

Mariposa Mountain Riders



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NEWSLETTER

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Happy
St. Patrick's
Day March 17!

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CHSA liaison: Jamie Zoller
Trail Team Organizer: Peggy DeBuyser

Happy
Easter

March 31!

President's Letter

February has had a wide variety of weather for us all. One day it is pouring, next snow then sunny and beautiful. As I sit here looking at the green grass and my horses to ride, I realize I need to get in the saddle soon. I called the farrier to check the horse's feet and do trims, next is Dr. J. Mero, DMV, to get teeth floated and get all my shots done. Now I have run out of excuses, so here we go, legging up and checking fences. As I think about it, our club has a season too. We start our new year with lots of plans and things we want to put on. The board meetings handling all the business to keep the club's insurance, web site, and events for the year. Our last board meeting showed all the directors working together laughing and joking about all the things we will be doing in the coming months. As you read this month's newsletter, you will feel the positivity of this year events. Your board is trying to let you know what events we are putting on but also our affiliated CSHA events. You have a full calendar to choose from and if you go to half of what available to you, you will truly benefit. By the end of this year, your horse will be a better partner and you will have acquired a bunch of friends that share your same passions. Come out and join us. Happy trails!

Carla





March 17, Sunday
St. Patrick's Day Ride
Footman Park, Raymond



Plenty of parking, restrooms and nice easy first ride of the year in Raymond. Sign in at 9 am and Ride out at 10am. Great opportunity to bring a friend. All riders must sign release forms. Haven't renewed your membership? We will have membership forms available at the ride. Bring a sack lunch. Ride will be approximately 1 1/2- 2 hours long. Feeling lucky? We will have a small raffle including some sweet treats so bring some \$ to try your luck. Remember to wear green, which makes you invisible to leprechauns...and might just earn you a prize!

Directions:

From Mariposa: Take Hwy 49 South for 1.8 miles and make a right onto Ben Hur Road for 3.9 miles and Ben Hur will curve to the left. Continue on Ben Hur Road for about 19 miles, turn right onto Road 600 go 1.2 miles, make a left on Road 606 and Footman Park will be on the right.

From Oakhurst: Take Hwy 41 South for 7.5 miles, turn right on Road 415, in 11 miles turn left on Road 606 go 4.4 miles. Footman Park is on the left.

Questions?

Contact Jessica. 209-201-8421 jessica_swager@ymail.com
or message her on our FB page



APRIL RIDES

April 7 Sunday The 56 Ranch, Cathy Orth



2801 Old Highway, Catheys Valley



9:30 am check in 10:00 am ride out

It's a potluck so bring something to share. We will eat when we get back, approximately noon and Chris will do a presentation on equine insurance.

Terrain is moderately hilly, using quad trails, you will encounter mini horses, cattle and goats.

Directions: From Mariposa use Highway 140 going towards Merced, turn left onto School House Road. Take School House to Old Highway, turn left on Old Highway. Go exactly 1 mile until you see a white fenced entrance with a green gate on your left. Look for the address, leaning against an old piece of farm equipment & sign that says "The Orths", The first (green) gate will be open. Look for signage that says "MMR" with an arrow. Travel on the dirt road about 3/4 of a mile from Old Highway, (don't go up on the right or left and follow the fence line on the left) you'll get to a gate at the end of the main road with a metal flower piece on it; the gate code is 1619 (we may have it open).

Depending on weather, signage will direct you to the correct location for parking.



April 20, Saturday Hunters Valley/ BLM Jackie Baxton

9:30 am check in 10:00 ride out

Hilly topography, good trails, great views. 2 +/- hours.



From Mariposa, take Hwy 49 N, turn left onto Bear Valley Rd.

