



LCHA Roundup

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Brand Inspection – Why? Who?

LCHA March Meeting
Thursday, March 6, 2025
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
McKee 4H Building
The Ranch

Is your horse branded or micro-chipped? Have you had it (them) brand inspected? Do you need to have a brand inspection?

If you have lived in Colorado for years or for just a few days or months, a brand inspection could be a really good idea. Brand inspection of horses is mandatory.



An inspection in process.

Why?

If you are new to Colorado or even if you have lived here for ages, you may want to learn about brand inspection (especially if you have moved here from a non-brand-inspection state). Why do we have brand inspection? Why brand inspection is mandatory for horses, or other animals (cattle, for instance)? When do we need to carry brand inspection paperwork while we

haul horses – over a state line, greater than 75 miles, less than 75 miles?

What happens if, while you are hauling a horse, a brand inspector stops you and you do not have brand inspection papers?

Jesse has some important information that all of us need. He will explain the law and some of the reasons for the law regarding brands. He will tell us the cost of inspections, and other interesting information. He also has some interesting stories to tell us during the course of the evening.

Lots of Activity

Lots of Ways To Get Involved

LCHA had a planning meeting, and WOW. What a meeting. Before the meeting, the Board of Directors sent a survey to all LCHA members. At latest count, 44 of you responded (that's over 40% of our member ship). People have also sent their thoughts by email.

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People Came

For the meeting, people came in person or by ZOOM. The results were lots of ideas for trails to ride, and activities to have. Of course, we always have some traditional events as well.

The result was a mix of great events for LCHA in 2025.

Learning

We scheduled 3 training events for the evacuation team, and a date for training for new trail ride leaders. We also scheduled 8 educational meetings for all members, one per month in January, February, March, April, May, September, October, and November. Of course the topics and presentations vary, but all are very interesting, and apply to most of us.

ANNUAL Meeting

We also scheduled the annual meeting. Our bylaws require the annual meeting be held in June, so we set the date at June 14.

NEW

But Wait: The annual meeting this year occurs at Rachael Cohen's – a great place for LCHA to ride, to have fun, and to meet. The morning of the annual meeting will feature a fun clinic for you and your horse.



We will also have a potluck just before the annual meeting, so bring your lunch, and beverage.

The actual meeting will start as soon as we have finished lunch.

Yes, we will report on all that we did in 2024 and on our plans for the rest of 2025. Got some more ideas about what LCHA can do? Bring them to the meeting.

Also, we will elect officers and Board members. Would YOU agree to serve on the Board of Directors? We need more people.

Clinics

We scheduled two clinics. We're working on it, but you can bet they will be excellent.

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Rides



Would you believe that we scheduled **14 trail rides**? **Yes, 14.**

Some are on familiar trails such as Bobcat Ridge Natural Area, Mount Margaret, or Eagles' Nest Open Space. Others take us to Sawmill Ponds, Ramsay-Shockey Open Space, Beaver Meadows Ranch, Hermit Park, and Sundance Trail Ranch. And in September, we will have our second annual Judged Obstacle Trail Challenge.

Holiday Celebrations

Plans are not complete until we list Christmas Caroling on Horseback (LCHA and public) and a holiday party (LCHA members and guests).

What If?

What if you don't see what you want to do or where you want to ride? We talked about alternate locations, some in Boulder County, or perhaps a trip to Colorado Springs for an overnight. Some folks want to go as a group to Fort Robinson. We discussed a ride with camping.

Discussion included "brisk" riding groups and "relaxed" riding groups (some riders and horses like to move along briskly; others like to move at a more relaxed rate).

See "Buddy Ride" on page 3

Buddy Ride

We offer a “buddy trail ride” for members or horses who may not be ready for an LCHA members’ ride. There may be a variety of factors involved: training level, confidence level, wish for shorter rides, or fitness of rider or horse.

