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Board Meeting

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Wednesday,
March, 7 '07**

NCHC Officers:

President: Bob Sanford
Eastern VP: Lorraine Price
Central VP: Myra Daniel
Western VP: Bill Parton
Treasurer: Tom Bennett
Secretary: John Thomson
Executive Dir: Sue Gray

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Letter from the President **Bob Sanford**

This is my first letter as President of your association and I am really excited to have the opportunity to try and bring some positive changes to the North Carolina Horse Council. The Executive Board and I plan to work hard this year to get the NCHC into all one hundred counties. This is an admiral goal but quite impossible without your support and contributions. As we look toward the future, we are faced with many challenges. The growing population of both people and horses will require diligent efforts and serious thoughts as to how the equine community can continue to grow and prosper as our trails and operating territory shrinks. The problems that we are experiencing in some areas, relating to zoning and taxes, on farms and ranches is serious. The recognition that we have with the Department of Agriculture needs to be strengthened and the role that the equine industry plays in the "well being of the state" has to be recognized.

Our goal is to try and bring the entire equine community together for the benefit of all; regardless of breed, discipline or style. We all have common interests such as health, nutrition, transportation, identification and the well being of our stock. A coalition of you and Horse Council is the very best way for us to tackle these problems. We will be moving into your area and we will be asking for your help and support. We hope we can teach each other what our needs and goals are and how we can best achieve them.

Thank you for this opportunity and let's make sure that we take advantage of it

Sincerely,

Bob Sanford



New Membership Opportunities!
Recruit at least 20 people for membership and receive \$1 for every new member.
At the end of the year, the member with the most New recruits will receive \$200
Be a winner...Come Join the Herd!

Legislative Corner

From the desk of Glenn Jernigan: NCHC Lobbyist

For more information or questions please contact NCHC Executive Director Sue Gray (919) 854-1990 or email suegray@nchcouncil.com

I'm pleased to share with you Glenn Jernigan & Associates activities on behalf of the NCHC during the 2006 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

- NCHC Legislative Committee meeting & Board meetings
- **American Tobacco Trail** - meetings with Congressman David Price, NC Dept. of Transportation, Representative Cole and other legislators
- **Lab Consolidation Issue** with NC Department of Agriculture
- **NC Horse Specialist Position** - meeting with Commissioner Steve Troxler
- Legislative **Equine Study** Committee meetings, individual meetings with individual legislators - Representative Cole, Senator Weinstein
- **Pender County Livestock Ordinance** - meetings with David McLeod, Legal Counsel for NC Department of Agriculture
- **SB1205 & HB1826 Equine Study Commission** - extensive committee attendance, correspondence, meetings with legislators and NCHC leadership
- **SB1373 Various Special Plates** (US Equine Rescue League license plate)
- **Sunday Hunting Ban** legislation - meetings with Governor's Chief of Staff, individual legislators, Director of Wildlife Commission and NCHC leadership
- Federal **Horse Slaughter Ban** legislation (HR503 & S1915) - contact with members of the NC Congressional Delegation including Senators Burr & Dole
- **SB1523 2006 Technical Corrections Act** (G.S. 106.581.1 Definition of Agriculture)

Executive Director Updates and Accomplishments

I would like to take this opportunity to share with each of you a look back over this past year on the many successes of the North Carolina Horse Council. After reviewing what we have done, I hope that you will agree with me that the Council is a valuable resource for all equine enthusiasts. Let's not make the Council the best kept secret in the State come JOIN The HERD!

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The Billion Dollar Facts\$

The horse industry in North Carolina and the nation is a little-recognized giant. The business generated by horses totals BILLIONS of dollars. It is so diverse, tangible figures represent a mere fraction of its true impact and worth. The value of the horse industry is nearly as great as major industries such as petroleum and coal products manufacturing and apparel and textile manufacturing, and exceeds the value of such industries as motion picture services and railroad transportation...and what's more...take a look at what your Council did for YOU!

- Increased our legislative presence with a professional lobbyist
- Shaped legislation which brought about the Equine Liability Law and the General Statutes defining the Horse as Livestock and the Equine Industry as a bona fide farming entity
- Co-sponsored training and educational activities with North Carolina State University such as: Horse Judging, Breeding and Foaling Management, Hoof Care and Shoeing and a Horse Protection Officers Training.
- Co-sponsored workshops featuring Trainers such as Lynn Palm and Van Hargis
- Presented the Southern Horse Festival Open Horse Show which attracted over 1200 entries
- Presented free trail conferences across the state
- Hosted the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference with participants from 17 states
- Make experienced trails consultants available to horse owners and groups across the state
- Work with North Carolina State Agencies on topics including horse health, zoning, taxation, land use and trails issues.
- Fund multiple youth programs including state and local 4-H clubs
- Support through grant dollars, Equine Health Research in conjunction with the North Carolina College of Veterinary Medicine
- Assist horse owners on a daily basis with information and referral services

These are the FACTS...

