

Hoofbeats

March 2023

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



The Prez Sez



Well, it's Sunday afternoon and it's pouring down rain yet again, along with bonus thunder and lightning. Those of us with horses and livestock know that chores are 10 times harder in the mud,

rain and snow. But, this will pass and spring will be here before we know it. With spring comes rides and events! Look for a wildflower ride at New Hogan on April 8th, our annual Poker Ride on April 29th and the Mother Lode Rodeo Parade in May 13th, where Twain Harte Horsemen will be celebrating our 75th anniversary.

I hope to see y'all out on the trails!

Linda Post
2023 President

Visit our Twain Harte
Horsemen website at:
twainhartehorsemen.com

Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 4
• General meeting at 6:30 pm.
• Board meeting at 7 pm.
Location: Sheriff Posse Grounds,
19130 Rawhide Road, Jamestown

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Next Event

Day Ride: New Hogan Lake – April 8, 2023

This ride is 7-10 miles and should take 3-4 hours. There are some inclines and views of the lake. You will be riding mostly on fire roads.

- Meet at 9:30 and ride out at 10:00.
- Bring your lunch!

Stage at Monte Vista Day Use Area.
3935-3973 Hogan Dam Rd, Valley Springs.

Hope to see you there!



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.



Thanks to those who have volunteered to ride in the parade. More are welcome to join us. Confirm your participation with John and Sandee Watts at 209.768.2905 (cell), 209.586.4841 (home).

Most riders have purchased their white shirts. If you need to buy one, Amazon has western-cut shirts available. We will provide new glad rags to dress up your shirts.

We will park at our usual place off Forest Rd. Sonora. See more parade details on the next page.

The post-parade luncheon at the Posse grounds has been canceled, but we will still have our potluck at the staging area following the parade.

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

Sunshine Report

Victoria had an emergency appendectomy while in Phoenix and is recovering.

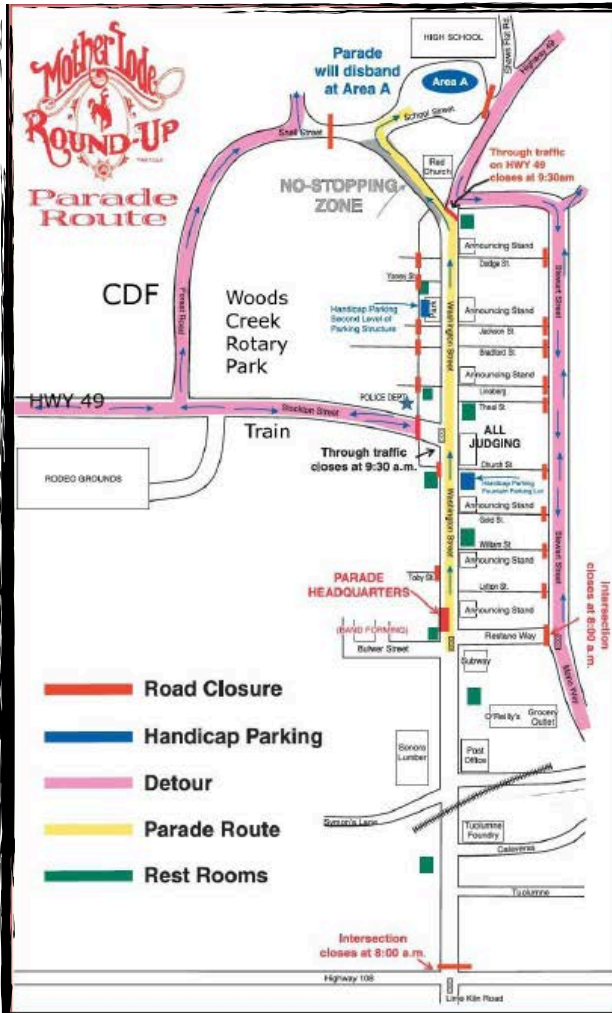
Mary Denton (prospective member) was kicked in the face by one of her young horses. She is also recovering.

New Member

Amanda Betzler has completed her requirements for membership and was voted in as a new member. Congratulations Amanda!

In the Works

A 75th anniversary celebration of Twain Harte Horsemen will be held at Center Camp. Date pending.



Neat and Clean

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



White Straw Hat

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.



Leather Glove

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 Shirt and Green Bandana

Looking Back – THH History

Part 2 of 3: The High Ride

By Sandee Watts

The first THH High Ride was held in 1957. That year our riders were featured on the cover page of the CSHA magazine 'THE HORSEMEN'. Our Base Camp was the Gianelli Cabin site. Day Riders who came, were to meet off the Dodge Ridge Rd. at the "Big Rock". This week-long ride has been held for 65 years.

