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IT'S TRAIL RIDE TIME **SOON!!!**

OTAHC is organizing the first trail ride of the new year. A guided ride will be held on the Warm Springs Reservation

Rescheduled for April. Date TBA

—You are welcome to bring your own horse or rent a horse from the guides.—

Contact Trail Committee Chairman

DON SHEETS @ 541-548-4244

Or email

djsh1944@bendbroadband.com

More Details for the Ride are Pending!

Ride scheduled for 2/26 has been cancelled due to bad weather!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



~OTAHC MEETING~ **NEW DAY—NEW TIME**



Next BOD & General Membership Meeting:

WHEN: **Friday, March 11, 2011**

WHERE: **LAZY SR RANCH 5305 NW 83rd ST. Redmond, Or 97756**

TIME: **~BOD Meeting @ 6 pm ~General Membership @ 7 pm**

Potluck: **Italian Theme—Contact Karie Turner to sign up for food
541-279-0474 or email unicornkart2000@yahoo.com**

Contact

**President Ted Moore at (541) 504-4282 or (408) 710-7952 or
email; tmoore1019@gmail.com for Directions**

OTAHC Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2011

Members Present: Ted & Judy Moore, Leroy & Noell Devenny, Caleb Devenny, Christine Harris, Melodie & Larry Holliday, Brandy Hershberger, Carol Lukens, Rich Maggard, Cheryl Moore, Don Sheets, Shari Maguire, Karie, Russ, Andrea, & Christopher Turner.

Guests: Bert Lukens, Charlene Goulden, Shelley Simmons, Judy Kell, Annette Hardman.

Minutes: The January 2011 minutes were approved as printed in the February 2011 newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance \$8,768.72; 2011 Futurity \$ 1702.52; 2012 Futurity \$ 1751.20

Bills against the Club: \$50.00 Rosiland Frazier (Queens attire for Monika); \$50.00 Oregon Corporate Division (club non-profit status); \$700.00 Rim Rock Riders (deposit on arena for horse show)

Communications: On January 14th, Carrie Giannandrea submitted a letter of resignation as OTAHC webmaster and club member due to personal conflicts.

Secretary Report: OTAHC wishes to welcome new club members: Ernie & Pam Tuttle, youth members Victoria, Alicia, & Delaney Johnson, Robin Price, Jean Metz, Shelley Simmons, Judy Kell, and Annette Hardman. - OTAHC membership cards have been dispersed to members present at the meeting. Remaining cards will be mailed to the members not in attendance. Otahc Secretary Noell Devenny explained that the cards serve a dual purpose, tracking renewing members more efficiently and cards will need to be presented at club events in order to receive member incentive discounts. More details to follow as they become available. -The annual ApHC regional club report will be filed prior to deadline on 2/15/2010.

Membership Renewal Reminder: Please send in your 2011 membership renewal application and dues ASAP. *Thank You from the Secretary.*

Old Business: VP Shannon McKinzie-Scott submitted photos of serape styles for members present at the meeting to view. Her source believes that the serape can be made for under \$200. Christine Harris also stated that if a pattern could be located, she might also be willing to sew a serape for the club's Queen. The secretary's 2011 expense budget of \$400 has been approved. Materials will only be purchased on an as needed basis with the possibility of sharing some items with the horse show office.

New Business:

As Otahc events are scheduled prior to June 4, 2011, President Ted Moore will be looking into the clubs insurance requirements for those events. Any events scheduled after June 4th will be included on the following years insurance when the club renews the policy.

Committee Reports-

Photography Committee: Cheryl Moore presented at the meeting a basic format membership directory. Cheryl has been requested to present a format with advertising listings for club members as well as costs for advertising spots at the next meeting.

Trail Committee: A trail committee meeting was held on 2/4/2011. Several events were suggested, dates as follows;

2/26/2011 a guided trail ride at Warm Springs, BBQ lunch with small fee for food, no charge for ride but guides offer horse rental and will accept donations. Terrain is rocky so shoes or boots on horses is recommended. Organized by Don Sheets.

