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Saturday, Feb 19th - Soda Lake Ride, Fallon, Ride out 11 am sharp. (coming from Reno or Carson go East on HWY 50 turn left on Lucas Rd. before you get into Fallon. Follow Lucas Rd. and go straight on to the dirt road when the paved road makes a right hand turn. Coming from Fallon, go west on 50, take a right on Lucas) Brown bag lunch. Ride fee canned goods. Contact: Linda Mulkey 629-0817.

Sunday, Mar 6th - Trailer Backing Clinic. 10 am—Currently negotiating for a location in Carson City—keep checking website. Members only. \$5 pizza fee. Contact Linda Mulkey 629-0817 or Anne Martins 629-9368.

Thursday, Mar 10th - HDH Board/General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm Dayton Round Table. Open to all. Contact Vince Pirozzi 841-3563.

Saturday, Mar 19th - Scout Camp Ride. 10 am ride out. Scout camp in Weeks. Brown bag lunch. Ride fee canned goods. Contact Jamie Buettner 775-266-3473.

Saturday, Apr 2nd - Formation Riding 101. 10 am Dayton Arena. RSVP Contact Vince Pirozzi. 841-3563 \$15.00 Clinic Fee. Open to the public.

Saturday, Apr 9th - Formation Riding 202. 10 am Dayton Arena. RSVP Contact Vince Pirozzi 841-3563 \$15.00 Clinic Fee. Open to the public.

Saturday, Apr 30th—Hairy Horse Show. 9 am Dayton Arena. Contact Linda Mulkey 629-0817.

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Deadline for submission to newsletter—3rd Thurs. of each month. Classified ads are free for members. If you have an article, poem, news item please submit: llmulkey@yahoo.com

Please check the website regularly for time and date changes. Sometimes things change and we have to reschedule or cancel. www.hdhorsemen.org or call the contact number listed for the event

Club Items

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Please follow the following tips to make trail riding fun for you, your horse, and the other people who are riding with you. Above all—SAFETY is the most important.

Permit at least one horse length between your horse and the one in front of you on the trail. You should be able to see the entire horse of the horse in front of you. This ensures that your horse won't crowd the others, and can avoid nasty accidents. If you know that the other horse is prone to kicking, maintain at least a two-horse-length distance.

Never trot or run up behind another horse. This can cause the horse in front to spook or stir up the horse so it will not walk calmly. Do not use the horse in front of you as brakes for your horse. You should be able to keep your horse under control and maintain distance at all times.

Tie a red ribbon in the tail of a horse that kicks. If you are following a horse with a red ribbon, obviously it would be safer to maintain a little more distance between you, but also you might be extra watchful for signs of forewarning: pinned ears, swishing tail, hind leg at the ready, etc. Remember that your horse could move to avoid the kick and put you in its path instead. A broken leg or knee from a kick 10 steep miles from the trailer is no fun. Inform other riders if your horse doesn't tolerate close proximity of other animals. A green ribbon in the tail of a horse indicates it is a green horse. Definitely give that horse extra space.

Proper trail riding etiquette includes communicating with fellow riders and doing whatever you can to avoid an accident. If they don't know that your horse is easily irritated, they might get too close without thinking.

Some horse simply do not like each other. If your horse is annoying another horse, try to move your horse away to another position. If someone's horse is making your horse act up,

try to move your horse to another position or if that is not possible, politely tell the other person that their horse is causing problems for you and ask them to give you some space.

Pause and wait for a rider who is having trouble with his horse. It is considered poor trail riding etiquette to leave a rider behind, even if you are anxious to get where you're going. Furthermore, that rider might need assistance. If you ride off, while someone is trying to mount back up, their horse could panic and take off to catch up with the group. However, if you prefer to bring up the rear at quite a distance, be sure to let people know you are comfortable with that.

Warn other riders before you change your pace. Trail riding etiquette means that you make decisions with the input of other riders, and ***if you just suddenly canter off, you might disturb other horses or create an unsafe situation.***

Nasty horses should stay in the back. If your horse is unruly, he should bring up the rear where his poor behavior will not be witnessed by the other horses and cause them to get upset as well. And, if you are lucky, he may learn a thing or two from watching calmer horses in front of him all day.

Pick up all your trash, including cigarette butts, and pack it out (unless it's desert furniture, etc.). Pick up other people's trash whenever possible to keep places as pristine as possible and set a good example.

Always be prepared for the idiot or the inconsiderate. Be prepared for someone to take off at a gallop while you are mounting, bump into you from behind or stop dead in front of you.

Additional safety items: Always carry ID on your person and on your horse in case you become separated. Tell someone where you are going in case you don't come home, even when riding with a group.

