



WELCOME

Rhonda M. Seay
President, 2000

Greetings,

Here we are a new century, a new millenium (though my 14-year-old assures me it does not officially begin until January 1, 2001). I have read many interesting articles on the changes of a horse's place in life. The horse has moved from being essential to a person's livelihood and survival (horse thievery was almost always an automatic death sentence in parts of the world) to the consideration of changing the horse's status to that of companion animal. That move would strip our horses of a lot of protection written into current livestock laws.

Change is inevitable and with the growth of the human population and the willingness to sell huge chunks of land so it can be divided into quarter acre lots has a direct impact on the horse owner. This means a loss of trails to ride and will limit the space available for keeping a horse. Changes in the zoning laws as growth encroaches, could, quite literally, force your horse out from where you live. I have heard the question on how this has anything to do with the horse owners in this area. The answer is, this is considered first and foremost, a tourist place. Tourist dollars are vital to the local economy but that is not the only worth of this area. Next is the drive for growth by encouraging people to build retirement and vacation homes. Consequently, the priorities of our elected officials are focused more on the invited visitors and not for those of us who call the Crystal Coast home.

One thing that is essential for we horse owners is to make our elected officials aware of our presence and needs. Pay attention to any new legislation or events that will impact the horse owners of this area. Talk to each other and share information on any impending developments. Start working together to preserve space for our horses, not just to keep them but to ride and enjoy them as well.

Two events that are coming on us. First, **EIA AWARENESS WEEK** is February 19-16, 2000. Our state is making progress in addressing the eradication of this disease but we have to do our part by policing ourselves **AND** there is currently a horse survey being conducted to get an accurate census of the horse population in North Carolina. The REINS Program volunteers are working this statewide effort and the coordinator for Carteret County is Susan Bailey. Many of our members have volunteered to help with this by visiting horse owners we know and getting them to complete

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The Association

Ways We Can Contribute to Our Community

Newsletter Committee

Crystal Coast Horseman's Association

Great news! We have two members that have attended the Regional Equine Information Network System (REINS) training, Susan Bailey and Debra Schreck. This is an intensive training program on general horse care and use with the goal for these volunteers to go to their home communities and help educate people about the many aspects of horse ownership. Take a look at [page four](#) to see the videos that are scheduled to be aired in the coming months. This promises to be an exciting source of education.

"And here I say to parents, and especially to wealthy parents, **don't give your son money. As far as you can afford it, give him horses.** No one ever came to grief - except honorable grief - through riding horses. No hour of life is lost that is spent in the saddle."

Sir Winston Churchill, statesman

a survey.

What is the benefit you ask? One thing, in the case of a major disaster (such as the flooding from Hurricane Floyd) it will give the emergency personnel an accurate idea of just how many large animals there are in an area. This helps to make sure there are adequate supplies shipped to the right places. Second, it helps the N.C. Department of Agriculture get a firmer grasp on how many horses there are in North Carolina and better assess the true economic impact of the horse industry in this state.

Don't forget our Web site:

<http://www.angelfire.com/nc/crystalcoast/>

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

Government Action Committee

Susan H. Bailey

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) Awareness Week: February 19-26, 2000.

Veterinarians and REINS volunteers will be educating horse owners regarding the need to have their horses tested annually for EIA. The new law requires all equines changing hands or attending public events or trail rides to show a negative Coggins test. Horse owners must protect their horses by requiring others to have current Coggins tests when in groups. For more information regarding EIA and Coggins testing, please contact Susan Bailey, at (252) 726-1385.

Disaster Preparedness Plan

This committee met with Mike Addertion, Carteret County Emergency Services, to discuss implementing a plan in case of a major disaster of hurricane, fire, flood or man made. The first step of this plan is to identify the horse owners and number of horses in the county for better communication. It is the intent of this committee to work with the county to develop guidelines and information to help horse owners provide better care of their horses when disaster strikes. Information collected will help identify barns with extra stalls and paddocks and persons with horse trailers for relocating horses in emergency situations. This committee needs all of your help to make this a success.

