



..VERMONT HORSE COUNCIL

"Creating a unified equine voice"

Note from VHC President, Roger Morin:

I've met a lot of riders as a member of VHC, and I hope for the next 2 years to meet more horse people from the southern part of VT. If you are from the southern tier and can volunteer some time in the Council - we will figure out a way to make it happen. We may be able to schedule a meeting closer to the middle of the state - or use Skype. Please email me. We want to include all horse disciplines in the organization, and with an increase in membership, we hope to be able to stay current on everything horse related across the entire state of Vermont.

I also hope we can continue to provide scholarship money, improve awareness of horse safety, and if possible, even come up with some fun t-shirts. With so many horses and horse owners in Vermont, it should be a very busy year. If you have an interest in anything horse related, please consider joining this great group. In the meanwhile, happy riding! - Roger Morin, President VHC

April 2011 Newsletter

Meeting Minutes March 13, 2011

Opening:

The second Vermont Horse Council meeting of 2011 was called to order at 1 PM on March 13, 2011 in UVM Extension Meeting Room, Berlin, Vermont by Mike Benoit, President. 21 members were present at the meeting

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed.

- Introductions
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business & Committee Reports
- New Business (Election of Officers, Award of 2011 Horse Person of the Year and Next Meeting Date)

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were accepted as listed on the Vermont Horse Council Web Page. *Note: during the meeting it was revealed that there was an error in the minutes. Roger Morin did work on the paddocks at Groton State Forest, but fencing was rearranged by the park after the work had been completed.*

Treasurer's Report attached was unanimously approved. Vermont Horse Council has paid memberships to the following organizations: American Horse Council, New England Horse and Trails, Farm Bureau, and Vermont Trails and Greenways. Terry Rose is in contact with Vermont Trails and Greenways to remove Lynn's name from the web page as the VHC contact.

C. Committee Reports and Agenda Items

Membership - There currently are 263 members. A discussion was held regarding paperless membership packets. Members can request to go paperless, but membership cards will still be mailed in hard copy. It is most convenient and efficient for Terry to continue as current. If someone wants to take over the membership committee and drive to 100% electronic the committee chair will be passed over. No one volunteered to take over the chair.

AHC – Ilene Douglas reported that she will be visiting Washington DC in the next couple of weeks and will stop by at the AHC offices. June is the month for the annual AHC meeting. Once agenda is determined, Ilene will determine if worth traveling and if so will contact directors to request funding to attend. Highlights of committee report included:

- Any member is encouraged to go on the AHC web site (www.horsecouncil.org) to get latest information
- Attention is being given to Forest Service planning rules currently
- Trails preservation is major emphasis for the AHC nationwide – there is also a link on the web page to National Trails Organizations
- Individual membership gives discounts at Tractor Supply
- Have learned that there is an informal gathering of New England and New York horse council members. Might be a good idea to get looped into this group.

NEKET – A workday on **May 21, 2011** has been scheduled. It will be a one day event to help mark the trails. Look at the web page for updates. VHC member NEKET ride scheduled for **September 9-11, 2011**.

Collaborative Trail Initiative – no report

Greenway's Council – no report

Annual Ride – To be held in Tunbridge, Vermont on September 23-25, 2011. Ride cost will remain the same. Forms attached and are on VHC website.

Safety – Many copies of the posters are still available. Contact Mike Benoit at benoit.martha@yahoo.com. Several members took posters for distribution at local garages, Drivers Ed offices, schools and police stations. A discussion about youth group making a film of driver/horse safety was held. Further information will be brought forth at future meetings. Jeannette delivered "Share the Road" pamphlet from the Connecticut Horse Council.

By-Laws – no recommendations for changes were made.

Trail Maintenance – discussion about coupling with ATV groups was held, but no resolution was made. Discussion about Bissonette family in the Northeast Kingdom regarding trail access, but no resolution was made. Morris reminded membership that the VHC funds were for public land trail repair. The funds are meant to be **matching funds** and that maximum award is \$350.00.

Scholarship Fund – No new applications. Sue has updated the application form. ACTION ITEM – Sue will forward electronic copy to Jeannette to post on the web page. Farm Show generated \$623 for the Cliff/Murray scholarship fund.

