

Hoofbeats

April 2023

P.O. Box 1326, Twain Harte, CA 95383



The Prez Sez



Welcome to spring! Finally! Now is the time to dust on your boots and throw up a saddle - Peoria and Red Hills are in their glory. I've never seen so many wildflowers – it is definitely a super bloom year.

Speaking of Peoria, the annual Top Hand Ride is next weekend, Saturday, April 29th.

Come on out, see the flowers, have lunch, and maybe win the Top Hand buckle! Tell your friends – it is open to all, members and nonmembers alike.

The Mother Lode Rodeo Parade is approaching fast! Get in touch with Sandee Watt if you plan on riding. It's the club's 75th anniversary – come out and celebrate!

Finally, High Ride will be here before you know it. Spots are filling up fast, so get your deposit in! Club members get a discount – \$300 instead of the nonmember price of \$550.

Hope to see you on the trail!

Linda Post
2023 President

Visit our Twain Harte
Horsemen website at:
twainhartehorsemen.com

Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, meeting at 6:30 pm.
• Board meeting at 7 pm.
Location: Sheriff Posse Grounds,
19130 Rawhide Road, Jamestown

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Upcoming Events

Peoria Top Hand Pre-Ride

Friday, April 28

Arrive at 9. Ride out at 10 am.

We will be pre-riding the trail for the Top Hand Ride. Please join us for a casual ride through beautiful green meadows, especially if you are willing to volunteer to be a ride guide for the Top Hand ride.

Top Hand Ride

Saturday, April 29

This ride is open to the public! The wildflowers are beautiful and the hills are green. Come out ride - you may win the Top Hand Buckle! There is plenty of parking at Peoria Flat. First ride out is at 9:00. Check out the attached flyer for details. Tell your friends and hope to see you there! Contact John Watt with questions. 209-768-2905.

Spring Cleaning

The Center Camp arena is accessible and available to use. One caveat, there are many pine needles! We can use your help raking!

We will be opening and cleaning Center Camp on Saturday, May 20th. If you can't make that date, (or even if you can), perhaps you can do some raking in the arena prior to the opening. You can come anytime, do as little or as much as you like. Bring a rake and make piles. They will be picked up on the opening day.

Many hands make light work!

Motherlode Parade

This year we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of Twain Harte Horsemen, and THH is riding in our 64th **Motherlode Parade** on **May 13**.

Staging time is 7 a.m. at 2 Forest Road across from the fairgrounds entrance. Look on the left for an arrow.

Judging for mounted groups is in front of the bank in the Grocery Outlet parking lot.

Lunch is immediately afterward. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring salad, or other side dishes, or chips or dessert. Feel free to bring family members to join us and call Sandee with a head count. Bring a chair.

Celebrating 75 years is a big accomplishment and we hope you will join us either on the parade route or helping early a.m. at the parking area. We will welcome your help with flags, saddle pads, passing out scarves and hoof polish duties. Please do not saddle until you receive your blanket. Lastly, PLEASE wash your mount. And **please clean up after your horse** at the staging area. Keep it manure free. And avoid spraying hoof black on the ground.

Let's make a good showing for our home town!



Twain Harte Horsemen present:

TOP HAND SPRING RIDE

Horses and Riders of all ages **WELCOME**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

PEORIA FLAT, JAMESTOWN

From Oakdale or Jamestown: **Take Hwy. 108/120 to O'Byrnes Ferry Rd.**

From O'Byrnes take first right onto Peoria Flat Road.

After 2 miles, Peoria Flat Road will end at the Baseline Fire Center.

Turn right onto Old Melones Road, at 500 ft. turn left into parking lot.

REGISTRATION 8 a.m.



FIRST RIDER OUT 9 a.m.