- **The North Carolina Horse Industry produces goods and services well over a billion dollars**
- **We rank 8th in the nation for the number of horses within our State**
- **All 100 counties have some type of horse activities**

SO... we need a voice in every County! Will that be you? I hope that you will see the value of the Council and come join us as we make 2007 our most successful year.

COME JOIN THE HERD!
Help us Shape Tomorrow



New Officers and Directors were elected at the Annual Meeting

The North Carolina Horse Council held its annual meeting Wednesday, January 10th, at the North Carolina Hunt Horse Complex. The Council voted on a new Executive Board. Robert Sanford, former President of the North Carolina Thoroughbred Association was installed as President. Mr. Sanford, a lifetime member of the North Carolina Horse Council, is a native of North Carolina and currently lives in Durham County. He brings a strong background in organizational management and business. His connection to the horse industry goes back over twenty five years in the Veterinary Pharmaceutical business and the Thoroughbred Racing and breeding Industry.

The Slate of Officers Elected

President:	Bob Sanford
Secretary:	John Thompson
Treasurer:	Tom Bennett
Vice-Presidents:	
East:	Lorraine Price
Central:	Myra Daniel
West:	Bill Parton

Elected Directors:

Trish Andrews, Casey Armstrong, Thomas Bennett, Gayle Brown, Jim Cogdell, Scott Haley, Betty Hathaway, Butch Human, Andy Henderson, Colin MacNair, Buck McColl, Bill Parton, Glenn Petty, Johnny Shook, John Thompson, Teo Zancheli

General Information

The Laboratory of Equine Medicine is looking for young to middle aged adult horses (eg 5 to 15 years old) that represent the following breeds: Thoroughbred, Standardbred, Paso Fino, Morgan and/or American Saddlebred. Within these breeds, they need both horses that are lean (body condition score 4-5) and horses that are obese (body condition score greater than or equal to 6). The horses must not show any physical evidence of having Equine Cushing's disease. Some exceptions may be made for horses older than 15 years old, but less than 20.

The Laboratory will need to know each horse's exercise schedule, feed type and schedule including hay and grass, any supplements or medications, and medical history. Also, the pasture to stall ratio is important. As much as possible, we will try to choose horses that are on similar feeding and exercise regimens.

Ideally, Laboratory staff will identify the horses to include in the study by visiting the farm, performing a body condition score (1-9), a quick physical exam, and drawing blood to measure the resting ACTH and/or MSH (to help rule out Cushing's disease).

After those test results are available and the laboratory staff can verify that the horse does not have Cushing's Disease, then schedule to return to the farm to perform an Intravenous Glucose Tolerance Test (IVGTT) to measure insulin levels (similar to a diabetic evaluation in humans). They may also measure the abdominal fat via ultra sound. Please share this information with anyone that you feel may be interested and have qualifying horses for the project.

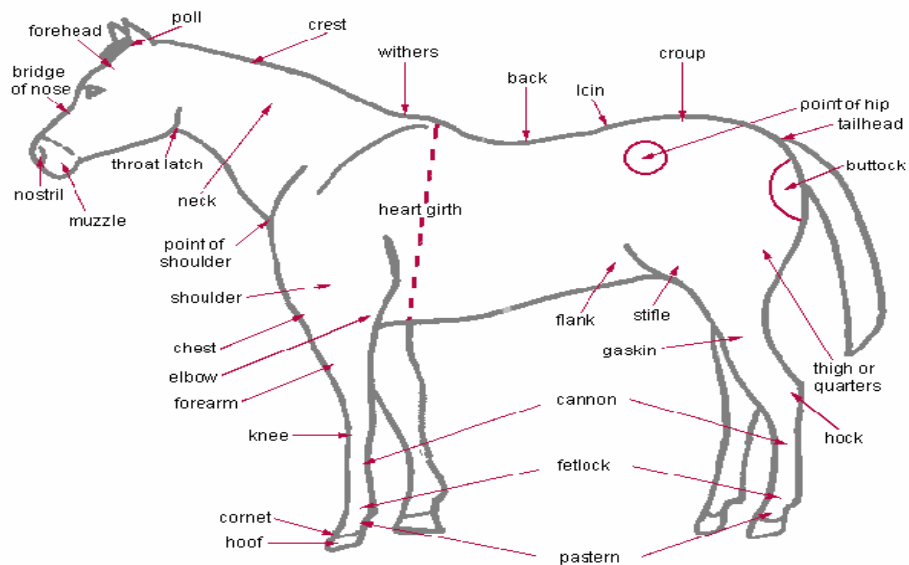
Please contact Heath LaFevers at 919-513-6396 or via email at heath_lafevers@ncsu.edu for any further questions or clarifications.

