



**"The Roundup"  
Orange County Horse Council**

**Orange County Horse Council  
Meeting Dates for 2010**

Meetings are the first Tuesday of the Month:

April 6, 2010

May 4, 2010

June 1, 2010

July 6, 2010

August - No Meeting

September 7, 2010

October 5, 2010

November 2, 2010

December 2, 2010- Holiday Get Together

All meetings start at 7:30 pm and are held in the  
Hamptonburg Town Hall Community Room,  
18 Bull Road, Campbell Hall, NY 10916

**G&M Riding Club Dates for 2010**

**OPEN ALL BREED HORSE SHOW CIRCUIT**

**June 20, July 25, October 3**

**OPEN PLAYDAY CIRCUIT**

**August 29, September 12, October 17**

All Events held at Thomas Bull Memorial Park, Rte 416  
(Orange County Park, Montgomery, NY.)

**Membership Benefits:**

Reduced entry fees for all events  
Monthly newsletter  
Summer Picnic  
Year End Awards

\$1000 Scholarship  
\$250 NYS Fair Stipend  
Lucille Cox Jr. Excellence Award

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is for information and entertainment purposes only.

**Guest Speaker for April 6, 2010**

**Meeting**

Orange County Horse Council welcomes **Sandra Kissam, SPARC President**, to speak at their next meeting on April 6, 2010, regarding the intensive use by dog training groups on Stewart. The meeting is at the Hamptonburgh Town Hall and starts at 7:30 pm; OCHC members and horsemen are cordially invited to attend.

The Forest has been an open space retreat for the local community and beyond. Many uses occur on the land, along with horse riding. The question will be how the various recreational activities are impacted by the dog training groups, since their level of usage has increased steadily over the years. What are these impacts? And, what actions have been taken by the DEC?

Kissam will present the issues and encourage discussion. Stewart State Forest is a wonderful resource for all of us. As a horse person, whether or not you have used Stewart State Forest, please join us.

This meeting will be an opportunity to learn what is happening and what we, the horse community, can do.

## Learn What Works for You! Part 7 *By: Anthony Congelosi, Paul Congelosi Trailer Sales*

Welcome to the spring of 2010! With the weather becoming better and better, I'm sure many of you are getting ready to trailer your horse for the first time this season. As a side note, as we have gone from issue to issue, I have stated at the end of the articles to feel free to email me any ideas that you have for future articles (my email address is Anthony@congelositrailersales.com). Well, now I will really ask for your ideas! We need to know what other topics you would like covered, because this will make it easier to provide you with the useful information that you need.

In the previous issue, we discussed the different emergency situations you should be prepared for and the Department of Transportation guidelines that you should all be aware of. In a related manner, if your trailer is registered in New York, you must have it inspected at a certified New York state inspection station (we are a certified inspection station). In order to pass inspection, your trailer has to follow a set of guidelines. The lights, including running lights, turn signals, and brake lights, must all be functioning. The brakes must work on all four wheels, and one wheel must be pulled to check the condition of the brake parts. The breakaway system, which is the emergency braking system, must activate when the plunger is pulled from the switch in the front of the trailer. If the system doesn't activate, then the battery needs to be charged or replaced, or there is problem with the electrical system. The treads on the tires can not be past the wear marks, and the tires can not show any dry rot. If the tires have either of these problems, then they need to be replaced. The safety chains that are used to connect the trailer to the tow vehicle can not show wear from being dragged on the road, or they need to be replaced as well. Finally, the coupler and frame must be free of any cracks to ensure that the safety of the trailer will not be compromised.

Once your trailer passes inspection and you receive your sticker, the sticker should be carried in the tow vehicle. It does not get applied to the trailer in any manner. On a related note, the inspection expires one year after it is done. Your trailer registration, as with all trailer registrations, expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Make sure you took care of renewing yours for 2010!

Remember, email me at Anthony@congelositrailersales.com with any new ideas you have for future articles. Happy trailering!

Never discourage  
anyone...who continually  
makes progress, no matter  
how slow.

**Plato**  
*Greek author & philosopher in  
Athens (427 BC - 347 BC)*

## The New York State Horse Council Ride/Drive Program

The NYS Horse Council has a program that NYSHC Members may participate in (any age). The new (started in 2009) program is the Ride-Drive Program. If you ride or drive your horse please consider joining in and having some fun. It can be on trail rides, in shows, on Wagon Trains---whatever-- as long as you are forward going and riding or driving your horse (grooming does not count). Have your friends join in and have a little competition or maybe just some time to share with friends relaxing on your horses.

You must be a NYSHC member (dues paid for that current year), sign up and pay a start fee of \$15 (\$5 every year after to continue participating), obtain an official NYSHC log sheet and start filling the hours in.



The Program will run the calendar year—fees must be paid in order to receive awards. You will receive a participation removable poly window sticker when you start. After you accumulate 25 hours you will receive a Ride/Drive Patch Award and as you add up those hours you will receive awards (hour bars) after 100, 200, 300, 500, 750, 1000 hours and so on and just maybe you will see your name in the NYSHC Newsletter. Hours will be counted on the Rider/Driver.

