



# Indiana Fox Trotter Association

## Allen County Equestrian Trails – Ribbon Cutting Day—May 16

Carol Heingartner, Tammy Grant and her husband Scott and I went to the ribbon cutting ceremony at Three Rivers Trail and obstacle course. The trails are flat, in woods and around fields. On this day the trails were quite muddy and also a lot of mosquitoes from all of our spring showers. Several border roads with heavy trucks going pass frequently, but you had enough area between you and the road and the horses took it all easily.

After lunch Tammy and I tried to tackle the obstacles. It was fun at times and trying at times. Rocky did not like the fresh wood to step up on. But he did the tall mazes well, except for the backing up part! That was a whole other experience. Can we say Hi Ho Silver! We did tackle the bridge and curtain and some other ones. Tammy and her horse Syd did better than us on the fresh wood step ups. They were able to conquer some of the obstacles.

My word of advice is to do the obstacles first when your horse is fresh.

The parking lot is gravel and large. There is a nice staging area for mounting.

There is water for the horses and a pit toilet.

Donations are gladly accepted on an honor pole.

It's a fun place to try you and your horse's skills.



The left picture is the overflow parking area. Carol and Blaze are standing on the lower **portion** of the pyramid obstacle. The right picture is of the west trailhead. The foxtrotters made it into the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette!



Local Government

New Allen County equestrian trails, obstacle course opens to public

Submitted by Kathy Shafer

### Upcoming Organizational Rides:

- **September 6 - 8 / Versailles State Park (make reservations ASAP, limited sites)**
- **September 20 - 22 / Brown Country State Park.**
- **October 4 - 6 / O'Bannon State Park**
- **Dave & Joann will be hosting at their new 220 acre compound in Kentucky, when they are moved and ready for visitors.**
- **A long fall ride has not yet been determined. Thinking Elkins Creek, Ohio??**
- **We usually have a get together if the weather is suitable for riding on weekends in July and August. These will be posted on our face-book page so you can join us!**

I have heard of a restaurant that you can ride to from the Versailles horse campground. It is called Browning's, but that is all the information I have. If anyone has more information about this place and the trail needed to ride there, please contact Kathy Shafer, President, at [showmethpaints@yahoo.com](mailto:showmethpaints@yahoo.com)

### Side Note:

A few years ago, Brenda, Carol and I went to Culver Academies in Culver Indiana to watch a co-ed polo match.

We had a great time and learned a lot. We also got a tour of the equestrian facility and history of the buildings and programs. My friend works there, so we even got a behind the scenes tour.

I am hoping to go again this season. Here are the events coming up later this year.

These are all home games and played in the Vaughn Equestrian Center on campus.

November 4 - Saturday -

November 11 / 12 - Saturday or Sunday

December 2 / 3 - Saturday or Sunday

December 8 / 9 - Friday or Saturday (Open varsity)

Hello fellow riders

Please send me your notes, articles and pictures of you and your friends riding your foxtrotters to be used in future articles!

Or just something interesting you have been working on with your horse. Thank You. Carol

Send to [heiny52@embarqmail.com](mailto:heiny52@embarqmail.com)

## Deam Lake SRA - MFTHBA National Trail Ride - May 31 - June 2

**19 riders registered - Indiana's biggest turnout!**

**Auction revenue of \$801.00**

**50/50 revenue of \$104.00**

Several campers arrived on Wednesday and Thursday, including the Tennessee group. The weather was fair, so great riding. On Friday we started with the organized rides. Unfortunately due to an injury I could not ride or take a group out.

Carol Heingartner took a very large group out with 17 riders. They rode the lake and dam trail.

After lunch at camp they went back out with the help of Carol, Cheryl Gramling and Susan Bannwart to guide. They rode Dry Fork and out to the stone house. Other smaller groups also rode on their own.

