



# SEPTEMBER 2024

## NEWSLETTER

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Monday September 2nd

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## President's Letter

It is that time of the year, where children return to school, fall is approaching rapidly and the summer is gone. I always think of our Labor Day "Mariposa Fair" as the true kick off into fall. Yes, most years it is pretty hot, but it is definitely the turning point. I love the fair! I enjoy seeing everyone at the events and livestock barns. As all of you know, it is the hard work of the "Friends of the Fair" that helped save our local fair and keep this tradition alive. Mariposa Mountain Riders is another tradition of the mountains that has brought horse owners, riders and friends together. Over the years, we have put together some fantastic events and still strive to maintain quality events. We are not far from December elections. WE NEED NEW BLOOD TO CONTINUE TO RUN THE CLUB! I am retiring after three years as President. I feel it is important to bring in new blood to the board so the club can prosper. None of the board positions are difficult, but without them, we will no longer exist. Is it important enough for you to give a year as a President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer or simply come on the board to help run it. Please consider helping your club to continue the tradition.



Carla

# Meeting recap from August



Discussion on Lunch and Learn Fire Presentation at Kelly Ranch, July 28th. Good Time, Pot Luck and Raffle. Expense vs Income was a wash. New Member Selene McDaniel voted in. Discussion on new chair position, Sponsorship Chair to be filled at next elections in December. Need someone to check emails, no volunteers. Maxwell noted that the two raffles we are having for our fundraiser so far has \$120.00 combined. Calendar changes: September 20 ride at Teleki Ranch is cancelled because of insurance concerns. Carla to check with Jackie Baxton to see if she can do ride. She could not. October 6 Long Ranch ride and the November 3 Trail/Trailer/Fun day have been combined into a Halloween Fun Day at Camp Creek Ranch on October 6 with a baked potato bar lunch, tack sale and raffle. Discussion of expenses and fees for the event. Possibly using the November 3 Trail/Trailer/Fun Day into a Lunch and Learn will check with Dr. Mero for availability.

Editors note: at the time of publication this Lunch and Learn will be November 16 at the Fish and Game Hall.

**Mariposa County Fair**  
**Time is Fun Time!**  
**August 30-September 2**



Jr Livestock Auction takes place on Sunday September 1 at the Stathearn Pavilion. Support our local youth by purchasing an animal or providing bumps (donations).



Don't miss the Rough Stock Rodeo with added Team Roping and Barrel Racing on Sunday September 1st 8pm at the Gold Bowl arena! Get your tickets at the fairgrounds box office.



## SELL IT! Used/New Tack October 6



Get a spot or sell out of your trailer at the Spooktacular October 6th Fun Day to be held at Camp Creek Ranch! Clean out your tack room or maybe make room for more treasures? Sellers fees are low at \$10. Contact Jamie or Jessica if you'd like to sell your stuff.

Jamie 209-628-6615 Jessica 209-201-8421

Don't forget at the end of September is CoyoteFest!

## Fundraiser

We need to get these raffle tickets sold! Chance at a dental equine teeth float or a stay in a beautiful vacation rental. Got birthdays coming up? Buy raffle tickets. See next page in this newsletter.

# RAFFLE TIME!

## RAFFLE ONE:

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



## RAFFLE TWO:

Winning ticket gets 1-2 nites at the Yosemite Foothills Ranch at The "56" in beautiful Catheys Valley, just south of Mariposa. This nicely appointed guest home sleeps 6 with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Enjoy this vacation rental with beautiful views complete with mini horses! Facility is pet friendly and can make accommodations for your horse. if you want a quiet getaway this is it! \$20 per ticket.



Contact Carla Kelly at: (209) 819-9773  
Or any MMR Board Member for tickets

Tickets will be drawn December 1, 2024 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. Dates of vacation rental are subject to availability.



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# SPOOKTAGULAR

*Fun day*

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 6, 2024

CAMP CREEK RANCH

3097 Triangle Road, Mariposa

sign up & warm up 9am-10am, games begin at 10am

**Games on horseback, costume contest, raffle,  
spooky decorated trailer, prizes, baked potato  
bar lunch, and a tack sale too!**

Sign up by Sept 23rd and save \$!

