

Concert featuring singer-songwriters **John Bettis, Gary Nicholson, & Don Schlitz**
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avenuebank Ride 'N Roll welcomes memory makers

Bring your horse and enjoy a trail ride on a private 300-acre Williamson County farm or participate in activities designed for the whole family. Open riding will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the farm's well marked, park-like trails. Family activities include hay rides, face painting, and stick horse races for all ages! Plus, you can win prizes.

Duke It Out Farm, 4105 Columbia Pike in Franklin, is owned by Sarah and David Ingram. The Ingrams graciously open their farm once a year for these events to benefit Saddle Up!. Don't miss this opportunity to ride on the hill and valley trails and/or experience a night under the stars with unforgettable music.

The trail riding will end at 2 p.m. followed by the benefit concert featuring three powerhouse Nashville singer/songwriters. So get ready for an evening of unforgettable music in an intimate outdoor setting with **John Bettis**, **Gary Nicholson** and **Don Schlitz** – and maybe even some surprise guests.

John Bettis – his more than 800 songs range from The Carpenters ("Goodbye to Love," "Top of the World," "Yesterday Once More,") to Michael Jackson's "Human Nature," to "Slow Hand" recorded by The Pointer Sisters. He is a multiple Grammy nominee and a winner for Best Song, Film & TV for the 1988 Olympic theme song, "One Moment in Time" recorded by Whitney Houston. John rarely performs, so this will be a great opportunity to hear him live.



Gary Nicholson – selected to the Texas Songwriters Hall of Fame, Gary's catalog of 350 songs has won 26 ASCAP awards and been



recorded by country (George Jones, George Strait, Waylon Jennings, Garth Brooks and more), rock (including Fleetwood Mac and Robert Plant), blues (B.B. King, Bonnie Raitt, Etta James and more), folk and bluegrass. Hits include "That's the Thing About Love" (Don Williams), "She Couldn't Change Me" (Montgomery Gentry) and "One More Last Chance" (Vince Gill). Gary's "alter ego" bluesman "Whitey Johnson" may also perform.

Don Schlitz – his first hit, "The Gambler" recorded by Kenny Rogers, was a launching pad for a rocketing career with multiple honors including Don's selection as the 2010 Academy of Country Music Poet's Award. Other honors:



seven time winner of Song of the Year (Grammy awards, 2 years; Country Music Association, 3; Academy of Country Music, 1; and Nashville Songwriters Association International, 1) Songs include: "When You Say Nothing at All" (Keith Whitley, Allison Krause), "Forever and Ever, Amen" (Randy Travis), "He Thinks He'll Keep Her" (Mary Chapin Carpenter), "Rockin' with the Rhythm of the Rain" (The Judds), and "40 Hour Week (For a Livin')" (Alabama).

For tickets and more information, please contact Knox Brewer at Saddle Up! at 615-794-1150 x32 or at kbrewer@saddleupnashville.org.



Avenue Bank Country Ride 'N Roll September 18

Trail Ride and Benefit Concert at a glance

- **Duke it Out Farm 4105 Columbia Pike, Franklin, TN.**
- **Trail ride and activities for the family 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Minimum donation of \$50 in sponsorships or donations allows access to open riding on trails.**
- **Benefit concert 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**
- **Concert ticket prices ordered by Sept. 16 only \$75 each or \$100 at the gate.**
- **Trail riders pre-order tickets for \$50 each or \$75 at gate.**
- **Concert ticket prices include concert, spirits and country dinner by Puckett's Grocery.**

about the cover: Whoa! Who wouldn't want to explore 300 acres, tune in to great singers and benefit Saddle Up!?
Photo by Brittany Halstead. Photo illustration by Nancy Swindell.

2010 a year to remember – already!



Little Bits

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What a year it's been so far!

Though we still have nearly five months to go, 2010 has already proven itself to be a year to remember. For most of us in middle Tennessee, May's memories center on the flood that engulfed our community, greatly overshadowing the ongoing challenges of the economy – at least for a while.

At Saddle Up!, we were extremely fortunate to experience flooding but get through with minor damage. As the photo shows, water flooded the back of the property, was up and in the brown barn, got in the area of the red barn and partially in the paddocks. (Thanks, Channel 4, for letting us use this photo.) Fortunately, it did not reach our main facility. Even more fortunately, no human or horse was injured or lost – and that is really what counts.

We did have a trailer with a small car enclosed come through some fencing and land – upside down – in the back pasture. We also lost about 100 bales of hay, which was stored in the brown barn. The scary part came later, when the hay got moldy,

began smoldering and had to be immediately removed by staff and volunteers to prevent it from literally catching on fire. For those of you who would worry, we made sure the bad hay was kept far away from any of the horses.

