

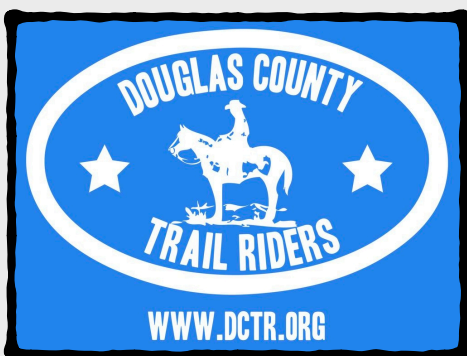
HOOF PRINTS

Live to Ride | Ride to Live

Next Meetings

Club Meeting - Fri., **Sept. 8th** @ 7 p.m.
Dinner @ 6:30 p.m. (suggested donation \$10)

Board Meeting -
Thurs., **Sept. 14th** @
7p.m.



2023 Officers

President - Lyric Bartz
VP - Shawna Roehrich
Treas.-Dana Sorenson
Corr. Sec.-Deb Tice
Rec. Sec. Shawna
Roehrich

2023 Board Members

Larry Bartz - Chairman
Kelley Hamersky
Joan Elder
Lakyn Roehrich
Wendy Koerner



Watch the
DCTR FB
PAGE for
club
happenings.





Friday, September 29th-Oct. 1st - Kanopolis

Call Kanopolis for camping reservation - 785-546-2565

Contact Lyric Bartz if you plan to go. Text or call 785-766-3520, or email lyric@dctr.org

DCTR WISHLIST

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Water



DCTR MEMBERS

The outdoor arena is free for any member to use at any time. All we ask is that if you do use it, PLEASE, put away any and all of the obstacles, or barrels that you use.

Thank you,
The DCTR Board

COMING....

- **Saturday, Sept. 2nd - DeSoto Parade**
(Contact Megan Case via FB Messenger for details)
- **Saturday, Sept. 23 - DCTR Benefit Fun & Activities** (@ DCTR and open to all)
- **Friday, Oct. 6 - NOMINATIONS**
(@ monthly meeting)
- **Saturday, Oct. 14 - Parade Certification**
(@ DCTR Arena)
OR Rainout Oct. 17 (Dg.Co. Indoor Arena)
- **Saturday, Oct 21 - Maple Leaf Parade, Baldwin, KS** (Contact Liz Rombach for info.)
- **Sunday, Oct. 29 - Fall Fun Show & Tack Sale**
(@ DCTR arena & open to all)
- **Friday, Nov. 3 - ELECTIONS** (@ monthly mtg.)
- **Saturday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m.-Peer to Peer instruction**
(Dg.Co. Indoor Arena)
- **Sun., Nov. 12th - Kassie Fedrick Horsemanship Clinic**
(DCTR Members only @ Dg.Co. Indoor Arena)
- **Friday, Dec. 1- Christmas Parade Participant Dinner**
- **Saturday, Dec. 2 - Christmas Parade**
- **Saturday, Dec. 9th - DCTR Holiday Party**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT...

Maggie Stout



- Long time DCTR member for 10 yrs. and has been a Board member in past years.
- Maggie is the Volunteer Coordinator and runs the Tack Sales for the club.
- She has a TWH, and a QH.
- Discipline: Trail riding, but especially enjoys caring for and just hanging out with her horses.
- Her favorite club event was when she helped coordinate DCTR members to work at Equifest. "Lots of fun!"
- Maggie also loves to travel and tries to ride everywhere she goes.

Notes from the President...

Hello members,

This year we added some new events to our 2023 calendar. I have been excited to expand our activities and hope everyone has found something to enjoy.

The opportunity to use the Douglas County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena has been met with tremendous excitement. It's been a fantastic addition that has injected new life into our activities. We've also seen positive responses to the Egg Hunt and Bingo activities during our meetings. Our goal is to attract new members by offering things that might catch the attention of people who haven't heard about our club or realized how diverse and interesting we are.

We have an excellent opportunity to increase our visibility in the horse community and have some fun with our Sept 23 event. Unfortunately, unless we have enough participation in planning, preparing, and running the event it will not be successful. We need your involvement. Historically, the bulk of the work has been done by a few dedicated members, but this is not sustainable. Overworking our members ends with burnout and frustration. If we cannot get more help with the physical labor needed to maintain our property, we will be forced to employ others to do it. If you cannot meet your expected volunteer hours, please consider a late year **Buy Out**.

Our club's future depends on all our members being more active and involved. We must retain members, grow with new members, and just as importantly, get the next generation involved. Our club is at a crossroads, and we must make changes to revitalize it or risk losing it.

To try to alleviate burnout and distribute the work more evenly, we will add a "To Do List" to our Facebook Page, Future Newsletters, and post it on the clubhouse door as soon as possible.

Our Club is something to be proud of and we want to see it succeed and live on for generations. With the wonderful mix of experience, expertise, and knowledge our group offers we can see that happen. We have a great wealth of talents within our club, we just need to figure out how to tap into it.

There will always be different opinions on the path our club takes. We welcome input and discussion, but we need to try to maintain common courtesy in all conversations and communications. Everyone's views and feelings matter and should be heard. We want a welcoming attitude where everyone feels like they have an equal opportunity to express their thoughts without harsh criticism.

If you would like to be more involved and make a bigger impact on the future direction of our Club, please consider running for Board or Officer in the upcoming elections in November. All current members in attendance are eligible to vote. Nominations begin at the October Meeting, concluding at the November Meeting, with elections immediately following. Come make an impact on your club path into the future.

Notes from the President con't....

We have heard that not everyone is getting club information. If you know of someone that isn't getting our newsletters, following us on the Facebook page, checking the webpage, or isn't attending meetings, please reach out to them and pass relevant info on to them.

I am looking forward to seeing more members at our workdays, Sept 15th & 16th. We plan on working on the "To Do List" throughout the week and anyone can join us at whatever time works out best for them. We are excited about expanding the trails through our wooded 10 acres. While we are having a professional forestry machine take down the biggest trees and densest brush it will still take some manual labor from us to complete it. Bring your loppers, chainsaws, and weed whips out and let's make our trails awesome. Happy Trails!

Lyric

VOLUNTEER TO DO LIST.....

Volunteer Examples...*whether on, or off*

premises working at a listed volunteer position at horse show, clinics, fundraisers, or similar events.

(Ring steward, gate attendant, trail boss, rec. info, meal prep, concession, etc...)

Workdays Examples...*cleaning clubhouse,*

flower garden upkeep, mowing, arena upkeep,

tree trimming, trash pick up, painting, repair on

buildings, etc...