Great

The Board of Directors provides a list of events for the year to our insurance company. The insurance company does not cover rides not on this list, Uncovered rides are “unofficial rides.”

But don’t let the term “unofficial” stop you from riding with your friends from LCHA. Any LCHA member can post a message on the LCHA egroup saying they want to ride at some location, and would any others like to join them. These would be “unofficial” LCHA rides simply because LCHA insurance would not cover them, but they are still possible and just as fun and satisfying as LCHA scheduled (“official”) rides.

Anyway, all the events we planned are open to all LCHA members – that’s YOU. Pick some that you like, and maybe some you aren’t sure about until you try them. But pick an event and go for it. Don’t be shy. Join us. You will have a great time. You’ll see, and we will be glad to have you.

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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.

Evacuation Team Events

Each year, the LCHA evacuation team trains new team members and refreshes training for existing members.

Trailer Safety

Our agreement with the Larimer County Sheriff’s Office (as stated in a Memorandum OF Understanding) is that **all evacuation team members who want to bring a trailer to an evacuation must have a SAFE trailer. Therefore, we have a trailer safety inspection each year.** The trailer safety inspections are free to team members. Also, LCHA members who are not part of the team may also get their trailer inspected.

Policies and Procedures

New team members must attend a class in Policies and Procedures that we follow if called out. Team members who want to renew their knowledge of Policies and Procedures may also attend this class. The Policies and Procedures class will occur on Wednesday, March 12, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. It will be by Zoom. Bonnie Templeton will send a Zoom invitation to all current and new team members.

New team members must also take an online FEMA class and pass an exam at the end of the class.

See “Horse Loading” on page 4

Horse Loading

When you ask your horse to load, your horse loads into your trailer. That's good. But does your horse get into your trailer if someone else leads? Does your horse get into any other trailer? Does it matter who leads the horse when it comes time to enter the trailer?

The horse loading event is loading practice for horses **and** team members.

All team members who want to drive to a call-out bring one truck, one trailer, and one horse. All Partners also attend this session. We have an introductory chat. And then every person loads every horse into every trailer before we are finished for the day.

Many of our team members have said that it is one of the best events of the year for them and for the horses. It is excellent practice for call-outs.

Evacuation Team Calendar

Trailer Safety Inspections	Centennial Livestock Auction Parking Lot	March 9 Sunday 10:00 AM
Policies and Procedures	Zoom	March 12 Wednesday 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Trailer Safety Inspections	Centennial Livestock Auction Parking Lot	RAIN DATE March 16 Sunday 10:00 AM
Horse Loading	Location to be determined	March 23 Sunday, 10:00 AM
Horse Loading	Location to be determined	RAIN DATE April 6 Sunday 10:00 AM
FEMA Online Course, ICS 100	Take the course and the exam at your convenience. Report passing the exam to Hugh.	

Events – March and April

March

Thursday, March 6 – Educational Meeting, Brand Inspection

Speaker: Jesse Phillips

7 to 9 PM

Estes Park Room

McKee 4H Building, The Ranch

Sunday, March 9 – Evacuation Team Trailer Safety Inspections

10:00 AM to 12:00 AM. Centennial Livestock Auction Parking Lot

All Evacuation team members should attend.

Any other LCHA member who is interested is invited.

Rain Date is Mar 16.

Wednesday, March 12 – Evacuation Training, Policies and Procedures

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (We seldom go that long.)

ZOOM



This class is on Zoom.

The class explains how call-outs work: Who can call us out, what we need to know about the call-out, what we need to know about the animals we transport, and more. **All new team members must take this class.** Current members may take the class as a refresher. Bonnie Templeton will send a Zoom invitation to all team members -- new and current, before the class.

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Friday, March 21 – Trail Ride Leaders' Training Meeting

Bonnie May

11:00 AM at *Me Oh My Coffee & Pie*, LaPorte

Must RSVP. In Person Only

A "Lunch and Learn Training" for those interested in becoming a trail ride leader. Bonnie has requested that current trail ride leaders also attend.

