



LCHA Roundup

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LARIMER COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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Be Heard! Your Voice And Wishes Count!



Please tell LCHA what events you want in 2024.

An invitation to take a 5 minute survey will appear in your email soon. It is easy to take and we want your input. LCHA is your club, so please influence what we do in 2024!

The invitation email will come from Sherry Vaughn. If you don't see the invitation email for the survey, please check your JUNK Folder.

You will receive a text that alerts everyone to take the survey.

This survey will give us information for the January 2024 planning meeting.

The planning meeting is on Thursday, January 18, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (we have finished earlier than that on several occasions).

We prefer to have this meeting in person, in the McKee 4H Building at The Ranch. However, if the weather gets nasty, we will meet by **Zoom**. So that we are ready for a Zoom meeting if we need it, two days before the meeting, Bonnie Templeton will send an invitation to the Zoom meeting to all LCHA members.

Thank you!

LCHA Board of Directors



Yes, Christmas Caroling on Horseback



Save the date.

Sign Up Now.

Free.

Open to the Public

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Details

Details:

Who Is Welcome: Open to the Public. Children are welcome.

Where We Meet: Turner Middle School

Day and Date: Saturday, November 25

Time: Arrive at 10:30 AM.

Be in the saddle by 11:15 AM.

We leave the parking lot at 11:30 AM.

Feel free to decorate your horse, or yourself, in the Christmas spirit.



Come Christmas Caroling on horseback with us in Berthoud. Susan Kurzweil is our ride leader for the day. She and her horse know all the routes to take to be safe and have fun.

Caroling on horseback may be one of the best events of the year, at least that's what some folks have told us after past trips. For more than 20 years LCHA has Christmas caroled on horseback in Berthoud. As we did last year, we will collaborate with The Rancher's Wife and their celebration plans.

The Rancher's Wife has a celebration with Santa on Nov. 25 and are delighted to have us join in the festivities.

So, we will join them.

See "Santa" on page 2

Santa



Gather and Ride

We will gather at Turner Middle School. If your horse is not available, but you want to sing along, we'll have a truck pulling a flat bed trailer stacked with hay bales. You can have a hayride while Christmas caroling.

Santa will join us at the school and ride our hay wagon as we weave our way through side streets singing to folks who come out to see and hear us. Eventually, we will arrive at the square where we will sing to the crowd at the Rancher's Wife.

After the Ride

Afterward we will head back to Turner Middle School parking lot for hot chocolate and hot cider. Bring cookies to share.

If the weather is bad or if the road conditions are icy, we will cancel. So, please make reservations with Bonnie Templeton 970-622-0982 or Susan Kurzweil 970-619-0966 so that we can call you if we need to cancel.

Directions to Turner Middle School

Go to Berthoud. Its main street is Mountain Avenue (used to be US 287).

- Follow Mountain Avenue to 8th Street. Turn north onto 8th Street. The turn is next to an A&W restaurant.

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Directions

- Follow 8th Street 2 blocks to Turner Avenue.
- Turn left (west) onto Turner Avenue.
- Go one block on Turner Avenue. The parking lot is on the right.



It's Party Time for LCHA

Saturday, December 9
McKee 4H Building, The Ranch
Timnath and LaPorte Meeting
Rooms
Start at 5:30 PM.

There will be

Great Food

Live Music

A Sing- Along

We will also have

A Holiday Gift Exchange Game

Bring a gift not to exceed \$15.00.

Gift wrapped (the gift wrapping makes the game more fun).

LCHA will provide pulled pork as the main entree, and beverages. LCHA will also provide the plates, cups, and utensils. You bring a side or dessert to share, and come have a great time with your LCHA friends!

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If you have ideas, comments, or questions about LCHA, horses,
 the horse industry in Larimer County, or this newsletter, send
 them to the editor.

RSVP

Please RSVP by Friday, December 1 with what food you will bring (side or dessert) and how many in your party. Contact Pati Morel at 970-488-0041 to sign up.



Hope to see all of you at this fun event!

Colorado Horse Council, Inc.

