

Michigan Foxtrotter Association, Inc. (MFTA)  
March 2011 Newsletter and Expo Report

We had the most successful expo ever. We had about 8 people looking for MFT's and 5 new members. We only sold 2 t-shirts, but our raffle was very successful, the best ever. We netted \$260.00. Anna Davis of Charlotte was the basket winner, Sandi Roath won the bitless bridle and Teresa Gunders won the sweatshirt. Thank you to all who made donations to the basket. The list of those who donated is too long to list here, but we appreciate each and every one of you and your donation. The basket had over \$200.00 worth of horse supplies in it. Kathy Kruch deserves the credit for this idea and it was a big hit. Thank you Kathy for your idea. A thank you goes to Chuck Fanslow for the bitless bridle and we noticed that some people wanted that 2<sup>nd</sup> prize! The sweatshirt was donated by George and I. I hope you like your sweatshirt, Teresa. Also thank yous go out to our 2011 expo booth sponsors farrier Frank Castle and Stephanie Welling of Last Stop Farm.

Sandi did a real nice job with Percy on Saturday. Percy enjoyed the school children who came through and was very patient with those who wanted to pet him. Sandi looked great in her costume and we did have audience who came to see Percy in person after his performance. Well, maybe they came to see Sandi too!

Most of our clinic flyers were picked up and I hope that means we will fill both clinics. The first is April 16 & 17 (Help for You and Your Horse(Gaiting, Training) with Clinician Jim McKenney and Camping and Trail Riding class with Your Horse by Jan Wolfen) in Owosso. Contact Charleen Ostrom at 517-541-1282 or use [paladinfarm@acd.net](mailto:paladinfarm@acd.net) for more info. The second clinic is the April 30 "Tweak That Gait" clinic with Levi Beechy in West Branch, MI. Call Chuck Fanslow at 989-435-9224 or use email [riverflatranch@yahoo.com](mailto:riverflatranch@yahoo.com) to get more information. As of today I think the clinics have 3 horses each. I think they will fill, but please tell your friends about the clinics. Word of mouth is one our best advertisements. More info and flyer forms are available at [www.michfoxtrotters.com](http://www.michfoxtrotters.com).

We do have to start thinking about next year for our representative in the 2012 expo. A stallion is preferred, but a gelding works well too. We can't use a mare because of the rules of the expo. We always want to improve our booth at expo. It has been suggested that we have an Expo committee next year to put on the expo and also plan it. Think about being in charge of this event or serving on the committee. You would have to commit to set up on Thursday and the expo on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I think this is a good idea. Having more people involved with new ideas will move the MFTA forward. Marilyn Mannino, George and I have done it for the past 3 years. It is time for new blood. If you have any questions or comments about expo, please contact me. 517-541-1282 or e-mail me at [paladinfarm@acd.net](mailto:paladinfarm@acd.net).

Respectfully Submitted,  
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