

Belmead on the James - Fall 2011 Newsletter

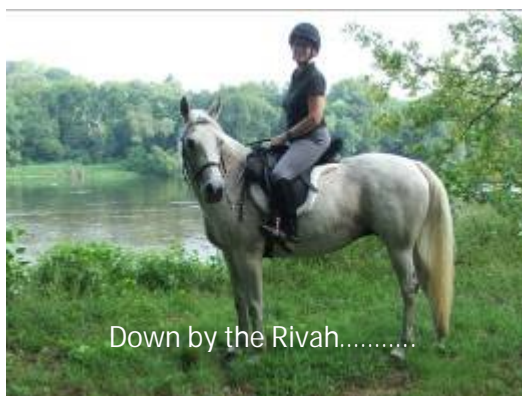
Hello my friends.....

Seems like fall snuck up on us quickly this year. Those 95 degree summer days are over and the brown, red and orange colors make a beautiful painting here at Belmead. I hope everyone gets to enjoy the fall colors while they last.

The Labor Day Poker Run was a great success. The weather cooperated, the food was good and the winner was Kerry Nicholas with a Flush, King High. The "Dealers" were wonderful and I can't thank them enough for volunteering their time: Dave Myzie, Tim & Carolyn Widmoyer, Michael Poole, Mary Ann Massie and Mary Meuller. THANK YOU - THANK YOU!



Tim & Carolyn
Widmoyer



Down by the Rivah.....



Did you see all those Mushrooms?



Thanks Dave but that is
not the card I wanted!



Mary Ann Massie "Pick a Card"



Michael Poole



DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBER SOCIAL

RIDE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

LUNCH: NOON

POTLUCK: RSVP YOUR DISH TO MARILYN AT

Marilyn_catlett@mindspring.com

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The weather was not kind for the "Paint Your Pony" Halloween Ride. Saturday was WET, WINDY AND COLD! At the last minute we postponed the ride from Saturday to Sunday but Saturday Night there was plenty of food, Halloween Costumes and live music. We did have visitors from Martinsville and Orange, Virginia brave the weather in their campers.

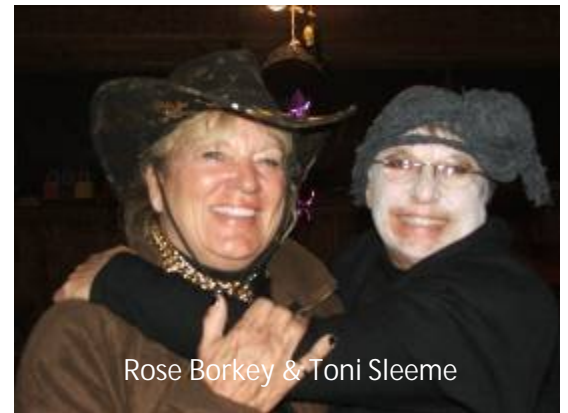
Sunday brought back the sunshine for the ride and everyone returned for the Scavenger Hunt. From A to Z, riders went out with their pencil, paper and bags searching for items like C for corn or V for Vine. Riders put on their thinking caps and some were very creative with their vowels in an effort to win a 3 month riding club membership. Our winners were Amy and Rob Simms and Branch Allen. We also had four persons participate in the Paint Your Pony Contest with every one receiving prizes from Southern States.



Amy Simms & Branch Allen



Laurie Dove &
Mark Green



Rose Borkey & Toni Sleeme



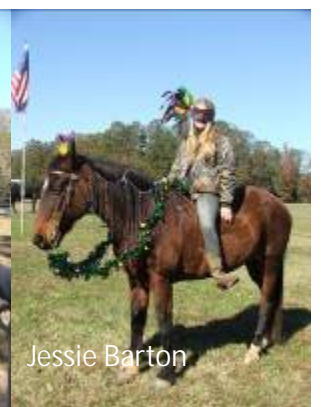
Tim & Julie Timberlake



Jane Palmer
Alias Judge Judy



Ellie Barton



Jessie Barton



Lisa & Les Meyers



Sandra Cook



LONESOME DOVE RIDE @
BELMEAD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

RSVP:
Idequestriancenter@yahoo.com

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CLASSIFIEDS.....

Titan 3-Horse, Goose Neck, Slant 2008' Model – purchased new in 2010.....White with gold & black trip, 6' Tack Room, 48 gallon water tank, electrical 110 W/outlets, 1 saddle rack, front & back, new mattress bed, auxillary battery, no more than 2000 miles used. Asking \$14,500.00 call Laurie Dove @ 804-556-3595.



