

Hoofbeats

July 2022

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TWAIN HARTE HORSEMEN



We had two successful and fun rides this past month. Diana Moreci headed up a group campout at Turkey Hill. They went on several fun rides and had a great time. Linda Post led a group of 21 from Leland Meadows to Herring Creek Reservoir and back, everyone had a beautiful and scenic ride!

The Twain Harte Horsemen's High Ride is coming up fast! We have had so much support from so many members. A big shout out to all the folks that stepped up and helped prepare the meadow for our guests. We had many helping hands from members to get the trailers loaded for the High Ride before our July meeting.

Vice President, Kim Prout has been diligently working on the cook trailer and shower trailer to get them in tip top shape. Kim had help from Lance Lamons and Roy Smith replacing the kitchen flooring and helping with finishing touches to make the cook trailer like brand new! And all those working behind the scenes, we couldn't do this without you all. We are getting all the final details in order to have a smooth running High Ride again this year.

On a personal note, Roy and I decided to bring another dog, Freckles, into our home. Freckles is a Heeler/Queensland/Aussie mix. She is a great playmate for Zia and helps keep her busy! So now we have TWO eight-month old puppies!



Happy Trails!
Janine

Visit our Twain Harte
Horsemen website at:
twainhartehorsemen.com

Monthly Meeting

Note date and venue change...

Tuesday, **August 2**

Board meeting at 6:30 pm.

General meeting at 7 pm.

Location: **Center Camp**

Bring your chairs

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It's Time for the Big Event!

The 2022 Twain Harte Horsemen High Ride is here.

We have a full house with about 56 participants.

Thanks to several industrious THH Members, the showers and kitchen trailers are upgraded, clean, and ready for duty. The meadow area at the Watts has been cleared and expanded to allow for several additional camps spots.

When: The High Ride officially starts with dinner on Sunday, July 24.

Where: The location for this year's ride is at the Watts property at 38680 Eagle Meadow Rd., Pinecrest, CA 95364

Weather: Expect highs in the 70's to low 80's; lows in the high 40's to low 50's overnight. There is always a chance of afternoon showers. Your horse might like a blanket at night; you might need a rain jacket or something warmer at night.

Elevation: Above 7500 ft.



Clearing corn lilies at camp. Sandee, Jan, and Karen.

For those of you who are new to the High Ride, the daily schedule is as follows:

- The Lunch tent is open at 7:00 a.m. through the end of breakfast. Make your own custom sandwich/salad.
 - 8 am — Breakfast (coffee, tea, OJ, hot entrée, fruit, cereal or yogurt parfait.)
 - 9 am — Daily announcements, select your trail ride.
 - 10 am — Guided Trail Rides depart; usually 2 hours out, lunch, 2 hours back
 - 6 pm — Dinner
- Activities before or after dinner

Sunday

- Check-In
- Our High Ride kicks off with dinner at 6 pm
- Hay will be delivered before and after dinner, please present your tickets

Monday

- 5 pm Wine and Cheese Meet and Greet.
Bring your favorite wine and hors d'oeuvres to share.
- Horseshoe Tournament Sign-Ups

Tuesday

- 3 pm Tack Sale Prep — Please mark your items with name and price
- 5 pm to Dusk — Tack Sale Tables open for business
- Horseshoe Tournament begins
- Movie Night at dusk

Wednesday

- Horseshoe Tournament continues
- Movie Night at dusk

Thursday

- Horseshoe Tournament continues
- Live Auction after dinner

Friday

- Trail Trials
- Horseshoe Tournament Finals
- Final night of the High Ride

Saturday

- Break camp



Always scenic Maloney Meadow.



Oh, oh. Joy and Pat point out one of many bear scat piles during a lunch stop

Just a note, we do plan to return the high ride to Eagle Meadows campground next year after tree debris is cleared.

