



## Secretary's Corner

The May 3, 2016 meetings will be held at the home of John and Courtland Meyer 3071 Brookstone Dr., Harrisonburg, Va. 540-433-3661 or 540 255-4396 The Board will meet at 7:00 PM followed at 8:00 PM by the Membership.

As always, please feel free to bring snacks.  
Brenda Simmons, Hon. Secretary

## Calendar of Events

May 1 – Hound and Horn Social  
May 3 – Glenmore Meetings  
May 29 – Virginia Foxhound Show  
June 25 – Murder Mystery Ride

## From the President

Hello Glenmore members. We are now full swing into the spring/summer fundraising and fun activities. Our hunter pace was a success despite the gloomy windy weather. Thanks to **Diana Hicks** for coordinating and to **Tricia Black** for organizing the food. Upcoming events promise to be fun, the Hound and Horn Social, MRHT, organized trail ride and our newest fundraiser the Murder Mystery Ride. Please consider volunteering for any and all of these activities.

In the next few weeks I will be putting together the committees. If you have a special interest in chairing or feel you would benefit the club by being actively involved on a particular committee please let me know. I will try and contact everyone to find out how you can best serve the club. One in particular which needs to be filled is social chair.

I'll leave you with a quote from the Anonymous Foxhunter "Get out and enjoy those wide open spaces".

*Mary Lee McDavid, President*

## Master's Corner

**Diana Hicks** and her crew of volunteers did everything in their power to organize a wonderful **Spring Hunter Pace**. If only Mother Nature were more cooperative with appropriate spring-like weather in April. Riders and volunteers alike appreciated changing the pace to Sunday to avoid being blown off their horses. Special thanks to our gracious landowners who continue to share their land with the Glenmore Hunt! **Charlie & Vicki Drumheller** and **Joel & Edie Wilson** are strong advocates and supporters of Glenmore – we appreciate all that you do!

The Glenmore Hounds welcome you to their home at the Glenmore Kennels for our annual **Glenmore Hound and Horn Social** on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The flurry of activity around the kennels has the hounds excited for the company. Our event begins at 3:30 p.m. with discussions about hounds and hunting, playing and walking hounds, and then enjoying a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. Thanks to everyone who helped spruce up the kennels and hounds for this fun social event!

Please plan to join in the festivities of the **Virginia Foxhound Show** on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. **Hugh Brown** and I will once again organize a hospitality tent for members and friends of the Glenmore Hunt. There are plenty of activities in Leesburg over the Memorial Day weekend including a Hound Judging Seminar, Stable Tour, Hound Show Cocktails & Dinner, and the National Horn Blowing contest. Great fun with foxhunters competing their hounds at the Virginia Foxhound Show!

Our next big event for the club is the **Glenmore Murder Mystery Ride** at the Bonnie Doon Farm on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>! Save the date and mark your calendar for this exciting new event for the equestrian community. During our inaugural event last year we had foxhunters and riders from Middlebrook, Oak Ridge, Rockbridge, and Stonewall Hunts as well as Botetourt County Horseman's Association, Cedar Creek Farm, and Brookhill Farm in Charlottesville. Start gathering your team of two to ten riders to determine your team name and strategy for a great ride! More details to come including the possibility to have your entry fee waived!

*Joe Manning, MFH*

## **Southern States SHOW Program**

Glenmore Hunt continues to participate in the Southern States SHOW program where proof of purchase seals from horse feed bags are turned into cash! Save those proofs of purchase seals and bring them to any Glenmore Hunt event. I will collect, organize and submit our club's collection for money to support our events.

