



# NEWS

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2015

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well with the Super Bowl here and gone, I am always in hopes of as many glimpses of the Budweiser Clydesdales as possible. Only the one lost puppy commercial this year - but even in that one, the Clydesdales came running to the rescue!

I have been able to see the Budweiser Clydesdales in person a number of times in my life. They are always amazingly huge, spectacularly groomed, and seemingly the true definition of gentle giants. But my most memorable experience with these magnificent creatures was in a very tiny town called Fishtail, Montana. Bill and I were on a vacation traveling through the Tetons, Yellowstone, and the Black Hills. We have longtime friends who have retired in Fishtail. They live in a huge lovely log cabin home overlooking their hundreds of acres where Marty keeps her Arabian horses. Those Arabian horses were as much aliens in that western world as the word "dressage" - which was, ironically for me, what Marty was attempting to learn out there all by herself.

In any case, it appears that the Clydesdales will come pay your "city" a visit if you happen to consume a rather large amount of Budweiser beer. And it also appears that this is not a common occurrence so the fact that tiny Fishtail was able to meet the demands of such consumption is a wonder in and of itself. Fishtail had a population of less than 300 and sported only one General Store, which doubled also as the one restaurant and the one bar in town. But we just happened to land in Fishtail on the very weekend that this small town had been awarded the prize visit of the Clydesdales. It was a big deal. And it was a big deal to me!

Every man, woman and child was standing in town when the van pulled in (all 300 plus Bill and I). Many had actually ridden their own horses in from the "back forty" and tied them up to the hitching posts that were scattered along the street. The General Store, which was the entity responsible for the purchase of that apparently gigantic amount of Budweiser beer that year, had a huge BBQ brewing and a veritable party was taking place.

The vans pulled in. The immaculate horses are led out. The equipment for 14 horses was pulled out and meticulously placed on the horses one by one. All of the reins and the harnessing and equipment checks were time consuming and impressive to watch. An hour later, they stand harnessed to the wagon with brass gleaming and leather perfectly oiled, coats and rumps shining in the sun. To much cheering and squealing (mine), off they go in spectacular glory and flowing movement. (Note: the town is so small that it is literally one “dog leg” of about one block in each direction.)

This huge, impressive wagon pulled by 14 glorious Clydesdales goes down the dog leg, makes an impressive turn around, comes back, decides to do it one more time for everyone and then pulls up and begins the whole process of taking all of that equipment back off again.

The horses pulled the wagon for a possible total of 10 minutes. That was a lot of work for TEN minutes. (It reminded me of comments I hear at horse shows often - “wow, that is a lot of work for a 5 minute test!”).

The horses were tied so that we could take pictures and ask questions and marvel at their size and their calm natures while they were untacked and all of the equipment was put away. No touching. Most people were satisfied after a few moments of gazing but, of course, I was riveted. I asked every question I could think of. I took a hundred pictures. I reveled in being able to be so “up close and personal” to these movie stars in this unheard of place in the middle of Montana on a summer weekday.

And because everyone else drifted off, and because I was still gazing with wonder, and because the grooms were laid back in this relaxed atmosphere, I was invited closer to pet and to stroke one of the Clydesdales. It was an unexpected gift in an unexpected place. My starstruck moment among Superstars!!! My heart still pounds and I still grin when I think of it. There is just no magic like the stardom of the Budweiser Clydesdales.

-- Jodi Lees, FRC Board President

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## IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME!

It's that time of year again, folks! 2015 FRC Membership Renewal time, that is. We've included a membership form (see below), but you can also apply for membership on our website and use Paypal to send dues by going here: <http://foothillsridingclub.org/membership.html>

# 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SHOW DATES:

**March 7** at FENCE

(Entry form: [http://foothillsridingclub.org/images/2015\\_combined\\_test\\_flyer\\_March.pdf](http://foothillsridingclub.org/images/2015_combined_test_flyer_March.pdf))

**March 8** XC Schooling at FENCE

(Entry form: [http://foothillsridingclub.org/images/2015\\_XC\\_entry\\_form\\_and\\_release\\_form.pdf](http://foothillsridingclub.org/images/2015_XC_entry_form_and_release_form.pdf))

**March 21** at Harmon Field

**April 18** at Riverbend

**May 23** at FENCE

**July 18** at FENCE – Benefit Show

**Sept 12** at Riverbend

**Oct 11** at Harmon (Sunday)

## SPECIAL EVENT:

**Mar 1** - Ride-A-Test with Jodi Lees

Ride the new 2015 USDF tests or the new 2014 USEA tests in front of a USDF judge and Gold, Silver and Bronze Medalist. Don't worry about the weather... this one is in a covered arena! Closing date is Feb 21st!

Download the entry form here [http://www.foothillsridingclub.org/images/2015\\_ride\\_a\\_test\\_-\\_3-1-15.pdf](http://www.foothillsridingclub.org/images/2015_ride_a_test_-_3-1-15.pdf)

## EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS:

*Held at The Landrum Depot (not Harmon Field Cabin). Seminars start at 6:30pm for light refreshments and presentations start at 7:00pm.*

**March 25**

**May 20**

**Oct 21**

**April 15**

**Sept 16**

**Nov 11**

## FRC NEEDS YOU... TO VOLUNTEER!

**Why volunteer?** It's educational, rewarding and you meet lots of interesting people. PLUS you earn Club Bucks that can be used for membership dues, show fees, or special events! What's not to like?