**LCHA Program Meeting
Thursday, January 4
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Fort Collins Room
McKee 4H Building
The Ranch**

Come hear what Bill Scebbi of the Colorado Horse Council says about the Council and its functions. He will give more details about the council to augment its web site:



The web site includes this information:

“Our Purpose

The Colorado Horse Council, Inc. is a grass-roots, all-breed, non-discipline specific organization dedicated to linking the horse owners and the horse industry of the State of Colorado into a powerful, common voice in order to protect their common equine interests through legislation and education. It also employs a full-time contract lobbyist, who works with the State Legislature on horse and agriculture-related issues.”

See “Working Together” on page 5

Working Together

“Working Together Stronger Than Ever

The vital interests of the Colorado's horsemen are at the heart of the Colorado Horse Council mission, which is to unite the Colorado's horse owners and horse industry into a powerful cohesive voice in order to protect the common equine interest through legislations and education.

To build industry strength, the CHC brings together all horse interests regardless of breeds, preference, discipline affiliation, business type or recreational pursuit.”

Editors Note:

The CHC is another horse organization. It operates state-wide on issues that we do not operate as a local group. Nevertheless, it is good to know something about its works. Bonnie May reached out to Bill for more information about his topic for this program, but has received no reply by newsletter deadline.

It should be a very informative, interesting meeting. Come. Join us.

This meeting is in person.

Planning for 2024



In January, LCHA plans its year of events. Yes, we try to *plan* all the events of the year in one meeting:

- **Thursday**
- **January 18**
- **7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (we have finished earlier than that on**

several occasions)

“In Person” on page 5

In Person

We prefer to have this meeting in person, in the McKee 4H Building at The Ranch. However, if the weather gets nasty, we will meet by **ZOOM**. So that we are ready for a Zoom meeting if we need it, two days before the meeting, Bonnie Templeton will send an invitation to the Zoom meeting to all LCHA members.

Fixed Dates

Some dates are automatic. For instance,

- Our bylaws require that LCHA have an **annual meeting** in June. We typically have the annual meeting on the third Saturday of June.
- In September, October, November, January, February, March, April, and May, we have **program meetings** on the first Thursday of the month (unless the first Thursday is not feasible).
- For several years, we have scheduled **Christmas Caroling on Horseback** in Berthoud.
- We also try to have a **Holiday Party** for LCHA members and their guests.

Calendars in hand, we determine the exact dates for each of these events, and then we set the events for those dates.

Other Events

With the fixed-date events set, we then plan other events.

Evacuation team training – We also schedule Spring training sessions for the large animal evacuation teams to maintain a high level of readiness and skill necessary to make effective and safe evacuations.

Trail maintenance – The coordinator asks for certain dates for trail maintenance trips, spacing them across the late Spring, Summer, and early Fall.

Fun days – a Holiday party, a picnic following a special ride (for example, a ride at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch), and other events also make it to the calendar at the planning meeting.

Trail rides – Trail ride leaders list dates and trails on which they would like to lead rides. We try to schedule at least one club ride per month – frequently more than one per month. *Note: We do NOT schedule trail rides on the same dates as trail maintenance trips.*

See “Ride Leaders” on page 6

Ride Leaders

Trail ride leader training – If people are interested in becoming LCHA trail ride leaders, we schedule a trail ride leader training class (usually a half day of classroom and a half day of hands-on training while riding our horses).

Your Chance To Make a Difference Get In Your Two Cents Worth

LCHA is a very active group. It is an all-volunteer group. It depends on your ideas and your help to bring all our ideas to fruition, and to meet our mission. If you are a member of LCHA, come to the planning meeting. If you have a question, an idea, or a suggestion for an event you would like, bring it to the meeting. If you have an idea for a program, bring it to the planning meeting. We will be glad to hear it, consider it, and probably include it in the list of programs for the year.



If you are a trail ride leader, bring your dates/trails to the meeting to be scheduled.

So come to the planning meeting, and bring your ideas and wishes.

With you, we are strong. Without you, we are diminished.

