

July 2009

The OBR Voice



Outback Riders of Wisconsin – Oconto County



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Norb & Carol Reinhard

33 years!

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First Things, First!

The Outback Riders would like to **WELCOME** our New Members: Jon, Julie & Hailey Ferfecki. We'd also like to extend a special Welcome Back to Brenda Schroeder.

Project Complete! The CFR 104 Easy Access Parking Area free from vehicular obstacles is finished for this year! Please tell all of your horsey friends to check it out and make use of this wonderful addition to the

OBR Machickanee Trail System. There's room for many "big rigs"! For the convenience of our members and riders new to the Machick - the club has plans to build another Information Kiosk, Hitching Posts and Mounting Block at this new parking area.

**** 2009 Officers and Board Members PHOTOS** will be taken at the July 21st OBR Meeting. Please come fully beautified!

Your photo will be published on our website and in future newsletters.

UPDATE: How are Raffle ticket sales going? Remember all tickets **MUST** be sold to make this fundraiser a success.



Where's my Rig?

Every year, more than 100 horse trailers are stolen right off towing vehicles. Some from trailhead locations – this is a great place for thieves to eye up your goodies.

Does the degree of theft risk depend on my type of trailer or model? NOPE! Everything from two-horse bumper pulls to four-horse goosenecks with living quarters are routinely stolen. Now you and your hungry equine pal are stranded. Horrifying, yes!

When thieves size up your trailer to decide if it worth

stealing - one of their first considerations is its APPEARANCE. Trailers that are easy to identify are less appealing. If your trailer is white and generic-looking, it says "**steal me**". Think of how many white trailers are sold each year. Can you tell the difference at 55mph? Do anything you can to make your investment stand out from the crowd!

How do I fix the look-alike problem? Easy, thanks to companies who provide custom paint or vinyl graphics tailored to the horse enthusiast!

Adding your ranch name/logo/brand, your horse's name/breed or your riding discipline can make your trailer unique and a lot less desirable to steal. Reflective stripes, signs and murals discourage thieves, while making your trailer more visible at night.

Your next step is to have your trailer insured properly if the worst happens. Although your trailer is automatically insured on your towing vehicles policy in the event of an accident, theft is another matter.



CONGRATS!
Kathy Hansen for placing 1st
at the Palmyra 25 mile
Endurance Ride!

*Please bring your
SOLD Raffle Ticket
stubs & money to the
JULY meeting!*

*The Raffle Team
appreciates your help
and cooperation!*

June 16th Meeting Minutes

The Outback Riders June Meeting was called to order by President Jackie Novitski. 19 members where is attendance.

Treasurer Report
presented by Cindy Schultz.

Thank you! - Bonnie King for donating paper products such as: toilet paper, napkins & paper toweling to be used at club events and activities.

Upcoming Expenses:
Annual Show, Parking Lot Payment, & Show Timer

Incoming Monies: Raffle and Donations

The Club Open House brings in **\$267.00**

- ?? \$85.00 Donation Jar for the parking lot expansion
- ?? \$127.00 Sloppy Joe, Candy & Beverage Sales
- ?? \$55.00 Raffle Ticket Sales

Outgoing Monies:

Thank you! – Gary & Sue Van Roy for Hosting the Open House June 19th.

The Club has GIFTED a \$50 gift certificate to Horse Power Feed & Nutrition in Abrams, WI and sponsored a 2009 Family Club Membership.

The NEW and Approved Club Logo is now digitized and ready for embroidery and printing. Cost \$75.00

The club has voted – all in favor- of Gifting a \$100.00 fuel card to Eddie & Alex Kurowski for their donated hard work on the new parking lot.

The 2009-2010 OBR Club Insurance payment has been paid to Mangold Ins. Burlington, WI. Cost \$701

Note: Covered club events are tentatively scheduled and can be changed -

Allowing for freedom in building a fun year of club events is our goal.

The covered club events are as follows:

August 1-2, 2009
Horse Show

September 19, 2009
Abrams Parade

June 12, 2010
Oconto Parade

June 20, 2010
Suamico Parade

Balance as of 6/16/09
\$3650.86



In Pursuit of Progress – Team Reviews

The OBR Raffle Team
Members: Judy Verkuilen, Jasmine Havlik & Jackie Novitski – NO NEWS!

The OBR Parade Team
Members: Gail Stranz, Jasmine Havlik, & Carol Reinhard reported the Oconto County Copperfest Parade was a

success. Thank you to the 6 riders and participants. A good time was had by all! The compliment, “well organized” was given.

The OBR Welcome Team
Members: Rebecca Smits, Lisa Funk, Tammy Wichmann & Patty Wisneski will forward

welcome kits to our new members and print business cards.

The OBR Insurance Team
Members: Cindy Schultz, Jackie Novitski & Patty Wisneski have acquired Mangold as the official Outback Riders insurance provider for 2009-2010.

Team Reviews cont...

The OBR Trail Team

Members: Kathy McNeill, Bev Greunke, Carrie Quatsoe, Cindy Schultz & Patty Wisneski asked the club to vote on gifting a \$100.00 Gas Card to the Kurowski's –approved!

