



The Little Brayer

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June 2009

Monthly membership meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Country Buffet 751 N. Academy Blvd. Citadel Crossing Mall. Colorado Springs, Co / Dinner starts at 6:00 P.M. Meeting starts at 7:00 P.M...



Now look you don't see what I see so follow me!

Our meeting on June 2nd, was called to order at 7:00 PM by our President Paul Phermetton.

Guests: Bob and Ann Miller-Breeding Business Timber lakes Mules, Friends of Paul & Christy Phermetton, guests of Jeff and Donna Blake. We welcome them and hope they come back to visit again.

Michael Stevens –Jeff and Donna Blake's Nephew –Visiting for the a couple weeks. They went on a trail ride at Browns Falls

There seems to be a conflict over the next meeting scheduled on July 7th. It is the Pikes Peak Bust Parade so it was motioned to cancel our meeting in July. The Country Buffet is also moving into their new building during this week so they will be closed.

Next Meeting: –August 4th this meeting will be at the new Country Buffet Building (same location shopping center) Next door to old building. Same time as usual, we have a room reserved.

Secretaries Report:

No corrections to the May 2009 Minutes.

Remember the Website

will post the minutes and all corrections to minutes need to be submitted at the next meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Lucy Martin, Treasurer, reported that as of May 5th, 2009 there is a balance of

New Business:

After the ride at Air Force Academy on June 21st, our club has decided to add to the donation either by matching what the ride took in or just adding an amount.

It's important to make sure all riders and guest have filled out a hold harmless form. All riders & guesst must have a current signed release. Minors under 18 must have a release signed by Legal Guardian!!! The forms can be downloaded on the web-site & given to any officer before the event. Also the officers have extra copies of the release form.

Paul (our president) would like a phone list sent out to all of the members and email address in case we have to cancel something we can contact each other. YOU are RESPONSIBLE for getting your correct information to Jackie! We can't update with out correct info. Jackie's phone # 719-683-3813. We will try to have the revised list, consisting of Name, Address, Phone Number, Cell Number & e-mail address, by the August meeting .Hopefully we can hand them out then. SO GET YOUR INFORMATION TO JACKIE!!!!

Old Business:

Our president Paul Phermetton presented us with a list provided by Sheri Thompson for our 1st aid kit. It was passed around at the meeting for any changes or suggestions Dr. Graf reviewed the list and will also make necessary changes. These items will be purchased and will be available in saddlebags for trail rides. We hope to have them ready for our August Ride.

Gus and Terri Daniels found us shirts and hats \$21.00 (different colors) shirts, and \$8.00 for the hats. If anyone wants to order them please email them @ gus.daniel@hp.com or phone them 719-495-3992. All orders get 10% back to club.

It looks like we found our banner and now we have the physical location of all of the pretties for the parade events.

To be continued:

Our club and 14 other clubs have written a letter to the Division of Wildlife on April 16, 2009. They requested a meeting with them and the 14 clubs who have joined us in the trying to stop the closure. Hope to have an answer by the next meeting. If they refuse to

acknowledge us we will move on to the next step and contact the District manager's immediate supervisor. However, they now will keep us updated & will include us when they write their management plan.

There are meetings set up regarding Rampart Range area and other issues, so if you would like to participate here are the dates:

June 24 -- Coronado High School

June 25 – Woodland Park High School

There was no luck regarding closure of Pueblo State Park, but we aren't going to give up. .

Happenings: Possible Rides and Events

Suggested ride:

If anyone wants to head it up!!!!

Also Heather went on a sponsored ride at Prairie Canyon Ranch, off Hwy 83, just north of Greenland by a few miles. It is owned by Douglas County, but we can do group rides there as long as we set it up in advance. Heather doesn't know if it cost anything, but can find out if folks think it would be fun. The ride is pretty and fairly flat. You even get to see a buffalo jump used by the local Native Americans. There are also bathrooms and picnic tables. She thinks the ride is about 2 Hours.

June

June 6th and 7th - Rocky Mountain Long Ears and Pikes Peak Long Ears are having a joint ride at Lost Park. Outstanding place to camp, very easy access, bring water for your horses. Lost Park is north of Lake George, probably about two hours from Colorado Springs. Where we will be is great camping, easy access for campers, motor homes or large trailers. Lots of good grass for the animals to eat, but not much water, so bring water. The riding is not very technical, suitable for any skill level. The area is very pretty with views of the several mountain ranges. The Rocky Mountain Long Ears group didn't show up for the ride. However, Jeff & Donna Blake, their nephew Michael, Bob & Anne Hanson, Carolyn Herndon, Mary Lawrence, Judy Shoemaker, Christy & Paul Phernetton did. We had a nice ride and good weather!

