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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi and welcome to a new Year of the Upper Canada Equestrian Association!

The club has always been about preserving the equestrian trails in the Niagara Region and this year we're looking to do more of the same with some new rides in some new places as well as our always exciting trail clinic, judged trail ride and our tried and true Heritage and Welland Canal Trails.

Our Spring Dance is shaping up to be just as big a success as last year's and here's to seeing everyone there for a great time, great prizes, good food and good friends.

This years Executive is highly capable, with Sue Whittaker as Vice-President, Lucie returning as Treasurer, Brenda Diploc coming in as Secretary, and Russ Vamplew, Dave Belme and Diane Iftody as Ride Directors. So get ready to get up, saddle up, giddy up and ride!

Loretta Valstar

UCEA President

MESSAGE FROM RUSS VAMPLEW (Past President)

Time moves on and it is my time to turn the reins of our club over to a new president. It has been a great two years and I thank the rest of the executive for their help and dedication and I hope they have had as much fun as I have. I would also like to thank all those members that helped out by hosting meetings, rides, picking garbage and helping to organize and/or work to make our annual dance another great success.

We have lost some friends in the past two years, both human and animal and those whose family members have passed I hope the fellowship of our club has in some way helped to ease your sorrow.

There have been some successful and some not so successful events over the past two years. The cancer rides have continued to be great successes with the 2007 ride raising close to six thousand dollars.

The best times for me over the past years involve club rides and riding with friends and Lord willin' and the crick don't rise I'll be able to enjoy this recreation and the UCEA for years to come.

I hope that you all had a great holiday season and the New Year brings you great rides and good friends.

Thank you once again for the chance to serve as the president of the UCEA and I will see you on the trail.

Russ Vamplew

UCEA Past-President

NEXT MEETING: Wed., March 11th, 2009

@ Bertie Clinton Insurance Merrittville Hwy & Hwy 20. 7:30 pm

Plan to attend!

This meeting will discuss upcoming rides, plans for the year, and the importance of the phone tree. We ask that you attend if you can!

UCEA MEETINGS EVENTS & RIDES

MEETINGS

UCEA Meetings take place the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Plan to attend when you can!

DANCE

Spring Fling
March 14th

CLINICS

Trail Clinic

May 23rd, 2009
More info to follow

RIDES

Heritage Trail

April 19th, 2009

Canal Ride

May 3rd

Shorthills Judged Trail Ride

May 24th

Cancer Ride

June 7th

Swim Ride/Camp Over

July 18th & 19th
(tentative)

Sandaraska

August 15-17th

Sentineal's Ride

September 27th

Colour Ride

October 18th

Friendship Trail

November 8th

RIDE DATES SET

To the left you will find this year's trail ride dates. Plan on attending, more information for each ride will be made available closer to the date of the ride.

Note: We are still in need of **volunteers** to help with the clean up of the trails. The trail clean up takes place the week prior to the ride on the specific trail. If you can help, please contact one of the executive to volunteer your time. It is the mission of the club to have safe and enjoyable trail rides, please do your part if you can.

from the EDITOR

As the new editor for the UCEA's newsletter I look forward to meeting everyone at the upcoming rides. I am replacing Claire as editor and will have a tough time filling her shoes I'm sure. Claire will continue updating the club's website, but has now passed on the responsibilities of the newsletter to me. While creating newsletters is not new for me as I do this for a living, keeping the members of this club up-to-date with relevant information is. So please feel free to contact me at any time to pass on information for the newsletter including events and especially photos of UCEA events and people. A newsletter is always more exciting with photo's. I think you all would agree. I can be reached at 905-684-6030 or info@saturnstablesfstcatharines.com. I look forward to hearing from everyone, and I hope you like the new look.

Debi Katsmar.

UCEA MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder to renew your membership for 2009 if you haven't already done so.

We also encourage you to promote the club and encourage others that enjoy the cowboy life to join and participate. To continue to grow the club, new members are required to enhance the quality of the club, the success of the rides and the enjoyment of our trails and horses.

Upper Canada Equestrian Association's SPRING FLING DANCE March 14th, 2009

Fun for all. Tickets at the door or in advance by contacting Amber @ 905-892-0006

Also need to know what everyone plans on bringing for the pot luck that way I can make sure that there's enough main dishes and not all dessert.