Ride and Play! Cost: \$20.00

TOP HAND WINS A BUCKLE

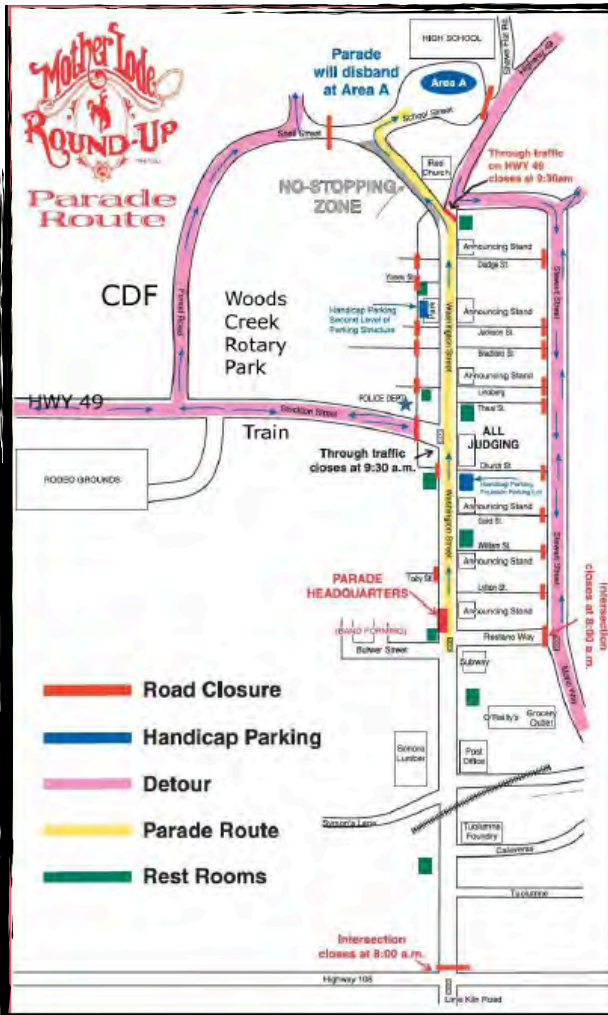
Buckle donated by Dr. Wes Wittman & Maggi - Mono Way Vet

**Lunch served
after the Ride**



**RSVP
209.586.4841**

Motherlode Parade Attire and Directions



Neat and Clean

Horses, Tack and Riders in the parade all need to be neat and clean.

Horses should be recently washed with recently trimmed or shod hooves. Hoof black will be applied by THH on the morning of the parade. Whiskers and fetlocks and coronary bands should be trimmed. Bridle path should at least be flat and may be trimmed or braided.

Tack should be clean and freshly oiled. Saddle pads should be clean. THH saddle drapes will be provided for first 20 horses.

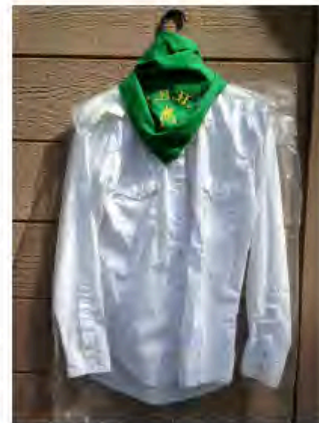
Riders should wear new dark blue jeans with no bling or rips. Brown belt and brown boots. New natural leather gloves. White straw hat or riding helmet. Long sleeve white shirt. Keep shirt clean by wearing something else while getting ready and put the shirt on at the last moment. Green bandanas will be provided.



White Straw Hat



Leather Glove



White Shirt and Green Bandana

Looking Back – THH History

Part 3 of 3: THH and the 2008 Motherlode Parade



Lifetime member Don Rumsey drives a carriage carrying THH members.



Fred Killion, right, carries the American flag.

Lining up for judging. Seventy people participated in the 2008 parade to represent the 70th anniversary of Twain Harte Horsemen.



THH Motherlode parade awards include: 2008 Sweepstakes, 2018 Sweepstakes and the Longevity award.



Get Ready! Our big event is coming up! Sign up early. We are already three quarters full.



The Twain Harte Horsemen present the
EAGLE MEADOWS HIGH RIDE
July 23-28, 2023
A weeklong getaway with your horse in the beautiful Sierra Nevada

Limited to 50 riders. Reserve your place now...

The \$550.00 cost includes catered meals—breakfast, lunch and dinner.

- Camp at Eagle Meadows horse camp site with hot showers and toilet facilities.
- Experienced leaders are available to guide riders, or you can ride on your own.
- Activities between rides include a horseshoe tournament, bingo, arts and crafts, a tack sale, and raffle.
- Ride price includes one bale of hay.



