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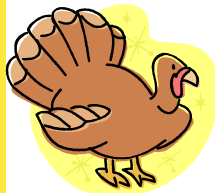
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## LEAD STORY HEADLINES



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

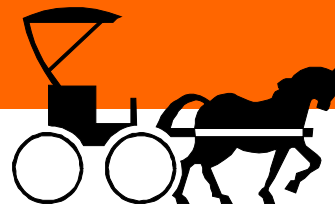
We have no turkeys—oops, I mean members on our list with a November birthday. Please call me if we missed yours.

## NEXT MEETING -

**NMCA will NOT have a formal meeting in December. We will have our annual Christmas Party instead.**

**DETAILS: DECEMBER 12, 3-7pm at COPPER CANYON CAFÉ— 5455 Gibson Blvd. S E - Our usual stomping grounds.**

We are going to have the entire restaurant to ourselves. The cost \$15.95 per person plus gratuity. They are fixing a holiday buffet for us which will include turkey, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, salad, desert—probably pumpkin pie—and your beverage. We are going to pay as we enter the café to avoid the long, sometimes confusing line after the dinner and party. The buffet will be set up in our usual meeting room with the dining tables arranged in the larger, front room in the shape of a horseshoe. The mem-



bership voted to donate \$150. to the restaurant for the use of the building and dinner preparation. Please read the attached minutes to learn just why we decided to go back to Copper Canyon.



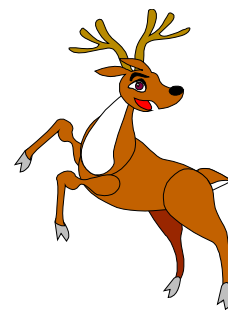
Oh rats, we missed Sadie Hawkins Day.

Oh well, back to the NMCA Christmas Party - GIFT EXCHANGE—YES, we did vote to have a gift exchange. This is purely optional. If you bring a gift, you get to choose a gift. Price range is \$10—\$15. It should be equine related, if possible. Please wrap your gift and designate whether it is for a man or woman by writing “Mare or Stallion” on the gift tag. We decided to use the designation of “Gelding” if it is for either one.

AUCTION: YES—YES, YES, we shall have our annual Christmas auction. This is the fun

**MORE IN—STABLE NEWS (No, I do not mean unstable.)**

Fun part— We are going to have a SILENT AUCTION this year with the money raised going to the Association. You know, so we can buy more hamburger and hot dogs if we ever get to go on that drive at Auge Ranch Road. We will have the silent auction items displayed in the meeting room with a bid sheet in front of each item. Then after the dinner, etc. the highest bidder for each item is the winner of that item. **BRING SOMETHING FOR THE AUCTION**— Again, we ask that the auction item be horse related or southwestern. It does not really have to be brand new, but please do not bring something from the corner of the barn covered with dust. **NO JUNK, HUBCAPS, or LIQUOR.** We want to make our auction fun for all. I remember in the past someone would bring a Christmas stocking or basket filled with horse treats and maybe a brush, hoof pick, or shedding blade. Something like that is great. Oh yes, and please do not bring a lot of little wee items that need to be auctioned individually. We need to get on with the auction and continue to chat. **BRING CASH—LOTS OF IT.**

**BID HIGH and BID OFTEN**

Sandy said she would bring her karaoke machine. Remember we shall have this place to ourselves. So we can sing and laugh and wrangle for those auction items to our hearts content and we will not bother anyone. And we will not get kicked out like we did at Stake and Ale a

couple of years ago. We just gotta sing “Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer” or a water buffalo. Okay, set your clocks and appetites for Saturday, **DECEMBER 12, 3pm sharp.** **NO SNOW - NO SNOW** on Dec. 12

**HORSETAIL MILKWEED**—Linda Threat sent an article with pictures of horsetail milkweed. I will have copies this at the next meeting.

**\$\$\$\$\$ DUES**— Dues for 2010 are now payable to our treasurer. NMCA membership dues are \$20 for a couple or family and \$15 for a single person. Please do not let your membership lapse; we shall get to Auge Ranch Road someday.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Each member will soon receive a telephone call from one of the members of the election committee inquiring if you want to serve NMCA in some capacity. This is your club and we need your help and input. Elections will then be at the meeting in January 2010. **NEXT NMCA MEETING** will be Thursday, January 7, 6:30pm at Copper Canyon Café.

