

# HOOF PRINTS

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## No Showers Bring Spring FUN at DCTR!



Unlike last spring, the weather has cooperated for our DCTR events so far and we've been having a blast. We had terrific turnout for both our March and April member meetings – more than 50 people at each – a despooning clinic, Daylight Savings party, two excellent clinics and a trail ride. Whew! I'd say we're off to a great start. But wait – there's more! In May we'll have our member meeting on the first Friday, May 6, a trail ride at Hillsdale State Park on May 7, and the Lee Hart Clinic on May 14. Read on for highlights of past events and to get all the details for those coming up. Come ride with us!

## Upcoming Events

*All events at the DCTR Clubhouse and Grounds unless otherwise stated*

### May

6-Club Meeting, 6:30 dinner/speaker, 7:00 meeting  
7-Trail Ride at Hillsdale State Park  
14-Lee Hart Clinic

### June

3-DCTR Meeting  
11-Despooning/Parade Evaluation/Open Arena  
18-Lecompton Parade, Lecompton

### July

1-DCTR Meeting  
3-KSHSC Horse Show @ DCTR

### August

5-DCTR Meeting  
27-DCTR Fun Show @ DCTR

### September

2-DCTR Meeting  
3-KSHSC Benefit Show @ DCTR

### October

1 De-spooking/Parade Evaluations  
7-DCTR Meeting  
15-Maple Leaf Parade, Baldwin City  
29-DCTR Fun Show

### November

4-DCTR Meeting  
5-DCTR Benefit Trail Ride

### December

3-Lawrence Christmas Parade, Lawrence  
10-DCTR Christmas Party

*For details and sign up see attachments.*

## Member Meeting May 6

It will be Seis de Mayo but that's close enough for us. Come enjoy a Mexican-inspired dinner on May 6 at 6:30 p.m. with speaker and meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Contact Julie Springer at 785-979-1161 if you would like to provide flour tortillas, tortilla chips, cheese, salsa or other taco fixings, side dish or dessert. All others, a \$5 donation is requested.

We have had phenomenal turnouts at our last two meetings, no doubt thanks to our tremendous guest speakers. In March, Ty Haas shared his philosophy of helping riders see things from their horse's perspective and offered a preview of his clinic. In April, Matt Lange and Jana Dreasher talked about what judges look for in the show ring and answered questions from DCTR members and guests.

Please join us at the May meeting for more good food, information and fellowship.

## Come Trail Ride With Us



*Kelley Hamersky served as trail boss at the April 9 ride at Perry Lake, assisted by Larry Bartz (right).*

We've scheduled several trail rides through out riding season this year. On **Saturday May 7**, we'll ride at Hillsdale State Park, heading out at 11:00 a.m. Pack a lunch and drink and enjoy the ride and lunch on the trail. Go to <http://ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Hillsdale> for a map and more information about the location.

**July 15-17**, DCTR will be heading to Missouri for a weekend of trail riding at Ponderosa Trails, <http://ponderosatrails.net/>. You can bring your trailer, rent a cabin or tent camp. Electric and water

## Wish List

We are busy, busy, busy at the DCTR Clubhouse and we could use your help. In order to provide the great food we serve we need to stock up on a few items. Next time you are out and about shopping, could you maybe pick an item to add to our supply. Here is a list:

- Brand name pop in cans, regular and diet of Coke, Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Dr. Pepper, Sprite and Root Beer
- Sturdy paper plates
- Dessert plates
- Sturdy soup bowls
- Solo cups
- Styrofoam coffee cups
- Plastic ware, especially forks and knives
- Coffee, creamer and sugar
- Condiments: ketchup, mustard and relish

hookup is available. Contact Lyric Bartz at 785-766-3520 for more information, to reserve a cabin or camping spot or to coordinate trailering.

**August 6** we'll be riding at Clinton Lake, details to come. And on **November 5**, we'll hold a DCTR Benefit Ride to raise funds for improving the arena footing.

If you want to receive texts about impromptu "**flash rides**" provide your cell phone number to Lyric.



*Attendees enjoyed a post-ride cookout following the April 9 trail ride at Perry Lake.*

## Clinic Trifecta at DCTR - Two Down, One to Go



*A large group of riders and auditors attended the Ty Haas Clinic on March 26 at Dancing Star Ranch.*

Ty Haas and Matt Lange Clinics have been completed with around 20 riders and auditors at each. Many thanks to the clinicians for sharing your knowledge and expertise. Also many thanks to Marty Bloomquist and Dancing Star Ranch for hosting the clinics. Having the option of an indoor arena proved to be very beneficial for all.

Rounding out this Trifecta of horse clinics is Lee Hart Cowboy Obstacle Clinic to be held at DCTR arena on May 14. Lee is an EXCA and UCHA champion. Riding spots are still available. Unlimited auditors will be welcomed. Lunch is included so please register to make sure there is plenty of food for everyone. Registration and payment will secure your spot. Contact: Marty Bloomquist, 785-554-3257 or [martydsranch1@gmail.com](mailto:martydsranch1@gmail.com), or Kelley Hamersky, 785-640-3398 or [kelhamer@aol.com](mailto:kelhamer@aol.com).

