

Hoofbeats

August 2026

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



The Prez Sez



July was a very busy month and our High Ride was so much fun. We had 67 people who attended. Most were returning friends and some were new friends. Many of our High Ride guests come from so far away including many who drive all of the way from Arizona to join us for a week of fun.

Our caterer, Mike Garman, blessed us with the most delicious food, including shrimp, tri-tip, lasagna, lemon cake, carrot cake and sweet bread as well as carrots and apples for the horses. Mike is such a talented cook and we are so happy to have him.

We had many fun events during our High Ride including the raffle, bingo, art class, horseshoes and our live auction. We had many live auction pieces that were so beautiful! Thank you to Kelly Vella (and myself, which is weird to say) on our charcuterie set collaboration, Victoria Adams for her earrings, Dianne Stearns for her mosaic, Macrame by Mae for the macrame jewelry set, Mike Shaffer for the bench seat, Roy and Janine Smith for coffee and wine baskets, the Kolpack family for several vintage items, our club for donating the THH buckle and Black oak Casino for their donations which helped make our auction a success.

Leading up to the High Ride we still had a lot of trail clearing to do. This was a very hard year on our trails and all of the work was essential upkeep to ensure our trails would not disappear. This year our club has cleared 154 trees from the trails which added up to 360 hours of labor from our club. There are still more trees to be cleared and more trails that have not been opened up.

Our club also cleaned and repainted the vaulted toilets which got many raving reviews from our guests who commented that our toilets were the best in the USA! I wonder if a trophy were to be given for such a thing, would it be a gold shiny toilet on a stand, or a golden toilet seat? :) It is just a funny thing to think about. The shining beauty of our pit toilets has been acknowledged.

Thank you to the dedicated club members for all your hard work

THH President, Joy LaMons



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twainhartehorsemen.org

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Next Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 1 @ 6:00 pm.

Potluck at 5:30

Location : Center Camp

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Upcoming Events



THH BBQ

BBQ on Sat. Sept. 5, food to be served at 4 pm
at John Watt's cabin, 39270 Eagle Meadow Road (5N01),
Long Valley (the red-roofed cabin about 3/4 mile past Long Valley Creek)

Club members are welcome to come up for the day or stay the weekend. Bring your horses and go for a ride.

Please RSVP to co-host Terry Lewellan
at 209-479-2423 no later than Aug. 28.

It is time to rest and relax and enjoy the beauty
of the season. Come join us!

Do not miss our other fall events:

Drill Team fun is scheduled for **September 10** at Center Camp. It is easy, fun and relaxing for both horses and riders. Contact Nancy to reserve your place: 831-818-5558. Starts at 10 am.



October 10 Colleen will lead a members-only ride out of Kerrick Corral... along the ridge trail to Pine Valley camp and then back along Bell Meadow. A pleasant 2.5 hour loop plus a lunch stop. Text Colleen at 650.387.5423 if interested. Ride out at 10 am. Rain will cancel.



Past Events

The 2026 High Ride Was a High Time For All

If at all possible this group of 67 high riders was even more joyful and friendlier than last year. It was like one big extended family having the best possible reunion. The THH group worked harder than ever to make it happen and our guests comfortable. Our president, Joy, has tabulated the extraordinary number of trees removed from trails and the man hours it took. Hope you've read her President's Letter for the details. It wouldn't even be possible to have the ride if it wasn't for all the work clearing trails. Joy, Lance, John, Ron and Linda P. were the hard working crews doing that job, along with help from Myron, Sandy, and Colleen.

Most of the trails were in good shape by the time of the ride, though rides to Cowboy Heaven were nixed because the crew didn't have time scout that route for clearing. They managed to clear Eagle Peak trail up to the 2nd creek, enough for riders to travel to Coopers Meadow.

The flowers were blooming everywhere as usual, the weather couldn't have been more temperate, which just a couple of sprinkles of rain here and there.

Mike, our caterer and his group of guys, are one of the cornerstones of the ride. Without out his fine meals we would be all lost. Or at least very, very hungry.

Parking czar Joy with assistance from Sandy O. and Colleen, tucked all the guests and their rigs into their preferred camping spots when they arrived.

A couple of our guests from Arizona had a crazy trip to the ride that was riddled with truck and trailer breakdowns. Their determined efforts to get everything fixed over a period of three days while on the road, and in some seriously bad weather in Arizona, was the talk of the ride. They kept us all



entertained with their humorous retelling of the adventure. We were amazed and pleased that they carried through and arrived late Monday night to attend the ride anyway. What troopers!

