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President's Letter

Happy Fall!

Your club has a few events lined up for the next few months. Hope you can find the time to join us for one or all!

Holidays will be fast approaching and what would be a great present/stocking stuffer - a membership to your club.

Get out and enjoy this great riding weather!

Jeanne



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
OCT 31!**



Meeting Recap September 18, 2025



Due to not having a quorum the September meeting was cancelled.

Join us for the Next Business Meeting:

Thursday October 16, 6 pm

Happy Burger Meeting Room



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



September: Carla Kelly, Suzette Combs, Sharon Seslowe

October: Mary Darlene Theodore

November: Rosie Charman, Jessica Swager,
Jeanne Casner



NOMINATIONS

Elections are coming up in just a couple of months and we will be making our vote for board and officers at the holiday party. All positions are available! If you'd like to run for a position let Kathy know!

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October Trail Ride!

Saturday, October 4, 2025

(RAIN DATE Saturday October 11th)

Come spend a day in the forest with us riding in the Goat Meadow area, Fish Camp. Parking will be at the Goat Meadow Snow Play area. Bring your halter, lead rope, and of course your horse! Members in good standing may bring a guest. If a guest has already attended a ride this year, they will need to join the club to participate in this ride. Membership and release forms are on-line and will also be available at the ride.

The ride will be approximately two-hours, on single track trails at elevations between 5200 -5600 feet. Be ready to ride at 10:00 AM.

Bring water for your horse, bring a sack lunch for after the ride. Beverages and snacks available before the ride.

Please RSVP to Cathy Orth 707-849-0470.

We will keep you posted if there are any changes.

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 and follow it all the way to the end at the paved parking lot.

Note: From Hwy 49 and Hwy 41 intersection in Oakhurst it is approximately 30 minutes to the Parking Area.

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



Last month we showcased our new 2025-2026 Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Queen, Miss Rayna Rogers. In this newsletter, we get to know her court, Jr Princess Miss Bobby Pearson and Princess, Miss McKenna Baker.

Being part of the rodeo royalty is quite an honor as these young ladies are able to represent the town of Mariposa, the County Fair and of course, the sport of rodeo throughout the state of California during their reign.

Hot summers, cold and rainy (sometimes snowy) appearances do not deter these ladies! Rodeo Royalty always hold their head up high and represents their community with pride and respect. These girls are tough.

This year the ladies are sporting new rodeo perpetual chaps, and perhaps the most significant change in awards this year was that each young lady was awarded a trophy saddle thanks to an amazing sponsor.

This program for Mariposa started in 2011 by myself and Jeanne Casner and for many years we ran the program by ourselves. In the beginning, the Mariposa Mountain Riders administrated the program. In 2013, we moved from MMR to the Friends of the Fairgrounds Foundation because we needed to be under a nonprofit. MMR has continued to be a supporter of this program as a buckle sponsor. A few years ago I stepped back from my role as head coordinator and Jeanne has taken over that leadership role, and along with an amazing team of dedicated volunteers the program continues.

Thank you MMR for your support over the years!

See ya in the arena or on the trail!

Introducing our 2025-2026 Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Princess, Miss McKenna Baker!



My name is McKenna Baker and I am honored to have won the title of Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Princess. I am 12-years-old and from San Andreas, California, where I live with my parents, Brian and Jessica, and older sister, Alisha. Deeply rooted in the agricultural traditions of my community, I am an active member of the Calaveras Wranglers 4-H group, where I have developed a strong sense of responsibility, leadership, and a passion for animal care.

One of my greatest accomplishments has been training my own horse, Luna, entirely on my own. This process has not only strengthened my horsemanship skills, but has also taught me the value of patience, perseverance, and trust between horse and rider. My bond with Luna is a testament to my hard work and love for animals.

My ultimate goal is to become a large animal veterinarian. I aspire to attend the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, where I plan to build the skills needed to care for and support the animals that are such a vital part of agricultural life. My dream is fueled by my everyday experiences with animals and my desire to help others in my rural community.

As the 2025-2026 Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Princess, I am proud to represent the values of the western way of life—integrity, hard work, and community spirit. I strive to be a positive role model for younger girls, demonstrating that with dedication and passion, anything is possible. In my role, I hope to promote agricultural education, share my love for rodeo and livestock, and encourage youth participation in 4-H and fair events. My commitment to animals and my community makes me a truly outstanding representative of the Mariposa County Fair.

My cowgirl advice is: "Work hard with what you have, because you don't always need a perfect plan, million dollar horse or fancy trailer to chase down your dreams—just grit in your heart, dirt on your boots, and the guts to keep riding when the trail gets tough."



Introducing our 2025-2026 Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Jr. Princess, Miss Bobbie Persson!

Hello! I am an 8-year-old homeschool student from Jamestown, where I live with my mom, dad, and two sisters. As a proud member of the Sonora Cloverleafs 4-H Club, I have actively participated in a wide range of events, including Achievement Night and County Presentation Day, where I presented to a live audience. This year, at the Mother Lode County Fair, I competed in Primary Showmanship with my Nigerian Dwarf goats and rabbits.

In addition to 4-H, I am a dedicated member of the CSHA Region 4 Gymkhana Club. I currently compete in the leadline division and am working hard to advance to the graduate level. With a year and a half of horseback riding experience under my belt, I ride twice a week with my instructor and spend time with my personal horse, Primrose a gray quarter horse mare and my very best friend. Together, we participate in gymkhana events and parades.

When I'm not riding or attending club events, I enjoy spending quality time with my family, camping, playing board games, and joining my dad for off-road adventures. Some of my future goals include competing in the open gymkhana division next year and one day becoming a veterinarian for both large and small animals, inspired by my admiration for Dr. Pol.

My love for horses, animals, and rodeo life shines through everything I do. Rodeos are a favorite family activity, and it was at a hometown Christmas parade that I first saw rodeo queens wave from their horses, a moment that sparked my dream of becoming one myself. As 2025-2026 Mariposa County Fair Rodeo Jr. Princess, I hope to become a positive role model for younger girls who share my love for horses and the rodeo life.

My cowgirl advice is: "Believe in yourself, even if your hat's too big and you're a little small." Being a cowgirl isn't about size, it's about heart. So hold your reins tight, sit tall in the saddle, and show the world what a little grit and a big dream can do. No matter how big or small you are, you've got what it takes to shine. Cowgirls aren't measured in inches, they're measured in courage, spirit, and how fiercely they chase the horizon!



2025 Calendar

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

October

10/4 Saturday, Goat Meadow Trail Ride in Fish Camp 10:00 am

10/16 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

November

11/20 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

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

7th General Meeting and Christmas Party, Masonic Hall 5pm- 8pm



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.

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