



Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association

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ANNUAL ELECTION ADDITION

October 8, 2015

Upcoming Events 2015

- * Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2015
Trail Ride at Panther Creek, near Springfield
- * Christmas Party Nov. 15
Hickory River Springfield
- * Decatur Trail Riders
Open Horse Show Oct. 24 at 9:00 AM with
Costume Class
- * Equifest of St. Louis
Nov. 20-22, 2015

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From The President

Hi everyone, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that voted recently in the election. We have a small club but big possibilities for growth! I am excited to serve as your new president and although Betty Ann Horn left some pretty big shoes to fill I am excited to embark on this new adventure with everyone.

My number one goal as President is to grow the IFTHA. With over 1,000 registered Missouri Foxtrotter owners in our great state of Illinois the IFTHA has just a little over 50 members. When I learned this I was shocked! We have a wonderful breed of horse and there are so many versatile aspects to our Foxtrotters. I am encouraging everyone to talk to their fellow Foxtrotter owners and encourage them to join the IFTHA and in a unified goal we can become bigger and better.

Owning Missouri Foxtrotters and joining the IFTHA is not all about showing. While talking to several Foxtrotter owners they were under the impression that the IFTHA was strictly for showing at the Illinois State Fair. The Illinois State Fair is a wonderful event and my family always has a great time but we do so much more with our horses than show.

As a member of the IFTHA we would love to hear your input! We have several trail rides planned with the 1st one being on 10/31/2015 and 11/01/2015 at Site M. There is Christmas party in November and we have a clinic planned after the cold weather has ended. The IFTHA would love to hear what everyone does with their horses. I know there are mounted shooters, cattle ropers and barrel racers out there on Foxtrotters so lets see what we can do to accommodate everyone!

Once again I am honored to serve as the IFTHA president and I am always available if anyone would like to visit. Please feel free to call or text me at 309-370-6023 or shoot me an email at sewardstables2002@yahoo.com I encourage everyone to visit www.illinoisfoxtrotters.com and learn all about the IFTHA!

Best riding to all,
Larissa Seward-Malott

Member News:

Congratulations to our Election Winners!

President: Larissa Seward-Malott
Vice President: Jennifer West
Secretary: Danielle Sill
Treasurer: Cheryl Crowdson
3-Year BOD: J.D. Otey and Susan Wolpert
2-Year BOD: James Wolpert (replacing Larissa)

100 years ago

From Mattoon's Journal Gazette
September 26

HUMBOLDT: Farmers who were questioned yesterday said that corn shucks are light this season and they are very loose on the ear indicating a mild winter.

Could this year repeat that? Hope so!
Anyone seen any wooly worms?

Wolf Creek Trail Ride - Sept. 26th Hosted by Cheryl Crowdson

Thoughts from Cheryl Crowdson:

We had a fantastic group, comprised of mostly members. Betty Ann Horn stayed in camp where we had a booth set up in case other riders there had questions about our wonderful breed of horse. Boo, my horse and I lead the group. Members that rode were Sue Bergandine, Hal and Janet Burgener, Val Jordan and her father-in-law Lyle Jordan, Brian and Larissa Malott, James McLeod (he joined at the ride) and Becky Whitfill. We had a visitor named Ed Horton also join us. We rode for an hour and a half along my favorite trails



which included time to gait our horses and enjoy hills, trees and meadows. We saw the lovely Lake Shelbyville at the overlook at the Capel Hill Prairie. (In the picture above.) Next we went to the beach. I couldn't get anyone to run their horse along the water so I could video them like you see in the movies. :) There were interesting trees along the way; some even had leaves starting to turn. One looked like a face - actually its kind of scary looking . Can you see it in the picture on the left? We even braved the skinny trails that probably began as a deer trail. We didn't see any deer or other wild animals, but I know they live there. I've seen deer, turkey, squirrels and raccoons on my rides. It's a fun park to ride in.

When we returned to camp, Betty Ann had everything ready for us to eat. We had smoked pulled pork prepared by my husband, Greg with either sweet or spicy BBQ sauce and everything from beans to jello to pumpkin cake - I can't remember everything. It was all delicious!! I even brought apples for the horses so they weren't left out. :)

Unfortunately, I didn't get a group photo taken of everyone so I don't have any of Betty Ann or Hal and Janet. I was too busy enjoying the lunch and visiting with everyone . . . I must do better next time!



