

# **DOUGLAS COUNTY FOX TROTTING HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**

## ***DCFTHBA NEWS***

**President's Corner - By Frank Williams**

**September, 2008**

The August 2008 meeting of the DCFTHBA was held on Monday, August 25, 2008 at Frank & Mary Williams' farm. The meeting began at 7:00 PM. The minutes and the treasurer's report were presented at the meeting. The meeting was well attended with 30 in attendance. The August meeting included Dale Lawson's trail committee report, Nancy Burns web site report, Wilma Hamby's update on the financial results from the recent horse show, Steve Adams report on the recent Tri County Youth Show, Cecil Huff discussed the upcoming election for the MFTHBA, Butch Linder discussed the committee to promote additional events for the MFTHBA facilities, and the tickets for the upcoming Belinda Gail and Curly Musgrave performance.

Belinda Gail, America's Western Sweetheart, and Curly Musgrave, Western Association Male Performer of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, Academy of Western Artists Male Performer of the Year, & Entertainer of the Year will perform in Ava, MO on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 P.M. The performance will be held at the Ava Family Theatre. The tickets are available from DCFTHBA members, the Town & Country Bank, and Butch Linder's Baber Shop on the Ava square. Belinda and Curly have joined us on trail rides the past several years during their annual Fall visits to perform at Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO.

The September meeting will be held on Monday, September 22 at the Bucks & Spurs Ranch. The September meeting will be hosted by Vice President Cecil Huff and Sonny Huff. The evening will begin with a pot luck dinner at 6:00 PM and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM. The club will furnish the meat and drinks for the meal.

We will plan to see you on Monday, September 22 at Bucks & Spurs. You can visit Bucks & Spurs at <http://www.bucksandspurs.com>.

Directions to the September meeting:

From Ava, go South on HWY # 5 for 5 miles to HWY A. Turn right, or Southwest, on HWY A and go 5 miles to Farm Road A-422. Turn right on FR 422 and go 2 miles to the ranch.

The election for the 2009 officers will be held in October at Dale & Leah Lawson's farm.

## Trail Report September 2008

As all of you well know we've had our share of rain this year and I've always said we ride as long as it's not lightening. Well our scheduled ride at the Glade Top Marsh was just a little on the damp side. But I must say that those of us who showed up had an enjoyable though wet ride. Both of us joked and laughed about those who chose to keep warm and dry and they all probably have poked fun at us for being out in the rain. My mother, on occasions, made some kind of a remark about common sense (but that was when I was just a kid). But look at the ride from our point of view.....no bugs or horse flies, the fog that mingled among the trees made for breath taking views and it only rained part of the time....we were doing what made us happy..... riding our horses. The Bateman ride attracted more riders, probably because of the sunshine. Dale led the ride with Dave, Renee, Frank, Stan, Wanda and myself taking in the wild life and scenery. Wanda was riding her new horse and is thrilled with how smooth and gentle the ride was.

I just heard that Steve and Kate are back in town and we will all be looking forward to riding with them.

Well, after the Celebration remember that our rides will be back to our old time. Leaving Murphy's at 9:00 a.m. and leaving the trail head at 10:00 a.m.

Happy Trails,  
Nancy & Chip/Stormy