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March - April 2010

PRA Meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Speaker –Roberta Young, owner of Choice Tack

Roberta will introduce new, exciting horse products!

6:30 pm- PRA will provide sandwich tray, dessert and drinks!

7:00 Brief meeting followed by program

Location: Rose Borkey's farm-3507 Huguenot Trail, Powhatan ([map](#))

To RSVP or questions – Contact Rose at 598-7255

We will be meeting in Rose's barn so please remember to dress according to the weather and bring a chair. Rose will also have her fly whisks on display plus some gorgeous leather purses.

BRING A FRIEND!!! This is going to be a fun meeting!

Happy Spring!

We survived the deep snows only to now wade through the mud but it least our fingers & toes won't freeze off at this point. Steve & I are testing our marriage by putting up new board fencing. Ask Steve how much fun it is to bury an auger in tree roots or how much fun it is to locate a pair of glasses in a muddy field...fencing is enough work without the extra challenges!

We had a great PRA meeting in February. Thank you Julie for hosting us in your beautiful new kitchen...the 5 different soups were extra delicious on the cold, rainy evening we had. Erik Filep presented a great program and we learned a lot. There are no minutes of that meeting because the program was so good that we just didn't have time for a business meeting & that's OK! -Sandra

Following are bios of three more PRA board members:

Meet Tim Timberlake, PRA Treasurer

The PRA is most fortunate to have Tim as our treasurer. He's so good at his job that we changed the PRA bylaws so that he could continue in the job and he's done the job well for over 12 years. Tim is a Richmond native (3rd generation) then lived in Chesterfield until meeting his wife Julie and they moved to Powhatan. Julie had grown up with horses and she still had her saddle so Tim built her a saddle rack for displaying the saddle in their living room! They moved to Powhatan, built a home in 1986 on their present property and bought their first horse "Cherry" and "Cherry" is now 30 years old and retired along with another 32 yr. old horse. The Timberlakes presently have 6 horses and their favorite activity is trail riding. Tim feels that even though trail riding can be dangerous, it makes you a better rider because you must "feel" your horse to survive the unpredictable aspects of trail riding.

Tim & Julie have 3 grown children. One is married and lives in Texas, one lives at home & she is a nurse's assistant & their son is in the 82nd Air Borne. All 3 children rode horses while growing up. Tim worked 32 years at Graybar Electric Company then retired and is now working at Chesterfield Juvenile Detention. Did you know that in his spare time, Tim is a drummer? He's played the drums since he was six years old. Tim & Julie are active in the Powhatan United Methodist Church.

Tim shared that of the nine horses he's owned, he inherited all but one. He bought "Sam" to be his very own horse but Julie confiscated him to be her trail horse! That left Tim to ride the "idiots & problem horses" (his words, not mine). Tim shared an interesting fact about his beloved "Apache" that is now 20 years old. "Apache" was owned by club member Rose Borkey who bred, raised and trained him. It's nice to keep a horse in the PRA family! Thank you Tim (and Julie) for being active and faithful members of the PRA!

Meet Nancy Bennett, PRA Secretary

This is Nancy's second year as secretary and we are grateful for her skills. Nancy has had a passion for horses ever since she can remember. Even though her Dad was in the Air Force and the family moved a lot (Germany, for example), she basically grew up on the Eastern Shore near Chincoteague. Nancy got her first Shetland pony in the third grade and trail rode with her Dad. She remembers playing Cowboys and Indians with friends on their ponies and they galloped the fields shooting their toy guns! A favorite activity was swimming in an irrigation pond. Another unique memory is riding her pony while her father flew his airplane above her. Even though Nancy had to sell her horse when starting college, the horse bug never left her and she knew "something" was missing.

When her family moved to Powhatan she was able to get another horse that she rode throughout the village. But her young family kept her from riding much so that horse was sold. As her daughter Sarah began taking riding lessons, so did Nancy! She took hunt seat lessons and started showing in her 40s and commented that 'the more I learned, the more I needed to know'! Sarah lost interest in riding horses but Nancy didn't! She sold their 2 hunter horses and bought a quarterhorse "Cutter's Little Kid" aka "Tater". She is thrilled to be back in a western saddle and has actually won some money in rookie reining classes! Trail riding is still her biggest love but she wants to try dressage next! Nancy thinks that "Tater" is the best, most perfect versatile horse ever!

Nancy grew up riding "back yard" style and trained a few horses on her own. She has some farrier skills too! Horses are her 'drug of choice' and most of us would agree with her.

Meet Sandra Church, Co-President

The PRA has been a part of my life since the late 1980s so I've held every office numerous times. I grew up on a dairy/tobacco farm in Tightsqueeze, Va. (near Chatham) but Dad never let me milk a cow (too dangerous) but he let me handle a lot of tobacco! My Mom was determined that I would be a concert pianist but I just wanted to ride horses! I

did earn enough money to buy my first horse by playing the organ at 2 churches. "Princess" (Saddlebred) died 6 months before my wedding but Steve bought "Beauty" (TWH) the day before our wedding! (Bit of advice-do not jump creeks the day before your wedding). Two years later, Steve bought his Saddlebred horse "Star" and rode the trails with me between Rt. 60 and Rt. 360 off Courthouse Rd. That's where we met Terry Adcock, Patty Dunnavant and Sandra Cox and their horses.