JUNE-JULY THH RIDES



Camanche Lake Camp Out

June 17-19 – Turkey Hill camp out was delightful. Great company, new friends and perfect weather. Friday night we did an evening ride of roughly six miles. Saturday was an 11-mile ride with views of Camanche Lake from above. We packed up early Sunday morning and drove over to Pardee and did another nine miles. The Turkey Hill Equestrian campsite was clean & had (the cleanest) vault toilets. There was water and wash racks, lantern poles, picnic bench with fire pit and BBQ, pipe corrals and a manure bin. Overall I would do this again. Reasonably priced and lots of room. Those who didn't go, you missed out, we had the entire camp to ourselves all weekend!



Herring Creek Ride

June 25 – Twenty-one riders showed up for this 8-10 mile ride that was open to the public. There were six members and 15 non-members. Despite the unexpectedly large turnout, the ride went smoothly, with everyone reveling in the cool lake water at Herring Creek reservoir during lunch. Colleen won the 50/50 raffle. Many thanks to Linda Post for arranging and leading the ride. We are also grateful to Leland Meadow Snow Park resort for allowing us to park at their club facility.

High Ride Pre Ride

July 1-4 – Thanks to our intrepid chain saw and work crew, favorite Eagle Meadow loops were scouted and cleared of numerous downed trees and debris. A short bypass trail was added to the Long Valley loop. John and Sandee, Janine and Roy, Myron, David, Steve, Linda, and Colleen pitched in to clear the trails.



Clearing Trails. Roy, Janine, David, John and Sandee



Building a bypass trail.



David and Sandee on trail clearing duty at the boy scout camp.



The Tekoa Trestle.

Photo by Sharon Lindsay

The Great Adventure

The John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders Trail Ride

Dennise Ann Davis

In late May 2022 I set off to ride the 41st Cross State Ride, held from May 19 to June 5. The ride follows the Palouse to Cascades Trail which is part of the Washington State Park system. My friend, John Marshall, had been trying for years to get me to go. I caravanned with John to Easton, WA. so as to not get lost and because there is safety in numbers. It took three days to drive our rigs from California to Washington, arriving in Easton a day before the official start time. It was cold, raining, and there was snow on the hills nearby. When we arrived there was only one other rig, but within a day the number of rigs were close to 90 with approximately 150 participants.

A little history of the route: The multi-use Palouse to Cascades trail follows the defunct Milwaukee railroad built the Chicago to Seattle line between 1906 and 1909. In 1915 it was electrified. The last train ran in 1972 and the route was abandoned in 1980. There was immediate controversy on how to use the right of way. Chic Hollenbeck, founder of the original John Wayne Wagons and Riders Association, spearheaded the effort to convert the right of way to a trail for equestrians. The trail is over 200 miles long and provides a unique opportunity for recreation. The trail is not difficult in grade nor steep in any place. Parts of the trail go through tunnels and over train trestles and bridges. The Palouse to Cascades trail has now become connected to the "Great American Rails To Trails" that will eventually cross the entire United States in one continuous trail.



Parked outside of Ralston.

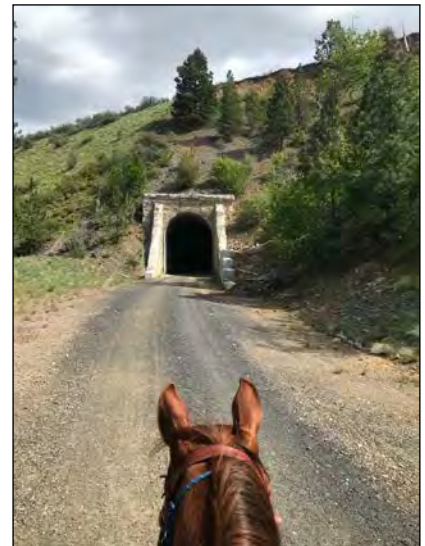
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(Cross State Ride continued)

So this is how the days mostly went... get up at predawn, feed horses, eat breakfast, pack lunch, tack up horses and tie them to a post, tree, or sagebrush. Follow the bus with horse rigs to the next camp (parking committee directs you to park), catch the bus back to the horses, and ride that day's route ... repeat. Unless it is a rest day. The rides are followed by a camp meeting, and a catered dinner,