Go past Hunters Valley Access Rd. Turn right on Hunters Valley Rd. Stay on Hunters Valley Rd, past Detwiler Rd (they will make a slight left on Hunters Valley, go past Cotton Creek and the second Detwiler. Go over cattle guard and turn up onto the second dirt road. This will be flagged to help you find the way. Questions? Contact Jackie at jackelalope@gmail.com 209-205-0036

February Meeting Recap



What a meeting! Past CHSA State Trail Trials chair Victor Pedroza along with current state chair Jim Leach and Georgette Leach who is Region 4 Vice President were there to give us a run down of the Trail Trials events, information on the CSHA Jr scholarship (which we reported on in the December newsletter) and the positives of being an individual member with CSHA. They are definitely looking for our members to assist with judging or participate in events this year. One in the summer, right in our back yard at Goat Meadows! We put some more stuff on our calendar, paid some bills, voted in some new members and discussed the June 30th event with Mariposa Posse. don't forget Jessica's St. Patrick's Day ride at Footman Park. Nearly finished with the non profit status which has taken quite awhile to complete and discussed two raffle offerings for the year...equine dental float with Dr J.Mero and a stay at "The 59" Joe and Cathy Orth's special vacation rental in Catheys Valley. Make sure you check out the calendar for updated happenings!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



January: Tillyanna Healey

February: Carol Suggs, Mike Charman

March: Sunny Charman, Joe Orth, Emily Ramsey

Board Spotlight- Pat Martin



Pat has been a member of MMR for a year. She is currently a director. Pat has been in the mountain community, living in Ahwahnee for about 5 years. Pat is enjoying retirement by spending family time with her daughter Suzette, granddaughter Lynette and now a great grand daughter, Leona. Pat loves to watch her family and friends pursue their horse activities and that is why she attends MMR events.

Board Spotlight- Jessica Swager

Jessica has been a member for over two years and is currently our merchandise coordinator, board member and handles our social media on Facebook. She loves Mariposa and states that both sides of her family have lived in Mariposa's county their whole lives. Her mother is Native American and on her fathers side they've had a long time homestead on a ranch in Midpines.



You can often find Jessica at work downtown at Fremont House, where they sell top quality clothing and footwear. When not working, or riding, Jessica spends her time crafting, line dancing, making pine needle baskets and metal art. She loves to use junk and turn it into art. Her 3 horses also keep her busy, 2 of which are rescues. As part of the Mariposa Mountain Riders, Jessica hopes to create a place for people to meet and ride together!

MMR WEBSITE -Give it a Look!

We are undergoing some housekeeping changes on our website and we hope it makes it easier to navigate. www.mariposamountainriders.com



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Make sure you renew your membership for 2024 as forms have been updated on line. MMR membership qualifies you as a CSHA affiliate club member. Forms are located on the website. Don't delay renew today!

MERCHANDISE

Want MMR merch?
contact Jessica 209-201-8421
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message her on our FB page

SUNSHINE



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



CALENDAR 2024

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.

March

- 3/9 CSHA Region 4 Obstacle Challenge, Saturday, Bridlewood Equestrian Center, Copperopolis
- 3/17 Footman Park, Raymond Ride, Sunday (Jessica Swager)
- 3/21 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

April

- 4/6 & 4/7 CSHA Region 4 Clinic/Trail Trials, Sat & Sun (Horses of Warriors Arena) Jamestown
- 4/7 Catheys Valley Ride, Sunday, (Cathy Orth), talk with Chris Phillips re: Equine Insurance
- 4/18 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger
- 4/20 Hunters Valley Ride/BLM, Saturday (Jackie Baxton)
- 4/20 Raymond Parade, Saturday
- 4/20 CSHA Region 4 Obstacle Challenge, Saturday, Bridlewood Equestrian Center, Copperopolis
- 4/27 & 4/28 CSHA Region 4 Trail Trials, Saturday & Sunday, Peoria Flats, Jamestown

May

- 5/3 Butterfly Festival Parade, Saturday, Mariposa
- 5/11 Motherlode Round Up Parade, Saturday, Sonora
- 5/16 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger
- 5/18 & 5/19 CSHA Region 4 Trail Trials, Saturday & Sunday, Groveland
- 5/25 CSHA Region 4 Obstacle Challenge, Saturday, Bridlewood Equestrian Center, Copperopolis

June

- 6/8 Long Ranch Ride, Saturday (Jamie Zoller & Peggy DeBuyser)
- 6/15 & 6/16 CSHA Trail Trials, Saturday & Sunday, Groveland
- 6/20 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger
- 6/30 Obstacle Practice & Challenge Race 730am Sunday, Camp Creek Ranch (Carol Suggs)

