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News!!

Please join us at our December meeting to welcome our new President and Vice President!

HUGE THANK YOU to Larissa and Becky - outgoing Officers and to Brian Malott as BOD!! We appreciate your service!

*** Please pay membership dues by December 31, 2017 ***

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From Our New President

It's a New Year for the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association. I believe this is our 30th plus anniversary. Without you, the members, this would not be possible. We need your help! I am challenging all members to please recruit 5 new members or old ones to renew. There are over a thousand plus owners of fox trotters in this state. Your membership gives you free ads. Information is put on our website for advertisers. This is your club to do as the members wish.

We are looking for ideas for seminars, shows, clinics, tack swaps, something new and exciting for everyone. Nothing is written in stone with a few events upon approval that might happen in Illinois. The Illinois Horse Fair is the first weekend in March. This has not been decided upon yet. We are looking for new members, new horses even trail type horses, horses in great flash to show off our breed. A variety would be nice. We will also need workers to volunteer to help make this a grand event. It is wonderful exposure for our breed and the IFTHA. As your President I am willing to work with any ideas or event. However it is up to you the members to put on the events, clinic etc., ANYWHERE in the state of Illinois. The demand for the Missouri Fox Trotter horse is huge. You can see on Facebook and I've received personal calls from people throughout the United States looking for horses of all colors, sizes, etc.

The Illinois State Fair with Land of Lincoln classes with only Illinois born horses allowed will be here before you know it. Entries were down this past year for all breeds, for numerous reasons. The Coliseum is scheduled to be repaired and available for 2018. The Youth class was on the weekend this year so it didn't interfere with school. It is a fun time promoting our breed. Guess what? All we have to do is pay entry fees and show up. The State does all the work.

Did you know your World Champion Senior horse now is from Illinois? Other champions from our great state of Illinois are competing well in Ava Missouri at the World Show and Celebration held in September. The versatility horses and events are growing too. Your speed events, ranch classes, western pleasure, cattle sorting is becoming good money to compete. The youth that exhibited at Ava all received a great amount of money from a few kind donors. It was very nice to see and gratifying. What child or family could not use a couple of hundred dollars even if they did not get a ribbon? The smiles on youth faces is very rewarding to see. The versatility horses at local rodeos and saddle classes winning in speed events is outstanding, some fox trotters can run the hair off other breeds.

Watch for your bulletins - the Christmas party and meeting is coming soon! I hope you will be there and other meetings to follow in January or February with you the members ideas, events etc. It is up to everyone to make it all work. Those in the past that have spent numerous hours and money to make things work are greatly appreciated and saying THANK YOU is big value that is worth more than I can think of.

Please feel free to contact me anytime by telephone or email. We are here to help us all promote this great horse in the state of Illinois. Your sincere effort is appreciated. Hope to see you soon and with the new members you helped get involved.

Jeff Dehner

Next Meeting - Please add to your calendar now!

Sunday December 10, 2017

Forsyth Monical's 1:30 pm

Christmas Gift Exchange

If you want to participate, please bring a gift :)

Minutes from October 28, 2017 Meeting

I.F.T.H.A.
ANNUAL MEETING 10/28/17
HICKORY RIVER SMOKE HOUSE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Present: Larissa and Brian Malott, Betty Horn, Marilyn Stoll, Becky Whitfill, Cheryl Crowdson, Jeff Dehner, and Dawn Brown.

