



July 2014

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## Next Meeting



Monday, July 14, Sunrise Café Middleton, Idaho,  
200 E. Main St. 585-9700.  
Meeting at 7:00 PM, come earlier if you want to  
eat.

## This and That

### FACEBOOK NEWS –

For those of you who joined the Facebook Group, Southern Comfort Gaited Horses, Heidi Young has graciously created a new Group, Southern Comfort Gaited Horse Club, where members can post pictures, and find out about events of the club. If you joined our original group, please find your way to the new group and join. The original group has gone away.

### URL:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/636027703108388/>



## *A MAGNIFICENT TRAIL RIDE* an essay by **Andriette Goudreau**

Lawrance Valdez, horse trainer and clinician from Rupert, Idaho, had my horse, Luna, for a two week tune up. Lawrance owns Paso Finos, and we are very fortunate to have him in our area.

Before the first week ended, Lawrance called and asked if I and my friend, Liane, would like to drive down to Rupert and ride in the nearby Pomerelle Mountains.

We jumped at the chance. In our area, near Boise, ID, we ride in high desert and foothill areas, which are beautiful in their own right but not alpine. Lawrance also invited our friend, John Garro, to go on the ride with us.

It was a three hour drive to Rupert for us, but well worth the trip. The drive to the trail head was paved and wide – an easy drive. Once we got out of our vehicles, we were treated to the fragrance of Lodge Pole pine.



The air was cool and refreshing and the sky, a cobalt blue. All were riding Paso Finos. Lawrance rode his gelding, Cory; John, a paint gelding, Ricco; and Liane rode a mare belonging to John, Carita de Oro. I rode my mare, Luna.



Once tacked up, we were off on a typical mountain trail with a stream on the left. We were on a steady uphill climb but our Pasos kept a confident corte. We stopped occasionally or walked to give the horses a break; however, our Pasos were eager and ready to continue. Several small, trickling streams greeted us with their mountain music. Later, we encountered a deeper, wider stream, but the horses crossed easily through the louder, rushing water.





Chicago may have One Magnificent Mile, but Mt. Pomerelle provides one magnificent trail ride. Liane and I agreed, we wouldn't have missed this one for anything.

Eventually, we came to the Pomerelle Mountain Ski Lodge. From there, we traversed up the first ski run, then to others until we nearly reached the summit. The scenery was breathtaking. We came upon snow!! Considering the temperature was expected to reach 90 degrees in Rupert, this was an unexpected surprise!! What fun!! I felt like a kid playing in the first snowfall of the year. The horses also enjoyed marching through the snow banks. Still climbing, we soon came upon a small lake. Lawrance led the way and our horses followed without hesitation.

After such an enjoyable ride, phenomenal scenery and great conversation, it was time to head back down the mountain, and the horses handled the rather steep descent in a few areas, extremely well.



# Calendar

## July

- 10 Oregon Coast, Nahalem State Park for those who have reserved a site.
- 12 Snake River Stampede Parade
- 12 Spanish Breed Exhibition and Drill Team Competition, Idaho Center
- 14 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton
- 18-20 German Schneider Clinic, Triple Ridge Staples, S Filiger 891-3460
- 19 Trail Horse Challenge, Western Riding Club
- 19 IMO Ride Thorn Creek, Gooding
- 19 Silver City Ride, SWIT & DR

## August

- 9-10 Natural Horsemanship Clinic with Lawrance Valdez, Al Birt Arena
- 11 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton
- 16 IMO Ride TBD
- 30-31 Old Selam, SWITDR, Centerville

## September

- 6 IMO Ride TBD
- 8 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton
- 27 IMO Ride Banner Ridge, Idaho City/Lowman
- 27-28 Natural Horsemanship Clinic with Lawrance Valdez, Al Birt Arena
- 28 Blazer Horse Assn. Poker Ride, Cowboy Campground, Idaho City

## October

- Rough Riders Poker Ride TBD
- 5 Southern Comfort Poker Ride Eagle Island
- 12 Playday, Western Riding Club
- 13 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton

## November

- 1 Playday, Al Birt Arena
- 8 Owyhee Chills No Frills, Oreana
- 10 Club Meeting 6:30 Social & 7:00 Meeting, Sunrise Café, Middleton

## December

- 8 Christmas Party, TBD

Trail Rides during the week as set up through email, phone, etc.