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# Foundation News

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## THE 2009 BUSHWHACKER CLUB: POWER IN NUMBERS!



Photo by Landon Russell

THANK YOU 2009 BUSHWHACKER CLUB!: CLUB MEMBERS GATHER FOR A PHOTO AFTER A MORNING OF TRAIL CLEARING.

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The 2009 Bushwhacker Club logged more than seven hundred man hours this fall cutting, mowing, clipping, and clearing debris from the roads and trails of The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Over one hundred and thirty faithful Bushwhacker Club members volunteered over three weekends in September and October, and braved the heat and on one occasion the rain, to clean up the trails.

Volunteers were treated to donuts and coffee in the morning and given official Bushwhacker Club member hats before setting out into the woods. After several hours of hard work, they were welcomed back to a picnic lunch. Club members gathered around over sandwiches and brownies and shared stories of the morning's adventures. Volunteers came from Vass, Southern Pines, Sanford, Carthage, Raleigh, Cary, Clinton, and Pinehurst to name a few.

An additional thank you to those who of you who cleared trails in your own backyards and continually volunteer your time and energy to clear trails on the Foundation. You know who you are and we salute you too! For a list of our wonderful volunteers, please turn to page 4.



**ACCESS UPDATE**



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**THE EMERSON ACCESS GIFT** PROVIDES ACCESS AT THE LAKE BAY AREA OF THE FOUNDATION

Equestrian access continues to be a priority for The Walthour-Moss Foundation and our equestrian community. As of November 20, twenty equestrian accesses made up of **26,875 linear feet or a little over five miles** of trails have been protected!

We are pleased to announce the following five new protected accesses. Locations span the Foundation from the Causey Road area of the North Country all the way to the Sheldon Road area. Thank you to all who have provided access and supported their support for this ongoing project.

**Emerson Access:** May and Denny Emerson provided an access along the Lake Bay side of their property to link to the Foundation.

**Newton, Van Fossen & Lergner Access:** Amy Newton, Jan Van Fossen and Gary Lergner provided an access in the North



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**THE WILLIAMS ACCESS GIFT** PROVIDES A LINK TO THE FOUNDATION IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

Country area of the Foundation. As part of a series, it connects Hunting Horn Lane in the Hunt Country Properties area to the Foundation.

**Rader:** Lori and Richard Rader have provided an access along the back of their property that connects to the Mile Away Farm one hundred foot easement.

**Ward Access:** Claudette and John Ward provided an access on Devins Drive that connects to the Emerson access that connects to the Foundation

**Williams Access:** Ellen and John Williams provided an access in the North Country near Causey Road that connects to the Baldwin, Spence and Newton, Van Fossen and Lergner accesses to create a direct link from Hunting Horn lane to the Foundation.



**3rd Annual “Ride for the Horse” Held in October at Moor Meadow**

REED TUCKER

The United States Equine Rescue League’s (USERL) Third Annual Ride for the Horse Trail Ride Benefit was held on Sunday, October 11 at Moor Meadow. The Walthour-Moss Foundation is a popular spot for the ride because of its central location, barefoot-friendly footing, beautifully maintained trails, gently hilly terrain and generous parking area.

Brita Rizzi, Cindy Paules, and Janet Sylvester designed an intriguing and well-marked course through the Foundation’s less-traveled north territory, with an overall length of roughly 10-12 miles. The sixty-two participating riders, who had come from as far as Winston-Salem and Myrtle Beach, were delighted with the trails. Cat’s Tack and Double Diamond Equine were on hand with tack and other equestrian related items. Box lunches from Mr. B’s Subs and Salads of Cameron completed the day’s events.

Thanks to equestrian community support, the USERL raised roughly \$3,000 from this ride, which will be used to fund rescue operations for equines consigned to the League.

The USERL took in a record number of abused, neglected, and abandoned equines in 2008-2009 as poor economic conditions took a heavy toll on many owners’ ability and willingness to maintain their animals

properly. Foster homes, long-term adoptive homes, and donations of money or services are badly needed to help the League’s rescue operations meet the growing need in this area.

The Sandhills Region of the USERL serves Chatham, Lee, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Moore, Montgomery, Robeson, Scotland, and Richmond counties in North Carolina. The USERL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded for the protection of equines, with operations in North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana, and Kentucky.

For more information on the USERL, please visit [www.userl-nc-sandhills.com](http://www.userl-nc-sandhills.com).



