



Sooner ApHC Newsletter

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Happy Mothers Day!

Equine Massage Clinic – March 12th by By Dedra Tiger

Sooner members and guests were treated to challenging ideas, along with an interesting demonstration by Cindy Kraft. Due to a conflict in her schedule, Meredith could not conduct the laser light therapy. Members Carol and Paul Johnson, Michelle, Stephen and Lauren Burlin, Gerry Lukacik, Nadia Loden, Sophia and Katelynn Sokolowski and Dedra Tiger welcomed visitors, Cindy Dill and son, Stacy and Susan and Paul Phariss came from Mounds, OK.

Cindy began by discussing areas of equine massage and explained the legal battles being waged by equine massage practitioners in the state of Oklahoma. Under current Oklahoma law, practitioners cannot operate unless they operate out of the office of a licensed DVM. She explained that people can readily receive a massage from a massage therapist, but getting your horse a massage could land the equine practitioners in jail, without the oversight of a vet. Cindy asked clinic host, Dedra Tiger, to provide a horse that had physical or abuse issues. Thoroughbred mare, Cheerful's Landing, aka Annie, was brought from the paddock she shares with Thoroughbred gelding, Keyway's Soda.

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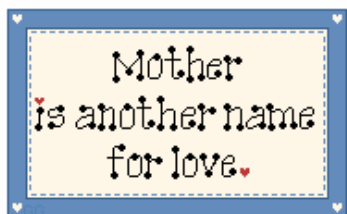
Distance Riding Clinic – April 16th by Gerry Lukacik

Saturday, April 16th turned out to be a perfect day for an outdoor clinic, the sun was shining and the temperatures topped out in the mid 70's. This was the first time I had ever had the pleasure of hosting any type of clinic at a place of my own. It was a fantastic experience. The clinic was held inside my hay barn, which is 40X60X16 and has open sides. Most of the hay this time of the year is gone, so we were able to use it as sort of a large pavilion.

We had two speakers for this clinic, Becky Goumaz who rode the Chief Joseph Trail Ride, and talked about her experiences on it, as well as providing pictures to pass around. She also had handouts that were maps of the actual trail covered by the Nez Perce in 1877 which makes up the various legs of the Chief Joseph Trail Ride. Becky not only explained some of the things that went on during the ride when she was there, but also the time leading up to actually leaving for the ride site and the drive to and from the ride.

Next, we had Bill Wicklund up from Soper, Oklahoma to give us a talk on Distance Riding, and the various aspects of conditioning, type of tack, the differences between endurance and competitive, and a few colorful stories thrown in as well.

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Cindy tells the group about the legal battles that massage therapists like herself are facing.



Dedra and Annie share a collective moment during the clinic.

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS:

Stephen Burlin – June 12th
David Marshall – June 23rd

Have an idea for a clinic?
Or know of a great place to ride? Let us know! Call or email one of the officers and tell us your idea!

Sooner Calendar

May: Trailride: Bring a potluck dish!
Date: 21st Location: Walnut Creek, Prue, OK Time: 3pm

31st: Bidding closes on Sooner Stallion Futurity Stallions

June: 4th : Kansas ApHC Show Celebration Center Lyons, KS
Contact: Lydia Rostine august_08@hotmail.com

18th : Sooner ApHC Show Payne Co. Fairgrounds Stillwater, OK
Contact: Dedra Tiger, 251-8584 webmaster@freedom-farms.com

July: Sooner Fun & Games Day
Date: 23rd Location: Bixby RUC Time: 6pm

August: 2006 Futurity Prep

Member News

Cathey Hazelwood and her gelding, Chief and had their first Pinto Show on 4/2 and took 3 first places and some 3rds and 4ths in speed events. They ended up with Reserve Champ in the Open Division for the show. Cathey is also starting a 4 year old that's off the racetrack (Strawberry Moon Pie). It was his first show and he ended up taking 6th 7th and 8th in the 3 classes they entered and earned 2 show points.

Pat Gent and Faroh did well at the recent Sporthorse show at Easy J Stables. Day one judge gave him 76.8 points. Day two he was 65.8. Day two judge was consistent in lower scores across the board, but they still placed first in their class on both days. They were the highest pointed horse at the entire show, in addition to being the only appaloosa in the class AND the youngest horse in the class. Faroh was the youngest horse at the whole show.

