

Foundation News

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TO PRESERVE OPEN LAND, TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND TO OFFER A PLACE FOR EQUESTRIAN PURPOSES

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WMF REPAIRS ARE A TEAM EFFORT

Heavy rains in September, followed by even heavier rains from Hurricane Matthew in early October, eroded trails, washed out crossings, and downed trees across The Walthour-Moss Foundation's forty-one hundred acres. Since that time, tremendous work has been done to repair and rebuild firelanes, trails, crossings, bridges, and jumps.

WMF Land Management Committee co-chair Jim Granito continues to lead the charge on major repairs. He manages the heavy equipment needed to repair the firelanes, to replace pipes at washed out crossings, and to deposit materials as needed on smaller trails.

Bushwhacker volunteers, led by WMF Land Management Committee co-chair Neil Schwartzberg, removed downed trees from trails and used their own tractors and tools to repair washouts. WMF Ranger Ron Baldwin repaired, and continues to repair, the railings on several bridges. He has made several new crossing signs to replace those damaged by the storm. Ron and his wife, Joan, also spent several hours removing debris from Carroll's Branch that had washed down stream and clogged the bridges at Edmisten Crossing and Snug's Crossing.

Many, many thanks to all those who have worked so hard this fall to get the Foundation cleaned up. We are all stewards of The Walthour-Moss Foundation and the efforts made have truly been a team and community effort. Thank you to those of you who reported areas that needed repair. We have a running repair list, so please continue to let us know if you see anything that needs our attention.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE TRAILS IN 2017!



THE PIPE AT REFUGIO CROSSING WAS WASHED AWAY BY OCTOBER STORM



REFUGIO CROSSING, PIPE REPLACED AND CROSSING STABILIZED

Photos by Landon Russell

WMF TRAIL AND CROSSING REPAIRS



FIRELANE REPAIRS ON FIRELANE 1 EXT



POSSUM HEAD CROSSING REPAIR BY KNOWLBROOK FARMS, INC.



HOMESITE HILL WASHOUT REPAIR, LAWYER CROSSING



WMF RANGER RON BALDWIN REPAIRED AND REPLACED CROSSING SIGNS



ADDITIONAL PIPES ADDED AT EDMISTEN CROSSING

THANK YOU BUSHWHACKERS!



Photo by Cameron Sadler

BUSHWHACKERS TAKE A BREAK FROM TRAIL CLEARING AND JUMP BUILDING

On Sunday, December 11, members of the bushwhacker club cleared trails, repaired jumps, and built two new log jumps in the Foundation between Firelane 3 and Youngs Road.

Thank you to Amy Bresky, Todd Dickinson, Linda Gibbs, Doug Jackson, Kate Jones, Helen Kalevas, Antonio Martinez, Cameron and Lincoln Sadler, Neil Schwartzberg, Jock Tate, Chuck Younger, and Nicole Zardus.

Photos by Landon Russell

RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER CAVITIES INSTALLED IN FOUNDATION NORTH COUNTRY

In October, the Sandhills Ecological Institute (SEI) directed the establishment of a red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) recruitment cluster in the North Country of The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Four insert box cavities were installed to provide RCW roost and nest cavities in a longleaf pine stand near Moor Meadow. Biologists from SEI will inspect the artificial cavities for signs of RCW occupancy prior to and throughout the 2017 nesting season. An area near Firestone Lake will soon be surveyed for a suitable site to establish a second North Country recruitment cluster.

Recruitment clusters are strategically placed on the landscape to attract RCWs to historically occupied clusters through artificial cavity (i.e. insert or drilled) construction, or as in the case with this cluster, to entice RCWs into a new territory near Moor Meadow. Artificial cavities are also constructed within clusters that possess RCW family groups to supplement naturally excavated cavities and help stabilize their territories.

For more information on RCWs, please contact Kerry Brust of the Sandhills Ecological Institute at 910-695-0872.

WMF ACCESS UPDATE

Members of our community continue to protect and preserve access to the Foundation as well as historic neighborhood bridle trails by granting equestrian access easements. These equestrian accesses tie our community together and protect the equestrian nature of our community both now and for the future.

We are pleased to announce the fifty-seventh Walthour-Moss Foundation equestrian accesses:

Grippa Access

Maureen and Paul Grippa granted an equestrian access easement along three sides of their property on Aiken Road.

