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In case you are wondering who the heck, Kristi Thompson, your new newsletter editor is? I would like to introduce myself.

I am from Rigby, ID. The home of our President, Randy Olson and his wonderful wife, Cathy. My husband and I have been fox trotter owners and breeders for 13 years and have been members of BSFTA for several years. As far as I am concerned there is no better breed!

I would like to encourage all of our club members to participate in making this newsletter a source of information about our club and its members.

I welcome any pictures or news that you have to share. Please feel free to email me or call me with any news that you would like included in your newsletter.

I look forward to doing this newsletter and hope to make it interesting and informative for you.



Randy & Cathy Olson's stallion CR Rocky's Golden Devil's 4 year old daughter CR Naughty by Nature (Noodle) now owned by Kelley Chaffee of Rigby, Idaho won a reining championship on 8/5/2009 in Idaho against all QH reining horses. Kelley has done an outstanding job with Noodles training this past year.

The Banquet and Awards Night Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2010. Look for more details to come!

# BIG SKY FOXTROTTER SHOW RESULTS

## Performance

### Open 3 gait Champion -

#### **Greenbriar's I'm A Gunslinger Too**

Shown by Melissa Ambrose -owned by Sharon Pruitt

#### **Reserve: Checkmate's Sundance N**

Suzanne Nebeker

### Amateur 3 Gait

#### **GR Patriot's Travelin Silverado**

Thea Gervais

#### **Reserve: Main Man's Susi Cue**

Annette Padgett

### Open 2 Gait Champion

#### **Checkmate's Sundance N**

Suzanne Nebeker

#### **Reserve: Greenbriar's I'm A Gunslinger Too**

Shown by Melissa Ambrose -owned by Sharon Pruitt

### Amateur 2 Gait Champion

#### **GR Patriot's Travelin Silverado**

Thea Gervais

#### **Reserve: Playboy's Jumping Jack Flash**

Bob Womack

### Youth 2 Gait Champion

#### **Playboy's Best Effort.**

shown by Payton Miller- owned by Chad Miller

#### **Reserve: Bitterroot Toddy**

Shown by Mason Miller-owned by Bob Womack

## Ranch Horse

### Open Champion

#### **Goldy Cloud's Jubalation**

Shown by Kamille-Strong Roseman  
owned by Dennis & Sandy Bromley

### Reserve Champion

#### **Ozark's Golden Tradition N**

Suzanne Nebeker

### Amateur Champion

#### **GR Patriot's Travelin Silverado**

Thea Gervais

### Reserve Champion

#### **CR Shadow Of A Storm**

Randy Olson

### Youth Champion

#### **Jake's Elvis J**

Shown by Stephanie Harper-Owned by Robin Gabel

### Reserve Champion

#### **Tattoo's Gretchen Wilson D**

Bria Felt

## Versatility

### Open Champion

#### **Ozark's Golden Tradition N**

Suzanne Nebeker

### Reserve Champion

#### **Goldy Cloud's Jubalation**

Shown by Kamille-Strong Roseman  
owned by Dennis & Sandi Bromley

### Amateur Champion

#### **CR Shadow of a Storm**

Randy Olson

### Reserve Champion

#### **GR Patriot's Travelin Silverado**

Thea Gervais

## BIG SKY FOXTROTTER SHOW RESULTS CONT.

### Youth Champion

**Tattoo's Gretchen Wilson D**  
Bria Felt

### Reserve Champion

**Montana's Golden Willow "P"**  
Jessica Peterson

## All Around

### Open Champion

**Goldy Cloud's Jubalation**  
Shown by Kamille Strong-Roseman  
for Dennis & Sandi Bromley

### Amateur Champion

**GR Travelin Silverado Patriot**  
Thea Gervais

### Youth High Point

Tie between Payton Miller on **Playboy's Best Effort**  
and Jessica Peterson on **Montana's Golden Willow "P"**