Congrats ya'!!! Keep up the good work!

Youth News

Annual Scholarships of Up To \$1,000

Youths must fill out and submit an official application to the ApHC office by **June 10, 2005**, to be considered by the scholarship selection committee. Selection is based on scholastic aptitude, leadership, community and civic responsibility, and involvement in the Appaloosa industry.

Take advantage of your chance to earn money for advanced education by contacting ApHC Youth Coordinator Keeley Gant at (208) 882-5578 ext. 264 or e-mail kgant@appaloosa.com.

Ask for an application and an opportunity to further your education.

Presidents Corner

What a great Spring so far! The weather on the whole has been good. We've had two more clinics, one on equine massage and one on distance riding and the Chief Joseph trail ride. Weather cooperated for both these clinics, and attendees learned a great deal. We've received requests for repeats on both these clinics – isn't that great? Dedra and Pat are already coming up with ideas for 2006 clinics, so things are moving well.

Hope to see all of you at our trail ride May 21st. Check the calendar in this newsletter for more details on the trail ride. Everyone think 'good weather' thoughts – this is the trail ride that was cancelled because of heavy (6-7 inches) rains two days before the ride last year. Spring is also the time when our little spotted wonders arrive. Several members have already shared pictures of their new babies and are entering our 'Cutest Foal' contest. If you haven't shared a picture of your new arrivals, please do so. Contest continues through May. We all love to browse the Foal page on the Sooner web site. Plus, this year we have a special prize for the winner of the contest.

We're rapidly approaching June 18th, which is when we will host our first show in 2005. Our show manager, Dedra Tiger, is in high gear getting ready for this show. The show is a lot of work, but when it's executed as well as it was last year, it generates a really positive image for our Club. Please let Dedra know when you can help with the show. We need help with fund raising before the show, with publicizing the show, and of course, we really need help at the show. For those of you who will be both working at the show and exhibiting at the show, be sure to reserve your stalls early, so we can situate your horses to make things as easy for you as possible.

Our officers and board members are working hard to make 2005 a successful year. Please take a moment to let them know how much we appreciate their efforts. Constructive feedback lets us build on our successes and learn from our mistakes. If you are planning to breed your mare this year, be sure to check out the stallions in our stallion auction on the Club web site. If one of these handsome fellas fits into your breeding program, it's a winning situation for you and the Club.

Carol.

Massage clinic continued...

At first, Annie was very leery of all the strangers in the barn and snorted her caution. Cindy stepped up to get acquainted as Dedra told the group about Annie's former life situation and physical problems that were known. Annie exhibited a caution snort as Cindy approached her ears, a problem area. As Cindy continued working with Annie, she began to calm down. Cindy checked Annie's back for sore spots while answering questions from the group.

Checking continued and Cindy did locate a couple of areas of pain. She explained to the group that she felt Annie needed an energy balance more than she needed a massage. The questions from the group continued as Cindy explained the methods she would use in the energy balancing process. In checking Annie's imbalance, Cindy discovered that it lay in the mare's stomach, rooted in anger.

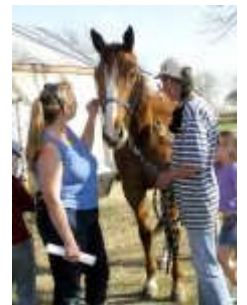
The participants watched with fascination as Cindy concentrated on Annie's stomach. Cindy continued and Annie appeared to calm down, dropping her head and even taking a nibble or two of grass. As she worked, Cindy related other stories of her energy balancing experiences. Cindy moved to Annie's head that had previously been "off limits." However, this time, Annie was willing to allow Cindy to rub and touch areas very close to her ears. Upon conclusion of the demonstration, clinic attendants had many questions that were answered by Cindy. At the end of the clinic, many people came up to touch and pet Annie for her good behavior. Some people had other questions concerning Cindy's handouts on Oklahoma SB1, the bill that would allow equine massage practitioners to operate without vet supervision. This bill would allow other non-medical therapeutic practitioners to operate on their own, also. At the end of the clinic, everyone agreed that we had been a part of an amazing demonstration.

