

PIEDMONT OPRC NEWSLETTER
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Dear Members,

This will be a short letter as it's summer and everyone is all over the place. Whatever you are doing, I hope it's been/will be fun; that all the family is well; and the animals fat and happy.

This coming Sunday, the 26th, we will be having a **rating prep day** here at our place. There are only four people coming but they will rate up in the fall when we schedule the "real" rating. Don't forget that when I announce the date and the rater for that day, anyone may sign up to "rate up". I hope that many of you will participate and then you'll have another badge to sew on your saddle pad!! ATTENTION all you C1's: There are three of us who want to rate up to C2. This will be an all day affair and will cost a bit as the rater needs to be paid, of course! If there are any more of you who would like to do this, please contact if you are interested.

Our event for August will be a **trail ride at Lake Anna** on the 9th. David Yauch has been kind enough to organize this so please let him know if you will be attending. His email is daveyauch@gmail.com. I'm sure there will be goodies and lots of laughs.

Sept and Oct will be busy with **the Rally**. The Stable Management part will be on Sept 27th. We will have Crops and Canes from Berryville AND a new chapter outside of Leesburg called Bad Backs and Beyond, joining us for this event. As I've said before, we will kick butt this year so I need to know who would like to participate and if you are interested in having a study day on the 20th. It's important that I know how many will participate so I can get the proper number of things organized. As you know, this year's theme is Unsoundness and Blemishes. The study day will be along those lines. The C Pony Club Manual should be read if you are participating!

There will be a lot more to follow about the **Riding Rally** held here on the 18th of Oct. I hope a lot of you will participate in this also as it was a blast last year; very laid back and a lot of fun.

The **cross- country course is now re-opened** as of next Thurs. If the weather cooperates, it's a great way to start conditioning your horses and giving them some practice before the Rally, or hunting or whatever. Hope to see a lot of you next week.

As always, any questions? Remember to **KICK ON**