



September 14, 2009

Ellie and Woody are AEC champs!

Daughter Ellie MacPhail and I have just returned from a wonderful weekend in Chicago at the American Eventing Championships, where Ellie and Woodstock, left, took the championships in the Preliminary Junior/Young Rider division! Both Woody and Ellie's younger horse, Parador Mail, whom she competed in the Preliminary Horse division, finished on their dressage scores, jumping clear through cross-country and showjumping phases.

This competition high is so welcome after a few disappointments with Woody this past spring and summer. Ellie has been struggling to keep him sound after his 15 years of heavy competition have taken their toll in the form of injury and lameness, culminating in the disappointment of them having to withdraw from the North American Young Rider



Parador Mail at AECs

Championships the end of July after the cross-country phase.

While Ellie realizes Woody won't be an FEI competitor ever again, she looks forward to competing him at the Intermediate and hopefully Advanced level in national horse trials this winter when she returns to Florida to work with Karen and David O'Connor. In the meantime, Ellie is available for riding lessons and horse training at Redtail Ridge Farm. She can be contacted at 614-256-9547 or ebellie@gmail.com.



Several riders have participated in the Rocky Fork Introduction to Foxhunting Clinics

Introduction to Foxhunting Clinics

I continue to work with riders interested in learning more about and training for entry into the foxhunting field. Please contact me at 614-560-7633 or at sally-crane@columbus.rr.com if you have any interest in learning more about this exciting, fun sport.

We have riders of all ability in the hunt field, following as I lead our wonderful pack of foxhounds as they chase the scent of fox and coyote. We have beautiful two-hour rides in various locations throughout central Ohio, followed by lively social occasions with fellow foxhunters.

--Sally Crane



Jager and I on a beautiful fall hunt day.
--John Nance photo

WHAT IS FOXHUNTING WITH ROCKY FORK HEADLEY HUNT?

- An exhilarating way to enjoy riding the woods and fields during the fall and winter months
- Following on horseback and observing our hounds chasing the scent of fox and coyote (no animals are killed in our hunt)
- Being with good friends who share a common love of nature, sport and horses, and the centuries-old traditions of foxhunting
- Riding beautiful hunt territory in Gahanna, Pataskala, Circleville, London, Newark, and Coshocton
- Options for riding at whatever pace you are comfortable with, whether galloping across fields, through the woods and over jumps, or walking and trotting at a

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FOXHUNTING?

The Rocky Fork Headley Hunt is holding a series of clinics free of charge and open to anyone wanting to learn more about this time-honored sport. Clinics include mounted and unmounted instruction on hunt procedures and protocol and the fine art of keeping horse and rider settled and forward while riding over country in a group. Please contact me at 614-560-7633 or RFHH Membership Chair Joan Promen at 614-306-5477 for more information.

--Sally Crane

more moderate pace with no jumping

- Many occasions for fun and friendship at post-hunt “teas,” hunt suppers, the annual hunt ball, summer trail rides, and other events
- Welcome and mentoring of new hunt-club members who may never have had the opportunity to hunt before.

Our hunt is headquartered in Gahanna, Ohio, where it has been located since 1925. We have a brand-new 40-hound kennel and an historic home that serves as our social gathering-place, decorated in country style and filled with nostalgic photography taking us back to the origins of the hunt in central Ohio.

REDTAIL RIDGE FARM 2009 RATES AND FEES

Redtail Ridge Farm Membership

(free schooling of cross-country course for one year; free haul-in)

	\$150/12 months
Schooling cross-country course/arena	\$25/rider; \$10/junior rider
Haul-in fee (RRF members exempt)	\$10/trailer
Trailer parking (when available)	\$25/month
Temporary stabling (when available)	\$35/night
Boarding (when available; varies in stall size)	\$600/month; \$450/month
Show fees	Contact show manager
Training	\$30/hour for private lesson

Redtail Ridge Farm
 6066 Northridge Road
 Johnstown, Ohio 43031
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Redtail Ridge Show Series

The Redtail Ridge Farm show series this summer, managed by Stephanie Eurez, has been a big success. Dozens of people participated in the combined tests and eventing derby in May and August. Thanks again to Stephanie and her crew for putting together fun, safe and successful events!



The farm was bustling with riders at the May 30 Combined Test.
--Sally Crane photo

May, 2009 Combined Test Results

Intro Division

- 1 Karl Bletzacker / Mojo
- 2 Madeline Bletzacker / Broad-N-Gentilly
- 3 Mara Restifo / Born Fancy
- 4 Barb Cherosky / Whathername
- 5 Madeline Bletzacker / Hattie
- 6 Jamie Comisford / Nemo

Very Green Division

- 1 Jennifer Wilkes / Bold Winter Diamond
- 2 Kay George / Girl Talk
- 3 Chelsea Buskirk / Casper's Revenge
- 4 Katherine Psychogios / Apache
- 5 Madeline Bletzacker / Hattie
- 6 Chloe Coleman / Incognito

Baby Beginner Novice Division

- 1 Linda Fitzsimmons / Smoke-N-Steel
- 2 Tara Williamson / Lena's Lucky Badger
- 3 Autumn Grogan / Jigsaw Jazz
- 4 Monica Ryan / Cool Man Bragg
- 5 Amy Comisford / Hawkeye
- 6 Natalie Gordon / Marfalous Star

Beginner Novice

- 1 Jill Kessler / Sparkle Plenty
- 2 Natalie Gordon / Marfalous Star
- 3 Rachel Rossin / Keep It Simple Simon
- 4 Bobbie Brocious / Jigsaw Jazz

Novice

- 1 Robin DeVore / Charlie
- 2 Robin DeVore / Gracie
- 3 Becky Borden / Roman Gladiator