

# The Marsh Tacky Horse Association

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## Initial Meeting Held

*ALBC organizes meeting*

### Susan Day

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC) organized a meeting to discuss the future of the *Marsh Tacky*. The meeting was held in Hilton Head and many interested breeders, owners and enthusiasts of *Marsh Tackies* attended. The ALBC presented a slideshow describing the *Marsh Tacky* horse, the historical uses and the preservation of the breed. Today we know about 200 *Marsh Tackies* exist. A follow-up meeting will be held in June 2007 to discuss the official formation of a Marsh Tacky Horse Association (MTHA) that will help with the conservation and promotion of the *Marsh Tacky*. We will keep you posted as details develop for the meeting.

### Future Plans

By June, we will have more information on the formation of a non-profit association and election of officers. We ask your assistance by passing the word to all *Marsh Tacky* owners, breeders, or enthusiasts about the meeting. Handouts with a detailed

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## Interesting Photos

If you have any photos, new or old, of *Marsh Tackies* and you are willing to make copies please send them to:

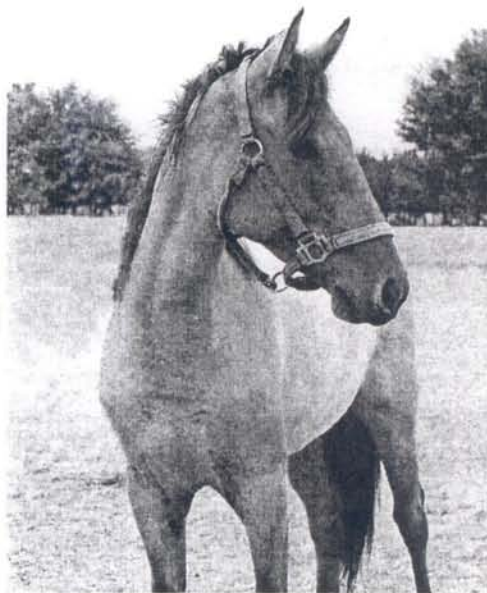
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Please include any information you have on the Marsh Tacky including horse's name, lineage (if absolutely known), current and previous owners of the horse and any other information that may be useful. ALBC and the Marsh Tacky Horse Association will use the information to establish the first ever *Marsh Tacky* studbook for use in conservation efforts with the breed. Here are some photos we already have:



*Marsh Tacky "Hollywood" owned by Louise Ulloa*

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accounting of costs will be provided for participants as an aide for discussing the following:.

Proposed Agenda:

1. Discuss becoming an association.
2. Propose names of the association example:  
***The Marsh Tacky Horse Association.***
3. Elect Officers for the association.
4. Present ideas for the logo of the association.
5. Discuss plans for a web site.
6. Decide on a mailing address for the association.

Much is owed to this determined breed of horse that helped people settle coastal areas when it was still a dangerous frontier. The *Marsh Tacky* rightfully deserves a place of honor in our memories as well as to be preserved for future generations.

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## **Contact Information**

Here is contact information on interested individuals in preserving the *Marsh Tacky* breed:

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## **General History**

The *Marsh Tacky* is a horse with a unique history. Once existing in feral herds on the barrier islands and mainland of South Carolina's Lowcountry and the northeastern Georgia coast, they have played a unique and pivotal role in the history of the region.

*Marsh Tackies* captured from feral herds were trained as children's mounts, to pull buggies, to plow fields, and also were considered to be excellent mounts for hunting wild game because of their endurance, level-headedness, and ability to navigate marsh bogs without sinking.

Modern development of the barrier islands slowly forced the *Marsh Tackies* removal from the wild places their breed had lived for more than three hundred years. Once existing by the hundreds on Hilton Head Island during the 1940's and 1950's they are virtually unknown to the present day inhabitants.

Pure *Marsh Tackies* now exist only in small numbers.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Special thanks go out to the following:

ALBC for their effort in preserving the *Marsh Tacky* breed and Jeannette Beranger for all her work on the studbook.

D.P. Lowther for his enduring interest in the *Marsh Tacky* and for his over 50 years of helping keep the breed in existence.

David Grant for initiating the renewed interest in the *Marsh Tacky*.

Catherine Ceips for helping with the bill before the state house on making the *Marsh Tacky* the SC State Horse.

Hilton Head Coastal Discovery Museum for giving us a location for our meetings.

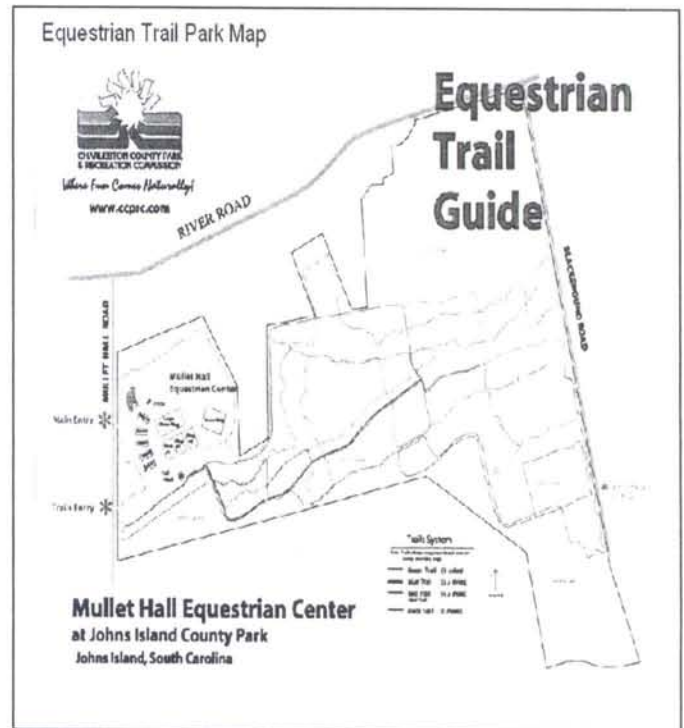
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE MEETING

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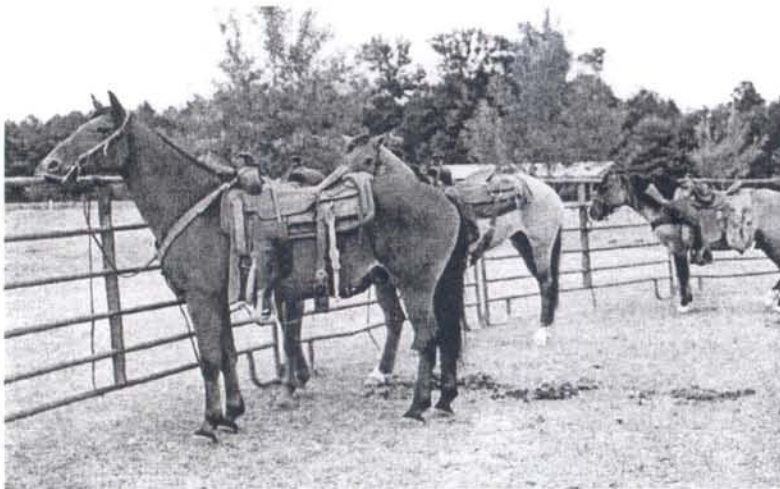
TIME: 10:00 A.M. UNTIL

To discuss and create a *Marsh Tacky* Association.



Please visit the Charleston County Parks website for a more detailed picture of this map and there is a link for directions.

<http://www.ccprc.com>



Part of the action at David Grant's open house Oct 2006.

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