Horse Tales

LCHA February Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2024
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
McKee 4H Building
Fort Collins Meeting Rom
The Ranch



A Different Kind of Meeting

it is always appropriate for us to gather in a meeting like this one and reflect on our times spent with our beloved horses.

No speaker. No presentations. No slide show or power point slides. And no sign up. Just show up.

Just us, and our fond memories to share with others who also have fond memories. And some good times, snacks, and nice hot cider.

What To Bring

Everyone Please Bring a snack of some kind to share, such as

- popcorn
- cookies
- fruit
- or whatever you'd like to share.

LCHA will provide gallon or so of hot cider, and cups.

What's Different About This Meeting

We will pull the tables into a circular pattern.

Each of us will take turns sharing our short horse related stories. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING PHOTOS AS WELL.

See "Examples" on page 7

Examples

Examples:

- Happy Times
- Funny Stories
- Adventures
- Mishaps
- Drama - good and not so good.
- Welcoming a New Horse Home
- Saying Goodbye
- Trail Experiences
- Funny Habits of my Horse
- And more!

We will limit our time for each person to speak to approximately 5 minutes each. If there is time; we can go around the table again.

This will be an interactive way for us to relax and get to know one another better.

See you there.

Limit



No matter how you do it, sign up

Sign Up for Your Event

Please! Please! Please! Sign up for events in advance (especially events that involve riding):

- For any weekend ride, sign up by the end of Thursday before the ride.
- For any week day ride, sign up at least two days in advance.
- For some events, earlier sign-up may be required.

Why?

If we need to cancel an event, your ride leader can get in touch with you to let you know before you drive to the location. You won't use gasoline or time waiting for an event that isn't going to happen. Also, your event leader needs to know if anyone is coming: If no one signs up, the leader may cancel or reschedule the event.

And, if you have any special concerns or circumstances (for example, it is your horse's first ride with a group), your leader can plan to deal with the situation in the best possible way.

See "Limit" on page 7

What's the Deal with "Limit"?

Wilderness areas, properties owned by the city of Fort Collins, and Red Mountain Open Space have a "12-heartbeat rule": a group cannot include more than 12 heartbeats when using trails in these areas.

When riding our horses, the rule limits our groups to 6 riders (plus 6 horses with hearts) to meet the 12-heartbeat rule. However, if we have significantly more than 6 riders who want to ride, we can split them into 2 or more groups, each group including 6 riders (1 ride leader plus 5 others). The second group must leave the trail head 20 to 25 minutes after the first so that they do not merge with the first group.

When "Limit" is 4 horse trailers, it means that the parking space can hold only 4 horse trailers (tightly packed). However, we encourage "trailer pooling" if more than 4 people want to go on the ride. Actually, we encourage "trailer pooling" for any ride. The benefits are obvious.

Lunch?

For all rides except the Christmas Caroling on Horseback, bring your lunch (unless your ride leader tells you otherwise). You will have lunch somewhere on the trail.

See "Educational Meetings" on page 8

LCHA Educational Programs

LCHA offers a program meeting on the First Thursday of each month, except June, July, August, and December. Occasionally, program meetings occur on different days, at different times, and at different locations. All members are invited, and the public is invited, to any program meeting. We meet at the McKee 4H Building at The Ranch.

These programs involve in-person meetings. We also try to present the programs in Zoom, but cannot guarantee that viewers will see items shown by a presenter: we recommend attending these programs in person,

Program meetings typically occur from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Before each educational meeting the LCHA newsletter, *LCHA Roundup*, will publish program details

LCHA Board Of Directors Meetings

The Larimer County Horseman's Association Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of every month, except December. The 2023 Annual meeting was on June 17. All Board meetings are open to all LCHA members and to the public.

Buy, Sell, List Your Service

The *LCHA Roundup*, this newsletter, contains a handy section called "Classified."

The Classified section includes **services** that are offered; for example, riding lessons, horse training, saddle cleaning and care, and so on.