4/16/2011 a Play Day at the Lazy SR Ranch. Event is open to anyone to attend and a Trail Course clinic by Brandy Hershberger is offered to 4H kids at no charge. \$10 Haul-In fees do apply. More details pending. Organized by Ted Moore & Don Sheets.

5/14/2011 World Champion exhibitor and ApHC judge Christy Wood instructional clinic at the Lazy SR Ranch. Cost is \$300 for entire day or \$85 for a 1.5 hour segment. Private lessons will be available for purchase on 5/15/2011. Organized by Brandy Hershberger.

5/28-30/2011 Memorial Day weekend overnight Camp-Out trail ride and trail course challenge at Meecham Creek Ranch near Pendleton, Oregon. Some charge for food. No stallions allowed. RSVP required by May 1st. This event is hosted by Mike & Dan Moore and organized by Ted Moore.

6/24-26/2011 OTAHC's Ultimate Trail Challenge at the Lazy SR Ranch. 6/24 is a trail course clinic presented by Brandy Hershberger. 6/25 is OPEN ALL BREED DAY. 6/26 is APPY DAY. Class fees and Haul-In fees do apply. More details pending. Organized by Ted Moore & Brandy Hershberger.

Trail Committee Report continued-

7/9-11/2011 Bandit Springs Endurance Ride in the Ochoco National Forest. 7/9 is arrival day with educational mini seminars and Endurance 101 class. 7/10 is Ride day. Distances do require entry fees. Volunteers are very appreciated for anyone that just wants to get a feel for the sport. More details are pending. Event is organized by Janelle Wilde. OTAHC contact is Noell Devenny.

7/23/2011 Cow Camp Poker Ride. Takes place at Sisters Cow Camp. Details and fees pending. Organized by Joelle Seymour-Klatt.

8/26-28/2011 OTAHC's "Best in the West" Horse show. 8/26 will feature a Trail Challenge on the obstacle course near the Rim Rock Riders facility. Brasada Ranch charges a \$300 use fee for the obstacle course. Food is available from the Riders Café inside the RRR arena. Additional details & fees are pending. Organized by Brandy Her-shberger.

9/17/2011 Clean Up Area & Trail Ride at either Tumalo Reservoir or Cline Buttes. No cost to join in and clean up trash around equestrian riding areas. Food is a tailgate Potluck BBQ. Details and place TBA. Organized by Noell Devenny.

Futurity: Rich Maggard submitted a written proposal for restructuring the Stallion Auction & Futurity to be implemented during the 2011 "Best in the West" show at the stallion auction portion. Major changes taking place would be the Minimum bid fees, the inclusion of a Yearling Futurity in which foal owners could "buy" into, adding 3 additional classes for the yearling year, mare nomination dates, and awards offered. A suggestion during the meeting was to offer a \$200 buy in for any foal sired by a stallion so long as his original service sold in the auction or by the last deadline. This proposal is in a 'rough draft' state and may be subject to further changes. For more information regarding the new futurity proposal, please contact Rich Maggard richmaggard@wcequine.com

Show Committee: Report from Christine Harris;

A combined COLOR BREED show; Show sanctioning fees have been submitted to the ApHC, APHA, and ABRA for our August show.

Cattle; Ted's Report: The Cascade Cattle Club has confirmed their willingness in managing the cattle event during our show. OTAHC will be financially responsible for securing the cattle.

Sponsorship; Members should be soliciting for sponsorships starting immediately. (email info@otahc.org for a sponsors packet) Rafter DS Ranch has provided \$100 sponsorship toward the FPD class awards. Ted & Judy Moore of the Lazy SR Ranch have generously submitted \$150 in funds to sponsor a Hi Point Reining buckle for a second year.

Brasada Ranch change of Ownership; Brasada Ranch has bartered with OTAHC for 3 days use of the private arena for warm-ups in exchange for a 2 yr. corporate sponsorship package.

Trail Challenge added to show; Cost issued from Brasada Ranch is \$300 for use of the obstacle course.

RRR Contract; The contract is identical to the contract used from last year and has been signed and submitted to Bobbi Elliot. Confirmation is pending the submission of the deposit check.

