



Glenmore Foundation Celebrates History

At its February board meeting, a newly elected Foundation Board member asked an excellent question: *Why was the Glenmore Foundation created and why is land ownership kept separate from the operation of the Hunt Club?* Once the question was posed, it was obvious that most of the board members could use a refresher course in Glenmore's history. The board directed **Graham Pitsenberger** to prepare a presentation to answer these questions. Answer them he did. At the next meeting, the board enjoyed a power point presentation filled with historical photos, facts, and figures.

Glenmore has a very rich history, and we should be thankful that folks like George Moore, Darlene Kemper, **T Stewart**, and Graham Pitsenberger were willing to work diligently to preserve the club and create a governance system to help prevent future problems. The short answer to the above question revolves around what was learned about how the MFHA thinks when hunt clubs go through arbitration. When Glenmore was in arbitration, the MFHA representatives stated the following: *the person with the hounds is the hunt*. To protect the Glenmore hounds and the posterity of the Glenmore Hunt, a new entity was formed to purchase the Curry Road property that we now know as the Glenmore Kennels. This entity is the Glenmore Foundation. Thus, by raising capital for the land purchase through the Foundation and keeping the transaction completely separate from the Hunt Club, our hounds are protected, and it would be much more difficult for a single individual to wield enough power to significantly alter the Hunt.

Here are a few facts I learned from the presentation:

*Since 1994, Glenmore members have prepared three different homes for the Hounds: Wheatlands, former Ardmore Animal Hospital, and finally, their current, permanent home in Springhill.

*As part of the initial land deal, a foxhunting easement good for seventy-five years was placed on 21 acres adjacent to our current kennel facility. We believe this is the only foxhunting easement in existence in Augusta County.

*Extensive work was completed by Hunt Club leadership to expand hunting territory from Rte. 250 to Rte. 33. It is important that we continue work to establish fixtures within our new territory. The position of the MFHA is that if you don't hunt it, you lose it.

*The Glenmore Foundation currently has a lease agreement for thirty years with the Hunt Club for the kennel property.

The presentation Graham gave was roughly an hour in length. As Secretary of the Foundation, I am charged with sharing the Foundation board's desire to see the leadership of the Hunt Club choose to make this presentation available to the full membership, perhaps in a fun, social setting. The Foundation Board stands ready to assist at the invitation of the Hunt Club.

Jakki Avery
Secretary, The Glenmore Foundation

Secretary's Corner

The meeting of the Glenmore Hunt Club will be held at the home of Marge Hays.

The Board meets at 7:00 and the membership meets at 8:00.

For directions call Marge at 886-0443.

No Membership Changes

Diane Gibbs, Hon. Secretary

Events of Special Note

Looking Ahead—The Calendar

July

4th — July Fourth Staunton Parade and Breakfast Social
11th —Glenmore Foxhunting Clinic
25th -28th Glenmore Hunt Pony Club Adult Camp

August

9th—Charity Trail Ride and Picnic Social

September

12th Cubbing season Breakfast/tailgate

Celebrate with Glenmore

Glenmore is again entered in the Staunton July 4 parade held at Gypsy Hill Park. Riders need to be in the Thornrose entrance parking lot no later than 8:30 or 9:00 am. As early as possible so you can get a parking spot. The parade starts at 10:00 am and there are usually a ton of cars in the parade also parked in this lot. If you are walking—not riding—please park outside the lot or arrange to come in with someone else since parking will be at a premium in the lot.



It is recommended you enter the Thornrose Ave. Gypsy Hill Park entrance from the back way to avoid as much traffic as possible.

Dress is formal (on the outside) - do what you need to do to keep cool inside. Braiding would be nice but is optional.

Following the parade, there will be a potluck tailgate. Please bring your own drinks, a lawn chair and something to share at the tailgate.

~Sandy Cryder

2009 Foxhunting Clinic

Hurry to reserve your spot for Saturday July 11th. The clinic will be held this year at beautiful Cedar Creek Stables on Shutterlee Mille Rd. Staunton.