There is no limit on how long it takes you to achieve each award. As the program grows we plan on having awards at the end of the year for things like oldest rider with most hours, oldest horse, youngest rider, most hours, ect. If you would like to sponsor an AWARD please contact Leah Leising at 716-532-3357 or lleising@netsync.net. Start making plans to join in the Ride-Drive Program and rack up those hours. A great place to be racking up those hours is at one of the NYSHC Sponsored rides or events. For more information contact Leah Leising.

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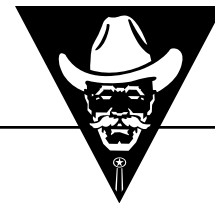
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**Attention Current Equine Businesses!**

OCHC is embracing local equine businesses. During the year OCHC will promote our events, newsletters, and other flyers. So that we are fair to all our local industry. The ads listed above are \$15 an issue, and help to defray our costs.

I will be seeking out future stories, jokes, and light articles of interest. So, please drop me a line. **Contact Debbie at:**  
[DebbieSchiraldi@hvc.rr.com](mailto:DebbieSchiraldi@hvc.rr.com)



**Just For Laughs! Join us...**

An Easterner had always dreamed of owning his own horse ranch, and finally made enough money to buy himself the spread of his dreams out west. "So what did you name the ranch?" asked his best friend when he came to visit. "We had a heck of a time," admitted the new cowboy, "couldn't agree on anything. We finally settled on the Double R Lazy L Triple Horseshoe Bar-7 Lucky Diamond ABC XYZ Ranch. "Wow!" his friend was impressed. "So where are all the horses?" "None of 'em survived the branding."

**Checklist for Horse Evacuation** by Eleanor Blazer

1. Train your horses to load. Trying to load an untrained horse when stress is high can be dangerous and time consuming.
2. Be able to identify your horses. Take pictures or videos and have written descriptions. Store one set in a safe place (a safe deposit box at a bank is one option) and keep another set with you.
3. If your horse is going to a community rescue site or there is a chance he will become loose have some type of identification on the horse. An identification tag on the halter will work, but microchips, brands or tattoos are more permanent. Be sure your emergency contact information is included on the ID tag.
4. Make sure your truck and trailer are in good working order and packed with needed supplies. Do not use your trailer as a storage unit. If you do not own a trailer, make advance arrangements with several friends or a local hauler who can be contacted at a moment's notice. Don't wait until the emergency to start looking for a way to move your horses.
5. Make sure all health records and registrations papers are in one location and can be moved quickly.
6. Make advance arrangements with several friends who have room for your horses. If this is not possible contact your local fairgrounds or horse facilities to find out their policies for accepting horses during an emergency - have several options available.
7. Know the various routes to the facility to which you are taking the horses. A road may be closed, so have an alternate route in mind.
8. Assign duties, in advance, to the various people who will be helping evacuate the horses. If people know what is expected, things will go smoothly.
9. Leave your contact information in several conspicuous places in your barn, office or house.
10. In the event you are not at home, make arrangements with several friends or neighbors so they can evacuate your horses. Go over your plans and have the information available to them. Keep it up-dated.
11. Pack enough hay, feed, medications, supplements and water (if needed) for several days. Extra buckets should be already packed in the trailer.
12. If you are going to have to make several trips, don't wait until the last evacuate order is issued. Start moving animals out early and give yourself enough time. It is possible if you wait too long, you will not be allowed back in. Use common sense.
13. Don't forget to have an emergency bag packed and ready with your personal items.
14. Prepare a list of important documents you will need and have them readily available. These items would include credit cards, bank account information, health insurance cards and check books.



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Please remember to renew  
your NYSHC Membership/  
Form Inside!

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Stewart Trail Ride in the Hudson Valley! Sunday - May 2, 2010**

SPARC is sponsoring its 10th Annual Stewart State Forest Trail Ride on Sunday morning, May 2nd, 2010. Bring your horse and enjoy a great ride on marked trails on the 7,000- acre Stewart lands located in the beautiful Hudson Valley, that SPARC successfully saved as open space in November 2005.

Riders can choose to do the 3+ hour ride or the shorter, easier 1+ hour ride, both utilizing interesting and varied terrain and both carriage roads and trails. Registration and parking is at the north Ridge Rd. parking area, accessible from Rte. 17K in Montgomery. Start time is 9 AM, and last riders must be out by 12 noon. Your horse will enjoy a fresh treat and there will be surprises for all.

The trail ride donation is \$20 dollars per rider, payable at the gate. So pack a lunch and bring water for your horse. Proof of Negative Coggins and Rabies is required. All proceeds go to help SPARC, now a watchdog for the land for your benefit.

Sean M. Giery, of “Dun Dreamin Farm” in Campbell Hall is leading his Team of horses for this years Wagon Ride. Donation for the wagon ride is \$30 per person and reservations are required, so reserve your seat ASAP.

**For more info and reservations contact Chair Debbie Schiraldi.  
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