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January 2015 Issue



From the President

Hello,

As I'm writing a JANUARY Carrier letter, and it's still December, I'd like to start by again wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! It's kind of hard to think of it being 2015 already, where does the time go???

So: January isn't too early to start selling those ATV tickets. Ride weekend is April 3rd & 4th, when tickets & money needs to be turned in, so that's just a bit over 3 months to get LOTS of tickets sold. Holiday gatherings & New Year's parties, may just be another opportunity to Sell more ATV tickets.

We decided that since the social media seems to be the “way to go”, we would decrease our newsletter mailings to quarterly issues, and the committees will strive to improve our Pony Express web site and Official Pony Express Face Book page, which will significantly reduce our costs. Please keep in mind that Carole still needs all of your events turned into her, so she can get the information to the appropriate committee members for these sites & also to see that they are on our insurance lists for coverage.

The next issue of the Carrier will be April 2015, & the deadline for submitting information for that will remain the 15th of the month prior. If everything is submitted to Carole in a timely manner then the April issue can be printed & mailed prior to Ride Weekend.

In the past few years the Raffle Prize Committee has tried to secure a horse for the Raffle prior to Ride Weekend, they are still searching for an appropriate animal for this spring/summer raffle. We are asking that anyone having a horse or mule that they'd like the committee to consider, to please get the information to one of the committee members as soon as possible, so that they have several to make their choice from. I'll ask Carole to list the committee members & phone numbers below.

Tom Nehl

Raffle Prize Committee Members

Tom Nehl, President- 641-220-1621
Tim Allen, Pres. Elect- 515-320-5293
Heidi Kriener, NE VP- 563-380-6914
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<http://www.circlec signs.com/PEClothing.html>

News from Easter Seals

Looking for a unique holiday gift? Honor friends, family or a loved one by purchasing a brick that will be displayed in a beautiful new garden at Camp Sunnyside. Your donation of a brick supports the Easter Seals Iowa Foundation, which ensures Easter Seals Iowa will be able to continue to provide exceptional services for people with disabilities well into the future. All contributions qualify for a charitable tax deduction. Call Krable Mentzer at 515-309-9777 for additional information or visit www.eastersealsia.org.



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!

Reminders from Carole

Please attend your saddle up meetings. This is where you can find out about any changes in Ride Day activities & other functions.

Our Web site; ponyexpressridersofiowa.org, is undergoing some changes & updates, be sure to refer to it often & encourage others to do so as well. This is especially important now that our Currier/newsletter is not being distributed as often. Also equally important, that you get your events, flyers etc. to me so they can be submitted to our web site. You can fax to 515-289-1281, or email to cbailey@eastersealsia.org, or mail to PO Box 1704, Des Moines, IA 50305

The Quality Inn & Suites have renewed our contact price of \$50 plus tax per night, so make your reservations by calling 515-278-2381, but don't forget to let them know you are with Pony Express so you get this rate.

The raffle Prize Committee is looking for suitable horse or mule for our State Fair Raffle.

Iowa Deer Classic is March 6th through the 8th. Bob & Irena Mc Williams will be setting up & working our booth selling ATV tickets, if you are planning to attend, please stop by to see if they need some help, or better yet, call Irena at 641-660-3177 to set up a time to work. Pony Express Queens & Princesses, this is a perfect opportunity for you to dress up in your queen attire and represent the Pony Express while serving some extra volunteer time.

IMPORTANT: don't forget the next Board of Directors meeting has been changed and is now February 15th, not the usual January Meeting.

Our Victory Dance will again be held at Lake Robbins from 8 PM to midnight. Watch the web site for more details.

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year

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

April 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

In Memory of
Harold Anderson

Our thoughts and prayers for the friends & family of Mr. Anderson who recently passed away. Mr. Anderson was a lifetime member and dedicated volunteer with the Pony Express Riders of Iowa.

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

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

Boone/Story

Dance Feb. 28 Boone Co. Fairgrounds
Be sure to check web site for up dates

Central Iowa

March 21 1 PM 9 Pin No Tap Bowling
Premier Lanes in Pleasant Hill, call Kim at
515-2020-0954 for info or pre-register