Horses and riders will be grouped according to ability with jumping and non jumping available. Bring a lunch and a great deal of enthusiasm. This promises to be a great clinic with Instructors such as; Eventer Carol Ann O'Conner, Linnette Coaker and MFH / Huntsman, Dan Jones to mention a few. Entry Forms and Waivers available at www.glenmorehunt.org/

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John Lewis Gravesite Restoration

If you've ever ridden or hunted in the Glenmore territory known as VDOT on the fixture card or Gaie-Lea Farm, you've probably noticed the gravesite of John Lewis (Lewis Creek also runs through that area). The following story was reported by Matt Talhelm of NBC News 29. He has graciously allowed us to reprint the story in the *Glenmore News*.

Group Restores Famous Irishman's Grave

The Sons of the American Revolution group in the Shenandoah Valley is restoring the hill top gravesite of Augusta County's first European settler, John Lewis. The Irishman's grave has gone practically untouched for 80 years.

"Here lie the remains of John Lewis, who slew the Irish lord, settled Augusta County, located the town of Staunton, reads the seven-foot long granite grave marker. For history buffs, like David Berry, the Lewis gravesite is a priceless piece of the Valley's past. "John Lewis was apparently a pretty ambitious guy about getting something settled," Berry said.

Lewis fled Ireland and arrived in Augusta County in 1732. He is the first person with property on record in what is now the county and the city of Staunton.

"It was wilderness. It was nothing, wasn't settled," said SAR Registrar David Riel. "He got his property right here."

Lewis' 247-year-old gravesite on the property high above New Hope Road has gone unattended for decades. That is, until now. "They cut the hedges, so they could even get in to see the stone," Riel said of the work that's being done.

The Sons of the American Revolution are beginning to restore the gravesite. They've trimmed trees and are repainting the rusted fence surrounding the marker. "We're going to put some mulch around it, plant some plants," said SAR President Rick Downs. "We want to make history available to the people so that they can appreciate it."

"It's something that should be done twice a year, to come up and clean the place and keep it clean and make sure residents of the city know it's here," said Riel.

The Sons of the American Revolution plan to rededicate the Lewis grave later this summer with an historic monument near the marker so the site and its story don't go forgotten again.

Safari, 17yr old, 16 hand dark bay thoroughbred gelding needs a home. No shoes, up to date on all shots and coggins, recently wormed. No vices, very friendly, easy to be around, puppy dog type horse that cannot be ridden. Would be child safe for kids to brush, lead and be around. Loads, clips. Due to back injury in the withers and sciatic nerve damage, it very painful for him to be ridden. Gets along well with other horses and ponies of all ages. Would make a great babysitter for someone. Great personality. Current owner does not have a place to keep horse without paying board. Contact Meredith Chandler 540.280.9247.

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Spring Horse Show a Success!

Does anyone remember a wetter spring? I believe it rained every day of the week preceding the spring horse show and stopped only just in time. The ring at Mill Creek absorbed many inches of rain, but thankfully was in great shape for the show. The sun came out on show day and 45 riders showed up with 56 horses—a good turnout.

It takes a large and dedicated team to put on a good horse show, so there are many Glenmore members who should be recognized for their efforts. On Thursday before the event, course designer Maureen Waldron directed the Glenmore set-up crew to construct a very inviting course. Thanks to **Dan & Jan Jones** and **Linnette & John Coaker** for cutting and hauling the cedar for decoration and for helping stuff the jumps. **Ann Gordon, Lucy Gordon, Marge Hays, Joe Manning,** and **John Meyer** were also of huge assistance with the dirty and prickly job of jump setup and decorating.

Behind the scenes, **Angelika O'Donnell** edited the prize list and got it posted to our website and **Marge Hays** generated a lot of the necessary horse show paperwork.

We had a great team of officials for the show and things ran very smoothly all day. Krista Penny Hodgkin was our judge, Diane Hinch returned as secretary, and Kathy Tryon filled in as announcer when her mother, Molly Moore, came down with a bad cold. **Stacy Thompson** served as our medical staff. We also had a great non-member volunteer for the day who helped in the secretary's stand – Michelle Huffer. Michelle rode in our spring hunter pace and then volunteered to help with the horse show—all day! She's welcome back anytime!