Several people went above and beyond to make sure we got through this in as good a shape as possible.

“you are all examples of the caring, compassionate spirit that makes Saddle Up! such a special place”

Even more put up special prayers for the safety of all living creatures here. To each and every one of you, thank you. You are all examples of the caring, compassionate spirit that makes Saddle Up! such a special place.

Springtime also saw staff changes. Equine Manager Kelly O'Brien left after serving 3.5 years here to pursue her dream of becoming a veterinarian. We all wish her well and look forward to the day “D.V.M.” follows her name. We welcomed

our first ever full-time Development Director Knox Brewer and our new Equine Manager Ashley Kurtzahn both in May. We have already seen great things from both of them and look forward to their leadership.

Spring/summer also brought our two biggest events, the Music Country Grand Prix and Chukkers for Charity, both of which were highly successful. Thanks to Brownland Farm for the Grand Prix and to Lee Ann and Orrin Ingram for again hosting Chukkers for Charity at their farm – and Orrin for playing in the polo match! A special thanks to the volunteer leaders – Grand Prix Co-Chairs Sarah Ingram and Jennifer Pennington and Chairs Cathy Brown, James and Lexie Armstrong, and Lele Thompson for the Chukkers' polo match and car show. Last but certainly not least, a round of applause to the nearly 200 Saddle Up! volunteers who worked at the events.

And now it's on to the 2010 Avenue Bank Country Ride 'N Roll!

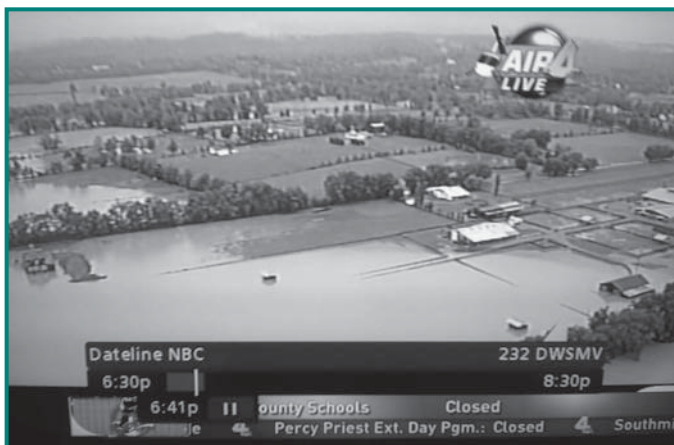


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Development Director



Ashley Kurtzahn
Equine Manager

Historic 2010 Flood Hits Home



Air 4 Live flies over Saddle Up! to reveal extensive flooding from the Harpeth River, which runs at the back of our property (left). Water came dangerously close to reaching our main facilities. Photo by Lisa Wysocky. (right)

A special thank you

“We thank CHERYL, SUSAN, and KNOX for speaking at our monthly meeting. It was inspirational, and I know our members who couldn’t make it would have really enjoyed your presentation.

We will definitely be there for you during your special one day events. Your cause is so noble and giving and that is exactly the type of program we want to support.”

Gratefully,

Peter Alderman and our members
Franklin Evening Lions Cub



Saddle Up! Executive Director, Cheryl Scutt, Susan Gregory, parent of current volunteer and former rider, Grace G., and Saddle Up! Development Director, Knox Brewer.



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Grant Information

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Grand Prix and Chukkers a summer success

The brief morning rain on June 6 did not diminish spirits one bit at this year’s **Tractor Supply Company Music Country Grand Prix**. The Patrons Tent buzzed with excitement, lots of smiles, and oos and ahhs as attendees watched the jumping competition. The Grand Prix would not have been possible without the incredible generosity and support of our major sponsors including Tractor Supply, Wild Iris, Franklin American Mortgage Company, Nero’s Grill, McQuiddy Printing, Jack Daniel Distillery, Wells Fargo, Clarcor, Lipman Bros., Kay and Richard Francis, Susan and Richard Glassman, FarmVet, Wade & Egbert Insurance, Fifth Third Bank, Bridgestone, Ingram Entertainment, HCA TriStar, Brownland Farm, Land Rover of

Nashville, and VIP Williamson County. Thanks also to Ingram Creative Services, Judy’s Tack Shop, Garden Delights, Karen Duffy, John Deere Landscapes, and bytes of knowledge. We also wish to recognize the extraordinary talents and hard work of our tireless planning committee and co-chairs Sarah Ingram and Jennifer Pennington.

