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NEWSLETTER

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July 15th



President's Letter

As summer heats up, it's the perfect time to give your tow vehicles and horse trailers a little extra attention. Please take a moment to inspect tires, brakes, lights, and hitches, and ensure your registration and insurance are current. A little maintenance now can prevent big problems down the road—for you and your horses.

Stay safe, travel smart, and enjoy the ride!



Meeting Recap June 19, 2025



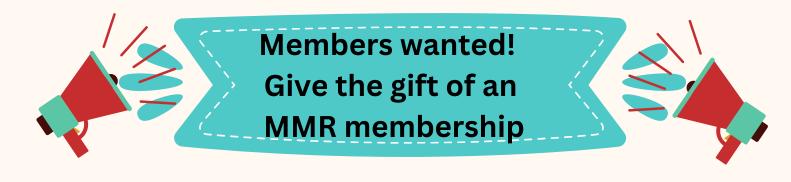
The meeting was joined by guests Joy O'Meara and Johnnie Harre. They presented information on their program called Contact C.A.R.E. for equine. They will be doing a presentation at the July 6th event at the Orth's. Business included accepting the minutes from the May meeting and the Treasurers report. Dates were set for upcoming events, including the July 6 lunch and learn, and ironing out the logistics on the Janis Scott Clinic, held in October. There was a discussion on an event recap form for noting any incidents during club events.

Join us for the Next Business Meeting: Thursday July 17th 6 pm Happy Burger Meeting Room



June: Lille Charman, Cindy Suarez

July: Erin Andrews, Cindy Love, Kathy Maxwell, Luke Prost, Sandy Steele August: Vanessa Holt, Peggy DeBuyser, Abri Wolf, Jamie Zoller, Bill Suggs





Lunch & Learn with Horse Experts & Poolside Fun!

- Sunday, July 6, 2025
- Starting at 10:00 AM
- Joe & Cathy Orth's Home

2801 Old Highway, Catheys Valley, CA

Live Horse Demo with Dr. Cindy Hamill, D.C.

Join us at 10:00 AM for a live demonstration with **Cindy Hamill, D.C.**, Mariposa's favorite equine chiropractor, as she works on **Levi**, Cathy Orth's top performance horse.

Learn techniques and ideas you can take home to help **your own horse move and feel**better!

- 📞 Cindy Hamill: 209-756-8026
- Special Guest: Joy O'Meara, ConTact C.A.R.E. Practitioner

Discover a new approach to equine wellness with **Joy O'Meara**, who will explain how **ConTact C.A.R.E.** may help your horse release pressure and experience relief in a gentle, effective way.

- 📞 Joy O'Meara: 925-577-5875
- Lunch to Follow

The main course will be prepared by Joe & Cathy Orth. Side dishes are welcome—bring your favorite to share!

Family-Friendly Pool Party!

Bring your swimsuit and enjoy a relaxing afternoon by the pool. Kids/family welcome! Come for the learning, stay for the fun!

🎉 Bring your curiosity, your appetite, your questions—and your suits!

We can't wait to see you there! Please RSVP on our Facebook page! Cathy Orth 707-849-0470 if you have questions or want to RSVP



Bring a Chair and Bring a raffle prize to donate!





CSHA Trail Trials are always needing volunteers so if you would like to see how you can volunteer please contact Jim or Victor at the above numbers.

Tickets are limited for this annual event!

August 9, 2025 Saturday 5:30 pm

MARIPOSA RODEO ROYALTY DINNER,
ON STAGE PERFORMANCE & CORONATION

The Double B Hoedown
Dinner by Mariposa Lions Club

Adult \$20 ~ Children : 7- 12 \$15

6 & under free

Call Jeanne for tickets: 209-769-4285







Found the arena where all those social media "know it all" horse people practice their riding.



Between the Ears

Contributed by Carol Suggs

Did you know that National I Love Horses Day is July 15th? I had no idea about this special day!

To learn more about this "holiday", I found that it is a day dedicated to appreciating the bond between humans and horses and recognizing their historical and ongoing importance. Enjoy horseback riding; or going somewhere to observe a horse; volunteer at a horse organization; connect with other horse enthusiasts and share experiences; read books; watch documentaries; advocate for legislation; share your love of horses on social media...the list goes on.

Hey, that's everything we do!

We horse people don't need a special day to recognize that we love horses...because we recognize this amazing animal every day.

July also marks the 100th Annual Chincoteague Pony Swim.

July 30-31 will feature the swim of the wild ponies from Assateague island to Chincoteague and auction of the wild ponies. Auction will take place at Veterans Memorial Park, Chincoteague, Virginia. A week of festivities leading up to the swim begin on July 26 include Northern and Southern Herd Roundups, The Beach Walk, Pony Vet Checks, screenings of Misty of Chincoteague at the Island Theatre and the Chincoteague Fireman's Carnival.

The swim (which begins at slack tide) and auction began as a way to manage the wild pony population. Auction prices last year were \$1,600 to a whopping \$50,000 for a buy back pony! A buy back pony is a designated pony who the purchaser "buys" the pony but allows it to be released back to the island. There are limited buy back ponies as the whole idea here is to keep the herd at a manageable size.

The money raised during the Chincoteague Pony Swim and Auction goes to support the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company. This includes funding for maintaining the pony herd, their habitat on Assateague Island, and purchasing necessary equipment. Additionally, some of the proceeds are used for veterinary care for the ponies throughout the year.

Makes me want to read one of my childhood favorite books, Misty of Chincoteague.

See ya on the trail or out in the arena, or maybe taking a swim with your own ""pony"!





2025 Calendar

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

July

7/6 Lunch and Learn The 56 Ranch, Cathey's Valley with Cindy Hammil 10am

7/12 Queen Saddle Fundrauser BBQ, McCay Hall, Cathey's Valley 530pm

7/17 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

7/19 and 7/20 Saturday, Sunday CSHA Trail Trials, Goat Meadow

August

8/2 Mariposa Rodeo Royalty Horsemanship & Interviews, Hagens Ranch, Catheys Valley

8/9 Mariposa Rodeo Royalty Dinner, On Stage Performance & Coronation, Mariposa Fairgrounds, Building A

8/21 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

September

9/18 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm

October

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

Fundamentals Clinic with Method Instructor Janis Scott, Date time and location TBA

Halloween Play Day TBA

November

11/20 Thursday, Business Meeting, Happy Burger 6pm Lunch and Learn, TBA

December

7th General Meeting and Christmas Party



Want more events? 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. Without volunteers we are very limited as to what we can offer.

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mariposarodeo@gmail.com



BZLT exp 12/25







YFWD exp 12/27

Special shout out to: Mariposa Portable Sanitation (10/25), Dayhoff Cabinets (12/26) Casner Cattle Co. (12/27)

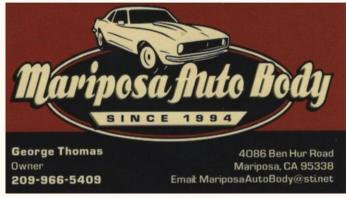




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TCPW exp 12/25