### Send in your pictures!

Send in pictures of your trail rides, show pictures, clinic pictures etc. to be use in future issues. They can be emailed to Kristi at [modit@srv.net](mailto:modit@srv.net)

*"A horse is a projection of people's dreams about themselves- strong, powerful, beautiful- and it has the capability of giving us escape from our own mundane existence" ~ Pam Brown*

## Intermountain Versatility Circuit Results

Big Sky Foxtrotter Show, Great Western Celebration, Big Horn Basin Foxtrotter Show

### Open Versatility High Point -

**Goldy Cloud's Jubalation**  
owned by Dennis & Sandy Bromley  
shown by Kamille Strong-Roseman

### Amateur Versatility High Point -

**CR Shadow of a Storm**  
owned by Randy & Cathy Olson  
shown by Randy Olson

### Youth Versatility High Point -

**Tattoo's Gretchen Wilson D**  
owned and shown by Bria Felt

### Ranch Versatility High Point -

**Goldy Cloud's Jubalation**  
owned by Dennis & Sandy Bromley  
shown by Kamille Strong-Roseman

## Congratulations!

(All circuit champions are receiving Dale Chavez personalized belt buckles)

## Winter Care for Your Horse

Horses have special needs during the cold weather to assure they will stay healthy and in good condition. Horses are very tolerant of cold; in fact, horses tend to be far more stressed by heat than cold.

Going into winter a horse should be free of parasites, in good flesh, and properly immunized. A horse shouldn't lose weight in the winter. In fact, a little extra layer of fat tends to act as an insulator and provides energy reserves during stress.

The horse's winter coat is a natural defense against the cold. When allowed to grow, a horse's natural coat acts as a very effective thermal blanket, it increases both in length and density as the days grow shorter. The coat is naturally greasy, which helps it repel snow, ice and sleet. If you blanket your horse be sure you take it off and brush him often. A blanket that is not warm enough is worse than no blanket at all because a blanket keeps the coat flat causing loss of insulating ability.

Extra calories are particularly important for older horses in winter. Horses will huddle together in cold and wind to decrease heat loss. They will also stop moving to conserve energy. It is not unusual to see horses running in cold weather. The muscular contractions involved in running results in heat production.

Horses will sometimes decrease their water intake as temperatures fall. This can lead to greater incidence of impaction and colic. Ideally water should be warmed so that the horse will consume adequate amounts. Water should be available at all times. Recent studies have shown a 40% increase in water intake when horses are offered warm water on wintry days.

Stalling is not necessary but protection from the wind and moisture is necessary. Horses provided with shelter will require less feed to maintain body weight and are less stressed.

Check your fences periodically. The level of snow can short out a fence line and hungry animals are more apt to challenge a fence.

Horse owners will have much less labor and healthier horses if they are turned out during the winter months. Many horse wintered in closed barns develop respiratory problems.

## Trail Horses, Champions in Another World by Dan Aadland

Up in the high mountain country, accompanied by two young horses on whom my life depended, the recent words of a friend from the world of gaited show horses, came back to me. He was discussing a mare he had for sale. "She won't make it in the show ring," he said, but she'd make someone a dandy trail horse." In other words the mare in question could not hit just the right steps to impress a judge and win a ribbon, but she was perfectly capable of the things my trail horses had just been through. How preposterous! I've heard the same line from all sorts of equestrian specialists. "He won't make a roping horse, but..." She's not dressage caliber, but..." And each time after the but, is the same piece of misinformation, that the horse will surely make a good trail horse.

I've become quite aggressive in my answers to this line. "What makes you think your reject from reining (dressage or show or jumping) could live up to my requirements as a trail horse? Could this horse spend several days on a trail carrying a heavy man, leading a pack horse, ascend from 5500 feet elevation to 9600, then go back down, back up, and back down again; progress through a string of loose, free running horses without panic, meet moose and elk on the trail with some fear, yes, but without losing composure; cross countless streams of various sizes; cross many bridges; be ridden and led off-trail, progress with surefooted security on a trail so rocky it had been blasted out of the mountainside with dynamite; negotiate deadfall in the forest off-trail and parts of the trail not cleared; graze hobbled and stand quietly tied to a highline?

