



# LCHA Roundup

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LARIMER COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

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## Events – July and August

### Sunday, June 29 –Trail Ride, Sundance Trail Guest Ranch

Arrive 9:30 AM, Ride 10:00 AM

Walk, Trot, Gait

Read the article “Come Ride at Sundance Trail Guest Ranch” in this issue of *LCHA Roundup*, for more details.

**NOTE:** Coggins Test required.

Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113.

## July

### Saturday, July5 – Trail Ride, Lady Moon

Arrive 10:00 AM, ride 10:30 AM

Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch

as wax currant, shrubby cinquefoil, and woods rose as well as many species of wildflowers.

There is little elevation change. After substantial rain, a small stream flows through the meadow giving a water crossing that can be challenging to cross.

Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113

**NOTE:** Coggins Test required.

### Saturday, July12 –Trail Ride, Ramsay-Shockey Open Space

Arrive 10:00 AM, Ride at 10:30 AM

Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch

See ponderosa pine and mixed shrubs on moderately steep slopes with rocky, shallow soils, and interesting rock outcrops. Watch for habitat and movement routes for many kinds of wildlife.

*See “Natural Surface” on page 2*



## Natural Surface

The trail involves a short, gentle ride through open, dry ponderosa pine forest and large, attractive meadows. The area is scenic, with much open Ponderosa pine forest, rock outcrops, and promontories. In late spring and early summer, you can see numerous shrubs such

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### *Natural Surface*



A 4 mile natural surface trail allows hikers, bikers, and horseback riders to enjoy extraordinary vistas of the surrounding valley. Hike difficulty easy to moderate.

Contact Susan Kurzweil at 970-619-0966

Parking is limited at the trail head. Your ride leader will arrange trailer pooling if possible.

**NOTE:** Coggins Test required.

### **Friday, July 18 – Trail Ride, Hermit Park Open Space**

Arrive 10:30, ride 11:00

Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch



### *Hermit Park*

The 1,362 acres of Hermit Park Open Space nestle into the hills at 7,880-8,964 feet elevation. Ponderosa pine forests and wetland meadows characterize this beautiful property and its abundant habitat for an impressive variety of mountain wildlife.

Trails are mostly packed earth with some slight uphill and some short rocky stretches. Most of the trails are well shaded.

Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973

**NOTE:** Coggins Test required.

### **Saturday, July 19 – Trail Ride, Lone Pine State Wildlife Area**

Arrive 10:00 AM, Ride 10:30 AM

Walk/Trot/Gait, Bring lunch

Lone Pine is part of the Cherokee Park State Wildlife Area (CPSWA). It is located 20 miles north of Ft Collins. Follow Highway 287 to Red Feather Lakes Rd (CTY RD 74E), and then 8 miles west to the parking area on the right.

CPSWA consists of 6654 acres (10.4 sq miles) and ranges from 6071 ft to 7724 ft in elevation. It offers diverse landscapes of meadows, creek bottoms, riparian areas, rugged and rocky outcrops, and forested areas.



See "Ride Plan" on page 3

See "Hermit Park" on page 2



### Ride Plan

Plan on riding approximately 6-8 miles. Be prepared to cross a river (as shown in the picture). You might even see a rattle snake. Remember... they don't *want* to hurt you: they just want to be left alone!

The terrain is steep and rocky in places. I highly recommend shoes or boots.

**NOTE:** Coggins Test required.

Contact Pati Morel at 970-488-0041

## AUGUST

### Saturday, August 9 – Trail Ride, Beaver Meadows Resort Ranch

Arrive 10:30, Ride 11:00

Walk, Trot, Gait, Bring lunch

Starting at 8,500 feet elevation, the trail system consists of 20+ miles of scenic mountain trails into the Roosevelt National Forest and include river crossings. Trails are mostly packed earth, but may include some steep and/or rocky areas.



**NOTE:** Coggins Test required.

Contact Karen Finfer at 303-928-9973

### Friday, August 15 – Trail Ride, Lone Pine State Wildlife Area

Arrive 10:00, Ride 11:00

Walk, Trot, Gait, Bring lunch

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See "CPSWA" on page 4

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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.

### *CPSWA*

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The terrain is steep and rocky in places: shoes or boots highly recommended.

