



## **Katrina**

Just before Christmas I was asked if I was going to do anything special during the holidays. My answer was, "Yes, I'm going on a week long trip to assist victims of Katrina". It was a very special way to spend the holiday.

My participation was solicited through the Staunton Kiwanis Club, and I went with a group of Baptists from Harrisonburg and Staunton. We made the 20 hour trip to South Beach, Mississippi non-stop on a rough riding Baptist bus and stayed on canvas cots in a gymnasium.

The devastation along the Gulf Coast defies description. We have all seen pictures of Hiroshima after the atomic bomb was dropped; multiply that by three! Ninety-one square miles was wiped clean of almost all structures. Amazingly most of the trees survived, but without the Spanish moss.

One of the survivors we met is a veteran of one of the most vicious battles that was fought in Viet Nam. I think he thought that was enough trauma for a life time. He had elected to ride out the storm in his house. He was awakened in the middle of the night by his cat and found his house full of water. The storm surge squirted him out a bathroom window in the rear of his house, but only half way. He was caught with his face and arms in the branches of a fallen tree and the water rising over his head. The troughs between the waves allowed him to catch an occasional breath until the water began to recede. He had survived his second traumatic near death experience. His house is totaled, and his yard has more trash and debris than a land fill. He lost all of his possessions, including his dog whose body he found hanging in a tree (the cat survived).

Our group worked on the debris in the yard in hopes of finding some of his military medals and memorabilia. We were unsuccessful in that, but did salvage some usable lumber. This is the story of just one victim among thousands.

Church volunteer groups, like the one I was with, are doing the bulk of the assistance work. I did not see any Red Cross or Salvation Army people and only one FEMA guy with a clip board. More than the assistance work itself, the victims are heartened that there are people who are willing to donate their time and efforts to help. Not the government, not the insurance companies, but the willing hands of Christian volunteers are giving these people hope. They will need lots of that for a long time.

*Hugh*

### **Annual Meeting Approaching**

The Annual Meeting and election of Master(s) of Foxhounds, Officers, and Directors of the Glenmore Hunt, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at the Glenmore Office, 101 Frederick Street, Staunton, Virginia.

The Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 P.M. and the General Membership at 8:00 P.M.

All members are encouraged to attend this annual meeting.

Dwight Phelps, Hon. Secretary

**Secretary's Corner**

The next meeting of the  
Glenmore Hunt, Inc.  
will be on Tuesday, March 7th  
At the Glenmore Office

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at 7:00 P.M.  
General Membership at  
8:00 P.M.

**Member Roster Changes**

**Address Change:**

Pete & Susan  
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. A. Whitlock  
623 Old Providence Road  
Steeles Tavern, VA 24476

*Dwight Phelps*, Hon. Secretary

**Events of Special Note**

**March**

3<sup>rd</sup> Hunt Ball, Verona Holiday Inn  
4<sup>th</sup> Junior Meet, Cobble Hill, 10 AM w/ tailgate: Kaye Tysinger  
and Mo Blyth hosting.

7<sup>th</sup> BOD and General Meeting at Glenmore Office  
11<sup>th</sup> Hunt, Hay Shed, 10AM  
12<sup>th</sup> Jt Meet with Reedy Creek Hunt at Reedy Creek Hunt  
18<sup>th</sup> Closing Hunt Cobble Hill, Tailgate: BeBe Wills, Teri Smith  
Hosting.

17-19<sup>th</sup> Equine Event East at the Dulles Expo Center

**April**

4<sup>th</sup> Glenmore Hunt Officer Election General Membership Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> MFHA seminar  
23<sup>rd</sup> Spring Hunter Pace (note change of date)  
30<sup>th</sup> Spring Hunter Pace rain date

**May**

6<sup>th</sup> Derby Day party, watch this column for details

**June**

10<sup>th</sup> Glenmore Horse Show at Mill Creek  
11<sup>th</sup> Glenmore Foundation Wine and Cheese Party at the Kennel

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**Call for Day-of-the-Ball Volunteers**

This is the last reminder for the 2006 Annual Hunt Ball at the  
Verona Holiday Inn, March 3rd. For last minute reservations call  
President Jean 886-0225.

Volunteers are needed for a couple hours of general “putting  
together” Friday afternoon. Come to help if you can, between 1:30  
and 3:30.

**Upcoming Junior Meet – March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Glenmore Hunt’s upcoming Junior Meet will be held on March  
3<sup>rd</sup> at Cobble Hill. Hounds will move off promptly at 10:00 AM.  
This hunt will cater to our Junior members and guests, so please  
invite the youngsters you know and help us introduce them to  
foxhunting. The best way to ensure the future of our sport is to  
give youth the opportunity to enjoy open space in a positive en-  
vironment. Our staff and hounds will do their best to show good  
sport and several flights will be offered for various riding abili-  
ties. Bring out your youngsters and let’s have some fun  
foxhunting!