There is much more. Can as a pack horse this horse accept the bumps and bangs of pack boxes hitting trees he veered too close to or accept as a lead horse a lead rope creeping up under his tail? The trail horse is the ultimate equine generalist. He is in every respect what mankind from ancient times until today has sought as a "saddle horse". In this sense, many arena champions are not saddle horses. They have too often been bred and trained to excel at one specialized activity and they do not possess the range of physical and mental attributes I need to keep me safe on a trail ride where the unexpected may happen at any time.

# Buckaroo Wisdom

By Buck Toff

I was at the trail head yesterday about to ride out my second colt when up drives ol' Ima Gungel. I watched Ima for a while and I have to say that fella is lucky he ain't been shot dead.

First, he don't know how to back a trailer so he hasta pull in all cockeyed so he can pull straight out. Now that takes up room for about five more trailers.

Ima unloads ol' Dobbin and leaves his trailer door open and flappin in the wind, and it swings over and knocks out a taillight on the next trailer. Then, he ties up ol' Dobbin to the trailer on a lead about twenty feet long and goes off to the outhouse.

We know what's gonna happen and it does. Ol' Dobbin pulls back (cause Ima ain't got him halter broke) and his back legs fold up and he is purt soon wrapped up in his lead rope, with all intents of breakin' his fool leg. Fortunately for ol' Dobbin, a coupla well intentioned ladies stampede over and set the poor horse free. But 'cause ol Ima tied the sonovagun with a knot that would hold a Percheron stud in heat, the ladies hadda cut the rope and they cut it mighty close to ol' Dobbin's halter.

Now the ladies were well intentioned, but the now shortened lead rope was way too short for them to get holt of ol Dobbin in his current state of anxiety. So, ol' Dobbin's off to the races with the well intentioned ladies in hot pursuit. And outta sight they go.

About thirty seconds after their swift disappearance here comes Ima Gungel, smilin'and lookin' pretty punchy in his cowboy attire. His smile disappeared pretty quick when he rounds the trailer and sees that his horse is gone. Ima quickly dissolves into a state of panic. First, he don't see what's left of the tie rope hangin' to the trailer, then he starts lookin' round to see who stolt his horse. Ol Ima is a sendin' out some powerful threaten' words about how he's gonna do some shootin' here directly. The bad words are flyin' like feathers in a wind storm when ol Dobbin comes awheelin back though the trailers at about a hunnert miles a hour. A bit later here comes the two well intentioned ladies hollerin' words that would embarrass a drill sergeant, sweat drippin and them funny lookin' boots that goes half way to their waist all muddy and their tight pants was some torn from the bushes ol' Dobbin had run 'em through.

Before the ladies could pursue ol Dobbin outta the trail head parking lot again, Ima starts hollerin' that they better stop tryin' to steal his horse. Well, folks, the well intentioned ladies both did slidin' stops that woulda won the futurity. And roll backs that brought tears to my eyes. Man, if I could get ol' Frank to stop and turn like that, man. Now the ladies come at Ima like them zombies in Night of the Living Dead, only a bunch faster. Ima stood his ground for about two seconds, then he folds in two gettin outta there. The well intentioned ladies justa bout had him when he slammed the outhouse door.

One of the well intentioned ladies kepta kickin' and bangin' on the door while the other remembered that no well equipped trail rider ever left home without a hammer and nails in the trailer. They was loaded and gone about two minutes after gettin Ima pretty well secured in the outhouse.

I went over and put a loop over ol Dobbin, led him into the trailer and closed the door. Last I heard of Ima was some catawallerin about needin help gettin outta the outhouse. Seems to me that is where they put stuff like ol Ima.

