



Old Dominion Endurance Rides News

November 2016

YOU'RE INVITED

To The Annual
Old Dominion Endurance Rides
Christmas Party
And It's Free!

When: Saturday evening, December 10th - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Skyline Ranch Clubhouse, 751 Mountain Road, Front Royal, VA 22630

What to bring: Your favorite potluck dish to share and your own bottle.

Bid: On your favorite items offered in the Silent Auction!

Camp/Ride: The ranch has RV sites, trailers, cozy cabins and spacious chalets for rent and many options for stalling or penning your horse.

Check out their website at skylineranchresort.com - or call 540 635-4169.

RSVP give2bute@aol.com or 540 554-2004

FORT VALLEY RIDES

Weather was glorious for the Fort Valley rides the weekend of October 28-29 – cool but pleasant on Friday, and much warmer and even more pleasant, for the humans at least, on Saturday. Both days featured both 30 and 50 mile rides, as well as 15 and 30 mile Ride and Ties, and, on Saturday, an intro ride for people who wanted to give endurance a try – some of whom had attended the Endurance 201 clinic organized by Karen Wade on Oct. 8.

On Friday, Lynne Gilbert on Mercuric, Sarah Fletcher on Denny Crane, and Trisha Juerling on Spencer Tracey finished in a three way tie for first place in the 50, while BC went to Lani Newcomb and Fougoux, who finished fourth. Forty-two teams started, and 35 finished.



Figure 1 View from the trail

The Friday 30 was won by Rebecca Bianchi, riding RAA's Marsh, while Dana Reeder on Flo was second and BC. Twenty-two horses started the ride, and 20 finished.

Ride manager Claire Godwin, who also served as ride secretary, found time to get her horse Serene Zeliza ready and finished the Saturday 50 in another three way tie for first, along with Lisa Delp on Wicked Breeze and Lisa Green on LR April Breeze. Serene Zeliza also won BC. Forty-one horses started the 50, and 33 finished.

Austin Shaffer, riding Fantastk IO+, was first to finish and BC in the Saturday 30. Nineteen horses started the 30, and all 19 finished – an incredible accomplishment.

Claire says she and husband Pete, who cooked all the delicious food everyone enjoyed over the weekend, think they have managed FV for nine years, which she says it is their “honor and pleasure” to do. She goes on: “I thought that the ride this year was the prettiest ever, and loved the weather. I worried that since it was later in October this year, it would be super cold, but it turned out to be the warmest FV ride

ever. The leaves weren't quite peak yet, and again, that was surprising, but I guess it was due to the dry summer and warm fall. I was very thankful that Barb Horstmeier and Diane Connolly day managed for me on Saturday, so that I could ride. The trail conditions were very good, with John Proudman, Valerie Kanavy, and Jack Weber, as well as Andy Giordano and the motorcycle guys, spending hours on trail work over the weeks before the ride.”

RAFFLE HORSE

Congratulations to the OD's own Virginia Ingram and her son Tracy, who won this year's raffle horse, the three year old filly Scinntilla, at the drawing Saturday night at the Fort Valley Ride. Scinntilla was the 18th horse Tom Sayvetz, owner of Asgard Arabians, has donated to the Old Dominion as a major fundraiser for us.



Figure 2 Scinntilla

Virginia says she and Tracy (who now owns the filly) plan to let her run free and grow for about a year, but they'll handle her daily. Then it'll be up to Tracy to decide what he wants to do with her. As RM Claire Godwin says, “She is a pretty filly and I'm looking forward to seeing what they make of her.”

ENDURANCE 201 CLINIC

By Karen Wade

On Saturday, Oct. 8, the OD held our 3rd Endurance 201 Clinic in 5 years at my farm near Winchester, VA. In spite of it being the weekend that hurricane Matthew passed through, the clinic was a real success. Nine determined participants came, and their determination showed their true potential as future endurance riders as they rotated around the various stations in the morning. In the afternoon over half of them went out to ride some mock endurance trails despite a steady drizzle, with Nick Irianni and Kaitlyn Behr drag riding.