I taught second grade in Colonial Heights and Chesterfield before starting a family. We finally found property in Powhatan and moved in 1978 to our hill and brought Beauty and Star with us. Soon I was very busy with 3 children. Some of you know Stephanie and Sarah who were very active in 4-H and Deep Run Pony Club...I was a horse show mom for 17 years. Travis would even ride a little (especially whenever he met a young lady interested in horses). I branched out into minis which I still show occasionally even though a judge last year suggested that someone younger should show them! (OK...so I can't keep up with them in jumping classes).

We presently have 6 equines although Sarah was just given a horse in Va. Beach so that makes 7 equines. "Honey" is a PMU rescue from Saskatchewan, Canada & she's growing into her Belgian size feet, "Loki" is my pokey Norwegian Fjord pony that takes care of me whether riding or driving him, "Ace" is my new TWH, "Icy" is now 29 and still going strong after surviving EPM last fall and the minis are hanging out & plotting my next injury! I am blessed to have a husband who puts up with my horsey habits. When not at the barn, I'm active at Mt. Pisgah UMC, attend 2 Bible studies, attend Ruritan meetings, driving club meetings, and miniature horse meetings.

My favorite pony was "Pacer" who took my daughters and several of their friends to many competitions. She was bred and trained by Terry Williams (Adcock now) and I first met Pacer in 1973. Terry sold Pacer but I kept up with Pacer until 1987 when I got the chance to finally own her. So that is a unique PRA connection, that Terry & I would be in the same club 27 years later! Pacer lived to be 38+ years old & we'll always remember her. She reminded me of my first pony "King" who was quite crafty. King's favorite past time was rubbing off his riders. The cedar tree next to the driveway back home was permanently damaged by the many times King took me through that tree! He wouldn't budge from my aunt's back door until she came out & gave him a treat...such good memories! We all have fond memories of our former equines and look forward to making new memories with our current equines.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Hopefully, everyone saw The Post last week. There was an article about Roberta Young and there was a picture of Sally Aungier, Toni Sleeme and Christine Connors trail riding!

Sally Aungier did an awesome job of planning the trail talks at the Virginia Horse Council annual meeting on March 13. Also present was Rose Borkey and Toni Sleeme who brought horses for the massage demos. Shirley Charnock assisted them. Great job, everyone! Terry Davis made a cameo appearance in the preview clip of Doug Sloan's *Virginia Trails* series that was shown at lunch. The first episode was shot at Lake Anna State Park.

Breakfast Invitation!

You are invited to join a group of PRA members (and non-members) at the County Seat on the fourth Friday of most months at 9 am. If you're interested in joining the group, please email Sandra Cox at sandrac706@aol.com. She will send you a reminder about the breakfast. The County Seat has a delicious breakfast buffet on Fridays so perhaps we could eat then ride!

The Trails at Pleasant Grove are not in good shape after the winter. The trails are strictly “Ride at your own Risk” per an announcement posted on 3/25 on the Fluvanna County Website. However, riders stay they are not passable at all. Stay tuned for more info.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Shirley Charnock has several items for sale:

Woolback pad, square cut

Horse camping equipment bag, red, holds sleeping bag, etc. fits behind cante

Circle Y Flex2 saddle, Mississippi Gaiter, wide tree, 15” seat, \$1200. EC

Call 598-4608 or 822-5228

For sale: Boa Boots, size 1, never worn, \$95. Call Sandra at 794-6660.

Wanted to borrow/buy: jointed Pelham bit, size 5 ¼ “ or 5 ½ “, call 794-6660

Free horses in Powhatan: 2 minis, 3 Arabs, 1 TWH. Contact Sandra Church for more information. (They do not belong to me!)

PRA 2010 Meeting & Trail Ride Schedule

Date	Event	Details
April 6	PRA meeting-program by Roberta Young	To be held at the home of Rose Borkey
April 17	Pocahontas State Park Trail Ride. Ride out at noon. Park website link	Contact TBD Locate on Google Maps
May 16	Club trail ride at Pleasant Grove, Fluvanna TENTATIVE . Ride out 10:00am, potluck lunch at 2:00pm. We have invited RSRC & PPRC to join us on this ride and lunch. Link to Trail Foundation website RSRC and PRCC	Contact Roberta Young Rlyoung9@yahoo.com (H) 804-457-9341
May 28-31	James River State Park – Camp out for club members Link to Park website	Contact Sally with questions Saungier@mindspring.com or 379-9829
June 13	PRA meeting-cookout & pool party at Toni’s Sleeme’s home	TBD
June 5	Virginia Horse Council “History on Horseback” trail ride at Carters Grove Plantation in Williamsburg	www.virginiahorsecouncil.org or contact Sally with questions Saungier@mindspring.com or 379-9829
July 16-18	Graves Mountain Camp Out (http://www.gravesmountain.com). Group will ride to Big Meadows on Saturday	TBD
Aug 14	Club ride at Lake Anna State Park. Ride at 10am Link to Park website	TBD

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Sept 1	PRA Fall Planning Meeting	TBD
Sept. 17-19	James River State Park – Camp out for club members Link to Park website	Contact Sally with questions Saungier@mindspring.com or 379-9829
Oct 10	Club ride at Cumberland State Forest. Ride out at 10:00am Forestry Website	MUST have state forest recreation permit in advance of the ride.
Dec 5	Annual Silent Auction & Pot Luck Christmas party at Belmead	Tim Timberlake 598-3195