## **Big Sky Fox Trotter Association**

Minutes for the September 26, 2009 meeting--draft version

Jerry and Gen Christison's home, Helena, MT

**Call to Order:** President Randy Olson called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Officers and board members attending the meeting were President Randy Olson, Vice-President Bobbi Dyrud, Western Director Kristina Tracer, Central Director Jerry Christison, Eastern Director Gail Hansen, and Director-at-Large Bob Womack. Absent were Secretary Annette Padgett, Treasurer Donna Goss and Director-at Large Pete Peterson. Others attending the meeting were Mary Auger, Doris Guse, Lelia Hansen, Gale Mowry, Cathy Olson, and Karen Philips. Lauren Johansson, Annette Padgett, and Leslie Womack submitted proxy votes. Guests attending were Claude Aaberge, Joshua Brassard, Wilma Brassard, and Jordan Glosser (daughter of charter member and former webmaster John Glosser).

**Introduction:** President Randy thanked Jerry and Gen for hosting the meeting at their beautiful home, and he thanked the members who came and showed their support for the meeting and organization. He said we have had problems getting participation and he plans to do some things to improve that. He will send a letter to all members asking them to step up and asking for their input regarding what they want from the club. We need to get more people and younger people involved. Some older members have been doing a lot for the club for many years and want to continue to be involved but not to the same degree as they have been. His goal is to encourage involvement from more BSFTA members. The youth program is non-existent and needs to be organized. Bob Womack will contact members Chad, Becky and Peyton Miller regarding this program. Randy wants to see events organized for youth and adult members in their regions, something that could be handled by regional directors. Randy sent an email to members about this meeting and got lots of feedback. One suggestion was from our webmaster Lauren Johansson about using software (like Skype) and web cams, which would allow members to participate in meetings from a distance.

**Correspondence:** Karen Philips, acting secretary for Annette, read a note from Bryce Jepperson who thanked BSFTA for sponsoring the Ranch Horse Cutting class he won at the Big Horn Basin Fox Trotter show. She read a note from Susan Gardner who renewed her 2009 membership and who asked if she could add BSFTA to the Mission Ranger Saddle Club's mailing list so they can send information to us about the annual Bison Ride they host near Moiese, MT. Members agreed. Randy mentioned an email he received from Terrie Griffith (our national regional representative) regarding the affiliate program's benefits, which include paying for part of the cost of booths at horse expos like the one Annette and other members are hosting this weekend in Hamilton, MT. Cathy Olson circulated a packet she requested from Val Strong (Utah Fox Trotter Association secretary) on youth program ideas.

**Minutes:** Kristina Tracer moved that we accept the June 27, 2009 minutes as sent to members via email and published on the club's website (bigskyfta.org). Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bobbi Dyrud read the report prepared by treasurer Donna Goss. Our current balance is \$6,532.63. Donna also prepared a report on the 2009 show at Sapphire Event Center. Income was \$3,858 from class registration fees, \$3,700 from sponsorships, and \$2,500 from UNIVAR for a total of \$10,058. Expenses so far are \$9,100.79 but more bills from members need to be turned in. The temporary show balance is \$957.21. Randy said the Intermountain Versatility Circuit competitors brought in an additional \$1,000. Jerry Christison moved that we approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Committee Chairmanships:** Randy will be reassigning committee chairs and will contact current committee chairs regarding these changes.

**Trail Rides:** Gail Hansen and Jerry Christison are interested in working on the 2010 National Trail Ride. Gail and Jerry, along with Mark Goss, will investigate the Sundance Lodge, located near Wise River in the Big Hole and on the back side of the Pintler Mountains, for a possible site.

**2010 Nominations:** Current officers and directors have been and will be contacted to see if they want to run again for 2010 positions. Members at the meeting also volunteered to run for office. The goal is to have a ballot of nominees and proposed bylaws changes sent to members by the end of October. Any member who wants to run for office should contact president Randy Olson (208-745-7631 or [colson10@msn.com](mailto:colson10@msn.com)) or secretary Annette Padgett (406-777-0577 or [padgettboys4@msn.com](mailto:padgettboys4@msn.com)). Bob Womack mentioned how important it is to have someone who may want to be a future show chair or show secretary shadow someone who is doing that job.

