

Hoofbeats

March 2025

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



The Prez Sez



Hello All,

We are off to a great start this year and a special thanks to all who help with so many things. Our High Ride committee met in February and updated our prices, camp duty lists and applications for both members and non members. Our High Ride Application went out on March 1st and planning for our High Ride event is well underway. Thank you to all who had a part in helping iron out all the fine details. We wouldn't have a club without all of you :)

In our January newsletter, there was an article that I found very interesting about

horse whorls. I had always heard about horse whorls but had never read anything or known much about it. I immediately made predictions about my horses and ran out into the pasture to see if I was correct. All of my horses had whorls that matched their personality and the experiences that I have had with them. Easygoing Sarge's whirl is dead center, Gypsy's whorl is high and to the right, she can be anxious. Lance's horse Freya, a confident mare, has a whorl that is dead center too. The most interesting observation was my mare Ruby. Generally, Ruby is a loving animal. Whenever I would have a bad day, Lance would tell me to go out and see Dr. Ruby. Oftentimes if I couldn't sleep I would go out to the pasture in the middle of the night and Ruby would somehow quietly sneak up on me and breathe deeply into my hair. Then she would wrap her neck around me and pull me in. It was like she knew when I needed a hug.

But.... that is not all there is to Ruby. She has another side, a diva side. Ruby is the lead mare around my house and keeps everyone in line. She rules with an Iron Hoof. Lance and I used to call her RubyHyde when she would be in this mood.

On the other hand, I would take her to the same pasture with the usual flakes of hay set out on the ground. Some days she would walk up and calmly eat, and other days she would run circles around the hay like it was a monster of GREAT proportions.

Not surprisingly, Ruby is my horse with two whorls both high and side by side. Which means she can be right-brain, reactive, and hot, as well as left-brain-unreactive, and confident. Dr. Ruby and RubyHyde. Now it all makes sense.

THH President,
Joy LaMons

Visit our Twain Harte
Horsemen website at:
twainhartehorsemen.org

Next Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 1 @ 6:30 pm.

Location:
Mounted Posse Grounds
19130 Rawhide Road, Jamestown

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Upcoming Events

Top Hand Ride

Saturday, April 26

The Top Hand Ride returns! Get your riding year started on Saturday, April 26.

Register starting at 8 am. First ride out is at 9 am.

It'll be a pretty spring ride at Peoria with good stuff to eat, and a buckle for the top hand.

It is open to the public so sign up and bring your friends.

A full-size version of the ride flyer is on a following page.

Please pass it around and help us get the word out!

Top Hand Pre-Ride | Fri. April 25

We are looking for ride bosses. If you are interested in being a trail guide for the Top Ride, please join John and others on Friday, April 25 to pre ride the routes for the Top Hand Ride.

Contact John Watts for more info.



TWAIN HARTE HORSEMEN PRESENTS
The Top Hand Spring Ride
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025
At Peoria Flat

REGISTRATION 8 a.m.
FIRST RIDER OUT 9 a.m.

The Top Hand will be awarded this beautiful belt buckle

RSVP to John Watts at:
209.768-2905 or
johnwtw1@sbcglobal.net

DIRECTIONS: 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. In 500 ft. turn left into parking lot.

Cost: \$20
Lunch will be served after the ride

The Motherlode Parade

Saturday, May 10



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.

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.

Non-club event

This looks to be a fun event for junior riders.
The entry application is on the following page.



..STANISLAUS..
COUNTY FAIR
JUNIOR HORSE SHOW
MAY 17-18, 2025

OPEN TO ALL 4-H, FFA,
AND INDEPENDENT
JR HORSE EXHIBITORS

HIGHPOINT AWARDS FOR ENGLISH GYMNASTICS WESTERN DIVISIONS

DIAMOND BAR ARENA 8:00AM

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SCF Horse Department

38TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
900 N Broadway, Turlock, CA 95380
Tax ID # 94-6001569

On behalf of the Stanislaus County Fair Horse Department, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the Stanislaus County Fair Horse Show on May 17th - 18th at Diamond Bar Arena. Your involvement plays an important role by rewarding the youth within our community for their hard work and dedication to their projects.

We would like to extend the opportunity for you to donate funds towards the purchase of awards for the Youth Horse Show. This money will help supply belt buckles, halters, rosettes, and ribbons to our Highpoint, Reserve Highpoint, Showmanship, and Outstanding Exhibitor winners, as well as our class winners. With your donation, your name will be announced during the horse show. If you have a specific award you would like to sponsor or would like to present the award, please let us know.

