

# Hoofbeats

April 2024

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



## The Prez Sez



After a few false starts, spring has actually sprung! Now it's the hurry up and wait game for forest roads to open—can't wait to get in the mountains! Merrill Springs Rd (Long Barn) usually opens with trout season, which is the last Saturday in April. Fingers crossed!

Our spring Top Hand ride is Saturday, April 20th. The flowers at Peoria are spectacular! Top hand wins a buckle!

Mother Lode Roundup Rodeo is coming! We have about 10 riders signed up for the parade, and we'll serve a quick lunch after at the staging area. Hope you can make it!

There are several camping opportunities in the next couple months. Check out the article in this month newsletter.

We will be opening Center Camp on May 18th. We need your help prior to that date! It's annual "Rake the Pine Needles in the Arena" season! Take a ride to Center Camp any day, any time, bring a rake and start making piles of needles. We really would appreciate it!

Happy Trails!

Linda Post

THH President

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

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 7 @ 6:30 pm.

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

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## Upcoming Events

### The Top Hand Ride — Saturday, April 20



**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**  
**johnwtw1@sbcglobal.net**

**Cost: \$20**  
**Lunch served**  
**after the Ride**

It is not too late to RSVP and ride 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 to friends and the community.

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



#### May Birthdays!

Judie Kavanaugh 5/14  
Vickie Vermeer 5/15  
Holly Britton 5/23  
Hope LaMons 5/24  
Kaitlyn Rumsey 5/27  
Robin Ellington 5/28

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**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, <https://kaad-lp.org>.

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.

Meanwhile browse the other archived shows at: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1u10C4pAhhLSztNVPPr4d0r9fB0Di4ACzK>.



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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** 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.



**Jack Brook (La Honda) July 31 to August** 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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We will be opening **Center Camp** Saturday, May 18.

Please join us for the annual clean up and social gathering. If you can't be there on the 18th please come by the camp when you can to tidy up and rake leaves into piles in the arena.

Also we need to get started on the **barn construction**. We hope to schedule some workdays after the rodeo and parade. We are currently looking at the weeks of May 13th and May 20th. Please contact John Watts if you are able to help out. There will be construction as well as painting to be done.



## Past Events

Unfortunately the April Pardee ride was cancelled by rain, but it looks like the rainy season may be at an end, so keep our other monthly rides in mind.  
Time to get out and ride!

## Saddle Work

**Daniel Xavier**  
(formerly with Ricotti  
Saddlery for 23 years)

209-499-9903  
209-493-9222





## 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, and passing out scarves. 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.

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 should be trimmed. Hooves should be clean with clear oil applied before the parade. Tack should be clean and freshly oiled. Saddle pads should be clean. **THH saddle drapes will be provided.**

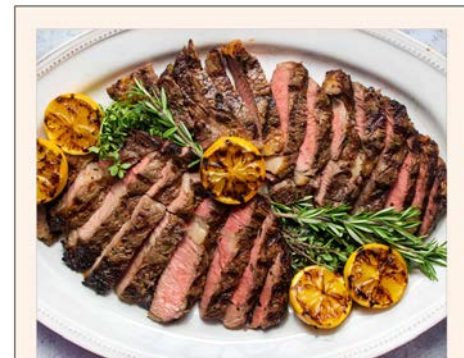
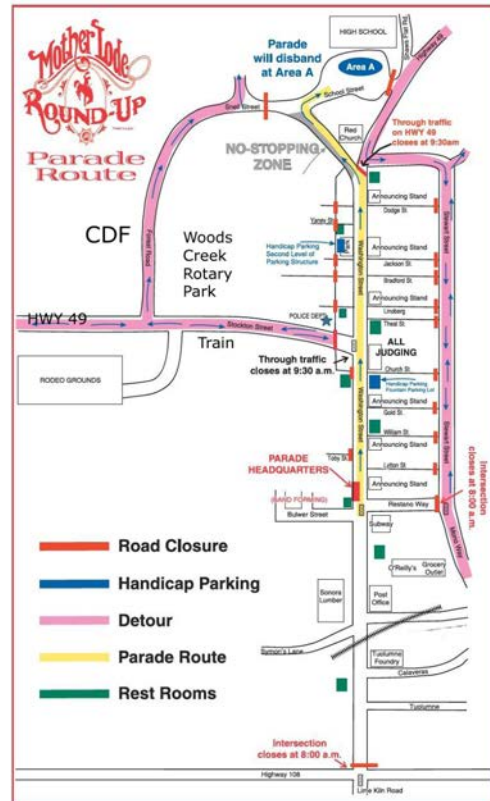
**Riders** should wear new dark blue jeans with no bling or rips. Brown belt and brown boots. New natural leather gloves. White straw hat or riding helmet. Long sleeve white shirts. Keep shirt clean by wearing something else while getting read and put the shirt on at the last moment. **Green bandanas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

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helga2853@gmail.com

## Twain Harte Horsemen 2024 Events\*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Participation</b>
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