June 12 - Limon Western Festival- One Day Event! Riders needed!
Contacts: Don and Janet Bailey 719-541-2736

June 21 - (Happy Fathers Day) Fred Russell's' donation ride for the Shriners at Air Force Academy. (Last year 25-30 riders showed up for this event and we were proud to donate the money this goes to the Shriners' Hospital. The Ride starts at 9:00. There is a \$10.00 per trailer fee for parking.

July

July 7th Pikes Peak Bust Parade 6:30 Tuesday Evening - meet at the same place call Linda Giest 719-749-2572 for directions and our place in the parade. We are wearing our white shirts, and scarves, and matching blankets along with the new pole banner, and serapes that were just made. So if anyone wants to get there blanket and scarf ahead of time call Jackie @719-683-8313 This is an excellent opportunity to support the community & show off our animals. So we need as much participation as possible. We need more riders!!!!

Paul sent out insurance information and we issued a check for \$50.00 entry fee . Linda is filling out our entry information & will mail it to the Parade committee.

July 11th and July 12th – Carolyn Herndon is trail boss for camp out at Round Mountain the ride on Saturday starts @ 10:00. For directions and more information contact her @ 635-9027.

July 11th and July 12th - Our rugged warriors (Jeff, Carl and Fritz) will be doing a pack trip women are invited.

July 12-July 18 - Sandy Clayton 303-646-3595 or 303-718-7300– Craig Cameron Clinic----There are two training clinics and a RACE. There is a 3-day regular training clinic and a 3-day BOOMER training clinic. The BOOMER is a little slower paced than the regular class. Older or quieter students want the slower pace. The clinics have been full since February. The cost for the 3 days of training and the Extreme RACE (Saturday, July 18th) is \$675.00. Each year, she accepts post-dated \$100.00 deposits for the next year. The checks are dated for January. Then she contacts everyone on whether they want to go ahead and stay registered. She has very few cancellations. Right now, she has a waiting list. Craig Cameron allows auditing and only charges \$25.00 per day or \$125.00 for the whole week. Craig goes from 9 am to around 6-6:30 pm every evening. He is an energizer bunny. Most of the people she has for the next year are auditors from the prior year. Craig lets the auditors come right out in the arena with him-if they have to stay behind the fenced area; he comes over and talks to them. A lot of people just camp here for the week. They all camp up in the upper 3 acres next to the barn and we potluck for lunches and either go out for dinner or have something delivered. Sandy has a hot tub and pool that is heavily used in the evenings. Sandy has some Texas 3 steps built right now in the back pasture and has obstacles and jumps all over. Maybe we can have a play day with our club and do the same tasks that Craig has us do in the Race.

July 18th and 19th- El Paso County Fair -2009 El Paso County Ross Utt Memorial Wagon Train Saturday and Sunday July 18 & 19th. Two Day

**Event! Wagons and Riders Needed! Contact: Gail Tobin 719-330-0540
Peggy Watts 719-347-2296**

July 31st - Larimer County Combined Mule and Draft Show...

August

Leveta Ride and Camp Out . We will discuss at the Aug meeting, it is planned for 8/15 & 16

Possible ride to Twin Eagles Terry All Area (Jackie Lane Trail Boss)

September-October

Apple Days Parade-Penrose Colorado October 3rd (Entries must be sent in by September 23rd)

September 7th Fountain Parade. Free entry if we enter before 8/18/09. \$100.00 afterwards. We need to commit.

December

December 13th Xmas Party at the Mule Barn 12:00 noon.

Drawing: Gift card – Ed Martin



Laugh of the day: (Western Mule Magazine)

80 Year Old's Doctor Visit

An 80 Year old man goes to the doctor for a checkup. The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in and asks, "How do you stay in such great physical condition?" "I'm a mule rider," says the old guy, "and that's why I'm in such good shape." "I'm up well before daylight and out riding my mule up and down the hills." "Well", says the doctor, "I'm sure that helps but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?" "Who said my dad's dead?" The doctor is amazed. "You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive, How old is he?"

He's 100 years old," says the old mule rider. "In fact he rode with me this morning and that's why he's still alive. He's a mule rider too." "Well," the doctor says, "That's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?" "Who said my grandpa's dead? Stunned, the doctor asks, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still alive! Incredible, how old is he?" He's 118 years old," says the old mule rider. The doctor is now getting frustrated at this point, "So I guess he went riding with you this morning too?" No, Grandpa couldn't go this morning-On account of the fact he's getting married today.

At this point the doctor is close to losing it. "Getting married!! Why on earth would a 118 year old guy want to get married?"

Who said he wanted to?"