## Foundation News

For several months, the Glenmore Foundation Board of Directors has been planning a 2006 social affair for its stockholders. It was originally planned for April 23 but the Hunt Club's annual Spring Hunter Pace has been rescheduled to that date.

At a February 13 meeting, the Foundation Board, being flexible, decided to have a "Sunset Wine and Cheese" social at the GAP Kennel property on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> (full moon night)—the day after the Hunt's annual Spring Horse Show. The Board also decided to include other invited guests including kennel neighbors and Hunt Club members. **Sandy Cryder**, Board member and Horse Show Coordinator will undoubtedly invite her HS workers to the affair.

Questions about anything about the Glenmore Foundation, including the purchase of stock, should be directed to **Jakki Avery**, Secretary or **Jeanne Pitsenberger**, President.



## By-laws Committee Meeting Report

The By-laws Committee met for a work session on January 25th. The 3-person Committee is made up of Chair **Graham Pitsenberger**, **Jeff Gaines**, and **Jean Viel**. (As President, **Jean** is an ex-officio member all Glenmore committees) The Committee invited **Jakki Avery**, **Darrell Hurst**, and **Dwight Phelps** to participate in the session. "The input of these additional members was invaluable," said Graham.

The purpose of the meeting was to review notes and other input about the current By-laws/ Constitution that Graham has been collecting since its last revision in 2002. Some 19 provisions of the current By-laws were reviewed, deciphered, discussed, and evaluated with the focus being what is best for Glenmore. Many areas are serving well, some need a word or two grammar change and a few areas need revision. **Graham** said, "attorney **Jeff's** legal approach along with professor **Darrell's** grammar editing will be most helpful in drafting proposed revisions for the membership to approve."

The By-laws Committee maintains copies of Glenmore By-laws revisions since January 1955 (wow! That's over 50 years). It also has copies of the By-laws/Constitutions of several other hunt clubs. A cursory glance at them makes it quite clear that fox hunt clubs vary greatly in their governance.

## VA Hunt Week News

The Virginia Hunt Week (VHW) organizers met on February 1. They reviewed several aspects of the six year-old affair including advertising, number of participating hunts, ways to limit size of fields, fees, lapel pins, parties, promotion and fund raising methods, etc., etc.

The four dedicated organizers (**Rita Mae Brown**, Cindy Morton, **Graham Pitsenberger** and David Wheeler) work and plan all year long to produce what has been a very well-received fox hunting endeavor. **Graham** would be glad to receive any constructive comments about VHW.

The VHW data base has 358 addresses of prior participants. Some of these addresses include spouses and/or children so more folks that that have participated. Some have attended all six! They are running out of space for the lapel pins!

*Graham*

## Equine Event East

Free Ariats! Members can win a free pair of Ariat boots by just showing up at the third annual Equine Event East at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, Va., on March 17–19. The club that brings in the most members will receive free Ariats for everyone in the group that attends the show!

In addition, Equine Event East will be giving away a more-than-\$20,000-worth shopping spree, plus hourly giveaways of tack and clothing.

Equine Event East is an all/breed, all/discipline horse trade show with close to 400 exhibitors and a full roster of speakers, clinicians and demonstrations by some of the horse world's biggest stars including: Olympic riders Karen and David O' Conner, Cleve Wells and Clinton Anderson. Dennis Foster will be reading from his book, *Whipper-in*, and there will be a hounds demonstration arranged by the MFHA.

If you have any questions, please call 1-877-HORSEVA. Discounted admission is available to anyone who volunteers to put up posters.

Jody Jaffe


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## MFHA Plans Centennial Celebrations

The MFHA has lots of plans underway to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Master of Foxhound Association. Events planned include a grand Centennial Ball (held at the prestigious Cipriani on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in New York City January 26, 2007), foxhound and fieldhunter competitions, the publication of two books, and the engaging and exhibiting new artwork celebrating our sport.

There are activities planned to interest everyone and we recommend that you check out the MFHA website to see a complete list of the plans and the details for the events coming up soon: [www.mfha.com](http://www.mfha.com). Many of the events are held close enough for our members to make a weekend trip, and a few will be within a day's drive, so check out the calendar and plan to be part of the celebrations!

