



MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS
NEWSLETTER
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AUGUST MEETING CANCELLED



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit here looking at the end of July, I wonder what happened to this month! The hot weather had us adjust our riding times to early AM or later PM. I heard a good percentage of folks headed up to the high country to enjoy the lower temperatures. Crazy as it seems, we still have snow above 9,000 feet, and the park is adjusting daily to the snow melt. Our club is also adjusting daily to what rides can we can put together that offer parking and are cool enough to enjoy the trip. If we fulfill one requirement the other is totally lacking.

However, October is shaping up to be a busy month. October 3rd is “NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.” It is an annual campaign that promotes law enforcement partnership in the community. It will be at the Court House in Mariposa from 4:30-7:00 PM. Vender booths will be set up with information. Then we will have the MMR/Sheriff's Posse Obstacle Event on October 15th at the Camp Creek arena. There will be a variety of obstacles to learn and try with no judging. Our motto is “No Pressure, Just Fun.” At the end of the month we will be having our popular Halloween Ride on the 28th. Mark your calendars so you can come enjoy your club with other members! If you have not received your Newsletter via email, please let me know. You can also access the Newsletter off the Web via www.mariposamountainriders.com. Access to ride entries are also available there, so it is a good tool to use. I wish you cooler weather to ride in, lots of good friends to enjoy the trail with and hope to see you at the Fair! E-Mail: carliejune@gmail.com
Carla Kelly



TRAIL BOSS REPORT

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“There are times when you can trust a horse, times when you can’t,
and times when you have to.”**

Anonymous (from the book; The Quotable Horse Lover)

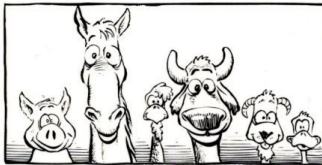
When it comes to our trail rides our president pretty much summed it up in her report. However, we will persevere and keep trying to find some trails to ride. So hang in there and please let me know if you have any suggestions for future rides. And I haven’t given up on a ride in September.

When we heard that Mariposa Trails had opened up the Short Manzanita Trail out of Owl Creek in Jerseydale, Kevin and I decided to give it a go. The timing was perfect because the heat wave hadn't set in, and we had a nice breeze. The trail workers did a clever job of clearing the trail in such a way that motorized vehicles can't get through without much difficulty, and if you haven't been there before the trail is hard to spot. Because of this, I would call this a technical trail that offers "Trail Trial" type challenges. There were lots of logs to step over and narrow passages to walk through, and a very narrow bridge across a washout that we opted to dismount and walk our horses over. There were still wildflowers blooming, and we rode eight miles. The problem with it now is there is no shade because of the fire. So we'll have to wait on that one for cooler weather.

In the picture for this month, I'm wearing a "CHILL-ITS 6665" Vest" that I can highly recommend for riding in hot weather. You soak it in cold water, and it keeps you cool for hours if you don't mind some moisture. The brand name is TENACIOUS ergodyne WORK GEAR.

HAPPY TRAILS!
Wendy Brown

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