The trails were freshly mowed and picnic tables were provided by the Wolf Creek State Park staff. Everything - especially the weather cooperated wonderfully! It took us a long time to have the ride as it was postponed from April 25th, but it was worth the wait. I'm hoping to make this trail head an annual event - so don't miss it in 2016!

Wolf Creek Trail Ride - Continued ...

Thoughts from Valerie Jordan:

Saturday, September 26th was a wonderful day for a trail ride so that is what several of the Illinois Foxtrotter's did. We met near Lake Shelbyville at Wolf Creek State Park in their equestrian campground. Cheryl Crowdson then led us on a ride in, out and around the lake. The views were outstanding. Taking all our Foxtrotters down to the lake for a drink, where the water waited calmly for us, was quite a sight. We visited several look out points over the lake along the ride. We didn't see any deer but I am sure there must have been some that saw us. After the ride we unsaddled our horses to let them cool. It is amazing how much winter hair they already have. We then enjoyed a potluck lunch that was highlighted by smoked pulled pork that was absolutely delicious! Thanks to all who had a hand in organizing this fun ride!

Becky Whitfill said: "Nice ride today! You put on a good one! Enjoyed!"

Sue Bergandine said: "We had fun today!" (meaning she and her horse, Danny)



Becky

Sue

Thoughts from Larissa Seward-Malott:

A Fun Time at Wolf Creek

Cheryl Crowdson hosted a trail ride at Wolf Creek park and boy was it fun!

The riders and horses were eager to get moving and we started out at a brisk gait. The hills and hollars made for an interesting and exciting ride. My husband, Brian, at one point wondered if we were going to gait the entire he was ready for more! After a wonderful smoked pulled pork sandwich provided ventured out again, this

My favorite part was into the water. The the horses a new

This was our 1st trip to be out last! Cheryl, her provided a nice time for their hospitality!



Larissa

Brian

seeing the lake and riding down scenery was gorgeous and it gave experience!

Wolf Creek but it certainly won't husband and the IFTHA really the riders and I thank them for

Miscellaneous Member News:

YOUTH CHARITY HORSE SHOW - Oct. 9-11

Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield IL

There are 5 Gaited Classes with Gaited High Point Awards!

Gaited Model, Trail: Gaited Horse, Gaited Western Pleasure, Gaited Ideal Horse and Gaited Performance

Krysta Ballard, Zoey Lane, Annette Meyer, Ava Seward and Danielle Sill

will be participating in the Gaited Classes ...

Come cheer them on to Gaited High Point!!



TRAIL RIDE AT JIM EDGAR PANTHER CREEK SITE M

Come join Larissa Seward-Mallott on
October 31 and November 1, 2015

You can either camp or come for a day ride

We'll ride out at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday the 31st

And at 10:00 am on Sunday morning

Pitch-in lunch when we return from our 10:00 am ride around noon

Please bring an item to donate for our Raffle Fund Raiser

You'll buy tickets to place in cups beside the item you'd like to win :)

You must be present to win - We'll draw Saturday evening around the campfire

Keep your eyes open - the Headless Horseman may be wondering around . . .



CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

Come Join Us on Sunday
November 15, 2015 at 1:00 pm

At the

Hickory River Smokehouse

2343 North Dirksen Pkwy

Springfield IL

(In their meeting room - same place as last year)

Delicious Food!

Please bring a \$20.00 gift for the Exchange

FUN! FUN!! FUN!!!



October 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes Summary

The Annual Election and General Membership Meeting of the Illinois Fox Trotter Horse Association was held on October 4, 2015 at Monical's Pizza in Decatur IL. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Ann Horn at 2:13 p.m.

Minutes of the August 22, 2015 meeting were prepared and read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary/Treasurer. Approval of the minutes was passed with a Motion from Tami Drake and seconded by J.D. Otey. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report with a total of \$1,192.95 was read by Cheryl Crowdson, Secretary Treasurer. Tami Drake made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Susan Wolpert. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- * **Insurance:** Paid for 3 Events - need one more. Larissa Seward-Malott is hosting a Trail Ride at Panther Creek/Site M near Springfield on October 31 and November 1. You can either come for a Saturday morning or afternoon or Sunday morning ride. If you'd like to camp, please make your reservations through www.reserveamerica.com
- * Danielle Sill emailed requesting sponsorship for her as a **2016 IL Horse Fair Queen Candidate** - it was tabled until this meeting. Tami Drake's business Sunkist Cleaners will sponsor her.
- * Discussion about having a **fund raiser**
 - ◆ Jeff Dehner volunteered his indoor arena
 - ◆ Larissa Seward-Malott suggested having a raffle where everyone brings an item to donate and sell tickets. We'll do this at our Trail Ride at Panther Creek. **Please bring a raffle item to the ride. Thank you very much!**

