



MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS
NEWSLETTER
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September is ending on a great note with the ride in the "Big Trees"! Wendy Brown, our Trail Boss, really kicked this ride into a special memory for those that attended. Wendy is talking about making the trip into Yosemite after the high tourist season is over for a big send off to 2023. Hopefully, the weather will prevail, and time works out for this. Rapidly approaching is the Obstacle Practice on October 15th. This is a no pressure event that enables you to expose your horse to challenging obstacles. This is a joint fundraiser with Mariposa Sheriff's Posse. Come out and support your club and enjoy a fun morning! Last but not least is the Halloween Ride at the Long Ranch. Sign up early as this is always a well attended event. Our big announcement is we have obtained our NON PROFIT status. Many of you know this has been in the making the last couple of years and we are delighted to have conquered this hurdle. Many thanks for those who help start us down this road and get this accomplished. CONGRATULATIONS, MMR!!!

Carla Kelly



TRAIL BOSS REPORT

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Horses are something to dream about...and wish for; fun to watch...and to make friends with; nice to pat...and great to hug; and oh, what a joy to ride!”

From the Quotable Horse Lover – Dorothy Henderson Pinch

We had a perfect day for our trail ride on Sunday the 24th, to the Big Trees and the Mariposa Grove. We had five riders including myself, and all the riders and horses did fantastic on the trail. We passed quite a few hikers on the trail, and it was interesting to ask where they were from. We met people and families from Washington State, Walnut Creek, and China to name a few. Everyone we met was courteous, and many took pictures of us as we rode by. Thank you to Chris Dockendorf, Debben Beesley, and Shylah Joslin for joining us on this ride. And a big shout out to Jessica Swagger who took lots of pictures, and rode drag. Thank you also to Adrian Wolf who stayed at the staging area and kept an eye on our rigs. Stay tuned. We may be able to squeeze in one more ride up in the Goat Meadow area before the snow flies. We also got permission from Brian Bullis to have parade practice at the Fairgrounds. So we will be scheduling a practice there very soon. And lastly, Yosemite National Park recently asked for public input on their “Visitor Access Management Plan.” MMR partners with the Sierra Freepackers. They are a Unit of the Backcountry Horsemen of California. They ride in Yosemite frequently, and have submitted letters commenting on the “Plan.” Equestrians were assured that their suggestions would be considered. However, the park has ignored us, while extensive consideration is given to expanding bicycle and pedestrian options as a car-less option. This gives weight to the sentiment among private stock users, that we are no longer welcome in Yosemite National Park. For more information on what is going on in Yosemite, you can find a comment letter that I submitted on our web site, www.mariposamountainriders.com. It is in the News section. This is important if we plan to continue horseback riding in Yosemite.

**I hope to see you out on the trail!
Wendy Brown – Trail Boss**



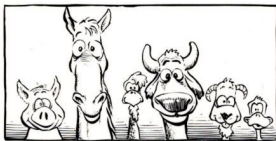




SUNSHINE – We just found out that Carol Suggs has to have surgery on her broken arm. Board Member Mollie Tucker sustained a bad break in her ankle and has to have surgery to repair it. We wish them both a speedy recovery. And Gwen Nita pinched a nerve in her spine which caused a considerable amount of pain down her arm. Unfortunately, it happened the morning of our trail ride. When she got to the staging area she realized she wouldn't be able to ride let alone drive back down the mountain. So Kevin loaded Crow in her trailer with Cotton and drove her home. So they couldn't join us on the ride. Fortunately, Gwen has recovered and will be back in the saddle soon, and Kevin did get to ride Crow home from her house back down East Westfall Rd. If you or anyone you know needs some SUNSHINE, let me know and I will include you in our newsletter.

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And a special thank you to Brian Bullis who has given us permission to have parade practice at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds.



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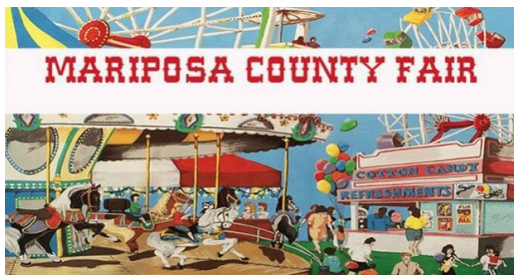
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