If you have any questions about donating an equestrian access to The Walthour-Moss Foundation, please contact Landon Russell at 910-695-7811 or email director@walthour-moss.org.

THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION ACCEPTS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF APPRECIATED STOCK

The Walthour-Moss Foundation accepts charitable contributions of appreciated stock, and tax laws offer significant savings through gifts of appreciated stock.

By making your charitable contribution to The Walthour-Moss Foundation (WMF) through shares of appreciated stock rather than cash, you can take a deduction for the current market value of your stock and avoid tax on the capital gain. The Walthour-Moss Foundation sells the shares and has the money to fulfill its mission.

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE

Assume you want to make a \$10,000 contribution to the WMF. You also have 200 shares of stock that are currently worth \$10,000 and you paid only \$1,000 for the stock when you purchased it.

- If you sell the stock, you would pay state and federal capital gains tax on the \$9,000 gain before giving the remainder to the WMF.
- If you give the stock to the WMF, you get a tax deduction for the full \$10,000 (the market value), and there are no capital gains taxes due.

REMEMBER

- You must have owned the stock for more than a year to get the current fair market value (otherwise, you can only deduct the basis, not the fair market value).
- The value of the contribution is the average of the high and low prices for publicly listed stock on the day of the transfer.
- This strategy can be used for other forms of appreciated property.
- Please consult your tax advisor before making a gift of appreciated property in order to ensure that the gift is compatible with your financial plans.

Contact Landon Russell at 910-695-7811 or email director@walthour-moss.org for information on contributing stock to The Walthour Moss Foundation.

2016 TRICK AND TREAT TRAIL RIDE



SUPER PONIES!



KARIN DRAXL



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DESSEL AND CO. REAL ESTATE HAUNTED HOUSE



MEREDITH RUSSO



AMANDA COX



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NATASHA FAIRCLOTH



ANNICK ROCHEROLLE

SPOOKY FUN FOR ALL AT THE 2016 TRICK-AND-TREAT TRAIL RIDE

The sun shone brightly for the third annual Trick-and-Treat Trail Ride on Sunday, October 23. Jock Tate designed a fantastic six-mile course that started and finished at Lyell's Meadow. The course twisted and turned over varied terrain using many of the Foundation's smaller trails. Ninety entries, including five carriage drivers, boldly took to the trails to see the spooky and festive Halloween decorations placed by an army of volunteers.

Gobs and goblins of thanks to Cabin Branch Tack Shop, Carolina Polocrosse Club, Companion Animal Clinic Foundation, DeSell and Company Realty Group, Foundation Equine Mobile Medicine and Dentistry, the Moore County Pony Club, and Moore Equine Feed and Supply for setting up fabulous vignettes.

Many, many thanks to the WMF trail marking team, led by Foundation President Neil Schwartzberg, that included team members Joan and Ron Baldwin and Landon Russell. Heaps of thanks to the WMF decorating team of Leigh Allen, Joan and Ron Baldwin, Katie Cochran, Ramsey Fisher, Andrea and Dick Moore, Grant Wise and Molly Robertson.

The event ran smoothly thanks to our volunteers manning the registration desk. Thank you to Cathy Carter, Carol Dowd, Lynn McGugan and Susan Stallings. Additional thanks go to the following students from The O'Neal School for volunteering: Elle Dembosky, Ellie Henry, Andy Jenkins, Colette Leber, Kate Liner, Riley Meese, Caylee Neidenthal, and Harrison Whaley.

A very special thank you to Shirley and John Gaither for donating the food for the concession stand and cooking and serving burgers and dogs to the hungry participants.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to Diane McKay for the event photographs. To see additional pictures from the Trick-and-Treat Trail ride, please visit our website at www.walthour-moss.org.



THE CABIN BRANCH TACK SHOP HEADLESS HORSEMAN



BONNIE, BROOKE AND ANDY CANADY



PAT BELSKIE AS ANNIE OAKLEY





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or via email at director@walthour-moss.org or logon to our website at
www.walthour-moss.org.

WMF BUSHWHACKER CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bluebird Box Cleaning & Repair Day

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Equestrian Road, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Longleaf Pine Planting Day

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Moor Meadow, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Email director@walthour-moss.org or call 910-695-7811 to volunteer.

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