MEMBERSHIP

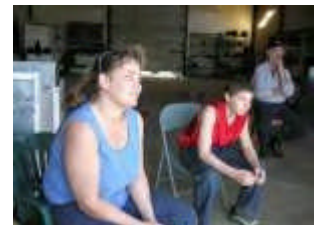
Membership in the Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club is for the calendar year. To join our "herd" fill out the membership form in this newsletter and return to Angie McGee. Make copies and share! Invite a friend to join!



Annie stands quietly while Cindy works on her.



Annie gets GOOD GIRL pats from Michele Burlin.



Michelle & Stephen Burlin listen intently to Cindy.



Cindy demonstrates the energy balancing process.



Bill Wicklund listens to one of the Sooner Member's questions.



Becky Goumaz tells the group about her experience on the Chief Joseph Trailride.



Gerry laughs at one of Bill's stories.



Email the Emu poses for a picture.



Rita Smith's stallion, Goyahtay says hello to Sooner members.

Distance Riding Clinic, continued.

Bill also provided various handouts to go along with his presentation. Having ridden under UMECRA rules for many years before moving down here to Oklahoma, the NATRC rule books that Bill handed out will certainly help me, for one; brush up on the differences from one organization to the other. I was really surprised that the clinic lasted as long as it did. We started almost on time, just a little after 3pm, and didn't wrap things up until almost 7pm. My horses, who were out of sight for most of the clinic, must have noticed all the cars, and came running up to say hello to everyone, and check out what was going on over there.

Before wrapping things up, it was decided that we were going to have to do this again, for the benefit of those who were unable to attend this one. Several members were in OKC on the same weekend at a show, and were unable to make the 2 hour drive, one way, to attend this one.

Before leaving, Carol & Dedra made the walk up to the house to see Email the emu in person, and Katelynn got a few emu feathers to take for show and tell at school the following Monday. Some of the members went down the road to see Myron & Rita's horses after the clinic, since they live just west of me on the same road.

A great time was had by all in attendance, and we have agreed to schedule another one sometime in the future so that everyone in the club that has an interest in Distance Riding can attend.

Board Meeting Minutes – April 9th

Present:

Paul & Carol Johnson, Gerry Lukacik, Dedra Tiger, Nadia Loden, Dan and Angelia McGee, Michelle Burlin, Billy Walker, Angie Evans, Nick and Amy Kinsch, Leslie Chapman

Youth: Ashlie Dziewa, Hannah Smith, Lauren Burlin

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

Report from BOD meeting in Nashville

Carol asked Nick and Amy to give a report on the recent BOD meeting they attended in Nashville.

Highlights are as follows:

- o Purebred proposal failed – Nick noted that it was not within legal bounds
- o API was voted down 12 to 5 because the breed back requirement was removed
- o Non Pro Hunter In Hand will be offered at worlds this year
- o Hunter In Hand yearlings MUST be shown in a halter
- o FPD is now ROM and Medallion earning class
- o Proposal that non pros must earn ½ point to get to worlds
- o A free show to clubs was approved, show would be one judge only and must have open classes included, national point fees would be waived
- o All children have to have a helmet with clasped chinstrap regardless of class (Carol made a point that we should try to have spare helmets at the June show)
- o GAP passed without discussion/unanimous – F5 is considered 100%
- o Discussion of moving Nationals to a new city
- o DNA and Parent verify by 2009 – CPO outdated by July – also discussion of every horse getting micro chipped
- o Club committed 10K to ACAAP

Sooner Members take Carthage by Storm! By Angie McGee

Nadia and I arrived at the Civil War Arena in Carthage, MO at about 9:30pm after taking the scenic route. Ya'll remember what I said about Carol and her navigating....well apparently its worse than that....I just have to be on the PHONE with her to take the wrong road. (chuckle) I was lucky enough to get the very LAST stall for Einstein. The barns were dark and cold with only partial electricity. I was certainly thankful that Nadia had talked me into taking Cool's winter blanket to use since I had neglected to pack his. Lori Conger was there with Mina (Hunting for Love) and we stalled next to her. Across the aisle from us was Pat Gent and Faroh. We noticed that Pat and Erica had wisely chosen not to sleep in the barn and had escaped to the warmth of a hotel. It was BRRR cold!