## Mid-Winter Social Slid to February 18<sup>th</sup>

Snow caused the Glenmore Masters to cancel hunting and postpone the br  ed for February 11<sup>th</sup>. Although disappointed that snow soured the social plans, good things come to those who wait. **Sandy and John Cryder** hosted the Glenmore members for a lovely covered dish dinner the following Saturday. Twenty-some members gathered for a fun night in the warm atmosphere of the **Cryder's** log home. The food was delicious (as usual—Glenmore has such good cooks) and the **Cryder's** assortment of four legged fury pups added to the festive atmosphere. Thanks to **John** and **Sandy** for hosting us, to the Glenmore members whose company we always enjoy, and for those who couldn't make it – we hope to see you at the Hunt Ball.

Bebe Wills

## Masters' Party Postponed

Close observers to the *Events of Special Note* Column will see that the Masters' Party scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> has been replaced by the MFHA Educational Seminar that will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Glenmore has some members that would like to attend this meeting (including a j-MFH), so the Masters have rescheduled their party for August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Watch your e-mail and the Events of Note Column for details on an April Social.

## 2006-2007 Nominating Committee Appointed

President **Jean Viel** has appointed the Nominating Committee for the 2006-2007 Glenmore election. If a committee member contacts you to be on the slate, please try to make time in your life to be a leader in the Glenmore Hunt—we only exist because of the time and talents shared by our members.

## Masters' Corner

Since I last wrote we have had some interesting hunting days. On January 24<sup>th</sup> we went to new heights. Having had to stop hounds on two previous occasions, I told the staff that today was the hounds day, let them run, and run they did.

We met at the power line on Scott Christian Rd. Within minutes of casting hounds along the creek north of the old trailer site at Bellevue, hounds found. The big red was first viewed by **T Stewart**, but as he turned right handed across Bellevue, fine views were had by field members. From their position at the waterer, **Gigi Kelly** and **Jan Jones** viewed the fox away, heading for his destination. Hounds were pressing hard, and within minutes this fox has pushing his way to the top of the ridge of Little North Mountain. As the field listened at the power line, **Nickee, Sandy**, and I went up the Buffalo Gap end as **Jan** and **Gigi** went south and ascended from Ripto Rd. Within about a hundred foot of the top, slabs of smooth rock stopped our climb. Leaving my horse with **Nickee** and **Sandy**, I climbed the remaining 100 ft. to the top to listen. About then **Jan** came on the radio to let me know that she had hounds running down the mountain a ways to the south. As we started down, I am sure that **Nickee** and **Sandy** were questioning their fate, and possible faith too, as we watched several buzzards circling below us.

Some 45 minutes after starting up the mountain, we meet up with **Jan**, **Gigi**, hound truck and hounds at the watering hole on Riptoe Rd. All but two hounds were accounted for and they were picked up later that evening by the **Mo** and **MF Jewell** and **Dwight Phelps**, a story in itself. Special thanks to the lady that held them until they could be picked up.

There are only a few weeks of hunting remaining this season. While the hounds have been primarily my responsibility, I want to thank **Jewell** and **Sandy** for the many things that they have done as we put together this season.

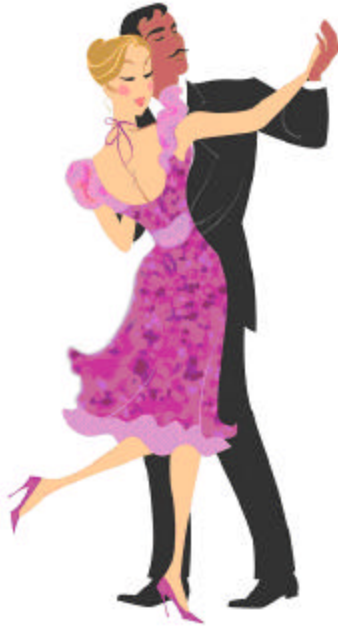
### Dan



Glenmore member **Chris Thompson** wears the Glenmore colors for first time at a recent hunt at Cobble Hill. Chris was awarded colors at the annual Glenmore Christmas party.

Glenmore member **Bebe Wills** returns to the hunt field after an absence of several years. Both she and Rick were happy to find that all her hunt clothes still fit!





## Join in the last two Tailgate Parties

There are only two more tailgate opportunities this season. All members are urged to come out and join in the fun and fellowship. Come out March 4<sup>th</sup> and help welcome our young riders. March 18 is special as it will end the 2006 hunt season.

**Kaye Tysinger** and **Mo Blythe** will handle the tailgate for the Junior Hunt on March 4<sup>th</sup>. If folks coming would plan to bring something suitable for a junior tailgate it would be most welcome. If anyone is willing to assist with the set-up, please contact Kaye or Sandy.

We also want to have a “special” tailgate for our closing hunt on March 18.<sup>h</sup> **Teri Smith** and **Bebe Wills** will be in charge; but, please, plan to bring something extra special for that tailgate if you are coming out to hunt.

**See You at the Ball!!**

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