So, whether you are a rider wanting to learn more about the judge's perspective, someone who just loves being outdoors, or you enjoy cooking and/or organizing events, there is a job for you! Come join the fun! Be a FRC volunteer!

Here is a list of volunteer opportunities. Please check the ones that interest you, and then return this form to us at the next meeting or mail it to: FRC, PO Box 637, Landrum, SC 29356

### **Dressage and Stadium Schooling Shows:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dressage scribe                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Score runner                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm-up steward                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Arena steward                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Jump crew                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arena set-up (Friday before the show) | <input type="checkbox"/> Arena dismantling (after the show) |

### **Other volunteer opportunities with our Hospitality Team:**

- Prepare a refreshment to share at a monthly meeting
  - Help with the Winter Doldrum's Party
  - Help with Special Events
- I have many talents and would like to be called whenever needed for whatever job is at hand!

Thank you for volunteering! Volunteers are the lifeblood of FRC!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



## A BIT O' NEWS

If you'd like to share some of your news with other FRC members, send it to [foothillsridingclub@gmail.org](mailto:foothillsridingclub@gmail.org) today!

*Cathy Schwartz:* Smokey Hollow Farm would like to welcome new working student, Jes Rein, to the team!

*Cheryl King:* Tryon International Equestrian Center kicks off their show season on April 1 with their Hunter/Jumper series Tryon Spring 1-8! Check their web site for more information at [www.tryon.com](http://www.tryon.com).

*Margo Savage:* Marilyn Yike and Margo Savage have left the cold weather and are enjoying a month in Florida riding, shopping and doing critical reviews of the restaurants. They are on a quest to find the best grouper sandwich in town.

Big Oaks Rescue Farm is in desperate need of hay and other donations. Please consider helping them out. To learn more, visit <http://www.bigoaksrescuefarm.org>

And, please join us in wishing FRC Board Member Jillian Woolridge a very happy birthday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>!

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## SAVE YOUR CLUB BUCKS!

In 2015, FRC will be combining the end of year awards meeting with our annual party to equal the 2015 FRC Gala! Stay tuned for more details!

# FRC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is great! You get a monthly newsletter, discounts on club-sponsored activities, informative programs and you can hang out with really fun people!

Join now for 2015. There are 2 pricing options - if you want a mailed newsletter we need to charge more for the postage and printing costs.

The e-mail newsletter will be in an easy to print format (a PDF file) where you can print only the pages you want to have as a hard copy.

- Individual (\$25 with e-mail newsletter)
- Family (\$30 with e-mail newsletter)
- Individual (\$40 with mailed newsletter)
- Family (\$45 with mailed newsletter)

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*(Above information will be included in the membership directory unless you indicate otherwise)*

Check interests (as many as apply):

\_\_\_ Dressage \_\_\_ Eventing \_\_\_ Western \_\_\_ Hunter/Jumper \_\_\_ Hunter Paces  
\_\_\_ Pleasure \_\_\_ Fox Hunting \_\_\_ Driving \_\_\_ Trail Riding \_\_\_ Endurance \_\_\_ Breeding \_\_\_ Social  
member only \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I show my horse \_\_\_ I do not show my horse \_\_\_ I plan to start showing

Ideas for clinics, horse events, meeting topics or social events for 2015:

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\_\_\_ I am available to volunteer for club sponsored events (list jobs you would like):

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\_\_\_ I am available to help set up and take down for the shows (usually Thur. or Friday before show)

***Make check payable to FRC and mail to: FRC, PO Box 637, Landrum, SC 29356***

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Do you have your own tack/horses/equipment, etc. to sell, services to offer, or events to promote? Members can post those items in the FRC Newsletter for free! And non-members only pay \$10. Email us at [foothillsridingclub@gmail.org](mailto:foothillsridingclub@gmail.org) to get yours into next month's issue.

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FOR SALE: "Checkers" is a 2006 Clydesdale cross mare, 17.1+ hh. She has a "certificate of identification" with the GCDHA. SWEET mare with great manners. Has been trail ridden and shown in Intro level dressage with good scores. Asking \$12,000. Located in Hendersonville, NC. 828-974-2716 or [BaldwinTrngCtr@aol.com](mailto:BaldwinTrngCtr@aol.com).



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FOR SALE: Hessel's Apollo. 2008 Friesian/Appaloosa gelding. 16+hh. Sweet, fun personality. Nice mover, very forgiving. Well started under saddle, has a tiny bit of trail experience. Tons of potential! Clips, ties, bathes, etc. Registered with FSHR. \$10,500. Owner has decided to put him back on the market due to lack of time and working out of state. Located in Hendersonville, NC. PM, call or text [828-974-2716](tel:828-974-2716) before 8 pm.



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