1. Jeff Dehner was elected President of IFTHA for the year 2018 beginning immediately. Heston Mays was elected Vice President; Dawn Brown was elected Secretary; and Cheryl Crowdson was elected Treasurer. Board of Directors for 3 year terms were elected – Larissa Seward-Malott and Becky Whitfill. 1 Year Board of Director was elected – Betty Horn.
2. Minutes of 7/8/17 meeting were read by Dawn Brown and approved by Marilyn Stoll and seconded by Betty Horn.
3. The Treasurer's report was ready by Cheryl Crowdson with a club balance of \$2,088.95. Approved by Becky Whitfill and seconded by Jeff Dehner. A copy of her report attached.
4. New Business: Jeff Dehner discussed with us how nice the MFTHA Stallion Tour was. The Committee that planned the Tour had prepared a nice insulated bag filled with Stallion Breed information as well as a t-shirt, water bottle gift, and Celebration Magazine to hand out to all those that went on the Stallion Tour. Participants paying would load a Bus to be driven to several destinations to see multiple Stallions and have time to talk to Owners and Breeders. Jeff said it was a very worthwhile event.
5. Jeff Dehner suggested we put more pictures of our group out on Facebook for Networking the Breed and Sales.
6. Suggestion was made by Jeff Dehner to have a contest as a new membership drive.
7. Larissa Malott made a motion to prepare a ¼ Page Ad for our IFTHA group to be put in the Celebration Catalog for 2018 due to Ava, Mo. By December 15th. Cost would be \$140.00. Jeff Dehner seconded it.
8. Cheryl Crowdson got a gift for driving the Longest distance to be at our meeting.
9. Next Meeting: Sunday, December 10, 2017 1:30 p.m. At Monical's in Forsythe, Il. Bring a Christmas Gift to exchange if you wish.

MFTHBA Legacy Bricks

<https://mfthba.com/legacy-bricks/>

The Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association (MFTHBA) invites you to become a permanent part of the new LEGACY PLAZA project by purchasing a commemorative legacy brick. The LEGACY PLAZA will be installed adjacent to the Roy Williams Pavilion at the MFTHBA World Headquarters. The project is projected to be installed in two phases. Purchasing a LEGACY BRICK is an easy way to leave a lasting family legacy, honor a beloved horse or recognize a family member or mentor.

LEGACY BRICKS are available in two sizes and we will try to accommodate your engraving wishes as long as they fit into the boundaries of 21 characters per line. Those purchasing a brick may also submit a story regarding their brick. Stories will be archived at MFTHBA.com to further preserve the history and legacy behind each brick. Stories should be 500 words or less and may include one picture. **Once you have purchased your brick, upload your story by clicking [HERE](#).**

Please use the [MFTHBA LEGACY BRICK](#) form to order your brick(s).

Questions? Please call the MFTHBA at 417-683-2468 or email foxtrot@mfthba.com

MEMBER NEWS



My first trip taking my horse, Missouri Travelers Joe "Joey" to the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association's 59th World Show and Celebration was quite an exciting, learning experience.

I met people from other countries as well as other states in the USA. These people were there to watch the competition or

even perform in it. We had very nice conversations about what was happening in the arenas.

Information gathering was a daily activity. I also gained experience at showing. Most of all I learned it was hard work, but rewarding.

Each and everyone of you should set a goal and come join me at the 60th Annual Celebration!

Dawn Brown



TRAIL RIDE ANYONE!?!?



Panther Creek Trail Ride

On July 8, 2017 several members and their amazing Missouri Fox Trotters joined at Panther Creek west of Springfield IL. We rode the trails PLUS had a pot luck lunch!! You should have been there. Delicious food and the weather was perfect because we also planned our meeting. We discovered anytime we planned a meeting - even in February, the weather was beautiful. So we played a trick on mother nature!! :-)

Can you see Larissa Seward-Malott, Sue Bergandine, Becky Whitfill or Meghan and Lauren Curless? The others are Larissa's students and what amazing riders they are! The Missouri Fox Trotters were wonderful for the kids. I'm on Boo (see her ears?)

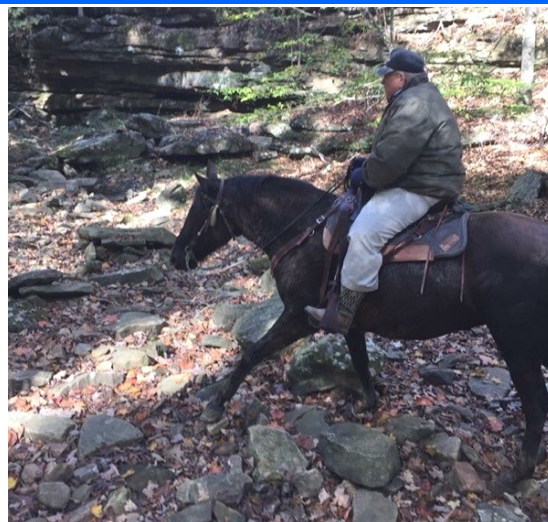
Don't miss our next trail ride in 2018! This newsletter will keep you informed. Also, Cheryl Crowdson rides frequently at either Wolf Creek or Sand Creek during nice weather. She usually rides during the week. So if you're retired also, give her a call or text or email please. AND she's open to suggestions of other trail heads. In fact, she and her rescued Missouri Fox Trotter love exploring new trails! Hope to hear from you soon!!