For our Wednesday meet and greet, guests and members brought out a variety of card and board games which continued throughout the week. Many campers looked forward to the craft activity hosted by Dianne, creating artistic paper birds for cards and gift baskets. Bingo, with Kris J. calling the numbers, was a big hit as usual with many "Bingos" happily shouted out.

Sherryl G. outdid herself with the raffle baskets. They were all beautiful and enticing and raised a lot of money during the raffle. Mike, our auctioneer, kept the auction lively Saturday night. The bidding was fast and furious and left guests celebrating and partying long after it was over. The THH branding iron was heated up and chinks and other items were branded along with the auctioned bench.

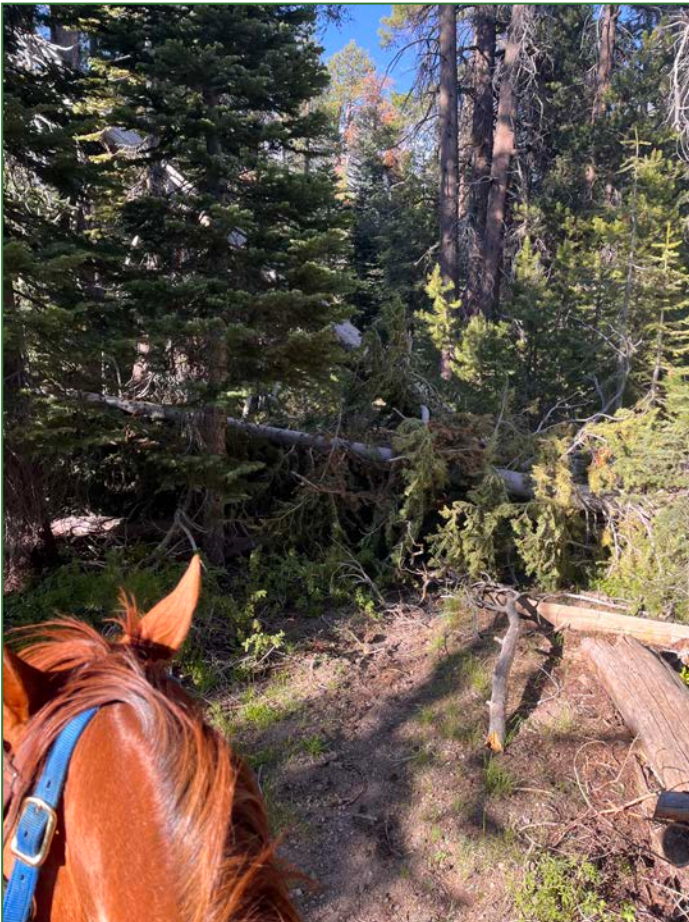
The horseshoe tournament was as competitive as always. Spectators loudly supported their favorites, and at the end the team of Lance and Bev, with big grins, accepted their well earned awards.

In the mornings, Kim P. informed and entertained guests with his weather reports and self-proclaimed "nerdy" facts.

Then, suddenly, as always the week was over. Our guests reluctantly broke camp Monday, with many promising they'll return in 2027.



2026 High Ride



There was a lot of heavy lifting this year to open our trails. More than a 150 logs were cleared. At top, the before and after photos are on the Twain Harte trail down to the creek. The next two images show, at left, the complete closure of a section of the Brennan trail and, at right, partial progress clearing that section. One leaning tree and one horizontal log to go.



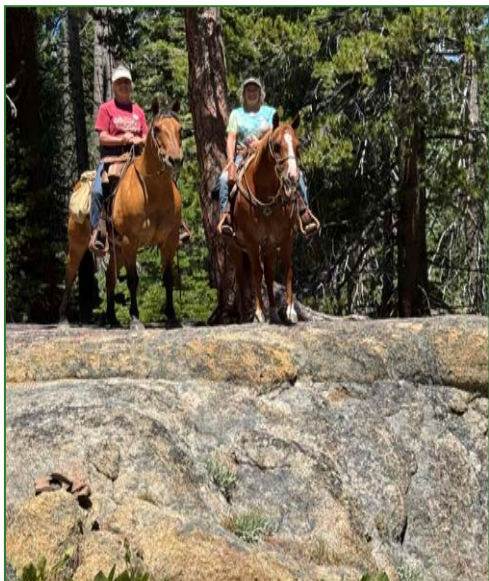
Chris and her beloved Aussie buddy.



