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## ~SCEM Training Event~ “Developing Fellowships”

August 15, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

You are invited to participate in a training event conducted by SCEM. *Do you want your fellowship to grow? Do you want to develop a new fellowship in your area?* Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about “Developing Fellowships” and serving God through SCEM. Make plans now to attend August 15, 2009. No advance registration is required and lunch will be provided.

Due to a conflict in scheduling the location is still to be determined. Set aside the date and watch for the location at our web site [www.scequestrianministries.com](http://www.scequestrianministries.com).

For more information.....contact Floyd Tidsworth at [ftidsworth@att.net](mailto:ftidsworth@att.net) or (864) 243-2379.

*And God took a handful of southerly wind, blew his breath upon it, and created the horse. ~ Bedouin legend*

## PAUL DAILY TRAINING CLINIC *REPORT* APRIL 23, 24,& 25, 2009

The SCEM statewide ministry training event had three separate training clinics hosted by local fellowships in three different areas of the state. Paul Daily of Trout, Louisiana and founder of Wild Horse Ministries, was the trainer. Paul uses his horse training skills to present the good news of Jesus Christ. Those of you that witnessed his demonstration can testify to the impact he has on those who hear him. He is an excellent speaker truly lead by the Holy Spirit. Total attendance of the three events was 268. God blessed in each event with many decisions and rededications. We want to give a big “thank you” to the fellowships that hosted these events. The Thursday night event was hosted by Equestrian Ministries Saddle Club, at Triple Creek Farm in Rock Hill, SC; Great Adventure Fellowship hosted Friday night at Whitehaven Plantation, Bishopville SC; and hoping to spark interest for a fellowship in a new area, Floyd Tidsworth and Steve Scudder organized the Saturday night event at Gary Weatherington Arena in Bluffton, SC. All eight fellowships had representatives who attended one or more of these clinics. Many new people attended the events and several wanted to join in the ministries of the local fellowships. South Carolina Equestrian Ministries is indebted to those who were so generous in allowing us to use their excellent facilities for these events. We thank them for their willingness to be a part of the ministry. We are especially thankful that God was honored in all these clinics.



### “READ ALL ABOUT IT”

NEW TRAILS AT WHITE OAK CONFERENCE CENTER NEAR WINNSBORO, SC. SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## ***SCEM “Richard McDuffie” Spring Ride April 17-19, 2009***

What a weekend! Of course I am talking about the SCEM spring ride at H. Cooper Black this year. We arrived early Friday am and did a quick set-up and then saddled up and rode out. The weather was perfect and our trusty steeds were chomping at the bit. We rode for about 2 hours and then went visiting around the campground. Lots of members to talk to and laugh with, new friends to meet and plenty of campfires to hop to and fro and fellowship. Friday night we held a business meeting and learned what was going on around the state and David led us in a short devotional. It was a bit chilly Friday night so after the meeting people headed to the campfire at the Ropers and huddled and laughed together. Saturday morning came a bit chilly but quickly warmed up leaving many with the dilemma of t-shirt only or t-shirt and jacket, I saw many a jacket tied to the back of saddles! We also noticed a burnt area between the Ropers and the Stokes camper that was not there the night before, we praise God for watching over all of us and for giving Terri the gift of light sleep so no serious damage occurred. Johnny played fireman and the rest of us slept through all the excitement. We met for prayer and saddled up and split up into two

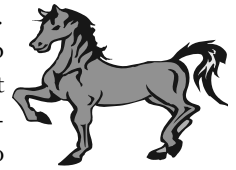
groups, fast or slow. Joel Roper led the fast group and Larry Johnson led the slower group. Slow group was back in time for lunch, a nap and even saddled up for a second ride. Fast group was out for a long time....not sure how many miles they covered! Saturday evening was “knick-knack” night after dinner and did we ever knick and knock, horses are not the only grazers. We had strawberries, cookies, cake, truffles, Cindy Rays famous brownies, chips dip, crabmeat sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, and more! As we munched we swapped stories and laughed till we cried. Met lots of new people and learned our president David is very afraid of sour cream, don't even mention the word around him! Sunday morning dawned beautiful and found us worshipping together, around 30+ people, praising, praying and listening to the words God gave David Crowe to share with us. After church some of us saddled up and rode out and others packed up and headed for home. All in all a great weekend and looking forward to Croft! Hope to see you on the trails. Margie Johnson



