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From the President

Hello Everyone!

Well, winter sure got here in a hurry, didn't it? Hope this letter finds everyone doing well.

This past Saturday evening after our committee meetings we drew for the Henry Rifle, and would like to congratulate Dan Shirk of Emmetsburg on his win. I might say that there was quite a disappointed crowd at the Pizza Ranch, when no one in the crowd's ticket was drawn.

Back to committee meetings held on Saturday: For instance, after the budge & finance committee met, several things were then discussed at Sunday's Board Meeting. The main thing coming out of that committee meeting was that we really need to cut some expenses. Some ways decided to do this were: for Carole to try to cut down on some travel expense, this includes not attending the saddle up meetings & a few other trips normally taken, depending on our Board members & VP's to distribute raffle tickets to eliminate several hundred dollars being spent on postage & even going to mailing our the Currier Quarterly. Because the cost of our heavier weight paper required by the Postal service has increased as well as printing & postage costs rising, the board decided to go to quarterly starting in January, so Carriers will be distributed in January, April, July & October. It's going to be more important than ever that you get your event dates set & to Carole in a timely manner. In between issues, events and information can always be found on our web site, which that committee is striving to make updates and changes to encourage a better use of our social media, including our "Official" Pony Express Face book page.

Don't forget Saddle Up Meetings start in January, see the dates for your region in calendar of events & PLEASE do your best to attend. These meetings are a way you can learn about pre ride & Ride Day activities as well as other events in your area, changes that are made or discussion of things your Board members can take to next meeting etc. Some supplies were given to your representatives to take to the meetings, but if you need or want something specific please let them know in advance, so they can make the effort to have it there for you, this is also a perfect place for you to get your Honda Pioneer flyers & tickets. Let's get a jump start on selling those, let's surpass the last few years ticket sales!

I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas & the best of the Holiday Season!

Tom Nehl

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News from Easter Seals

Thanks for your support of Easter Seals Iowa! As the year comes to the close, if you are looking for a way to make charitable contributions go even further, consider a gift to the Camp Sunnyside Easter Seals Iowa Endow Iowa Fund. Donations to this fund are eligible to receive a 25 percent state tax credit. Contact Krable Mentzer for additional information at kmentzer@eastersealsia.org or 515-309-9777.



Tickets Available !

Tickets are available now, so please make arrangements to get yours to sell. Board members & Regional VP's all got a supply at the recent November meeting, so check with them if you want tickets to sell, or if you want the unit to display @ an event. Ride weekend is a bit early this year, so let's get started selling tickets right away. Let's take our sales to over 30,000 this year!

Highlights from November Committee & Board Meetings

IMPOTANT DATE CHANGE: It was decided at the Board Meeting to change the date for the January Board of Directors meeting, to be held after all the Saddle Up Meetings. Changed to 3rd Sunday in February. Next Board Meeting will be held Sunday, Feb. 15th @ 10 AM ; with snow date of February 22nd.

Starting Jan. 2015 —Currier will be sent quarterly. January, April, July & Oct.
Need all winter dates so they can be in next issue

Need photos for Fall EXTRA: normally, Carole has the Fall Extra printed & out by this time, but she informed us at the meeting that she has only about 5 or 6 photos submitted at this time. If we want to continue with this annual publication and have them available at the Saddle Up Meetings, please email photos to; cbailey@eastersealsia.org

Gun Raffle Winner



Shown below is Dan Shirk of Emmetsburg, winner of the Henry Big Boy, lever action 30 30. His ticket was drawn out of the nearly 700 tickets sold.

Special thanks to President Elect, Tim Allen for delivering the rifle and making sure appropriate paperwork was completed.

Calendar of Events



Mark your Calendars & Save these Dates

February 15th Board Meeting 10:00 Camp Conf. Room

March 6th—8th Iowa Deer Classic, ATV ticket sales

Apil 3rd & 4th RIDE WEEKEND

April 10– 12 Iowa Horse Fair, Pony Express Queens participate in Cow Girl Queen Contest on Sunday the 12th

May 16th Lucas County Horse Show & Queen Contest

May 25th Marshall County Horse Show & Queen Contest

June 4th, 5th & 6th Monroe County Pony Express Annual Wagon/Trail Ride to Dan Larson Memorial Bull Ride in Albia

June 12th, 13th & 14th Annual Pony Express Weekend @ River Valley in Farmington

August 7th & 8th Annual Pony Express / Double D Rodeo

August 13th—23rd Iowa State Fair, Horse Raffle ticket sales

Regional Saddle Up Meetings

SW January 24th 7 PM @ Windrow Café in Creston

SE January 23rd 7 PM @ the Fox in Knoxville

NE January 10th 1:00 @ Here's 2 U in Fredricksburg

NW February 8th 1:00 @ Pizza Ranch in Emmetsburg

Important Reminder

It is URGENT that Carole receives all the bank statements for each county's bank account for the ending of the 2014 fiscal year. The statement needed is one showing the ending balance for May 2014. the accountant needs these immediately to finish preparing our 990 report!

Tama

St. Paddy's Day Fundraiser March 21
Dinner/Dance/Auction Lincoln, IA
Milk & Honey playing for your listening & Dancing Pleasure

June 7th Horse show & Queen Contest
More details to follow

Tri County

Helping Vendors for Tips @ Antique Show
Nov. 20 check in 4 to 8pm, show is @ Fairgrounds Nov. 21-23

Feb. 21st Auction @ the Royal Flush
Auction items needed 7 PM –9 PM

Adams/Union/Taylor

Dance Feb. 14th 8 to Midnight
Dance to Rhythm Kings & Special Guest JO's in Corning
Food available, Auction & Raffle items.

Pottawattamie

Oakland Dance/Auction January 17th
8 PM
Details @ later Date

Cass

Cumberland Dance/Auction
February 28th Details @ later date

Palo Alto

Womanless Beauty Pageant Jan. 10th
VFW in Emmetsburg, doors open @ 6 PM
Still have openings for contestants

Sweetheart Valentine Dance Feb. 21st
@ VFW in Greattinger, music by Brad Morgan Band

Annual White Elephant Auction
March 7th starting @ 5 PM
Held at the Duck Stop in Mallard