The entire ride takes a total of 18 days. For the first few days, the first out on the trail was the lead rider who marked hazards and detours, followed by bicycles, horse-drawn wagons, then equestrians with the drag rider in the absolute rear. Most of the time I rode by myself on Laredo, my favorite mount, while ponying my extra horse, Colonel. The footing is hard on hooves. The rock base from the train tracks, while great for railroad ties, wears on horseshoes. It is important that riders have reinforced shoes and add pads, or horses come up lame in a hurry. Most of the segments were about 10-20 miles. On the 20-mile plus segments I bowed out and took an extra rest day. For the more adventurous riders who did the 210 total miles there was a ceremony where they were presented with a white scarf at the final dinner.



Approaching one of the tunnels.

We first went through some forest and wetlands along the Yakima River. That was perhaps my favorite part of the trail. There were several tunnels, one so long and dark, that it required putting a headlamp on the breast collar of the horse to light the way. Eventually, the forest gave way to a more arid landscape and large fields of hay and grain.

There were a number of bridges and trestles along the route. Now, I do ok with some bridges, but the Renslow Trestle over interstate 90 was tough. This is a very high trestle with semis changing gears under you. The horses did fine, me not so much. Also notable was the trestle over the Columbia river, and the Tekoa Trestle on the last day.



On the trail with friends.

Some parts of the trail we had to bypass, as some of the trestles and bridges had been destroyed in wildfires and the wagons would not have been able to make it. One bypass was because the town of Ellensburg had built part of a college over the trail, so we had to be in Ellensburg at 1 pm for a police escort. The last day was in the town of Tekoa where the trestle had been rebuilt and we were there as part of the dedication ceremony.

Many of the towns along this route have been economically depressed since the railroad closed down, and more recently wildfires have also impacted some towns. We had an auction in the town of Warden to benefit the library in the town of Malden that was 80 percent destroyed by a fire in 2020. When in Malden we had another auction (desserts) to benefit the rebuilding of the town. Some pies went for over a hundred dollars.

Would I do this again?...yes.
Traveling for the most part by

horseback is one of my favorite things. I did it at my pace. I met wonderful people both in the group and in the towns. The landscape at times was breathtaking. The architecture in some places was unique.

For more information visit **John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders** on Facebook, or the JWPWR website: <http://www.johnwaynetrailride.com/>



BEEF FOR SALE

Hamburger and other cuts by the package.

Hamburger, 1 lb packages – \$6 each.

Other cuts range from \$6 to \$18 (approx. 1 lb each)

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A Little Bit of Sunshine



Meet Daniel Anthony Krieg and his mother Hope Krieg. Hope joined Twain Harte Horsemen in 2021 along with her parents Lance and Joy Lamons. Hope married Stephen Krieg later in 2021 and they welcomed Daniel to the world on June 17, 2022. He was 8 lbs. and 10 ounces when born. Now at one month, he is over 11 lbs. and is a happy, active baby.



Twain Harte Horsemen 2022 Events

Date	Event	Chair	Participation
July 23	High Ride Set Up	—	Members Only
July 24-29	High Ride	—	Public
July 30-31	High Ride Tear Down and Haul Out	—	Members Only
August 2	High Ride Unload & meeting—Center Camp	—	Members Only
August 13	Members Ride, TBD	Chris Mason	Members Only
August 20	Lake Camanche Ride	Diane Moreci	Members Only
Sept. 10	Arena Play Day	Nancy Broce	Members Only
Sept. 17	White Pines Ride	Diane Moreci	Members Only
Sept. 23-25	Member Ride & Campout	Dave Broce	Members Only
October 8	Drill Team Fun Day	Nancy Broce	Members Only
October 22	Center Camp Closing Work Day and Ride	Kim Prout	Members Only
November 5	Peoria or Red Hills Ride	—	Public
December 11	BCHC Columbia Parade	Sandee Watts	Members
December 16	Christmas & Installation Dinner	Sandee Watts	Members Only