

# Trail Tales

The Official Newsletter of the Bits 'n' Spurs Trailriders Association



A group of horse enthusiasts interested in riding the scenic trails of Western New York

## February Meeting Highlights

Highlights of the February meeting, held at the home of Dave and Vivian Larson, Fredonia, NY include:

- Thirty members and eight guests were in attendance.
- Treasurer's Report was presented by Rose Fitzner along with a reminder that 1996 dues are overdue and can be mailed to her at 207 Central Avenue, Silver Creek, NY 14136.
- Correspondence was received by Bill Price that on Saturday, February 24 the Cattaraugus Agricultural Society will hold a Sleigh Rally (12:30 PM) and Poker Run (10:00 AM). Also, a dance (8:00 PM) and bonfire will be held. For more information, call Kim Kidd at 569-6244 or 569-4110.
- Reports were presented by the following committees:
  - ⇒ **Fun Show Committee** announced that Saturday, February 3 was the cutoff date for sponsors. The program will go to press on Monday, February 5. Everyone did a great job getting sponsors. Thank you! Also, the committee reported that they have hired an outside judge for the show. The need for a piece of equipment (an electronic eye) was announced and Rob Stetler offered to look into obtaining it.
  - ⇒ **Riding Log Committee** requested to minimize conflict and confusion that all riding hours for any month be submitted to Raylene Kwilos by the end of the following month. It was suggested that an easy way to accomplish this would be to bring them with you to the next month's meeting. Since this change is just being implemented, your hours for the months of November, December, January and February should be turned in by the March meeting. Any questions, contact Raylene Kwilos at 988-3031.
- Congratulations to Bill Price on receiving his 50-hour patch. Good job, Bill! (Editors: By the way, Bill, what kind of anti-freeze do you put in an Arabian?)
- ⇒ **Program Committee** distributed the Program Survey to all members present. For those of you who missed the February meeting, please submit your program ideas to Dave Larson (672-6835) or Mary Denea (532-4159).
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to have Rob Stetler buy a half-page ad for \$30 in the PONY Newsletter advertising the Fun Show.

- Directions to the home of Ray and Kim Prizel (532-0010) for the March meeting were given as follows:
  - ⇒ Traveling east on Route 39, turn north on West Perrysburg Road.
  - ⇒ Continue north to the fourth right turn and turn east onto Wardtown Road.
  - ⇒ Proceed one mile to the Prizel estate on the left.
- John Olsavsky presented a live demonstration of the equine information resources available through the Internet using easy-to-use, point-and-click software. Thanks John, nice job!

Margie Shumaker, Secretary

### Officers and Board

President .....	Dave Larson, 672-6835
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## Message from the President

I want to thank John Olsavsky for his presentation on equine information on the Internet at the last meeting. We were pleased with the large turnout of members and guests.

In last month's newsletter we mentioned that we may need larger quarters for our meetings and asked for suggestions. Polly Gambino has kindly offered her home. A meeting host, who may not have enough room, might consider co-hosting the meeting with Polly. Rose Russell reported that the VFW in Silver Creek said that we could hold our meetings there if we wanted. As of now we will proceed on a month-to-month basis leaving it up to the host to decide if a larger meeting place is needed. Many thanks, Rose and Polly.

The program at the March meeting will be on hoof care. Our own Mark Denea will be on a panel in a question and answer format. If you have a suggestion for a horse-centered program, let us know.

Dave Larson, President



**Cowboy Bob says, "The length of a conversation don't tell nothin' about the size of the intellect."**

**Trading Post**

The Trading Post is for members to let other members know of items they want to buy or sell. There is no charge to our members for this service. Submit information about such items to any of the newsletter co-editors

Photos need organizing? Come learn a process using beautiful albums and supplies which safely preserve those treasures. Class at the home of Vivian Larson, 7:00 PM, 2/29, 3101 Straight Road, Fredonia. \$10 per person. Call 672-6835 to reserve a spot. Bring 8-12 related photos to complete two pages. Materials provided.

**And don't forget:**

- To pay your overdue 1996 dues now!!!
- To submit hours for the Riding Log program on time.
- To submit your Program Committee survey to Mary Denea or Dave Larson, as soon as possible.
- To inform the editors of your birth date, if you haven't seen your happy birthday wish in *What's Happening*.
- To order Club jackets, available for \$40.00 each plus \$2 for each X in the size, from Rose Fitzner at 934-7080.
- To return any overdue library materials to Kathy Stoll, our Librarian.

**And finally:**

Let us know if you have heard of any horse-centered speakers or upcoming equine events.

**<<<< What's Happening >>>>**

- 2/16 Happy Birthday!!!**..... Sally Aldinger
- 2/17 Kent Horse Auction**.....Sherman, NY
- 2/24 Sleigh Rally/Poker Run**.....When: 10:00 AM  
Where: Little Valley Fairgrounds  
Sponsor: Cattaraugus Agricultural Society
- 3/2 Monthly meeting** of the Bits 'n' Spurs Trailriders Association will be held at the home of Ray & Kim Prizel, 12352 Wardtown Road, Perryburg, 7:00 PM.
- 3/3 Happy Birthday!!!**..... Carl Shumaker
- 3/15 Happy Birthday!!!**..... Ben Aaron
- 3/16 Kent Horse Auction**.....Sherman, NY
- 3/17 Happy Birthday!!!**.....Cullen Miller
- 3/18 Happy Birthday!!!**.....Pat Taylor
- 3/20 Happy Birthday!!!**.....Deneé Jewell

- 3/21- Quarterama '96**..... Toronto, ON
- 3/24 Quarter horse show** extraordinaire!!!
- 3/22- Equine Affair**..... Dayton, OH
- 3/24 Seminars, vendors, stallion row!!!**
- 3/23 Happy Birthday!!!**..... Richard Jewell
- 4/6 Monthly meeting** of the Bits 'n' Spurs Trailriders Association will be hosted by Jennifer Graves and held at the VFW Hall, Silver Creek, NY, 7:00 PM. (We think. Stay tuned.)
- 5/10- Branding Weekend**
- 5/14 Two Creek Ranch, Wyoming**  
Gather, rope and brand calves  
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