**NOTE:** Coggins Test required.

Contact Bonnie May at 970-217-1113

### **Saturday, August 23 – Mount Margaret**

Arrive 10:00, Ride 10:30

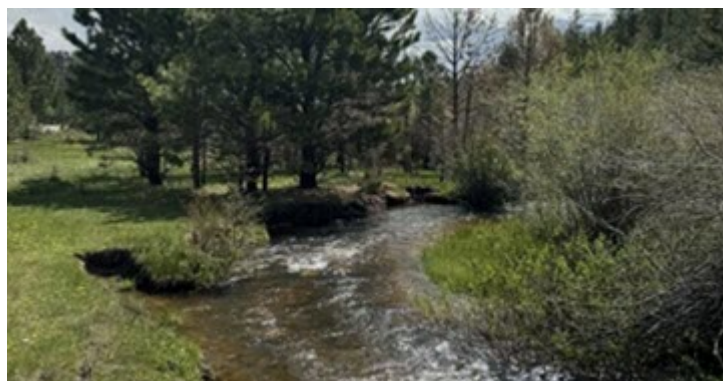
Walk, Trot, Gait, Bring lunch

The Mt. Margaret Trail offers an easy and scenic trip along old roadbeds through meadows, granite outcroppings, and ponderosa pine forest. Most of this trail is on an old roadbed where the path is wide, well-worn, and easy to follow.

*See "Mt Margaret Trail" on page 4*

### *Mt Margaret Trail*

The trail crosses South Lone Pine Creek then meanders through meadows, sparse stands of lodgepole and ponderosa pine trees, and granite outcroppings. Often following old logging roads, the trail passes through an area known as Five Points, which is the intersection of five roads/trails. At least one trail originates in Dowdy Lake Campground, and others are loops off the main trail. The trail continues past Five Points for nearly two miles to the base of Mount Margaret overlooking a deep canyon, North Lone Pine Creek and the Prairie Divide Road.



**NOTE:** Coggins Test required.

Contact Janet Pancoast at 970-484-1976

## **Pleasure Driving Clinic**



*See "Recommended" on page 5*



### Recommended

**Editor's Note:** Although this is not an LCHA event, we highly recommend it. It will offer opportunities to meet new friends, learn new things and skills, and to have a lot of fun.

"The Rocky Mountain Carriage Club will be holding a Pleasure Driving Clinic on Jun 28, 2025 at Raven's Roost Ranch. There will be lessons available on June 29, 2025 from the American Driving Society licensed judge. If you are a novice driver, and want to sign up see <https://www.rockymountaincarriageclub.org/new-page-2>.

If you want to audit, please come as a guest. If you want to volunteer to help, please contact Dr. Sherry at 517-852-3458 or [sherryevaughn@outlook.com](mailto:sherryevaughn@outlook.com). Volunteers will help set up and check out the course.

Come and use your skills or learn some new ones!"



See "Coggins Tests" on page 5

### Coggins Tests

## EIA Safeguards

### Statement

April 2025: The Office of the Colorado State Veterinarian released this statement due to 2 Colorado horses being euthanized because of Equine Infectious Anemia. (EIA):

"The Colorado Department of Agriculture strongly recommends that all equestrian shows, rodeos, fairs, and other equine events require a negative EIA test\* for entry, even if the horses haven't crossed state lines, to further safeguard the equine population from potential disease spread. "

\* (The negative EIA test is the "Coggins Test" performed as a blood draw by your veterinarian). Coggins tests are valid for a year in Colorado.

### Impact on LCHA

What does that mean for LCHA?

In response to this Strong Recommendation from the Office of the State Veterinarian, the **LCHA Board is requiring a current negative EIA Test (Coggins) for all LCHA sponsored events, including trail rides.** Reminders will go out with the invitations to Sponsored LCHA events. Please have a copy of your current negative Coggins when hauling your equine.

Remember, the mission of LCHA is to "promote the welfare, use and enjoyment of horses through advocacy, community and education." This decision aligns with promoting the welfare of our precious equines and all of us who care for them. The LCHA Board is happy to answer any questions.

### About Equine Infectious Anemia

Facts about the disease:

- Equine infectious anemia (EIA) is a viral disease transmitted primarily by flies, contaminated instruments and equipment.
- There is no vaccine for EIA and no known treatment.

See "Survivors Are Carriers" on page 6

### *Survivors Are Carriers*

- Horses that survive the acute phase of infection become lifelong carriers that pose a transmission risk to other horses. EIA-positive horses must be identified and isolated (at least 200 yards) from other horses or euthanized to prevent the spread of the virus.
- EIA-positive horses are quarantined by the state animal health officials with the Colorado Department of Agriculture.
- A Coggins test is commonly used to determine if a horse has EIA.