Please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it by mail or by bringing it to the Stanislaus County Fair no later than **May 15, 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact our Awards department at awards@stancofair.com or Kassi Laughlin at klaughlin@stancofair.com

Thank you for your generous contribution to our Stanislaus County Horse Exhibitors.

High Point Winner Buckle & Rosette = \$145 _____

Reserve High Point Winner Halter & Rosette = \$95 _____

Showmanship Winner Buckle = \$125 _____

Class Ribbons 1st-10th Place = \$125 _____

Sponsor Name for Award: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Strange Horse Laws

Here is a collection of some of the wildest horse laws ever passed. Hope you enjoy! No one knows how they got there and no one living has a memory of anyone arrested under them.

- In Hartsville, Illinois, you can be arrested for riding an ugly horse.
- It's illegal to fish from horseback in Washington DC, Utah and Colorado while lassoing a fish in Tennessee is definitely out.
- A misworded ordinance in Wolf Point, Montana: "No horse shall be allowed in public without its owner wearing a halter."
- A Fort Collins, Colorado Municipal Code: "It is unlawful for any male rider, within the limits of this community, to wink at any female rider with whom he is acquainted."
- A 1907 Cumberland County, Tennessee statute reads: "Speed while on horseback upon county roads will be limited to three miles an hour unless the rider sees a bailiff who does not appear to have had a drink in thirty days, then the horseman will be permitted to make what he can."
- Male horse buffs in Basalt, Nevada, are prohibited from eating onions between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. while out riding.

- Law specifies only men! Ice cream lovers beware in Cotton Valley, Louisiana. Citizens aren't allowed to eat an ice cream cone while on horseback in public places.



- It is strictly against the law in Bicknell, Indiana, for a man to leave his new bride alone and go riding with his pals on his wedding day. The penalty is a week in jail.
- Budds Creek, Maryland, has an antique law which prohibits horses from sleeping in a bathtub, unless the rider is also sleeping with the horse.
- In New York, donkeys are not allowed to sleep in bathtubs.
- Paradise, California, retains a most unusual law that says it is illegal to let a horse sleep in a bakery within the limits of the community. What about goats, cows, etc.?? Only horses are mentioned.
- An attorney can be barred from practicing law in Corvallis, Oregon, should he refuse to accept a horse in lieu of his legal fees.
- It is against the law in California for horses to mate in public within five hundred yards of any church, school or tavern! The penalty can be a \$500 fine and six months in jail. This law isn't clear as to whether the horse or the owner is fined and jailed.
- In case you have an accident in Hortonville, New York, here's their antique law: "The rider of any horse involved in an accident resulting in death shall immediately dismount and give his name and address to the person killed."
- Watch out in Rhineland, Wisconsin if you are riding a horse while intoxicated! An old ordinance takes care of the problem. Such a horseman, per the law, must be given a "large dose of castor oil." Who doles out the penalty? The horseman's wife! Refusal to take the castor oil results in a fine!
- It is legal to take your horse into a tavern in Burns, Oregon, just as long as you've paid for its admission.



March 2025 Birthdays!

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 Birthdays

Odette Jasper 4/5
Kaycee Rumsey 4/14

*If we missed your birthday—
contact Colleen so we can
add you to the list.*

In closing, a summation of Clergyman Henry Ward Beecher's view on the art of lawmaking: "We bury men when they are dead, but we try to embalm the dead body of laws, keeping the corpse in sight long after the vitality has gone. It usually takes a hundred years to make a law; and then, after the law has done its work, it usually takes another hundred years to get rid of it."

Twain Harte Horsemen 2025 Events*

Date	Event	Event	Participation
April 25	Peoria Flat – Pre-Ride	John Watts	Members Only
April 26	Peoria Flat – Top Hand Ride	John Watts	Public
May 3	Peoria Wild Flower Ride	Cyndi Collins	Members Only
May 10	Mother Lode Parade	Linda Post	Public
May 17	Open Center Camp	Lance LaMons	Members Only
June 7	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
June 21	Tack Sale?		Public
June 28	Herring Creek Ride	Linda Post	Public
July 3-5	Eagle Meadow Pre-Ride/Campout	John Watts	Members Only
July 22-28	High Ride	Club	Public
August 9-10	Ranch Agility @ Center Camp	Chris Mason	Public
August 23	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
September 20	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
October 11	Kerrick Corral Day Ride	Colleen Combes	Members Only
October 25	Center Camp Closing	Lance LaMons	Members Only
November 8	Fahey Cabin Ride	Colleen Combes	Members Only
December 14	BCHC Columbia Parade	Linda Post	Public
December 19	Christmas Installation and Dinner	Joy LaMons	Members Only

*Subject to change