Cheryl Crowdson

MEMBER NEWS

TRAIL RIDING AT 86 YEARS OLD!!

Its true!! Lyle Jordan just turned 86 November 1st. He and his three sons started a yearly trail ride several years ago to celebrate his birthday. (Lyle thought it has been 12, but wasn't sure.) The very first one was at Shawnee at Little Lusk. This year they were south of Little Lusk. He said if this is his last year to ride, he started out there and ended there. We hope it is not his last year! He said he has neuropathy in his feet and half-way up his legs, so his sons (Glen, Charles and Wayne) must help him mount and dismount. He still does all the chores at home though. As you can tell, its not going to keep him down! They arrived on a Thursday, but didn't ride. Friday rain was predicted, so they got up early and rode 2 hours. They kept an eye on the weather and headed back when it was close. It sprinkled a little as they were unsaddling, but didn't start pouring until they were safe inside. Then it rained all day. Saturday and Sunday they rode around 3.5 hours each day!! (Good grief! I'm not sure I could do that!) One of the highlights of the camping trip was the food! He said he ate good! Glen and Charles are excellent cooks on the grill! He did say they make things a little more spicy than he is used to. We wish him well and several more trail rides! Thank you, Lyle, for inspiring us!



Cheryl Crowdson



NEW Members Spotlight



Tricia Brinkman and Wayne Reynolds

Tricia found our Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association website and emailed on June 4th about joining. She had printer problems, but was able to finally get the membership form printed. I received it last week. I contacted her to see if I could use her and her husband in our new member spotlight column. She said, "Not much to tell. I've always had a passion for horses." So do we, Tricia!

She owns 3 Missouri Fox Trotters - Candy, Pearl, Snoopy and her husband has Baribus. They live in Hillsdale, IL which is northwestern Illinois. If anyone lives near there, please welcome them to the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association.

They have been trail riding in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota and Wyoming! WOW! Tricia said she loves to camp!! I believe her . . . *Cheryl Crowdson*



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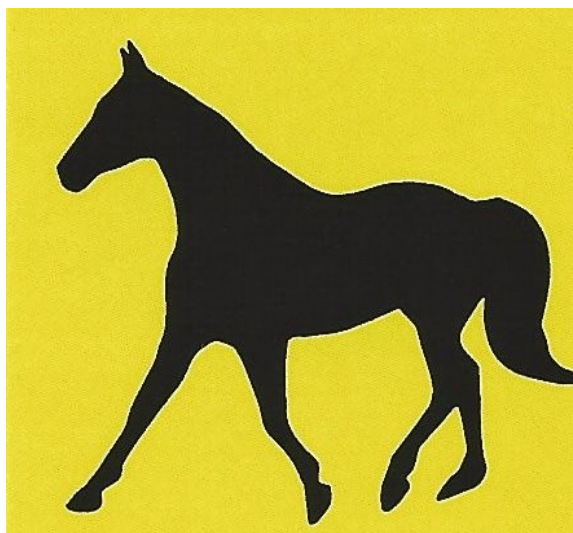
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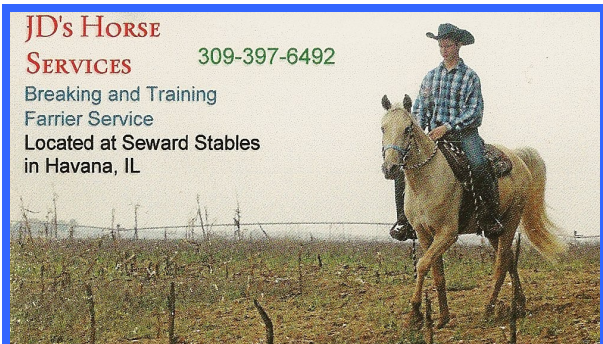
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Please let Cheryl Crowdson know if you are interested

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Or call/text Cheryl 217/246-8361

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Thank You Very Much!

Make checks payable to "IFTHA" and send to the Treasurer:
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