Farm Bureau – Bev gave an overview of different types of memberships and what each membership benefits entailed. One of the biggest benefits is a weekly electronic update of legislative activities that affect the agricultural community. Bev encouraged support of the Farm Bureau.

Groton State Forest – work crews will be formed for Little River and for Groton once the snow goes away. Watch web page for details.

Equine Emergency Funds – received \$75.00 donation. Hay bank is being set up by Spring Hill Rescue. No action taken in this regard. Cindy denied request for gelding of stallion as she felt this funding was more appropriately used for emergency feed and care of equines.

LATR – after NEK training is completed this spring, all counties in the state will be trained for large animal rescue. Disaster planning in the state is being discussed on March 23rd. Cindy will attend and lobby for LATR to be included in the planning.

Lamoille Valley Rail to Trail- No report

Newsletter – No report

Parade Group - Discussion regarding reinvigoration of this group. First parade will be Williamstown on Memorial Day weekend. Jody is still willing to lead the committee.

Riding and Driving Program – Motion made: to add single rider option to this program for a cost of \$20.00 for lifetime membership. Seconded and passed unanimously. ACTION ITEM – Brenda is going to contact current active members to see if it is okay to publish their accomplishments on the web page.

Everything Equine- Jyl presented layout and requested funds to upgrade the professional appearance of the booth. It will debut at Everything Equine this year. Coverage for the booth is complete. Motion made: grant \$500 to purchase materials to improve the professional appearance of the VHC booth with a goal for it to be ready for April 30th Everything Equine weekend. Seconded and approved unanimously.

D. New Business

Horse Person of the Year - Two people were awarded the honor for 2011; Roger Morin and Patricia Brannon.

Nomination & Election of Officers – Slate provided; Roger Morin (President), Patricia Brannon (Vice President), Cindy Cross-Greenia (Secretary) and Terry Rose (Treasurer). There were no nominations from the floor. Slate was voted by single vote from acting secretary, Jeannette Cole.

Next Meeting – May 15 from 1-4 pm. (ACTION ITEM) Cindy Cross-Greenia to request Berlin Extension Office space for this meeting.

Minutes submitted by:

Jeannette K Cole, Secretary – stand in

Meeting minutes from January 2011 are posted on VHC website.

First: NEKET Work Day is tentatively set for May 21; call Martha Benoit to sign up/check on exact date at 644-6742



Vermont Horse Council congratulates Roger Morin and Patricia Brannon – Horse Person of the Year

Nomination for Vermont Horse Council - Horse Person of the Year - Patricia Brannon

In November of 2008 Patricia received a call from a local humane society asking for help, there were a number of horses and other animals to be seized in an animal cruelty case help would be needed to catch, transport and foster these horses until the court case was settled.

Patricia agreed without question to be a foster home for five horses not knowing what an undertaking she had accepted. Patricia would go on to take care of these animals for eight months with very little financial support in comparison to what these animals required, they were malnourished and had little to no veterinary or hoof care. Many times Patricia was offered the opportunity to farm them out to individual foster homes but she felt that they been through enough and should not be moved around. It was not until she felt it would be safe for the horses to move to other foster homes did she go ahead and do so.

Patricia has been a member of the Vermont Horse Council for many years and has served as a Director for the Franklin county area. She has sat on the Tunbridge Ride committee for nine years and always volunteered for Farm Show.

Patricia loves horses and whether she is training her draft to carriage, riding her quarter horse on trails, or simply hanging out with her “half a horse” as she refers to Pedro her miniature Sicilian donkey, You always see the happiness and pride on her face when she is with her beloved equines.

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Cross-Greenia

Nomination for VHC Horse Person of the Year 2010 - Roger Morin

We would like to nominate Roger Morin for Horse Person of the Year.

Roger has supported three horse organizations for many years, Lucky Trail Riders, Dog River Horse Club and the Vermont Horse Council. His involvement of countless hours has been anything from standing in a booth and handing out brochures to fencing at Groton State Park, or just sharing a smile.

Roger has helped on Everything Equine and Horsin’ Around for years. He was Lynn’s go-to guy from the very beginning. He’s been Dusty’s right hand man in coordinating the horse show and getting people in and out of the gates safely. Roger also volunteered his horse Chance for the teeth floating and equine massage demonstrations.