NEW BUSINESS:

- * **Election Results**
 - ◆ Sue Bergandine opened the envelopes and Nora Washburn tallied
 - ◆ President: Larissa Seward-Mallott, VP: Jennifer West, Secretary: Danielle Sill, Treasurer: Cheryl Crowdson and the two 3-year BOD are J.D. Otey and Susan Wolpert. James Wolpert was appointed by the BOD to finish Larissa's term of 2 more years.
- * **Renew Membership** reminder - several did
- * **Newsletter articles and classifieds due Tuesday, Oct. 6**
- * **Clinic for Spring 2016?**
 - ◆ Suggestions of Clinicians? What topics? Donnie Daugherty from MO or Johnnie Miller from MO and Cheryl Crowdson will check with Erin Patterson.
 - ◆ Logan Co. fairgrounds has large indoor arena for \$300/2 days with 3 bleachers for room for 100 auditors. Possibly make stalls with round pen panels in the tie area and charge for that
 - ◆ Have donuts for breakfast, have a runner get lunch, ask for donations for water/soda that we bring
- * **Budget:** Nora made a motion to use last year's figures + 5% and include the clinic because we didn't have one last year. It was seconded by Susan Wolpert. Motion carried. Cheryl will pay Land of Lincoln and State dues.
- * **Christmas party** this year? Yes, on Sunday Nov. 15th at the Hickory River Smokehouse in Springfield at 1:00 pm (same place as last year). We'll have the gift exchange with limit of \$20. Cheryl reserved the room.
- * **Digitize our IFTHA logo** to put on hats and/or t-shirts? Yes, Cheryl will take care of that. Danielle Sill and Susan Wolpert will check with stores about pricing. We need the cheapest place.
- * **REMINDER: Land of Lincoln Annual Meeting Dec. 4 at 11:00 am Northfield Inn in Springfield.**

Next Meeting - General Membership meeting to be held Nov. 15th at Hickory River after Christmas Party
Nora Washburn made a motion to adjourn at 3:35 p.m.; Betty Ann Horn seconded. Motion carried.

Classifieds



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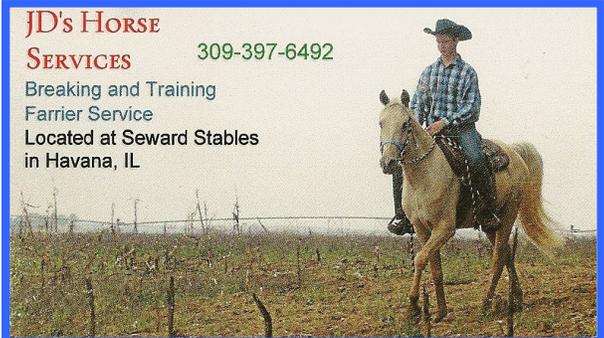
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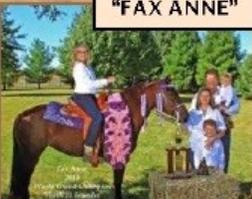
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Thank You Very Much!

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Cheryl Crowdsen, 1243 County Road 1800 N., Sullivan, Illinois 61951

- Class A membership** \$15/yr. 2 adults + junior members, must own or lease a MFT, 1 vote each adult
- Class B membership** \$15/yr. 2 adults + junior members, does not own or lease a MFT, **NO votes**
- Renewal** **New Membership**

For Class A membership, you must specify a registration number of a MFT owned or leased. MFTHBA Membership not required but please provide MFTHBA member number if applicable.

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 Name: _____

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Phone Number _____ E-mail address _____

How many MFTs do you own? _____

**Would you like your IFTHA newsletter sent via email? YES NO (please circle one)

Please circle yes or no regarding permission for pictures taken at IFTHA Events for use on our Website. YES NO

Do you want your contact information listed in the IFTHA member directory? YES NO (please circle one)
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