

Rim Rock Riders Newsletter

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Next General Meeting is on Tuesday, February 9th, at 7PM in the Rider's Café and Meeting Room. Please come join in on the discussion and find out what's going on in your club!!

President's Message.....

Howdy Riders,

Sure had a good time at the crab feed. We had good food, great music, and even better company. I would really like to thank Tami and everyone that helped make it a success. We had many volunteers that stepped up to help. Tami did an amazing job of putting it all together. We have had lots of requests for a repeat performance.

RRR will take over the land south of the gravel and over to the sagebrush at the bottom of the hillside. We will be planting grass along there for dust and weed control. This is going to be our overnight trailer parking area. This will be a great opportunity to get in some membership hours.

Our playdays, barrels and roping are going strong. Come out and have some fun with your friends and horses. The schedules are on the internet and posted at the building. JP is upset with me for not taking him to some of these events. He thinks all I do is work and am no fun so I plan on seeing you all out there soon.

Jon Page

From the Front Desk....

OK. Let's talk membership one last time. Anyone who has not joined by now.... well unfortunately, you're not members of RRR anymore, as the '09 membership grace period is over. The good news is that you can still join! You can download membership forms off of the RR website at www.rimrockriders.com or you pick one up at the arena. Now for the bad news. You must have completed your 2009 membership hours in order to rejoin for 2010, otherwise you will need to pay \$100 to buy those hours out (in addition to 2010 dues), **regardless if you worked any of them.**

We certainly would like to see everyone rejoin this year, but with the economy as bad as it is, we all understand the hardships many of us are facing. Remember also, that if you choose not to become a member of RR anymore, doesn't mean you can't come enjoy our many events. You can still participate by paying a \$15 non member day fee. But if you can't, or don't want to join for 2010, and would like to be removed from the email list, please email me at office@rimrockriders.com and let me know.

Now let's talk about the new Guest Pass being offered. There is much misconception as to what the intention of it is. The Guest Pass is for pre-planned visits only, and must be pre-purchased from the RRR office. So please, do not show up at the arena and drop \$10 in the office box! This guest pass is ONLY to be used as a pass to include visiting friends or family to come use the arena with you occasionally. It was not created for the purpose of bringing all your neighbors and local friends an unlimited amount of times, when they can join the club themselves! While we definitely want to encourage people to come check out the facility, this pass is not to be abused, and will be limited to 6 passes per member, per year.

Also, don't forget that when you work your membership hours, you are responsible for filling out your tally cards. They are the blue cards located next to the office. Please print them legibly in fully. I've found some that I can barely read, so if I don't know who you are, you won't get credit for the hours. And be sure to get it signed before turning it in, as you won't get credit for the time if it's not signed by a chairperson either.

Unfortunately, we are also losing our **Trail Chairperson, Linda Nolte.** Linda provided our RR trail riders with some exceptional trail rides this past year. She is a born leader and organizer, and will be sorely missed. We deeply thank her for her time, and wish her well in all her future endeavors.

If anyone is not afraid to follow her act, and interested in filling her position, please contact Marti or any of the RRR Board members.

A big thank you goes out to Trevor and Leslie Hall for their very generous donation of \$50 to the RRR Joanie Scholarship Fund. And to any of you with a little extra cash this year.... we are always happy and thankful for any donations, whether large or small, to this great and traditional cause. For those of you who don't know, the scholarship fund was created to honor our long lost member, Joanie Lagomarsino. Joanie was a devoted member of RR. She poured her heart and soul into this club for many years organizing events, Cowboy Christmas's and a variety of other chores within the club. We lost her suddenly and unexpectedly, and was a huge blow to everyone who knew her. So our scholarship fund honors her and the fantastic young members that have flourished and grown with RimRockRiders.

Many big pats on the backs to all of you who continue to do a great job of cleaning up around the arena. As usual, it does not go unnoticed!!! Keep up the good work.

Just a request.... when you use the restrooms on the south side (the contestant side of the arena), it would be appreciated if you could avoid using the shower rooms for a restroom by walking just a tad further and use the regular restrooms. It saves time, therefore money, in not having to clean them. Soon they will have locks on them during non rented events anyway, so please get used to using the regular restrooms. Thanks :)

The Month in Review....

