

MARIPOSA MOUNTAIN RIDERS
NEWSLETTER
September 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As September rolls in, our club is finally getting some events together our membership is sure to enjoy. You can join the Trail Boss in the Big Trees, work on your Obstacle Skills, and round up at the Halloween Ride at the Long Ranch. As a bonus, our weather just keeps getting better. Another positive note is we are starting to see the Non-Profit filing going through the system. Positive things are on our horizon.....make sure to enjoy what we offer. Looking forward to seeing you hit the trails with the hard working committees! Carla Kelly



TRAIL BOSS REPORT

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“As soon as you say, ‘My horse has never.’ There he goes, nevering like he’s never nevered before.” Harry Hall



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
MEMBERS ONLY TRAIL RIDE
Sunday, September 24, 2023

We finally have an opportunity for an amazing upper elevation trail ride. This ride has been on my “to do” list for quite some time. It is a ride out of the Goat Meadow area in Fish Camp to the Big Trees and the Mariposa Grove inside of Yosemite National Park. It is mostly a single track trail that gradually climbs up to the vista point overlooking Wawona where we will stop for lunch. We pre-rode the trail last week and we are ready for this ride. We had a perfect day, and the weather is supposed stay that way for a few more weeks. It is an eight mile ride round trip, and takes about four hours, not counting photo ops. There is a water crossing and some rocky spots, but mostly this is not a technical trail. This ride should not be missed! Detailed instructions are included at the end of this report.



Jessica Swager and a few others have expressed an interest in riding in parades again. The Mountain Riders used to do this, and we have our banner with our logo, and the California and United States flags. Kevin and I borrowed them to see if our horses would carry them, and it was no problem. If there is enough interest we will set up some practice days. Please let me know if this is something you would like to participate in.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 24TH TRAIL RIDE

Directions to Goat Meadow: From Mariposa take Highway 49 South to Oakhurst. Turn left on Highway 41 to Fish Camp. Continue on Highway 41 for 2 miles past Fish Camp to Mt. Raymond Road. (Mt. Raymond Road will sneak up on you so be watching. It is just past the wooden Yosemite National Park sign.) Turn right on Mt. Raymond Road. You will turn left on a dirt road (It will be flagged) and go 1 1/2 miles until you get to some corrals. They will be on your right. This is where we will park our rigs.

Bring a halter and lead rope, a saddle bag lunch, and water. There is no longer any place to tie up at the lunch stop, so this is a hold your horse lunch. But, there are places to sit, and the view is well worth it. We are expecting good weather, but prepare for temperature changes and/or wind. We will most likely be sharing the trail with hikers, so smile, be friendly, and say hello. If you can car pool with someone, it will save room at the staging area.

Please RSVP for this ride so we know who is coming. Be ready to ride out at 10:00 AM. We will not wait for late comers. To RSVP or if you have questions, feel free to call or text me at 209-769-0301.

*We would like to include pictures from our members in our newsletters. Please share your pictures with us so we can add them.

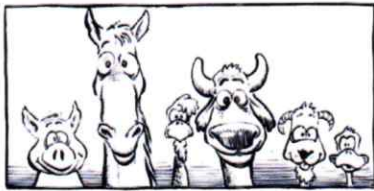
Happy Trails! Wendy Brown

New Member – We want to welcome new member Kim Owens to our club.



SUNSHINE – Gwen Nita recently lost her horse. Wapiti was fortunate to live a very long life in her care. Gwen said he would do anything that was asked of him, and that he was one of those special horses that will never be forgotten. He was a keeper and we send our condolences.

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