Laboratory of Equine Medicine, D-321, North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, 4700 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27606, 919-513-6396 - lab, 919-513-6336 - fax, www.ncsu.edu/cvm

New...New...New **Ask Your Veterinarian!**

We will be instituting a new column in the bi-monthly newsletter to address equine health issues. As a service to our membership, we would like to answer the questions most useful to you. With that in mind, please send any equine health related question to the NCHC office, to the attention of: Health Column and we will select one or two questions for every publication. Let us hear from you!

Parts Of The Horse



NC HORSE COUNCIL AGRI-BUSINESS MEMBERS

The North Carolina Horse Council proudly promotes our Agri-business members. The companies who support the Council are listed on our website at: www.nchorsecouncil.com. Please take a look at our members. As participants in, and sponsors of the Council's work, they show support of our industry. We encourage horse owners to extend these companies first opportunity to bid on products and services you may need in a show of appreciation for their support. For information on the benefits and costs of becoming an Agri-Business Member of the NCHC, please contact the Horse Council Office at 1 (800) 529-9206

**Membership in the North Carolina Horse Council costs less than a tank of gas...
And gives you better mileage!**

When did 25 gallons of unleaded buy you these basic benefits?

- The NCHC Newsletter keeps you current on the state of the horse industry in North Carolina and across the nation
- Professional lobbyists promote your equine interests at the State Capital
- Legislative and regulatory updates help you make informed decisions
- Listings in the NCHC Membership Directory puts your business in the public eye
- Horse Industry business discounts improve your bottom line.

AND MORE...

- Discount on "Equine Liability signs and other NCHC store items
- Notices about equestrian trail activities
- Voting rights in the NCHC

AND EVEN More...*

- \$1 million Equine Excess Personal Liability Insurance * (only available to individual members)
- Eligible to participate in the NCHC recognition program

Come Join the Herd...put a Voice in Every County!

"Politicians listen to organizations that represent large numbers of voters."

(Equine Attorney George G. Johnson, Jr. from Western Horseman)

The North Carolina Horse Council is your voice! Help us Fight for Your Rights!

Become a Member Today!





News From the Trail...

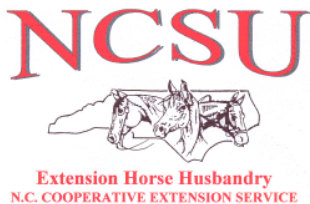


We continue to be excited by the realities, possibilities, and responsibilities associated with equestrian trails. Our biggest challenges are associated with land loss: private lands lost due to development or resale, and public lands lost due to trail degradation or a changing demographic caused by development. We are beginning to be recognized by some NC land managers as a credible and helpful resource and stakeholder in decision making processes that involve trails. Our focus in the coming year will continue to be collaboration with land managers, agencies, politicians and trail users to reduce losses and achieve gains where possible. Only your voice can give us more power. We need you to assist us in preserving our trails by becoming a member today.

The following are some highlights of our challenges and our success from 2006

- The final section of the **American Tobacco Trail (ATT)** in Wake County was completed, making the trail 6½ miles long.
- A compromise was worked out on **Chatham County ATT trail**, allowing for the construction of a paved surface on one side of the trail and an unpaved surface next to it suitable for equestrians.
- **Harris Lake County Park** (Wake County) has an opportunity to develop equestrian/multi-use trails on approximately 1200 acres owned by Progress Energy on New Hill-Holleman Road. A spring 2007 completion date is expected.
- **Forest Hill Access:** In late summer 2006, many Triangle area equestrians found out that Hill Forest management proposed to close Hill Forest to equestrian activities (and hiking and mountain biking) during the gun season for deer (Oct. 14, 2006 to Jan. 1, 2007) and turkey season (mid-April to mid-May, 2007), including Sundays. Through work with Forest Management, North Carolina State University, the North Carolina Horse Council and multiple equestrian groups a compromise was found.
- **Stone Mountain State Park Horse Trail Closure** The N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation planners recommended closing the trail due to insufficient length to meet the state's minimum of 10 miles for horse trails and the existence of severely eroded sections of the trail. The Wilkes County Horse Owners Association (WHOA), NCHC representatives, several state legislators and county commissions and concerned horse owners meet with the Park Staff to consider alternatives. As a result of the strong show of public support, including the Horse Council agreeing to assist with the site evaluation along with several volunteers from WHOA, the trail closure decision was suspended pending further review. There is now a conscientious, collaborative effort underway to retain and expand horse trails at Stone Mountain State Park

