

Indiana Fox Trotter Association July/August 2019 Newsletter Issue 9, Volume 2



The Hoosier Horse Fair 2019 By John Heldt

The Hoosier Horse Fair held May 2-5 had a new location and a new venue in 2019. The Hendricks County Fairgrounds, which is located in a rural area 30 miles west of Indianapolis near Danville, Indiana, has a much easier access for trucks with trailers and is in a much safer area than the previous location at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

The Hoosier Horse Fair was moved to May this year versus April as in past years. The new date helped the attendance of the Hoosier Horse Fair this year. The April date has coincided with the Ohio Equine Affair located in Columbus, Ohio, which is only 3 hours away from Indianapolis. Since the Hoosier Horse Fair is not as large as the Ohio Equine Affair, this has caused an issue with attendance at the HHF in recent years.

The weather was a huge issue for parking with heavy rains on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday was the only day without rain, but everything was very muddy by this time. Most of the parking was located in grassy fields which later turned to muddy fields. Parking for all types of vehicles was a problem. Over 40 parked cars had to be pulled out of the muddy fields on Saturday alone.

Overall, the 2019 Hoosier Horse Fair was a huge success. There were several very good clinicians and vendors participating. Ken McNabb and Pat Parelli were 2 of the best-known clinicians with demonstrations. The events and vendors were located throughout the fairgrounds in different buildings. The food trucks and new horse trailer vendors were parked outside between buildings. This setup was similar to the Ohio Equine Affair in Columbus, Ohio, but on a much smaller scale.

The Indiana Fox Trotters participated in the 2019 Hoosier Horse Fair again this year. We had 2 new demo horses and a new booth layout. Carol Heingartner and her horse "Blaze" and Cheryl Gramling and her horse "Misty" were our new

demo team. They did an awesome job showing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Both the riders and their horses had some "first time jitters" but they quickly overcame them. We practiced on Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday morning to get both the riders and horses acclimated to the new arena layout and surroundings. Carol and Cheryl demonstrated with show ribbons, and the riders and horses were "dressed to show."

Our booth layout was across from the horse stalls. The booth had a larger and cleaner space at this new location. We used the MFTHBA promotional display. The booth looked great! We had horse-related items for sale again this year. We raised over \$500 for the Indiana Fox Trotters. We had 4 different decorative tiles with horse designs, 3 different license plate designs, several Fox Trotter T-shirts and handmade leather crosses. We also had several educational pamphlets, books, trifold Fox Trotter handouts, coloring books for the kids as well as the Indiana Fox Trotter Newsletter - Hoosier Horse Fair Edition.

Several IFT members participated in setting up the booth on Thursday. We were done by 3:00 p.m. Our demo horses arrived Thursday evening. Manning the booth, answering questions and distributing information during the show went very well thanks to the great help from several IFT members. We were able to start tearing down the booth earlier this year. Everything was down and loaded in our trailers by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

A special thanks to the following IFT members who helped make the 2019 Hoosier Horse Fair such a success: Carol and Dan Heingartner, Cheryl Gramling, Ginger Dierdorf, Sharon Seguta for making the license plates and decorative tile, Brenda Horvath, Rita Shrader, Kathy and Eric Shafer, Mike and Kathy Shaner, Jill Uselton, Lori Miller, Shirley Evans for making the leather crosses.

It was another great year!!



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**2019 INDIANA FOXTROTTER
ALL GAITED HORSE CLINIC
JULY 20-21, 2019
Rosebud Ranch
50 West 1050 South
Brookston, IN 47923**

**Featuring Mike and Joy Meizler of
Rafter M Stables.**

Mike and Joy are versatility trainers and compete at Ava in the versatility arena. Mike trains horses while Joy trains people. Joy has ridden, shown and raised gaited horses her entire life. Mike is a professional horse trainer with more than 30 years experience training colts. Second day will be an obstacle course put on by IFTA members Shirley Evans and Cathy Shafer.

Look for the clinic flyer at the end of this newsletter and get registered early for your chance to attend a great clinic and have lots of fun.

Trail Rides 2019

Visit our website at www.foxtrotters.com/trail-rides for a link to each of the campgrounds to make your reservations.

Tippecanoe May 18 and 19 with Cheryl as host.

Hoosier Horse Camp June 7-9 with John as host.