**2009 National Trail Ride in Wyoming:** Mary Auger reported that the ride was held in a beautiful area of the Big Horn National Forest, although the road grade to get there and back was steep. There were over 40 riders, a variety of ride lengths and, although stormy at night, good weather during the day. The Forest Service there is very service-oriented and user friendly. Many thanks to Gary and Tanya Becker for organizing another very popular trail ride.

### **Old Business:**

**Bylaws:** After a brief discussion, Jerry Christison moved to schedule a meeting of officers and directors on October 10 (Missoula, Jokers Wild if available, 11:30 a.m.) to review and finalize proposed changes to the bylaws so they can be submitted to the membership for a vote (as is required by current bylaws). The meeting is open to all members but voting will be by officers and directors. Motion passed. Current bylaws are available to view or print on the website at [bigskyfta.org](http://bigskyfta.org).

**Corporate Sponsorships/Partnerships:** Randy is still working with Mark Goss on the concept of official sponsors for the club. They will research typical costs and benefits to companies. When that is done, Karen Philips will approach our current sponsors to see if any of them are interested. Bobbi Dyrud reported that grants are available from the Dennis Washington Foundation for activities that support groups like Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding. She and Bob volunteered to write a grant application for Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding group's participation at next year's show, if it is held at Sapphire Event Center. UNIVAR now limits their donation funding to higher education programs. Jack and Bob Womack will contact UNIVAR regarding how we can support this new direction.

### New Business:

**2010 Banquet/Awards Night and Annual Meeting:** Missoula Country Club is available in January for the annual banquet and awards night. Annette volunteered to meet with the management there to select a date, finalize complete meal prices, and determine if space is available two hours before the banquet for the annual meeting. Discussion followed on whether to schedule the annual meeting before the banquet or the following day. Jerry Christison moved that we have the meeting on Saturday, two hours before the social hour and dinner. Motion passed. Bob Womack agreed to work on the awards and will check with Mark Goss to see if he will help too.

**2010 Annual Show:** Different sites for the show were discussed. Gail Hansen checked the Dillon area and facilities there won't work for our needs. Mark Goss investigated Missoula Fairgrounds and Annette checked Ravalli County Fairgrounds. Last year Bob Womack checked four or five places in the Missoula area and had no luck. Jerry will check on Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds and Rae's Arena (both have indoor and outdoor arenas) for available facilities and costs.

Members and competitors like Sapphire Event Center for a show site, but the two biggest complaints there were the cost of stalls and the charges added on after the contract was signed. To keep stall costs down, Mary Auger suggested that we offer to run cables through stall latches to keep horses out of stalls not rented, and we could have a barn steward. Bob will ask Jack to contact Sapphire regarding contract details for a possible show there next year, making sure that all costs are included.

Randy agreed to serve as 2010 show chair and Cathy Olson volunteered to be show secretary again. She will use the same software that Utah's club uses and that Val Strong provided for our show last year. Cathy said it works very well and makes the show secretary's job much easier.

Bob Womack has the club banner, ribbons and supplies left over from the 2009 show, and Mark Goss has the cow numbers. Gail will take care of ordering buckles again.

Mary Auger purchased a ranch horse competition DVD that shows how to organize ranch horse class scoring in a way that determines winners in all three divisions (youth, amateur and open) when riders compete together in the classes. She has developed a chart showing how this is done.

Members discussed the importance of getting a strong performance judge and preferably not someone from our region of the country, to avoid conflicts of interest. Jack Womack agreed to find a judge for next year's show as soon as possible.

