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Kara Surface
 Congratulations to Kara Surface and her 4-H hipology judging team that competed at Purdue. Their team did very well and Kara placed in the top 10.

Mikayla Surface
 Mikayla recently purchased a new horse for contesting and trail riding. The new horse's name is Wyatt, and he is now at the Surface's farm. She sold Mojo so she could purchase this new horse. The good news is that Mojo is close and she has been given permission to show this horse at different horse shows. We are going to use Wyatt in the color guard.

Trail ride
 There is going to be a meeting at the WFWA Cannel 39 studios at 2501 E. Coliseum Blvd. This meeting is scheduled for May 1st at 6:30 pm. This is a meeting to see if horse trails would work out in Ft. Wayne and Allen County. The Club will discuss at our May meeting. It is the first meeting, so bring ideas to the meeting and we can forward them.

Spring Horse Show
 The Saddle Club's Spring is scheduled for May 18 starting at 9 am at the fair grounds. We will be have a set up date on Friday evening, May 17, starting at 6pm to get everything

moved over to the announcing stand and make sure we have everything we will need for the show. This should not take more than a hour. If we have the members, I would like to work the arena so that on Saturday we will be able to start with our halter classed. For the show on Saturday, we need to have some desserts to serve at the noon meal. If our club members would please bring at least two desserts. Sponsorship for our show is coming slowly, but we are receiving some sponsorships. Please bring your sponsors at the next meeting. We are requesting all sponsorships be to July by May 10.

Calendar of Coming Events

MAY 3-5	Friday-Sunday	8a-5p	Hoosier Hors Fair
May 7	Tuesday	7 pm	Regular Business meeting
May 17	Friday	6 pm	Setup For Show
May 18	Saturday	9 am	BNSC Spring Open Show
May 27	Monday	10 am	Memorial Day Parade
			BNSC Color Guard
June 4	Tuesday	7 pm	June Business Meeting



Agenda - May 7th 2019

- 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 Awards
 - 3. Activities
 - 4. Spring Horse Show
 - 4 Memberships
 - 5. Beef and Noodle Dinner
 - 6. Webb page/Face Book.
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
 - 1. Horse trails in Allen County/Ft. Wayne
- H. General Discussion / for the good of the order
- I. Adjournment

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Musing with Stu ~

The Saddle Club's major money maker is our Spring Horse Show. There will be many of our club members who will show their horses, but please remember that you are a member of the club and when you are not showing and taking care of your horse/horses the club needs your help in running our show. This is our show and we need all of our members to help in running our show. Most of the jobs will be covered by members but there will be a time when we need to have someone fill in. We strive to put on one of the best horse shows in Northeast Indiana, but we cannot do it without all of our members.

There is going to be a meeting

to see if horse trails would be something that would work in the Ft. Wayne /Allen County area. This meeting is scheduled for May 1 starting at 6:20 pm at WFWA on Coliseum Blvd. We have talked about trail ride for our club. We usually had to travel to go on trail rides or relied on members to open up their farms for us to come and do a trail ride. This would be a golden opportunity for our club to have a trail we can go on and hopefully a spot for an area to have a cookout or what ever and be close to our homes. We need to go to this meeting and express our thoughts. It could be a very good thing or something we do not want to be a part of. If we go with a good plan it just might work.

1. Be sure your trailer (and hitch) is safe.

It might seem obvious, but don't overlook it. We owe it to our horses to be sure the floor isn't going to collapse, axles aren't on the verge of breaking, hitches don't have cracks developing (which could compromise their integrity and lead to them breaking while you're hauling), and more.

Have a [trailer repair professional thoroughly examine](#) your trailer, tires, wiring, wheel bearings, brakes, and hitch at least once a year; if you haul regularly, have this done twice a year.

2. Keep an equine first-aid kit in your truck and/or trailer.

Another tip that seems like a no-brainer, right? But, in my experience, having emergency medical supplies for their horses is another safety consideration equestrians commonly overlook.

A few years ago, *The Horse* published an article [detailing what to do if you have a horse-hauling accident and steps you can take today to avoid a wreck in the first place](#). In it, Chris Newton, DVM, of Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, shared his recommended first-aid kit for horses to keep handy:

- Your veterinarian's phone number (sure, it's stored in your phone, but what if your phone battery is dead?);
- An updated list of your horse's normal vital signs;
- A thermometer;
- A stethoscope;
- Leg wrapping supplies (such as rolled cotton, brown gauze, and Vetrap);
- Duct tape;
- A PVC pipe or two to use as a splint;
- Triple-antibiotic ointment;
- Emergency medications you can obtain through your vet, such as ophthalmic ointment for eye injuries, Banamine, and/or Bute; and
- A few disposable diapers for use as bandages and/or to control bleeding.

Also—know how to use everything in your first-aid kit. Don't wait until your horse gets cast in a stall at a competition and cuts his legs to learn how to properly apply wraps to protect the wounds.

3. Keep your horse's head fully inside the trailer.

Opening vents and windows to keeping [fresh air flowing](#) through and allow built-up heat to escape from trailers is important. It's generally not advisable to close your horse up in a box stall with no windows or doors to allow airflow, so it shouldn't be any different for trailers. But be smart about it.

When your trailer is moving, be sure a screen or grate covers any windows or vents large enough and close enough for your horse to stick his head out.

Once you've stopped and parked your rig, it's safer to remove screens and grates from windows and for your horse to look around. But remember that—more than once—horses have tried to jump (some successfully, others ultimately requiring rescue) through trailer window and doors to escape their confines. Is it worth the risk? That's your call.

4. If you wrap your horse's legs, ensure they're secure.

[Wraps and shipping boots](#) can protect your horse's legs if they scramble to catch their balance, slip off a ramp or step during loading and unloading, and in countless other scenarios, as well as keep them from stocking up during long-distance transport. But they can also cause issues if they slide down under a horse's foot or come unwrapped *en route*.

Sure, some horses will just stand on wraps or boots should they come loose.

But others might panic and scramble, maybe even lose their footing and fall, if their boots or wraps don't stay in place. This could lead to injury to them and any horses they're trailering with, especially if the divider doesn't extend to the floor.