Midwest trail ride June 14-17 Wine fest with John as the host (no pitch in dinner)

Farmlane at Waterloo in Michigan June 21-23 with Cheryl as host

UPCOMING RIDES

Brown County Sept. 13-15 with John as host

O'Bannon Woods Sept. 27-29 with John as host

Salamonie Lost Bridge Oct. 12

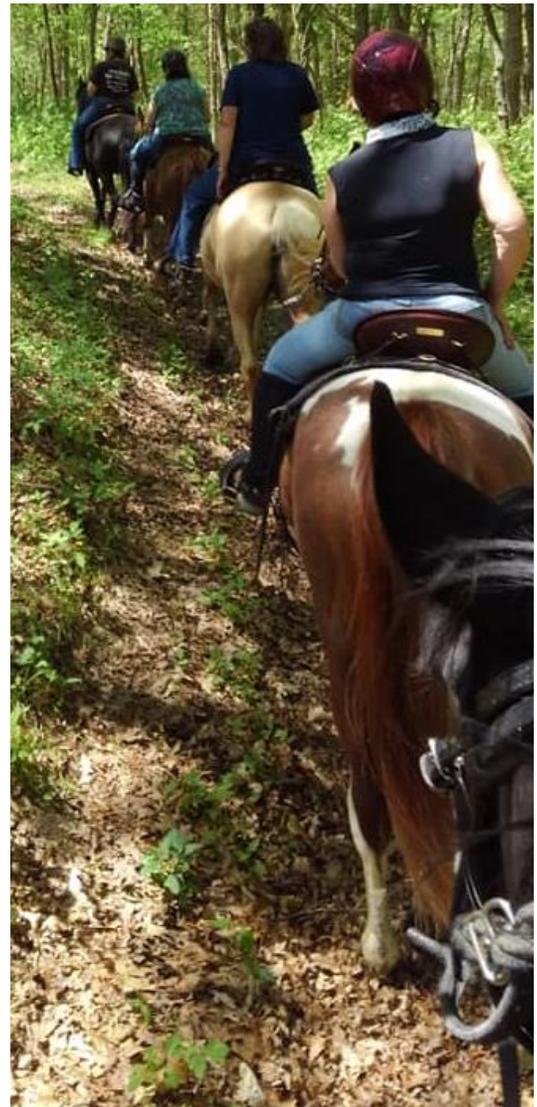
NEWS & ARTICLES

We would love to hear what you've been doing with your Fox Trotter rides, shows, and just hanging out and having fun.

Please send articles and pictures to saevans4212@yahoo.com

**Indiana Fox Trotters May 2019 Trail Ride
by Cheryl Gramling**

Indiana Fox trotters started the trail riding season at Tippecanoe River State Park near Winamac Indiana on May 17-19th. We had a total of 9 riders for the weekend. The weather held out for Friday evening and Saturday, and then the rain came back on Sunday. Riding in the sand gave the horses a little workout to start preparing them for the riding season. And of course, we had lots of food for the carry-in on Saturday with pulled pork from Carol Heingartner. And the only major mishap was the wind tearing up Joanne's canopy on her trailer. Though she handled it in stride, climbed on top of her trailer and cut it off. So, for the next ride JoAnne may be looking for some shade at a friend's trailer.



Indiana Fox Trotters June 2019 Riding Events by Cheryl Gramling

June was a busy month of riding for the Indiana Fox Trotters. We started the month out at Hoosier Horse Camp near Norman Indiana in the Hoosier National Forest. Though rain was a deterrent for some, quite a few of us made it to the ride. Friday and Saturday were good riding days, the trails for just having flash flood weather warnings the few days before were surprisingly manageable to ride on. Then Saturday evening we gathered around for the tack auction. What a great turnout. Our members had quite a spread of items including saddle pads, halters, bits, bridles, lead ropes, horse blankets, hay bags, fly masks, spurs, and we added in Fox Trotter gear: coffee cups, T-shirts, decorative crosses, and tile plaques. We even had some people (not Fox trotter members) that were at the auction the previous year drop off some items including saddles, that they wanted to get rid of and knew this would be for a great cause! Thank You!! So overall, we brought in \$772.00. This will help for the expenses with the Summer Clinic planned in July, and toward donations to horse rescue facilities. Thank You to everyone who participated (buyers and sellers), and to John Heldt for organizing this fundraiser.



The next ride in June was at Midwest Trail Ride also near Norman Indiana and in Hoosier National Forest. This was the Wine and Music Fest weekend event at Midwest. Again, the weather had a play in the turnout of this event. Sounds like the few that made it got some riding in on Friday and Saturday, then enjoyed the Wine Fest Saturday evening. After that it rained all night Saturday which brought on rising water levels to the creek, which caused trees and logs to gather at the little bridge that gets you in and out of the campground. This log jam caused the water to go into the camp ground. The campers had to move their horses, trucks and trailers to higher ground. JoAnne Reeder Hadaway reported that "water was up to my middle thigh to get horses out of their stalls to higher ground". Wow that sounds exciting to say the least! But it sounds like everyone made it out ok and the water receded quickly so that campers could make it home safely.





