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## KEL-MAC SADDLE CLUB NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020



### **YOUR 2020 Kel-Mac Officers**

Front row (seated): Susie Cottongim (Show Chairperson), and Rosemary Vogel (Secretary)

Back row (standing): Susan Walton (Vice President), Gloria Belvan (Treasurer), Dave Yann (President), and Sharon Wood (Trail Boss)

## **KEL-MAC SADDLE CLUB MINUTES OF MEETING**

**February 18, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President, Dave Yann, at the Oconee County Library, Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville at 7:00 p.m.

**Speaker:** Susan Akin was our speaker. She can be contacted at 706-207-1742. She is in the process of relocating her business to Greene County. Her specialty is saddle and tack repair on all kinds of saddles. She also has an extensive collection of various saddles. She has been in the business for 13 years. She opened the floor to questions. One member requested information on how to prevent mildew on our saddles and tack. Susan said that there are three things that are needed for mildew: humidity, darkness and carbon base material (leather). Her recommendation is to keep the tack area lit, keep the air circulating, and use a leather care product that helps prevent mildew. (I use Damp Rid in my trailer, which pulls the moisture out of the air).

A test was done on three bridles. Nothing was done to the first bridle. An unspecified conditioner was used on the second bridle, and Rudy's conditioner was used on the third bridle. Mildew showed up on the first bridle in two days, on the second one in two weeks, and on the third one in three months.

Susan recommended that we clean tack with a glycerine soap, let it air dry, and then apply a conditioner, once a month. Try a conditioner that contains a fungicide. After applying oil or conditioner, let leather dry, then buff it out. Do NOT use olive oil: it rots the stitches. A question came up regarding the McClellan saddle. She shared an interesting bit of information. If the saddle was used by the military, it was black, and if used by a civilian, it was brown.

When purchasing a saddle be sure to ask what kind of tree is in the saddle, and what kind of warranty. If you have adjustments made to the saddle be sure it doesn't void the warranty. Also, the preferred hardware is brass or stainless steel.

Thank you Susan for an informative talk, and best of luck with your new location.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes were approved as published in the Kel-Mac Monthly Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gloria Belvan gave the Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance from Last Month:	\$7,102.02
Deposits:	\$710.00
Withdrawals:	<u>-\$2,062.60</u>
Ending Balance:	\$5,749.36

**Show Report:** Susie Cottongim reported that everything is going smoothly with show

preparations. The ribbons have been ordered and Sponsorships are beginning to come in. The Show Committee met, and there is one event added for those that have Miniature horses. There will be a Mini Halter Class. Please check with your vendors/banks/feed stores, etc. and get those sponsorships in ASAP.

**Trail Report:** Sharon Wood announced that the last two camp-outs, A.H. Stephens and Lakeview Plantation (SC) were a success in spite of the off and on rain. The riders were able to get their rides in all three days. I'm sure the food was in abundance also. Unfortunately, the day ride was cancelled for January due to the rain. February's day ride is scheduled for February 22 at Watson Mill Bridge State Park instead of Heritage Park. Park officials requested no trail riding for a while since the overly wet trails are subject to damage. Our next camp-out will be held at H. Cooper Black in Cheraw, SC. From March 19 to 22. Our group will be in the Barn Loop. Rosemary Vogel, 706-498-0739 ([vogel.rosemary@yahoo.com](mailto:vogel.rosemary@yahoo.com)) is the coordinator. Let me know if you would like to join us. Go to [reserve.southcarolinaparks.com](http://reserve.southcarolinaparks.com) for more information and to make your reservations.

**Calvin Center:** Susan Walton, Jan and Dave Yann, and Sherry Hill visited the facility in Hampton Georgia. The Calvin Center is a therapeutic facility for veterans, and was one of the recent recipients of a Kel-Mac charitable donation. A representative from the Calvin Center invited members to come to the center for a review of their operation. They were very impressed with the veterans' participation. They do need volunteers that are knowledgeable in equine care, such as tacking up and general equine handling. Unfortunately, you must be a veteran to volunteer. This criteria eliminates many of us who would love to assist.

