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From the President

Good Day My Friends!

I hope everyone is doing well and have their planting done and graduations out of the way. I would like to Congratulate all of the graduates and wish them luck.

We have a few events scheduled this month, with the big Pony Express weekend at River Valley in Farmington, June 8, 9, & 10th. This is a great way to help raise money for the kids/folks who need the services of Easter Seals, and an awesome way to spend time with family & friends. Great food & fun activities for the entire family, be sure to attend & enjoy! Make sure to get your events turned into Carole, to publish in the Currier & web site, as well as for insurance purposes. If you need anything contact Carole, or myself, or your Regional VP.

The Annual Meeting was a good one with some questions, good suggestions, etc. I just wish we would have had a little better turnout, more participation from the general membership. Carole will include in this issue, some of the major topics & highlights from the meeting.

I as the new President have selected Tom Nehl as President Elect & as that made an opening in the NE, I appointed Dennis Dostal to fill that position until May & Heidi Kriener was re-elected for a 2nd term, I appointed her the NE Regional VP position. Inez De Moss was re-elected for a 2nd term in the SE Region. Donnie Essick Jr. Retired from the NW Region after serving 2, 3yr. Terms, and Josh Ries was elected to fill that vacancy.

Carole has reminded me that this is the last printed Currier till fall issues resume, so check the Pony Express website to find local Pony Express events to attend & support. More importantly, get your events to her to assure they get advertised on the events page of the website for others to see.

Stephen Bomex

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Clarinda, IA 51632
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Calendar of Events



President, Steve Bomer shown presenting Donnie Essick, Jr. a plaque for serving a 6 year term as Board Representative in the NW Region.

New in office of President, Steve Bomer, presenting Bob McWilliams a plaque for his dedicated service as President of the Pony Express Riders for past 2-1 year terms.

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Treas. Irena McWilliams 641-660-3177

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Johnny Johnson 641-820-0467
Barb Van Wyk 515-210-1268
Dennis Dostal 641-750-3774

SE Region
VP: Kim Gamble 515-202-0954
Leann Voyles 641-660-8448
Inez DeMoss 641-842-3552
Jeff Bailey 515-771-8653

SW Region
VP: Robi Whitfield 712-545-3391
Joyce Johnson 712-542-4164
Aaron Miers 712-585-3703
Carmen Orme 402-305-0228

NW Region
VP: Tim Allen 515-320-5293
Pat Conroy 641-561-2199
Paxton Reese 712-298-0270
Josh Ries 712-363-3870

Saleable Items:
Jeff & Lori Christiansen 712-542-2174

Ex-Offcio:
Bob McWilliams, 641-660-1530
State Coordinator:
Carole Bailey 515-249-6376



Photo taken May 6, 2012 Annual Meeting:

Front On Scooters, left to Right: Heidi Kriener, Joyce Johnson. **Middle Row:** Inez DeMoss, Kim Gamble, Bob McWilliams, Robi Whitfield, Steve Bomer, Carole Bailey. **Back Row:** Tom Nehl, Leann Voyles, Jan Sieren, Carmen Orme, Aaron Miers, Tim Allen

Not shown in Photo: Josh Ries, Barb VanWyk, Pat Conroy, Jeff Bailey, Johnny Johnson, Paxton Reese, Dennis Dostal, Irena McWilliams

Tama

Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest 7/8/12
Double D Rodeo Arena, Toledo
Flyers available on the news page at
www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Van Buren/Lee

Pony Express will be doing the Concessions at the Ranch Rodeos, held at River Valley Campground the 3rd weekend of the month, from April to Oct. To find out how you can help, please call Irena @ 641-660-3177

Tri County

Golf Outing Sept. 23rd 8 AM
Terrace Hill in Altoona, for info 515-202-0954

Fremont/Page

Poker Run Saturday, June 2 2 PM
Pierce Creek Recreation Area, 4 miles North of Shenandoah on HWY 59, 1 mile East on 150th St. Supper to follow ride, primitive camping available. For more info call Dan, 712-370-2382

Monroe

Wagon/Trail Ride June 1st & 2nd 9 AM
The Monroe County Pony Express riders providing Concessions at Dan Larson Memorial Bull Ride
Pony Express Riders will be participating in Grand Entry at the performance
DANCE immediately following the Bull Ride
For more information about the Ride Route, concessions, Grand Entry or Dance following, please call Ron at 641-660-5505

PONY EXPRESS WEEKEND

June 8, 9, & 10th, 2012

At River Valley Campground, Farmington, IA.