Roger has always been there when Morris asked for help at the Farm Show in Barre. He is really good at selling scholarship tickets for the Cliff/Floyd fund.

For the past 8 years Roger has been on the committee for the VHC Annual Tunbridge ride. He gets there early to start checking in everyone, while the rest of the committee gets set up. He’s always ready to serve breakfast and stays late to clean up the fairgrounds with the other Committee members.

Roger also stepped up to volunteer with the Groton State Park Equine Trails and Horse Camping, with new fencing in the campgrounds. He rented a posthole digger to get the job done right and in hopes of being faster. He battled the black flies like crazy. Between sweating and the blood lost Roger was sure he shed 10 pounds that day!

Roger has also been Vice President of VHC for four years and rarely missed a meeting. Roger had some pretty cool ideas – like making the NEKET pass a part of VHC membership by adding a small increase to each membership. Roger also volunteered to help create the Safety Poster. By taking time to saddle up, ride on the edge of the road; find someone to drive a car and someone to take the photo that was used on the poster.

The list just keeps on going. He was right there to help out with the NEKET trails, now one of his favorite places to camp and ride.

Roger has even been a great help keeping all of the VHC items together and storing them in his shop. He helped Ken Hoepfner by displaying the little box for the VAST Trails fundraiser also.

Folks are very comfortable asking Roger for help. At camping rides people will knock at his door asking for help. Maybe their heater is not working or they can’t start their truck, or maybe asking him to help pull them out of a jam. Whatever it is, Roger was always happy to help, with a smile and hug.

We are sure Roger has accomplished and showed the requirements to show what kind of a Horse Person he really is.



VT. Trail Symposium Survey

Subject: 2011 Trail Symposium Survey - Please take and pass along this survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9DVSTS3>

Thanks! Jessica Ricketson - Trails Coordinator, Region III, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation 111 West Street Essex Junction, VT 05452 802-879-5680

No news on the LVRT – VAST Board will meet at the end of April to decide if to proceed with Act 250. Friends of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail meeting April 21 at 6:30 at the Morrisville Town Office on Portland St. with Megan Smith, Commissioner of Tourism and Marketing and other dignitaries to discuss how to move this project forward. Non-motorized users needed to help support this effort... folks can contact me for info. – Heidi Krantz



Box Fan Recall Could Affect Horse Owners

By: **Erica Larson, News Editor**- Source (Horse.com) March 24 2011, Article # 17985

Lasko Products Inc., manufacturer of home appliances such as fans and heaters, is recalling approximately 4.8 million box fans (similar to those frequently used in barns by horse owners) after an electrical problem in the fan's motor has caused some of these fans to catch fire, reportedly causing several house fires and a barn fire.

According to a **statement** on the company's website, affected fans were manufactured between July 31, 2002, and July 31, 2004, and "sold at major retail stores, home improvement centers, hardware stores, and other retailers nationwide between late 2002 and as late as 2005."

The models affected by this recall are Lasko model numbers 3720, 3723, and 3733 and Galaxy box fans model number 4733. These fans will have "2002-03" or "2003-04" printed on the bottom of the frame.

Lasko requests that anyone currently using one of the recalled fans, ***discontinue use*** immediately and register their recalled product **online** or call 800/233-0268. Those affected will be provided with a fan protection cord adapter, which is designed to "protect against a potential hazard resulting from an electrical failure in the fan motor

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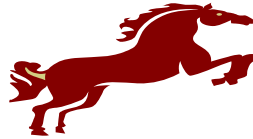
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Please contact Shelly Edson at 802-363-1997 or shellyedson@aol.com for additional information.



Note to Members -2011 Membership

Dear VHC Members,

If your mailing label has a 2010 on the bottom, that indicates you have not renewed your dues. The membership committee will be deactivating non-renewed members after this newsletter. 2011 is shaping up to be an incredible year. We have new officers who are working with the Fair Grounds to help raise funds at the Everything Equine show. We will be hosting a booth at Everything Equine, so that would be a great place to stop by and renew your 2011 dues. Our very successful annual trail ride and our also very successful NEKET trail rides are on for September. Our Parade group is looking for members in all shapes, forms, or walks of life. Our LATR committee is working on its final First Responder training. Our Board is open to any suggestions, so please be active and get involved.

