

National Pony Express Association California Division



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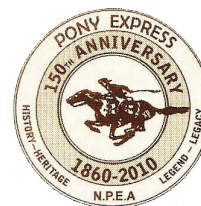
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2011 Christmas Card Ride

Rich Tatman



This years Christmas card ride went off without any glitches. We had perfect weather for the ride, and we came in right on time thanks to the riders stopping about 500 yards from the end around the corner because we were so early. At the Folsom History Museum, we had 10

riders in uniform and mounted on horseback show up at 9:15 a.m. We also had four members on the ground for support and also to finish stamping cards we picked up at Folsom that a.m.

There were about 40 people there to see us off at 10:00. Thanks to the Folsom Museum folks for supporting us by opening up early and serving cookies, muffins, and hot cider. All along the trail the riders were all ready to go as the Christmas cards came in. When I got to Old Sacramento History Museum there were about 60 people from the living history in period clothing to greet us. We had nine riders ride in, we had six members as ground support. After the riders came in we did a meet and greet with the public and all the riders lined up for photos with the living history group. Lori Babbage found Santa prior to us coming in and invited him to join us, so everybody lined up for photo's with Santa right in the front row middle. He told me he was more at ease with his reindeer than the horses, too big and heavy I guess.

There was a Ride captain from Nevada visiting Old Sac and he was very impressed with the turnout of X.P. members and the amount of public there. He said they don't get that kind of turnout at any events in Nevada. He said he understands why Calif. does so well on the Reride, because of the enthusiasm from the riders.

All in all a good turn out and a great day for carrying 1,522 Christmas cards in two mochillas and two sets of saddle bags. I hope everyone had a great holiday and we will see you in 2012.

JANUARY MEETING

Sunday, January 22, 2012 6:00 P.M.

Location:

Denny's Restaurant
3446 Coach Lane, Cameron Park, CA 95682

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PURPOSE: The National Pony Express Association is a non-profit organization to Re-establish, Identify, Interpret, Preserve and Re-Ride the Historical Pony Express Trail.

MEMBERSHIP in the California Division is: New Riders - \$40.00 yearly; New Associate Members (Non-Riders) \$30.00 yearly. Renewals are \$35.00 and \$25.00 respectively. For more information, contact any Board member, listed above.

GENERAL MEETINGS are held on the fourth (4th) Sunday evening of each month. Socializing starts 5:45 PM and the meeting starts at 6:00 PM at Denny's Restaurant in Cameron Park.

BOARD MEETINGS are held on the fourth (4th) Sunday of each month at 3 PM. Meetings are held at Denny's Restaurant, Cameron Park. All members are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS IN COLOMA

Dean Freitas

Christmas in Coloma! Wow! What a great event! On the second Saturday of December each year the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, in Coloma, California, opens up all its historic buildings and invites the public to enjoy the Park and the various vendors selling their wares. There are always horse drawn carriage rides available and a good time is had by all.



Our own Pony Express Rider, Michelle Russell, through the courtesy of the Park Management, was able to have her carriage company give free carriage rides to the public. The California Division, NPEA, has been invited by the Park to participate by delivering letters from children to Santa Claus. Santa typically visits with children in an old miner's tent and this year was no different. California Division members Elizabeth Davis riding "the dynamic" Paladin and Dean Freitas riding "good ole" Kramer enjoyed the weekend by riding around the Park and visiting with event goers. They had the opportunity to educate all about our Re-Ride and tell some history of the original Pony Express.

Event goers enjoyed the Pony Express stories but were mostly interested in being close to and petting our horses. Yep, Paladin and Kramer were the stars of the day! They were the only mounted horses in the Park that weekend and the only horses available for everyone to get close to and touch. The folks wanted to pet them and just be close to our magnificent horses. The children especially loved our horses. Paladin smoozed the crowd with his dazzling good looks. Kramer, while not nearly as handsome as Paladin, won everyone's hearts by dropping his head when asked by Dean and "kissed" babies on their head while still in their strollers! There were more than a few pictures taken of Kramer smooching babies that day! One of the Park Rangers even commented that stories about Kramer "kissing babies" made their way through the Park until even she heard about it from an event participant. It was a great day!