Call Carolyn at 319-878-3888 to make your Camping reservations Agenda can be found on our website: news page
www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Lucas

Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest Sept. 9th
Flyer available on Pony Express web site news page

Marshall

Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest May 28th
At Gilman Saddle Club Arena, indoor arena in case of rain/wet conditions. Flyer available on Pony Express web site news page

Marion/Jasper

Horse Show & Cowgirl Queen Contest June 24th
At the Jasper Co. Fairgrounds in Colfax, flyer is available on Pony Express web site news page

Equestrian Drill Team Competition July 29th

Marion County Fairgrounds, flyers available on the web site:
www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Special Needs Cowgirl Queen & King Contest July 29th

At Marion County Fairgrounds in Knoxville, flyers available at
www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Boone/Story

Iron Pony Observation Ride June 9th, for info call Jim @ 515-689-7674

Kick Ball Tournament June 2nd & 3rd

Held at Little Wall Lake, Jewell, IA, camping available
For more information, please call Jeff (Bubba) Wildt at 515-827-9007

Chickasaw

“Old Fashioned Barn Dance” June 2nd 8-midnight
At Chickasaw County Fairgrounds in Nashua, **BYOB**
Band: **Sundance** Auction items \$5 person, limited seating, bring your lawn chairs, For info call Jeremy @ 641-220-4721

Pottawattamie

River Raft Poker Run & BBQ July 21st 1:00 PM
Registration @ 11 AM, Poker hand starts promptly at 1:00, Nishnabotna River near Carson, \$20 per person includes poker hand & evening meal, Cash prizes for 1st thru 3rd places

Poker Run and Chili Feed September 15th 1:00 PM

Registration starts at 11 AM, Ride starts at 1:00 @ Waubonsie State Park, Hamburg,
\$15 per person includes poker hand and evening meal

Important Reminder

Carole needs a copy of **EVERY** savings or checking account for the ending of May for the accountant. So, as you get those statements, please see that she gets a copy for our 990 report. This is mandatory for us to comply with Federal Tax Regulations.

Reminder: Yearly Memberships run from Ride Day to Ride Day, so if you didn't renew at Camp on Ride Day, you'll need to do so, to continue receiving the Currier, but keep in mind this will be the last Currier until Fall. You can also keep up with news & events of the summer by checking our web site:

www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

Don't Forget these SUMMER EVENTS!

Double D / Pony Express Rodeo: this is the 2nd year that the Pony Express Riders are partnering with the Double D Rodeo, raising money for Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside. Please try to attend, Friday, August 3rd & Saturday, Aug. 4th, both performances start at 7 PM. In addition to the typical rodeo events, there will be performances by Equestrian Drill Teams, Woolly Bully Ride for the kids, and a "*Wild Horse Race*" DANCE with Live Band following each evenings performance. **We NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!** In order to have everything run smoothly & efficiently, we need many more people to volunteer to work a shift or two! We need help for the concession stand, gate admittance, serving in the Beer Garden, beer ticket sales, checking ID's, clean up between & after performances, etc. There's a job for everyone, so please contact Carole for a job & shift preference. If you know in advance that you're coming to volunteer, be sure to contact her to get a Gate ticket, because everyone will be expected to pay at the Gate if you don't have an advance ticket. There is also overnight camping available for Pony Express members coming to volunteer. Please ask Carole for details.