Sincerely, Terry Rose, Membership Chair

[Buy your Horsin' Around Tickets from the Vermont Horse Council](#)

[And Support Local Horses and Horse Owners.](#)

Once again the popular equine variety show "Horsin' Around" will take place on Sunday May 1st 2011 at 1:30pm at the Everything Equine Event at the Champlain Valley Exposition.

The tickets are on sale for \$12.75 at other places but through VHC **you pay just \$12.00**. For each ticket sold by Vermont Horse Council they will receive \$2.00 of the admission price. But, here's the best part, you will **gain entry to Everything Equine for approximately three hours free**.

You can arrive as early as 11:30 to do some shopping, look around the event, or watch a speaker and after you watch the show you have another hour to enjoy Everything Equine before the event closes for another year.

Please support VHC by purchasing your tickets at: **Tony' Tack Shop**, 34 Park St., Essex Jct., VT 802/876-4444 and get ready for show/trail season while you're there.

Or by contacting: **Karen Blow** at 802/479-2448 or kaybee88@yahoo.com, you can reserve and pay for your tickets and pick them up the day of the show at the VHC "will call" area. No worrying about forgetting those tickets at home.

Both Options are Cash and Check Only - **Thanks for supporting VHC and enjoy the show!**

LATR TRAINING SCHEDULED:

LATR stands for Large Animal Technical Rescue. There are many incidences in which large animals may need rescue such as a horse that has become mired or stuck in mud, a down or injured animal in hazardous terrain, an animal that has fallen through ice and is stuck in freezing cold water or one who has fallen into a well. These are all situations that have occurred in Vermont and fire departments have received the call.

The Vermont Horse Council sponsors the Large Animal Technical Rescue Project to provide equipment and training to first responders around Vermont. This equipment and training allows for large animal emergencies to be handled in a manner that eliminates further injury to the animal and responder by ensuring that proper tools and techniques are utilized.

The next training will be held, Saturday, May 21, at Janet Jones, Woodsunwind Farm, 1571 West Woodbury Road, Hardwick, Vermont. 802-279-0970.

Call Cindy Cross-Greenia at 899-3928 or email crossgreenia@gmail.com for more details regarding the training.

Please encourage your local fire department members to attend the registration form will be posted our website www.vthorsecouncil.org under Committees.

Texting for Equestrians

OOH - out of hay	UD – Unplanned Dismount
LAS - lost a shoe	PTTDG – Prayed to the Dirt God
BJBM - B***** just bit me	MMM – Master Manure Mucker
FOMHL - Fell Off My Horse Laughing	OOM – Out of money
FTC -- Forgot the carrots	MHTS – More horses than sense
MIHA -- Mare's in heat, again	BAHHFDP – bought another horse husband filed for divorce
IPTI -- I'll pick up tennis instead	GBBF- got board bill, fainted
LWW -- Lesson went well	GFBF – got farrier bill, fainted
MSMBO - mud sucked my boot off	HRHCF husband realized horse costs, fainted
HSIH - Horse Snot in Hair	SLH – smell like horse
HAO - Hay All Over	DQFOY- Dressage Queen fell off - yippee
HIMB - Hay in My Bra	HTNHFH – hiding the new horse from hubby
PIHH - Poop Induced Half Halt	WWFNS – will work for new saddle

