

Outback Riders, Inc - Oconto County

With trail season in full swing, I just wanted to write a quick note to summarize what the club members have been up to and what we have to look forward to.

The Friday Family Fun Shows were a new endeavor for us this year, and they were a great success. The three fun shows were held in May, June and July on the third Friday night at Folkman Ranch. We averaged about 25 riders each night, which seemed to be just the right size for a laid-back, no frills show. We kept it simple with a low-cost entry fee, simple ribbons for those that placed, and a simple show bill. The participants kept it fun and fast-paced. We hope to offer these Friday night fun shows next year.



Photos: Little Boy, Little Girl, Girls

Another successful annual two-day show is in the books for the year. While overall entries were down on both days compared to last year, we still had a decent turn out. I'd like to thank all of those that participated, and a Huge Thanks goes to all of the volunteers that help keep the shows running.



Photos: Bench, Hitching Post, Rest Area

Our new Rest Areas have been installed and look great. A team of twelve hard workers gave up their time on a beautiful Saturday and got the job done. There are four of these scattered along the Machickanee Trail System for your resting pleasure. A matching grant from the Wisconsin Horse Council helped make this happen, and we thank them for their generosity.

We've got our annual Winter Roundup to plan, as well as gathering ideas for next year's plans. Feel free to join us at our monthly meetings to share your ideas. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, so make sure to keep an eye on our website www.outbackriderswi.org and facebook page www.facebook.com/outbackriderswi for more information.

Enjoy the trails,
Andy Van Den Elzen
Outback Riders President