1958 - Haypress Meadow off 5N01
1959 - Eagle Meadows
1960 - Clark Fork
1961 - Eagle Meadows
1962 - Long Meadow - Hay this year was \$25/ton
1963 - Eagle Meadows - Hay delivered was \$30/ton
1964-65 - Bell Meadow
1967-69 - Eagle Meadows

There was a few years when we tried new areas.

1982 - Little Reynolds
1983 - Kennedy Meadows
1984-85 - Clark Fork
1986 - Kennedy Meadows

1987-88 - Clark Fork (Arnot - Woods Gulch Trail Head). Then in 1988 this favorite high ride camp was taken away as it became Proposed Wilderness
1989 - Beaver Creek *High Ride \$50.00/person

1990 - THH developed a horse camp site at Eagle Meadows
1995 - Eagle Meadows was dedicated as THH's permanent week-long High Ride horse camp.
2003 - THH procured a grant to build two vault toilets at the Eagle Meadows Horse Camp. John Watts Construction and club members built the two toilets as per USFS design that summer.



High Ride High Jinks

As remembered by Sandee Watts

When we finally made eagle meadow our yearly camp, it was patterned after the Silver Lake California Region 4 ride that hosted large groups and offered an open bar. Like the Region 4 ride, the Twain Harte Horsemen High Ride drew large groups of 100 +.

We used to have a dance floor and an open bar. On Wednesday nights we'd hold a talent night. There was some amazing talent, and some not so good, but it was always entertaining.

One year, while camping at Clark Fork, we had major visits from 'garbage' bears every day of the week. The kids, thought it was a hoot, and would stake out the bears' feeding grounds, adding some watermelon rinds to bring them in, then all of the kids climbed on the cook shack and took pictures.

As a prank during that same ride, the kids in camp put on a bear head and after dark stomped around the tent of a rider named Herb "Doc" Dockter. Doc would tell his fellow campers about the bear that tried to get him every night of that week. When finally his young granddaughter made an entrance wearing the bear head he was speechless. "You did that to me?" he hollered.

Pranks reigned supreme during high rides. During one of our rides, a horse was found covered in chiquita banana stickers. John Watts had a hand in that prank. The next day, John found his horse wrapped from head to toe in toilet paper, with the prankster telling him "Well John, you always said you wanted a papered horse."

At another high ride, there was a phantom grain stealer. No one could figure out who or what was stealing grain from the campers. Eventually someone played detective and found out it was a horse that would untie itself from the tie line, roam the camp eating all the grain it found, and then when full, would return to its spot at the line.

Ruth Swanson was quite a horse lady, packing in to many a camp. During the high rides, she always camped in her station wagon and one day a bear decided to sit on the hood of her sleeping quarters. While waiting for the bear to leave, fellow campers had a view of Ruth's face, her hands on the car windows, mouthing "help me!"

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Twain Harte Trail Ride



The Twain Harte Horsemen sponsored their second annual Pack Trip and Trail Ride into the Sierras from August 16 to August 20, inclusive. They established their base camp at the Gianelli cabin site in the Dodge Ridge area, and made daily rides into the high country, guided by such well known mountain men as Erik Gustafson, Sr., Jim Freeman and Bill R. Johnson.

The Big Rock near the Dodge Ridge resort was the designated meeting place, and guest riders trailered their horses to this spot where they were met by the guides and taken in to the base camp on Friday, August 16. This group came from San Francisco, Marin, Merced and a goodly number from Tuolumne county.

The weather was ideal, and the comfortable camp and excellent meals were equaled only by the interesting trails, good horses, and matchless scenery. The photo on the cover shows some of the group,



ready to take off on Saturday morning, their destination that day was Powell and Deer Lakes. On succeeding days other rides took them over trails to lakes Piute, Jewelry, Long, Granite, and Bear - all lo-

located in the famous area of Emigrant Basin country.

It was hailed as one of the most enjoyable of all such events and each guest present registered for the 1958 trip, then and there.

Annual Twain Harte Horsemen TRAIL RIDE



Four days of joyous living in Tuolumne County's high country with good companions, riding the trails on your favorite mount

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Twain Harte, California



Trails lead through mountain meadows beneath snow capped peaks

INFORMATION

The base camp is within easy riding distance of lakes and streams for those interested in fishing. Guides for all trips.

Competitive events are optional. Trophies awarded by competent judges.

Daily rides over challenging trails of scenic beauty.

Forest Service rules strictly observed and enforced by Trail Boss.

Write for map.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility: Mares and geldings. NO STALLIONS. No horse under 4 years should be entered.

Fees: Entrance fee, \$65.00 each. (No junior under 12 years will be ac-

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cepted. ALL JUNIORS must be accompanied by parent or guardian. \$65.00).