“A Wake Up Moment” - by Carmel Stone

Over the years I have read books and gone to clinics regarding how to read my horse, paying attention to body language, etc. I felt I had become fairly good at reading my horse, Coach. One Tuesday morning, I woke up earlier than normal, went out to the barn. It was a routine morning. I had been mucking out stalls and under the overhang when I noticed Coach running around, he is very playful so I didn't think anything of it. My older horse, True was standing near me and he was calm. Coach starting running around the paddock, snorting, running up to me and then back out into the paddock. I kept working, then he rushed up to me, head high, snorting, looking like “You are not paying attention!” So I put down the fork, stepped out from under the overhang and then I notice over by the water trough, the outlet it was plugged into was smoking, and making a hissing sound. I had walked by it 15 minutes earlier, so I went over to it, pulled out the plugs, and ran to turn off the power to the barn. The outlet was black and the two plugs in it had started to melt. The outlet was covered to help prevent moisture from getting into it; however some moisture must have gotten in. Coach could smell and hear the outlet shorting out long before I did. If he hadn't had kept trying to get my attention, the outlet would have caught on fire and you can well imagine what might have happened after that. True was my bodyguard, Coach was the sentry, alerting me to the danger. His frustration with me was obvious when I wouldn't stop what I was doing and look outside into the paddock. Just goes to show that you never know when your horse will teach something or remind you to pay attention and to stay alert. Coach was my hero that morning, and I tend to pay better attention to my horses and my surroundings these days.

RHYTHM OF THE REIN THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM



3rd ANNUAL BENEFIT TRAIL RIDE & DRIVE



Saturday Oct 1st - Sunday Oct 2nd 2011 in Marshfield, Vermont

Enjoy the thrill of a day on your favorite horse enjoying that special connection with your equine buddy, all while helping to support Rhythm of the Rein's efforts in bringing this same connection you enjoy to people with disabilities. Help those who would otherwise not have the opportunity experience the many physical, mental, emotional and social benefits derived from Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies.

Since Rhythm of the Rein is funded primarily by donations, this benefit ride is one of our major fundraising events. Money is raised by riders bringing in pledges from friends, family, and businesses who agree to sponsor their ride. All donations are tax deductible

ABOUT THE EVENT – SATURDAY WILL BE THE SPONSORED RIDE - Enjoy Vermont's peak foliage season with a short loop ride or a longer loop ride. Maps will be provided at check in, and check points along the way will help in case of emergencies and to have water available for horses and riders. Riders should plan on starting out between 9 and 10 am. At the end of the ride join us all for a great evening barbeque and live band. Our host site again this year has been graciously donated by the Groton Forest Road Campground on route 232 in Marshfield. See the attached flier for directions and information if you are interested in overnight camping – they have plenty of room for portable corrals and welcome as many people as want to come! Sunday is ride on your own

There will be prizes for the most pledges raised for adult and youth rider categories.

The ride will be held rain or shine. Light snacks and drinks will be available during the ride, but bring your appetite for the meal after!

ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR ASTM/SEI APPROVED HELMETS DURING THE RIDE.

All releases and health requirements must be presented before the ride.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS - Stabling is also available at Water Tower Farm, 386 US Rt 2 Marshfield & there is room for self contained campers. Contact Dianne Lashoones at 802-426-3781



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October 2	RHYTHM OF THE REIN THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM 3rd ANNUAL BENEFIT TRAIL RIDE & DRIVE	Groton Forest Road Campground on route 232 Marshfield, Vermont	Dianne Lashoones at 802-426- 3781 Email for forms: WaterTowerFarm@aol.com	Support Rhythm of the Rein's efforts. Enjoy Vermont's peak foliage season with a short loop ride or a longer loop ride. Saturday is the sponsored ride; Sunday ride on your own. Prizes for the most pledges raised for adult and youth rider categories.

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Vermont Horse Council 12th TRAIL RIDE Sept. 23rd - 25th, 2011

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Plus have JP's North Auction Saturday night



On the Spot Photo

1 - 5x7 - \$ 9.50

2 - 5x7 - \$ 16.95

1 - 8x10 - \$ 18.50

Tack Auction
Items are new
Pre - view items 4:30
Auction starting at
6:30 - 10:00

Saddle up and Join our weekend trail ride through Vermont's Beautiful Mountains in Tunbridge VT. At the Tunbridge Fair Grounds

The weekend includes 2 day trail ride with an approximately 15 to 20 mile loop each day. (A short cut route will be available after we reach the lunch spot). Dogs are welcome but must be leashed at all times, To avoid a fight don't let your dog get close to a strange dog. The trails are up and down hillsides so check your horse's shoes and make sure they are tight. And get your horse and self in shape for the wonderful trails. ☺

FRIDAY, September 23rd Arrival starting at

Arrival and check-in 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Check in at the North end of the fairgrounds only. Across from the village store between two large brick buildings. No earl arrivals the fair grounds needs this time to clean up. Bring a small heater, garden hose and extension cord for the electricity you might not park right next to the pole.

