewardstables2002@yahoo.com).

Thank you and God Bless,

Larissa Seward- Malott



October 7-9, 2016  
Illinois State Fairgrounds  
Springfield, IL  
Check out the Show Bill on our Website!

### Next Meeting:

Friday October 28, 2016  
6:30 P.M. at  
Hickory River Smokehouse  
Springfield, IL  
Please plan to attend!

## 58th Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Show & Celebration

September 5 - 10, 2016



National Trail Rides \* Performance, Model and Versatility World Championship  
Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Sale \* Hall of Fame Inductions \* Vendors  
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## MEMBER NEWS - Illinois State Fair Highlights



The feeling of riding into the Illinois State Fair coliseum is a feeling that I never get over. Not bragging but factual, King's Sunrise Susie D "Susie" the Palomino is the top ranking mare at the Illinois State Fair for the past two years. We placed reserve (2nd) this year in the Performance Championship class on Saturday and feel blessed to have done that. We also won three other classes.



I enjoy promoting the Missouri Fox Trotters in Illinois. Most people do not realize it took seventeen years to get MFT classes in the State Fair. I believe this was the fourteenth year. We had larger classes than most of the other breeds showing this year. I'd like to thank all who were there and showed the Missouri Fox Trotter. Land of Lincoln classes are there for Illinois born, bred and raised horses. This is for Illinois residence only. Sometimes it pays to shop and raise one at home.

My wife, Yvonne and I get a thrill showing Susie off to people as they go through the barn. We were the only one in our barn aisle and answered questions about the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse breed. An average of eight families were shown the horse each day. I did see a few of the people in the show area and a few came back to the barn after the classes finished. We explained the other options besides performance, like versatility and youth classes to name a few. There are people looking at the breed who want a family horse they can show **and** trail ride.

I am a firm believer of promoting the Missouri Fox Trotter horse and also try to help the youth out when I can. The youth class children did not know the amount of \$50.00 was coming to them until they finished showing. They were told the money was a thank you for showing at the Illinois State Fair. Out of six entries I was pleased that I got one thank you. Which I saved and meant a lot.

2016 has been a pretty good year showing. We have showed in Missouri also with the help of my brother who has a residence in Mansfield, Missouri. Like any horse if not rode correctly they can develop bad habits or the rider can develop bad habits, especially when riding at home by yourself. It is of great help to have a ground coach or your horse filmed to help make corrections - for you and the horse. My brother was there for me. While in Missouri a young man named Mason Meyer rode Susie in a few shows. He is a city boy without a horse or facility at this time. He was upset when she came back to Illinois, but I promised that I would let him show Susie at the BIG Show and Celebration. I don't care if I show and will probably have to sit out a night while he is showing the horse. So if you see a young man on a nice looking Palomino mare that might look familiar, it will be him. My brother and I try to instill good manners, win or lose. Mason is a good rider and handles her well. I know the contestants and classes will be tough but win or lose he will have a smile on his face when he leaves the ring. I will be smiling also no matter the outcome. We all have the dream of winning the Garland at Ava and who knows maybe Mason will have a better chance than me.

Good luck and safe riding - rather it be on the trail, versatility or in the show ring. It's about the Horse. Get involved. This was requested for me to write - no personal gain expected or wanted.

Jeffery Dehner

# MEMBER NEWS - Illinois State Fair Highlights cont.

As you can see by the smiles on the faces of the riders - they were having a blast!!



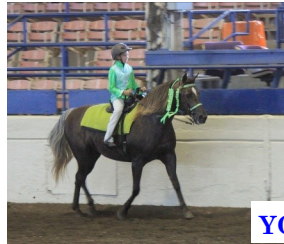
Our Members participated in every class and there are 12 for our MFTs

What a show!

Check out the complete results on our website - Our Members are winners!



MODEL



YOUTH



WESTERN PLEASURE



PERFORMANCE



Dawn Brown and Joey

There were even two 3 year olds showing - Amazing!!  
They performed like they were ridden in the Coliseum everyday!

Way to go boys!!



Jennifer West and Ty

## MEMBER NEWS - Trail Review

### Blake Lowry Horse Trails (Lake Lou Yaeger) - Litchfield, IL

The equestrian campground has water (shared between two sites - bring a splitter) and electric for campers. A nice shower house with one clean shower stall and two bathroom stalls in each section. There are also high-line poles and cables. Some of the high lines are inconveniently located to the tree line, so hopefully the City of Litchfield will cut down trees to accommodate the horses. We were allowed to set up pens by the high lines. I talked to the Ranger who indicated the campground was built over the city dump. This is quite apparent as there was a lot of broken glass and debris (metal, plastic, etc.) coming up through the ground. I scoured my horse's pen several times a day to pick up broken glass and debris. The permanent campers are close by and it got a bit loud on Saturday night, but nothing terrible.

The trails out of camp are very nice and could be a bit of a challenge for a novice rider/horse. There was a lot of dead fall on trail which made for a bit of an obstacle course, but nothing a seasoned rider/trail horse couldn't handle. There were some water crossings which was nice to be able to water the horses (it was really hot and humid last weekend and they had a lot of rain a few days before we got there). Trails are not well marked, but there are maps available. Do NOT attempt to ride the trail around Lake Litchfield. The trail is very overgrown, lots of downed trees and dangerous (even the locals said the trails are too dangerous to ride). We had two seasoned trail horses slip and dump their riders (thankfully no one was hurt). You can only get so far and then there's no trail or work around. Trails are narrow single file and sometimes impossible for the horse to turn around. If you do decide to attempt the Lake Litchfield trail, you will need to do some bushwhacking as the trails stop. There is an area that is swampy and the horses will sink up to their chests in muck and you'll be forced to turn around. It would be great if a local trail club would do trail maintenance, but large chain saws would need to be brought in to remove some of the fallen trees.

The Camp Ranger was attentive, very nice and thoughtful. He purchased two wheelbarrows for the park as there weren't any when we got there. He also drove through several times a day to make sure everyone was okay. All-in-all I liked the trails and the campground. Again, if a local club would commit to maintaining the trails and campground, that'd be great.

Sandra Gramkowski



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