Chey at a scenic site.



Let's Ride!



Siri and Jesse on picture rock.



Colleen, Ron, Duffy, Debbie and Terry at Inspiration Point.



Chris gives her dog a drink.

FOOD! Lines formed magically in seconds as everyone jostled for position to get their share of the delicious breakfasts and dinners served up by Mike and crew—Vance, Jerry and Doug.



Getting Crafty with Dianne S., shown below. Many happy crafters with their paper birds on bags, cards and sticks.





Raffles, and Auctions, and Bingo... Oh My!

Lots of activities kept things lively all week.

Top left, Sherryl and Kim call out raffle winners. At left, raffle winners pick out their baskets

Below, Mike S. in red hat, with John, Kim and presenter Debbie H. warms up his auctioneer voice.

Far left: Gina, winner of the charcuterie board and knife set made by resident artists Joy and Kelly.

Below right, guests celebrate adding the THH brand to their chinks and chaps.

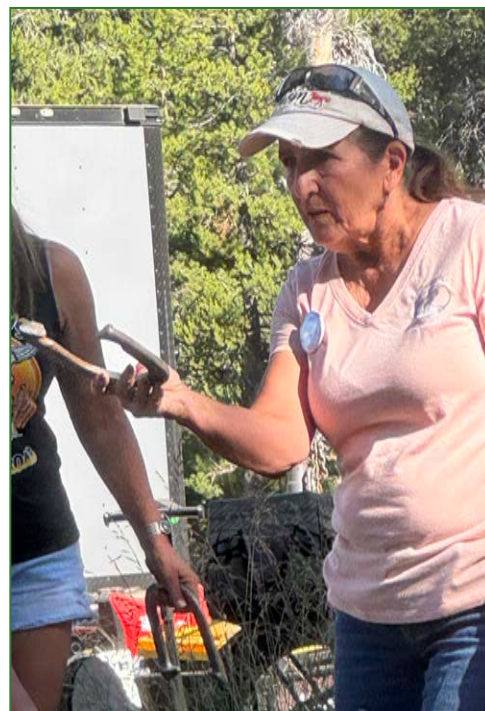


Suzy, Janene, Kristin, and Jodie are our bingo winners.



Janene, Kristin, and Jodie, Chey and Debbie dance in their newly branded chaps and chinks.

Horseshoe Tournament— A Swinging Time!



Finalists in our annual horseshoe tournament, Ron, Kristin, Lance and Bev were laughing and joking with each other in the final round, but when it came to tossing a shoe, they were all business. With the audience cheering everyone on, Lance and Bev landed the final point to become the 2026 champions.



Riding and more Riding



Picture Rock



Backtracking on a blocked trail. A tree we didn't have time to clear.



The hunters cabin



The elusive marshmallow rocks. Many have searched for them but few have found them without Janine's help.



Joy and Gypsy in beautiful Long Valley

Close Ups



Top right, Kelly rejoins her mother on a High Ride for the first time in 25 years... 'bout time!

At right, Bonnie wins the unplanned dismount award.

Bottom right, Sherryl and Sandra.

Bottom left, Janine and Roy

Left: Bonnie photo bombs husband Brent who's wearing some very cool sunglasses.

Top left: Some of our guests make a pretty picture.



Trail Trials



From rope management, to mount and dismount, to turning and side passing, to carrying a slicker and finally the bucket dip, competitors in the trail trials tackled the obstacles with their often bewildered horses. The winner for 2026 was Marie Grism on her spotted saddle horse (shown at right).



Twain Harte Horsemen 2026 Events*

Date	Event	Event Host	Participation
Sept 5	BBQ and campout in Long Valley	Terry Lewellen and John and Jackie	Members
Sept 12	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
October 10	Kerrick Corral Day Ride	Colleen Combes	Members Only
October 17	Drill Team @ Center Camp	Nancy Broce	Members Only
October 24	Center Camp Closing	Lance LaMons	Members Only
November 7	Fahey Cabin Ride	Colleen Combes	Members Only
December 13	BCHC Columbia Parade	Linda Post	Public
December 18	Christmas Installation and Dinner		Members and guests



BEEF for SALE

1 lb. package of Hamburger is \$8. Call or text for pricing on other cuts. Helga: 209.581.1798. Email: helga 2853@gmail.com