



# November 2025

## NEWSLETTER



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### President's Letter

Coming into our holiday season – It's a great time to look at the events your club has to offer to wrap up the year. Don't miss our Lunch and Learn with Dr. Jay Mero and our 'Taco About A Christmas Party' which includes our General Election.

Looking towards next year, your club is going to need your support. There are openings on the Board for the Leadership Team and Directors. I encourage you to get involved, share your ideas and contribute to the ongoing success of our club.

Come join us!

Jeanne



November 27



# Meeting Recap October 16, 2025



October meeting was cancelled due to no quorum.

Join us for the Next Business Meeting:

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE, TIME & PLACE:**

Saturday November 22 11am

Fish and Game Hall 5056 Darrah Road, Mariposa



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



October: Mary Darlene Theodore, Chris Dockendorf

November: Rosie Charman, Jessica Swager, Jeanne Casner, Bryan Imrie,  
Casey Mello

December: Joy O'Meara, Cathy Orth, Bobbie Pearson



**NOMINATIONS**

**If you'd like to run for a position let Kathy know!**

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# October Trail Report!

14 riders enjoyed a beautiful day at the Goat Meadow ride. Directions were great, easy parking, Cathy had drinks and snacks for everyone and after a riders meeting we were riding in the forest on a dirt road and on single track trails. After the ride we gathered around, ate lunch and visited. If you haven't ridden up there you are really missing out.

Special thanks to Gwen & Wendy for scouting out the trails (multiple times!) & to Cathy for organizing the ride. It takes a dedicated crew to put on these trail rides and I'm happy to report that Wendy and Gwen have agreed to continue doing some rides for us!





# Goat Meadow Ride





**MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS**



**FALL**



# *Lunch & Learn*

**Saturday, November 22, 2025  
12:30pm**

**Fish & Game Hall  
5056 Darrah Road, Mariposa  
\$15 per person**

**Lunch includes:**

**Beef and Bean Chili, Veggie Bean Chili, Corn  
Bread, Drink and Dessert**

**Game:**

**Horse Jeopardy**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Dr. Jay Mero, dvm from Mariposa Equine  
Services to discuss a variety of Equine  
related topics**

**Bring a raffle prize to donate  
and you'll get 1 free raffle ticket  
and if you are a current member don't forget  
to get a free raffle ticket!**

**RSVP by November 17th  
Cathy (707)849-0470  
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# Between the Ears

Contributed by Carol Suggs

## **It's your club...we need you!**

This is your club and without active members and folks that want to take on leadership roles the club may not be able to continue to survive. This club has always focused on education, preserving trails, promoting better horsemanship, supporting legislation which benefit horsemen, hosting and supporting equestrian events and supporting local youth equestrian activities such as 4H, Mariposa Fair and Mariposa Rodeo Royalty.

Over the years MMR has hosted endurance rides, poker rides, scavenger hunts, play days, dances, camp outs, educational clinics, English and Western shows, ranch versatility, obstacle challenges, trail trials and of course group trail rides throughout Mariposa and surrounding counties.

For 48 years MMR has been a welcoming place for riders and horse lovers of all skill levels to connect, share knowledge, and build lifelong friendships.

We are in need of members and for members to step up into leadership roles. Each one of our officer positions are open for 2026, with elections to be held at our General Meeting/ Christmas Party on December 7<sup>th</sup> where we also will be pulling the winning raffle ticket for the free Equine Dental Float.

**See ya in the arena or on the trail!**



# 10 TIPS FOR PREVENTING COLIC



**Establish a daily routine** – including feeding and exercise schedules – and stick to it.



**Provide daily exercise and/or turnout.** Change the intensity and duration of an exercise regimen gradually.



**Feed a high-quality** diet comprised primarily of **roughage**.



Provide **fresh, clean water** at all times.



**Avoid feeding excessive grain and energy-dense supplements.** (At least twice as much energy should be supplied from a roughage source than from concentrates.)



**Avoid putting feed directly on the ground**, especially in sandy soils.



**Divide daily concentrate rations into two or more smaller feedings** rather than one large feeding to avoid overloading the horse's digestive tract. Hay is best fed free-choice.