SATURDAY, September 24 Arrival starting at 7:00 am.

7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Cheese Omelet, ham steaks, home fries, Toast & English muffins. Fresh Fruit, coffee, juice
8:15 a.m. Required Riders meeting at Dodge Gilman building, For all trail talk info.
10:00 a.m. **No Sooner!** Riders begin staggering out. No sooner. Trail markers are leaving at 9:00 to double check Trails & markers. Bagged lunch and Drink will be provided at the half way point, on the trail
5:30 p.m. Beef Stroganoff /Veggie Lasagna, green beans, seasoned roasted red potato, Tossed Salad, rolls Apple Crisp & Ice Cream, Drinks hot and cold.
7:00 One larger Bon-fire, near center of ring if you have instruments to play please bring them.
Any one welcome to start the fire.

SUNDAY, September 25th

7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Pan cakes, with real Vt. Maple Syrup, 2 Sausage, Hash Browns, fresh fruit, coffee, juice
8:15 a.m. Riders meeting at Dodge Gilman building for all trail talk info.
10:00 a.m. Riders begin staggered rides. Lunch when you return from trail ride in the Dodge Gilman Building. In the refrigerators only take one of each items. Including the cookies.
3:00 p.m. All packed up and leaving fair grounds.

Stalls are available. If you use a stall, you are responsible for cleaning it. Please don't save a stall and not use it. Owner must provide feed and bedding or portable fencing if you want to keep your horse outside next to your trailer, ****Every Rider is responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their horse(s).**** This includes around your campsite and on the fair grounds & the track. Stall must be stripped clean. Thank you for you help!

All horses must wear a halter or bridle at all times. Portable fencing should be about 20 x 18
All grounds must be free of manure by the end of the weekend. Your help is greatly appreciated.

SHOWERS. There are 2 showers available for every one to share, at the top of the hill above the Dodge Gilman building on the left. Several restrooms are available through out the fair grounds. Any question please call Karen Blow at 802-479-2448 or go to VHC web site. www.vthorsecouncil.org

If you take anything out on the trail with you be sure you bring it back, And don't leave it on any landowner's property.

ENTRY FORM

TWO-PERSON / HORSE ENTRY FORM

Please print clearly I have to be able to read them for next years address labels.

Rider Name _____	Rider Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City/Town _____	City / Town _____
State _____ Zip _____ Tel: _____	State _____ Zip _____ Tel: _____
Horse Name _____	Horse Name _____
E-mail address _____	E-mail address _____

Horse's must match negative coggins paper work you show us. Please have them out and ready for viewing.

For more entry forms Vermont horse council web site address is www.vthorsecouncil.org

VHC Requires a Negative coggins report, dated within 12 months of the event, for each participating horse, & State of Vt. Requires Rabies Vacations certificate at the gate.

The fair grounds has asked you don't enter until 1:00 Friday. A camping fee of \$15.00 per unit per night. And is non refundable. This unit fee is for any sleeping accommodations, tents, campers, horse trailers, trucks. In short, any shelter used for sleeping. NO early birds and holdovers. Fee includes, 2-showers, lights for nighttime security, restrooms, rubbish removal, tables and chairs, Dodge Gilman building, water, electricity, barn stalls. **NO campfires at your campsite. And NO racing around the tracks with your horses!.**

Camping circle, yes or no. How many camping with you. _____ and total of **nights staying** _____ weather you use electricity & water or not this is non refundable. At \$15.00 per night camping =... \$ _____
\$ 85.00 for **each Non-Member of VHC (per person)** Friday to Sunday \$ _____
\$ 65.00 for **each Member of VHC (per person)** Friday to Sunday \$ _____
\$ 15.00 for day riders only, must provide your own lunch, circle Saturday and or Sunday... \$ _____
Day riders must attend the riders meeting at 8:15am. Each day Please for all trail info.
\$20.00 Extra meal tickets for Saturday nights dinner (per person)..... \$ _____
\$10.00 Discount per family with children under the age 16 \$ _____

Make checks payable to Vermont Horse CouncilTotal \$ _____

A \$45.00 cancellation fee if cancelled after Sept. 8th. Per person, all food is order by this date. Space is limited to 150 horses and riders. Only 100 stalls it first come first get them.

