



MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS
NEWSLETTER
MAY 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome May! We gave April a good send off with our Spring Trail Ride & Lunch Presentation by Beth Kellner. It was great to learn of the roles our area services offer during emergency evacuations. The real knowledge was how to, "PRE-PLAN" for the best outcome. We all think what we would do, but when you add the stress of YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT!! It changes our mental perspective. Having carriers to put animals in with their food, medications with the information of pet and owner is key. Taking photos of your pet with you will help identify your animals later. Keeping your trailer up, so you're ready to go "RIGHT NOW" is all part of the plan. But don't forget yourself. Put some spare clothes, toothbrush, etc. so you aren't looking for it at the last moment. It seems simple, but pressure makes us forget the little things.

The Spring Ride was fun. The potato bar, delicious, and Mother Nature gave us a beautiful day with all her flowers to enjoy. The next event is at the Long Ranch, Saturday, May 13th. This is always a well-attended event, and finding Scavenger Hunt items adds some challenges and competition. Please send your applications in right away. Two weeks will fly by quickly and you don't want to miss it. We have waited all winter for this beautiful spring to arrive to ride. Start saddling up and attending the events, so you can be ready for the Obstacle Challenge sponsored by MMR and Mariposa Sherriff's Posse on June 3rd at Camp Creek Ranch. Last year we had a blast and this year should be even more fun with a tack sale to shop. Till our next event, happy trails!

Carla Kelly



TRAIL BOSS REPORT



We had nine riders on our Spring Trail Ride. The riders and horses all did well on the trail after such a long winter. Getting out to ride, with other horsemen and women on a sunny spring day through green hills filled with wildflowers is what I think of as “eye candy.” There was a variety of horses, tack, and riding styles. This made me think of our club’s membership and how diverse we are. There are many different areas of interest, the kind of horses or mules we ride, our tack, and what type of riding we like to do. What brings us together as a club is that equine partner under us. Horses are the glue that keeps us going. Our board is working hard to offer a variety of activities. We know that we won’t be able to please everyone, but let us know what your interests are. We are open to suggestions.

In the past, one of the areas that the Mountain Riders have been active in is riding in parades. This has not happened for quite a few years. The Raymond Parade is a small town event that my husband Kevin and I have attended for years, but we have never ridden it. The Sierra Freepackers of the Backcountry Horsemen ride every year. We are members, and decided to join them on April 15th to see how our horses would handle all of the distractions. We were pleasantly surprised that both horses did very well. Are you interested in riding in our local parades again? We have flags, banners, and equipment stored. We could arrange some days to practice for this sort of thing, so let us know.



I am also adding some new things to the Newsletter. One is a "Sunshine" box for members that need some support and Sunshine in their lives. Recently our Treasurer, George Naas had an encounter with his hay stack and injured his back. We all send George our best wishes for a full recovery. And Jamie Zoller lost her beloved gelding to navicular disease. This is one of the most difficult things we as horse owners have to deal with, and we send our condolences. So if you or any member you know needs some sunshine let me know. Another topic I'd like to include is "Lessons Learned." Do you have a story you'd like to share of a lesson that you learned when dealing with your horse or horses? Please send it to me.

I'd like to give a big shout out to our members who have stepped up to chair our fund raising trail rides. Planning and organizing these rides is a lot of work, and like our President mentioned in a previous newsletter, this should not fall on the same people all the time. Jamie Zoller and Jessica Swager have been doing this so far. They are creative and have good organizational skills. Please consider chairing one of our rides. These young ladies need help, and would be willing share their knowledge of planning an event. "Many hands make light work." This adds to the camaraderie, accomplishment, and fun. Thank you Jamie, Jessica, Adrian, Lou, Mary Darlene, Cindy, Beth, and Carla for making our Spring Trail Ride a huge success. And lastly I'd like to thank Gwen Nitta, my riding partner, for sharing her vast knowledge of our local trails.

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Send your stories and suggestions to;
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Or call or text to;



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Our next meeting is May 18, 2023 at the Happy Burger at 6:30 PM.

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