## How Can Equine Infectious Anemia Be Prevented?

Although EIA can result in serious outcomes, infections are rare. The rate of infection varies throughout the world based on location and is influenced by the number and species of flies, their habitats, and the density of the horse population. The virus itself does not persist in the environment and cannot survive in soil or water. It is infective for up to 96 hours on contaminated needles and stays viable on the mouthparts of biting flies for less than 4 hours. It can be destroyed by most common disinfectants, such as bleach or alcohol (follow manufacturer's recommendations and label instructions). Since there is no vaccine available in the U.S., surveillance and testing are the best methods of prevention.

To reduce your horse's chance of becoming infected with EIA,

- Reduce exposure to biting flies through proactive management and insect control.
- **Never** reuse needles or syringes; only use sterile needles and licensed blood products.
- Use a sterile needle each time you puncture a multi-dose medication bottle.
- Thoroughly disinfect surgical and dental equipment, bits, and lip chains between horses.
- Ensure that blood transfusions are only performed by licensed veterinarians using blood from confirmed EIA-negative donor horses.
- Clean and cover open wounds.
- Test every horse at least annually.
- Separate horses with fevers, inappetence, and/or lethargy from other horses and contact your veterinarian.

*See "Reduce Chance of Infection" on page 6*

### *Reduce Chance of Infection*

- Require proof of a recent negative EIA test for new horses entering the premises or when purchasing a new horse.

Equine Infectious Anemia | School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis has information on many common diseases: [ceh.vetmed.ucdavis.edu](http://ceh.vetmed.ucdavis.edu):

Learn More:

[www.equinediseasecc.org](http://www.equinediseasecc.org)

[www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)

Two Colorado Horses Test Positive for Equine Infectious Anemia | Department of Agriculture

## Exciting for 2025 For Sure – Save the Date!

**What:** A Judged Obstacle Challenge consisting of 2 kinds of event:

- An in-hand event (leading your horse) in the arena
- An in-saddle event outside the arena.

You can choose to enter the in-hand event of 8 obstacles, the in-saddle (riding) event (with 8 other obstacles), or both events.

At each obstacle, you can also choose to take the

- Novice, or
- Intermediate, or
- Advanced path.

Do one event or both, at whatever path you choose – whatever is fun and comfortable for you. At this obstacle last year, our horses met a two-headed dragon.

*See "Dragon" on page 7*

*Dragon*



*The dragon sat in the middle of the barrel.*

## Details

**When:** September 20, 2024.

**Where:** Raven's Roost Ranch, Wellington, Co. (Relax, it's an easy drive from anywhere.)

**Why:** Fund Raising Event for LCHA.

**Who:** LCHA and horse-loving public.

**What's needed now:** Volunteers to make this event fun, a time to learn, and a fundraising success.

If you can help, please contact Sherry V. at 517.852.3458 or at [sherryevaughn@outlook.com](mailto:sherryevaughn@outlook.com). We need help organizing: directing parking, registering folks and horses, judging, with lunch, and other details.

## Time To Renew Membership

Our Membership Year Starts on June 1 and goes to May 31.

## Already a Member? We Want You Back

And it is time for renewal.

Yes, it's true for the Larimer County Horseman's Association (LCHA).



The LCHA membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. Therefore, your dues cover the period from June 1 through May 31. Since many organizational years coincide with

the calendar year, we tend to forget that the LCHA year differs. We also forget to renew our membership in May or June.

That is why LCHA sends a post card to members reminding them to renew their membership and continue to enjoy the many benefits of LCHA membership. Check out the list below.

You don't really want to miss all the benefits of membership, do you? We don't want to you miss them, either. We want you back. Renew your membership.

## Special Note

You can pay your renewal dues online with your credit card. See the article *Option to Pay Membership Online* in this issue.

## New Members

What a great time to recruit some new members. I'm sure most of us know folks who have horses, and who are not yet LCHA members. Why not ask them to join us? After all, LCHA offers a lot of benefits to members:

*See "Member Benefits" on page 8*

### Member Benefits



- Network with Horse People!
- Trail Rides (geared toward all levels of riders)
- Annual Picnic, Parades, Play Day, Camp Out, Christmas Party, Christmas Caroling on Horseback!
- Programs, Seminars, Training Activities
- Monthly Newsletter, "The LCHA Roundup," Online or in print

- Discounts with local businesses (see the Business Members list on the web site)
- Exposure for Business Members
- Trail Maintenance. Provide good stewardship of the trails we ride.
- Large Animal Emergency Evacuation Team.
- Temporary Shelter.

Note: For both the emergency evacuation team and the temporary shelter program, LCHA works with Northern Colorado Back Country Horsemen.