Still looking for a room-mate to share my home (loft bedroom available).....Must have a paying job or financially blessed.....call Marilyn 804-598-4907.....also, I have a Conn Organ and seven exercise beds for sale.....best offer.....



For Sale or Lease - "Journey" Tennessee Pleasure Saddle Horse - 6 year old gelding - 16 hands



I looked long and hard for a horse of this quality, and went all the way to Kentucky for him. I can promise that horses like Journey are few and far between. He has it all – beautiful conformation and head, very attractively marked black/white, great gaits, and totally dependable trail horse. Journey will walk calmly on a totally loose rein ("on the buckle"), and when you ask him to move out he has a very nice running walk, a great rack, and a nice canter (often rare to find a good canter in gaited horses). Extremely intelligent and responsive, but this also means he could potentially be somewhat reactive if someone is rough with him. If going out with a group and just walking/slow gaiting, he will safely carry a novice rider and is fine on a loose rein. If in a group that is going to really move out, he could potentially get a little forward, so ideally the rider would know how to half-halt in order to keep him in a nice slow tempo (mostly at the canter). He'll go in front, middle or back, but tends to prefer to be near the front. He will also ride out alone without any issues (and will stand quietly while you dismount to collect feathers and remount with them in your hands ☺). Creeks, deep ditches, bridges and deeper water are no problem. He does not buck or rear, has no vices, loads fine and stands quietly for farrier. He has a small scar on one knee and one hock, but has never been lame (had those when we bought him). We ride him in a typical medium-shank walking-horse type bit with a standard curb chain. I started teaching him to leg yield, but I haven't made a point of it. I've taken him over little jumps a few times, but nothing serious (only about 2 ft.) I've taught him to target with sound marker as secondary reinforcer (like clicker training for dogs). I've also used this to teach him to stand for a bath, and to stand still as a rock while I trim branches on the trail from his back. (Other folks are pretty impressed to watch when branches come tumbling down onto his rump and he doesn't even flinch.) With all the kids off to college, and husband losing interest in riding, I don't have time to ride four horses... and so Journey is regrettably offered for sale to approved home only (with first right of refusal for buy-back) for \$7000. Yes, that's a lot more money than most other gaited horses you'll find for sale in Virginia – but compare the quality, and you'll immediately see why! Contact Sharon Madere, 804-677-7046, smadere@premier.com. Journey is stabled at Belmead in Powhatan, VA (just west of Richmond, VA).

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A message to all from Mary Ann Massie (Riding Club Member/Belmead Advisory Board Member/Friend)

In an effort to manage deer populations, the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of STATE PARKS will allow hunting on select days and the park will be CLOSED.

For more information on STATE PARKS that will be CLOSED on select days to allow hunting go to <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/regulations/publiclands.asp#stateparks>

Here are three that I know Belmead members frequent....

James River State Park in Buckingham County will be CLOSED November 7-10, December 5-8, and December 12-15 to allow deer hunting.

Lake Anna State Park in Spotsylvania County will be CLOSED November 16 and November 29 and 30 to allow deer hunting.

Pocahontas State Park in Chesterfield will be CLOSED November 7-12, December 5-7, and December 15-17 to allow deer hunting.

Speaking of Hunting.....don't forget the Belmead Controlled Hunt will soon start.....the exact dates are November 21/22 and 28/29; December 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27 and January 2/3, 2012. I will continue to keep you updated should any additional information become available in regards to the hunt.

F.Y.I. - Due to the fact hunting became an issue this Fall, the Hunting & Holiday Membership Plan has been eliminated. There are only two Membership Options Available; Annual Membership at \$300 and a 6 Month Membership (6 consecutive months/anytime) at \$200. Guest Fees remain the same at \$20 per guest.

IMPORTANT – Since we have had so much rain lately the trails are saturated!.....it is very difficult to repair some of the MUCKY issues until it dries out some so that we can get equipment into the affected areas. Please be patient and **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE BE CAREFUL!** If you know that a specific area is terribly wet or a heavy rain has just passed through it would be greatly appreciated if you would avoid the area all together until it dries out. I'm sure neither you nor I want anyone to get hurt.....

Cindy Beausang is a fairly new rider at Belmead and would like to see if another member would like to go in with her towards another bridge, possibly in memory of someone or a beloved horse/pet. If you have any interest at all please give me a call on my cell phone 804-909-4981. We have a need for at least 5 more bridges but with the holidays just around the corner, I think it will be after Christmas before we start the next bridge.

E-mail me if you have anything for the next newsletter.....I have included all I can think of for now so until next time, please have a Blessed Thanksgiving, be happy, enjoy life and for Pete's Sake "Ride Safely"..... marilyn