The 2010 Mercedes-Benz Chukkers for Charity Polo Match & Car Show was a huge success! On a beautiful, and warm June day, hundreds assembled at Riverview Farm to check out the 40 or so classic cars on display and then be entertained by the thrilling polo match. Special thanks go to our sponsors Mercedes-Benz, AutoWeek, Mt. Brilliant Polo, Nero’s Grill, King Jewelers,

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A special thank you to Bill Kenner and Mike Wootton (woottonphotography.com) for allowing us to use their fantastic photos.



Thank You to Our Donors

Saddle Up! is deeply grateful to each donor who chooses to make a positive difference with a gift supporting our program. Each donation is vital to bringing our mission to life. Throughout the year, we have the opportunity to spotlight your support with recognition in our newsletters. If we have omitted or incorrectly listed your name, please contact Development Director Knox Brewer at 615-794-1150 extension 32 or kbrewer@saddleupnashville.org so that we may correct your information. Also, for more information about how to join the Hoofing Society or become a horse sponsor, please contact Knox. Thank you for your support.

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- Donations to ridership fund
- Small bottles of water

Equine Needs

- English pony saddles
- Size 70 winter turnout blanket
- Size 70 rain sheets
- Dressage pads
- Massages
- Horse & pony english leather headstalls
- Average size horse halters with adjustable chin & crown
- Gift cards for Tractor Supply Co. or Judy's Tack Shop
- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)

Facility Needs

- Letter size manila 1/3 cut tab file folders
- Heavy duty, 4-wheel trailer
- Gift cards for Tractor Supply Co. or Home Depot
- 4-6 Passenger golf cart
- Pitch forks & muck buckets
- Low suds laundry detergent
- Horse and cat sponsors
- 3-hole punch paper for copies and printing
- Multi-media laptop computer
- Gift cards to office supply stores
- White & color 8.5 x 11 copy paper
- Small portable sound system

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SUN Lite - News in Brief

Saddle Up! your cart & bogie on over to Sept. 13 benefit golf tourney

Make plans to take part in the Ed Rodgers, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament benefiting Saddle Up! Monday, September 13, 2010 at the Nashville Golf and Athletic Club, 1703 Crockett Springs Trail Brentwood, TN 37027. Many thanks to **American Constructors** and **Saddle Up! Board member Quick Foy**, for selecting Saddle Up! as a beneficiary for this year's tournament!

7 a.m. - 1st Round registration • 8 a.m. - Shotgun Start

12 noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. - Shotgun Start/2nd Round Registration

Golf foursome: \$1,200 • Individual Golfer: \$300

Sponsorships from \$300 to \$7,500.

Enjoy 18 holes of golf, lunch, a silent auction, plus door prizes.

Awards follow each round with heavy hors d'oeuvres following the evening round.

To reserve your place, contact Angel Choate at angelc@americanconstructors.us or call 615-329-0123.



Stars among us

Hats off to Saddle Up! participant **Jack M.** for his recent appearance in the upcoming movie, *Pure Country Gift*, that was recently filmed here in Nashville. The movie is a sequel to the 1992 movie *Pure Country* and features country singers George Strait and Katrina Elam. Watch for Jack in the movie on stage with Katrina. Jack, can we get your autograph?

Congratulations also to former Saddle Up! participant and Franklin High School ROTC master sergeant and graduate **Corey N.** on all his accolades this past year. Corey recently presented a speech at an awards ceremony during the JROTC Leadership Symposium and Academic Championship. His speech preceded a talk by Maj. Gen. Arthur Bartell, the commander of U.S. Army Cadet Command, who is in charge of all senior and junior ROTC programs nationwide. In April, Corey was also named a Top 100 Citizen from his student body of almost 1,800. Congratulations, Corey!



Jack M., seated, keeps an eye on Country singer George Strait, in black cowboy hat, on the set of "Pure Country Gift."

Year at a Glance

August

- 16 Session 2 lessons - practice week
- 21 Leader Training 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 23 Session 2 lessons begin
- 26 New Vol Training 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 28 New Vol Training 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

September

- 3-6 Offices closed for holiday - no lessons
- 9 Leader Training 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 13 **Ed Rodgers, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament**
- 17-18 Offices closed - no lessons
- 18 **Avenue Bank Country Ride 'N Roll Trail ride & Benefit concert**
- 20 Lessons resume
- 23 New Vol Training 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 25 New Vol Training 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

October

- 15-16 Offices closed - no lessons
- 16 **S.U.P.E.R. Show at Saddle Up!**
- 21 New Vol Training 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 23 New Vol Training 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 25 Leader Training 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 25-30 Fall break - no lessons

November

- 1 Lessons resume
- 3-7 **NARHA National Conference - Denver, CO**
- 6 Leader Training 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- 18 New Vol Training 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 20 New Vol Training 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 22-27 Offices closed for holiday - no lessons
- 29 Lessons resume

December

- 2 Leader Training 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 9 New Vol Training 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 11 New Vol Training 11:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 18 Session 2 lessons end
- 20-31 Break - no lessons
- 23-25 Offices closed for holiday
- 30-31 Offices closed for holiday

Please visit our website for continued updates to our calendar, including volunteer trainings, clinics, and other activities.