If you are sharing camping with some one please list their name (s), _____
Stalls - You must save your own stall when you get there. The committee cannot save in advance.
You will be notified if you didn't make the cut off of 150

Entries must be received by September 8th, 2011

Send Entry form to: Karen Blow
Call at 802-479-2448
26 Highland Crofts Rd.
Graniteville, Vt. 05654

VHC Memberships to: Terry Rose
146 Bent Hill Rd.
Braintree, Vt. 05060

RIDER'S SIGNATURE: _____

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PARENT/GUARDIAN (if rider is under18) _____

Must have signatures of this Entry form & Helmet release form on the backside from each rider. a big must both forms each person... Thank you

**Vermont Horse Council Liability Release and Acknowledgement of Risk
for Riders (Participants) at the Vermont Horse Council Equine Activities
-PLEASE READ CAREFULLY-**

I, _____ (Participant) and _____ (Custodial Parent, if Participant is minor), understand and accept the risks and rules below:

Risks: I understand that the handling, use and riding of a horse involves the risk of injury or death, despite all safety precautions. No horse is a completely safe horse. If a horse is frightened or provoked or even without any such reason it may divert from its training and act according to its natural instincts which may include, but are not limited to actions such as: stopping short, changing direction or speed at will, shifting its weight from side to side, bucking, rearing, biting, kicking or running from danger. These risks exist for any person around a horse, whether mounted or on the ground.

Acknowledgement of Risks: I acknowledge the above risks and I voluntarily engage myself (or my minor child) in riding activities organized or sponsored by Vermont Horse Council (VHC). I understand that I (or my minor child) should not participate in any equine activity unless I am confident that I (or my minor child) can do so safely. Participation in equine activities at VHC constitutes a knowing and voluntary assumption of all risks associated with equine activities, which is a defense under Vermont Law to any claim for injury or damage and a bar to recovery.

Safety and Helmet Rules: I understand that I must follow the safety rules of VHC when participating in an equine activity organized by VHC and that, if I am under 18 years old, I **must** wear an approved riding helmet and proper footwear. I acknowledge that wearing a properly fitted and secured riding helmet while riding, mounting, dismounting and being near horses may reduce the severity of head injuries or prevent death occurring as the result of a fall or other occurrence. I assume all helmet related risks, including but not limited to the risk of injury if I don't wear such helmet.

Release: I agree to fully and forever release and hold harmless VHC, its members, officers, directors, committees (such as NEKET), and agents acting on behalf of or for VHC from any and all liabilities due to injuries, claims, damages, actions or losses, which may arise out of my, my minor child's, or my guest's presence at the equine activity sponsored by VHC. Except in the event of VHC's gross negligence or willful misconduct, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions or litigation against VHC, its members, officers, directors, committees (such as NEKET), and agents acting on behalf of or for VHC for any economic losses and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death or property damage, sustained by me (or my minor child) in relation to the operations of this organization. On behalf of myself and my minor children, I hereby also release and forever discharge Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (VELCO) and its owners, officers, agents and employees (the Releasees) from and against any and all claims, suits and damages that they may in the future have, whether known or unknown, resulting from any action, inaction, representation, failure to warn or any other conduct whatsoever by the Releasees or any of them (except for conduct or inaction actually intended to cause harm) arising from or in connection with the use of the VELCO right-of-way pursuant to a certain license agreement between VELCO and the Vermont Horse Council.

Misc.: I agree that this release shall be subject to the laws of the State of Vermont and any dispute relating to this release shall be decided by the courts of the State of Vermont. I agree and hereby waive, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law, the right to a trial by jury and hereby agree, instead to a court trial. In the event any provision of this release shall be deemed invalid or unenforceable by any court, such provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and replaced by a valid provision which approximates as closely as possible the intent of the parties.

WARNING: Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A § 1039.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE LIABILITY RELEASE

Signature of Participant, Date

Signature of custodial parents Date
(mandatory, if Participant is minor)

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