



LCHA Roundup

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High Park Fire Horse Evacuation



High Park Fire: The main fire was not this close to us, but the damage was evident. Second picture -- that is not snow on the ground.

abandoned stallion from a remote hillside pasture during the High Park fire in 2012.



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November LCHA Program
Thursday, November 7
7:00 to 9:00 PM
McKee 4H Building
The Ranch

Setting the stage for the presentation, Hugh and Susan will present a summary of the High Park Fire and LCHA evacuation team activities during that fire.

Keynote Speaker -- Kristin (Schuett) Waldman

For our November educational meeting on evacuations, former LCHA member and trainer Kristin (Schuett) Waldman will share about her role in extracting an

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Equipment and Strategies

Kristin will share the equipment and strategies she used, both to catch the horse and then load him for the first time ever into a trailer. She will also share the lessons she learned about leading successful evacuations, including what supplies to bring, what tactics to use, what to avoid, and the one thing she never did with a horse again after that event.

Kristin is the former owner of Freely Equine LLC, a multi-discipline equine services business. She provided clients with horse training, riding instruction, and saddle fitting at their homes and barns throughout Northern Colorado, along with lessons on her own horses in Loveland.

Kristin now lives in Thornton with her new husband, Bob, and works as a program manager at a telecommunications company in Denver.

Come to this meeting. It should be informational and interesting. Come find out "the one thing she never did with a horse again after that event."

Can you guess?

Yes, Christmas Caroling on Horseback

Save the date.
Sign Up Now.
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Open to the Public

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Details

Details:

The Public Is Welcome.
Children are welcome.
Meet at Turner Middle School
Saturday, December 7
Arrive at 9:30 AM.
Be in the saddle by 10:00 AM.
We leave the parking lot at 10:15 AM.

GOOD NEWS: UNLIKE a few years in the past, this year our caroling will **NOT** occur on Thanksgiving weekend on the day after Black Friday. It will occur on the first Saturday in December. That should take some pressure off, and allow more LCHA folks to ride and sing with us.

Decorate

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



Some horse decorations are easy, others are more elaborate

See "Come" on page 3

Come

Come with Us

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 Dec. 7 and are delighted to have us join in the festivities.

So, we will join them.



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 – Goodies and Chats

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.
- 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.

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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.



It's Party Time for LCHA

Sunday, December 8
McKee 4H Building, The Ranch
Loveland and Fort Collins Meeting
Rooms
Start at 5:30pm.

We will have

A Holiday Gift Exchange Game

Bring a gift not to exceed \$15.00. Not necessarily gift wrapped, but the game is more fun if you wrap the gift.

Dinner

LCHA will provide a 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!

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.

See "Party" on page 4

Party



Hope to see all of you at this fun event! There will be Great Food and Good Fun.

Events – November and December

November

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – EDUCATIONAL MEETING,
 High Park Fire Horse Evacuation**

Speaker: Kristin Waldman

Kristin will share an interesting experience and some important lessons learned.

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December

December

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7– CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON HORSEBACK IN BERTHOUD

Arrive 10:30 AM, In the saddle at 11:00 AM, We leave the parking lot at 11:15 AM



See the article **Yes, Christmas Caroling on Horseback** in this newsletter for more information.

Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966 or Bonnie Templeton at 970-622-0982.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 – LCHA HOLIDAY PARTY



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Fall Evening Ride

Four LCHA Members attended an evening horseback ride at Bobcat Ridge on Friday. Cynthia Van Farowe was riding Marley, her daughter Sarah Kelly was riding Cowboy, Karen Finfer on Suave, and Susan Kurzweil on Romeo.



The photographer is Susan on Romeo. The sun is behind her giving us the shadows.

It was a beautiful evening. All the horses were well behaved.



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We Saw

We saw deer and a wonderful sunset. Afterwards, we set out our camp chairs, and after putting on our jackets, we enjoyed a picnic dinner.

The most interesting thing was that the horses arrived and departed in different trailers!! Cynthia picked up my horse Cowboy for Sarah to ride and I picked up Karen Finfer and her horse. And then, switch: Cynthia took Karen Finfer's horse home on the way back, as they both board at the same facility. That's never happened before!!!

It was a great Fall ride!!

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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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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.



No matter how you do it, sign up

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The Card Shop

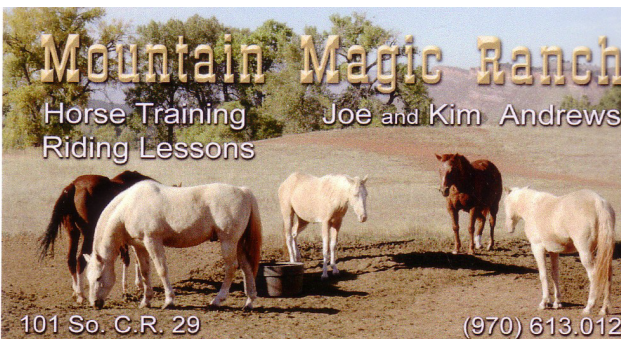


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Limit

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.

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.

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Educational Programs

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 usually meet at the McKee 4H Building at The Ranch, but some meetings occur at different locations. Watch your newsletter and email for further information about meetings.

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 presenters: we recommend attending these programs in person,

Program meetings typically run from 7:00 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 Friday of every month, except December. All Board meetings are open to all LCHA members and to the public.

A Touch of Humor

The Desperado's Horse

A Desperado rides into town and downs a few drinks at the saloon. When he steps outside again, he finds his horse has been stolen. The Desperado swears, steps back into the bar, and fires a round into the piano. The room goes dead silent. "I'm gonna have one more beer," the Desperado bellows to the terrified crowd, "and if my horse ain't back where I left him when I'm done, I'll do here what I had to do in Houston."

The locals murmur uneasily as the Desperado sips his drink. Lucky for them all, when he steps outside again his horse has been returned. As the Desperado saddles up, a local can't help but ask, "Sir, what exactly was it you had to do in Houston?"

The Desperado narrows his eyes and hisses at the man, "I had to walk home."

A man was driving into town and he fell in a big ditch in the middle of the road. A farmer came up and said, "My horse Sebastian can pull you out," the man said OK and the farmer got Sebastian.

When Sebastian was hooked up, the farmer said, "Pull Ranger! C'mon Benny! Lets go Delilah!!!!" Then the farmer said, "Pull Sebastian, pull!"

When the car was out of the ditch, the man said, "I have a question, why did you say the wrong name three times?" And the farmer said, "Because Sebastian is blind, if he knew the other horses weren't pulling, he wouldn't even try..."

A Most Impressive Horse

A guy is walking through the country when he spots a sign that reads, “Talking Horse for Sale.” Intrigued, he walks up to the stable to check it out.

“So what have you done with your life?” he asks the horse.

“I’ve led a full life,” the horse answers miraculously. “I was born in The Andes where I herded for an entire village. Years later, I joined the mounted police force in New York and helped keep the city clean. And now, I spend my days giving free rides to underprivileged kids here in the country.”

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the horse’s owner, “Why on earth would you want to get rid of such an incredible animal?”

The owner says, “Because he’s a liar! He never did any of that!”

Horses and Giraffes and Lions, Oh My

Q: You’re riding a horse full speed, there’s a giraffe right beside you, and a lion nipping at your heels. What do you do?

A: Get off the carousel and sober up.



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