- **Moses Cone Memorial Park—Blue Ridge Parkway** In the Fall of 2006, the National Park Service announced preliminary alternative management schemes for this popular equestrian site near Blowing Rock. Included in their consideration were the comments of the horse community provided in 2003 through a survey of attendees at two state horse trail conferences sponsored by the N.C. Horse Council. The council's position then and now is to preserve the existing system of carriage trails for use by equestrians and hikers. This objective is best served by the "no action" alternative and alternate number one (1). The western trails coordinator provided formal comments on behalf of the council.



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March 9-10, 2007 NCSU Equine Hoof Care and Shoeing Short Course
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Extension Horse Husbandry, NCSU, Box 7523, Raleigh, NC 27695-7523 Phone 919-515-5784, Fax 919-515-8518

Visit us at our Web Site: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/hhmain.html

North Carolina Horse Council



Trail Ride - May 19th, 2007 -Saturday

Super Trail Horse Challenge -May 20th, 2007

Leatherwood Mountains, Ferguson, NC

Proceeds to benefit the equestrian trail projects in North Carolina.

Ride Includes: Long or Short Ride at your own pace, Dinner, Entertainment, Door Prizes, T-shirt & Goody Bag. (Limit of 150 riders) - Come ride for the whole weekend!

Super Trail Horse Challenge: Compete & test your horse & horsemanship skills on a fun filled trail course with safe man made & natural obstacles. Winner receives a belt buckle!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone/Email: _____

List T-Shirt size for each rider _____

_____ x Adults (current NCHC Members)	x \$30.00	=	_____
_____ x Adult (Non- Member)	x \$40.00	=	_____
_____ x Youth (12 & Under) No riders under 6 yrs	x \$20.00	=	_____
_____ x Dinner & Entertainment (Non-Rider)	x \$15.00	=	_____
_____ x 1 Entry for Super Trail Horse Challenge	x \$20.00	=	_____
	TOTAL	=	_____

- Riders must leave out on the trail no later than 2pm.
- Day parking \$10 per trailer load, payable to Leatherwood Mountains.
- Riders are responsible for making and paying for their own accommodations.
- Current NCHC Members can rent stalls for a reduced rate of \$15.00 per stall.

For cabin, camping, stall rental or primitive camping contact:

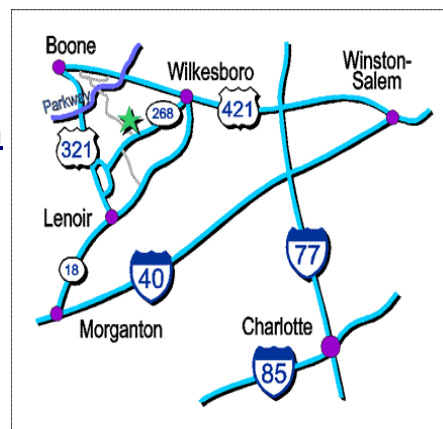
Leatherwood Mountains (336) 973-5044

or visit www.leatherwoodmountains.com

For more information visit www.nchsecouncil.com

Or contact Shannon Hoffman (919) 854-1990

- 12 month Negative Coggins Test is required at the gate.
- Horses that may kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.
- No dogs out on trails, No riding double. Stay on the designated trails.
- No racing or running past others, walk your horses in the stable and camp.
- Maintain a safe distance between you and the equine in front of you.
- Riders and participants must follow all the rules of Leatherwood Mountains.



Important Press Release!

Troxler asks N.C. horse owners to be on the lookout for signs of equine herpes after disease found in Virginia

RALEIGH – Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler is asking horse owners in North Carolina to watch for symptoms of a highly contagious equine disease following the positive diagnosis of a horse in Virginia.

Animal health officials in Virginia and Maryland imposed quarantines Thursday on four horse farms in Virginia and eight in Maryland. Horses on these premises might have been exposed to equine herpes virus, known as EHV-1. The quarantine means that no horses can leave or enter those farms.

