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2016 HORSE COUNTRY HOEDOWN

On Saturday, April 30, denim-clad and boot-wearing partygoers gathered for a Hoedown at the newly refurbished Lyell's Meadow implement shed to celebrate and support The Walthour-Moss Foundation. The Horse Country Hoedown, the Foundation's major fundraising event, netted over \$18,500 for Foundation operations. Yee Haw!

A hearty and heartfelt "thank you" to our Hoedown Hosts who gave generously to underwrite the event: Amy Bresky, Lin and John Burgess, Carol and Dan Butler, Cathy and David Carter, Dick Cavedo and Mary Schwab, Marianne and Jeff Chulay, Steven Cochran and Daniel Clivner, Rhonda and Alan Dretel, Effie and Nick Ellis, Susan Gaines and Katie Gaines Frost, Shirley and John Gaither, Alice and Marshall Glass, Sharon and Jim Granito, Mary Griffith and Alex Martone, Martha and Tom Hart, Jean Rae and Hugh Hinton, Kendyl and Eric Janis, Rod Lynch and Knowlbrook Farms Inc., Stephen Later, Susan and Kris Lindamood, Corine and Peter Longanbach, Fred McCashin, Parker and Ed Minchin, Norman and Babette Minery, Carol Minker, Andrea and Dick Moore, Susan and Pat Newell, Cindy and Dennis Paules, Tiffany Teeter and Jim Rigney, Rosa and Ralph Ronalter, Irene and Mike Russell, Cameron and Lincoln Sadler, Neil Schwartzberg and Leigh Allen, Ginny and Keith Thomasson, Donna and Dick Verrilli, Chris and Kathy Virtue, Katie Cochran Walsh, Dick Walsh, Anne and Dick Webb, and Caroline and Wade Young.

The refurbished shed proved to be the perfect spot for the Hoedown. Guests enjoyed sipping beer from the Southern Pines Brewing Company, wine from Bacco Selections as well as an array of moonshine-based cocktails. Our thanks to Dave Cochran and Jim Alley for their third consecutive year serving as volunteer bartenders and to Dick Cavedo for lending his still to accent the moonshine bar. Hors d'oeuvres were served on the backside of the shed overlooking Lyell's Meadow followed by a buffet dinner that included White Rabbit Catering's famous fried chicken. Hurricane lamps, adorned with bright yellow and red bandanas, sat on each table surrounded with Elaeagnus, freshly cut by Katie Walsh and Carol Butler from the Butler's Valhalla Farm that morning, and Magnolia boughs, cut from the Ellis' Cornerstone Farm. Longleaf pines accented the natural wood interior of the shed and the glow of the candlelight among the pines provided a festive atmosphere.

The Jacked Up Hot Rods rocked the pasture, and revelers kicked up their boot-clad heals well into the night. Each guest took home a longleaf pine seedling, graciously donated by Bodenhammer Farms, to plant as a momento of an evening celebrating The Walthour-Moss Foundation.

Many hands truly make light work! Our thanks to a superb team of hardworking Hoedown volunteers: Leigh Allen, Cassie and Steve Gavin, Stephen Later, Laura Lindamood, Norman Minery, Andrea and Dick Moore, Dennis Paules, Caroline Plummer, Neil Schwartzberg, and Katie Cochran Walsh. A very special thank you to Kat Liner and Blair Spencer, O'Neal Upper School students, who assisted with the event setup. Additional thanks to Miss Spencer for photographing guests at the Hoedown and for and staying until the end of the event to assist with cleanup.

Funds raised at the 2016 Horse Country Hoedown will be used to preserve the forest and maintain the trails for our community.



DICK WEBB, DICK MOORE, BRIDGET AND COLIN MACNAIR



LEFREDA WILLIAMS, EDIE OVERLY, AND DOT GREENLEAF

Photos by Blair Spencer

THE GINNIE AND PAPPY MOSS SOCIETY Pledge Today to Become a Member

Over the past 38 years, 95% of the funds for The Walthour-Moss Foundation's land acquisition campaigns have come from Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society members. Show your support for local land preservation by becoming a member of the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society. Entry into the Moss Society is a pledge of \$1,000.00 a year for five years.