July

- 7/13 & 7/14 CSHA SCE Benefit Trail Trials Saturday & Sunday, Goat Meadow
- 7/18 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger
- 7/20 & 7/21 CSHA Region 4 Obstacle Challenge, Sat & Sun, Bridlewood Equestrian Center, Copperopolis
- 7/28 Lunch and Learn, Livestock Evac Prep & What to Expect Sunday, 10:30am Kelly Ranch

August

- 8/10 Mariposa Rodeo Royalty Dinner and Crowning, Mariposa Fairgrounds
- 8/15 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger
- 8/17 & 8/18 CSHA Region 4 Trail Trials Saturday & Sunday, Eagle Meadows, Pinecrest
- 8/31 Labor Day Parade, Saturday, Mariposa

September

- 9/19 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger
- 9/20 Teleki Ranch Ride, Saturday (Sandy & Roy Steele)

October

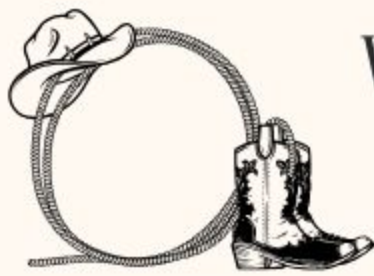
- 10/17 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

November

- 11/8- 11/10 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



Welcome Hagens Ranch

Charlie and Ashley Hagen have a beautiful facility in Catheys Valley where they offer haul in opportunities to use their covered, prepped arena by appointment for a fee. They are also offering the arena for rental to non profits and organizations to hold events, lessons, sales horses and senior equine care. The facility is conveniently located off Indian Gulch Road right of State Highway 140. Don't worry about the weather as they have a covered arena! For more information contact:

Ashley - [\(209\) 485-5946](tel:(209)485-5946) Charlie - [\(209\) 202-5939](tel:(209)202-5939)

Between The Ears

Our horses get fluffy just like we do so make sure your getting them gradually legged up. Start building up with a 30 minute ride a few times a week, and then expand on that. Stretching is also important, see new MMR member Maleah Varney helping to give a good stretch to Jodie. She's pretty limber for 24! Remember take the time it takes!



New event March 16 at the History Center!

COWBOY

Day


MARCH 16TH

10 AM - 3 PM

Adults - \$10

Seniors - \$8

12 & under - \$5



Silent Auction

Commercial Vendors

Food Vendors

Live Music

Photo Booth

Mariposa Museum & History Center
mariposamuseum.com | (209) 966-2924
Raffle | Cowboy Poetry | Gold Panning Sessions
Cowboy Costume Contest

Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Royalty Update

Since crowned at Fair in September the ladies have been promoting our community, our fair and our rodeo. October was a busy month as the ladies assisted at the MMR and Posse Obstacle Practice and Lunch, attended a Friends of the Fairgrounds meeting and at the end of October, Queen Tillyanna and Princess Emily had the honor of running the American flag at a Grizzlies home football game and Senior Night at the Fairgrounds and along with Jr Princess Elly, participated in Mariposa Safe Families Trunk or Treat. In November they participated in the Bass Lake Christmas Parade and our own Merry Mountain Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting in December. In January, Queen Tillyanna and Princess Emily visited and served lunch at the Senior Center and just recently the royalty attended the Soroptimist's Elegant Prom



Closet Fashion Show and Tea. Coming up in March the royalty will be at the Mariposa History Center's new event Western Days (see ad above). The Rodeo Royalty thanks MMR for being a supporter since the programs inception in 2011!



(shown left to right): Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Princess Emily Ramsey,
Queen Tillyanna Healey & Jr Princess Elly Krull (front)

Sponsors/Advertisers

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SPECIAL SHOUT OUT to our sponsors for our June 30th Obstacle Challenge Race! JUDGE: Sandy Unruh, CASNER RANCH (Larry Casner), YAMSON HAY, S & M WATER TRUCK, YOSEMITE FALLS WELL DRILLING, STEVE MAXWELL, SILVER VALLEY RANCH (Bill & Carol Suggs), MIRANDA CATTLE COMPANY (Stan & Corrina Miranda)