Photo by Liz Giri

**ON THE TRAIL IN SUPPORT OF THE USERL:** RIDERS FROM ALL OVER NORTH CAROLINA SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT AT THE USERL’S THIRD ANNUAL “RIDE FOR THE HORSE.”



**THANK YOU TO OUR 2009 BUSHWHACKER CLUB!**

Elizabeth Adams  
 Malaika Albrecht  
 Cheryl & David Altfeder  
 Jim Baker  
 Angela Baldwin  
 Ron Baldwin  
 Richard Bischke  
 Janie Boland  
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 Codie Hayes  
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 Bill Taper  
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 Ginny & Keith Thomasson  
 Anne & Rick Thompson  
 Camilla Vance-Holmes  
 Jan Van Fossen  
 Jim Watson  
 Neal & Cassady Watson  
 Heidi White  
 Ginger Wright  
 Mel Wyatt  
 Caroline & Wade Young  
 Beth & Chuck Younger



*Note: We have worked hard to include all volunteers' names. If we have mistakenly omitted a name, please let us know so that we may have an accurate listing of the 2009 Bushwhacker Club.*



Photo by Mike Brooder

Photos by Landon Russell



## Mighty and Not-So-Mighty Oaks

DOMINICK PAGNOTTA

The Southeast United States, the Carolina Sandhills, and specifically The Walthour-Moss Foundation are home to a variety of oak trees. We all recognize those big oaks - the ones that take three or four of us to wrap our arms around and the majestic mighty symbol with a yellow ribbon around its trunk. These are the Red and White Oaks that are prominent on farmhouse landscapes and dominant as an over-story in some North Carolina hardwood forests. Here in the Sandhills, however, the “not-so-mighty” oaks dominate the mid-story in the Longleaf Pine forest.

The Turkey Oak is in the Red Oak family and most prominent in The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Not be confused with the European Turkish Oak, our Turkey Oak is an American species growing 8-18m tall. One unique feature of the leaves is their arrangement — they are held vertically



Photo by Will Cook

TURKEY OAK LEAVES

instead of horizontally, presumably to avoid the sun during mid-day and receive more solar radiation when the heat load is not as high.

The Autumn color is brilliant red. The bark is broken into rough blocks, good for resisting the frequent fires that sweep through the Turkey Oak habitat. It typically grows on poor, thin, dry, rocky or sandy soils where few other oaks other than Blackjack Oak can thrive. There are two theories in the common naming of this tree. First, that the leaves resemble turkey feet. Second, that the acorns are a popular food of the Wild Turkey. While not as popular, I subscribe to the second theory, as it relates to food.

Blackjack Oak is a small tree growing to 15m tall, with bark cracked into rectangular black plates with narrow orange fissures. The leaves are 7-20cm long and broad, and typically flare from a tapered base to a broad three-lobed bell shape with only shallow indentations,



Photo by Dominick Pagnotta



Photo by Will Cook

BLACKJACK OAK LEAF



Photo by Will Cook

BLUEJACK OAK OAK LEAVES

sometimes resembling a mitten. The density of the wood causes a very hot flame, making Blackjack Oak the preferred fuel for slow-cooked Carolina-style barbecue.

Bluejack Oak can be found in The Walthour-Moss Foundation, but is less common as we are on the northern fringe of its natural occurrence. Leaves are similar to the Willow Oak, narrow and elliptical, 2 to 4 inches long, and 1/2 to 1 inch wide. Bluejack Oaks found locally appear more like a shrub than a tree, although they have the ability to reach



Photo by Will Cook

WILLOW OAK LEAVES



Photo by Will Cook

SAND POST OAK LEAVES

10m in height. Bluejack acorns are favored by our native Fox Squirrel.

Willow Oak is one of the most familiar large trees in North Carolina. Abundantly planted and fairly common in the wild, it grows to 20-30m tall. It can be distinguished from most other oaks by its leaves, which are shaped like those of the weeping willow, 5-12cm long and 1-2.5cm in width.

The Sand Post Oak is a small tree typically 10-15m tall and in the White Oak family. The leaves have a very distinctive shape - the upper and central lobes are larger and square, giving the leaves a distinctive cross-like form resembling a Maltese Cross. As its name implies, this tree was once used for fence posts. The wood is also popular for smoking Texas barbecue.

Most oaks hold their leaves well into the winter months. So, on your next visit to The Walthour-Moss Foundation try to identify some of our “not-so-mighty” oaks.