## ON THE TRAIL WITH PRESIDENT DAVID CROWE.....

This year has gotten off to a great but busy start. In March I was able to attend the EMI retreat in Tryon NC. It was a time of worship, learning and fellowship with others from around the country. We have had two meetings related to building trails, one on the trail with Dr. Gene Wood at Clemson University, the other with administrators of White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro SC at their facility. We were able to have a group get together at White Oak and flag trails. We are excited about the door the Lord has opened here for a camping and riding facility. We also are appreciative of Dr. Woods's consultation to this cause. We also wish to thank Ronnie Cox and the SCBC for their support in this endeavor. Great Adventure Fellowship was won-

derful host for our annual spring ride at H. Cooper Black. We thank them for a job well done. We also thank every one that attended for this time of worship and fellowship. I missed all that were not able to attend and hope to see you soon! I was able to attend all three of the Paul Daily events and a big "thank you" goes out to all who attended and worked to make this possible. We will be back in Bluffton SC to meet with people interested in a fellowship in that area in a couple weeks. God is moving, keep SCEM in your prayers and thanks for being a part of this ministry. Giddy-up, David Crowe **President, SCEM**



## STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH



SCEM is excited about "Trail Blazing". The SC Baptist Convention has approved 500 acres for horse trails and camp sites on the White Oak Conference Center property near Winnsboro, SC. Dr. Gene Wood, experienced horse trail designer and builder, and eight South Carolina Equestrian Ministry people were marking trails on April 29 and the "trail mapping" was completed on April 30 by Dr. Wood. He will get the picture map printed showing the designated trails this week. Actual work on building the trails will begin the second week of

June. Camp sites will also be cleared and built at the trail head. I want to thank those who spent a

long day in the saddle marking the trails. They were: Dr. Gene Wood, leader and professor at Clemson Univ.; David Crowe, President of SCEM; Johnny Stokes, VP SCEM; Ronnie Cox, SC Baptist staff; Floyd Tidsworth, SCEM consultant; Hollis and Nancy Smith, Grace Fellowship; Cindy Ray and Paula Baughman, Faith Riders Fellowship. Future plans call for a bath house, horse corals, wash pad, arena, and a barn. Now that's exciting news – isn't it? Can't wait to begin using these trails! Looking forward to seeing you on these trails!

**Floyd Tidsworth,**  
**State SCEM Consultant**

## REPORT OF NATIONAL EMI MEETING, TRYON

I just wanted to let every one know this was a wonderful weekend in Tryon! The home that welcomed us in was beautiful, sat high on a mountain overlooking the most beautiful pastures with mountain scenery. Friday I drove up and after meeting people from Equestrian Ministries from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North/South Carolina Virginia we got started on the planned events. Larry Martin Executive Director EMI brought a stirring message that I will for the sake of space not get into but GOD is alive in HIS people. Secondly Jeff Smith, a cowboy church planter, brought a powerful message also. Check out his web site at <http://www.cowboyen.org/>. We then were introduced to Debi Metcalf who in 1997 had a horse stolen and out of that came Stolen Horse International aka NetPosse [www.netposse.com](http://www.netposse.com). It was interesting to see how after 51 weeks the horse was back to her family and the Lord's was present in the long search. EMI President Harold Rainwater, wife and 8 students from the equine program at Asbury College Ky arrived. We then went down to the river for hotdogs on an open fire, smore's and all the fixins. After eating we all set around the fire and give praise to what the Lord is doing in the Equestrian Ministries. It is so wonderful to be around people the Lord is using! The next day Sandy and I got up early for Saturday's events. We enjoyed a wonderful breakfast with about 30 others at our hostess's beautiful home. Once more Larry Martin encouraged our hearts with truths from Gods word. He hit a nerve with me, Sandy and I was discussing Cowboy Church in Anderson, support for expenses etc and Larry reminded us from God's word when he fed the 5000 with 2 fish and 5 loaves that we too can depend on the Lord to supply our needs one day at a time. Then Larry talked to us about the World Equestrian Games coming to the Lexington Horse Park in 2010. This will bring in 600,000 to 1 million people over the 12 days, what a ministry opportunity! I plan to be there and do a 4 day volunteer as well as maybe 3 days at a local horse ministry. Maybe we can raise money and take a team! Then we attended breakout sessions, I at trail riding/cowboy church/camping ministry and Sandy at a kids ministry session for an hour or so and let me tell you some one these people have a good vision. Then we headed to the arena and Harold Rainwater did a presentation of Asbury College and the girls told of their ministry as students and did a funny skit as they described what all they do to glorify God through the equestrian program. SC's own York Saddle Club did a wonderful job of sharing the gospel with mounted drill team. It was a weekend well spent learning more about Equestrian Ministries, both local and national. It was encouraging to hear God is working in EMI.

