



LINCOLN TRAIL RIDERS, INC.

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Newsletter – MAY 2004

Club Meeting ~ April 13, 2004

Special Congratulations to **Alyssa Spilker** for a special award she won. The Curly Show in Indiana was well attended – over 100 participants. They had a special team that went around during the show to decide who was the best candidate for an award in **Good Sportsmanship**. Out of all those participating, Alyssa won the award! Well done Alyssa!

Show bills are printed and look great! The St. Clair Bowl assured Jerry Rock that we could meet there rent-free indefinitely! Thank you St. Clair Bowl! The Workdays went great! The Arena is in super shape and ready to go, benches are painted and boards were replaced. **We truly appreciate EVERYONE'S efforts!** The turnout was good at each workday, there is just some painting needed on one bench and the announcer's stand. The paint, boards, brushes, etc. was donated by Reinhardt Building & Roofing ~ Thanks! We had tractors galore! Thanks to our members Mike Fleming, Tom Freeman, Duane Spilker, and Ernie Hilliker for bringing their equipment and working the grounds. Our club is as good as the members are and with members like that; we have a pretty darned good club. Thanks to all of you who came out and helped!

Dates to Remember:

- **May 8th ~ LTR Pleasure Show** 5PM @ LTR Arena in O'Fallon, IL (618) 632-8060
- **May 11th ~ LTR Club Meeting** 7:30PM @ St. Clair Bowl – Fairview Heights, IL
- **May 14th ~ Boots & Saddle Speed Show** 8AM/Rain or Shine - Alton, IL (618) 259-3443
- **May 15th ~ Boots & Saddle Fun Show** 6PM/Rain or Shine - Alton, IL (618) 259-3443
- **May 16th ~ Madison County Trailblazers Show** 1PM @ Double K Stables, St. Jacob, IL (618) 459-3421
- **May 22nd ~ LTR Game Show** 5PM @ LTR Arena in O'Fallon, IL (618) 632-8060 for more info.
- **May 28th ~ Boots & Saddle Speed Show** 8AM/Rain or Shine - Alton, IL (618) 259-3443
- **May 29th ~ Boots & Saddle Fun Show** 6PM/Rain or Shine - Alton, IL (618) 259-3443
- **May 30th ~ Madison County Trailblazers Show** 1PM @ Double K Stables, St. Jacob, IL (618) 459-3421

Welcome new Members:



Rebecca Kane
Stacie Panek & Brittnie Schaller

Michael & Cynthia Lanzante
Lauren, Frank & Linda Mead

For Sale 'n Such

For Sale – Gaited Horse ~ Black Registered Tennessee-Walker Mare 7 years old 14.2hh Great on Trails and in the Arena ~ \$2,700. Please call Betsy Keller at (618) 797-2256.

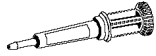
Hereford Western Saddle ~ 16" padded seat excellent condition, used only for showing, basket weave tooling, Great buy! \$1,050 new - will sell for \$500 w/breast collar or \$450/without. Call Karin (618) 628-0607 or (618) 910-9638.

For Sale ~ Yearling Paint Tobiano filly, sorrel & white, halter broke \$800 call Terri @ (618) 632-8060.

Thoroughbred Brood Mares for Sale ~ 11-year-old has earned \$83,000; 16-year old is Stakes Producer Both in excellent health, retiring must sell. Call Butch (618) 624-6474.

Wanted – Gaited Horse ~ Tennessee-Walker or Missouri Fox Trotter in surrounding area, no more than \$1,500. Please call Shirley Valencia at (618) 876-0505 if you have a lead.

Please collect your **Farnham Wormer** (Rotectin I, Rotectin II, Ivercare and Zimmetrin) **UPC codes**. Send them in to Dianne Doll or bring 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



The Club has received \$67 so far this year from Farnham!

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Show Season is ready to start ~ are you ready? If you have any question on whether you're dues are paid, or if you are signed up for High Point and to work a show, call Terri Rock at (618) 632-8060 or Peggy Spilker at (618) 345-5743.



We just missed a “Cowboy Mounted Shooting” match on May 1st at the St. Clair Saddle Club arena in St. Clair, Missouri. If you would like more information regarding Cowboy Mounted Shooting, please visit their website at www.CowboyMountedShooting.com. I will try to get the information out sooner on the next shooting match.

Here is a letter from Tami Lange who recently moved to California. The message is wonderful; I hope no one is offended by the content. It does contain some Blessings and Biblical References in it. I hope you all can take the message the way it is intended. Tami and her family were well-respected and very active club members for many years. As Paul Harvey would say it – here’s the rest of the story...

The second miracle of St. Paul' s Lutheran Church' s call to Pastor Jonathan Lange be their pastor had its roots years earlier.

Late February of 2001 was a time of transition and stress for me. Our fourth child was only a few months old and I was working for my father's sandwich company, Landshire, Inc., as the Director of Marketing.

We were two years into testing a new packing system for our company. What started as a simple label change had turned into a packaging innovation, brand imaging, full score campaign. The more we tested consumers, the more dramatic the changes. My Dad and I always talked. Mostly about Landshire or horses, but conversations with him had become rare.