Show Budget; A proposed budget for the show has been submitted by Christine Harris totaling \$21,805.00—No new discussion has taken place regarding this proposed budget, pending the next show committee meeting.

Food Committee: It has been decided that Membership meetings will remain a Potluck Style event with a "Theme" announced prior to the meetings. Please watch the newsletter for the next Theme. Contact Karie Turner to sign up for food items related to that months theme.

Constitution & By-Laws: It has been suggested to move the membership renewal date back to February 1 to accommodate information being included in a member's directory more timely. Membership & renewal can be purchased at any time.

Website Committee: It is agreed that Noell Devenny will take over the club's website maintenance duties.

Fundraising Committee: Open Chair

Guest Speaker: Open Chair

ALL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED to the editor, Ed Hounshell otahc.club@gmail.com , by the 20th of each month in order to be included in that months issue!

Please Send IN:

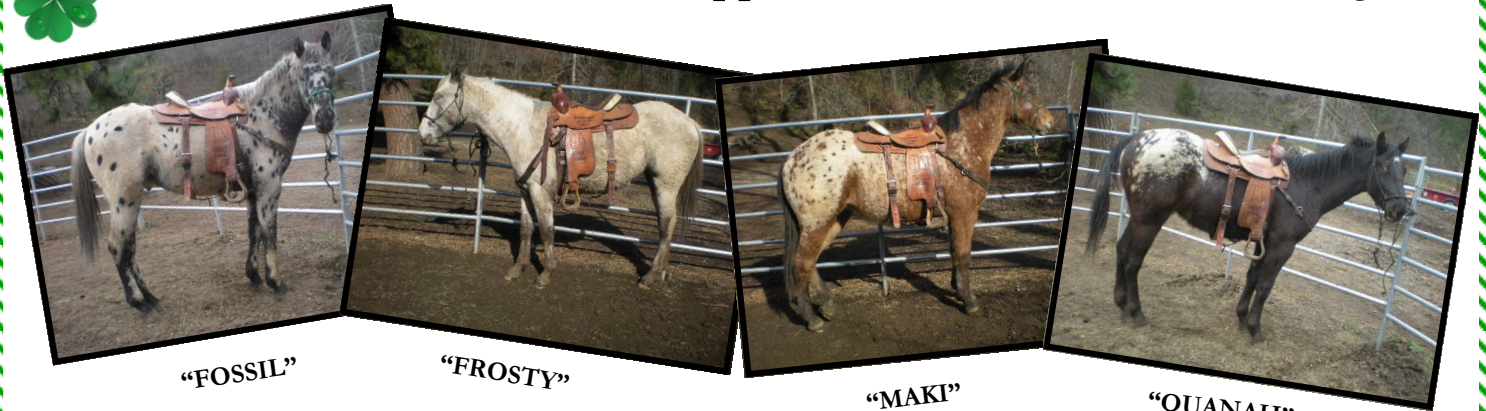
Articles, member profiles, photos, or upcoming events are appreciated. Please help us in this regard to make our newsletter available in a timelier manner. Thank You!



Member Submissions for March



Blue Creek Appaloosas- Walla Walla, Washington



"FOSSIL"

"FROSTY"

"MAKI"

"QUANAH"

OTAHC member Charles Potts shares photos of his 2 yr. old horses in training.

Blue Creek Appaloosas is a **PROUD SPONSOR** of the 2011 FPD High Point Horse Buckle Award to be given at the OTAHC "Best in the West" horse show coming this August. www.bluecreekappaloosas.webs.com



Rafter DS Ranch 2011 Foals

Submissions by Deb Stubblefield

Ochoco Renegade

&

Ochoco Alice

Bottom: (foreground) Renegade, Alice, & WAR Starnight (Alice's dam).



Top: Renegade (on Left) Alice (on Right).

Center: DREA Bluhawks Lovely with G5 son Ochoco Renegade



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<http://www.rafterdsranch.com/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Coming OTAHC EVENTS...

February-

2/26/2011 Fat & Fuzzy Schooling Show at Silver Horse Ranch in Tumalo. Contact www.silverhorseranch.com for more info. (This is not an OTAHC sponsored event) **POST PONED UNTIL MARCH 5th!**

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March-

3/11/2011 OTAHC club Meeting—see ad on front page for details.

