



The Little Brayer

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November 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...



A big Thank you to the Pikes Peak Long Ears for there support for making this event possible! Here is the mounted sheriff that road the course as we played the national anthem.



Our Meeting on November 3rd, was called to order @7:00 PM by our President Paul Phermenton..

***Guests:** Cathy Maylan, Owns mule Jasper Age 11, friends of Linda Giest, and Bill and Bobbie Lavoie. Also has attended the Castle Rock Mule and Donkey Show, and is acquainted with Cindy and Leo Brown. She would like to become a member, and looks forward to some riding events with us.*

***Next Meeting** – Xmas Party December 13th, at the Mule Shriner Barn @ 12:00.*

(This is our annual Christmas Party and election of officers.)

Details: This is a potluck, gift exchange maximum \$25.00 per person (not family) It's a blast and there are some little fighting matches that occur when people pick a gift and someone takes it. As far as the gift, cannot be a white elephant, it needs to be a nice gift. Could be tack,

home, mule gear etc. The better the gift the better the wars>>>>>some people want the same gift.

Secretaries Report: *No corrections to the October 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 November 3rd, 2009 there is a balance of \$265.80 in the checking and \$3,005.64 in the savings account. Tonight we collected \$49.00 in drawing. Expenses submitted were Jackie Lane \$12.78 for postage and printing of newsletters that were mailed. These expenses were approved and paid.

New Business (Very! Very! Important)

Our President Paul Phermenton has been invited to share his mule (Maude) to be an Army Football Team's official mascot.

She (Maude) is in the interview process to determine if she is suitable for the duty of being the mascot. It would really be exciting for one of our mule members to have this experience, and she(Maude) would probably end up on television if the game is aired nationally. They usually show the games between the service academies on the major networks. We are rootin for you Maude and Paul we hope she passes her test and her interview and is selected. Paul we hope you will be bragging at the next meeting and share the story with us.

It was approved and voted, that \$100.00 be provided to Jackie Lane to purchase plates, drinks, water, ham, etc for our Christmas Party. She will turn in receipts and at the January meeting. Mary Lewis and Jackie Lane will be providing the Hot Cider instead of a lot of soda pop this year.

Bobbie Lavoie has a friend that does photo shoots with your animals. So if anyone is interested in getting there picture taken before the holidays please contact her @ 719-495-3087. The price is really reasonable and it would be great for gifts.

Jeff and Donna Blake will be doing a Moab trip next April. (1st and 2nd week) so if anyone is interested, get it on your calendar now so you can start planning the trip. Several people are already interested, so cowboy up and lets do this group ride.

Mary Lewis and Don Ortimier recommended a place in South Dakota, called Elk Creek Wilderness Area. They have little cabins, with individual corals behind each one, and the trails going into the surrounding are supposed to be awesome. We should start planning this as a group mule ride and get it calendared as soon as possible so we can plan our vacations etc. . We will be requesting more information so we can get a spot reserved in the summer. If anyone wants to look it up on the website www.elkhavenhorsecamp.com Facilities are awesome...take a look at it and lets bring it up at the next meeting to discuss.

Old Business:

The hold harmless master list sheet has been completed and will be put in a plastic cover sheet for protection and inserted in the medical first aid kits for the trail rides.

Jeff and Donna Blake have been appointed to be the nominations, so far they do not have a complete list, however they have spoken to a few members who are willing to move forward as officers. Below are the nominations submitted, and anyone interested in being an officer of this club we welcome you with new ideas and would appreciate anything you have to share with our club as it grows and we get new members. New blood is healthy for a club, so if you are not certain of what to do as an officer, there is lots of assistance as you learn. Just jump in and do it. It's a lot of fun.

So far the following nominations are :

*Pres Bill Lavoie
VP Mary Lawrence
Julie Lanckriet
Sec Mary Lewis
Treas Jackie Lane*

It looks like we still don't have all the parade gear from everyone, so please before January try to get the gear to either Jackie or Linda. (So they can take inventory)

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.

