



# Pisgah Trailblazers

## December 2009 Newsletter

*The Mission of the Pisgah Trailblazers:*

*To aid the US, NC and SC Forest Services in the maintenance of trails; educating ourselves to proper forest service procedures for projects. We work to restore current multiuse trails. We are also dedicated to pursuing grants for the financial support of these endeavors.*

### **Pisgah Trailblazers Meeting November 10, 2009 Binion's Restaurant Hendersonville, NC**

The meeting was called to order by president, Rick Henderson.

New members, Vicki Schenter and Bob Anderson, were welcomed.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the newsletter. Treasurer, Cheryl Calvert, reported a bank balance of \$1412.24.

### **Trail Reports:**

Tom Thomas reported for **PISGAH FOREST** that Frank and Deirdre Lightsey, Mary Ann Mooers, Rick and Cheryl Calvert worked clearing Mullinax Trail on Sunday Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

He also said that the forest service has filled in some of the worst places on the road up to Turkey Pen and so that road is better now.



# **NO DECEMBER MEETING!**

**We meet 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesdays  
6:30 to eat,  
7:30 to meet**



At the new Wolf Ford Horse Camp there are still 3 campsites that need gravel. The next work weekend will be at Wolf Ford, Nov. 20-21<sup>st</sup>. He said that Yellow Gap and Avery Creek Roads are now open. Camping at Wolf Ford is on a first-come, first-serve basis at the present time but Tom feels getting sites for our group will be no problem. He mentioned that the work will probably be clearing downed timber at Tunnel Top. Tom Clark donated picnic tables for the Wolf Ford campsites.

Harold Russell reported a small turnout for **DUPONT FOREST'S** last workday with only 5 people there and rain most of the weekend. He said it was not possible to do the work that was scheduled but some work was carried out on Sunday. Thanksgiving is the next DuPont weekend and will be the last campout until March.





Rick Henderson reported for **CROFT NATURAL AREA** that the last work day there was also rained out. The special weekend at Croft is Nov. 13-15 with the club cookout on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be no fees for camping in the new primitive camping area. A big shelter will be used for the cookout on Saturday. He asked that members who plan to use the new area bring tie lines and water for horses and also lanterns. There is a campout/party at Croft planned for New Year's again this year. Renee Henderson will be getting out information about that.

### Old Business:

Harold Russell announced for the nominating committee that the current officers has all agreed to serve another year. The current officers were re-elected. Rick Henderson, president; Jan Sorrells, vice-president; Cheryl Calvert, treasurer; Rella Allred, secretary.

Carroll Walker reported on plans for some sort of complete trail ride or trail clinic at Pisgah in the spring. He said Gay Schuldt had raised concerns about liability and had suggested a course in trail safety, handling obstacles, etc. It was mentioned that the North Carolina Horse Council might co-sponsor such an event. Deirdre Lightsey and several other members who planned to attend an upcoming NCHC meeting said they would pursue that idea with Sue Gray, executive director NCHC.

### New Business:

It was mentioned that some members of FETA (Foothills Equestrian Trails Association) in Tryon want information about PTB. Rella Allred said she would get information to FETA, the Tryon Bulletin, the Saluda Lifestyles, and the Tryon Horse Country email newsletter. Members interested in the S.E. Hunter Pace events are asked to contact Deirdre Lightsey for information:

[Neverest@bellsouth.net](mailto:Neverest@bellsouth.net).

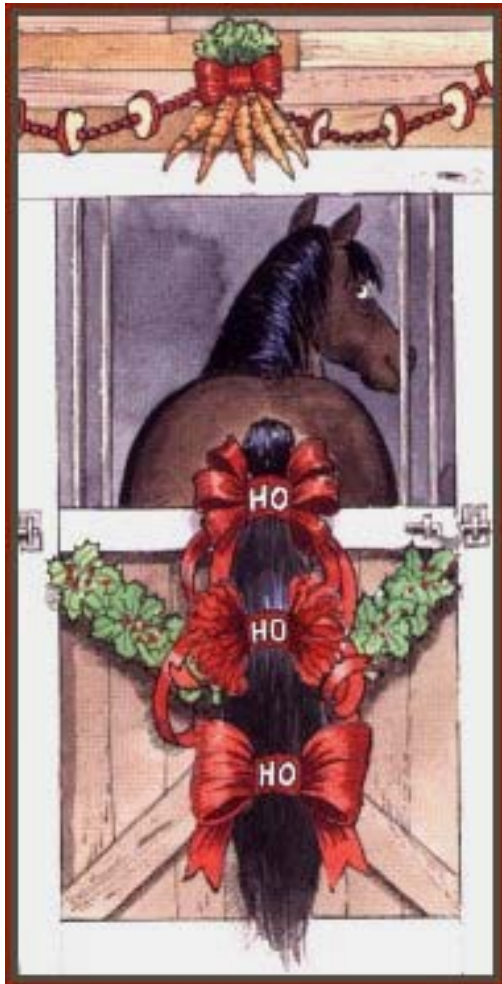
Rick Henderson asked for an executive committee meeting in Nov. or early Dec. This committee includes the officers, trail bosses, past president and one member-at-large.

Deirdre announced that NCHC is holding a Western North Carolina caucus at the Ag. Center in Fletcher on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. It was mentioned that trail riders have been under represented at their meetings. Several PTB members planned to attend. Rick suggested at the club try to get a large group out to Pisgah to put blaze marks on trees along the trails.

Jan Sorrells reminded members of the importance of keeping records of volunteer hours worked because these really help in getting recognition for equestrians and keeping trails open to horses. All hours should be reported to the trail bosses for each area, even if you are working on your own and not on an official work day. Trail bosses need to be sure to turn in all hours for their areas to Rick. Tom mentioned we need to get articles about our work into local magazines.



Some members asked about directions to the Wolf Ford Campground. Deirdre said this is on the website [www.pisgahtrailblazers.org](http://www.pisgahtrailblazers.org) but she will check to be sure. The meeting was adjourned.



*And To All:*

**MERRY**



**CHRISTMAS**

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