You can take this list with you or add some positive points. Let folks know what you like about LCHA, and tell of a great experience you have had with us. Remember, it is only \$30 per year for an individual or \$40 per year for a family – well worth it for anyone.

Ask your friends. Ask your neighbors. Ask anyone.

Let's get some new members.

## Business Members

There is an exception. LCHA is, as officially formed, a 501C3 business. When dealing with business members, we will no longer send a post card reminder. Instead, we will send an invoice (many businesses respond only to invoices) so that both LCHA and its business members can maintain records of the transaction.

## Renewing Membership

The LCHA membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. **It is time to renew your membership for the 2025-2026 membership year**

### Payment Options

Members have options for paying membership dues:

#### Pay by Check

- Download and print the form from the LCHA web site at [www.larimerhorseman.org](http://www.larimerhorseman.org)
- Write your check.
- Send your check (for the amount listed on the form) with a membership form (A.K.A. "application form") to LCHA, P.O. Box 270375, Fort Collins, CO. 80527-0375 You can also bring your check to a meeting or the annual picnic or give it to a Board member.

#### Pay Online

- Go to the LCHA web site at [www.larimerhorseman.org](http://www.larimerhorseman.org)
- Click **JOIN** (on the top of the page)
- Then click **PAY ONLINE**
- Click **Tickets**
- Fill out the information form and click complete order
- You will see a button for additional questions. Please click the button and answer the questions so that we have complete information for your membership.

LCHA does not have the capability to process payments and provide security for your credit information. A third party company provides that service, for which it will add a small service charge. If you want to avoid the service charge, you can still pay by check or cash.

But don't forget. **We want you back.**



## Classified Ads

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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](http://www.larimerhorseman.org) or go to our Facebook page for more information at [www.facebook.com/larimerhorseman](http://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 so 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.

## 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.

## 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 and the public are 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.

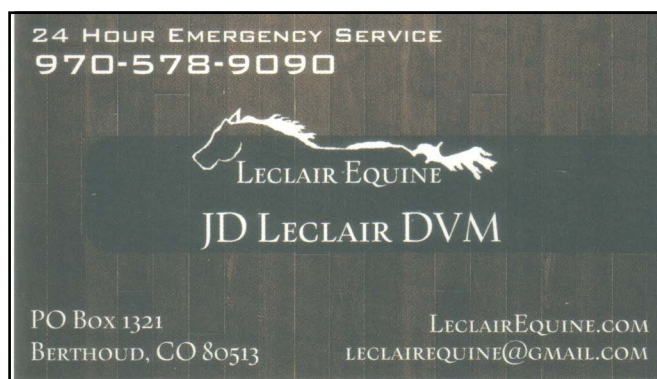
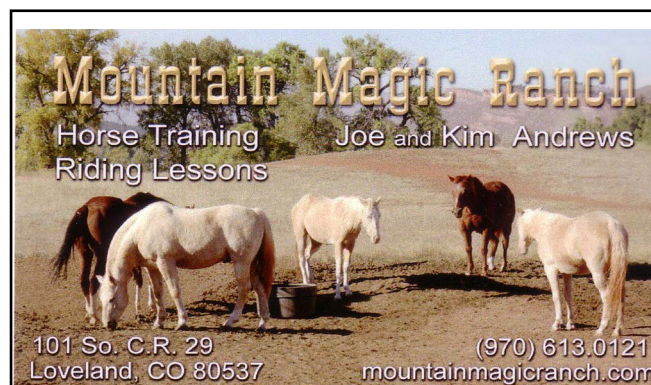
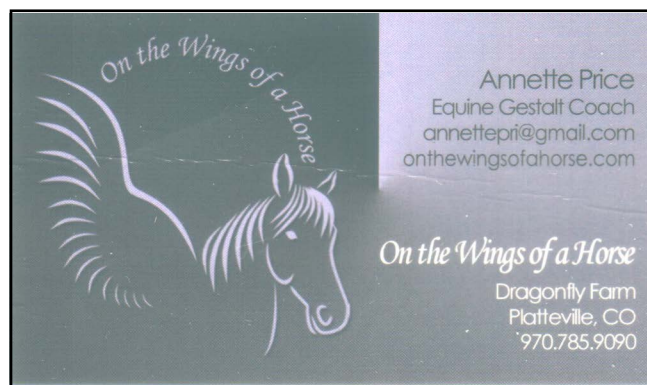
*See "In Person" on page 10*

### *In Person*

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.

## The Card Shop







## Cowgirl Candy Store

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