I finally asked my mom "Why is Dad avoiding me?" Her answer blew the wind right out of my sails. "He is concerned your packaging campaign isn't going to work. I told him we didn't spend all that money for college and graduate school to second guess you, so he is letting you run with it, but it is hard for him." My dad and I always agreed on everything...two peas in a pod. Now I was on my own and the pressure was immense!

At this same time the Messiah Equestrian Team had lost two of our founding leaders. They were military wives and moved across country with their husbands. The three of us founded the team years earlier as a way for inner-city kids to find hope in God through the use of horses. I was the one to lead prayers, organized events, had weekend sleepovers or weekly horse camps where everyone stayed at our home. But the other leaders moved horses to events, did tack fitting, training and most horse handling. Now this would be my responsibility. I did not know how this would all work out, but I trusted God to see me through. *Psalm 20:7 - "Some trust in chariots and some trust in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. NIV*

Also during this same time Jon was in St. Louis, MO helping a homeless man named Ulysses. He said he had a "job" at a graphic studio on the Central West End and needed a ride to work. When Jon called the business owner he said, "Send him right over." When they arrived Jon saw a small car with Illinois plates out front that looked familiar. *Math. 25:40 - "... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." NIV*

The owner, Matt Piskulic, warmly greeted Ulysses and Ulysses made himself right at home. Jon and Matt began to talk and after a while Jon said, "You live in Illinois?", Matt said, "Yes, I live in Lebanon, Illinois." "On Reider Road?", Jon exclaimed. Matt responded, "Yes." "At Setting Sun Farms?", Jon said. At this point Matt's mind went racing...he knew Ulysses was with a Pastor but now also a prophet! Matt was afraid for what else Jon might say about his life. Then Jon said, "My father-in-law owns the farm three farms down from yours. My wife is there every Tuesday and Saturday."

They swapped numbers and couldn't believe the connection as both of their wives loved horses, and were so close to one another every weekend. Matt's wife Denise and I began talking regularly about horse issues. She even blessed us by taking a week off work to help drive and chaperon 15 girls on our annual trip in August to my Dads ranch in Colorado.

Shortly after our trip, the full rollout of our new packaging campaign took place. It was September 1, 2001. Ten days later the world was turned upside down with the 9/11 tragedies. Instead of ruining us, sales

dramatically increased on any item we put in the new packaging. We even went Nation Wide in under a year! Packaging Magazines and Trade Magazines began calling and writing articles about the positive impact that Landshire had on the sandwich industry.

At the 2002 National Packaging Expo, we were flown out first class to receive "The Golden Mummy Award." Which is the equivalent of getting an Emmy. I was on top of the world. And my dad was elated! But with all this recognition, came more work. Brochures, Fliers, Truck Graphics, Food show Booths, all while I worked 2-3 days a week. I needed help. *Psalm 121:2 - "My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of Heaven and earth." NIV*

With all the publicity there wasn't a week that went by without a marketing company wanting to take over our account. I started interviewing local companies, but couldn't find one I felt comfortable with.

In the middle of my search Denise called me, "hey Tami, tell Jon that Ulysses is out of drug rehab. Let us know if Jon sees him, we are worried about him." "Ok, I will let him know", I said. But her call reminded me about her husband's design studio. So I asked her exactly what he did.

Soon we were working together daily. I could put together my thoughts and stick figured art layouts and he would make them jump to life. We really became both friends and quite a team.

That is how it came to pass that Matt was the second person I told we would be moving to California. Matt and I was talking about our latest project and at the end of our conversation I said "Matt, there is something I need to tell you. Jon and I are moving to California." After his initial shock, he asked if I would Direct Marketing from California? I said, "No-way, it wouldn't be good for the company!" Then he replied "Can I have your Job?" "But Matt, you have your own company." I said.

He responded "Yes, but I haven't had a vacation in five years and I work Monday through Saturday, 8am to 9pm, and sometimes even later." "Ok" I said "I will tell Human Resources right away!" *Rom. 8:28 - "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." NKJV*

I sat there in God's ultimate Grace filled with AWWWWE. God had planned three years earlier the perfect replacement for me. He cared that much about my life to bring us together through a homeless man. What a rich blessing. I give God all the GLORY! *Psalm 84:11 - "...the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." NKJV*

The story doesn't quite end there. It took a few months for Matt to be officially hired. Right after he signed on, Matt and his wife went out to lunch at a restaurant in St. Louis. As they were getting out of their car, a nicely dressed, well-groomed man quickly approached them. He was waving and yelled out their names "Matt, Denise wait." As he drew near, Matt recognized him. "Ulysses, wow you look so good!", Matt said. Ulysses explained that he now had a good job and an apartment of his own. *Heb 13:2 - "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it." NIV*

The final Miracle that God intended through Ulysses was now complete. God even had the grace to tell us that Ulysses would be ok. What an awesome God we have and serve. *Psalm 68:35 - "You are awesome, Oh God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to His people. Praise be to God!" NIV*

Thank you Lincoln Trail Riders! We received a card from the American Cancer Society stating a donation was made in the name of Robert Doll. We sincerely appreciate you act of kindness. Dad would have been so pleased by all the donations in his name. With Sincere Appreciation ~ Rex, Dianne, Crystal, and Eric Doll.