See "Sale" on page 8

It also lists horse related items that are for **sale**, or advises us of sales to begin. For example, one of our members made really nice rope halters and advertised them in the Classified section. Another member listed a sale of a group of horses. Even if you only want to find a good home for a horse, list it. If you are getting rid of extra items in your tack room, let us know.

Another use of the Classified section is **wanted**. Do you need extra hay, a recommendation for a good farrier or a vet in your area, or help with finding a really good trail that fits your style or is near your home.

Resources

Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA) has a wide diversity of members with a very wide diversity of skills, thoughts, and resources. You can tap into these resources with the Classified section of this newsletter. You can also meet other members, and strengthen the community of LCHA.


Use our resources. Use our Classified section. It is Free to members. Contact the editor at 970-622-0982 or hughtmpltn@gmail.com with your entry for the Classified section.

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Larimer County Horseman's Association is looking for new members to join in the equestrian fun. Are you looking for some real horsey friends for rides, education, and community events? If so, we would like very much for you to join us. Check our website at www.larimerhorseman.org or go to our Facebook page for more information at www.facebook.com/larimerhorseman We are a non-profit and we also love new volunteers. Happy Trails!

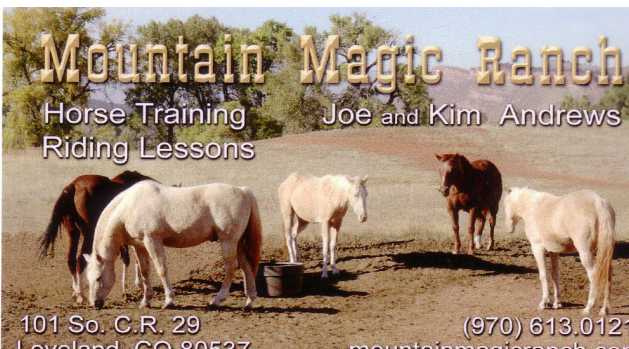
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Calendar of Events

December

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LCHA Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9
McKee 4H Building, The Ranch
Timnath and LaPorte Meeting Rooms
Start at 5:30 PM.

January 2024

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Program Meeting

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Fort Collins Meeting Room
McKee 4H Building
The Ranch
Bill Scebbi, Colorado Horse Council

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2024 LCHA Planning Meeting

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Fort Collins Meeting Room
McKee 4H Building
The Ranch

February

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Program Meeting

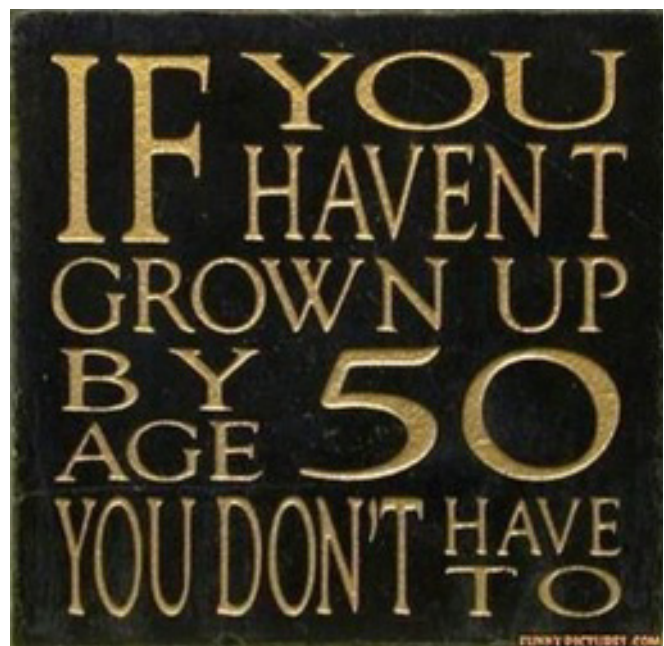
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Fort Collins Meeting Room
McKee 4H Building
The Ranch

Horse Tales. See the article titled "Horse Tales" in this edition of *LCHA Roundup*.

Some Chuckles



I just read that more people get killed each year by horses than in airline disasters.
Good to know in case I ever decide to take a vacation in a pasture.



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