

Hoofbeats

April 2025

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



The Prez Sez



Spring, glorious spring! I am so happy to see all of the beautiful flowers and to smell the lovely *fragrance* in the air outside. We are so blessed to live where we live and to do the wonderful things we do with our horses and our lives. The flowers on the trail have been stunning this year. Peoria flat trails never *disappoint* in the spring. There are blankets of yellow and gold flowers covering large portions of the meadows if you know where to look. Red hills is almost as beautiful if you and your horse don't mind the rocks. I hope you are all enjoying this time of year also. It won't be long until our mountain trails open up and we can follow the blooms higher and higher into the mountains.

With spring, unfortunately comes the yearly battle with the noxious weeds. First comes the fiddle neck deeply nestled and hiding in tufts of grass. Next, I start to see the stinging nettle and if I've seen it then I know it has already dropped some seeds. Then comes the bull and cow thistles just begging me to try and pick them with my bare hands, this never ends well! The common groundsel sends its tufts of seeds floating off just as I am trying to yank it out of the ground. A short while later the mustard pops up and has fat roots that go all of the way to China, really! Burr chervil just breaks off in your hands and promises to grow back when you are not looking. Finally the star thistle pops its mean little heads out of the ground. It is a never ending battle but for those of us who love our horses we are willing to fight the good fight either by spraying, pulling by hand, or shopping it with a shovel. I know my horses have no idea how much I do for them, but I am sure happy to do it. It keeps me outside enjoying every season. If you are one who is battling with noxious weeds the UC cooperative extension has booklets to help you identify weeds in your pasture.

Our Top Hand Ride is going to be held at Peoria Flat on April 26th. Thank you to John Watts for hosting this ride, and Roy Smith for manning the BBQ and to all other club members who take part in this fun event.

The Motherlode Parade is on Saturday, May 10th. Thank you Linda Post for hosting this event and all club members who help pull it all together. If you are interested in riding in the parade contact Linda.

Our 2025 High Ride is filling up fast. It is looking to be a great year with many returning friends and some newcomers too.

THH President,
Joy LaMons

Visit our Twain Harte
Horsemen website at:
twainhartehorsemen.org

Next Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm.
Location Change: Center Camp

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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



Top Hand Ride **Saturday, April 26**

Calling all members to join us on The Top Hand Ride!

Get your riding year started on Saturday, April 26. Register starting at 8 am. First ride out is at 9 am. Helpers should try to be there at 7 am to set up.

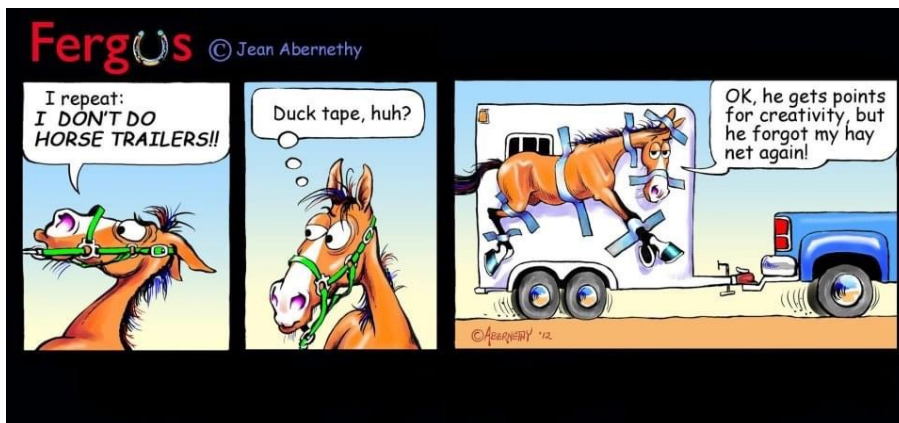
It'll be a pretty spring ride at Peoria with good stuff to eat, and a buckle for the top hand.

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

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.

If you plan to attend either the pre-ride or the Top Hand Ride, please RSVP to John Watts at 209.586.4841




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 at 209.581.1798, or email: helga2853@gmail.com



April 2025 Birthdays!

Odette Jasper 4/5
 Kaycee Rumsey 4/14

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

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



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.

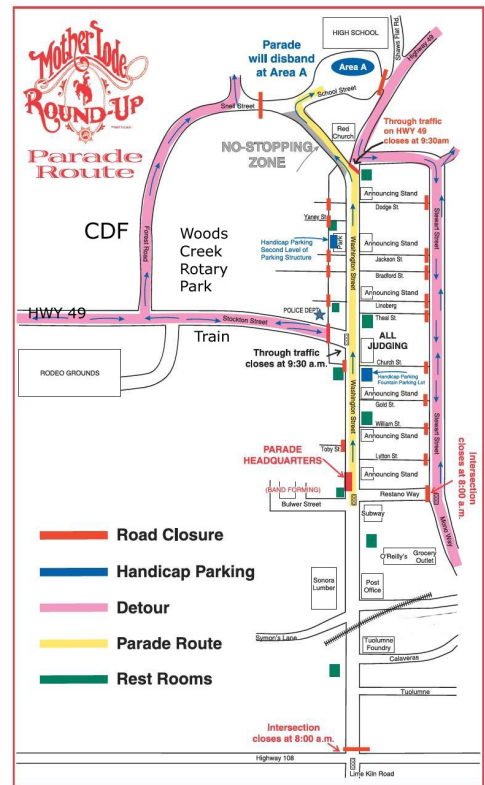
If you want to ride with THH in the parade – please **RSVP** Linda Post at 209.206.8375.

Helpers please meet at the Cal-Fire parking lot on S. Forest Road at 7:30 am. 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.**



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

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.

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