

HOOF PRINTS



Douglas County Trail Riders
816 N. 1750 Road, Lawrence, KS 66049

President's Corner



Hello DCTR!

Welcome to all our new members. We are so glad you have joined. This summer is already busy and we have so much left to do. I invite all of you to help make our events a success. Please consider

volunteering when you can. Everyone can do their part whether it's helping set up, volunteering during the event, posting flyers, providing items for the concessions, or finding sponsors. We welcome any feedback or assistance because this is YOUR club.

Club meetings are a great time to socialize, learn more about upcoming events and help guide the group into another great year. I hope to see you at our future DCTR functions.

Happy Trails!

Jenna Brumm
DCTR President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Go to www.dctr.org or see articles in the newsletter for event details.

- July 4 Lyndon Fourth of July Parade Lineup at 10 a.m.
- July 5 Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Program: Cowboy Dressage Demo
- July 7 DCTR/KSHSC Circuit Horse Show 9 a.m.
- Aug 2 Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Aug 3 ACTHA Obstacle Challenge
- Sept 6 Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Sept 7-8 Extreme Cowboy Association 2013 Mid Central Championship
- Oct 4 Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Oct TBD Fun Show!

Cowboy Dressage Demo at July 5 Meeting

July's monthly meeting will feature an All American dinner (\$5 freewill offering), a Western Dressage demo and our regular business meeting. If you would like to bring potato salad or other side, or a pie or root beer float makings for dessert, please contact Carolyn Crawford, ccjava2cups@yahoo.com or 785-841-3795.

Our program will feature a Cowboy Dressage demonstration by Mark Gratny. Mark is the owner of Mark Gratny Quarter Horses in Leavenworth, a horse and cattle operation that raises and shows champion Quarter Horses, trains reining and all-around performance horses for the public, and teaches riding lessons to all ages. Mark has bred, trained or shown

horses to many regional and national awards, and coached youth and amateur riders to major placings in events including reining, horsemanship, pleasure, showmanship, trail, hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation and hunter hack.

Mark is a member of the board of directors for the newly forming Kansas Cowboy Dressage Association, as well as being a past president and current member of the Kansas Quarter Horse Association and the Kansas Reining Horse Association. He is also an active member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the National Reining Horse Association.

Come out and see what Cowboy Dressage is all about!

July 7 Show Volunteers Needed

DCTR hosts the Kansas State Horse Show Circuit show on July 7. This show draws a large number of participants and is a major fundraiser for DCTR. To make it a success requires help from members beyond the Horse Show Committee. Specifically, we are looking for volunteers, sponsorships and desserts.

Sponsorships: Sponsorships are crucial to offset costs for prizes and make the show profitable for club. Request a class sponsorship from a business that you frequent. Many local businesses are happy to sponsor organizations important to their customers, and they will get recognition the day of the show in return.

Volunteers: We need people to run gates, hand out prizes, and work in the concessions and office area. No experience needed – we will tell you what to do!

Desserts: Horse people are hungry people! We will also need donations of desserts to sell - pie, brownies or cookies – to satisfy their cravings.

Contact Jenna Brumm, 785-766-7413, or Jamie Knabe, 785-615-1290, to volunteer or for a sponsorship form.

ACTHA Obstacle Challenge Coming to DCTR

The American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) Obstacle Challenge is a GO for Saturday August 3rd. The A.O.C consists of eight obstacles and two judges. Riders can bring multiple horses.

There are 4 divisions:

- Open, for riders 7 & older. Obstacles will be more difficult for this division.
- Pleasure, for riders 7 & older. Obstacles less difficult than Open.
- Scout, for riders 7 & older. Obstacles same as Pleasure. You do not have to be an ACTHA member to show in the Scout division.
- Junior, for riders 7-15 years. Obstacle difficulty same as Pleasure. Must wear approved helmet and be accompanied by an adult.