Carry basic survival gear on your horse and at least the bare minimum on your person: cell phone, matches, food, water.

Member of the Month—Jennifer Kersten

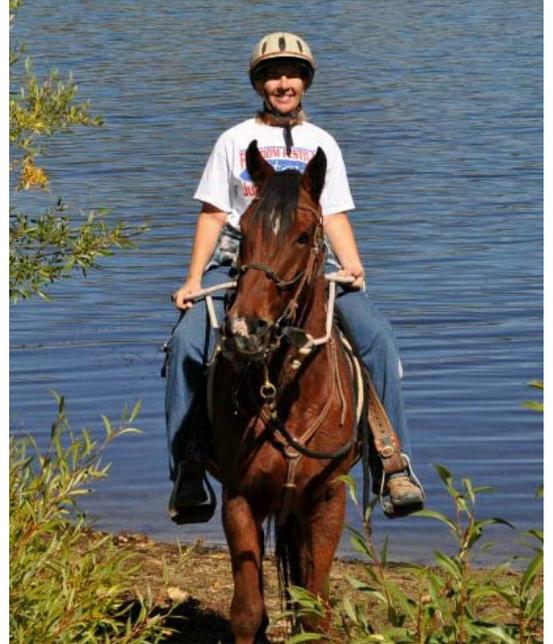
I was born and raised in San Francisco, CA. I've also lived in Massachusetts and So. Calif. (if you can call that living!), as well as Grass Valley & Nevada City.

Growing up a city girl, the only riding I did was at church summer camp. In 2001 I moved to NV where my daughter, Emily, began taking riding lessons and joined the Carson City 4-H horse club. In 2005, through a 4-H/BLM program known as 'The Gift Horse Gang', Emily received Romeo, a 5yr old prison trained BLM Mustang. Since we didn't want him to be alone, I began asking around for an older, gentle mustang for me, which is how I ended up with a 3-year old prison trained Virginia Range gelding! He came with the name Buddy, to which I have added Star because he's a star for me. I love our mustangs and wouldn't have any other breed.

In 2008, Emily and I, along with Romeo and Buddy, 2 dogs and

2 cats, moved to Stagecoach right between Kelli Lyon and Linda Mulkey. So, of course, with such fabulous neighbors, I joined HDH. I've learned so much about the care, training and riding of horses through the club. I don't know if I enjoy the clinics or the rides more. Everyone is friendly and helpful, I even enjoy the meetings, which I guess is why I ended up as Secretary of HDH.

I work at the Carson DMV so my weekdays are full but on any available days, weather permitting, I'm out riding.



February Birthdays

A decorative border of colorful hot air balloons surrounds a central birthday message. The message includes a 'Happy Birthday' graphic with a cake and candles, followed by a list of birthdays for February.

Happy Birthday

Feb. 10—Rikke Scott
Feb. 18—Dennis Cuccato
Feb. 18—Russ Smith

Poetry—Kamikaze Cow

By Harold Roy Miller

We have a mixed up Holstein we keep down in our corral
Everybody around here calls her, the Kamikaze cow
She is the one that bears watching more than any cow in my herd.
Her antics keep us on our toes and she keeps the excitement pot stirred

Now she was a rambunctious little heifer back when she was young.
She tended to lick anything in reach with her inquisitive little tongue
One day lightning struck her while she licking an electric fence
The shock knocked her silly and she's been that way ever since.

She never quite got right after that unfortunate event
And we tried our best to fix her, but it was costing us a mint.
So we just decided to tolerate her, although we felt remorse
Because we hoped her erratic behavior would eventually run its course.

Sometimes she will just stand there and stare off into space
And then abruptly she will turn and do an about face
She will start running full speed about 15 miles an hour
And ram her horns into the fence rail with all her bovine power.

She is totally anti- social her so no one can share her pen
That means horses, cattle and even cattle savvy men
Her bawl is loud and torturous and sounds more like a howl
Its takes some getting used to a kamikaze cow

She has broken down more gates than the other cows combined
And she likes to gore the unsuspecting, she'll sneak up from behind
Then she'll charge a horse and rider, in a frenzied wild stampede
And chase them both for miles until they both are treed.

Now everyday someone has to milk her so, the hands all draw straws
And the others laugh hysterically while loser hems and haws
They advise him not to bend over if she is on the prowl
Or he will sure enough feel the wrath, of the kamazaki cow

Now I bet you are wondering why we keep her on the spread
if she really is that dangerous and addled in the head.
In fact a lot of ranchers ask "Why keep a cow of such ilk?"
Well, since she got her electric shock, she now gives chocolate milk.