**Check hay, bedding, pasture and environment for potentially toxic substances**, such as blister beetles, noxious weeds and other ingestible foreign matter.



Set up a **regular parasite control program** with the help of your equine practitioner.



**Reduce stress.** Horses experiencing changes in environment or workloads are at high risk of intestinal dysfunction.

For more information about colic prevention and treatment, ask your equine veterinarian.



# 2025 RAFFLE TIME!

Winning ticket gets 1 free equine dental  
float from Mariposa Equine  
\$10 per ticket



Contact Kathy Maxwell at: (209) 742-8120  
Or any MMR Board Member for tickets

Tickets will be drawn December 7, 2025 at the Mariposa Mountain Riders Holiday Party. Need not be present to win. Must redeem winnings within 2 years of drawing. Equine Dental Float does not include ranch call.



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## 2025 Calendar

Check the website or current newsletter for updates. Dates subject to change. With each months' newsletter we will drop the prior months' events.

### November

11/22 Saturday 11 a.m. Business Meeting, Fish & Game Hall, Darrah Road

11/22 Saturday 12:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn, Horse Jeopardy and educational talk with Dr. Jay, Dvm, Fish & Game Hall, Darrah Road, Mariposa

### December

7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting and Christmas Party, Masonic Hall 5pm- 8pm

### January

15<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm



Hey! Do you want more events? We need more volunteers! Bring your ideas to the monthly board meeting and let us know what you would like to see the club do in the future. We need people to step up and chair events. Without volunteers we are very limited as to what we can offer.





# **Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen Miss Rayna Rogers**

Hello Mariposa Mountain Riders!

This last month has been packed full of appearances for us Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Royalty. From serving lunch alongside the Edward Jones Sonora branch at the Sierra Senior Providers Center, to participating in the West Point Lumberjack Parade with Jr. Princess Bobbie, and cheering on Princess McKenna as she attended the Stockton Mounted Patrol Fundraiser Dinner, we have been busy, busy, busy!

We even traveled all the way to San Francisco for the Grand National Rodeo at the historic Cow Palace! Supporting friends at the Miss GNR pageant was such a highlight, but we had the most fun greeting spectators and collecting donations for the Golden Circle of Champions, raising money for pediatric cancer patients. It's always great to contribute to something larger than yourself, and we were very honored to help out where we could.

But perhaps the most exciting part of the month was when the three of us got to witness the return of the Clements Stampede Rodeo and participate in its grand entry and additional events. This rodeo holds a special place in all our hearts, and it was wonderful getting to attend together.

Wrapping up the month with the Mariposa Friends of the Fairgrounds Sausage and Suds event, as well as Trunk-or-Treat, we look back on these memories fondly, and can't wait to see what's in store for the coming months!

Rayna Rogers

2025-2026 Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen

"Always hold your head as if you wear a crown."



# Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Royalty



Out and About



**MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS**



# **'TACO ABOUT A CHRISTMAS PARTY, GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS!**



**Masonic Lodge, 5154 Jones Street, Mariposa**

## **A Fun Filled Evening!**

- Taco Bar
- Game to be announced
- Bring you favorite cookies to share
- General Meeting/Elections
- Raffle and Friends!

**\$25 pp  
bring canned or dry food  
for Manna House  
donation!**

**RSVP by December 1 to  
Jeanne at 209-769-4285  
(text or call)**

**SUNDAY**



**DECEMBER  
5PM**



## MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS

# Manna House Donations

**bring dry or canned food donations and get a free raffle ticket!**

Some ideas for dry and canned items that Manna House typically gives away:

- Cereal
- Soup
- Beans
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Tuna
- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Tomato Sauce
- Dry Powdered mix: spaghetti or chili
- Pasta
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Ramen Noodles

For those that want to help a little more they also take donations of Dog and Cat Food, Diapers and of course monetary donations.

**Manna House Mission:** To provide assistance with food in emergency situations. We know there will be exceptions to this, but our main concern is to help only in emergency, such as loss of employment, fire, accident, etc. , until a more permanent solution to the clients needs are met by other agencies.





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## Special shout out to:

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