



# OFQHA NEWSLETTER

**August 2007**

## **President's Message**

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. With only one more show for this season it is almost sad. Many of our members are doing a terrific job with their horses and it is so great to see the improvement that so many have made from last year. We have had our share of spills though and I hope everyone that hit the dirt last month is up and running at full speed now. Don't miss our last show to be held August 25th and 26th. The cutting on Saturday morning is something new and we will have a class just for OFQHA members at the end. Later that night we will have a two man sorting and should be a lot of fun.

There has been some changes lately and Greg Gessner will be heading up our fall sale in September. If you have horses to sell you can contact Greg or any Director for entry forms or information. Also if you have not seen our new storage trailer it will be at the next show.

I would really like to thank everyone that has helped with our Association so far this year. It takes a lot of people that give their time freely and willingly to make things happen. We have relied on just a few in the past I think we have literally burned them out. I appreciate these people and they know who they are and I thank them from the bottom of my heart for everything they have done.

See you at the show,

Darrell Gartrell

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## **July and August Shows to be Available on DVD**

Jim Drake was at the July show and will also be at the August show. DVD's of the July show will be available for purchase at the August show. Jim will also be available at the shows to take still shots if you desire.

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## **\*\*IMPORTANT: Date Change and for August Show!\*\***

The Cutting and Sorting will be held at the Guernsey County Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 25th. The Open Ranch Horse show will be held on Sunday, August 26th. A Members Only class had been added to the cutting and sorting line up for Saturday. .

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## **September Horse Sale**

Don't forget the OFQHA horse sale to be held on September 22nd, at the Guernsey County Fairgrounds. Demonstration of horses begins at 10:00 am and the **sale starts at 11:00 am**. If you can volunteer some time to help at the sale it would be much appreciated. The jobs are not hard but are necessary for a successful sale. For more information or to volunteer your help please contact Debra Collopy at 740-674-6395 or [debraquarterspaints@yahoo.com](mailto:debraquarterspaints@yahoo.com) or Darrell Gartrell at 740-359-2681 or [pleasant-farms@windstream.net](mailto:pleasant-farms@windstream.net) or Fred Little at 740-844-0274. See you at the sale! The consignment deadline is August 27, 2007. The sale catalog and consignment forms are available on the OFQHA website: [www.ofqha.org](http://www.ofqha.org) or by contacting any of the people mentioned above.

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## **Condolences**

Condolences to Ed and Karen Boehm and their family. Ed's mother, Kathryn F. Boehm of Pataskala, Passed away on August 2, 2007.

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## **August Meeting**

The next OFQHA meeting will be held on Saturday, August 25th, between 4 and 4:30 pm at the Guernsey County Fairgrounds.

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## **Salt Fork State Park Beach Front Fun Horse Show**

OFQHA is sponsoring a fun horse show on Saturday, August 25 at 10:00 am. The show will be held at the arena at the beach area. Ranch Riding, Ranch Reining, Egg and Spoon, Ranch Trail and Ranch Conformation classes will be offered. Entry fees are \$5 per class or \$20 for all 5 classes. There will be a High Point Award and Youth and adult divisions. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Friends of Salt Fork.

### The West Part III

7-23—25: Left the Shoshone National Forest and stayed in a motel in Dubois, Wyoming. The woman in the room next to me is from Staten Island, N.Y. and is touring the West on her motorcycle solo! The next morning I arrived at Grand Teton National Park. Weather is fine! Camping is expensive: \$20 to enter the park, \$12/night to camp and \$3 to use the showers. Thousands of people in this park. Took me 1 1/2 hours to get the charcoal started to cook dinner. Must be the altitude (7,000 ft.). Crossed the Continental Divide today. I think everyone in this park has seen a moose but me! I have been driving around early in the morning and at dusk, trying to find a moose, any moose! Never did find one. The truck is completely disorganized and I can't find a thing I need. Spent the afternoon organizing.

7-26—28: Drove to Jackson Hole today. Haven't been here in 25 years and it has turned into Rodeo Drive! Tons of people, very expensive stores and art galleries. Awful! On my way out I did see the forest fire that was raging just outside of town. The firefighters camp in an open field with no shade. They are living in row after row of one man nylon tents. Very primitive. I saw helicopters and a B-17 bomber (WWII plane) dropping flame retardant on the trees. The sky was red from the flames and black from the smoke. Camped in a small town outside of Jackson, Wyoming.

In the morning drove to Twin Falls, Idaho. Not much to see other than fields of potatoes and wheat. Continued on to Ely, Nevada. The town is mostly abandoned but I found a nice room the historic Hotel Nevada and Casino for \$19.99! Room is on the 4th floor with a washer and dryer down the hall! It's the small things that make me happy on a trip like this! This was the bargain of my trip! You just have to shop around to get the best room rates!

