

# Hoofbeats

March 2024

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



## The Prez Sez



It's Spring! We had a few nice riding days and then bam! The door closed and we are back to a week of rain starting Wednesday. At least the hills will be greener longer.

I spent the last weekend at Back Country



Horsemen's Rendezvous at Diamond Bar in Ceres. I know a lot of our members are also member of BCH Mid-Valley—we share the same goals of accessing the wilderness and keeping trails open. There was lots of information about using the wilderness, packing and the like, clinics and vendors, and an awesome Trail Challenge competition. I entered with my Romeo and did about as well as expected for a green youngster—he did well on some obstacles, and we bombed on others. Not only was this his first time to "town", but we also had the first go and it poured buckets. Challenges like this sure shows you where your holes are!

There are a couple of events in April—Diana Moreci is leading a Pardee ride on April 13th and John Watts is heading up the Top Hand Ride at Peoria on April 20th. And it's never too soon to prepare for the Mother Lode Rodeo Parade on May 11th! More information on these events are in the newsletter.

See you on the trails...

Linda Post  
THH President

Visit our Twain Harte  
Horsemen website at:  
[twainhartehorsemen.org](http://twainhartehorsemen.org)

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 2 @ 6:30 pm.

**Location:**  
Mounted Posse Grounds  
19130 Rawhide Road, Jamestown

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# Upcoming Events

## Pardee Lake Recreation Area—John Bull Loop

**Saturday, April 13**

A one day ride at Pardee. Come out and ride green rolling hills amid all the wild flowers. An easy ride and a good way to start out the riding season. Trail length is 7.9 miles, 3-4 hours dependent on group size and speed. Stop for lunch at the Pardee overlook. The trail has some inclines and views of the lake.

- Meet at 9 am. Ride out at 10 am.
- This is a members-only ride.
- Staging at Campo Seco Equestrian Trailhead, Valley Springs.
- Contact Diana Moreci at 209-533-8511 with questions!

**Directions:** From Sonora, the 40-mile drive takes about one hour

- From San Andreas take 12 west toward Valley Springs
- In Valley Springs, turn right on Chestnut St.
- Then turn right on E. Daphne St. *E. Daphne turns into Paloma Rd.*
- Stay on Paloma until the fork in road, veer left onto Watertown Rd. Continue about 3 miles.
- Continue on Watertown Rd, turn right onto Campo Seco Rd. 1/4 mile to staging on left.



## The Top Hand Ride

**Saturday, April 20**



Join us on our annual Top Hand Ride!

It'll be a pretty spring ride with good stuff to eat, and a buckle for the top hand. It is open to the public so bring your friends.

Please advertise this annual fund raising ride, hosted by John Watts, to friends and the community. Post the flyer we have included on a following page, and help us get the word out!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to John Watts at 209.586.4841.

**John Watts** and **Helga Zuber** were recently invited to speak about Twain Harte Horsemen history on the EQUESTRIAN ARTS Radio Show, hosted by Earlene Smith and featured on Sonora's local community radio station KAAD-LP 103.5.

Stay tuned. We will let you know when the half hour radio program will air. You will also be able to access the show anytime after it's initial airing from the radio station archives.



### March and April Birthdays!

#### March

Joy LaMons 3/7  
Janette Reitz 3/12  
Joe Hoover 3/17  
Darlene Tucker 3/17  
Patti McEwen 3/23  
Nancy Broce 3/23  
Sheryl Godfrey 3/23  
Patti Kelly 3/25  
Kelli O'Brien 3/27

#### April

Odette Jasper 4/5  
Kaycee Rumsey 4/14

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## Take Your Horse Camping!

The club will host two campouts this summer if we can get enough member interest. They will be open to the public so your friends can come too. The chair for these campouts is Diana Moreci.

**Lake Del Valle (Livermore) June 21-June 24.** The site has a minimum of 5 horses max 15. If 5 people go it would be \$61 per night, if 15 go it is \$20 per night. There's corrals and bathrooms, miles and miles of foothill trails, and of course the lake, which has swimming and boating.



**Jack Brook (La Honda) July 31 to August 9.** This site has corrals for 10 horses/people. Diana will be there for all nine nights. You can come for as long or short as you want. Price is again based on the number of horses/people - 3 horses go it would be \$29 per night, 5 would be \$18, 7 would be \$13, and 10 would be \$9. Lots of amenities - great trails in the redwoods, full bathrooms and showers, picnic tables, tent area, room for RV's, water, electricity, outdoor kitchen, sewage disposal for RVs, firewood for sale, pipe corrals, wash racks, store 20 minutes away, beach 40 minutes.



Please reply to Diana Moreci @ 209-533-8511 or [diana@SFRCsonora.com](mailto:diana@SFRCsonora.com). We need to know as soon as possible so the sites can be booked.

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## In Memoriam

We lost another THH member: **Judy Meeks**. She was a member for many years. She loved being with horses and horse people. She dedicated much of her life to both.

Judy also loved being in the high country. She attended the annual High Ride for many years. In later years she ran the Tack and Clothing sale during the whole event!

Judy also helped at the CSHA rides at Silver Lake and at the CSHA Trail Trials. The Silver Lake Ride was always her favorite, maybe because that was where she met her husband. Bob!