Submitted by David Crowe



## HAPPENINGS IN THE MINISTRY

Howdy All, April was a busy month for all of us, but with God's help we made it. Let's see the spring ride at H. Cooper Black was great even though our Saturday evening singing did not happen as planned. Mr. Hall was not able to come for the weekend and Mrs. Hall would not try it solo. God provided though as all that gathered shared what we called war stories from the trail. As we listen and laughed some said why do they like to go camping and trail riding. Then we saw all the joyful hearts and knew that they wouldn't want to be anywhere else. God is truly Good! Next was the Paul Daily events. We had Friday night the 24th at Whitehaven Plantation near Bishopville. The head count was around 130 from young to young at heart all were moved by the transformation in the 3 year old Arabian owned by Trishia the barn manager at Whitehaven. We give God all the glory for what he was able to do with the efforts of his servants. We have local weekend rides and our mid year eating meeting coming up, where has 09 gone. We along with other SCEM members, Mr. Woods, and White Oak staff have made a lot of progress with trails and plans for campsites there at White Oak. God has provided a great place to ride and fellowship and hopefully witness to other horse lovers that need to know him. Ask one of state officers about all that is being done and how you can help if you have time. See ya on the trail.

Johnny Stokes Jr. **Great Adventure Fellowship**

*I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Philemon 1:6*

Greetings from the White Horse Equestrian Ministries - These are great times to witness for the Lord .. in or out of the Saddle! For the past few months, WHEM members have continued to support the local Mid-State Open Horse Shows and share the love of Christ with praise and prayer as the shows begin. Other opportunities to share God's love have been at the annual St. Jude's Ride, the Newberry Boys Farm "Founders Day" activities at the Paul Daily events, and most recently at a special gathering of riders honoring "Whirly" a beautiful Arabian horse who is healing from an untimely foot injury. Did you get to attend one of the three Paul Daily sessions? If you didn't, then you really missed a blessing. Upcoming: The 5th Annual Statewide Outreach Ride at Lakeview Plantation is October 1-4, and we hope that you will save this date on your calendar. Before the activities get started on Saturday evening, everyone camping is invited to an old fashioned Pig Picking at the shelter (bring a covered dish). .. then pull up a chair, sit back and listen to some good singing by Royal Descendants, the Hardee Family from Loris, SC, as well as our favorite Youth Praise Group from Cedar Creek Baptist. Why not invite a friend or a family for the weekend? Check out what's happening with the WHEM and visit our blog - Janet Crossland does a great job keeping it updated <http://whitehorseministries.blogspot.com>.  
Roxie Kovack, **White Horse Fellowship**

## New Members...

**Equestrian Ministries Saddle Club**-Sylvia Brown; Michele Lunsford; Retha Wallace \*\*\*\*\* **Faith Riders**-Mike & Loretta Edgar \*\*\*\*\* **Great Adventure Fellowship**—Harold & Jeff Andrews; Danny & Brenda Branham; Diana Canaday; Bobby Player **Revelation Riders**-Jim & Bonnie Anacker; Tim & Debbi Bouchillon; David Crowe; Timothy & Nancy Foster; Tommy & Patricia Gilstrap; Bobbie Crowe; Melvin & LeRay Maw; Melanie Watt; \*\*\*\*\***White Horse**-Jimmy & JoAnne Minard

