

we might even start building the training obstacles we have in our trail plans.

June Raffle Ride & Picnic

By Marcia Tipsword

Our tenth anniversary June Raffle Ride, June 28, 2009, was a very pleasant change of pace. Having the luxury of the park's big pavilion was not an option. This year, we held it at the 4H horse area at Camp Rotary. Favorable comments were heard on the location for our picnic.

Tents, generators, shade, decent cooking area were a big concern. The big Sundowner, parked nearby, made the job of unloading the food, grill and tents convenient. Dennis's big, white tent, housed two long serving tables. Our club's new canopy tent, served well for the heavy, Texas style grill. Hotdogs and hamburgers were prepared in style under a canopy of shade! Marcia's small, portable, picnic table, was a great place for Hal to rest all his cooking needs. Not to mention, it doubled as a fine dining table for the cooks. There were four heavy picnic tables, end-to-end, which accommodated the rest of the trail riders. It was very "cozy" underneath the wooden structure. We even had a patriotic cowboy theme adorning the food area and extending to every table there. The strategically placed weights kept the American flags standing against any breeze that came our way. Roy Rogers, Lash LaRue, Lone Ranger and Gene Autry were all there. It was nice to see everyone smile when they recognized their cowboy heroes! This was truly a step out of the box for our hosting group. It worked out, thanks to the labor of "angels" that arrived at the eleventh hour. A great big hug to those who made it happen.

The prize table was loaded. Janice Marsack was the lucky winner of the fifty-dollar gift certificate at TSC. Congratulations! Janice! Also, five other gift certificates were won by the membership. We had our "special drawing" for the "card carrying" members. Bill & Pat Johnesee, our newest members, won a store-your-necessities "body safe", great for trail riding. Bob Biluk won a WMTA tee-shirt, while Barb Heric drew a lesser gift containing Monkey Butt powder! Yes, we had a few laughs. Although, come to think of it, Barb did have the last laugh...on her way to Achatz Pie Co. with her gift certificate.

Trail conditions were decent. (Thanks to the volunteers who mowed a few days before.) Low humidity and plenty of sunshine made the trail ride enjoyable. The breezes kept the flies and bugs at bay! Although, there were times when the breeze was a little too strong. Sporadically, a gust of wind would send someone running after a flying cup or holding down a plate of fixings! With the horses in view, our food abundant, the trail riders were content. It was riding and picnic weather at it's finest. Happy trails and see you at our next event, rain or shine.



Photos by Dave Elle