The Beginning Of The End

- A friend gives you a horse.
- You build a small shelter...\$750
- You fence in a paddock...\$450
- Purchase small truck to haul hay...\$12,000
- Purchase a 2 horse trailer...\$2,800
- Purchase 2nd horse...\$2,500
- Build larger shelter with storage...\$2,000
- More fencing...\$1,200
- Purchase 3rd horse...\$3,000
- Purchase 4 horse trailer...\$7,500
- Purchase larger truck...\$18,000
- Purchase 4 acres next door...\$28,000
- More fencing...\$2,000
- Build small barn...\$16,000
- Purchase camper for truck...\$9,000

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Health Awareness & Issues

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Equine Encephalitis

For your information **Carteret County** had a horse to die from encephalitis this past fall. This was one of the quarantined Schakleford ponies in Williston. Though the incident came just before the weather started to cool and the insects became fewer, the likely hood of a pocket of disease to still be in this area is very high.

Since this is spread a great deal by birds and we live in the migratory path of many species of birds flying north to south and vice versa, we are at particular risk.

Eastern, Western and Venezuelan Encephalitis are easily preventable with a very inexpensive shot, either administered by yourself or your veterinarian. If it is the first time a horse is vaccinated, a booster will be required four weeks later.

January to February is the idea time to administer your vaccinations as this allows time for immunity to build in your horse's system prior to insect season. If you have a mare in foal, she should be vaccinated at least a month before foaling. This allows time for her to produce antibodies she will then pass to her foal through the colostrum the baby will drink the first few days of life.

During heavy insect infestation or situations where your horse may be at greater risk of exposure, you should also give a booster shot around the July-August time frame to be sure their immunity is kept high. Foals should receive their own vaccination at approximately three months of age but consult with your veterinarian first, for his/her advice. §

West Nile Encephalitis

Entire Northeast at risk and there is no vaccine.

In late October, the West Nile Encephalitis virus was diagnosed and confirmed in the Suffolk County area of New York by the USDA. This virus has been detected in mosquitoes and birds in New Jersey, Connecticut and Maryland. It was not found outside these areas as of late October 1999.

Horses are extremely susceptible to this virus; mortality is over 40% compared to around 10% or less for humans. Mosquitoes and possibly other blood-sucking insects transmit it with the spreading agent being wild birds.

Symptoms can be any combination of fever, weakness of hind limbs, flaccid paralysis of the lower lip, impaired vision, ataxia, head pressing, aimless wandering, convulsions, inability to swallow, circling, hyperexcitability, paresis, coma or death.

Quarantine is not mandatory but there is some evidence that horses with sufficient levels of virus in their blood may infect some mosquitoes and therefore other horses as well. Routine caution dictates that any horse with a fever be isolated. Limiting a sick horse's exposure to blood-sucking insects will help limit the level of infection in the insect population and thus the amount of risk of exposing other horses. Direct horse-to-horse or horse-to-human transmission does not occur through routine contact or contact with body secretions.

Purchase tractor...\$12,000
Purchase 4th & 5th horse...\$6,500
Purchase 20 acres...\$185,000
Build house...\$36,000
Build barn...\$36,000
More fencing & corrals...\$24,000
Build covered arena...\$82,000
Purchase a Dually...\$34,000
Purchase gooseneck w/living quarters...\$32,000
Purchase 6th, 7th & 8th horse...\$10,750
Hire full time trainer...\$40,000
Build house for trainer...\$84,000
Buy motor home for shows...\$125,000
Hire an attorney? Wife leaving you for trainer...\$5,000
Declare bankruptcy, wife got everything
Friend feels sorry for you...gives you a horse....

Author, Unknown

CCHA Monthly Meeting Schedule:

2000 Agenda

Jan 4: First Aid (Dr. Thomas Wright)

Place: Beaufort Courthouse

Time: 7pm -9pm

Feb 1: Business Meeting

Place: Beaufort Courthouse

Time: 7pm -9pm

Mar 7: Trailering (Video)

Place: Beaufort Courthouse

Time: 7pm -9pm

The Meeting

Excerpts From the Minutes of Past Association Meetings

Newsletter Committee

Crystal Coast Horseman's Association

The October 1999 meeting was held at the Crystal Coast Southern States store owned by Dr. Thomas and Penny Wright. It was an educational gathering with manufacturers of feed and horse products providing information about horse care and how their products contribute to their welfare.