**WANTED OR NEEDED:** Would anyone have any old fencing suitable for dog pens? We could use some for pens at a premises in McIntosh for Basset Hound Rescue of NM, Inc. You will be given a tax deduction receipt. Thank you. EMM

MINUTES OF THE NMCA MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:20pm by President Sam Montoya at Copper Canyon Café. Those present were Sam, Mitzi Whalen, George & Vicki Warzeniak, Dr. Steininger, Bob Hazen, Sandy Goldstein, Kate Harvey, Linda Threat Anna Coffey, Jolene Hansen, Jan Siegrist, Johanna Jimenez, Nancy Spitzmueller, Dave & Lis Crossley & daughter Adriana, David Crum, Debbie Villagomez, Leroy Montoya, Lowell & Gayle Clark, Jeanette Mott, Steve Conner, and Elizabeth Moorhead. Jeanette Mott brought a Christmas ornament for the raffle tonight.

Treasurer's report given by Jolene Hansen:

Beginning balance	\$1,854.05,	Interest Sept & Oct	\$0.32;	Deposit	\$15.00
Checks-newsletter	- \$140.40;	Cash on hand	\$20.00	Ending balance	\$1,748.97

DUES—are coming due again. Please do not wait until January; you can start paying them now. Do not want our members to get too far behind.

Minutes read by secretary and approved.

Welcome back Steve Conner. The website has been updated.

Sam then asked for volunteers for the 2010 nominating committee. Jan, Sandy, and Lis said they would help.

The Clarks are going to the sale in Cottonwood, Ariz and the Lears are on their way to PBR Finals in Las Vegas, Nev. (Maybe they will bring home a couple of bucking bull calves.)

CHRISTMAS PARTY-Sam checked a few places; all wanted waaay too much for our budget. Luna Mansion was \$350.; Indian Cultural Center \$719 plus security guard at \$26. /hr. So — he decided to ask if we could have it here at Copper Canyon. YES. Party will be December 12, 3-7pm, \$15.95 per person, will have buffet. We voted to donate \$150. for a set up fee. Will have a silent auction, bring horse related items and lots of CASH. Beer & wine is available, just be careful going home. We will pay as we come in. Thank you Dion & Maxine for offering your home once again, but we feel this will be better for you and other members. We will pass someone's hat around for tips. Debbie gave Sam a card from a couple who sing & play if we might want to hire them. We then voted yes to have an optional gift exchange. If you bring a gift, then you can choose a gift. The price range is \$10—\$15. Should be something new, not crude or rude. Sandy said she would bring her karaoke machine. We need to know by Dec. 1 if you can attend.

Horses poisoned—The subject was discussed about hay from Old Mill and other places containing poisonous milk weed. We need to find out where Old Mill is getting their hay. Linda said she would bring an article on this horsetail milkweed. A horse only needs only 2 lb for it to be deadly. Horses will NOT eat it, but if it is crushed or ground up or if they are board, they will eat it. Johnson grass is also deadly after it turns black after the frost hits it. Of course, loco

Weed is also poisonous.

Drives were then discussed. Sam explained just why the drive at Auge Ranch Road had to be cancelled three times. There had been too much rain in that area and would be almost impossible to get in and out of there. We will try again for January. Not much going on for November and December. Nancy Spitzmueller said she did not get a call regarding the cancellation of the drive.

Prayers were again asked for Dr. Holly Dietz. She had been diagnosed with a lesion in her right lung. She is a coworker to Kate Harvey and Dr. Steininger. She should begin treatments in a couple of weeks.

Jeanette Mott received high point driver at the Enchantment Driving Society Halloween Party. Congratulations Jeanette.

Dave Crum won the auction prize tonight. It was a very lovely Christmas ornament made by Jeanette Mott. Auction raised \$15. for our treasury.

Jan Siegrist has a few items for sale: older barrel feeder, fly masks, hoof picks, a Craftsman compressor plus accessories in fine condition \$144. small –is not powerful enough for auto painting. These items are located at North Albuquerque Acres. Call Jan at 505–293-4148 in Albuquerque if interested. Weekends are best for her.

Next year we are asking that everyone bring some items for the monthly auction. It has usually been Sam and Jeanette bringing the items.

Dave Crum said he has a friend who needs to sell hens and pens. Dave can be contacted at 505–865-5085 in Los Lunas.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Elizabeth M. Moorhead, Secretary



