



OCTOBER MOONLETTER UP-DATES

Volunteer Polo Shirts and Hats

The volunteer polo shirts and hats have arrived. Please make sure you have returned your polo shirt order. The shirts and hats are in the Volunteer Coordinator Office at Jack London State Historic Park.

M.A.U. President's Message for October 2004

On August 28, 2004, M.A.U., under the leadership of Kathy Sparling, hosted our annual booth at "Dressage in the Wine Country." This is perhaps the largest equestrian event that is held here in Sonoma County with well over 4000 attendees. Kathy enlisted the help of several M.A.U. members for booth work, and I think we were well received. Numerous individuals stopped by during the day to talk, and we gathered the names of 10 new people who are very interested in our organization. I want to extend a big "thank-you" to Kathy and to all the M.A.U. members who helped make this endeavor a success.

Our general meeting will be on Nov. 7, 2004, at the Sonoma Country Driving and Riding Club House located at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Please be prompt and arrive by 5:00 p.m. Dinner & dessert will be served. After dinner we will have our meeting, which will include elections and awards. This is a mandatory meeting, so you are going to need a good excuse if you cannot attend. Please call or e-mail either myself, or Sharmaine Ege, to let us know if you cannot attend. It should be a really fun meeting, so we hope you can come. We will also discuss any concerns you might have. If you would like to become an officer or would like to nominate someone, please call me at 838-2638. You can also nominate individuals the night of our meeting. We need some new people, so please give the issue some thought! It is not really a large time commitment, and it does make you feel good from the standpoint of community service, not to mention all the great people you will meet and get to work with.

Kathy Sparling is almost ready to order shirts again. (We only need a minimum of 12 items for our order). If you would like a short or long sleeve t-shirt, a sweatshirt or a jacket with our logo, please call Kathy as soon as possible so we can have the articles available for you at our November meeting. Kathy's phone number is 824-8224.

No one e-mailed me with his or her equestrian tip, so I guess you will have to listen to one of mine again. Do you ever have trouble with your horses eating the wood on your barn? I use to find new marks where I didn't want to see them, and I was perplexed as to what to do. My horses were not confined in their stalls, they had plenty of other things they could be doing, and yet they still choose to be mischievous. An "old cowboy" (from my perspective these days, he does not seem so old) told me how to remedy the situation. He said to just throw some old logs (non-toxic, of course) out in their pasture for them. I did that and since then I have had to replace them numerous times because my horses do chew them. My barn has since been almost free of their teeth marks.

Please patrol happily and safely and I will see you at our Nov. meeting...Debby