The November 1999 meeting saw the election of the year 2000 CCHA Officers. Election results:

President - Rhonda M. Seay

Vice-President - Susan H. Bailey

Secretary - Ronnie Daugherty

Treasurer - Melinda Pake (Melinda declined this office after the election, due to personal obligations. Jackie Acha was then elected as this year's treasurer.)

We also watched a video by Monty Roberts on "Joining Up". Thank-you Sue Ellen McClamrock for sharing this with us.

The December 1999, meeting was a great get together at the Channel Marker Restaurant. It was a wonderful evening with good food and friendly conversation. There was a marvelous game involving the exchange of simple gifts. You had the opportunity to pick any package on the table (based on drawing a number) but the catch was if you liked a gift that someone chose sooner, you could take theirs! It was great fun. Our thanks again to Pat Mulligan and Donna O'Neal for the marvelous job.κ

CRYSTAL COAST HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION



CCHA meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Carteret County Courthouse Administration Building, Beaufort, N.C., 2nd floor. Membership is only \$10.00 dollars for an individual and \$15.00 dollars for a family and \$5.00 for Youth.

Renewal of Membership is due. If you have not renewed, this will be your last newsletter. There is a form at the end of this newsletter. Help keep our Association Strong and Growing. Renew today!

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Committees & Members

Newsletter Committee

Crystal Coast Horseman's Association

Government Action Committee:

Chairperson - Susan Bailey
Members - Ronnie Daugherty
Kathy Campbell
Gene Garner
Hillary Metz

Social & Planning Committee:

Chairperson - Pat Mulligan
Members - Donna O'Neal
Deborah Schreck
Mary Cameson
Melinda Pake
Sue Ellen McClamrock

Newsletter Committee

Chairperson - Rhonda M. Seay
Members - Jennifer Schute
Jackie Acha

Classified Advertisements

Ads are free to members in good standing

FOR SALE: 1974 Cherokee 2-Horse tag along trailer. Some rust, new floor and tires. \$1,000. (252) 223-3702, J. Acha

Upcoming Events

Newsletter Committee

Crystal Coast Horseman's Association

Southeastern District REINS Organization

Year 2000 Horse Management Video Seminar Series

PLACE: Agriculture Extension Lab
Carteret County Courthouse Square
Beaufort, North Carolina

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Date:	Topic
Feb 9, 2000:	<u>The Basics of Horse Ownership</u> Presenters: Dr. Bob Mowrey & Dr. Jim Kubiak
	<u>Basic Horse Health Care</u> Presenter: Dr. Sally Vivrette, D.V.M.
Feb 23, 2000:	<u>Basic Horse Nutrition, Evaluating Commercial Feeds</u> Presenter: Dr. Bob Mowrey
	<u>Stallion, Mare and Foal Nutrition</u> Presenter: Dr. Bob Mowrey
Mar 1, 2000:	<u>Feeding the Performance Horse</u> Presenter: Dr. Bob Mowrey
Mar 15, 2000:	<u>Nutrition and Health Care of the Senior Horse</u> Presenter: Dr. Bob Mowrey & Dr. Sally Vivrette, D.V.M.

Each seminar will be open to the public, free of charge and consists of an approximately 40 minute videotaped program taught by experts in their field. Educational handouts will be provided. These seminars are coordinated locally by the Southeast District REINS Organization and Cooperative Extension Service. Please call Regina S. Bell (252) 728 8430 or Susan Bailey (252) 726-1385 if you plan to attend.

Membership Form	Crystal Coast Horseman's Association	Post Office Box 2141, Beaufort, N.C. 28516-2141		
Name:	✓ Type of Membership	Family \$15.00	Individual \$10.00	Youth \$5.00
Spouse	Home Phone:	New Member	Renewal	
Child:	Work Phone: Optional	Interest/Comments		
Child:	Email: If applicable			
Address:	City:			
Ages of Children:	State:			
	Zip			
Committee you are interested on working with:				

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