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News

The first general membership meeting of the High Desert Horsemen was held on Sunday, December 19th at 10:30am. Margy Hamilton graciously hosted the meeting and a pot luck brunch.

Although the valley was covered in a very cold fog, Margy had a full house with twenty people in attendance. Also in attendance, a very new addition at Susan & Scott Walker's house. Still without a name, a darling four week old puppy who is a Pomerian and Jack Russell cross.

The brunch was delicious. Margy provided beans & ham, along with coffee. Linda brought a wonderful casserole, Fran brought deviled eggs and cornbread. Susan brought rolls, Karri brought pigs in a blanket, Kathy Ferguson brought pumpkin bread and chocolate cookies, Kathy Peterson brought Danish, and Betty and Sharon brought crème puffs and éclairs. If anyone has been left out, please forgive me and let me know - the food was outstanding and overwhelming since I had to try a little of everything.

CONTEST

This newsletter requires a name. It was suggested that there be a contest among the membership to come up with one. Please forward any suggestions to Margy Hamilton or Karri Meares.

Note: From the editor - This newsletter is for you, the members. Please let me know if

there is something else you would like to see here. I'm open to all suggestions and/or complaints.

Boardroom Briefs

By Betty Retzer

In attendance: Margy Hamilton, Willis and Sharon Lamm, Betty and Bob Retzer, Bob and Karri Meares, Fran Bettencourt, Kathi Ferguson, Larry McPherson, Susan, Scott and Juli Walker, Linda Mulkey, Marie McIntyre, Don and Kathie Peterson, Kim Clark, Mandy Brinnand and Tracey Potts.

Margy Hamilton introduced the new club and advised that we already have bylaws, a PO Box and a meeting date and place. She introduced the officers so far:

President - Margy Hamilton

Secretary - Betty Retzer

Treasurer - Linda Mulkey

Board -

Marie McIntyre

Kathi Ferguson

Kathie Peterson

That leaves vacancies for VP and two board members.

Willis Lamm discussed what the objectives of the group are and Margy Hamilton handed out the first page of the bylaws, which list them. The membership will not be confined to Lyon County.

Karri Meares will publish the newsletter and it will become part of the website. A name will need to be created - perhaps a contest to accomplish this.



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Bob Retzer offered to set up a website and checked into domain names. The members picked HDHORSEMEN.ORG. All information about the club will be part of the website - the bylaws, the 501(c)3 filing and whatever else needs to be there.

The Board will be responsible for running the club and any one is welcome to attend the board meetings. The times will be announced in the newsletter and at the general meetings. The general membership meetings should be about what is happening with the club - what events are coming up or what things are being planned.



James Hamilton, photographer

Fran Bettencourt working on an application before the meeting.



James Hamilton, photographer

It's too bad you can't smell the food here. It was very difficult to set through the meeting with it all right there, virtually in sight.



James Hamilton, photographer

Left to right, Willis & Sharon Lamm, Margy Hamilton, membership meeting.

Pictures & Poetry -

Memories of Love

H.R. Miller

As I ride my horse through the emerald
grass
My mind wanders back to a time that's past



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It was the first time that you and I met -
A beautiful memory I won't ever forget.

We both attended the Western Cowboy Ball.
You saw me leanin' up against the wall.
I was sporting my new Stetson hat
And holding in my gut so I wouldn't look
fat.

Your beauty has me so entranced
As you strolled on over and asked me to
dance.
Your Wranglers skirt hung over your boots
And our bodies melted in total cahoots.

We did the two-step and the cowboy waltz.
I tried to impress you and hide my faults,
Because at this ball, you were the belle.
I loved it there, being under your spell

Later we went outside for some fresh aire.
I was so surprised, you were still there.
That first kiss was such a sweet delight.
It shore 'nuf made this cowboy's night.

My life became surreal, like a dream from
above
My heart was warmed by your passionate
love.
Why I even put aside my cowboy pride
and asked you repeatedly to be my bride.

Over the years, we've seen some change,
But I durn sure got you that home on the
range.
I'm sure glad you took a chance
and got me out on that floor to dance!

Yes, I'm thinking of you, my lovely wife

And how the Lord has blessed my life.
As I ride in and see you on our front porch
My life is burning - I still carry a torch.

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We are in the process of putting out flyers
and will be featured in the next issue of
Horse Tales. Our first board meeting will be
January 8th with many items to discuss. We
will be setting up committees and events for
the coming year. We hope everyone will be
involved in a committee or an event.
Remember - all Board Meetings are open to
the general membership.

Our first General Membership meeting will
be held January 13th at the Stagecoach
Community Center. Meetings will be held
the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Many people have helped to start High
Desert Horsemen. I would like to take this
opportunity to thank each and every one of
them for all of their hard work. We will
continue to need your help and support.
This will be a fun club and one we will be
proud to be a member of.

Happy Trails everyone.

Margy



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Message From The President:

Margy Hamilton

Congratulations everyone. High Desert Horsemen will officially start January 1, 2005. What a great way to start the New Year.

We have accomplished a great deal in only a few days. Betty Retzer has obtained our PO Box, and she and Linda Mulkey have opened our checking account. Karri Meares has worked hard preparing our first newsletter. Karri also designed a logo for HDH. Bob Retzer has taken care of our tax ID number and the filing for our corporate name. Bob will also maintain the web site at www.hdhorsemen.org and has made a great start there. Willis Lamm is working on the 501-C3.

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Calendar

January 8th Board Meeting
Saturday, 9:00 am
Camelot

January 13th General Meeting
Thursday, 7:00 pm
Stagecoach Community
Center

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