



FETA Newsletter

Summer 2008

"Preserving the legacy trails of the Carolina Foothills Hunting Country"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, are we not the luckiest people anywhere? The weather is fabulous, the trails are beyond fabulous, and we have each other and our fantastic horses.

I am encouraged when I ride and meet new and old friends on the trails. For years I rode and rarely saw another soul. Now I run into fellow trails enthusiasts sometimes once or twice a week. Not exactly crowded, but it is nice to know that if you come off someone might eventually find you! And it is fun to recognize our friends and neighbors, have a chat and pass the time. I think it is the way it must have been in this country for hundreds of years before the cars came and we all got so busy.

This spring we tapped into that neighborly spirit and held several Trail Workdays. We built and relocated trails, helped a landowner clean up major trails for reopening and generally did ourselves proud. We met new friends and connected with people who share our passions. It was great. Too many people to thank but you know who you are and, if you're like me, the experience was thanks enough. But THANKS anyway!

This summer, FETA will again sponsor a number of events and activities to help us connect to each other and to the land we so cherish. We hope you will come to the Welcome Party on June 12th, where we will connect with new trail buddies, look at the maps and enjoy the pot luck feast. On Wednesday, July 23rd, we will host the 4th Annual Safety Fair with our sister organizations, Collinsville Equestrian Trails Association and the Foothills Riding

Club. We have an incredible program planned with information you cannot live without. Finally, our annual meeting, BBQ and Landowner Thank You party is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th, close to the full moon. And we have more trail workdays planned, with some surprises, for the fall. So, please mark your calendars with all these dates and plan to come to enjoy each other and make new friends.

Also, remember to sign up for the Yahoo Group and on-line newsletter so that you can keep in close touch. This is a special place, and a wonderful opportunity to live your dreams. Please continue to share your enthusiasm and your passion.

Ride Friendly! Ride Safely!

Dot Moyer
President 🐾

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Group at fetafriends@yahoo.com 🐾

HI FROM MEMBERSHIP

You guys have been so amazing this year and many have already renewed. Please remember to take your time filling out the renewal form as it's easy to forget to include your check or coggins or to sign both forms. Please refer to the check list on the front page. Thanks. For those of you who haven't renewed yet, you have until July 1st to renew without penalty, so please take your time to fill out the form completely.

On behalf of FETA, thank you for the donations towards our ongoing trail projects. Donations have been generous and numerous and they are very much appreciated.

The guest passes are the same as last year and this was done to save on printing costs and allow those who still had some left from last year to be able to use them.

Randi Wetzel
Membership Chair 🐾

TRAIL NOTICE

Little Mountain Trails re-opened to FETA members. Hat Creek Cattle and Timber LLC has entered into an agreement with FETA. FETA has been given exclusive use of the equestrian trails on Little Mountain and Williams Mountain. These trails adjoin Hughes Creek Preserve, their equestrian property. Located on approximately 500 acres these trails have been off the system for several years. Following major renovation and repair work by FETA they are again open to FETA members for riding and driving. They are subject to all FETA rules, including trail closings, helmets, loose dogs, no smoking, etc.

FETA will be working to restrict use of the trails by incompatible users (ATV's , motor-bikes, mountain bikes and hunters). Many people have been using these trails for years. It will take time to educate them about the restrictions so please exercise great care when using these trails.

Many thanks, as always, to Mike Stone and Bill Ennis (who serves on the FETA Board) for generously sharing their land to preserve our recreational enjoyment. Please ride safely and be a good guest. 🐾

MEMBERSHIP MAILING THANK YOU

A special recognition of thanks to all the volunteers who helped to get our membership renewals in the mail. Thank you for your time and talent and for lightening the load!

Bill Beardslee Ned Frybarger
Sandy Jobe Sandy Taylor
Lisa Spriggs for sending her stand-in
Kris Johnson
Carol Ten Broek Rhonda King
Randi and Bobby Wetzel 🐾

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following volunteer opportunities await you and include, but would not be limited to, the following. If you are able to give of your time to FETA in any way please complete the form on page 3 and return it to Rhonda King.

Trails:

- Special clean up days
- Finding and building new trails
- Trail Monitor - checking and reporting trail conditions and problems, rain amounts and parking lots

Hospitality:

- New Member Welcome Party
 - greeting new members
 - help with New Member Welcome Party
- Safety Fair
 - annual Safety Fair
 - serve on Safety Committee
 - help with EMS mapping project
- Annual meeting
 - greeting members
 - helping with Annual Meeting BBQ

Administration:

- Newsletter - writing and mailings
- Membership - mailings
- Membership and landowner directories (production and mailings)
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Legal and insurance matters
- Records search for easements 🐾

FETA NEEDS YOU!!!

FETA is a volunteer organization. Please consider giving of your time and talent to keep us going. If all members gave only one-hour of service, it would be equal to 15 forty-hour weeks!!!

Areas of interest: _____ Trails _____ Hospitality _____ Administration

Name: _____

Contact number/numbers and E-mail address: _____

Preferred Time / Days of Week: _____

Please return this form to:
Rhonda King, Member Relations Chairman, PO Box 1151, Tryon, NC 28782

YOU ARE INVITED....

to the

Third Annual Welcome Party

on Thursday, June 12th,

at 6 p.m. at FENCE.

Come greet new members, enjoy your neighbors and friends
and meet new ones.


The maps, as always, will be available.

This year we will go all "pot luck", with a new experimental system.

Last names starting A-J bring an entree dish,
last names K-R a salad dish and S-Z a desert.

FETA will provide soft drinks,
but bring your own if you want something stronger.

Questions?

Contact Rhonda King at 828-859-9887 

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Party - Thursday, June 12th at 6 p.m. at FENCE

Safety Fair - Wednesday, July 23rd at 6 p.m. at FENCE

Annual Meeting, BBQ & Landowner Thank You Party - Saturday, October 11th at FENCE 🐾

FETA PARKING LOT CLOSINGS

Please note that FENCE and the parking lot will be closed on the following days:

July 20th - XC Schooling

August 30-31 - TR&HC Schooling HT

North Peniel parking lot will be closed on June 1st for the Broad River Pony Club Hunter Pace

RIVER CROSSINGS

Just a reminder that the Morgan Chapel Bridge is closed to all traffic (horses included) and is likely to be closed until November. 🐾

To report trail problems contact David Smith at 828-275-2873 or smittyc7@alltel.net

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phone for trail status

BEFORE you ride

828-894-0496 🐾

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