The next morning I was pleasantly surprised to see a number of Sooner members there! Jennifer Marcom, whom I only got to smile and say "HI" to, was there with her youth, Kim Rumpsa brought her niece and nephew and several horses, and Charlie and Vie Bottger were there with their stallion. The show was packed! Reports I've heard say they were showing until 1am. Jim and Donna Chronister were also there and Jim of course kept us all smiling with his antics on the p.a. system. The judges did a great job of keeping things moving along. Since I didn't stay long, all the other members will have to report in and let us know how they did. Pat and Faroh brought home their very first Most Colorful point. Kim Rumpsa and her stallion, Mister, earned a point in Hunter In Hand, and I believe one of her mare's earned some youth halter points. Einstein and I also did well and brought home four points in Hunter In Hand.

Board Meeting Minutes Continued.....

Minutes of November 14, 2004 Meeting

Minutes from the November 14, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion made by Dedra Tiger and seconded by Michelle Burlin, minutes of the November 14, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

Minutes of February 13, 2005 Show Committee Meeting

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Financial Report

Angie McGee went over the financial report. The ending checkbook balance is \$1,734.23. Carol Johnson motioned that we accept the financial report and Dedra Tiger seconded. Motion passed. Checking and Savings accounts are back under the old TIN # which puts us in a better tax bracket. The Stallion Auction fund balance is \$1,388.17.

Board also approved insurance renewal with our current provider, R.E.I.N.

Officer Elections

Denise Cook resigned as Secretary-Treasurer due to family conflicts. Pat Gent accepted job as Sooner Club Secretary, though she was absent from meeting. Angie McGee agreed to remain at the Treasurer's post. Motion to accept Pat Gent as new Secretary made by Angie Evans, seconded by Gerry Lukacik, motion passed.

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Sooner members chat while Erica braids Einstein.



Lori Conger, Nadia Loden, and Pat Gent all discuss the facilities.



Faroh waits for his class.



Pat and Faroh show off in Most Colorful.



Charlie Bottger and trainer, Kathy Esters, get RK Coosaman settled into his stall.

Board Meeting Minutes Continued...

Youth Fund

The Youth fund is currently at \$784.81. Carol suggested that we schedule an activity for the youth that this fund would cover. Camp outs, clinics, etc were all suggested, as well as an activity that those youth without horses could participate. Angie M. offered to put a Youth Poll in the newsletter to get some feed back from the youth to see what they would most likely be interested in. Nick suggested Sue Scobi for games, and to promote it so that youth members get in free and non members pay a day fee. Carol suggested a week long day camp, possibly with Patti Couch.

2005 Show Update

The floor was turned over to Dedra Tiger. Dedra stated that she has contracts with Payne County at last year's rates, but we are paying an extra \$300.00 so that we have the entire facility instead of sharing with cattle or goats. She stressed that we REALLY need sponsorships, and Angie M. passed out the 2005 sponsor rate list. There will be electricity at every stall and water available in each barn. We also need volunteers to help at the show! Sophia S. has agreed to be in charge of the silent auction again this year and the club is looking for donations. Dedra also suggested that we continue to try to increase our membership base and challenged everyone to bring in at least one new member to the Sooner Club in 2005.

It was questioned whether we would offer a CPO Clinic at the October show on the Sunday following the show. Discussion was tabled to see if CPO was still viable after the July BOD meeting in OKC. The facilities of Payne Co. were discussed and other locations were suggested for additional show sites.

Future Events

Nationals: The ApHC is offering to hang sponsor banners in the arena the entire duration of Nationals. Cost is \$250 if they provide a banner or \$100 if we provide the banner. The Board talked of having our banner in the arena at Nationals, but were unsure if the parent club would keep the banner. Angie M. said she would research the situation and get back to the Board.

May: Trailride – locations were discussed but due to the time crunch, the board elected to have the trailride at Walnut Creek State Park in Prue. Other locations were suggested for the October ride such as Kaw Lake, Ponca City, Bell Cow Lake, Stillwater, and Robber's Cave in southern Oklahoma. Date set was Saturday the 21st at 3pm.

June: Kim Rumpsa will ride her stallion, Secret Mr BarReed and represent the Sooner Club at the All-American Futurity. We also hope to see Kim at our show that same day before she leaves for the race track.

July: Carol has contacted Cathey Hazelwood about using the Bixby RUC arena again for our fun day. Carol suggested that we try to have a more organized event and have some games planned. Date chosen was July 23rd at 6pm.