7-29—30: Arrived at Zion National Park in Utah. Awesome Park! The campground is on the canyon floor next to the Virgin River (we would call it a creek) and is surrounded by red, grey and white cliffs. Everyone is backpacking, mountain climbing or biking. Very, very hot today. You cannot drive back into the park, you have to take a shuttle bus. I hiked for awhile and returned to my tent wringing wet with crusty hair from the salt in my perspiration. No showers in this park! Nasty! Monument Valley tomorrow!

7-31—8-2: The drive from Zion to Monument Valley is breath taking! Monument Valley is more my style, under developed, few people and only one small campground. My tent is pitched up a draw, among red sandstone rock formations and 3' from the edge of a cliff. Incredible view of the spectacular rock formations in the valley. No shade at the tent site, so I have to find somewhere else to sit during the heat of the day. Cools off at night and sleeping is fine. Toured the historic Gouldings Trading Post. The Gouldings lived upstairs and all the furnishings are original. There is also a new Navajo trading post and restaurant. I signed up for the all-day tour of Mystery and Monument Valleys for tomorrow. All the tours are led by local Navajos.

Up at 7am for the 8:30 tour. 20 people had signed up for the half-day tour and I was the only one on the all day tour! My guide was Stanley who was born in a wickiup in Monument Valley. The tour vehicle was basically a big truck with with a wooden floor and a roof. School bus seating for 15 or so people and open air, no windows. I was loaded for bear with 2 cameras and a ton of film. Stanley had taken National Geographic photographers out many times and told me he would show me great places for photos. He said "just yell when you want to stop for a picture"! I am so excited I can hardly stand it. I have somehow landed in heaven!

Mystery Valley was beyond anything I have ever seen. There are several well preserved Anasazi ruins and petroglyphs. We were walking through the ruins located in a natural amphitheatre where they believe the Anasazi held their rituals. Stanley told me to watch the ground for pieces of Anasazi pottery. He found a dark brown piece and handed it to me and told me to look for white pieces with black markings on them. I found one and said "I will put these back on the ground" and he told me to keep them!! Unbelievable! You get arrested for that in the National Parks! Since this land is the Navajo reservation they can do as they please with it. This is the place of my dreams, no other people in sight for miles and on private property. You get to see and learn so much more! We stopped for lunch in a shaded area at the base of a cliff and Stanley cooked hamburgers over an open fire for our lunch. The roads on the reservation are not marked and aren't really recognizable as roads. You better know where you are going to avoid getting totally lost. Monument Valley was also incredible. I could just see John Wayne galloping down the valley in one of his movies. Stanley dropped me off at the campground at 5:00 pm. Totally whipped, but what a fabulous day!

8-3: Overnight in a motel in Cortez, Colorado. Time to do laundry again.

8-4—5: Drove to Mesa Verde National Park and got a lovely campsite. They even have showers! Drove the loop road and saw all the Anasazi ruins. In order to go inside the ruins you must buy a \$2 ticket (early in the morning as they run out) and go on a guided tour. The trails to some of the ruins are very strenuous and you have to climb up and down a 30' ladder to get to them. I was tired and a little woozy from the altitude so I passed. The ruins are scattered throughout several small and large canyons and were discovered in the early 1900's by two cowboys. The park museum had Anasazi pots, just like the pieces I got in Mystery Valley. Staying in camp today to plan my route through New Mexico. Going to Taos first, then to the SW part of the state and on to El Paso, Texas. I can't believe I have been gone for a month! I feel like I am running out of time and there is still so

much more to see and do. This poking around and stopping to look at things takes more time than I thought!

Next month: New Mexico, the Enchanted Circle, camping on the range with cattle and the truck breaks down.

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### **2007 OFQHA Schedule—All Events and Meetings**

All clinics, shows, sales, etc. will be held at the Guernsey County Fairgrounds unless otherwise noted.

- \*August 25** (Saturday)      Cutting and Sorting. August meeting after show **(Date Change!)**
- \*August 26** (Sunday)      OFQHA Open Versatility Ranch Horse Show **(Date Change!)**
- September 9** (Sunday)      September meeting, 4:00
- September 22** (Saturday)      Fall Horse Sale
- October 28** (Sunday)      Fall Trail Ride and Potluck. Location to be announced. November meeting after ride at 3:00pm
- November 4** (Sunday)      November meeting, 4:00
- December 2** (Sunday)      December meeting, 4:00

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