## \*Welcome to SCEM\*

EMSC was very excited about hosting Paul Daily in our area. We have seen how God can work through the love of horses and the great outdoors. Our drill team has almost doubled in the last year. Have you Sharpen your Axe? There were 2 lumber jacks who had a competition to see who could cut the most wood. One was a strong young stud, the other a wise old man. The two went at it like each wanted to win, but as the day drew on the older man would take a break and sharpen his saw, the young man just kept right on sawing. At the end of the day the older man had clearly won. The younger man had worked harder but had not worked smarter. By keeping the blade sharp the experienced man was much more effective. We all need to keep our saws (knowledge) sharpen. We all want to know that our doctors, vets, Farriers continue to learn the latest in care. As a member of EM we should want to continue our growth. Some areas we can focus on are **Spiritual Character**- By studying and developing a deeper character more like Jesus. **Bible Knowledge**- We need to read our Bibles. **People Skills**- Have a loving spirit. We don't want to drive away people who are interested in our ministry. **Commitment Level**- is committed to support our ministry. **Responsibility Recognition**- by accepting our responsibility for EMSC we will be team players for the ministry. The truth is that you can chop more wood with a sharp axe than a dull one. There are a lot of trees out there who don't know the Lord as their savior! **Equestrian Ministries Saddle Club**

**Faith Riders Equestrian Ministry** meets once a month and sponsors many types of events and clinics. Our last event was on the 25th of April, with a group of 'at risk' youth. We called it "Touch Therapy" with horses. We were put in touch with an organization called Christ Central. They have an after school program and special outings for these children. At the event, we allowed the children to pet, brush, and learn about horses. We talked to them about horses and all that goes with owning a horse. We encouraged questions and received plenty of them. We even discussed careers working with horses. Some children were scared at first, but eventually came around with the help of Faith Riders members and others from our local church who came out to help. We ended by giving out horse shaped cookies, drinks, and a message from the bible about horses. This was a very special time for all who was involved because you never know what a difference a day makes. Our next gathering will be May 16th which will be a demonstration by a horse therapist. **Faithriders Equestrian Ministry**

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KATIE STORIES — “Internal Combustion” Part 1— The transfer was a rather harrowing experience for the both of us. When I moved to Columbia, I left Katie behind with a friend until I could get her a place to stay, which took a while. In fact, Katie remained in Gaffney for over a year before I finally moved her. When I was offered my new position with the South Carolina Baptist Convention I had decided that I would not be able to keep her, so I sold my horse trailer and was just about to sell Katie when my new boss called. “I forgot to tell you that you also have “Equestrian Ministry” . . .” “Would that be a problem?” No trailer, no transportation, no place to keep her . . . the logistics were big. I found a place. It was just a short distance from my house. I borrowed Floyd’s trailer and took off for Gaffney to get Katie. Nervous . . . absolutely. You do remember the story about our loading problems. She had not been loaded now for almost a year and a half. With Katie, you never know. Katie liked an open and wide space in which to travel. Floyd’s trailer was about three or four inches longer than Katie. It would be a tight fit. I knew it . . . but I was hoping that she would be nice. It was not to be! After an hour and a half I was exhausted, Katie was mad, and the trailer was empty . . . still. She backed up, she side passed, she pulled; but once, just once, she put her left hoof on the trailer to test things. She didn’t like what she felt. I became so frustrated that I just saddled her up and rode her for a while. Maybe she would choose riding rather than being ridden after I finished. How am I going to get her home? Nicky came. He is a real horse person . . . actually he fools with mules. Ya gotta know how to work with them when you work with mules. He had a plan. I was to move Katie to the back of a semi-barn area, right into the corner as far as I could. He would hold her while I moved the trailer. I backed up right to that corner. I opened the trailer door and blocked every way out so that she had nowhere to go but on the trailer. Now that is a trick I will remember. She went right on, looked back and shrugged her head in that “I’m still on the outside in my mind” look. I slammed the door and we took off for Columbia. Columbia is different. Sandy soil is what you find beneath the grass. Sand colic is a problem and, sure enough she began to show signs of colic. Katie was pulling grass with the root system and sand, ingesting it all and not digesting. There was a major blockage in the plumbing system. To the Vet . . . once, twice. Since I had never had this experience before with a horse, I was open to a new education on the problem. I got one! First, the lady vet began putting on these really long rubber gloves. Katie did not feel good, but she did give her a glance in that “just what do you think you are going to do with that?” expression. *Look for the “rest of the story” in the September issue of Heavenly Hoofbeats.*

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