**Intermountain Versatility Circuit:** Members agreed to continue participation in the circuit if it is organized again next year. Mary Auger recommended and Jerry Christison moved that circuit contestants pay an additional two dollars per circuit versatility class to help cover the additional cost for circuit awards. Motion passed. Circuit winners for 2009 were Kamille Strong-Roseman (open division), Randy Olson (amateur), and Bria Felt (youth). Ranch Horse champion was Kamille Strong-Roseman.

**MFTHBA Rule Book:** The new rulebooks are available, and Cathy Olson ordered 15 of them for club members. They will not be mailed out to MFTHBA members unless requested, so members can get one from Cathy at the next meeting or they can contact MFTHBA to get one (no charge for mailing).

**BSFTA newsletter:** Kristi Thompson, a BSFTA member from Rigby, Idaho, has agreed to serve as the newsletter editor. She is currently the Eastern Idaho Gaited Horse Association editor for their monthly newsletter. BSFTA's Publisher software program CD and data will need to be transferred to her. Mary Auger moved that we purchase an external hard drive to back up all club software programs (Publisher, Filemaker, Quicken) and data. Using memory sticks, data files can be sent to the appropriate people. Motion passed.

**Member News:** Karen Philips reported that member Gary Hanson has Mantle Cell Lymphoma, a cancer in the lymph glands. It is a rare cancer that has occurred in the last 30 years and many experts believe Agent Orange, which was used in the Vietnam War, causes it. Gary can be reached by mail at 922 Willow Creek Rd., Corvallis, MT 59828. Our prayers are with him and Catherine.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 and members ate a delicious lunch prepared by Gen Christison. Following lunch, members who brought horses went on a trail ride lead by Jerry.

**Next Meeting:** Special board meeting to discuss and finalize proposed bylaws changes to submit to members for a vote, October 10, Joker's Wild Restaurant (tentative location), Missoula, MT at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Karen Philips for secretary Annette Padgett

## Able Days Horse Expo September 26, 2009

By: Annette Padgett

The Big Sky Fox Trotter Association was a part of the Able Days Horse Expo. We had a beautiful weekend for the Expo. The event was put on by the Willing Servants, Inc. an organization dedicated to preserving the welfare of horses while assisting owners with temporary or permanent placement as an alternative to criminal neglect. So our cost for our booth went to help this good organization. The horse Expo was a two day event from cowboy challenge, to barrel racing, and fun events such as spoon and egg competition. We were the only horse breed there at the Expo. So we had a lot of people coming by our booth to hear about the Missouri Fox Trotter. We had a very nice display of pictures and a video that showed the versatility of the Missouri Fox Trotter. Thank you, Mark, Donna, and Heidi for helping out working at the booth. On the second day we did a presentation of our Missouri Foxtrotters. We had Bill Free who is our Hall of Famer, Thea Gervais who is the World Champion in versatility, Mark Goss doing ranch work, and I doing trail riding. We went on the rail to show them the Fox Trot and the flat foot walk, and we did a nice demonstration on the trail obstacles all of the horses did a wonderful job! We got to demonstrate our horses for 20 minutes. We even made it in the Ravalli Newspaper.

Come and join us next year.

## BSFTA at Two Horse Expos

BSFTA members were involved with fox trotter demonstrations at two events this summer and fall.

Club members Bill Free, Gary and Catherine Hansen, Donna and Mark Goss and Thea Gervais demonstrated the fine qualities of the Missouri Fox Trotter to patrons of the Missoula County Fair in August.

Arranged by the Hansen's, the club members showed a group of onlookers the different gaits and some of the versatility of the Fox Trotter. Many stayed around after the demo to ask questions and a couple even took rides.

The club also demonstrated the Fox Trotter at the Able Days Horse Expo in Hamilton in September. Bill Free, Thea Gervais, Annette Padgett, and Mark Goss impressed a large group of onlookers with the attributes of the Fox Trotter. Mark called the gaits as the others took their horses around the arena in all the fine gaits. Thea even did a hand gallop. After the gait demo, the horses were shown over a set of trail course obstacles that had been used for the Extreme Cowboy Race.