Happened Rides& Events::

Trail Rides & Events Scheduled:

October

October 10th - Colorado Cowboy Challenge (See below thank you letter)

The 2009 Colorado Cowboy Challenge event was held October 11th. 20 degree freezing cold weather. Eleven riders and their steeds braved the cold for a great cause. Breakfast and lunch were served to help warm all involved, and with the generous support of local business drawings were held for numerous donations including a weekend stay in Breckenridge Colorado. Local riding clubs involved were Pikes Peak Long Ears, Kit Carson Riding Club, and Fountain Riding and Roping Club. Friends, family and neighbors all volunteered time and effort to help make the event so successful. The grand total of donations to Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center came to \$2,277.00. See accounting of funds below.

<i>Direct Donations to PPTRC</i>	<i>\$600.00</i>
<i>Donations for Expenses</i>	<i>1,261.98</i>
<i>Drawings</i>	<i>233.00</i>
<i>Event Fees</i>	<i>1000.00</i>
<i>Food Event Fees</i>	<i>51.00</i>
<i>Food Gift Card Donations</i>	<i>170.00</i>
<i>Grounds Fees</i>	<i>300.00</i>
<i>Total Funds</i>	<i>3,615.98</i>

Expenses:

<i>Food Costs</i>	<i>215.98</i>
<i>Meals for Judges Meeting</i>	<i>60.00</i>
<i>Portable Potty</i>	<i>195.00</i>
<i>Prizes</i>	<i>450.00</i>
<i>T-Shirts</i>	<i>381.84</i>
<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>1,338.82</i>
<i>Donations less Expenses</i>	<i>2,277.16</i>
<i>Donations Sent to PPTRC</i>	<i>2,277.00</i>

October 18 – Red Rocks Trail Ride -Trail Boss, Carolyn Herndon (5 riders showed up for the ride, it was a beautiful day)

*October 18 – Make up day for the riders who signed up in the Colorado Cowboy Challenge who wanted to experience the course and have fun. (Donna Blake, Bill Lavoie, Bobbie Lavoie, Jackie Lane) mule riders had a fun time and learned some different things. Bobbie I don't know how you can ride with out stirrups? **Donna Blake** is awesome, she is mule extraordinaire and I love her experience. She got Kitten and Jackie to jump the barrels. I'm so proud to be a part of this club where there is so much assistance available and support. This is what this club is about. **LEARNING AND SHARING***

***November** –Sunday November 15th - Garden of the Gods Park – Jackie Lane Trail boss, ride starts at 10:00 AM. So show up at 9:00 ish or 9:30 to saddle up. Directions to Garden of the Gods as follows: Highway 24 -Turn Left 31st Street Stay on 31st Street until it dead ends Turn Left and park on the street. Jackie should be there by 9:00. †*

December:

Elections and our annual Christmas Party at the Mule Barn.

December 13th Xmas Party at the Mule Barn 12:00 noon. (See above for information)

***Door Prize Drawing:** Ed Martin won the drawing tonight. I just know he traded tickets with me. Mule conchos, and Mule Natural Superiority book brought by Paul Phermenton.*

Services:

Richard Emond is look for handy man work please give him a call @ 719-269-3685

Heather Davis our Web Site Designer has a business: Hay hauling available (large or small bales) we can also bring a tractor to unload to unload large bales if necessary. We also haul equipment, Reliable, reasonable rates. Call Tom. 303-646-7570.

*Jackie Lane is a distributor for Juice Plus. Throw out your vitamins and start getting the nutrients immediately in your body. Check it out!!! www.jacalynjuiceplus.com
Veggies and Fruits Every Day for Life Scientifically Tested and Researched.*

For Sale:

Maggie & James Dunlap have hay for sale. They just baled 1000 acres. Hay Creek Ranch \$5.75 a bale. (Must pick up in the field).

Call 719-749-8248 Lake George, Tarryall area. Or email haycreekranch@aol.com.

***Need a good Home:** Three mules, one is older, has some arthritis, needs grained once or twice a day. The other has a bad hip but is still able to be ridden, and the third is fine, beautiful palomino mule. They are bonded, and their owner has MS and is falling down all the time. She is afraid this winter she won't be able to care for them. She would like them to go together, with a contract that they will never go to an auction, they will go back to her if something happens and the new owner can no longer care for them, etc. The own is agonizing over this decision, but she really needs to find them good homes and take care of herself, and not have to worry about her babies. Email her @ eeyore8124@yahoo.com or call 719-372-6776.*