Saturday rain was forecasted. John Heldt was able to take a group out for a 4 hour ride before it was too wet. The Tennessee group did their own ride along with some others.

Saturday evening we had a wonderful carry in with the association providing fried chicken and everyone brought a dish to share.

We then had the 50/50 drawing. That was new this year. I was the lucky winner! So during the tack auction, which followed the dinner I made several purchases.

The auction went well with John as our auctioneer. Always, a lot of fun.

Sunday was extremely wet so everyone packed up and went home.

Our numbers keep increasing for this ride and I am very grateful for it.

I'd like to thank everyone for helping make the NTR a success!

Also members Carol, John and Patty Heldt for helping with the rides, 50/50 drawing and auction.

If I missed anyone I'm truly sorry. It takes the association as a whole to have success.

Tennessee riders, thanks for coming!

See you all next year. Sam Gerhardt and I already started planning.



Trail ride



Kathy's injury



Susan on JC (Jiminy Cricket)



Sue, Dianna, Rita and Susan



National Trail Ride - MFTHBA

Tippecanoe State Park - North Riders

May 17, 18, 19

Susan, Tammy, Kathy, Pam, Carol



We had a great turn out, and the trails were in good shape considering all the rain we had. While on one of the trails we did encounter a lot of water and an area that was impassable, but we were lucky to have a trail blazer in the group. Susan pulled out her beloved knife and cut a spot through. [Click](#) for video.

All the horses and riders did great. Miss Jett spooked at a sign in the campground and her and Pam just about ended up in Blaze and Carol's lap! But all recovered and continued on!

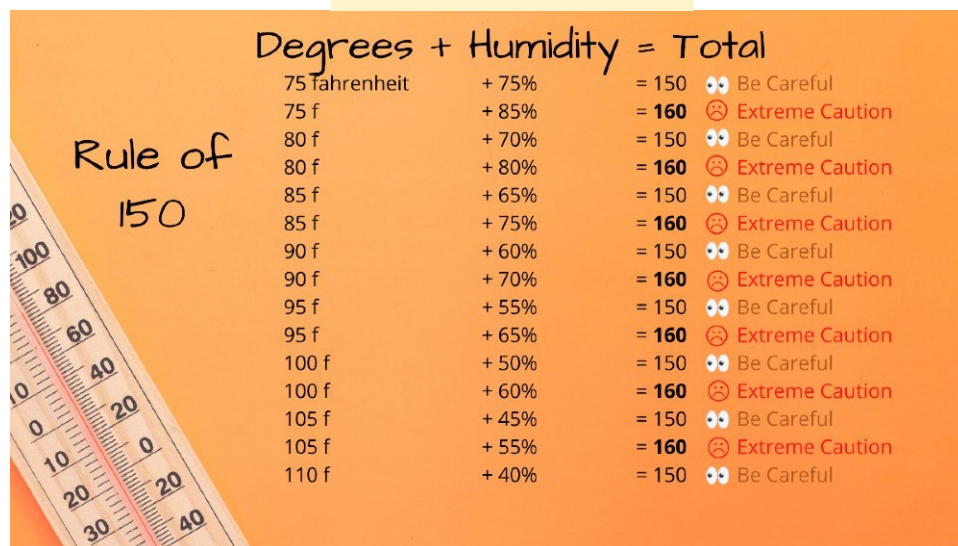
The best part of every ride and gathering is being able to spend time with our beautiful horses and the amazing friends we've made along the way. Looking forward to more adventures.

Submitted by Pam Siefert



Brenda & Susan

How Hot is Too Hot



There are a variety of ways to help your horse cope with sweltering days. You may want to use just one method or try them all and see which one works best for your equine friend. These may include:

- freezing food in ice cubes and offering them to your horse as a treat
- placing cold packs on their legs or neck
- using a cooling blanket
- providing a sprinkler or misting system for your horse to walk through or stand-in
- ensuring your barn has plenty of airflows to help with sweat evaporation