Glenmore members were out in force on show day to help make the show go smoothly. **T. Stewart** and **Jenner Brunk** shared the complex task of tracking the jump order and keeping the riders moving in and out of the ring. **Cindy Kiser, Joe Manning,** Angelika O'Donnell, and **Bebe Wills** served as gatekeepers and/or ring crew for different parts of the long day.

Emily Guyer and **Bob Heitler** both brought horses and coached their students at the show. Thanks to both for helping swell the entry box!

The show isn't over until the host venue is cleaned up. Huge thanks to Jenner Brunk, Linnette & John Coaker, Cindy Kiser, Joe Manning, and **Jewell and Dwight Phelps** for pulling all the cedar out of the jumps, bagging the trash, and a host of other clean-up details.

Thanks also to the Glenmore members who came out to show their support for the show—**Kay Frye,** Dan & Jan Jones, John Meyer, **Ed & Ruth Moran,** and **Chris Thompson** all came out at various points and we appreciated their support.

Congratulations to Jenner Brunk, Lucy Gordon, Emily Guyer, **Kelsey Slye,** and Marge Hays who represented Glenmore in the show ring and made us all proud. Marge did especially well—two first place ribbons, one second *and* she was champion in her division! Way to go Marge!

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped in big and small ways to pull off this important fundraising event. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 5. I'll be looking for lots of volunteers to help with Glenmore's *Fall* horse show!

-Hugh Brown

Glenmore Preserves History

History chairman **Hugh Sproul** has several wonderful photo albums, one of which dates back to the club's early years. Spurred by the slide show **Hugh Brown** put together for the Hunt Ball, Hugh Sproul inquired about putting his pictures in digital format so that others can enjoy them in a slide show format in the future. Thus, the project of scanning these photos has begun. To date, the oldest ones have been preserved. I have volunteered to continue scanning Hugh's more recent photos that document the club's reorganization in the 1990s. Once this is completed, the committee hopes to locate more pictures that members may be willing to share. Please let Hugh Brown or **Jakki Avery** know if you have historical photos that could be scanned to help develop a digital pictorial scrapbook for the club.

~Jakki Avery



Great Memories of the Spring Horse Show



Glenmore Members strut their stuff at the Spring Horse Show. Top left: **Lucy Gordon** snug as a bug without stirrups. Top Right: **Jenner Brunk**. Bottom left: **Marge Hays**. Bottom right: New member **Kelsey Slye** Photos courtesy of **Hugh Brown**.

Boarding: Pasture board on private farm, with shelter, individual feeding and riding ring. Swoope area, close to Glenmore Hunt fixtures and National Forrest trails.

Call Diane Gibbs at 337-6078 for more details.



Masters' Corner

The center of any fox hunting organization is the hounds. Without the Hounds, there would be no foxhunting as we know it. MFH and huntsman **Dan Jones** has worked diligently to create a pack that hunts well together and are biddable.

Glenmore members have the opportunity and privilege of sponsoring a hound. In doing so, they may help with hound care expenses, maybe donate dog biscuits and materials for the kennel such as bleach, old towels, etc. The hound's sponsor may visit their hound at the kennel or cheer for it on hunting day.

The joint masters appreciate all our terrific hound sponsors do for the hounds. Sponsors and members may have noticed that there seem to be continual changes in the pack. This is normal in an evolving pack such as ours. Changes are due to such as obtaining new hounds that are drafted in, others that are drafted out for new ventures that are more suitable to their personalities, or hounds that are retired or pass on due to age or natural causes. There are several hounds ready to be adopted; call me if you can give one a new home.

If a sponsor loses "their" hound, that name is added to a list of members waiting to sponsor. New hounds are added to the pack from time to time and will be happy to be sponsored.

Many thanks to all our Hound Sponsors.

Jewell

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