Why is Moss Society membership important? members are the backbone of conservation in our community. In addition, with their ongoing pledge of support, the Moss Society members ensure that The Walthour-Moss Foundation will have resources to address any known or unknown challenge that it may face in the future. A good example was the threat of a four-lane freeway thundering through our longleaf pine forest. This threat was met with organization of town meetings to garner community and political support from our towns and county, hiring of consultants to examine alternatives, and engaging a team to prepare the documentation that led to a place on the National Register of Historic Places for a large portion of the Foundation. Promise of ongoing financial support from Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society members allowed the Foundation to remain vigilant and to develop and implement strategies to meet this threat and any others that might arise.

The benefits of Moss Society membership to you are:

• ENTRY into a society of likeminded people who value undeveloped land and recognize its fundamental



PAPPY AND GINNIE MOSS

importance to equestrian purposes, to clean air and water as well as to the country lifestyle that drew so many of us to this area.

- KNOWLEDGE that your pledge will help the Foundation meet future challenges to its very existence.
- PERSONAL SATISFACTION in keeping the tradition of land conservation alive in the current generation.
- REALIZATION that you help to support the land you use and enjoy.
- APPRECIATION from members of the community who use The Walthour-Moss Foundation for their equestrian and other pursuits.
- GRATITUDE from future generations for preserving over 4,000 acres of longleaf pine forest... a habitat that is as endangered as the rainforests!
- ANNUAL RECOGNITION of Moss Society membership in Foundation News and on the kiosks at Equestrian Road, Moor Meadow, and Magnolia Hill.
- PERMANENT RECOGNITION on the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society plaque at Moor Meadow.

Join the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society today. Call Landon Russell at 910-695-7811 to pledge your support. List your name with others who value land preservation in our community.

ANNUAL WAIVER REMINDER PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN AND RETURN A WAIVER EACH YEAR!

The Walthour-Moss Foundation continues to annually collect waivers from our local and out of town users. The waivers are necessary to maintain our insurance and keep our insurance rates down.

If you ride, drive a carriage, walk or run on The Walthour-Moss Foundation, please sign and return a waiver each year. Copies of the waiver are available at the kiosk at Equestrian Road, Moor Meadow and Magnolia Hill. Online at www.walthour-moss.org by calling (910) 695-7811.

WMF BUSHWHACKER CLUB JUMP BUILDING DAY

Members of the Bushwhacker Club worked in the sun and the rain on Saturday, April 2 to build jumps in the main section of The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Club members split into two groups and built a total thirteen jumps in the span of five hours. The Firelane 3 crew, led by Neil Schwartzberg and Jock Tate, replaced four jumps located on Firelane 3 just above Penny head. The May Street crew, led by Norman Minery and Dennis Paules, built three sets of three jumps each along the main trail that parallels May Street.

Thank you to our wonderful WMF Bushwhacker Club Jump Builders!

Leigh Allen Heidi Grimm-Powell Doug Jackson Kerry Kaylor Bill Logan Antonio Martinez Melanie Minery Babette Minery Norman Minery Dennis Paules John Pavan Kate Rigg Linclon Sadler Neil Schwartzberg Jock Tate



THE MAY STREET CREW



THE FIRELANE 3 CREW

A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A SPRING TRAIL RIDE

The sun shone brightly at Lyell's Meadow on the morning of Sunday, May 22 for the second annual WMF Spring Trail Ride. Forty-one riders turned out to ride the marked trail designed by Effie Ellis. Orange flagging marked the beautiful course that meandered from Lyell's Meadow towards Homesite Hill, through Long Crossing, Octebony, Red Oak and up to Hilltop Cemetery before heading back to Lyell's Meadow.

A HUGE thank you goes to Effie Ellis for designing the lovely course and to Effie, Neil Schwartzberg and Leigh Allen for the time that they spent marking the trails. Comments from the riders as they arrived back at Lyell's Meadow included the words: great, fabulous, awesome and phenomenal!

The entry fee for the Spring Trail Ride included a picnic lunch served on the back side of the implement shed. Guests enjoyed the beautiful spring day sitting atop straw bales donated by Kendyl Janis.

Stephen Later manned the grill with assistance from Ron Baldwin and together they served up tasty hotdogs and hamburgers to the hungry riders straight from the grill to plate! Our grill masters stayed busy as twenty additional guests turned out to enjoy lunch with the trail riders.