## Arno Knapper Pie Auctions



Our 2016 fundraising efforts are inspired by the late DCTR member and well known baker Arno Knapper.

As part of our campaign to fund arena footing improvements, DCTR is bringing back these delicious pies. At many upcoming events someone will bake a pie using Arno's original recipe. At the event the pie will be auctioned off with the proceeds going into DCTR's arena fund. So far \$210 has been raised from Arno Pie auctions. The next Arno Pie will be auctioned at the DCTR May 6 meeting. And stay tuned for an Arno Pie Baking Contest to be held in conjunction with the KSHSC show at DCTR on July 3.

So who was Arno Knapper? Arno Knapper was a business professor at KU and was a big fan of DCTR. He helped draft the original DCTR Bylaws and planted many of the trees you see today on the DCTR grounds. Arno was a horseman as well as a huge supporter of local horse clubs including the Kansas State Horse Show Circuit, 4-H, DCTR and the Kansas Quarter Horse Association.

He was also well known for his cooking and baking skills, in particular his pies! People traveled from near and far to DCTR events, hoping they could buy a piece of one of his pies at the DCTR Concession stand.

Arno left this world in 2012 but we at DCTR are commemorating his spirit by auctioning pies. The proceeds will be dedicated to improving the DCTR arena and grounds. He would've liked that.

## DCTR Fun Shows

Attached to the newsletter is the show bill for the upcoming Fun Shows at DCTR. Dates to mark on your calendar are August 27 and October 29. Due to interest from members who drive, we have added a class, Open Pleasure Driving (non-judged), to the list of fun classes.



*One of our new driving members Marsha Mendenhall. Thanks to Joan Holmes for helping "drive" new memberships by introducing driving friends to DCTR!!*

## Potential Closure of Farmers Turnpike/K-10/I-70 Access

DCTR representatives recently attended a meeting to express our concern about the potential closure of access to the Farmer's Turnpike at North 1800 Road from K-10 and I-70. The meeting was hosted by the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce and featured Kansas Secretary of Transportation Mike King and other Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) officials.

Should preliminary plans made public so far go through, people traveling to DCTR on K-10 would have to take Highway 40 to East 800 Road to get to DCTR. From I-70, travelers would exit at a new interchange to be built 5 miles west of the current Lecompton exit, and backtrack 5 miles on Farmers

Turnpike or Highway 40. These alternative routings would put increased traffic on two-lane Highway 40 and/or add extra mileage and time. The intersection of 40 and East 800 Road is already difficult with poor visibility due to hills both ways.

KDOT officials stressed that the change would not happen until the northern section of the K-10 West Leg South Lawrence Trafficway is fully expanded to four lanes sometime in the future, and pledged to hold public meetings for input prior to a final decision.

DCTR President Julie DeYoung spoke during the Q&A session to state our concerns about changing access due to safety and ease of access for trucks and trailers hauling horses. We requested that the impact on surrounding roads be taken into consideration as part of the final decision, and if access to Farmers Turnpike at North 1800 Road ultimately is closed, that issues with Highway 40 and specifically the Highway 40/East 800 Road intersection be addressed. Board Chair Amber Alvarez and Board member Lyric Bartz spoke one-on-one with KDOT officials following the meetings to reinforce DCTR's position.

We will continue to monitor this issue and let members know about future public meetings or developments. To learn more, go to [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org) where you can see proposed plans for the K-10 access closure and future interchange construction. If you would like to express your opinion on this issue to KDOT and be added to a list for future communications, please email KDOT's Public Affairs Manager Kimberly Qualls at [kqualls@ksdot.org](mailto:kqualls@ksdot.org).

## De-spooking and Parade Evaluation June 11

DCTR will have a de-spooking and parade evaluation on Saturday, June 11. This will prepare anyone who wants ride in future parades with DCTR. Everyone needs to pass an evaluation with the horse they will ride in the parade. Not interested in parades? Come and play at DCTR. Obstacle course will be open as well. See attached flyer for details.

## 2016 Officers and Board

### 2016 Officers and Board Members:

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## Support DCTR While You Shop Online

Planning to shop on Amazon.com for holiday gifts? Amazon has a program called AmazonSmile that is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (DCTR, of course!) every time you shop, at no cost to you. To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. The only difference is a portion of the purchase price will be donated to DCTR!

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, select Douglas County Trail Riders as your charitable organization before you begin shopping. It will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation of 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

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## Like, Comment and Share!

We now have nearly 1,000 Likes on our Facebook page - pretty impressive for a local saddle club! But one Like is not enough to ensure DCTR posts and updates make it into your Facebook newsfeed. Facebook constantly updates its algorithms) to determine what Facebook thinks you want to see. The best way to be sure Facebook knows you want to hear from us is to Like, Share and Comment on posts we make to the page, and to actually visit the page periodically to see what you may have missed. Making posts on the DCTR page and sharing or tagging us in photos is also helpful. "Keep those cards and letters coming" is so analog – today's digital currency is Like, Share and Comment!

Have you renewed your DCTR Membership yet? Members attend Despooking and Open Arena days for free and receive discounts on clinic registrations and show entry fees. Go to [www.dctr.org](http://www.dctr.org) to download a membership form.