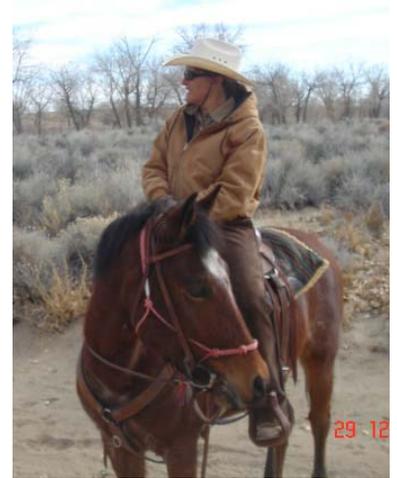
Lahontan Ride 1/29/11



Deb Denkler, Bonnie Replogle

The ride was great! This is the only time of year you can ride down on the beach at Lahontan without there being a bunch of campers present.

Riders: Deb Denkler, Bonnie Replogle, Jennie Jones, Linda Mulkey, Kelli Lyon, Jarod Lyon, Nancie & Dennis Cuccato, Trish Clark, Kelly & Charles Knapp, Anne & Marty Martins, Diana & Harold Miller, Aimée & Tony Sumner, Jill Stevenson, Mike Ford



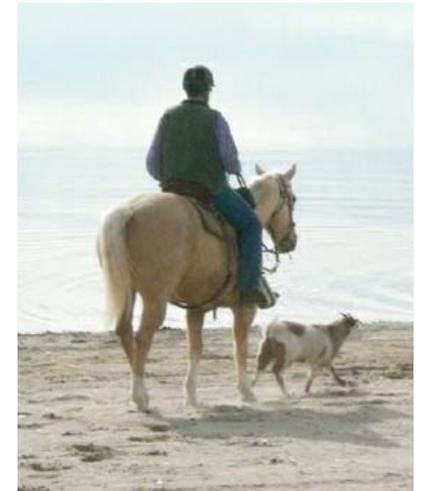
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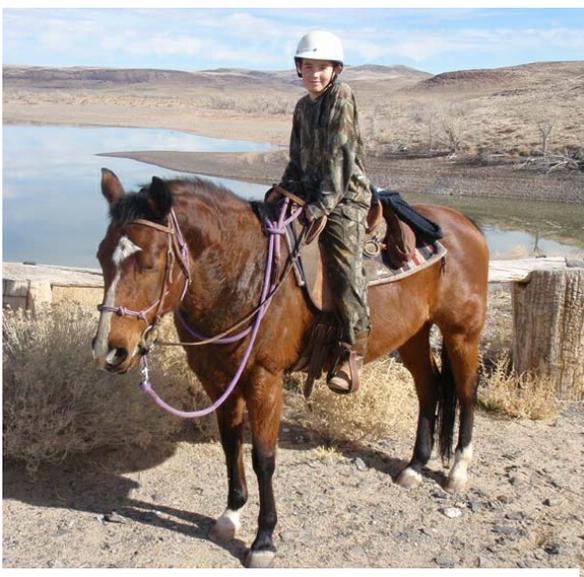
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Mike Ford & Reese



Jarod Lyon



Anne & Marty Martins



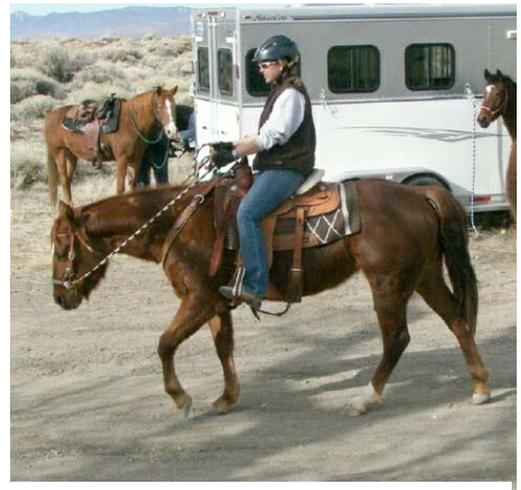
L to R—Nancie Cuccato, Jennie Jones, Mike Ford, Deb Denkler, Kelli & Jarod Lyon, Bonnie Replegle



Aimée Sumner



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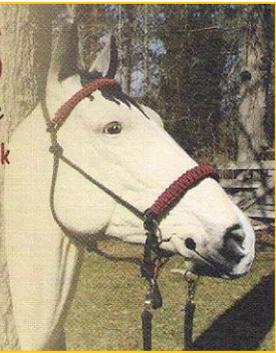
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