

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JoDean Nicolette, President

How's your summer? No comment on the weather. I am writing this as the first rains are expected (already!). I hope you all have been able get out and ride to this year. Many of us have noticed some pretty empty parking lots at Annadel. I hope it means that you are branching out and enjoying all the parks we have to offer.

This year brought some great events for us. We provided a professional and ceremonial presence at the Jacobs Ranch Trail groundbreaking and the first annual Annadel half-marathon. Many of our members rode sweep for the events at the first Annadel 2010 Two-Day Festival. Several members patrolled during the Poker Ride. Read on to find out more. And there's still more to come. The second annual MAU Play Day is rapidly approaching. Join us for the fun and frolick, and a little skills development, too.

As always, ride safe and well.

JoDean

2nd ANNUAL MAU PLAY DAY COMING UP!

Get ready for some fall fun! Josette Brault has agreed to organize the *second annual* MAU Play Day at the Rincon Riders arena on October 16th. The obstacles will be creative and challenging and will all center on a trail theme. Last year's participants agreed that the event was a fun way to work on your horsemanship. Some attendees commented that they laughed themselves to a higher skill level. Be saddled and ready at 9am. Bring your lunch. We'll provide drinks and horse treats. If you have ideas for events, or you want to help out, contact Josette at josetteb@wildblue.net.

REVIEW OF PATROL PROCEDURE

A reminder to veterans and more info to new members: If you plan on patrolling, you need to let us know in advance. You can either email Anna Lincoln the month before to get on the schedule (buckskingold@yahoo.com), or call Jack London the day before (707-938-5216).



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When you start your patrol, call into Norcom dispatch at 916-358-1300 to let them know you will be out there. Please remember to let them know when you are done. This is for your safety. Don't forget to file your reports!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Get to know your fellow MAUs!

October Member: **SCOTTY**



Breed: Missouri Fox Trotter

Age: 11 years old

Coloring: Sooty buckskin

Escorts: Nancy Kasovich

Member since: 2004

Discipline: Endurance, Competitive Trail Riding, Pleasure Trail

Nancy Kasovich currently has two other MAU horses, 14 year old chestnut Missouri Fox Trotter Dixie (pictured above carrying Carol Barnes), and 17 year old gray/white Arabian Mouse. Mouse particularly loves to the ride up Richardson trail

to the lake, because she can gleefully gallop on certain sections. Nancy has a long history riding horses. This photo



was taken at a Rincon Riders Play Day in 1967 by fellow MAU Tammi Bernd's father. Her mount, the half-Arabian mare Andante, is the best horse she has ever ridden, according to Nancy.

When Nancy decided to stop trail competitions, she wanted to find another activity to enjoy in her free time. She joined the MAU because it seemed like a perfect way to combine the experience she gained during more than 20 years of law enforcement and her love of riding horses. To date, Nancy and her horses have contributed more than 1000 hours to the state parks. You can also thank Nancy for her help in organizing the MAU trail clinic and the first annual MAU Play Day.

MOUNTED UNIT MEMBERS HELP WITH ANNADEL FESTIVAL

On September 11 and 12 several local organizations, including the state and regional parks, the Open Space District, and BikeMonkey, collaborated to put on the first annual Annadel 2010 Festival. This two day event was

designed to engage all user groups in an effort to support our local state parks. On Saturday, September 11 BikeMonkey held a mountain bike race which included courses for three skill levels, and fleet feet held a 12 mile trail run. The MAU patrolled to courses for blockages early in the week, and rode sweep for both races.



Some sweep crew members: Buzz (left), Goldie, Chance, Scotty, and Dixie. Not pictured: Harley and Rama

On Sunday, the Horse Council sponsored a Poker Ride, organized by Sarah Reid. The winner (with three 2's!!) was Marcia Phillips. Other events included a family Treasure Hunt which introduced kids to geocache-ing. Uniformed MAU members patrolled for both events. I am proud to say that our organization provided significant support on both the ground and in the saddle. We received special recognition from the event organizer, Carlos Perez for our contributions both on this weekend and in general. Also on September 11, was a fundraising event at Jack London. The VMNHA sponsored a moonlight showing of *Call of the Wild* in the wine cellar ruins. Several MAUs participated in this event as well, including Chuck Levine, Ishi Leclair, and Nancy Martin.

If you would like to participate in future events, let me know.



Ishi and Bonita enjoy a snack on Sunday after the Poker Ride

REACH HELICOPTER INSURANCE INFO

Thanks to Sharmaine Ege

The REACH for Life program is an emergency air medical transport plan that coordinates with your insurance in order to prevent out of pocket expenses for you in the event that you need an evacuation from a remote site. The cost is low, but may be well worth it. The coverage area is western Or, Ca, and Tx. For more information, visit www.REACHair.com. You can join under the Backcountry Horsemen designation.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Play Day: October 16th. Saddled and ready at 9am. Rincon Riders Arena
Fall Membership Meeting: November 13th. SCDRC 5:30 for dinner, then meeting to follow.