The Fox Trotters did so well that the show people said we should have been in the race as we would have done quite well. So we stayed around for the "fun games" and had some great fun with the egg race, the musical stalls, and the ribbon race.

Annette Padgett arranged the deal and put up the BSFTA booth in the expo display area. We had many people stop by and talk horses and got some real good feedback on our display.

If you hear of a horse event or expo in your area please contact Randy Olson to arrange for some members to attend and set up the booth and do demos. You will have fun and we get to meet a lot of good people. These types of events are a great recruitment tool for new members.



**Big Sky Fox Trotter Association**  
**Officers and Board of Directors Meeting**  
Minutes for the October 10, 2009 (draft version)  
Jokers Wild, Missoula, MT

**Call to Order:** President Randy Olson called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m., following lunch. Officers and board members attending the meeting were President Randy Olson, Vice President Bobbi Dyrud, Secretary Annette Padgett, Treasurer Donna Goss, Directors-at-Large Kristina Tracer, Bob Womack, and Jerry Christison. Others attending the meeting were Karen Philips, Cathy Olsen, and Mark Goss. Ten members attended the meeting.

**President note:** Randy thanked Mary Auger and Karen Philips for all their hard work on updating our By-Laws. Also Randy thanked all the officers and B O D members that have attended this meeting.

**By- Laws.** The Officers and the BOD worked on the amendments that Mary and Karen have found that to be revisited. Karen will send the amendments to Annette so she can mail them out to the members for a vote. The vote will be to accept all of the amendments or not to accept all of the amendments. This will be sent out at the end of October along with the election ballot.

**BSFTA 2010 Show:** Donna gave a report that the show for 2009 ran about \$9,000.00.

Randy said that Bob has some prices at the Sapphire Event Center. And Jerry has some prices at the Helena Fair Grounds. Jerry gave his prices for the Fair Grounds. The Fair Grounds does have a covered arena and a lot of stalls some good and some not so good so we would have to pick out the good ones. The cost for the arena is \$250 per day, which includes one working of the arena. Bob asked if this was one working per day. Jerry said this is only one original working. If we want a working for the other days it would cost \$75 per hour for the working,. The cost for the second and third day would be \$325. They do have camp sites for campers. The cost for the camp sites will be \$20 per day, which includes Electric, and water, and \$15 without and services. The Fair Grounds does have a dump site. Stalls are \$25 for the weekend and a \$5 deposit for cleaning for the stalls. Mark asked about shavings. Jerry will ask about if members come on Wednesday thru Sunday if there will be an extra cost for the stalls, and he will also find out about the shavings, showers, and bathrooms. The indoor arena does have plenty of seating. Randy asked Karen how this will affect the Sponsorships if we go to Helena. Karen said this will have an affect on the businesses that are in the local area. But there are some that will not affect such as the individual sponsorships. The minimum will be about \$2000 that will be affected by sponsorships. There was a discussion on the sponsorships. Bob said that he will try and get Univar again this year for a fundraiser. Bobbi's concern is about the Bitterroot Therapeutic Riding if we host our show in Helena.

Randy asked Bob to present his finding on the Sapphire Event Center. The cost for the arena is \$600 per day with 8 hours of lighting, port potties, and working the arena. The cost for the stalls is \$30 per day. To move the panels for the cow work will be \$50. The minimum will be about \$1800 for the event. And the Univar grant. Jerry will see if there is a Therapeutic riding group there in Helena. There was a vote to have the BSFTA show in Helena, 9 approved and 1 opposed. Then at the Sapphire 10 opposed, Motion passed to have the snow in Helena. Karen said that she will still to her part on the Sponsorships, and will send what she has to Jerry to help him to get sponsorships in Helena. The show will be on July 8-10, 2010, and then the Memorial trail ride will be on July 11, 2009.