\$30 per horse & rider entry (inc lunch)

lunch only \$15

Day of event \$35 per horse & rider entry (inc lunch)

lunch only \$17.50

vender cost for tack sale \$10

PLEASE RSVP TO HELP MAKE PLANNING GO SMOOTHLY!

Jamie 209-628-6615 or Jessica 209-201-8421

**Invite your friends!**

# 2024-2025 Mariposa County Fair Rodeo

## Royalty crowned on August 10, 2024 Congrats ladies!



Newly crowned 2024-2025 Queen Miss Heely Patterson, Princess Miss Lauren Roderick, Jr Princess Miss Aurora Kelling



Exiting 2023-2024 Queen Tillyanna Healy, Princess Emily Ramsey and Jr Princess Ellie Krull with the 2024-2025 Contestants poised for Karissa Jenelle Rogers, at the Hagens Ranch, prior to Business Interviews.



# Between The Ears

contributed by Carol Suggs

## Stealin'a Ride?

Years ago my husbands' cousin (old timer cowboy and back country packer) used the phrase "Stealin' a Ride" during an intense conversation about people who have horses and who ride, but are passive riders. It was an interesting conversation and really made me think about my own riding.

In my youth I rode like many. Kick to go, pull to stop. Muscling horses around and a lot of yahooing going on back then, a few wrecks and it was always jump back on and go. I think back to those poor horses and just shake my head, they really tolerated a lot back then.

In my adult life with horses I found myself with a thirst for knowledge. I read, took lessons in a variety of disciplines and some I competed in: Dressage, Hunter under saddle, English/Western Pleasure and Showmanship, Penning, Sorting, Reined Working Cowhorse, Trail Trials, Obstacle Races, Versatile Ranch. Was I becoming a jack of all trades but master of none?

All that learning paid off and prepared me to mentor enthusiastic youth as a 4H leader for nearly 10 years. I was all about teaching safety, horsemanship, care and nutrition no matter what discipline the members were riding. There is more to it than just riding English or Western.

In thinking back about my life with horses what I really focused on was learning about the horse, and horsemanship. How can I be a better partner with my horse? How can I set not only myself, but my horse up for success? It's a lot broader topic than one may think.

I'm always learning but one of the biggest lessons has been:

***Don't steal the ride, earn the ride***

Take the time that it takes. Learn all you can to be a better rider and a better horseman. Don't lose sight of your love of this amazing creature and the freedom we all enjoy with each ride. You, and any horse you ride will be the better for it!



# 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. With each month's newsletter we will drop the prior month's events. NOTE: the trail rides planned for October and November have been changed to a play day!

## September

9/19 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

9/20 Teleki Ranch Ride, Saturday (Sandy & Roy Steele) **Cancelled**

9/28-9/29 Coyotefest (Parade at 9:30 am Saturday), Coulterville

## October

10/6 Spooktacular Fun Day, Sunday at Camp Creek Ranch (Jamie & Jessica)

10/13 Long Ranch Ride, Halloween themed ride (Jamie Zoller) **Cancelled**

10/17 Business Meeting 630pm Thursday, Happy Burger

## November

11/3 Day of the Dead trail ride/trailer fun day, Sunday (Jessica Swager) **Cancelled**

11/8-11/10 CSHA State Convention

11/16 Lunch and Learn, with Dr. Mero, Saturday, Fish & Game Hall, 5056 Darrah Road

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, Masonic Lodge, 5154 Jones Street, Mariposa

12/14 Merry Mountain Christmas Parade, Saturday, Mariposa



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August: Peggy DeBuyser, Vanessa Holt, Bill Suggs,  
Jamie Zoller, Arbil Wolfe

September: Suzette Combs, Annie Harner, Carla Kelly

October: Savannah Prost



## Members Wanted!



Sign someone up or gift a membership to a friend!

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## Newsletter Submissions

Get your submissions in before the 20th  
of the month! Email to Carol at  
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