
Crescent Outlaws

January 23, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Crescent Outlaws Saddle Club was called to order at 7:05 pm with 12 members in attendance.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved with \$1,309.54 as our current balance.

Happy Birthday to Jim Slagle, Virgil Hildebrand, Pete Stessman and Doramae Casson.

Contributor to the Unscheduled Dismount (bucking) fund:

Jo Stessman

BUSINESS

Election of officers was held and your 2007 officers are:

2007 OFFICERS

President – Judy Kannas

Vice Pres – Peg Slagle

Secretary – Doramae Casson

Treasurer – Dick Kannas

A Huge THANK YOU to our outgoing officers, VP- Pattianne Belitz and Sect-Peg Slagle, for all their hard work over the last two years. And thank you to Judy and Dick

Kannas for their hard work last year and in the upcoming year.

Also, THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Christmas Party. Once again, I think a good time was had by all and the gift exchange was a huge success.

Discussion was held concerning our checking account and our inability to get a debit card. Motion was made to check other local banks and see about possibly moving our account to a more accommodating bank. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Motion was made that the election of officers now take place at the November meeting and the new officers will take office in January with the nominating committee calling on members in October. This motion passed and will go into effect this next year.

Discussion was held concerning the club having a booth at the Nebraska Horse Expo. It was decided we do not have enough people to man the booth.

Discussion was held concerning the Poker Ride. Judy will contact the park manager before a date is set to make sure construction at the lake this spring will not be a problem. We are looking for input from the club. A suggestion was made that we charge \$10 to 15 per person for one poker hand and a meal (sandwich, drink, chips and dessert). Additional poker hands could be purchased for \$5. This is how a few other rides are handling their fees and it would eliminate the need to make change for the food, etc. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Thank you to Kim Childers for maintaining the web site. Updates of horse expo information has been added to the web site.

ATTENTION: A planning committee will meet on February 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the Perkins of the Manawa exit in Council Bluffs to plan rides for the upcoming year. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you have suggestions for rides but can't attend, please contact Doramae at dmac.2@netzero.com or at (712)566-2774.

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A suggestion was made that we plan one ride per month that is strictly a club function in the hopes of not spreading everyone quite so thin and maybe encouraging club members to attend. Hope to see you there.

NEXT MEETING

February 26, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Midland Evangelical Free Church (near Westfair)

Upcoming Events:

February 21 – 6:00 p.m. – Planning committee to meet at Perkins to plan rides for next year.

February 23-25 – Kansas Horse Expo, Wichita, KS

February 26 – Saddle club Meeting

March 9-11 Nebraska Horse Expo, Lincoln Event Center, Lincoln, NE

March 27 – Saddle Club Meeting

Check out our web site at: www.crescentoutlawssaddleclub.com

FOR SADDLE AND TACK REPAIR AND CLEANING, contact Virgil Hildebrand at (712)741-5407.

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please email me your address at dmac.2@netzero.com and I will try to make that happen.

10 Fuel-Saving Tips

1. Maintain your vehicle. Keep your towing vehicle tuned up and in good working order. Keep track of your mileage: lower mileage than usual may mean your vehicle needs work.
2. Check Air Pressure. Maintain optimal air pressure in your trailer and towing-vehicle tires. Tires should sit on the treads, not ride on the sidewalls. Tip: to find out how much air pressure is required, check your tires' sidewalls. Recommended pressure will be listed as "PSI" for pounds per square inch. Use a tire gauge to find out whether the air pressure is correct.
3. Think longer, and less often. Instead of hauling out for frequent day rides, plan a 2 or 3-day camping adventure. Tip: go during the week when most horse camps are fairly empty.

4. Save your Change. Save your loose change in coffee cans. You'll be surprised at how fast \$5, 10 and even \$20 can accumulate.
5. Double Up. Ask a friend(s) to go riding with you to split the fuel cost.
6. Map your Trip. Plan your route in advance. Find the shortest, easiest route to enhance your mileage. Avoid heavy traffic by taking alternate routes and by traveling at non-peak hours.
7. Be a light foot. You'll get better mileage driving at 55 mph than 65 mph or higher. Don't make jackrabbit starts, it wastes fuel (and is hard on your horse). After a stop, start slowly and build gradually to the speed limit.
8. Top off your tank. When the fuel gauge drops to half, fill up. If you allow the tank to become empty, you may be forced to fill up at a high-priced station.
9. Turn down the A/C. AC requires fuel to operate. Travel in the cool times of day. When possible, turn off the AC and open the windows.
10. Explore your own backyard. In between trips, explore your home trails. Contact your county offices and ask for a list of trails that allow horses or are multi-use. Also, check out state parks & federal lands, which not only offer trails but also horse camping. As taken from The Trail Rider magazine.