

# Bar None Saddle Club

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## Bits and Pieces

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### David Beiswonger

David gave a brief demonstration on training a horse at the Topeka Saddlebred Sale at the Topeka Live-stock Auction in July. David ended the training session by riding around the arena with out a bridle on his horse. When the Saddle Club attends his training session later this year, he will also preform this demonstration.

### 4-H Judging Team

The DeKalb County 4-H Horse and Pony Judging Team won the State Judging Competition. Congratulations to Kara Surface and Danielle Thompson and all the members to the judging team. Special

thanks has to go the Brenda Seely, the coach of the judging team. Brenda has been the coach for a few years and every year she has gone to state with an excellent team. Hopefully they will have the opportunity to compete at the National 4-H judging competition.

### Dan & Dionne Surface

Dan and Dionne Surface celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary with a trip to the Kentucky Horse Park near Lexington Kentucky. We wish them the very best and hope they have an additional 30 or more years together.

### Horse Shows

There are just starting to have horse shows, Noah attended a two day show at Hicksville Ohio. Noah did a very good job in showing. Noah has really come along way from the first time he walked into a show ring, keep up the good work. Sam attended the same show. She did an excellent job as well. The story going around is she had a flat tire on her trailer after she got Diesel returned from the horse show and was returning home. She placed a phone call into her Dad and a few hours later the new tire was installed and everybody was home safe and sound.

## Calendar of Coming Events

August 4	Tuesday 7:00 PM	Regular Business Meeting
August 7	Friday 6:30 pm	Set up for Fun Show
August 8	Saturday 9:00am	BNSC Fun Show
September 2	Tuesday 7:00 pm	Regular Business Meeting
September 27-October 3		DeKalb County Free Fall Fair



*Agenda - August 4th, 2020*

- A. Call Meeting to Order
- B. Roll Call of Officers
- C. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- D. Treasurers Report
- E. Committee Reports
  - 1. Rentals
  - 2. High Point Award
  - 3. Web page / Face Book
  - 4 Fun Show
  - 5 Activities
  - 6, Free Fall Fair
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
- H. General Discussion—
  - For the Good of the Order
- I. Adjournment

*Stall of the President*

*Musing with Stu ~*

*With the Fun Show just about two weeks away, here is the latest information that I have. The show is still ago, the stalls in the saddle barn will be up and ready to go. We still have to collect and remove the manure from the horse barn. Working on somebody that wants the manure for their garden or compost pile willing to come and take it off our hands. If you know anybody that is willing to come and take it let us know. The main item is to let people know that we are not having a pot luck lunch. We will strive to keep social distancing when in the Saddle Club. That will be easier said than done. As long as the Governor's policy stays at 4.5, we should be OK, if the Governor changes and goes back to 4.0, we might have to cancel the show. It*

*still looks like we will stay at 4.5.*

*I have not heard anything concerning the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair. They are still talking that they are going on with the fair, in some form. Nothing on livestock, the latest I heard is some type of pull in and show and return home the same day. This system seemed to work at Noble County. DeKalb County 4-H had their Goat Doe show all ready, that went real well, no major problems.*

*All we can do is to make sure that we continue to practice social distancing and wear face mask when appropriate and hope everyone else does.*

*We have not contacted the Church of Christ from Hamilton as yet. If we have a fair they will be there.*

Even armed with the latest, greatest technology such as Accuweather's "RealFeel," there's still more to consider than just the temperature, humidity, wind, and sun when determining if it's too hot to ride this summer. Here are some practical tips to help you make the call of "how hot is TOO hot" for equestrian activities:

1. Horses that already live where it's warm and humid are at least somewhat acclimated to the environment. If a horse has recently shipped in from a cooler, drier region though, it can take 21 days for them to get used to the new climate. Experts advise keeping the workload light as horses adjust.
2. In addition to getting used to a hotter, stickier environment, horses also have to get used to the workload. If a horse is already fit going into summer, he's more likely to tolerate the heat better. If not, add exercise gradually and perhaps back off a bit when the numbers soar.
3. Sweat (aka evaporation) is the horse's primary means of cooling himself, but the other methods of heat dissipation—convection, radiation, and even conduction—play a role too. So find a cool breeze and seek shade when the heat seems overpowering. Offer horses a drink before, during, and after exercise and apply/scrape/repeat with cool water.
4. Avoid hauling in a trailer when it's extra toasty. With the sun rays heating things up plus reduced air movement around the horse, it can get very warm inside a rig very quickly. If you must haul, go early in the morning or late in the evening—even overnight!—when it's coolest and the sun's rays are less intense.
5. Likewise, if a horse must be worked, choose an early or late time instead of the middle of the day so that the temperature, humidity, and sun aren't at their strongest levels.
6. Don't forget to add salt and other electrolytes to the feed or even to a second bucket of water. Normal equine feedstuffs (hay, pasture, grain) don't meet horses' daily requirements for sodium. Plus when it's hot and they're sweating out a lot of sodium and chloride, horses can become even more deficient in these and other minerals.

Maybe on those really hot, humid days where there's no wind, no cloud cover, and the sun is beating down, it's time for an easy groundwork review, an extra grooming session, or a thorough tack cleaning!