*Joe Manning, MFH*



## **GLENMORE WELCOMES A NEW JUNIOR MEMBER**

**Caleb Meyer** is another of Glenmore Hunt's new junior members. He is 9 years old, but will be quick to let you know that he turns 10 in May. He's the youngest of 3 boys. Caleb is the grandson of one of Glenmore's other members, **Diana Hicks**. Since both his grandmother and his mother are avid horse people, **Caleb** has been exposed to horses since he was a baby, and showed interest in them early on. He started taking riding lessons at age 8 with **Melody Parsons** and **Christi Meek** at Breezy River Stables. Last summer he participated in Glenmore's junior Introduction to Foxhunting series. He thoroughly enjoyed the series, especially meeting the hounds. His favorites are Emily, Egy, and Trigger. **Caleb** now says fox hunting is his favorite horse activity, and is looking forward to hunting with his new horse, Spirit, next season.

**Caleb** is home schooled and, like many boys his age, would much rather be outside playing than inside doing his schoolwork. He recently discovered that there are fun horse stories to be enjoyed through books. Other than horses, **Caleb's** interests are basketball, fishing, hiking, camping with his family, or backyard camping with his friends. Basketball is his favorite. He's played three seasons of basketball with the Upward league in Staunton. You can often find him shooting hoops with whatever family member he can talk into joining him at the driveway basketball goal.



**Caleb Meyer** and Essex Emily '08



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## HOUND SOUNDS

Essex Captain '08

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Essex Captain was drafted to Glenmore in Feb. 2015 from Essex Foxhounds. He is sired by Essex Chadwell '03. Chadwell was named after the Chadwell Family. Buster Chadwell bred and hunted the Essex Foxhounds from the late 1940's until the late 1980's. Buster was succeeded as huntsman by his youngest son, Rodney who hunted the Essex until he retired around 2000. Captain is the one crossbred hound that we have in the kennels. That comes from the dam, Old Chatham Nexus '03. His trace of English foxhound is not noticeable in his looks or voice.



Out hunting, look for the large lemon and white hound. He is generally in the middle of the pack. Current Essex huntsman, Bart Poole, told me that he was honest, reliable, and that when the run was over and the horn was sounded, he would be looking you up. He was 100 percent correct. Some of the staff hadn't heard that and it created a bit of anxiety for them when

we took him to Trimble's Mill along with two of his kennel mates some two weeks after bringing them into the kennel. He is just one of those easy to hunt hounds and listens well no matter where he is.

*Dan Jones, MFH*

## Glenmore Hunt at the Frontier Culture Museum

On the last Saturday of March, Glenmore Hunt members, riders, and hounds gathered at the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton, Va. This event was organized by Col. Hugh Sproul III, author of "Glenmore Hunt - The First Thirty Years" (1930-1960), in conjunction with the Frontier Culture Museum. The start of the afternoon was in the barnyard of the Museum's 1920s American Farm. The demonstration was somewhat delayed as the resident farm flock of turkeys and chickens sauntered along to the barn, leading hounds and staff and field on their way to the barnyard. While this caused a bit of anxiety for some of the staff, hounds gave little heed to the distraction. An audience of over one hundred gathered to learn about the history and traditions of foxhunting, the Glenmore hounds, and hear the calls of the hunting horn by Master and Huntsman Dan Jones. Numerous questions concerning hunting, hounds, and horses were asked.

Following the presentation, hounds and staff did a "meet and mingle" with the public while the fields, led by Cindy Kiser, MFH, and Brenda Simmons, Hon. Sec., took a ride through the paddocks of the 1840's Farm on the hill. The paddocks with their chestnut rail snake fences provided riders the opportunity jump fences and move back to times of old, while the spectators were able to see how the hunt functions.

The day at the farm ended on the hill behind the historic farms of the museum. In the 1930's on the top of this hill was a water tank. That was a regular fixture for the Glenmore Hunt during the 1930's. Several of the family of Jack Todd, one of the original Masters were present. The Glenmore Farm, just south of the Frontier Culture Museum, is where the hounds were kept during that time and the home is still in the Todd family. The day closed with the author holding a book signing at the Museum Bookstore.

*Dan Jones, MFH*



Hounds listening attentively to their Master

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