#### **Old Business:**

1. College Fund: applications were sent out by Valerie Puryear. Several people have already applied, and there is still time for other folks to apply. The recipient will be announced at the May Show.

#### **Vice President:**

1. Susan Walton asked for suggestions for speakers. An interest was expressed in having a veterinarian micro-chip our horses at one of our barn meetings this summer. We will look into the costs and requirements, and will keep you updated.
2. Reminder that Susan requested all members to keep track of the hours that they volunteer for all Kel-Mac events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Happy Trails

Rosemary Vogel, Secretary



### **Lakeview Plantation Camping Trip, by Debbie McDonald**

The February Kel-Mac camping trip was February 7-9, 2020 at Lakeview Plantation in Fairfax, South Carolina. This was Lakeview's planned ride to celebrate Valentine's Day, and there were a good number of other riders in attendance. Due to the amount of rain on Thursday everyone decided to wait until Friday to arrive. Barbara and Jim Cumming, Tricia and Terry Adams, Pat Allen, Sharon Wood, Kay Stringfellow, Carlos and I attended (see riders in the picture above). Everyone arrived safely, even with a shredded trailer tire for the Adams! It was windy that afternoon, but some of us did get a short ride in before a delicious dinner provided by Sharon and Kay. We all appreciated the campfire after dinner as it was cooler than expected.

Saturday morning the sky was overcast, and after a leisurely breakfast with the Cummings and Pat Allen, everyone saddled up for a ride. While riding, Sharon's horse Priscilla lost her footing in the sand and went down, rolling on Sharon. She had a very sore, tight shoulder and swollen knee, but nothing was broken. Thankfully Sharon wasn't hurt badly and Priscilla was fine. As we all got back on our horses, Carlos' stirrup leather broke!

Thanks to Jim and Barbara's ingenuity we borrowed a nylon strap to tie the stirrup on to finish the ride. The group elected to have Saturday night dinner with the Lakeview host. I think it was the biggest T-bone steak I have ever seen!! Several of our group also enjoyed dancing after supper. We spent the remainder of the evening around the campfire socializing and marveling at Jim's fire chimney fashioned from a semi-hollow log. Sharon added a couple of packs of the flame tint to the fire as an added bonus. Sunday morning brought another leisurely, delicious breakfast with Tricia, Terry and us followed by a final ride before everyone headed home. The time spent with friends and horses was great and I look forward to our next adventure!

### **A Message from Susie Cottongim, Show Chairperson**

Goodbye, February, hello, March! Can April be far behind? Now is the time to be thinking of getting tuned up for the upcoming shows. Do you remember where you last saw your bridle?

We are behind getting our sponsorships. Please be sure to get them in soon so we can reprint our programs. I can't stress enough how important they are to the success of our show year.

It's not too early to make up your mind what your horse's name really is, and maybe yours too. You think I'm kidding? Just ask Barbara. The rules and class descriptions are online. If you need a printed copy, contact Barbara Cumming or me. There are not many changes, but it pays to review. We combined a few classes, and added a mini halter class due to popular demand.

The barn is calling, and I'm sure the horses have left plenty of presents. I don't know why I brush these critters. They don't look much different when I'm finished. The outside of a horse is bad for your clothes.

### **Scholarship Opportunity**

The club is once again offering a \$500 scholarship to currently active Kel-Mac members. Eligible applicants must be high school seniors who are moving on to college, or members who are currently enrolled in college. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2020. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the May 9, 2020, show. All applications will be reviewed by a 5 committee members. The scholarship can only be awarded once to any recipient. We encourage all eligible members to apply! [Contact Valerie at](#)

[vpuryear@gmail.com](mailto:vpuryear@gmail.com) for an application.



Please join us for our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide  
GA Department of Natural Resources  
Equestrian Workday

Saturday - March 14th, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

Rain or Shine

Help show GA DNR personnel how much we appreciate and need these safe places to ride and camp with our horses.

