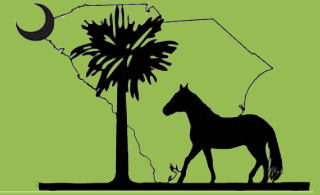


# CMTA News



Carolina Marsh Tacky Association brings you news and events from owners, breeders and riders of the S.C. State Heritage Horse.

Summer 2011



**John Speissegger**  
with Liberty and Jefferson

## Horse bits

- Kim and Jim Brown bought Noley, a Marsh Tacky mare, from Troy Smoak.
- David Grant sold Marsh Tacky gelding Gator to Carlisle McNair and Marsh Tacky stud, Coosaw, to Chuck Graham.
- Kathryn Heinsohn became a new Marsh Tacky owner with the birth of Barrier Island Shrimp & Grits, bred by Jenifer Ravenel.
- Marion Broach saddled 2-year-old stud Bird for the first time, and his grandson, Hunter Rogers, rode Bird without a single buck, disappointing the crowd gathered for the rodeo.
- Jeanette Beranger will be doing a head count of Marsh Tackies born this spring. Please send your info – including births, deaths, geldings or studs – to: [jberanger@albc-usa.org](mailto:jberanger@albc-usa.org).

## Marsh Tacky Upstate

Spring was busy for the upstate Carolina Marsh Tackies of Blackberry Ridge Horse Farm. On April 30, 2011, Liberty Blue and Jefferson hosted a Marsh Tacky Meet and Greet at Tractor Supply in Anderson, SC. Many people came by to see the horses and learn more about the State Heritage Horse. We were fortunate to have the assistance of three young ladies who have developed an interest in the Marsh Tacky. (Liberty has grown famous enough up here to attract a fan club!) This was Jefferson's first public outing. He was completely relaxed and comfortable. He even chose to lie down during part of the day. (It was nap time, after all.) Liberty continued to be an excellent ambassador and "kissed" everyone who wanted to be kissed! Johnny Speissegger and his dad made the drive all the way from Aiken to see us at this event. That meant a lot!

On May 21, 2011, the South Carolina Upstate Equine Council sponsored their first annual "Horse Play in May" even at the T. Ed Garrison Arena, part of Clemson University. Liberty Blue was the Marsh Tacky in attendance. She was the final horse through the parade of breeds.

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## A long-legged filly is born!

I personally had a blessed event at my farm on June 2, 2011. My mare Grace had a little filly that will be going to David Grant's farm after weaning. She has been quite the little angel. I missed the actual birth but was there shortly after as the afterbirth was still wrapped around her legs. Unfortunately for David, I think she is going to be as tall as Red Rocket. I think there is something in the pond water.... **By Susan Day**





## Being back on a Tacky feels good

Alicia Thompson recently shared these photos with Carolina Marsh Tacky Outdoors. The photo at top is Alicia as a 1-year-old riding on her aunt's Marsh Tacky named Frosty. Alicia bought Chicora ("Chuck" or "Chico") from David Grant and is excited to be a Tacky owner after all these years. Chico is pictured in the second photo.

### Competitive Trail Riding

The South Carolina State Heritage Horse is becoming a regular part of the American Competitive Trail Horse Association. Wendy Soltis, riding Houston, and Susan Day, riding Red Rocket, have competed in several ACTHA events. They, along with Jenifer Ravenel, competed July 16 in Bluffton, S.C. Kathryn Heinsohn also competed with her quarterhorse.

There is always excitement when people learn there are Marsh Tackys in the event. Seems everyone wants to see and touch this amazing horse! There is another event coming up this September, "Ride for the Mustangs," sponsored by ACTHA. If you would like to compete and help a Spanish breed, the website is <http://www.actha.us>.

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She was ridden by my 11-year-old son, Thomas. This was the biggest arena and biggest crowd that she has been in to date. She went even beyond my expectations! While many of the "blooded" horses in the barn were screaming, acting out and being squirrely, our girl stayed calm and cool. We opened her door and she spent the day with her head reaching out to those passing by. She really seemed to enjoy all the attention and seeing all the other horses and people. True to form, she gave kisses to everyone who wanted one, much to the delight of over a hundred people. This show was a good event in that it really pointed out the differences (and I think advantages) that the Marsh Tacky has as opposed to many other breeds. There were about 20 other breeds at this show. I encourage all Marsh Tacky owners to get their horses out there and show them off, especially where other breeds are around. Let everyone really see what we are talking about!