The big news of last month was the very successful Crab Feed headed up by our Rider's Cafe operator and club member, Tami Bellingham. Tami put in numerous hours designing and organizing this fun and social event. We nearly sold out of all the 200 tickets made, and was it ever a push to squeeze everyone in!! Jim Sloter and his band, were wonderful, professional and provided awesome entertainment. Everyone seemed to have a great time (some of you more than others, and you know who you are :) and there are more social events in the works. We had a terrific show of volunteers that cooked, cleaned, served, cleaned up crab shells, tables and kept everyone happy! Thanks to all of you who helped out.

One of the upcoming events will be a Casino Night. Watch your emails and newsletters for more information on it.

Events.....

Winter Play days have been going great. January's turn out was bigger than December and we hope to get better as the months go on. We have had a big turn out in our Buckaroos and Wranglers. It is great to see all the young kids riding and having fun. If you have not come out to enjoy a Play Day yet, please come join us this Saturday, February 13th. Registration is 8:45-9:45 with Play Day starting at 10:00. We run 4 gaming events with High Point awards for the day and Ribbons. To be in the series end awards you must attend 3 out of the 5 and be a Rim Rock member. This Saturday is our 3rd out of 5 total, so if you have not come out yet and you come to the last 3 starting with this Sat, you would be it the series end awards, just make sure you are a 2010 RR member. Hope to see many more new faces this Saturday and thank you to all the faithful Play Day riders.

Pam Hopper

RR Play Day Chair

PLAYDAY HIGHPOINT AWARD WINNERS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

DECEMBER

Buckaroos: Clare Bender
Wranglers: Savannah Geist
Runners: Abby Henry
Racers: Shelby Nordamn
Ropers: Shelby Henry
Ranchers: Eileen Plunkett

JANUARY

Buckaroos: Alyssa Fournier
Wranglers: Aspen Crew
Runners: Abby Henry
Racers: Brandice Durfee
Ropers: Laurie Combs
Ranchers: Carla Fouste

Reminder, that since we have awards for High Point, we have had ties for 1st and those ties have been broken for day awards only by fastest time in a chosen event that is selected before each play day begins. Points remain the same for each person to go towards the overall.

Roping practices have continued, but last month's participation was down. Maybe everyone's Christmas bills were catching up with them! But we are still here, and have the practices on Wednesday nights from 5 to 9pm, and again on Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 am, which focuses more on anyone wanting to bring young or inexperienced horses around cattle, and would just like to track the steers. Cost is \$20 for all you can rope or track steers to members, non members pay an extra \$15. Be watching your emails for an upcoming **Round Robin Team Roping** again at the end of February, pending board approval.

Barrels continues to have good turnouts, and January was no exception. It continues this month on Sunday, February 21st. Co-Sanctioned Barrels sign up 8:30-9:30am with Time Only's being run during that time also. Race starts at 10am.

New time for RRR Barrels!!! RRR Barrels sign up 10:30-11:30am and race starts at 12 noon, with time only's being run right after co-sanctioned races end at around 10:30 to 11:30. (Sorry, no time only's on poles) Call Deanna for more info at 317-1488 or email at wolkau@gmail.com.

Please be sure to watch your emails for upcoming Work Parties. We will soon be planting grass under the rim rocks on the south side. This area will be trailer overnight parking, and will be a nice bonus to get grass out on the other side of the building to aid in dust control!

I would just like to say one more thing. When you see a board member, be sure to thank them for all the time they devote to this great club and facility. Many of them work tirelessly planning, organizing, volunteering and making difficult decisions, that are for the good of the entire club and members, not just particular groups or events. It truly is a balancing act that they commit to, and do a pretty darn good job of it.

Marti

*******CLASSIFIED ADS*******

For Sale: 14 Inch Circle Y barrel saddle, about three years old, In very good condition. \$650. 541-350-9201

For Sale- Tri-colored quarter horse mare, about 8 years old. She has been ridden at local playdays by a 10-12 year old for the past two years. She is as smooth as can be. About 15 hands, I would consider her a gentle horse, but does need to be tuned up occasionally by a confident rider, as she can get a bit herd bound. She is current on shots, worming, she ties, trailers, clips, shoes and bathes easily. When she started in the pee-wee division, she won two headstalls and a flat screen tv! Asking \$2750 and must go to a good home. More info or to see call Liz King at 541-350-9201

If you have anything to sell, be sure to send in an email to office@rimrockriders.com with the info, and we'll get it into the next newsletter :)