August: Stallion Futurity Prep. It was stressed that we needed more promotion for our SSA and stallions. Thomas Keeling will be our Futurity judge for the October Futurity classes. Amy Kinsch suggested that we come up with a gimmick to get stallions to sell, like a paid class at worlds for the futurity winner or something cumulative where the winner would have free entry into the yearling futurity class.

September-December events were tabled till the next meeting. TBA

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Nadia Loden, and seconded by Leslie Chapman, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Minutes recorded by Angie McGee, Treasurer



Belle's Colt



Rosie



Maya



Percy

How tall will your foal be?

There are different ways to measure your foal to predict how tall it will become as a mature horse. These methods are not 100% accurate but they are fairly close in their measurements. This information was printed from the following website (diagrams are shown here):

http://www.wyndhavenfarms.com/cha_gyearlingsize.htm

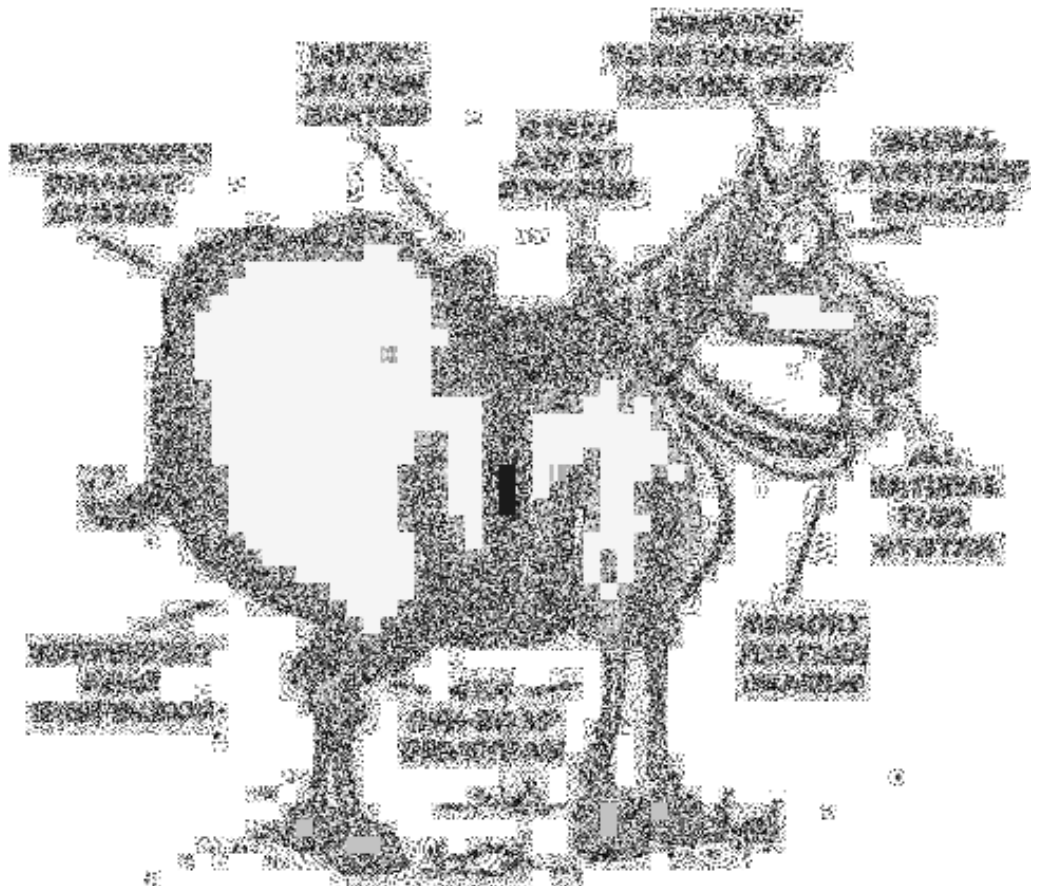
Method 1: Take a soft cloth measuring tape (like the kind used for sewing) and measure from the middle of the knee to the coronet band. However many inches, is how tall in hands the horse will grow. Each 1/4 of an inch is .1 hand.