Dr. David Marshall, North Carolina's state veterinarian, said there are no known cases in North Carolina. There also have been no known movements of horses from the affected facilities into the state. Marshall advised all N.C. horse owners to increase their disease awareness and bio-security measures as precautions.

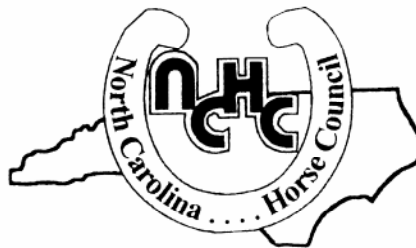
The quarantines in Virginia and Maryland were enacted after a horse at the Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Va., tested positive for a strain of EHV-1. The hospital, which is owned by Virginia Tech, has also imposed a quarantine that could last up to 28 days.

Officials in Maryland and Virginia said horses at the quarantined farms might have come into contact with the virus while staying at the medical center.

EHV-1 primarily affects the respiratory system of horses, but can also cause severe neurological disease and death. Symptoms include fever, coughing, nasal discharge and loss of balance. The virus is transmitted through body fluids and does not affect humans. Horses suspected of being sick should be isolated and examined by a veterinarian immediately.

Concerned horse owners should contact their private veterinarian or call the Veterinary Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at (919) 733-7601. Additional information is available on the department's Web site, <http://www.ncagr.com>, under the "Disease Alert" link.

Contact: Dr. Mary Ann McBride, Assistant State Veterinarian
NCDA&CS, Veterinary Division
919-733-7601



NC State College of Veterinary Medicine Open House Set for March 31

Animal enthusiasts, pet owners and aspiring veterinarians are invited to the annual Open House at North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM), to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. The family event, free and open to the public, will feature cats, dogs, birds, turtles, rabbits, snakes, horses, cows, goats, and other animals as well as the latest in veterinary medical technology.

Visitors will have the opportunity to talk with faculty, staff and students at 21 different tour stops in the college and the Veterinary Teaching Hospital and gain inside information on topics such as food safety, avian influenza, and how animal and human health are intimately linked. Designed to be entertaining and educational for all ages, these tour stops provide families, prospective students, and people interested in the veterinary profession and its various careers with a comprehensive look at one of the nation's top ranked colleges of veterinary medicine and its numerous activities and programs.

Young visitors are encouraged to bring their stuffed animal "patients" from home for the Teddy Bear Suture Clinic, where stuffed animals of all kinds will be examined and treated by second-year veterinary students. There will also be the opportunity for children to milk a cow, sit on a pony, and get up close and personal with numerous animal friends.

Admissions officers will be available to answer questions; live surgical demonstrations of shelter dogs being spayed or neutered in preparation for adoption will be presented; explanations of state-of-the-art veterinary facilities will be provided; the roles of state and federal veterinarians in homeland security and disasters will be discussed; and veterinary students will explain health care for numerous house pets and livestock.

The tour includes the linear accelerator, which is used to treat cancer in dogs and cats; the lams Pet Imaging Center with its state-of-the-art animal Magnetic Resonance Imaging or MRI, which is one of the few facilities in the country to offer equine and companion animal scans; information on the after-hours Small Animal Emergency Service at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital; and the anatomy lab, where first-year students show and tell the physical structure of domestic and exotic animals.

Various outdoor attractions include Flyball competition, canine rescue demonstrations, a mare and foal, the Raleigh Police Department K-9 unit, live milking demonstrations, canine drill teams, the CVM Mobile Surgery Unit, canine search and rescue demonstrations, and the N.C. Falconers Guild, among others.

The CVM holds the popular spring event annually and last year an estimated 10,000 people toured the CVM to learn how the teaching, research, medical services and community outreach of the college benefits North Carolina.

More detailed information and a map of the self-guided tour are available on the Web at <http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu/news/openhouse/>.

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Member Highlight

Let us hear from you. The North Carolina Horse Council Board would like to spotlight a special member each newsletter. We want to recognize the hard work and dedication of the many members who work to make the Council a success. One such member is Sammy Jenkins. Sammy has served on the NCHC for the past five years. He originally served as a representative of the Triangle-wide Horseman's Association and was latter elected to serve on the Executive Board of the Council. In that capacity, Sammy was the Chairman of the Southern Horse Festival Open Horse Show. Through his hard work sponsors were attained for every class at the show and the show boosted over 1200 entries! Sammy will be continuing his work as the new Director of Shows and Events for the NCHC. Congratulations Sammy.



When you see Sammy....give him a big pat on the back!



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