April-

A Garage Sale at the Lazy SR Ranch. Donations to Otahc are tax deductible. DATE TBA...

****Warm Springs Trail Ride— Rescheduled— Date TBA— More Details Pending...**

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Show your Support and come out and Play!!!

MEMBERS!!! We want your INPUT...

Have you ever read our clubs Constitution & By-Laws?

They are available for download at www.otahc.org

We feel they could use some updating, but we would like to have your suggestions.

You can submit your suggestions (must be in writing) via email info@otahc.org or

snail mail: 5305 NW 83rd St., Redmond, Or 97756



Thank you to Rafter DS Ranch for their sponsorship toward 2011 "Best in the West" FPD class awards.

Sponsor Appreciations...

OTAHC wishes to Thank Brasada Ranch for their Corporate Sponsorship in 2011

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Thank you to the Lazy SR Ranch for their sponsorship of a High Point Reining Champion Belt Buckle at the 2011 "Best in the West" show.

Otahc wishes to Thank [Blue Creek Appaloosas](#) for their sponsorship of a High Point FPD Champion Belt Buckle at the 2011 "Best in the West" show.

Thanks to Donita Elbert for Sponsorship toward FPD class awards for the 2011 "Best in the West" show.

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR OTAHC "BEST in the West" SHOW AWARDS

Funds for ...Champion Saddles- Silver Belt Buckles- Horse Sheets-

OTAHC needs donated awards & raffle items too!

Email info@otahc.org for details and a sponsorship packet —Members can HELP!

How to Make a Pleasure Horse - Part 1

originally posted on <http://CentralOregonTrailCourse.com>
(reprinted with permission)



by Shari Maguire

The training sessions are easier and more successful if you start with a horse that has the conformation suitable for this particular discipline.

Ideally, the Western or English pleasure horse should be long across the top line of the neck and short on the bottom line. This makes it easier and more natural for the horse to carry its neck in the right spot. Not too high or too low, just about level from the poll to the withers, the nose no more than 3-5 inches in front of the vertical not behind the vertical or "behind the bit".

The horse should have a totally level top-line from their poll all the way to their tail. This nice long neck and short bottom line makes it easier for the horse to carry its neck at the ideal level. It's called a "balanced horse". Of course, there are exceptions; in your Arabian, gaited and some pony breeds. However, if your goal is to succeed in western pleasure showing the conformation breeds, i.e. AQHA, ApHC, and APHA, and most pony breeds then the natural head carriage and conformation play a big roll in how much work you have a head of you and if you want to be in the winners circle.

Don't misunderstand me, if your horse's neck isn't long or their bottom line short that does not mean they are not a pleasure horse. Typically, I like to see a horse with a long pretty neck that comes flat out off the top of the withers. Not too long because then they are too hard to train to keep level, they want to naturally carry them too low and if you aren't sure what you are doing up there then you will have your horse's head too high. You don't want a neck that comes straight out of the top of the shoulder either. Truly, it is more difficult for a horse to relax its neck and drop down to pleasure mode when they are built like that. Again, depending on the breed there are a few that do and want this style of pleasure horse so we don't rule out their way of traveling.

Winning in the show ring or just out on the trail achieving proper head and neck carriage; that nice slow comfortable flat kneed jog/trot and lope, well, this all comes as the end result of a lot of hours in the schooling pen. If the horse uses their body correctly they will carry their head and neck in a relaxed comfortable position and naturally. It won't look artificial. It is a matter of teaching balance.

Before I go any further, all the ground work needs to be finished. I'll cover this in a separate article. Let's get back to the more advanced part of training the pleasure horse.