Final Project photos will be taken of the CFR 104 Parking Area to satisfy all requirements for the \$2750.00 grant money awarded by the WI State Horse Council. Patty has the proper paperwork to fill out the project summary.

OBR is still waiting for the bill from Oconto County.

Discussions on building a new information kiosk and the possibility of completing a sand point for water at the new parking area have come up. Many questions arise with the water issue: who will continually check the water source, the environmental guys will need to be involved etc...

What are your thoughts?



What is the goal for the 2010 grant proposal for the WI State Horse Council?

We need to continually log our people resource hours for Trail System. This ensures proper documentation for future grant requests.

The OBR Fun Team

Members: Carrie Quatsoe, Gwen Kanies, Kathy McNeill, Cindy Schultz & Patty Wisneski report on the Open House that was held at Gary Van Roy's ranch. The event was a success as we had quite a few riders that have never ridden the Machickanee before. 35 Coggins copies were collected. Approx. 50 riders for the event!

Thanks to the club members who helped, especially Cindy Schultz, Kathy McNeill, Gwen Kanies, and Patty Wisneski who worked hard to plan this event, make the food and beverages, set up on Friday night, lead the guided rides on Saturday, and help with clean-up Saturday after the event.

Thank you to our trail guides. Carrie's group consisted of a family of experienced trail riders who live in Oconto County but had never been to the Machickanee. The guests were interested in seeing the new camping/ parking areas. Such a pleasant surprise to find two big rigs parked at a camp site and camping with their

horses! The campers had arrived Friday night and were planning on staying through Sunday. They mentioned that the trails were very well marked.

Don't Forget! The OBR weekend camp out and poker run ride at Nine Mile Resort is August 28-30. To reserve a campsite call 715-610-2579 or visit www.9mileresort.com

The OBR Show Team

Members: Traci Balza, Amanda Bornfleth-Sheedy, Alan Folkman, Bonnie King & Gail Stranz met Tuesday, June 23rd at Gail's home.

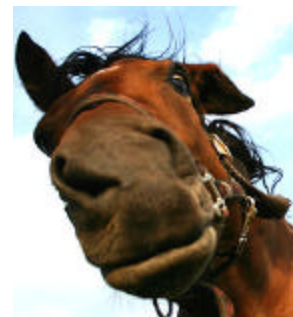
Thank you for the –all in favor- vote to order the new FarmTek show timer at the June Meeting. The equipment is currently at Folkman Ranch waiting to be "Alan-ized"! Cost \$737

We are also pleased to announce Kathy Mc Neill has volunteered to be our Official Food Booth Manager along with some happy helpers.

Folkman Ranch has purchased a Porta-John that may be used during our club show. One pump paid by OBR is all it takes. No more rental cost!

Custom Outback Riders Buttons will be made (as a donation) for all members to use at club sponsored events. These not only will look great but will help identify our valued members and event staff.

*Horses smell FEAR...
deodorant doesn't help!*



The Show Team is still looking for Sponsor or Item Donations.

The worst they can say is no... please ask!

Sponsor Forms are available on our website.



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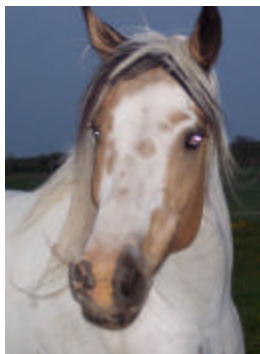
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We're on the Web!

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Guess who my mom is?



If your trailer is stolen...

You took all possible precautions: returning from a trail ride you still find your trailer missing.



*Do I look familiar?
How many two-horse HAWK
bumper pull horse trailers were
sold in the past five years?
4,500!*

Don't panic. Sheer terror maybe your first reaction. Stay calm so you can think clearly.

Call the police. Dial 911-this is an emergency. Speed may be the key to getting your trailer back. An officer will be on the way to fill out a report.

Call a friend. You need to get your equine partner and yourself home safely.

Call your insurance company. Police report in hand-be prepared to give your trailer's identification number and description. The valuables in your trailer should be covered under your homeowners insurance. Check what is covered, before this situation happens to you.

Distribute flyers. Use a photo of your trailer to run online notices and distribute flyers to local tack/feed stores and boarding stables.

*Amanda of "Royal Te Designs" will be happy to assist you in customizing your investment!
920-619-9530*

Not a Look-alike Now!



Let Us Hear From You!

Did you get a new horse? Have a new foal? Got an interesting tale to share?

If you have good news or story ideas that you'd like to see in this newsletter, please let us know!

We want to get to know

About Our Organization...

The Outback Riders Horse Club was established to create and maintain a public bridle path in the beautiful Machickanee Forest in cooperation with Oconto County Land Forest and Parks Committee. To promote and

you better. The club will be asking for special feature stories throughout the year.

This publication will be most effective when it meets the needs of the OBR membership. The

protect the interest of all Wisconsin horsemen and horsewomen is more than rewarding! Members work hard to create, maintain and promote equine trails, facilities and activities in surrounding counties.

photos in this issue also come from our members.

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By enabling horse enthusiasts of all disciplines and abilities to engage in outdoor equine activities in a beautiful environment and safe from vehicular traffic, we can enhance the quality of life for all.