

# BARN BITS



## Spring SIRE's Newsletter

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### 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SADDLE UP FOR SIRE RIDE-A-THON



SIRE held its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Saddle Up For SIRE Ride-A-Thon trail ride at 7IL Trails in Cat Spring on Saturday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> and what a great day it turned out to be! The weather cooperated by raining the night before and helping wet down all of the trails and then moving off for a dry day on Saturday. All volunteers and rider participants were provided with a beautiful multi-colored t-shirt with artwork designed by Spring rider Megan Fry. They also enjoyed a BBQ lunch cooked by Texas Country Cookers. If you liked their food you can go to their website at <http://tccbq.com/> and leave a comment. They do this for us for free every year so give them a hand by spreading the word about them! Photographers Sallie Gillespie and Rebecca Bollenbach donated their time and Bill Henderson brought his Longhorn. Hockley volunteers Kaylye and Kellye Hall and Kerrye Ogg not only loaned us tables and chairs but also set them all up. Many, many thanks to them for saving us time AND money!

Spring was well represented by volunteers Stephanie Andrus, Sarah Bounds, Deborah Earl, Traci Hockabout, Chris Jardine, Jill Kin, Theresa Nguyen, Kim and Katherine Richards, Caitlin Russett, Ana and Michael Short and Caterina and Todd Sullivan.

They were joined by many volunteers from Hockley and Ft. Bend. As always, we could never do this without their help and appreciate the early morning and long drive they all had to make.

Shayna Bolton headed up Ride-A-Thon this year, Kathy Bigelow captained the Volunteer Committee, new Spring volunteer Ali Goodman was Co-Chairman and Bonnie Knowlton, Ladana Iglar and Anna Mary Thomas all worked on the Concessions Committee.

Fundraising this year was one of our best yet and exceeded our goal. CGG Veritas was our new Title Sponsor. Their contribution combined with the FriendRaising contributions gave us a total of \$78,000.00! We had some top individual fundraisers from our site: 6<sup>th</sup> place went to Lauren Iglar with \$625.00, 5<sup>th</sup> place went to Megan Fry with \$1,000.00 and 4<sup>th</sup> place went to William Trulove with \$2,500.00. Spring SIRE's Rat Pack team raised \$500.00. Many, many thanks to everyone that worked so hard to raise money and make this event such a success!



**Ride-A-Thon Photo Album**



Trail Ride!



The Rat Pack: Lark Bacall, Bud Sinatra, Harry Martin and Rudy Davis Jr.



Alex Dumas, Lauren Iglar and Katherine Richards



Katherine Richards, Harry and Renee Ketterer



Lauren Iglar and Bud, Truman Alexander, Sarah Bounds and Theresa Nguyen

Michael and Ana Short



## Happy Cat Adoptions' Silent Auction

Cody's foster home, Rebecca's Kitty Crew is partnering with Happy Cat Adoptions for their first ever Fundraiser. We think Cody is the BEST CAT EVER and we can't thank Rebecca enough for keeping him safe until fate brought us together. Please tell your family, friends and neighbors about Happy Cat's Silent Auction and help support the wonderful work they do.



**The Cats Meow  
But The  
Auction is Silent!**

**Please join us on October 22, 2011  
6:30-9:30pm  
Goode Company Texas Bar-B-Q  
20102 Northwest Frwy  
(Highway 290 West, exit FM 1960)  
Dinner, Live Music, Silent Auction &  
Raffle  
\$25.00 Advance/\$35.00 Door  
Cash Bar  
Tickets and More Information  
[www.HappyCatAdoptions.org](http://www.HappyCatAdoptions.org)  
or call [832-758-0047](tel:832-758-0047) - Rebecca**

## Upcoming Events

**First Day Fall B Semester**  
Monday, October 17th

**Rider Showcase**  
Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1pm to 3pm

**Challenges and Strategies for  
Riders with ASD Clinic**  
Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1pm to 5pm

## SIRE Rider Showcase

It's almost time for our yearly **SIRE RIDER SHOWCASE!** This is an exhibition for our riders to demonstrate their skills to their friends and family and will take place on **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.** All riders will receive awards and photographs and we will provide refreshments. There is no cost to the rider but space is limited so sign up today. We will provide custom invitations so you can personally invite your friends and family. For more information or to sign up, please contact Shayna. Please let Kathy Bigelow know if you are interested in volunteering!



## Autism Clinic - Hockley

A one day clinic on Challenges and Strategies for Riders with Autism Spectrum Disorder will be held on Sunday Dec. 4th, 2011, 1:00 to 5:00 PM at our Hockley site. The clinic will be conducted by Keith O'Connor, M.A., CCC-SLP and Anthony Busacca and Joelle Devlin, SIRE's staff of Master Level Instructors. The registration fee is \$75.00 (\$10.00 for current volunteers). To request a Registration Packet please Contact Anthony at (281) 356-7588, ext. 208 or [anthonyb@sire-htec.org](mailto:anthonyb@sire-htec.org)

## SIRE Volunteer T-Shirts

We have SIRE Volunteer T-Shirts and Sweatshirts for sale. They come in both Adult and Child sizes. The T-shirts cost \$10.00 each and the Sweatshirts cost \$15.00 each. Let Kathy Bigelow know if you would like to purchase one!