The slow moving comfortable "pleasure to ride horse" has nothing to do with the type of bit or gimmick you use. It is a huge mistake to think the slow gaits and headset can be achieved by using a high port or long shank bit that forces a horse to cram their head into their chest and made to go slow. I don't use a bit when I first start my horses. I begin with supplying the head, neck, poll and withers. I use a rope halter, the one with the knots placed at the sensitive parts of the head, and a lead rope. I ask them to bend from side to side, up and down, a little at a time, day after day. Relaxing those muscles teaching the horse to be relaxed at these points so they become supple and responsive. Another exercise I do for my horses is the simple "bow." I ask them to give me their head between their knees and reach back as far as they can. Stretching the neck and shoulder muscles. Remember, baby steps, horses can pull muscles, tweak a tendon or simply sore up from too much over extension. It's a give and take because the horse responds to pressure. As soon as they give, you give. It's got to be that quick. If you don't, the horse will become hard, leaning against the pressure instead of the opposite and not responsive enough for you to continue.

The only training aids I use are the side pull and "The Collar". The side pull is a light weight headstall with a rope nose band and snaffle bit. I can bend and flex without pulling on the mouth continually. The side pull works well for me because it puts the pressure on the nose as well as the mouth equally.

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How to Make a Pleasure Horse - Part 1 continued from previous page

At this point I am not asking for a headset. I am asking my horse to stay quiet and supple and telling them where they can't go. Depending on which direction I am going, my hand dropped behind my knee, I start bending each direction. I am not forcing the bend just tipping the nose in towards my toe using my inside leg to help guide my horse around my leg and follow their nose. I ask them to do this by giving me their head and by following the pressure on their nose. This starts the circle. Once they give, I release the pressure immediately, but continuing the circle, around and around. This exercise is done both directions. Within a few sessions the neck, shoulders and withers will start to relax, then the horse's head will start to drop in a comfortable position. After awhile I ask for more flexing. What I mean by more flex; I ask the nose to come closer to my toe. Soon the nose can touch my toe at a walk, this usually takes about two or three weeks, I then do the same exercises on to the trot. Eventually, I can actually lope a horse in a circle with their nose almost touching my toe, no restraints, on a loose rein. It's a good method. They just get so flexible. With repetition you will get that natural headset without using restraints.

I will typically do this for ninety days. Yes, it's a slow process all that bending, flexing, and boring no doubt but it works. My arena is set up so I can use the polls to bend around, in and out around in circles figure eights, I just keep it up until my horse is so relaxed that the rest of the session is easy. The next step for me is introducing them to a snaffle. I use a mild snaffle usually with a full cheek. Not a Tom Thumb. There is no curb strap. The proper name for this snaffle is "a full cheek snaffle". Since the bending, flexing basics are done I start to refine them by going back to those basics of give and take. Now I begin working on the lateral movement, taking the left rein and asking them to give to the left. Same on the right. This exercise will help supple the poll too. Don't pull on the horse; bump instead, little bumps, several times if you need too, until you get the response you wanted. Add more pressure if necessary, just keep in mind the horse needs the release for the reward!

All this time I am working on the horses body I teach them to move away from pressure much like the way I do with their head. If I put my leg on them and they move, I take my leg off. As they become refined I start moving their shoulders around their hindquarters and their hindquarters around their shoulder. Using the give and take from my legs until they start responding to the leg pressure.

Despite good training, a lot of hours and perhaps a lot of money, headset faults and rigid movement can still occur. The most valuable lesson here is to recognize the problem before it gets out of hand and work to correct it accordingly. Don't be afraid to ask for help. The pleasure horse doesn't come easy. There are no short cuts. Once the horse is properly trained and the conformation is close to being correct for this type of performance everything else just falls into place.

Now that you have the basics let's begin with the daily regime of exercises to put you closer to the winners circle.

About the author: Shari Maguire, the owner of Rolling M Ranch, has trained and shown pleasure horses for more than forty years. Throughout her career the style of pleasure horses changed a number of times from the Vaquero Style California Headset to the peanut roller, now the level top line traveler. However, her training style did not. Still her techniques stay the same to this day. "It doesn't matter the style of pleasure horse, the techniques I have learned throughout my apprenticeships with some of the best equestrians have proven to work all these years and I am not about to change my routine". The exercises or techniques used are the fundamentals you need to begin any training session. Young horse, older finished horse will benefit by this daily regime of supplying and relaxing the mind so the body can follow.