So if you get 14 3/4 inches, the horse will be about 14.3
 15 1/2 inches, the horse will grow about 15.2
 16 1/4 inches, the horse will be about 16.1

Because the distance from a horse's point of elbow to its fetlock is approximately the same as the point of elbow to the withers, you can use this method to predict height in young horses.

Method 2: Take a lead rope and stretch it from the point of the elbow down to the fetlock. Now that you've got the distance, keep your hand on where the fetlock measurement is (leave the other end on the point of elbow) and bring the lead rope up to the withers. That's about where your horse should mature to.

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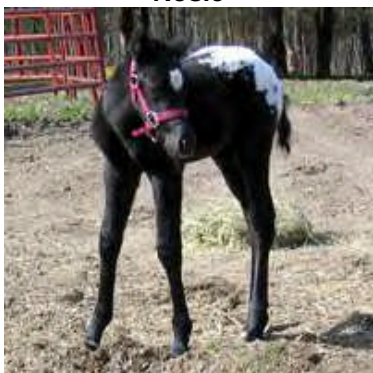
Missie



Duke



Rosie



Magic Filly



Youth Activity Poll

1. Do you own a horse?

2. What is your age?

3. What is your favorite activity on horseback?
 - a. pleasure (English + Western)
 - b. dressage
 - c. trail riding
 - d. games/rodeo
 - e. other: _____

4. Do you participate in 4-H and/or FFA?

5. Are you more interested in showing or trail riding?

6. If you could pick any fieldtrip to have for the youth, what would it be?

7. Would you be interested in a weekend clinic with a professional trainer or a weekend of trail riding/camping out with your horse and other youth?

Please mail your poll back to Angie McGee P.O. Box 545, Mannford, OK 74044

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Classifieds

Remember: Sooner Club Members get the benefit of having free classified services. Your ad will go on our website and in our newsletter at no charge. Please call Dedra for more information on ad rates for non members. 918-251-8584

****For sale****

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For additional information, contact Donna Chronister 918-825-4487 (home).



****Two 2004 Foals for sale****

These wonderful foals; Dillon and Ellee, belong to Leslie and David Chapman of Chapman Versatility Horses. Full descriptions of these lovely babies can be found on the foals page of the Sooner ApHC Website.

Contact: Chapman Versatility Horses. 785-263-8986 (home)



****Two 2 yr old fillies****

April's Little Aces by Lucky Aces and Eights AQHA(Special Effort x Chickajet x Easy Jet) x Hazz County Girl (Hazzard County x Chickasaw Maiden)

Kay Jet by Houston Jet x Chickasaw Maiden. Can be seen at Billy Walker's.

Contact: Tandy Walker 505-864-1068 or Billy Walker 918-299-2746



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Type of Membership

Individual - \$10

Family - \$25

Youth Members

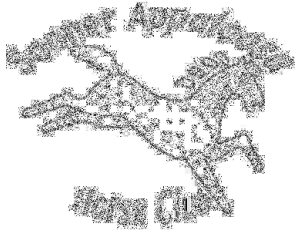
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Areas of Interest, Expertise

Filling in this section is optional, but will allow us to focus on our membership's interests.

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		Roping			Team Penning
		Endurance Events			Horse Shows
		Dressage			Drill Team
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Trail Ride at Walnut Creek State Park

Join us May 21st at 12:00 p.m. at Walnut Creek State Park for our Spring trail ride. There are tables and facilities at the park, so join us even if you don't plan to ride. Bring something to share—we'll eat after the ride. Please join us for good food and a fun afternoon. Bring a potluck dish or other goodies to share!

From the Cimarron Turnpike (HW412), take the 209th Street exit. Travel north on this road for 13 miles. Turn left at the Walnut Creek State Park sign. Continue on the park road to the Hitching Post campground. Turn left into the campground and turn left on to the campground road. There are sites and parking for trailers. Each site has a table and fire pit.

Contact Angie McGee – 865-3734 or DunInSpotsOK@aol.com if you have questions.

What is the Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club?

The Sooner Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., associated with the Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc., is a regional club whose purpose is **"To promote interest in the breed in the area of membership"**. We are a group of people from different backgrounds, in different professions, brought together by our love of the Appaloosa horse. If you share our love of the breed, please join us in our goal to promote the Appaloosa (and have fun in the process!)

Newsletter Info

The newsletter is a way for our members to share news and information.

Please get info for the July newsletter to Angie McGee by June 15.

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