Dylan Q. nominates Samoens for NARHA 2010 Horse of the Year

This time each year, Saddle Up! staff sends its nominations to NARHA for multiple regional and possible national awards. NARHA selects one regional winner from all 12 regions and one national winner from among the regional winners in different categories. The horse nominee from Saddle Up! comes on behalf of a student who is quite fond of his equine friend, Samoens.

As taken from the official nomination form completed by NARHA Certified Instructor Brittany Halstead, "Hello. My name is Dylan Q. I am 17 years old. I come to Saddle Up! on Fridays to ride my favorite horse Sam. My instructor is Brittany. I really like her and Sam. While I ride Sam we exercise to help stretch my muscles. Brittany teaches me to read. I love to ride Sam, he is such a wonderful horse. When I hear the song, 'Don't Laugh at Me' by Mark Wills I think of Sam and I think he should win Horse of the Year because I love him."



Dylan and Sam

You can hear the YouTube version of this song to better understand why Dylan relates. www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVjbo8dW9c8.

Through the years, Saddle Up! has had multiple Region 5 winners and one National Winner. In 2006 our beloved **King Bee** received Region 5 Horse of the Year. In 2007 **Nancy Swindell** received the honor of Region 5 Instructor of the Year. And just one year ago, **Andrew W.** received NARHA's National honor of 2009 Independent Youth Equestrian of the Year. Saddle Up! takes pride in not only these NARHA winners but all our special riders, horse heroes, volunteers, and staff who participate in this program.

Good luck to Sam and thank you to Brittany and her student Dylan for reminding us what wonderful lessons horses can teach us every day.



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Volunteers Needed

Be Cool! Volunteer today!

Recruit your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, scout troops and church youth groups to volunteer at Saddle Up!

Avenue Bank
Country Ride 'N Roll

Saturday, Sept. 18
Trail ride in morning/afternoon
Concert in late afternoon/evening

S.U.P.E.R. Show

Saturday, Oct. 16
Volunteers needed throughout day to assist with show duties

Hidden treasures

Saddle Up! is often filled with treasures that often remain innocently invisible until someone shares them with me, the editor. One such nugget is the friendship of a former Saddle Up! rider-turned volunteer, a current rider, one special horse, a big-hearted instructor and possibly YOU!

Having ridden at Saddle Up! for five years, Grace G., ventured beyond our fences into the world of horse ownership. Under the tutelage of Saddle Up! co-founder and NARHA Certified Instructor Lynne Evans, Grace acquired a Paint named Opie in 2005. Her riding skills quickly flourished, and she learned the art of equitation dressage and musical freestyle.

With her roots still deeply attached at Saddle Up!, Grace returned as a volunteer in 2005, often working in lessons with Lynne and her students. It didn't take long for Grace to befriend a girl about her same age and riding skill level named Julie R.

Grace served as Julie's leader during lessons and also as a mentor and friend. As we all know, friends do good things for each other and Grace is no exception. Grace invited Julie to visit the barn where Opie stayed and surprised her with a riding lesson.

It's the teenage bond that brought these two closer together more than anything, from texting during the week to sharing horse stories to showing off prom dresses. Lynne found great delight in watching these two teenagers interact during their hour at the barn and beyond.

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Grace has advanced in her riding skills beyond Opie's capabilities and has since donated him to the Saddle Up! program. Opie came through his evaluations earlier this summer with flying colors and offered his first lesson as a Saddle Up! recreational therapeutic riding horse in June. He has a bright future ahead of him assisting special riders of all levels.

Grace, now 16, recently became a member of the Saddle Up! staff team as a Lesson Assistant.

We now invite YOU to become a part of this heart-warming story. As with many of our horse heroes, Opie is in need of financial sponsorship. For \$1,000, each sponsorship helps provide feed, shoes, shots, bedding and tack for a year and a horse to call your own.

For more information on horse (or cat) sponsorships, please contact Development Director Knox Brewer at 615-794-1150, extension 32.



Above, Julie R. rides Nelson independently at the 2009 S.U.P.E.R. Show. NARHA Registered Instructor Lynne Evans watches as Grace takes Opie through a series of dressage movements during a lesson at the facility where Grace boarded Opie.