



Newsletter #172, February, 2010

Time to pay your dues: \$15 for individuals; \$25 for family. Send to Linda Bettner.

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The Web site will be updated at the beginning of March. If there are any corrections please notify me before then. Janice Butt janicefb@cox.net or call 423-884-2760.

We plan to have five more meetings this year They will be on Tues April 6, Tues Jun 1, Tues Aug 3, Sat Oct 9, and Fri Dec 3. Make a note of it!

We will meet at St John's Cathedral in downtown Knoxville. The address is on Cumberland Avenue but the parking lot is on Church Street (This will confuse your GPS!). Directions: Take US 441 (N or S – Henley St) into Knoxville. Turn at the light onto Church Street. Go through two traffic lights. (Pass Lawson-McGhee Library). The parking lot for St John's is on your right in the middle of the next block; parking is free after 5 pm. Enter through the glass doors at the back of the church and go straight ahead into the Great Hall where we will meet. Please bring friends, visitors, and potential new members! Snacks and soda are always welcome and a great addition to the meeting.

February's Trail Ride was supposed to be at Norris, but the forecast predicted horrible weather so it was decided to cancel the ride.

Next Trail Ride will be at Chickamauga Battlefield on the second Saturday, March 13. Janice Butt (423 -884-2760) will be the contact person for this ride. If the weather is questionable, please call by 10 pm Friday to check on the status of the ride. We plan to be ready to ride by 10:00am and will do about a 12-mile loop. There is a nice shaded 12-

mile loop through the battlefield going by several monuments and there are several side trails for those who want more riding. The trails are well-maintained with several places to water. We plan to meet at 10:00am, ready to ride by 10:30 am. It is about a 3-hour drive from Knoxville. If you wish to go down the night before, East Ridge Stables (423-629-7433) will provide overnight stabling at \$20/horse; or Mahada Farms (across the street from the parking lot). 706-861-0982. Directions: Take I-75 south to Chattanooga. Just beyond the GA Welcome Station, take Exit 350 toward Chickamauga Battlefield. Drive 6.5 miles along Battlefield Parkway (Route 2) to the junction with Lafayette Road with Wendys on the right and K-mart on the left. Turn LEFT on Lafayette Road. In one mile you will enter the Park. Go past the Visitor Center and turn RIGHT at the first log cabin on the right. This is Dyer Road; go to the end of the road and go across the road into the horse unloading area with hitching rails.

FMI on long-distance riding go to: www.aerc.org or www.natrc.org.

Dates of Interest:

March 5, 6, 7: Road to the Horse, Murfreesboro; **April 8-11:** Equine Affaire, Columbus, Ohio; **April 8-11:** Mule Day, Columbia TN; **April 24:** ACTHA ride-Jamestown; **April 22-25:** Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event; **April 22-25:** BCH N GA benefit at East Fork; **May 20-23:** SE Foot trails Meeting - Monteagle, TN; **June 5:** National Trails Day; **July 15-17:** Southeast Equestrian Trails Conference, Atlanta, GA; **September 25:** Public Lands Day; **September 25-October 10:** FEI World Equestrian Games, Lexington, KY **November 14-17:** National Trails Symposium-Chattanooga, TN

News? Please send to Janice Butt at address below – or call 423-884-2760-or email: janicefb@cox.net Try to get it to me by the 15th of the month. We accept free horse-related classifieds from members.

Dues: \$15 per year. Make checks payable to BRTR or Blue Ridge Trail Riders and send to the TREASURER: Linda Bettner, 1165 West Hwy 11E, New Market, TN 37820. If you need to check on your status, call Linda at the office, 865-475-4300.

Motor Plan for Horse Trailers: For those of you who want peace of mind while hauling your horse, I would like to recommend US Rider Motor Plan (800-844-1409) www.usrider.org . I have had several occasions to use the plan and have had nothing but excellent results. They will arrange care for the horses, as well as taking care of your trailer and truck.

Dates to remember: Rides and Meetings of BRTR! CUT OUT AND SAVE! Stick it on your frig!

March 13 – Chickamauga Battlefield Contact: Janice Butt (423) 884-2760

April 6 – BRTR Meeting St. John's Cathedral, Knoxville

April 10 – Bear Creek Contact: Judy Mitchell (865) 475-6475

May 8 – Abram’s Creek Contact: Betsy Blackstock (865) 382-7951

June 1 - BRTR Meeting St. John’s Cathedral, Knoxville

July 10 – Wolf Creek Contact: Marilyn Spoon (423)587-5924

August 3 - BRTR Meeting St. John’s Cathedral, Knoxville

August 14 – Lone Mountain Contact: Joanne Mitchell (865)337-6194

September 11 – Citico, Cherokee NF Contact: Janice Butt (423)884-2760

October 7 -10 - Big South Fork Weekend Bandy Creek Group Camp

October 9 – BRTR Meeting BSF

November 13 – Hartford

Contact: Judy Mitchell (865)475-6475 or Marilyn Spoon (423)587-5924

December 11 – Wilderness Road VA SP

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January 8, 2011- Phipps Bend Contact: Larry Schiffer (423) 733-9872