**2012 PONY EXPRESS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Jan 22** Board Meeting 3 PM– Denny's CP
- Jan 22** General Meeting 6 PM– Denny's CP
- Feb 26** Board Meeting 3 PM– Denny's CP
- Feb 26** General Meeting 6 PM– Denny's CP
- Feb 26** **XP Membership Dues must be in!!**
Treasurer: Vicki Rorke (916) 852-8144
- Mar 13** St Ignatius School Event
- Mar 17** St Patrick's Day Parade
- Mar 24** Rider Qualifying
Coordinator: Rich Tatman
- Mar 25** Board Meeting 3 PM– Denny's CP
- Mar 25** General Meeting 6 PM– Denny's CP
- Apr 22** Board Meeting 3 PM– Denny's CP
- Apr 22** **General Meeting 6 PM– Denny's CP**
Ride Selection for 2012 Re-Ride
- May 5** Clarksville Day- Clarksville CA
Coordinator: Rich Tatman
- May 10** Kennedy Mine School Days
Coordinator: Gary Moore
- May 19** Coloma Days
- May 25** Board Meeting 3 PM– Denny's CP
- May 25** General Meeting 6 PM– Denny's CP
- Jun 9** **Wagon Train Escort into Placerville**
- Jun 13** **NPEA Re-Ride**
- Jun 28 - Jul 1** Folsom Rodeo
- Jul 4** Pollock Pines Parade
- Jul 22** Board Meeting 3 PM– Denny's CP
- Jul 22** General Meeting 6 PM– Denny's CP

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print legibly and complete the entire application.



1. Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

2. Birth Date: _____ 3. Gender: Female Male

4. Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

5. Home phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

6. E-mail address: _____

7. Occupation: _____

Membership fee: Please indicate only one.

New Member: **Rider \$40.00** **Associate (Non-Rider) \$30.00**
Renewal: **Rider \$35.00** **Associate (Non-Rider) \$25.00**

Accepted applicants will abide by all National Pony Express Association, Inc, and Individual State By-Laws. Approved riders will also be administered the Pony Express Oath prior to their ride.

The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the National pony Express Association, it's State divisions, and their officers and members form and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of any action, omission, or event which causes bodily injury, illness, or death, or for property damages caused in whole or in part by the applicant's participation in events and functions sanctioned in whole or in part by the Association or its Divisions. Your membership dues are tax deductible by the Internal revenue Code 501 (c) (3). Any applicant under the age of 18 shall provide written permission for ma a parent or guardian to participate in any event sanctioned by the association or its Divisions.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

ALL RIDERS MUST READ AND SIGN THE REVERSE SIDE!
Mail Application to: Vicki Rorke, 2306 Summerfield Ct, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Board Use Only:
Date Approved Associate _____ Rider _____

01/08/2012

INSTRUCTIONS TO RIDERS

In accordance with Article VI of the By-Laws governing the National Pony Express Association: We do hereby establish these instructions concerning official riders of the National Pony Express Association.

Rider MUST abide by the Pony Express Oath.

Horse & Western Tack

- A. Hooves must be trimmed or shod suitable for the terrain.
- B. Horse must be in reasonable condition for assigned ride.
- C. Tack must be Western and in safe condition

Rider

- A. Must be able to mount and dismount horse without assistance.
- B. Must be at designated location 2 hours prior to starting time of assigned ride and complete ride in allotted time.
- C. Must be familiar with designated ride.
- D. Must wear appropriate WESTERN attire: Blue jeans, long sleeved red shirt, brown vest, yellow neckerchief, brown western hat, and brown boots for ALL events unless specific notification is given by the Board.