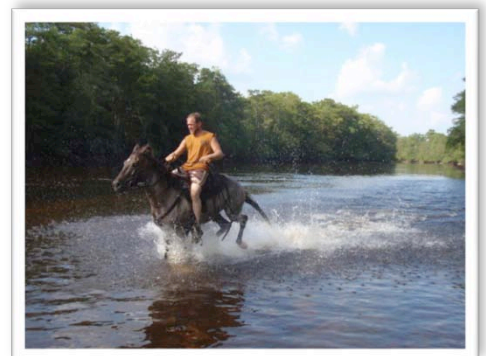
Jefferson turned one year old on June 11, 2011. As you might remember, that is also the anniversary of the day that Governor Sanford signed our State Heritage Horse bill!

Chris and I went to Ridgeland to see Mr. DP at the end of June. We bought two more Marsh Tackies from him: a mare and her filly. That brings us to 2 studs and 6 mares/fillies. It has now been over a year since Liberty arrived at our farm, and changed our world, on April 2, 2010. The past 15 months have been the most wonderful time of our almost 15 years of horse owning. I have always loved horses, but I had no idea what a true difference they could make in my life on a daily basis. The Marsh Tacky has really brought that point home.

**By M. J. Goodwin**

### Beating the Heat

Carolina Marsh Tacky Outdoors recently took a group of horses and riders to the Little Pee Dee River to cool off and let the horses swim.



**Ashley Jones** on David Grant's gelding Spirit

See more photos: [www.carolinamarshstacky.com](http://www.carolinamarshstacky.com)

# Parade of Tackies at Jamboree & Trail Ride

## Carolina Marsh Tacky Outdoors and Heritage Stables co-hosted May event

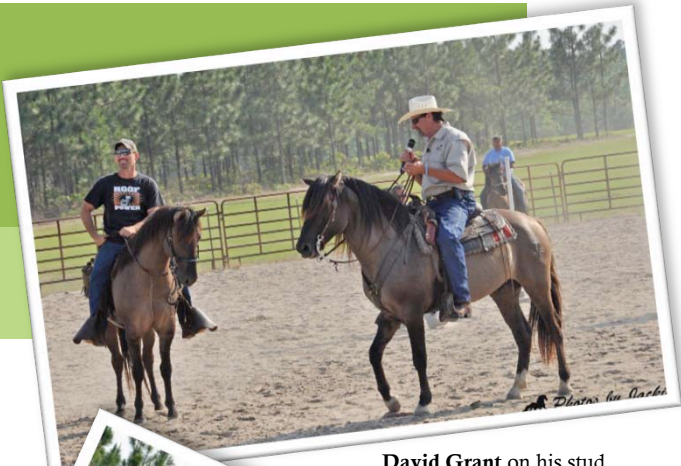
The first annual South Carolina Marsh Tacky Trail Ride & Jamboree was held Saturday, May 21, at H. Cooper Black Recreation Center in Patrick, SC. Carolina Marsh Tacky Outdoors and Heritage Stables organized the weekend event that included a trail ride, a demonstration and a showcase of breeds, as well as good food enjoyed among good friends.

All breeds were welcome to participate in the trail ride and showcase event, but it was mostly Marsh Tacky owners who displayed their horses and provided history on their particular horses or how they became a Tacky owner. Wylie Bell gave a short demonstration on world famous horse trainer Monty Roberts' principle of Join Up.

*Proceeds from the event went to Carolina Marsh Tacky Association and the S.C. High School Rodeo Association.*

### Stay Tuned!

Marion Gohagan filmed a hog hunting show with Marsh Tackies in mid-May. It will air as a show about the American Gun Dog on the Sportsman Channel at 11:30 a.m. August 27. There should be some good footage of Marsh Tackies in the woods, but the show is about dogs so we don't know just how much air time the horses will get.



**David Grant** on his stud DP, right, with **Jim Brown** on his stud Gator, left



**Marion Broach** of Heritage Farms brought five horses to the event.



**Jenifer Ravenel** on Scarlett



**Ricky and Tammy Warren** on their Marsh Tackies

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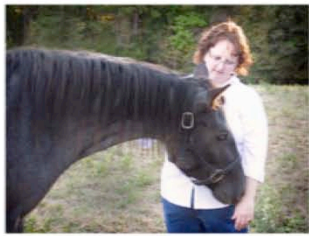
## Information and Requests

**Website:** Attending an event with your Marsh Tacky? Send event info to Jackie McFadden. Afterwards send your photos!

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### Marsh Tacky Registry:

Owners, remember to send Jeannette Beranger, P.O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312, updates on new births, sales, or deaths of your horses.



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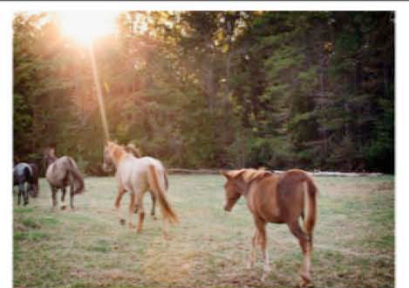
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