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Newsletter – February 2005



“A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT”

Dear Fellow Equestrians

Even though it seems like only yesterday that the 2004 show season ended, the 2005 show season is quickly approaching. In order to get the show grounds ready for the 2005 show season, we have scheduled two work days. The first work day is scheduled for March 19th and the second for April 16th. Some of the tasks that need to be completed during the work days are:

- Trash Pick Up
- Grass Cutting
- Weed Eating
- Show Arena
 - Sand & Dirt Added
 - Dragging
 - Leveling
- Painting
 - Bleachers
 - Announcers Stand
 - Show Arena
 - Sign for road to advertise shows
 - Mark the designated warm up arena boards to show No Horse Tying Allowed
- Repairs
 - Replace broken boards on the bleachers
 - Replace broken boards on fence of the show arena
 - Work on improving the announcer's stand
 - Work on improving the food stand

Please show your support for the club by coming out and helping, even if only for a short time. Any help would be greatly appreciated. The club will provide snacks and beverages.

If we can not get a good showing of support for the work days, things will have to change. I would not like to see a vote come about making this mandatory for the clubs' members or possibly even having an impact on the high point rules. I am sure that it won't have to come to that because I know the members of this club will take pride in making the 2005 show season a good one by supporting the club and showing up to help out for the work days.

The February meeting is a very important one. I can't stress enough how important it is. We will discuss the By-Laws, Show Rules, and vote in changes. Believe it or not, if you are a member and you are not at the meetings you go unheard. This is your club, so please come and show your support.

Sincerely,

Tom Freeman

(As always, please feel free to call me anytime (314) 267-6134 or e-mail TFREE34@AOL.com)

Club Meeting ~ January 11, 2005

Karin Bortmas brought the old LTR Flag to the meeting. After cleaning, it was still a little faded. A flag/banner committee was formed to possibly make a new flag or add a banner. Committee members are Beth Brown, Karin Bortmas and Walter Chitwood.

Martin Roach from CMR Saddlery gave a talk on saddle care as well as what to look for when purchasing a new saddle. He builds custom saddles, bridles, chaps, etc. and repairs anything leather. Beth showed him her bridle that he will fix for her. He had a lot of useful information for members and gave a very good talk. We appreciated his contribution to the meeting, especially since it was so foggy and nasty out that night!

Members voted unanimously to add two Jackpot Shows to the 2005 show dates. Show dates for 2005 are:

Game Shows	04/30/05	Pleasure Shows	05/14/05	Jackpot Shows	5/07/05
	05/28/05		06/11/05		7/23/05
	06/25/05		07/16/05		
	08/06/05		08/13/05		
	08/27/05		09/17/05		

Rain Dates will be October 2nd, 9th and 16th, as needed.

A Trail Class was added to the Pleasure shows, the Cross-rail class will be eliminated. A committee was formed to draw up patterns and assemble obstacles. Committee Members are Linda Freeman, Sue Davis, Lisa Neal and Kristine Bohn. English classes will come before the Western classes.

THE CLUB WILL BE REVIEWING BY-LAWS AND CLASS RULES AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING ~ ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND!

Work Dates were set up for the LTR arena. They are March 19th and April 16th starting at 10AM. Volunteers are needed! Please make it a point to be one of the members that don't sit back and let everyone else do the work. We usually have good turn outs but the more people who come to lend a hand – the quicker the job gets done! Call Tom at (618) 345-3015 to let him know you can make it.

Coggins Clinic is set up for 4/02/05 at the LTR arena from 10am to 1pm. Please call Dianne Doll at (618) 644-3655 if you are interested and need more info – like prices.

Dianne met with the Madison County Trail Blazers they invited LTR to join in the **Tack Swap/Sale** again this year. The **Tack Swap/Sale** is scheduled for Sunday, **April 17th from 10AM TO 2PM** with a rain date of April 24th **at Double K Stables in St. Jacob**. There will be no charges for tables; it will be open to the public. **SPONSORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.** For more information, call Dianne Doll at (618) 644-3655.

Dates to Remember:

- **Feb 8th ~ LTR Club Meeting** at St. Clair Bowl – Fairview Heights, IL @ 7:30PM
- **Mar 4-6th ~ Illinois Horse Fair** in Springfield, IL for info: CarrieSchreyer@aol.com (217) 498-8000
- **Mar 8th ~ LTR Club Meeting** at St. Clair Bowl – Fairview Heights, IL @ 7:30PM
- **March 12th ~ Bobby Elliott Clinic** at MeckFessel's indoor arena Call (618) 667-6000 for more info.
- **Mar 19th ~ Work Day** at LTR Arena starting at 10AM -- Call Tom (618) 345-3015 for more info.
- **Apr 2nd ~ Coggins Clinic** 10AM @ LTR Arena in O'Fallon, IL Call Dianne (618) 644-3655 for more info.
- **Apr 16th ~ Work Day** at LTR Arena starting at 10AM -- Call Tom (618) 345-3015 for more info.
- **Apr 17th ~ Tack Swap/Sale** @ Double K Stables St. Jacob, IL -- Dianne (618) 644-3655 for more info.
- **Apr 30th ~ Game Show** at LTR Arena starting at 5PM -- Call Linda (618) 345-3015 for more info.

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2005 Club Dues were Due January 1, 2005!

A Late Fee of \$5 will be added after the February Meeting!

**** Family ~ \$30 ** Individual ~ \$15 ** New Member add \$5 one time admin fee.**

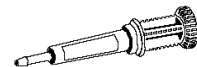
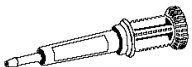
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MEMBERS AFTER THE APRIL NEWSLETTER!**

Please collect your Farnham Wormer (Rotectin I, Rotectin II, Ivercare and Zimmetrin) UPC codes. Cut the UPC codes from the boxes and send them in to Dianne Doll or bring them to the next meeting and the club receives CASH! **This is an EASY FUNDRAISER ~ Trash for Cash. Please **DON'T THROW THOSE UPC's away!** Send them to:**

**Dianne Doll
10115 East Kirsch Road
St. Jacob, IL 62281**



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Bobby Elliott has studied and practices the techniques of natural horsemanship. His gentle way seems to make him the "Horse Whisperer" as his horses begin to respond almost magically. He has taught, trained, and continues to learn the way of the horse.

Mr. Elliott will be instructing both horse and rider on **March 12, 2005** at the **Gary Meckfessel Indoor Riding Arena** from **9 A.M. to 3 P.M.** The morning session will be "Starting Young Horses" and the afternoon session will be "Natural Horsemanship Techniques" for you and your horse.

If you would like to be an observer at this clinic (or rider with your own horse), please call **618) 667-6000** to place your reservation. There will be a charge of \$50.00 to participate with your horse OR a \$15.00 charge to observe. (Prices include a light lunch and drink.)



Participants and observers are limited. Please call or e-mail now!

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(618) 667-6000



February 2005



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 LTR Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14 Happy Valentines Day 	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28					