Pony Express Weekend at River Valley: Friday, June 8th thru Sunday, June 10th. What a weekend of Fun, we have planned. You won't want to miss out! For a \$25 Fee paid directly to Pony Express, plus your camping fee to River Valley, you can enjoy Great food and entertainment for the entire family all weekend long, don't forget that it's the Strawberry Festival in Farmington the same weekend, so enjoy that as well. This year's additions: Friday night meal & entertainment included, new food items added to the meals provided. Some new Sunday activities include a Cowgirl Queen Contest, games & activities at the arena including mutton bustin', sheep scramble, donkey sorting & much more craziness! As always some wonderful trails to explore on your own. See you there! See the Pony Express website to see the full weekend agenda. www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org

State Fair Horse Raffle: August 9th through August 19th. Each region is responsible for ticket sales, please check with your VP & let them know when you can be available to help. The winning ticket to be drawn at Noon out front by Stockman's Inn on Sunday, Aug. 19th. If mailing ticket stubs, please do so in plenty of time to be received prior to the drawing, and be sure to use the new mailing address: PO Box 1704, Des Moines, IA 50305

Because this is the last Currier till Fall,

Be sure to check the Pony Express web site (www.ponyexpressridersofiowa.org) for New events taking place this summer such as a Kickball tournament, iron pony observation ride, special king & queen contest, drill team competition, Saddle raffle, concessions at different events, River Raft Poker Run & BBQ (this sounds fun on a hot day in July)

Great Way to Keep Updated about Easter Seals & Camp Sunnyside

LIKE Easter Seals Iowa & Camp Sunnyside on Face book!

You can also sign up to receive their newsletter once a month, by doing so on their home page or email your name, zip code & email address to: info@eastersealsia.org

Highlights from Annual/Board Meetings, May 6, 2012

After much discussion about the Double D Rodeo shirts being burgundy & the Pony Express shirts, navy or white & how we could make an appropriate combination of the two, it was decided to make NO changes in either shirt nor no combination of the two.

Lane Shaver, entertainment committee chair, reported that the Victory Dance was a huge success & that the Beau Nystrom Band had indicated they would like the opportunity to play again at next year's dance. We had also been approached by an individual wanting to re-record and possibly re-write our Pony Express Song, and after some discussion a motion was made & carried to keep our existing theme song, making no changes at this time.

A motion made & carried to present Easter Seals with a check for \$100,000 immediately, and to give a \$10,000 check at the end of each quarter, and all agreed this would remain the same only as long as there were no major changes to our budget.

There was a discussion pertaining to the dignitaries' safety, riding in our parade from John Deere, for liability & insurance reasons, in the future, all will be asked to ride in a wagon unless they are furnishing their own mounts.

Lori Christiansen, saleable items reported good sales on Ride Day & that the new location worked out very well. She also demonstrated how you can go to their home page, click on the Pony Express Logo and it will take you to a link to our merchandise, soon you will be able to place "on line" orders that will include a \$10 flat shipping fee. Saleable items presented a check in the amount of \$2,226.38

Due to an interpretation of an Iowa Code, the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals will no longer allow us to give a cash prize, and the horse and/or merchandise has to be valued under \$1,000. The State Fair would continue to allow us to conduct our raffle at the Fair, IF we agreed to comply, so out of necessity, the Ex. Committee made the following changes: This year the winner has the choice to take the horse or a Visa Gift card in the amount of \$975.

Even though ticket sales were down again this year, the Board agreed to continue with the ATV raffle, anyone desiring to turn in a bid for the committee to review, needs to have it submitted by August 1st. Bids can be submitted to President, Steve Bomer or Carole Bailey, Coordinator, to be presented to the Raffle Prize Committee for consideration.

Lots of discussion and thoughts as we approach our 50th year anniversary. Suggestions were 50th year belt buckle, cook book, 50th year Book. Let your Board Members know if you have suggestions, it's not too early to start planning.

Please see photo and list of Board Members on previous page. President, Steve Bomer named Tom Nehl as his President Elect., and appointed Dennis Dostal to fulfill Tom's Board position. The Pres. Then appointed re-elected Heidi Kriener as NE Regional VP. Inez DeMoss re-elected in the Se Region, no changes in SW Region, Josh Ries was elected for the vacancy in NW Region.

Motion made & accepted to set the 2013 goal at \$200,000.

Board Meeting Dates: November 10, 2012: January 13, 2013: next Annual, May 5, 2013

2012 fiscal year total as of May 6th (**\$180,955.25**)