Along with Bob, Judy and three other THH members rode on the Twain Harte Horsemen's team in the wild and crazy Pony Express Races at the Mother Lode and Calaveras fairs. One year her team even won First Place at the Calaveras fair!

She volunteered as the clerk at the Twain Harte Horsemen Backyard Horse Shows, the Play Days, Poker Rides and any other event that needed her help. She always made sure that the riders scores and times were done perfectly.

Judy also kept the books as the Twain Harte Horsemen's Treasurer for many, many years. She always kept impeccable records and always passed the annual audit with flying colors! She was also the treasurer for CSH Region IV and for the Sonora Lions Club. She was a busy lady!

In 2017 Twain Harte Horsemen honored Judy with a Lifetime membership for all the years of service she gave to our club. She was a very special person that we will all miss.

Judy's ride ended on February 15, 2024.







## The Motherlode Parade May 11

The Motherlode Parade is on the horizon and we hope THH members are ready to ride to represent our organization.

If you want to ride with THH in the parade – please **RSVP** Linda Post at 209.206.8375

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.

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 Linda with a head count. Bring a chair.

**Horses** should be recently washed with recently trimmed or shod hooves.

Whiskers, fetlocks, and coronary bands should be trimmed. Hoof black will be applied by THH before the parade. Bridle paths 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.**

**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 shirts.

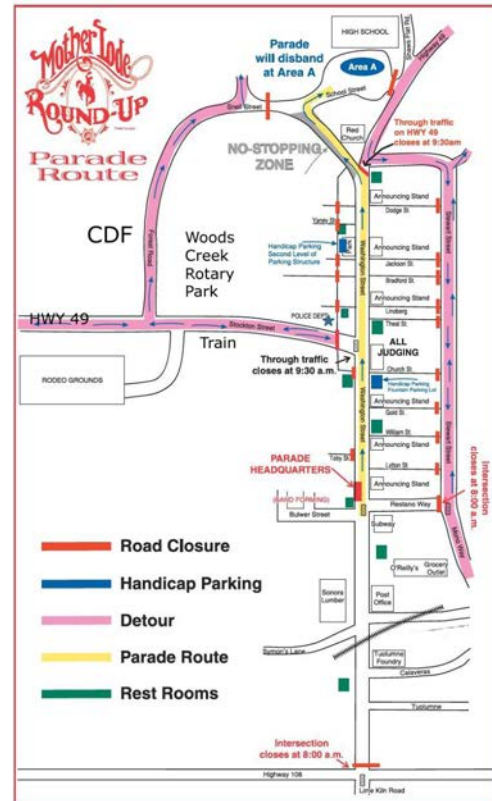
Keep shirt clean by wearing something else while getting read and put the shirt on at the last moment. **Green bandanas will be provided.**

### THH Parade Parking:

Turn on the south side of the bridge off Hwy. 49, across from the Steam Engine at Fairground, onto S. Forest Road. It is the second driveway on the left. The THH sandwich board should be there but also the trailers will be visible.

## SCHEDULE

7:00 – Horses and trailers arrive  
8:30 – Judging near Subway Restaurant  
9:00 – Line up for parade start  
10:00 – Parade starts  
11:00 – Parade ends



## BEEF FOR SALE

Hamburger and other cuts by the package.

Hamburger, 1 lb packages – \$7 each.

Other cuts range from \$7 to \$22 (approx. 1 lb each)

Contact Helga

209.581.1798

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**TWAIN HARTE HORSEMEN PRESENTS**  
the  
**Top Hand Spring Ride**

*Horses and Riders of all ages are*  
**WELCOME**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024**

**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.**

**RSVP to John Watts at:**

**209.586.4841 or**

**[johntw1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johntw1@sbcglobal.net)**

**Cost: \$20**

**Lunch served  
after the Ride**



## Twain Harte Horsemen 2024 Events\*-1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Participation</b>
April 13	Pardee/New Hogan	Diana Moreci	Members Only
April 19	Peoria Flat – Pre-Ride	John Watts	Members Only
April 20	Peoria Flat – Top Hand Ride	John Watts	Public
May 11	Mother Lode Parade	Linda Post	Public
May 18	Open Center Camp	Lance LaMons	Members Only
June 8	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
June 21 to June 24	Lake Del Valle Campout	Diana Moreci	Public
June 29	Herring Creek Ride	Linda Post	Public
July 4-6	Eagle Meadow Pre-Ride/Campout	John Watts	Members Only
July 23-29	High Ride	Club	Public
July 31-Aug. 9	Jack Brook Campout	Diana Moreci	
August 17-18	Ranch Agility @ Center Camp	Chris Mason	Public
August 31	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
September 14	White Pines Day Ride	Diana Moreci	Members Only
September 21	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
October 12	Kerrick Corral Day Ride	Linda Post	Members Only
October 19	Peoria Ride	Diana Moreci	Members Only
October 26	Center Camp Closing	Lance LaMons	Members Only
November 9	Fahey Cabin Ride	Colleen Combes	Members Only
December 8	BCHC Columbia Parade	Linda Post	Public
December 13	Christmas Installation and Dinner	TBD	Members Only

\* Subject to change