Sunday, March 23 – Evacuation Team Horse Loading

10:00 AM to 12:00 AM. Location to be determined



Which would you rather have?

All Evacuation team members should attend.

Any other LCHA member who is interested is invited.

Rain Date is April 6.

April

Thurs, Apr 3 – Educational Meeting, Equestrian Zone Bill

Speakers: Karen Hersch and Fran Evers,
7 to 9 PM

Estes Park Room

McKee 4H Building, The Ranch

Sat. April 19 – Planning Meeting for LCHA fund raiser

Potluck

Pati Morel's home

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Further details to be announced

Thurs, Apr 24 – Sat. Apr 26 -- CSU Legends of Ranching

Further details to be announced

2025

Here is the calendar for 2025 LCHA events.

March	
6	Educational Meeting Brand Inspection – Why? Who? Jesse Phillips, Brand Inspector 7 to 9 PM. Estes Park Meeting Room, McKee 4H Building, The Ranch
9	Evacuation Team, Trailer Safety Inspections 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM. Centennial Livestock Auction Parking Lot All Evacuation team members should attend. Any other LCHA member who is interested is invited. Rain Date is Mar 16.

12	Evacuation Team, Policies and Procedures Training Zoom. All Evacuation team members, new and current, will receive a ZOOM invitation by email. All new evacuation team members must attend. Any current evacuation team members may attend for a refresher.
21	Trail Ride Leader Training Meeting Review of Training and Discussions, 11:00 AM Me Oh My Coffee & Pie, Laporte. Must RSVP. In Person Only Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113
23	Evacuation Team, Horse Loading 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM. Location to be determined All Evacuation team members should attend. Any other LCHA member who is interested is invited. Rain Date is April 6.

April

3	Educational Meeting Equestrian Zone Bill Speakers: Karen Hersch and Fran Evers 7 to 9 PM Estes Park Meting Room, McKee 4H Building, The Ranch
19	Planning Meeting for LCHA Fund Raiser 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Potluck, Pati Morel's home, Further details to be announced
24 - 26	CSU Legends of Ranching Further details to be announced

May

1	Educational Meeting, Horse Vacations Speakers: 7 to 9 PM Estes Park Meting Room, McKee 4H Building, The Ranch
17	Trail Ride, Bobcat Ridge Natural Area Arrive 9:30:00 AM, Ride 10:00 AM Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973
25	Trail Ride, Eagles' Nest Open Space Arrive 10:30 AM Ride 11:00 AM Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113

June

13	Trail Ride, Bobcat Ridge Natural Area Arrive 10:00 AM, Ride 10:30 AM Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966.
15	Trail Ride, Sundance Trail Guest Ranch <i>Rain Date is Sun, June 22</i> Arrive 9:30AM, Ride 10:00 AM Walk/Trot/Gait Read your May and June newsletter for more information about the details on riding and lunch. Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113
21	LCHA Annual Meeting <i>Morning</i> -- Clinic or games on horse <i>Afternoon</i> – Potluck followed by Annual Meeting after Lunch Read your May and June newsletter for more information about the details on clinic and lunch. Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966 or Bonnie Templeton at 970-622-0982 for clinic, lunch, annual meeting, or all three.
28	Pleasure Driving Show put on by the Rocky Mountain Carriage Club. Ravens' Roost Ranch, Wellington LCHA members invited. Come and learn or participate (learn to drive, or tips for driving if you already know how). Read your June newsletter for more information about the details.

