



# The Little Brayer

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May 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...*

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**I love my mule!!**

**Our meeting on May 5th was called to order at 7:00 PM by our President Paul Phermetton.**

Taffy Plaisted, a previous member of ours and a mule lover friend, had her 3<sup>rd</sup> back surgery tonight and we send her love and support for her recovery. Taffy trains and works with mules, we really hope she is back in the saddle soon.

### **Next Meeting –June 2nd**

**Our Country Buffet location will be in another building next door. We'll know more next meeting as to which building.**

**Secretaries Report:** 3 corrections were made to the Minutes from the last meeting 1. Dr. Graf's phone number was incorrect in relation to sale of his saddle rack. 2. Confusion on the dates for the joint rides with Rocky Mountain Long Ears confirmed there are 2 rides scheduled see below for corrections. 3. The monies for the Mule Shrine dinners are used for operating expenses not the Shriners Hospital. 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 \$527.71 in the checking and \$1812.11 in the savings account. We earned .52 Dividends in our savings account. The gift

card balance is approximately \$918.47 Tonight we collected \$88.00 in drawing, and 20.00 in Dues. Expenses submitted were Jackie Lane \$12.78 for postage and printing of newsletters that were mailed. These expenses were approved and paid and already deducted from the above balance.

**Gift Card Expenses:**

Beginning Balance	1995.00
Rod Allen	-100.00 For Banner Expenses
Jeff Blake	-500.00
Randy Gibbs	- 200.00
Carol Coakley	-200.00
Auction Item	- 72.17
Stove(Drawing)	-52.44
Head Stall(Drawing)	<u>-51.92</u>

818.47

**Happened Events Month of April:**

April 24, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Castle Rock Mule Days We sure had a lot of fun. We had several members attend and participate. It was a blast to see everyone and cheer them on. Congratulations to everyone!!!! Lots of beautiful and talented mules.

**New Business:** Our president Paul Phermetton suggested we have a trail riding pack with medical supplies (First Aid Kit). Put all the supplies we need in saddle bags and who ever is the trail boss for the ride needs to get it so we can have it available. Sheri Thompson one of our member veterinarians offered to get the list of the items we need and will bring the information to the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

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](mailto:gus.daniel@hp.com) or phone them 719-495-3992. All orders get 10% back to club.

Rod Allen finally showed his smiling face this evening and got a standing ovation for his hard work designing our banner. Thank you so much for everything Rod. Rod didn't want to accept any money for the costs of the banner but we just couldn't let him do that so it was approved that we give him a \$100.00 gift card.

In addition to the banner, Jackie Lane agreed to take 6 serapes of 8 to get our emblem on them before our parade events start.

Speaking of banners, if any one knows the where about of our banner could you please get it to Linda Giest. Jeff Blake said he had it last. Also any of the blankets and scarves for parades etc should all be kept at one location. Linda doesn't mind keeping it at there place. Jackie has all of the blankets so she will get them to her before the next meeting.

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. We have yet to receive a reply. 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.

### 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.

### May

May 8, 9, 10<sup>th</sup> - Garage Sale at the Mule Barn –Furniture, Clothing, etc.

May 16, 2009 – BBQ Dinner and Dance Price is \$12.00. Ray and Paul have tickets if you wanted to purchase in advance. These dinners are quite the deal and the proceeds of the cost of the dinners less expenses get donated to the Mule Barn for operations and feeding of the mules. The dinner starts at 4:00 – 6:30. No Host Bar and drawing.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bobbie Lavoie has put together a spring clinic with Linda Giest. Lost Creek Ranch, 9099 Carpenter Road Peyton, Hwy 24 in Falcon. East on Judge Orr Road for 6 Miles ½ mile past Peyton Hwy, Left on Carpenter. Ranch is first drive on right.  
Time: Ready to Start – 9 AM Halters only at this time.  
Riders \$70.00 Audit \$25.00

**Trainer: Linda Geist**

**Plan: Ground work in the morning. Break for Lunch. Riding work in the afternoon. Linda will give group instruction as well as focusing on riders individually.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. COFFEE AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**If you have to cancel please let Bobbie Lavoie know so she can fill in your spot. For additional information call Bobbie (cell 719-330-8921)**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>: Rocky Mountain Long Ears and Pikes Peak Long Ears are having a joint ride**

**(A separate email will be sent for directions information on this joint ride)**

### **June**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> - 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. Jeff will bring directions to the camping area to the next meeting. Any other questions just let him know.**

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

**June (unknown date): 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 for a mules and the operations of the Mule Barn.**

### **July**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> Pikes Peak Bust Parade**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup> - 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 18<sup>th</sup>) 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 her 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>- El Paso County Fair -2009 El Paso County Ross Utt Memorial Wagon Train Saturday and Sunday July 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>. Two Day Event! Wagons and Riders Needed! Contact: Gail Tobin 719-330-0540 Peggy Watts 719-347-2296

July 31<sup>st</sup> - Larimer County Combined Mule and Draft Show...

## August

Leveta Ride and Camp Out

## September-October

Apple Days Parade-Penrose Colorado 1st week in October

September 7<sup>th</sup> Fountain Parade

## December:

December 13<sup>th</sup> Xmas Party at the Mule Barn 12:00 noon.

**Drawing:** Halter and Mule Key Chain Won by Anne Urban

## 3 Mules for Sale: Jeff Blake 719-748-2207

Smokey is a four year old 13-3 Hand Grullio. He should mature to 14 or 14-1 hands. He is very refined in conformation. They started him last year at a Brad Cameron clinic and he has done very well. He is not finished but is well on his way. He does not buck, kick or bite and is easy to catch and trim. Asking \$1000 .

Merlin is a nine year old 14 hand Palomino john mule built stout.

Jeff's grandson has been riding him for the last two years. He is very safe and quiet. They also used him for packing and have packed elk and camp stuff on him many times. He is probably not a gaming mule

but is excellent in the mountains. Merlin is easy to catch and work with his feet. Asking \$1700.

Ernie is the large sorrel mule that was at Castle Rock. He is 15 hands and 15 years old. He is an outstanding trail/mountain mule. He'll pack any rider or animal. Ernie will do some gaming but that is not his favorite thing. He is as safe as any mule out there. He is great with his feet, easy to load and work with. Ernie can be ridden away from others as he is not herd bound. Asking \$3000.

Jeff has pictures of each of them and references as well.

**Other Items for Sale:** Mule Saddles for Sale-Steve Edwards 16 Inch Light Weight/17 Inch padded Call Dr. Graf @ 719-382-0777 or home 719-683-5486



**Laugh of the day:** (Western Mule Magazine)

### PEEL AND WIN

A Young country bumpkin' who had not been to town much goes into a coffee shop and notices there's a "peel and win" game sticker on his coffee cup.

So he peels it off and starts shouting, "I've won a motorhome! I've won a motorhome!"

The waitress says, "That's impossible. The biggest prize is a free lunch.

But the country bumpkin' keeps on shouting. "I've won a motorhome! I've won a motorhome!"

Finally, the manager comes over and says, "Son, I'm sorry, but you're mistaken. You couldn't have possible won a motorhome because we didn't have that as a prize.

The young man says, "No, it's not a mistake. I've won a motorhome!" And he hands the ticket to the manager and the managers read "WINABAGEL."