Figure 3 Bob Walsh Demonstrates Endurance Tack at the Clinic

The stations were staffed by volunteer OD members and covered topics including Training and Conditioning (Barb Horstmeier), Trailering (Jack Weber), Tack and Equipment (Bob Walsh), Horse Camping (John Lyttle), Vet Check (Lani Newcomb), and Crewing (Nancy Smart and Joe Selden). Participants also were able to visit the OD Yard Sale, courtesy of Lenora Keener.

Melissa Lizmi was the photographer.

Several of the clinic attendees put what they learned into practice at the Fort Valley ride. One, a Quarter Horse owner from North Carolina who was quite taken aback by our Virginia hills and rocks, came to Fort Valley to volunteer, and then bought an Arabian and is already hitting the trails. Two young women joined the Intro Ride on Saturday. Two others completed the 30 mile ride on Friday, and one bravely attempted the 50 on Saturday, but unfortunately didn't complete. Those that I have spoken to all said they had a great time and plan to be back.

2016 TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS

	<u>Total Miles</u>
Amanda Humphreys/Something Special	230
Jesse Jarrett/CE 50 Shades	205
Kelsie Lewis/IA Donovan	155
Evelyn Baig/GJR Miss Amadeus	155
Cathryn Rice/Epyc	155
Amelia Young/Hasan al Azak	130
Dawn Engle Hilliard/Am Bet On Dorzaz	130
Pascale Loomis/Majic	130
Mary Howell/Gryphon	130
Jessica Herrmann/DV Bad Medicine	110
Kim Lyttle/WBF Bold Scarlett	105
April Dobson/Coal Miner's Braveheart	105
John Lyttle/RTS Gee Whiz	85
Emily Richardson/Crimson Sage	85
Derick Rudolph/Cest La Bree SR	85
Jennifer Anderson/CA Prada	85
Christine Terbush/CA Enviision	85
Jessica Zarudski/Silver	85
Mary Coleman/Westwind Eldorado	8

THIS AND THAT

As usual, we will have a **silent auction at the OD Christmas party** – and WE NEED DONATIONS! It won't be much fun without things to bid on.

Please email Lenora Keener at lwsowers@aol.com to let us know what you plan to donate. You can either bring your donations to the party on December 10, or mail them to Lenora at 1067 Mountain Road, Front Royal, VA 22630.

If you have any **extra OD 50 or 100 mile buckles** that you can't wear and are willing to donate to our vintage buckle program, please bring them to the party and give them to Nancy Smart, or mail them to her at 7175 Bumpy Oak Rd., La Plata, MD, 20646. We will have your horse's name, your name and the year you won it engraved on a small plaque on the back of the buckle, and will give any buckle winner in future ODs the choice of a new or vintage buckle. Many thanks in advance for your help.

Other party details: The café at Skyline Ranch is not open for breakfast on Sunday. But if you don't plan to bring your own food, there are several choices not far away in Front Royal. Among them:

Front Royal Diner, 865 John Marshall Hwy (Rt 55)

Mom's Country Kitchen, 470 S. Commerce Street.

Cracker Barrel, 15 Riverton Commons Plaza

And finally: the **2017 Old Dominion Ride will be a two-day affair**, with the 50 and 25 on Friday, June 9, and the 100 on Saturday, June 10. So plan to bring two horses and ride two days – or just one and ride both days. Either works!

2016-17 CALENDAR

Dec. 10 OD Christmas Party, Skyline Ranch Clubhouse, 751 Mountain Road, Front Royal, VA 22630

April 21-22 No Frills Ride

June 9-10 –OD 25,50 and 100 Mile Rides

July 22-23 - Ride and Tie weekend, and Horse Camping/Night Riding Practice

Oct. 20-21 – Ft Valley Rides

For questions or comments on the newsletter, or to For submit ideas or copy for it, contact Nancy Smart at longevityfarm@verizon.net

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