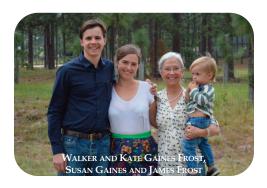
Thank you to our volunteers and donors! Karin Draxl manned the entry table, Joan Baldwin organized the lunch buffet, Stephen Later and Ron Baldwin worked the grill, and Neil Schwartzberg and Dennis Paules led the setup and breakdown crew. Thank you to Effie Ellis, Stephen Later and Neil Schwartzberg for supplying the lunch. And lastly, thank you to Leigh Allen, Effie Ellis, Sassy Pellizzari, Sassy Riley, and Neil Schwartzberg for volunteering their time to remove the ribbons after the event.



LINDA EMERSON, JACK AYERS, AND MOLLY AYERS

Photos by Landon Russell

2016 Horse Country Hoedown











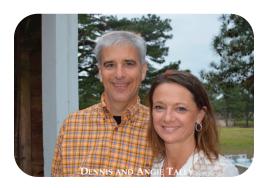






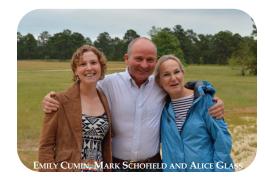












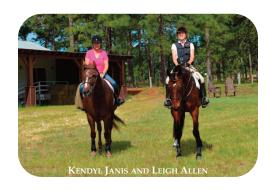


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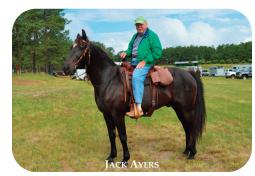
2016 Spring Trail Ride































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WMF SUMMER INTERN



WMF SUMMER INTERN WILLIAM GRIEWE WITH LESLIE AND GREG GRIEWE

A WMF welcome to our summer intern, William Griewe. William, a rising senior at the University of Utah, will spend the months of June and July mapping the trails of the Foundation with a handheld GPS unit. He will also assist with the Fun Dog Show and various office duties.

William started the project in mid-May and has made excellent progress mapping the trails. Thank you to Leslie and Greg Griewe for donating a new, state of the art, handheld GPS unit to The Walthour-Moss Foundation. The unit reads off multiple satellites and is accurate to within six feet!

We hope to have a copy of the GPS trail map available online by the end of the summer.



A BEAUTIFUL DAY AMONG THE LONGLEAF PINES!

FOUNDATION BIRDWALK WITH SUSAN CAMPBELL



SUSAN CAMPBELL CHECKS AN EASTERN BLUEBIRD NEST BOX

On April 3, thirty-six "birders," ranging from novice to expert, met local ornithologist Susan Campbell at the end of Firelane 2 for a bird walk in the Foundation. Not five minutes into the walk the group heard the call of a red cockaded woodpecker.

Although the morning was chilly and somewhat breezy, our intrepid birders encountered several bird species including the Red Cockaded Woodpecker, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Eastern Bluebird, Morning Dove, American Crow, Chipping Sparrow, and Pine Warbler.

BLUEBIRD BOX MONITORING UPDATE

Volunteer Jake Kenworthy has taken on the task of monitoring the Foundation's bluebird nesting boxes. To date, he has checked on seventy-five boxes and found that all but six are in use. Sixty-four boxes are currently being used by bluebirds, two boxes by flying squirrels, and two boxes by Carolina Chickadees. Jake plans to monitor the boxes throughout the summer and we look forward to providing a full report in the fall!



BABY BLUEBIRDS READY TO FLEDGE

Photo by Jake Kenworthy

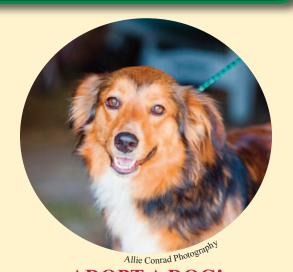


FUN DOG SHOW

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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Day of Show Registration opens at 8:00 am Fun Dog Show begins at 9:00 am \$5 per class

The Walthour-Moss Foundation Lyell's Meadow, 225 Mile Away Lane, Southern Pines

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Save the Dates!

June 11: Fun Dog Show

October 2: Horse Country Social

October 23: Trick and Treat Trail Ride

December 11: Save Our Forest Golf Tournament

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