Then the last ride scheduled for the month was at Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea Michigan. We stayed at Farmlane Campground right next to the park. We do this because all of Michigan's state parks are primitive camping: no electric and have only high tie lines for your horses, which you have to provide. Farmlane provides water, electric and corrals on most of the sites. The weather finally gave us a break and we had awesome riding Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The trails had some mud spots but we made it through or around them. We rode 13 miles on Saturday!! We met a group of riders from Ohio, great people and fun stories. One of the riders is a retired pickup man for the rodeo, he retired at age 75 and is now 84 and still in the saddle, and his wife was a trick rider! We had a great weekend and look forward to the next ride.



Horses for Sale **Registered Missouri Fox Trotters**



Heldt's Foxtrotters

John and Patty Heldt

300 The Woods

Bedford, IN 47421

Cell Phone: 812-583-4646

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Horses For Sale

(1) Weanling (3) Yearlings

(3) 3 year old (1) 4 year old

Blacks, Spotted, Geldings, Fillies



2019 INDIANA FOX TROTTER ASSOCIATION
 ALL GAITED HORSE CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM
 JULY 20-21, 2019

Rosebud Ranch
 50 West 1050 South
 Brookston, IN 47923

All-breed gaited clinic that includes one day on gait and horse and rider problems and one day on obstacles, problem solving and more. Additional items might include better balance, achieving the correct gait, and identifying the gait.

IFTA Members:		
Two days	\$ 125	\$
One day	\$ 75	\$
Non-Members:		
Two days	\$ 150	\$
One day	\$ 85	\$
Auditing:		
Two days	\$ 35	\$
One day	\$ 25	\$
Total:		\$

Current Coggins papers are required for all horses and health papers are required for out-of-state horses.

Camping and Stall rental are payable to Rosebud Ranch when you arrive.

We will be collecting money for a pizza party on Saturday evening.
 Club member Jill Uselton has some available stalls at her home, if needed. Email her at jill.uselton@yahoo.com.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

IFTA Member? Yes _____ No _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Send this form, the completed liability form (below), and your check made payable to IFTA to: Carol Heingartner 1592 S. Old State Road 3 Avilla, IN 46710	For more information contact: John Heldt at jpheldt81@comcast.net (812)583-4646 OR Leslie White at whiteoakacres87@yahoo.com (812)583-4325
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ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND COMPLETE RELEASE FORM

WARNING: UNDER INDIANA LAW (IN1995 AVT NO. 1551) AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO, OR DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

NAME _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

I recognize that The Indiana Fox Trotters Association Inc. which includes its officers, board members and member associates (hereafter referred to as "the IFTA") is the sponsor for many events at various locations throughout each year. I also realize that this release is intended to blanket cover all of these events regardless of location. I fully accept that the IFTA is in no way responsible for my safety when I am participating in one of these events, regardless of where it is held.

I FURTHER RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

1. That training, competition, work or any activity involving livestock are participation sports. I am fully aware of the risks and hazards involved in, or arising from, my use of or presence upon the facilities and premises and use of livestock or any other animal. I HEREBY ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS INVOLVED IN, OR ARISING FROM, MY USE OF OR PRESENCE UPON ANY OF THE FACILITIES USED BY THE IFTA, including, without limitation, the risks of bodily injury resulting from a collision between myself and another person, dog bite or any injury from any animal, or the negligent or deliberate act of another person.
2. TO RELEASE THE IFTA, including its board members, officers, associate members and all of their successors, assigns, affiliates, heirs, executors, and administrators, agents and assigns from, and AGREE NOT TO SUE ANY OR ALL OF THEM on account of or in connection with any claims, causes of action, injuries, damages, and expenses arising out of students/clients/participants use of the IFTA equipment, including, but not limited to, those claims for bodily injury, whether or not caused by the negligence or other fault of the IFTA, or of any dogs, cats, horses, cattle or other equipment supplied by the IFTA.
3. THIS RELEASE shall be binding upon my heirs, administrators, executors, assigns and legal representative.
4. TO WAIVE the protection afforded by the statute or law in any jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and /or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing the release.
5. TO PAY for any damage to facilities or equipment, or to pay veterinary bills for injured or, if necessary, replacement animal of same kind and quality, of which value will be determined at the time.
6. IF I IGNORE THIS AGREEMENT AND FILE SUIT, I WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ATTORNEY FEES AND COURT COSTS INCURRED BY THE IFTA.
7. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INDIANA EQUINE LAW.
8. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT, AND UNDERSTAND THAT BY MAKING AND SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I SURRENDER VALUABLE RIGHTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MY RIGHT TO SUE.

DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____
If under the age of 18 must be signed by parent or legal guardian.