The fee covers hay for your horse from opening day to the last day. Food for contestant begins with lunch the first day, and ends with lunch the last day. Three bounteous meals per day by excellent cooks. Soft drinks and beer included.

Waivers: All participants MUST sign a waiver of responsibility involving the sponsors, the TWAIN HARTE HORSEMEN, Inc.

Applications: All applications must be accompanied by a deposit of \$20.00 and the signed waiver.

The balance to be paid upon arrival in camp. Each participant will be responsible for his horse, its transportation and its care.



Panoramic views from high above timberline

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Above left: High Ride guest Linda Elder. Above right: teenager Courtney Mayon (center) with her friends at Cooper Meadow cabin.



Equine Vet Corner

The Horse Botfly

Courtesy of The University of Florida

The horse bot fly, *Gasterophilus intestinalis*, is an internal parasite of the gastrointestinal tract. Botflies appear to have originated in Africa.

The horse bot fly causes indirect damage to the horse through attempts at egg laying. The dive-bombing action of the bot fly can range from a simple annoyance to severe fright among horses. Injuries may result as the horse tries to rid themselves of this hovering fly.

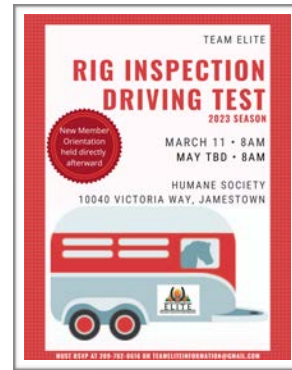
The female bot fly can oviposit between 150 and 1000 eggs on a horse's body. This typically occurs during the **early summer months**. The female oviposits directly on single hairs of the horse's front legs (cannon bone area), abdomen, flanks, and shoulders.

The direct damage the bot fly causes occurs after the larvae enter the animal's mouth and gastrointestinal tract. When the first instar larvae burrow into the mouth, the horse may experience severe irritation, as well as the development of pus pockets and loosened teeth. Loss of appetite may develop due to the larva's inhabitation.

As the second and third instar larvae inhabit the gastrointestinal tract and attach to the stomach and intestine, multiple complications may arise. Larvae present in large numbers in the stomach can cause blockages and lead to colic. Other health issues that may develop due to a severe infestation of these larvae include: chronic gastritis, ulcerated stomach, esophageal paralysis, peritonitis, stomach rupture, squamous cell tumors, and anemia.

Mechanical control: Manure should be cleaned and transported away since this is the area where the final development occurs before the fly emerges. Bot eggs can be removed from the horse's body by several methods. A tool with a sharp edge or a form of sand paper can be used to scrape away the bot eggs. Warm water with appropriate insecticide can be used to induce the eggs to hatch and kill the larvae.

Chemical control: An insecticide can also be applied weekly during the peak egg laying season to the areas of the body covered with bot eggs. Oral medications can be used to reduce the numbers of larvae inside of the stomach. Commonly used medications include avermectins, which come in different formulations: liquids, gels, boluses, and feed additives.



The severe winter weather pattern has caused **TEAM ELITE** to postpone their first rig inspections, driving test, and new member

orientation for the 2023 season. We will advise the updated inspection date when we have more details.

The May date is still pending, but it will either be May 6th or May 20th.

Members 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 teameliteinformation@gmail.com or text JoLynn Miller at 209-782-0616. web: www.teameliteevacuations.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 8	New Hogan Lake	Diana Moreci	Members Only
April 28	Peoria Flat – Pre-Ride	John Watts	Members Only
April 29	Peoria Flat – Poker 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

*Events subject to change

Hello THH members!

Recently Karen Rosasco, John, Sandy Watts, Kris Jordan Watts and myself have discussed areas that need clarification in our club bylaws.

Included in our discussion were three areas that we would like to highlight.

1. The submission and acceptance for membership applications.
2. Sponsorship role
3. Current membership requirements

In the future, the info below will be attached to each application given to the sponsor.

Dear Twain Harte Member/Sponsor,
Please have applicant fill out and return to Membership Chairperson, Nancy Sheldon. The application will be presented to the board for acceptance of membership consideration. Candidate must attend at least 2 meetings.
Candidate to have 1 ride with member...trail, arena or parade.
Once 2 meetings and ride have been completed, the candidate will be eligible to be voted in.

A Sponsor is required to have 1 year as a member of our club and 1 candidate a year. As a Sponsor, we encourage you to guide our new member and inform them of club meetings and events.

Please return completed application to
Nancy Sheldon, Membership THH
P.O. Box 122
Twain Harte CA 95383

Also an application for membership can be found on twainhartehorsemen.org and a member may volunteer sponsorship for applicant.

Addressing the membership requirements to remain an active member, please attend at least 3 workday/functions and 3 meetings a year.

Let's have great year riding and good fellowship!