Volunteer at any one of these GA DNR locations on March 14th:

*Note: You must sign up in advance with the appropriate contact so that we have an accurate count for lunch and can plan tasks for the day.*

**A.H. Stephens State Park**, Crawfordville, GA

Kathy White \* (706) 614-8348 \* [kjwhite1@bellsouth.net](mailto:kjwhite1@bellsouth.net)

**Charlie Elliott WMA**, Mansfield, GA

Sue Cahill \* (770) 784-3059 \* [sue.cahill@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:sue.cahill@dnr.ga.gov)

**Don Carter State Park**, Gainesville, GA

Steven Emery \* (678) 450-7726 \* [steven.emery@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:steven.emery@dnr.ga.gov)

**F.D. Roosevelt State Park**, Pine Mountain, GA

Tracy Flory \* (678) 887-4909 \* [tracyflory@gmail.com](mailto:tracyflory@gmail.com)

**General Coffee State Park**, Nicholls, GA

Jackie Clay \* (912) 384-7082 \* [jackie.clay@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:jackie.clay@dnr.ga.gov)

**Hard Labor Creek State Park**, Rutledge, GA

David Guzman \* (706) 557-3001 \* [david.guzman@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:david.guzman@dnr.ga.gov)

**Watson Mill Bridge State Park**, Comer, GA

Wendy Bond \* (706) 201-1307 \* [trailridespecial@yahoo.com](mailto:trailridespecial@yahoo.com)

**Lunch and drinks will be provided for those who sign up.**

**Please bring tools such as a shovel, gloves, pruners, etc.**

**Spread the word and share this flyer with other equestrians and clubs!**

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## **2020 CLASS SPONSORS CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS SPONSORS**

**Cotton Top Farm – Susie Cottongim:** Located at 1181 Shake Rag Road, Buckhead, GA. Stop by and visit with Susie and her herd. She can always be found out at the barn playing with "Tango"

**Equine Consign – Shirley & Frank Faragason:** Located at 4150 Athens Hwy (441) in Apalachee. Premiere equestrian consignment shop. Both English and Western needs. Saddle reflocking, repair, billets and dyeing. Saddles, tack, boots, blankets, clothing, and much more. Always accepting clean, well-kept items for consignment. MSA trained saddle fitter available. 770-894-0729

**Horses to Go:** Equine items: gifts for children and adults, gently used items such as books, horse equipment, clothing and much more.

**Madison Fitness Center:** 1290 Eatonton Rd., Madison, GA. 706-342-9200. Full service family gym with cardio equipment, fitness machines, free weights, classes, free daycare, Silver Sneakers, and smoothie bar. Personal trainers with Advocare Products sold here. 24/7 accessible available.

**Moonshadow Farm- Marian & Del Finco:** In memory of Edgar M. Hope

**Oconee State Bank:** Oconee State Bank is the last locally owned and operated community bank in Oconee County. We've been in the business of banking for over 55 years and offer our customers the highest quality of products, services and customer service? Located on Main Strwet in downtown Watkinsville...phone # 706-769-6395

**Pagett & Whetzel Family & Cosmetic Dentistry:** Forest Pagett, DMD and Joshua Whetzel, DMD A general dentist practice in Madison, GA. We provide comprehensive dental care to patients of all ages. We perform everything from basic cleanings and exams to high end cosmetic procedures. Our goal is to maintain patients for a lifetime, so we have created an atmosphere that is relaxed and family-friendly. New patients are always welcome in our patient-centered practice. Call us at 706-342-3636 for all your needs. We are located at 1880 Bethany Road, Suite A. Madison.

**Pet Supplies Plus – Mark Martin:** Owner of Pet Supplies Plus in Athens. Can supply dog, cat, fish and small animal food and needs. We also have a groomer (dog) and a dog self wash area to offer in store.

**Pet Wants:** Madison/Lake Oconee. Two locations serving Madison at 1400 Eatonton Rd, Suite 600 and Eatonton at 103 Clark Circle, Suite 600, 706-521-2998.

**Social Circle Ace – Leslie Reeder & Lendon Reeder:** Your everything store; hardware, lumber and many stallation services including windows, garage doors & much more.

**State Farm Insurance – Ed Freeman State Farm Insurance:** Stop by and visit with Ed Freeman for all your insurance needs. Home, farm, auto or trailers—he has what you need. [ed@madisonsfagent.com](mailto:ed@madisonsfagent.com), 706-438-1590 in Madison County.