**Newsletter:** Randy announced that we have a new newsletter editor. Kristi Thompson said that she will be willing to do it. Mark said that he will send her what he has on the newsletter format. Mark asked if we could have all the Ranch listings and all of the ads go to our web site. Also if the people do not respond to renew their ads for the next month, then the ad will be taken off. But the Stallion ads will remain in the newsletter and on our web site since this is a paid advertisement. Randy asked to get the information to Kristi Thompson.

**New Business:** Donna asked the members if there will be a new treasurer for next year and the QuickBooks software that we have is old, Donna asked if we could get an update version. Cathy said at the last meeting that the club should purchase a hard drive for all three officers, file make, Quick Books, Microsoft Word and Publisher. It was brought up that we buy a flash drive for this.

Annette motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, Karen seconded the motion, Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Annette Padgett  
Secretary

## BIG SKY FOXTROTTERS STALLION LISTINGS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chief's Iron Pirate</b> Dark Chestnut</p> <p>Cottonwood Farm Foxtrotters Jeff &amp; Loriann Stewart 32425 Country Road 43 Greeley, CO 80631 970-378-0795 cff@<b>what</b>-wire.net CFFoxtrotters.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cloud's Jubalation</b> Amber Champagne</p> <p>Mountain Gait Horses Rod &amp; Kristi Thompson 3474 E 200 N Rigby, ID 83442 208-754-4493 modit@srv.net mountaingaihorses.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CR Rocky's Golden Devil</b> Palomino</p> <p>CR Foxtrotters Randy &amp; Cathy Olson 111 N 4100 E Rigby, ID 83442 208-745-7631 colson10@msn.com CRFoxtrotters.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CR Shadow of a Storm</b> Buckskin</p> <p>CR Foxtrotters Randy &amp; Cathy Olson 111 N 4100 E Rigby, ID 83442 208-745-7631 colson10@msn.com CRFoxtrotters.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dynamite R</b></p> <p>Double Creek Foxtrotters Eldo Heinle 3090 South Alaska Rd Bozeman, MT 59718 406-388-4206 DBB1Foxtrotter@earthlink.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GR Patriot's Climax</b> Black</p> <p>Thea Gervais mtgervais@hotmail.com GervaisFoxtrotters.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>High Noon</b> Cremello</p> <p>Aajker Creek Farm W. Toney Bishop Jr. Ellen J Bishop 3100 Branding Iron Road Bozeman, MT 59715 406-223-9477 bishopapp@earthlink.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Honkie Tonk</b> Black</p> <p>Aajker Creek Farm W. Toney Bishop Jr. Ellen J Bishop 3100 Branding Iron Road Bozeman, MT 59715 406-223-9477 bishopapp@earthlink.net</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maple Hills Velvet's</b> Cream</p> <p>Froghorn Ranch CJ &amp; Lauren Johansson PO Box 1572 Malt, MT 59515 406-654-3334 froghorn@froghorn.com Froghorn.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr. Lexus</b> Black Tobiano</p> <p>Double Creek Foxtrotters Eldo Heinle 3090 South Alaska Rd Bozeman, MT 59718 406-388-4206 DBB1Foxtrotter@earthlink.net</p>		

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### For Sale

Living on the Hi-Line, too far from quality trainers, farriers or vets. We're quitting the breeding & training of Fox Trotters

### Froghorn's Total Eclipse (Name & Registration Pending)

DNA eligible & paid

Weanling Filly

Smoky Black

\$250.00

### Froghorn's Serafina

Yearling Filly

08-94473 DNA

Pale Palomino

\$350.00

### Froghorn's Cherries Jubilee

Solid Red Filly

03-78220

Two months with Ty Heth. Broke to saddle, but very sensitive.

\$500.00

### Froghorn's Top Gun

05-87554

Champagne Gelding

\$750.00

There is nothing wrong with these horses, we just can't give them the time they need, and haven't found the talent on the high line to do so. If your interested in any of the mares, or a cremello stallion, make an offer.

Check out our web site at: <http://froghorn.com> for more details.

email: [froghorn@froghorn.com](mailto:froghorn@froghorn.com)

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