Amber Gilbert 905-892-0006 Agilbert_4@sympatico.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As with any ride or event, volunteers are needed. This year's Cancer Ride is shaping up to be quite the event. So as you can imagine volunteers are needed in many areas:

Parking
Registration
Check points
Help prior to the event
Photography
Cooking
Clean up
and more.

We will also require walkie/talkies, tables, and other paraphernalia.

If you can help in any way, please contact Debi Katsmar at 905-684-6030 or by email info@saturnstablesofstcatharines.com.

Your help is appreciated.

Also, if you can help by donating a prize for the event, it will also be appreciated.

LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO FOR BREAST CANCER IN 2009!

UCEA's Annual Nicky Aiken Memorial Ride for Breast Cancer



June 7, 2009

This year the ride starts at 11:00 am at
Henry of Pelham Family Estate Winery
(corner of 5th St. and Pelham Road)
Trailers please use Pelham Road entrance to the winery

- scenic trail ride through the Shorthills Provincial Park
 - lots of prizes
 - Poker Ride
 - You could win the saddle shown here for raising the most money to be donated to the Breast Cancer Research and Development Fund
 - **NEW** - prize for most unique breed of horse participating in the ride
 - BBQ after the ride
- To participate a minimum \$20 donation is required. & don't forget your lawn chairs.

To find out how you can participate, volunteer or make a contribution call Debi at **905-684-6030** or email info@saturnstablesofstcatharines.com. Pledge forms and registration forms are available at www.ucea-niagara.com

You Could *Win*
This Saddle!



A 16" Silver Supreme Western Show Saddle
Retail Value: \$1795.00
Saddle provided courtesy of



Other Prizes Include:

- \$500 Bareback saddle pad - sheepskin (Reign Equestrian & Athletics)
- \$250 Magnetic Horse Blanket (The Best Bandages)
- Shirts (Rocky Mountain Clothing Company - Denver, Co.)
- Emergency Medical Record Device (SGMS Corp. - Florida)
- Magazines & Subscriptions Canadian Horse Journal
- More Arriving Daily!

PLAN TO RIDE FOR THIS GREAT CAUSE!



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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Vehicle License _____

Due to the large number of entries expected this year, **advance registration is encouraged.**

All monies must be turned in at the start of the ride to be counted for the awarding of prizes. In the event of a tie an impartial judge will decide the winner.

Registrations may be mailed or delivered to UCEA Cancer Ride c/o Saturn Stables, 2783 Oille St., RR1 St. Catharines, ON L2R 6P7 or fax to:905-684-3545.

Most Unique Breed Entry Yes No Breed Entering: _____

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT This must be read and signed before membership is accepted. In consideration of being accepted as a member of and being permitted in the activities of the UCEA, I hereby release and forever discharge the UCEA, its officers, directors, servants, agents and representatives from any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action whether in law or in equity in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to my person or property, however arising as a result of my participation or my children's participation in any UCEA program, function or activity. I understand that this release includes the release of any liability which may arise by reason of any negligence, error or omission on the part of the aforesaid. I declare that this release is binding upon me, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. I further undertake to hold and save harmless and agree to indemnify all the aforesaid from and against any and all liabilities incurred by any and all of these arising as a result of my children's participation in the said UCEA activities. By signing this agreement I acknowledge having read, understood and agreed to the above release and indemnity. I warrant that I am at least 18 years of age, physically fit to participate in UCEA activities and that my horse and equipment are sound and fit and suitable for the intended use in such activities. For family applications all names must be listed and signed. For applicants under 18 a parent or guardian must sign.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

For office use only

Registration number _____

Amount Turned in _____ Amount Raised _____

For further information call Debi at
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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Welcome from all of us at UCEA and congratulations on joining our association.

Please fill out the following form, print it out and send it to: UCEA, p.o.Box 4075, St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 7S3 with a cheque.

You have joined a group of people whose love is horses and benefit from fellowship, trail rides, vacations, information workshops, quarterly newsletters and monthly meetings and much more. PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____ Date _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(Please Circle)----- SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$15.00-----FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$20.00

(Please Circle)----- NEW MEMBER? ----- OR ----- RENEWAL?

If applying for family membership please list family members:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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