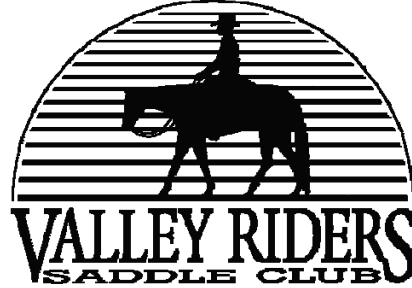


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2010 Valley Membership Applications

The 2010 Membership Application is now available. Until your membership is paid, you are not allowed to vote or have member privileges at the meetings. Otherwise, they are due **March 1** to avoid paying the \$5.00 late fee.

Valley's 45th Anniversary – T-shirt Design Contest!

In order to celebrate Valley Rider's 45th Anniversary, the Valley Riders Board of Directors is holding a **T-shirt design contest!** The winner of the contest will receive \$50.00 plus their design will be silkscreened on the Anniversary T-shirts! In order to participate, please submit a design to Barb West either through mail or email by **March 25th**. The design will be for the FRONT of the shirt only, and have a maximum of **TWO** colors. It also must include the words "Valley Riders," the year "2010," and something referring to the "45th Anniversary." If you have any questions, please contact Barb! Happy Designing!

Mail: Barb West, 947 West Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood, IN 46143 **Fax:** 317-535-4597 (please call and make sure the fax machine is turned on) **Email:** bwestvalley@yahoo.com.

Anniversary Show Changes

This year the Anniversary Show will be a single-judged show each day (instead of double-judged on Saturday). Also, "bonus points" have been added!! In order to receive 5 "bonus points" added onto your year-end awards total, you must enter and show a class BOTH Saturday and Sunday at the Anniversary Show. "Bonus points" are eligible in every class. For example, if you show in "Open Halter" both Saturday and Sunday, you will receive 5 "bonus points" towards your year-end total for Open Halter. You can show in and receive "bonus points" in as many classes as you wish.

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Justin Benter, Joey Dunn, Bree Fischer, Garry Lyons, Suzanne Phillips, Brock Mercer, Helen Owens, Karen Pogue, Veronica Sebree, Barbara West & Brenda Zimmerman

Next Club Meeting & Fairgrounds Clean Up Dates!

The next club meeting will be Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Honey Creek Church. Also, mark on your calendars the **Fairgrounds clean-up date** will be April 17th at 10:30 a.m. The rain-out date will be Thursday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend!!

Cookbook Update

At the February meeting, a vote passed to ask the Johnson County 4-H Horse and Pony club to co-author the Valley Riders cookbook. We hope that the large amount of 4-H participants can not only add more great recipes but also sell the cookbook to a larger population. If you have any recipes, it's not too late to submit them to Barb!

Other Valley Happenings:

Art & Barb West Arena – Last year, Becky Dixon approached Johnson County 4-H Horse and Pony Leader, Melissa Veenhuizen, with her idea to “thank” Art and Barb West for their long, dedicated support to the Johnson County 4-H and Valley Riders Saddle Clubs. After a bit of research, they approached the Fairboard with the hope of dedicating the arena in their honor and received the Fairboard’s wholehearted endorsement. The Fairboard will have a formal ceremony to dedicate the arena and recognize Art & Barbara’s contribution during the 2010 County Fair. As of now, they have had signs made and hope to have those up at the start of the 2010 show season. They encourage everyone to share congratulations in recognizing their contribution!! Congratulations Art and Barb!!

Gate Call Magazine – Valley Rider member, Kim Herr, created a magazine for horse enthusiasts last year called Gate Call Magazine. With her helpful staff (also Valley Members) Debbi Cottongim, Pat Denney, and Paul Sullivan they have expanded their print magazine to also include an online version. Valley Riders is now advertising all of their showbills and events through this publication. Please check out the new online version of Gate Call Magazine at www.gatecallmagazine.com! Also, if you are on Facebook, join the Gate Call Magazine Fan Page!

Gregg Smith – Long time Valley Riders member, Greg Smith, is sadly getting out of the horse industry. Even though Greg has sold his horse, we still hope that we can count on seeing his smiling face as our ring steward at some of the 2010 shows! Greg does still have 2 round pens, his truck, and a tractor/trailer pair for sale. If you would like more information, please contact Gregg at gasman557@aol.com.

Do you have any news that you would like posted in “Other Valley Happenings,” if so, please email Andrea Roddy at aroddy@sne.org or 317-502-9776.

2010 Valley Show Dates

April 25 – Practice Show	August 1
May 2	August 21-22 - AQHA Introductory Show
May 22-23 – Tack Room AQHA	September 12
June 6 – Double Judged	September 25-26 – Anniversary Show at HHP
June 27	October 3

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