July

5	Trail Ride, Lady Moon Arrive 10:00 AM, ride 10:30 AM Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113
12	Trail Ride, Ramsay-Shockey Open Space Arrive 10:00 AM, Ride at 10:30 AM Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966 Parking is limited at the trail head. Your ride leader will arrange trailer pooling if possible.
18	Trail Ride, Hermit Park Open Space Arrive 10:30, ride 11:00 Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973

19	Trail Ride, Lone Pine State Wildlife Area Arrive 10:00 AM, Ride 10:30 AM Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Pati Morel at 970-488-0041
August	
9	Trail Ride, Beaver Meadows Arrive 10:30, ride 11:00 Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973
15	Trail Ride, Lone Pine State Wildlife Area Arrive 10:00, ride 10:30 Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113
23	Trail Ride, Mount Margaret Arrive 10:00, ride 10:30 Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Janet Pancoast at 970-484-1976
September	
4	Educational Meeting
12	Trail Ride, Ramsay-Shockey Open Space Arrive 10:00, Ride at 10:30 Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966 Parking is limited at the trail head. Your ride leader will arrange trailer pooling if possible.
20	Judged Obstacle Trail Challenge The biggest, most important event of the year. Details TBA
October	
2	Educational Meeting
11	Trail Ride, Sawmill Ponds Arrive 9:30, ride 10:00 Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973
24	Trail Ride, Lady Moon Arrive 10:00, Ride at 10:30 Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973

November

6 Educational Meeting

December

6 Christmas Caroling on Horseback in Berthoud
Details TBD

7 LCHA Holiday Party
Details TBD

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

Classified Ads

At **Mountain Magic Ranch**, Joe and Kim Andrews stress safety, balance, communication, and unity. We provide foundation training for young & old horses, and young & not so young humans. Our lessons build a proper foundation through the use of proper ground work exercises that prepare you and your horse for correct balance, movement, and better use of self. To receive a wealth of knowledge, call today for private lessons at MMR and/or your location. Also barefoot trimming by Joe. Contact us at 970-613-0121 www.mountainmagicranch.com

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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What's the Deal with "Limit"?

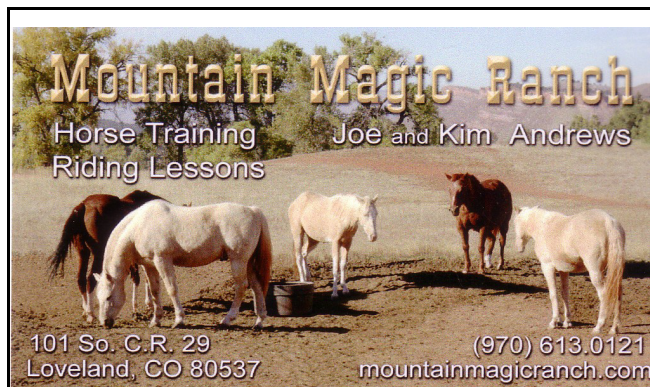
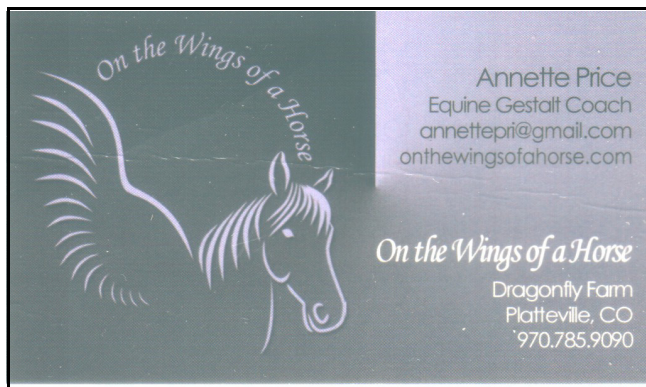
Wilderness areas, properties owned by the city of Fort Collins, and Red Mountain Open Space have a "12-heartbeat rule": a group cannot include more than 12 heartbeats when using trails in these areas.

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.

The Card Shop





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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.

We recommend attending programs in person. We also try to present the programs in Zoom, but cannot

guarantee that viewers will see items shown by presenters: we recommend attending these programs in person,

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

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.

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