We'll need judges' assistants to help write down scores and keep time, concession stand help, office help

(especially in the morning), and help setting up obstacles.

Jenna will have flyers at the July 5 meeting and can answer any questions. All entries are done online through the ACTHA website and you can find more information here: <https://www.actha.us/>.

We look forward to offering another great event for our members and the local horse community!

Wish List

Needed items for the Clubhouse and concessions at upcoming events:

- Bottled water
- Divided plates
- Solo cups
- Plastic forks and spoons
- Dr. Pepper, Pepsi and Mountain Dew

De-Spooking Clinic and Lecompton Parade Big Success

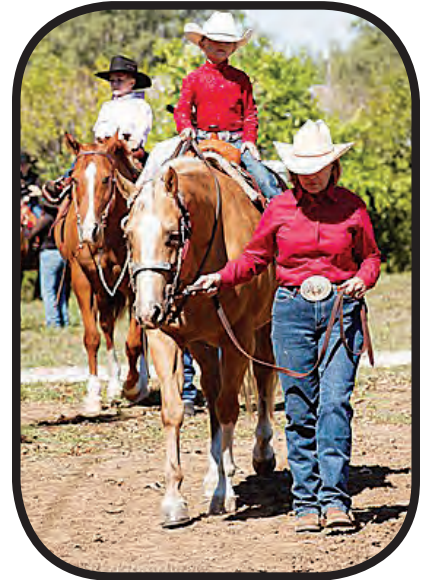
More than a dozen riders participated in the June 14 De-Spooking Clinic at the DCTR Arena. Larry Bartz and Jenny Brumm coached the skittish (horses AND riders) and evaluated how everyone handled flags, banging, baby stroller, umbrella and tarp to be parade-certified or just more bomb-proof. Attendees practiced riding side-by-side and maintaining an even pace in preparation for the Lecompton Territorial Days Parade on June 22.

The practice paid off, as the 12 riders representing DCTR won third prize for best entry in the Lecompton parade! Thanks to all that participated or cheered for us.

It was so much fun we're going to ride in the Lyndon Patriot Parade on July 4. There is a prize for Best Group Equestrian Entry so let's come out and show our DCTR pride! Contact Jenna at 785-766-7413 or brummfarms@yahoo.com if you plan to ride. Park on the north side of the Lyndon High School. Lineup is at 10 a.m. with parade at 10:30 a.m.

ADOPT an ARENA

Douglas County Trail Riders 816 North 1750 Road
Lawrence, Ks (West of Lawrence)



**WE
NEED
YOUR HELP!**

Our outdoor arena is in desperate need of a makeover. The fence and the posts need to be replaced with new stronger posts and continuous pipe panels. This arena has been a place where many families have gathered since 1954 to enjoy a variety of horse related activities! We want to continue that family tradition but we need to make improvements this year! You can adopt as many panels as you want! In exchange we will advertise you as a sponsor at our events and your name will be either on a panel or on a master plaque at the arena.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone(text? Y N) _____

Email _____

I (We) Pledge _____ panels @ \$100 per panel

Wording for the panel plaque: _____

Please make checks payable to **DCTR**. We also accept major credit cards.

Mail to: Marty Bloomquist, 7227 SE US HW 40, Tecumseh, KS 66542.

For more information, contact **Marty Bloomquist**, phone or text at 785-554-3257 or mbloomquist@ksmail.net or **Tabitha Pranker** at 785-249-1019.

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Adopt-an-Arena

Adopt-an-Arena is in full swing! We're nearly a quarter of the way to our goal. See the flier in this newsletter for how you or businesses you patronize can adopt our arena! Sponsors can adopt as many panels as they would like. In exchange, we will advertise them as a sponsor at our events and their name will be either on a panel or on a master plaque at the arena.

Demolition of the old arena and new fence replacement will take place after the July 7 horse show and before the EXCA Regionals in September.

With your support, we can continue to offer an attractive and safe venue for years to come.

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