

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER OPRC PIEDMONT

What happened to the Nov. newsletter, I hear you cry??? No idea!!! All of a sudden I find myself almost into December. I have no clue what happens to the time but I'm sure we all feel that way. At least we can remember IF we've lost time!! That's a good thing!

Those who had signed up for the Sat. of the **Lesson Marathon**, again Mother Nature spat upon us. Even when old, this is one aspect of life we cannot control and I'm sorry you missed your lessons. It was a hard decision but the landowner (namely Colleen) had to assess whether the ground was in a condition to take trailers. This is usually the finishing decision!! If the trailers get stuck or the ground gets chewed up, the "landowner" is understandably unhappy and we cannot "meet" there again. So there you have it – the final reason. Sunday's lessons, however, went well with Chad and Danielle teaching. Colleen's ring is so terrific for functions that I hope we can do another lesson there in the future – MINUS that tree!!!

As to December, Kay and Joe have, again, offered to host the **Christmas party** at their house on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar, as it's always good fun and there will be more information to follow. Rating certificates will be given out at this time.

**AN IMPORTANT NOTICE!!** At the end of Oct, Susie Rowe sent out a notice for **renewing membership** to all current members. As of this date she has not received all of your membership checks for 2008 (please date them 2 Jan 2008). We had to ask for your intentions to be made at this time as we have 23 people on the waiting list for next year. **PLEASE** let her know whether you intend to join or not by the end of this month!!! In order for the new members to be included in next

Jan's events, we need to let them know if they can join us or not. It's only fair. AFTER THE 30TH, we shall assume you are not joining and shall begin to let those on the waiting list know. We'd hate to loose you so DO IT!!! There is also a new category of membership for those non-riding members. \$30 per year entitles you to participate in all non-mounted activities.

**Congratulations** to Kay Brady, not only for the lovely art exhibit that she had in Manassas on the 17<sup>th</sup>, but also for getting the senior championship on Taff at the ODHPC combined test series in Flint Hill. Way to go, Kay, you're really moppin' 'em up!! I've probably forgotten accomplishments from other members so don't be offended, I've got too much in the ole noggin!

Hunting is good; the invitation to join me is always open.

See you at Kay's I hope in Dec, and PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!! Miranda and I have lots of new ideas for next year and we'd hate to have you miss them.

Kick on!!