“The mountains are calling
and I must go.”
— John Muir

**More information at: twainhartehorsemen.org
Or contact Sandee or John at 209.586.4841,
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Equine Vet Corner

Equine Gastric Ulcers 101

The horse boEquine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome (EGUS) is the official term for equine ulcers.

This is a very common problem in horses - much more prevalent than owners realize. An ulcer is an erosion of the stomach lining (mucosa) due to prolonged exposure of gastric acid; it

causes the tissue lining in the stomach to break down. Acid is released into your horse's stomach to help break down food, however, because horses are grazing animals this acid is released constantly, even when they aren't eating.

Therefore, damage can occur when there is a limited intake in food or on a high cereal/grain, low forage diet.



Gastric ulcers can affect any horse at any age, but occur more frequently in athletic horses, with the highest percentage rate found in Thoroughbred horses (85%), followed by endurance horses (70%), and show horses (60%).

Causing factors include:

- Stress (caused by training, intensive exercise, shipping, and injury)
- Infrequent feeding and a high concentrate diet with low roughage intake (Helpful hint: feed hay prior to giving grain. This gives the stomach a *buffer*)
- Large grain meals and Limited access to hay/pasture
- Use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs The majority of horses do not show outward symptoms; they show more subtle symptoms.

Clinical signs of ulcers in adult horses include but are not limited to: poor appetite, colic, decreased performance, attitude change, resistance, increased girthing, poor body condition and weight loss.

Some preventative measures you can take are:

- Avoid stressful situations such as intense training and frequent transporting.
- **Reduce** the amount of grain and concentrates and/or **add** alfalfa hay to the diet.
- Avoid or decrease the use of anti-inflammatory drugs.
- If horses must be stalled, allow them to see and socialize with other horses. **In essence, prevention of ulcers is key.**

The only way to definitively diagnose an ulcer is through gastroscopy, which involves placing a long camera into the stomach to look at its surface. Treatment of gastric ulcers in horses is aimed at removing the predisposing factors and decreasing acid production Ulcer prevention supplements and medicines may also be helpful.



On May 6, **TEAM ELITE** is holding rig inspections, driving test, and new member orientation for the 2023 season.

Members of TEAM ELITE must go through a rig inspection and driving test every year to stay current.

TEAM ELITE is a local nonprofit livestock evacuation organization assisting Tuolumne County Animal Control.

If interested in joining, please RSVP to teamliteinformation@gmail.com or text JoLynn Miller at 209-782-0616. web: www.teamliteevacuations.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)

Contact Helga

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Twain Harte Horsemen 2023 Events*

Date	Event	Event	Participation
April 28	Peoria Flat – Pre-Ride	John Watts	Members Only
April 29	Peoria Flat – Top Hand Ride	John Watts	Public
May 13	Mother Lode Parade	Sandee Watts	Public
May 20	Open Center Camp	Lance LaMons	Members Only
May 27	Ranch Agility @ Center Camp	Chris Mason	Members Only
June 10	Drill Team Fun Day @ Broce's	Nancy Broce	Members Only
June 17 to June 18	Turkey Hill Campout	Diana Moreci	Members Only
June 24	Herring Creek Ride	Linda Post	Public
July 1-5	Eagle Meadow Pre-Ride/Campout	John Watts	Members Only
July 16 to July 22	High Ride Set Up	Club	Members Only
July 23-28	High Ride	Club	Public
July 29-30	High Ride Tear Down	Club	Members Only
August 1	High Ride Unload @ Center Camp	Lance LaMons	Members Only
August 12	Ranch Agility @ Center Camp	Chris Mason	Public
August 14-18	Jack Brook Campout	Diana Moreci	Public
August 26	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
September 16	White Pines Ride	Diana Moreci	Members Only
September 30	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
October 14	Kerrick Corral Ride	Linda Post	Members Only
October 21	Center Camp Closing	Lance LaMons	Members Only
October 28	Peoria Ride	Diana Moreci	Members Only
November 11	Fahey Cabin Ride	Colleen Combes	Members Only
December 10	BCHC Columbia Parade	Sandee Watts	Public
December 15	Christmas Dinner	Sandee Watts	Members Only

* Subject to change