Eligibility Requirements

- A. Those applying for Rider membership will not be accepted until the Ride Captain makes an appointment for the applicant to demonstrate their ability to:
 - 1. Control their horse;
 - 2. Ride 2-5 miles at a pace necessary to meet Re-Ride requirements.
- B. Must be at least 14 years of age, with parent or guardian approval.
- C. Members must be at the Re-Ride sign-up to pick a ride, or if you cannot attend due to extenuating circumstances acceptable to the Board, you must call a Board Member prior to the meeting or prior to the ride to discuss ride selection.
- D. Renewal membership can be denied for any Rider who selects a ride, does not show up for that ride and did not show good cause to the Ride Captain prior to the ride.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

(Age 14-17)

I am interested in participating in the following events during the year:

Parades

Trail Rides

Special Events

Board Use Only

Date Approved: Associate _____ Rider _____

01/08/2012

**NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION, INC
Cost Share Grant Program - National Park Service**

Education Report Form

Date: _____ State: _____

Name/s: _____

Hours - Home to Destination and Back Home _____

(Personnel Costs @ \$14.00 - Per Park Service) _____

Plus Other: Including preparation, writing letters, phone calls _____

Cost of supplies, postage, photocopies, etc. _____

Total Mileage _____

(Travel costs reimbursed at \$.30 / mile) _____

Type of Vehicle _____ Horse/s _____

School Name; or Civic - Name of Organization (ie Boy Scouts):

Location - City & State _____

Type of Presentation _____

Number of Attendees _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

**NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION, INC
Cost Share Grant Program - National Park Service**

Trail Time Report

Name/s: _____ Date _____

Portal to Portal - Hours _____ Mileage _____

Type of Vehicle _____ Horse/Trailer _____

Itemize - Tools	Equipment	Gas/Oil - Chainsaw
_____	_____	_____
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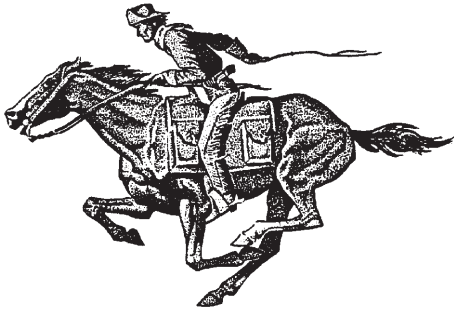
Area of Trail Work or Trail Preservation _____

Kind of Work Accomplished _____

Problem Areas or Suggestions _____

Public Meeting _____ Special Events _____ Other _____
(Other = writing letters, telephone calls, etc, pertaining to the Trail)

Signature _____ **Date** _____



PONY TALES **The History of the Pony Express**

Sacramento Daily Union
Sacramento, Monday Morning,
April 16, 1860

THE PONY EXPRESS ON THE SUMMIT

By a private letter we learn the cause of the detention of the Pony Express messenger in crossing the Summit of the Sierra Nevada. It is known that from the Summit down into Lake Valley, a distance of two miles, the grade is narrow - only ten feet wide. The late storm filled it with snow through which a single track was broken. Late in the afternoon of Thursday a large pack train started down the mountain, but found the snow on the grade so soft that night overtook the drivers when about half way down the grade. To go forward was out of the question, and to turn around and go back about as much so. Making a virtue of necessity, the owners of the train took the packs off the mules, and leaving mules and packs in the trail, made their way back to the Summit, where they made a fire and camped.

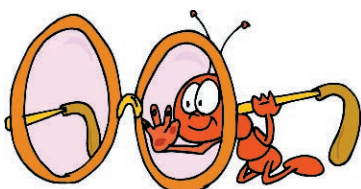
The Express messenger reached the foot of the grade about midnight, and soon encountered the mules and their loads of goods. There was but one way to pass, and that was to break a path for his horse around each mule as he came to him. This he succeeded finally in accomplishing, after working for some three and a half hours. It was a desperate struggle, and the wonder is how he managed to successfully pass the mules under the circumstances. That pack train prevented the Express from being in Sacramento in time for the boat.

We understand, also that the messenger from Placerville went down the road to Folsom before he found out his mistake, by which he lost half an hour.

The Express may be run over the Sierra Nevada a thousand times without again meeting a pack train in the night under such circumstances. The poor mules must have passed an uncomfortable night.

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California Division
c/o 2306 Summerfield Ct
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

Looking Ahead



Jan	22	Board Meeting	3 pm
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Feb	14	St. Valentine's Day	
Feb	26	Board Meeting	3 pm
Feb	26	General Meeting	6 pm