**The Stock Market Country Store:** Located at 4479 Ga Highway 20 SE in Conyers. The Stock Market has been servicing the needs of animals and the people who love them since 1993. Locally owned and operated, The Stock Market offers delivery as well as the retail store. Open seven days a week. One of the largest dealers in the state for Southern States, Nutrena, Triple Crown and Seminole feeds. See us today for your feed, hay and shavings needs. 770-483-8620.

## **2020 CLASS SPONSORS REGULAR CLASS SPONSORS**

**3 Heart's Farm – Chuck Kimbell:** 3 Hearts Farm (Herndon-Kimbell-Akins) has been a family farm for over 50 years that spans four generations. We specialize in "breed specific" commercial beef cattle. For more information go to [3-heartsfarm.com](http://3-heartsfarm.com).

**4 Bridges Farm – Valerie Puryear:** Member and supporter of Kel-Mac.

**Brooks Farrier Service:** Providing farrier service for 29 years around the Madison and Social Circle area. For all your horseshoeing needs call Chris Brooker at 770-815-5937.

**CCCC Farm - Jim & Barbara Cumming:** Friends of Kel-Mac Saddle Club. Home of Sherlock, Maggie and Tabor. Along with dog, cats, chickens and the occasional possum or raccoon that wanders by.

**Clear Water Troughs – Sharon Wood:** Sell tablets that keep algae and mosquitos under control in your water troughs. [Clearwatertroughs.com](http://Clearwatertroughs.com)

**Coon Mountain Farm – Helen Wenner:** Located at 2941 Flat Rock Rd in Watkinsville. We are a small horse boarding facility in Watkinsville offering pasture board or shared paddocks, all with shade or run-ins. Emergency stall care available. Round pen and separate area for flatwork and jumping practice. Call or e-mail for rates. [hwenner2941@gmail.com](mailto:hwenner2941@gmail.com) or call Helen Wenner at 706-769-6036.

**Cotton Top Farm – Susie Cottongim:** Located at 1181 Shake Rag Road, Buckhead, GA. Stop by and visit with Susie and her herd. She can always be found out at the barn playing with "Tango"

**Farmers Feed & Seed:** 204 N. West Street, Greensboro, GA 706-453-2728. They have been serving Greene and surrounding counties for 8 years. They are a Purina dealer and also carry Godfrey's and Southern States feeds. They have horse tack and supplies. Lawn and garden products are a large part of their business as well as seasonal greenhouse items.

**Farmers Septic Services – Farmers Hardware,** 1211 Atlanta Highway, Madison Georgia, 706-342-4999.

**Fat Ass Farm – Bill & Sandy Lynch:** Friend of Kel-Mac and fan of Long Ears

**J & G Farms – Jeanne Barsanti:** We sell grass fed goats and cattle. Need an equine companion or a weed remover, consider a goat.

**McNeigh Farm – Susan McCullar:** Friend of Kel-Mac and horses. She has helped many rescue horses throughout the years.

**Metro Copier Services:** We have a copier and office equipment sales, services and supplies. We offer printshop services such as copying, printing, faxing, custom made forms, invitations and stamps. We also have toner & ink cartridges and blueprint services. Located at 257 N. Main Street in Madison, give us a call for your printing needs at 770-761-8542.

**Nu-Art Printers:** 1031 Sulgrave Drive, Madison. Taking care of printing needs since 1970. Invitations, letterhead, business cards, forms, color brochures, screen printed t-shirts, signs and banners. 706-342-3895

**Ramblin Rose Ranch-** Rosemary Vogel: Member and supporter of Kel-Mac.

**Social Circle Ace – Leslie Reeder & Lendon Reeder:** Your everything store; hardware, lumber and many

stallation services including windows, garage doors & much more.

**Steven & Rachel Selph** – Long time friends of Kel-Mac Saddle Club.

**TK's Tire & Auto:** We offer full service automotive repair. We have small engine repair services. We sell GA boots. We also have Husqvarna sales and service. Warranty and repairs for Cub Cadet, Poulan, MTD, DR trimmer products, and Briggs & Stratton products. Located at 1041 Fairgrounds Road in Madison 706-342-4046.

**Lori Williams** – Friend of Kel-Mac