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NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

Happy New Year! The start of the New Year brings hope of a better year. The plans of what stallion you will breed your mare to, the 2 year old that you have started and hope to enjoy for many years and the trails that you hope to ride. Now is the time to head out to the tack room and go over your equipment. Do your blankets need cleaning, how long since you really cleaned and oiled your saddle? Take the time while riding time has diminished and ensure that when you hit the trail, both you and your horse are ready to go. At my place, January is tooth fairy month. I call my vet and we start checking records to see who needs teeth floated and getting our game plan working. This way when the weather is good, I am ready to go.

I wish all our members and friends the best for 2024.

Carla

2024 Officers & Board

President: Carla Kelly
Vice- President: Jamie Zoller
Treasurer: Suzette Combs
Secretary: Kathy Maxwell
Directors:
Jeanne Casner
Pat Martin
Jessica Swager

Opps we had errors in the December Newsletter: Kevin Barry & Wendy Brown -Barry were not correctly identified. Wendy did not read an original poem at the Christmas party, the poem read was by Waddie Mitchell "One Christmas in West Texas".

Got something for the newsletter? Contact Carol at mariposarodeo@gmail.com by the 25th of the month to get something in the next months' newsletter.

Upcoming Planning Meeting for 2024

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6:30 pm at Happy Burger

We will be having our first board meeting of the year and this meeting will be mostly about planning our calendar for the 2024 year. If you would like to chair an event or have some ideas for the board we encourage you to come to this meeting. In the first few meetings we also will be reviewing our bylaws to see if any edits need to be made to help the club run more efficiently. If you can't attend, and have ideas please reach out to Carla Kelly at okellyranch@gmail.com

Membership Renewal

Make sure you renew your membership for 2024 as forms have been updated online. Don't miss out on fun events and rides for the year! We need to build our membership so make sure you invite your friends to join. More members = strength and being able to host more events! We look forward to 2024 bringing more educational and riding opportunities for all of us!

Merchandise

Embroidered Women's Classic Ultra Tee-shirt- \$28

Tee-shirts w/ Pockets- \$28

Alternative Tee-shirt (soft fabric)- \$28

Embroidered Women's Tank shirt- \$28

V-neck Tee-shirt- \$28

Long Sleeve Tee-shirt- \$30

Reversible Jacket- \$45

Hooded Sweatshirt- \$45

Sweatshirt Full-Zipper- \$50

Knit Caps- \$15

Visors- \$15

Water Bottles- \$8

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Mugs- \$8

Koozies- \$2.50

Lunch Coolers- \$20

Trailer Stickers- \$10

Ball Caps- \$25

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Board Spotlight

Carla Kelly

Carla has been the MMR president going on 3 years. She and husband Mike have been calling Mariposa home since 2004. It was her training officer that told her about a pretty little town called Mariposa which seemed to fit into a place where they could have a farm. Carla is retired from Camarillo, CA where she was a Traffic Officer for CHP. Carla also has a sister in Mariposa, Barbara Lyons (Lyons Vineyard in Hunters Valley).

Carla is currently the Vice President for the Mariposa Farm Bureau and is part of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for the County. She has been a MMR member since 2007.

For over 25 years she has been an AQHA breeder promoting the Skipper W bloodlines and along with raising horses, she also raises beef cattle.

Emma Lou and Jewel are currently her riding horses, both are coming back to saddle after a year of raising foals. Looks like the 2024 Snaffle Bit Futurity may very well be a first for Carla with two Derby Horses, Heavenly Bama and Jazzy Rey Babydoll which is very exciting!

Carla says she looks forward to riding the trails together with new & old friends and seeing just how much of this country we can explore. Carla added that she started riding the trails with the MMR when she first came to the area and without the friendship and help of the people she met while riding, she doubts that she would had ever learned how beautiful this area is.



“My therapist has whiskers...”

Board Spotlight



Suzette Combs

Suzette is the current Treasurer for MMR and was previously a Director. Suzette has been in the mountain community of Ahwahnee since 2005 and a few years ago her Mom, Pat, joined her when she moved from Oregon. Suzette is currently working at CCWF and looking forward to retiring soon.

Suzette enjoys her volunteer work with the Mariposa County Sheriff's Posse and the Little Angels Service Dogs. She is very much looking forward to becoming a grandma soon.

Suzette's current horse is Nala, a 3 year old mare, whom she wants to work towards competing in trail trials and cowboy challenges.

While she's not sure how long she's been a member of MMR, Suzette says that that besides looking forward to retiring, being a grandma, ranching and volunteering she wants to enjoy life and continue to be a positive influence.



"A great horse will change your life. The truly special ones define it ..."



In January we will be planning our 2024 year, therefore events will be added as they are set. Check the website or current newsletter for updates. We also will be adding in CSHA events for our region. Parades are also being listed whether or not we will participate depends on member participation. Dates subject to change.

January

1/18 Business Meeting (organizational meeting) 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

February

2/15 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

March

3/17 Footman Park Raymond Ride, Sunday (time and lead TBA)

3/21 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

TBA Catheys Valley Ride (Cathy Orth), talk on Equine Insurance by Chris Phillips

April

4/13 or 4/20? Raymond Parade, Saturday, Raymond

4/18 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

TBA Long Ranch Ride (Jamie Zoller)

May

5/3 Butterfly Festival Parade, Saturday, Mariposa

5/11 Motherlode Round Up Parade, Saturday, Sonora

5/16 Business Meeting 63 pm Thursday, Happy Burger

TBA Jerseydale Ride (Peggy DeBuyser)

June

6/20 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

6/30 Obstacle Practice & Challenge Race w/ Sheriff's Posse 730am Sunday, Camp Creek Ranch

July

7/13-14 CSHA Region 4 Trail Trials Saturday & Sunday, Goat Meadow

7/18 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

August

8/10 Mariposa Rodeo Royalty Dinner and Crowning, Mariposa Fairgrounds

8/15 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

8/31 Labor Day Parade, Saturday, Mariposa

September

9/19 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

October

10/17 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

November

TBA CSHA State Convention

11/21 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

11/30 Bass Lake Tree Lighting and Parade, Saturday, Bass Lake

December

12/1 Holiday Party Sunday location TBA

12/14 Merry Mountain Christmas Parade, Saturday, Mariposa

Sunshine!

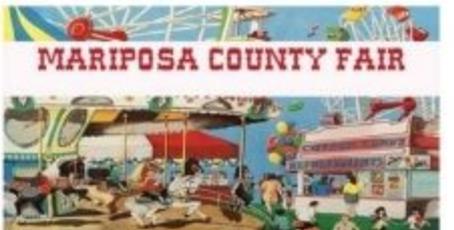


Sunshine gos out to member Kevin Barry as he had hand and arm surgery last month. Hope he can get back in the saddle soon!

If you know of a member who may need a little sunshine shout out let us know!

Sponsors

Please support these sponsors as they help to support MMR, whether it's in providing sponsorships at our events or perhaps by purchasing space here in our newsletter. We appreciate the support! If you would like to place a business card ad in a future newsletter, or sponsor one of our events please contact Carol for information at Mariposarodeo@gmail.com

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