

M Lazy C Ride

Date: July 8th -10th 2016, Lake George, Colorado.

Type: A -Two-Day Open, CP, and Novice. Distance Only (DO) either or both days.

Rider Limit: 60

This is a new ride for Region 3, though the trails are close to the former Tarryall River Ride. The M Lazy C Ranch is a venerable resort located a few miles west of Lake George, Colorado on US Highway 24. Please visit their website at www.mlazyc.com. Our NATRC riders will be camping in the large open area at the center of their property. The riding trails for the competition are north and west of the resort in the Pike National Forest. Formal sanction by the National Forest Service is pending. Riders will find this to be a relatively easy ride with relatively modest inclines. The National Forest roads are open to OHV's. However, the roads/trails are very open with plenty of room for horses and vehicles to safely pass. Most of the OHV riders are very courteous, but we all will be "sharing the road". The scenery is spectacular with a view of the western exposure of Pikes Peak to the east. Ann and Ron are wonderful hosts to a thriving cowboy resort. They hosted a NATRC ride at a resort they owned a few years ago in Tennessee. They provide a trail riding concession for tourists and visitors, so the ranch is very horse friendly. Cell phone coverage is pretty good throughout the Ranch and the riding trails. Wi-Fi is available at the resort. **Please take your horse's temperature the day that you arrive.** We will provide a thermometer if you do not have one. We want to make sure none of the horses coming on to the property have a fever.

Camp: Horse and human water will be available at the Ranch and along the trails. Ranchers will be allowing us to use their spring fed water troughs which they lease from the USFS. Pre-ride check-in will start at 2 PM on Friday July 8th and go until 6:30 PM. All dogs must be secured at trailers when not on leashes. Horse panels up to 12' X 12' attached to trailers will be allowed. All riders will need to check in at the M Lazy C office at time of arrival. We will direct you how to get to the campsite and to the M Lazy C registration office when you arrive. No need for weed free hay.

Novice and Competitive/Pleasure ride will be 18 miles on both Saturday and Sunday. Open category will be 25 miles both days. Jerry Weil DVM will be our veterinarian judge and Cheri Jeffcoat will be our horsemanship judge. They both bring a wealth of experience to our competition, and they are both looking forward to returning to judge at a Region 3 ride again.

Directions: From Denver or Trinidad – Take I-25 to Colorado Springs, then pick up Highway 24 and head west through Manitou Springs and Woodland Park on to Lake George. The M Lazy C Ranch is about three miles west of Lake George. You will see a sign for the Ranch on your right. A dirt road there leads right to the Ranch. From Grand Junction take I-70 to Frisco then head south Colorado Highway 9 through Breckinridge and

Fairplay. You will have a short drive where Highway 9 and 285 converge, then follow Highway 9 to Hartsel. Turn left (east) onto Highway 24 which you take almost to Lake George. Just beyond the turn for Round Mountain Campground you will see a sign for the M Lazy C Ranch and you will turn left (north) there. The dirt road will take you there to the Ranch. From the southwest and Durango: Take US Highway 160 to US Highway 285 (at Monte Vista) and turn north. Take 285 north almost to Buena Vista where you will take US Highway 24 east towards Lake George. Take the left turn for M Lazy C Ranch before you get to Lake George (see above).

Meals and Facilities: Ride Management will provide the dinner Saturday evening (not a pot luck). Riders will provide their own meals otherwise. However, riders can sign up for additional meals made by the M Lazy C with a charge of \$7 for breakfast and \$7 for lunch and \$10 for dinner. The resort breakfast will be served 6 to 6:30 AM, though the dining room and food will be available after 6:30. Lunch will be in the dining hall as riders return to camp in the afternoon. **Riders will need to call the M Lazy C front desk to sign up for meals at (719) 748-3398 no later than July 1st (that is one week before the ride). You will pay money for meals directly to the M Lazy C.** Meals for volunteers will be provided by Management Friday evening dinner through lunch on Sunday at the M Lazy C dining hall. When riders sign in at the Ranch on Friday, July 8th, you can sign up for a facilities use such as bathroom, showers, etc. for a fee of \$10 for the week-end. Otherwise, we will have the usual Porta-Potties at the campground.

Awards: Ribbons for horse and horsemanship will be awarded for 1st – 6th place in each division and class. Sweepstakes will be awarded for open and novice and combined horse/rider CP. Region 3 has a new “hat trick” sweepstakes for the M Lazy C, Chicken Creek and Island in the Sky rides next summer. Check the Newsletter for details.

Rules: The ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules. We will be offering the Distance Only (DO) class for those who wish to complete the ride for mileage only. Colorado law requires that out-of-state competitors will need a recent (30 days or less) health certificate and a current Coggins. Please bring copies to registration when you arrive to the Ranch.

Ride Management: Steve Bishop (stephenbishop@comcast.net) 303.378.2614 or 303.759.3173

Secretary: Susan Halterman (halterman@wildblue.net) 719.689.9431, PO Box 1030 Cripple Creek CO 80813

Fees: Include NATRC national and regional fees, drug testing, trail use fee) NATRC members: \$130 for NATRC members, non-members \$145. Camping fee \$20 per horse paid in a separate check to the M Lazy C Ranch at the time of registration. The junior entry fee is reduced by \$50. Region 3 has an additional \$30 special discount for 3 rides per year for NATRC juniors. Junior Riders must have waivers signed by both parents/guardians if possible. DO (Distance Only) discount is \$5 each day for 2 day DO and \$10 for 1 day only DO (1 day DO riders must do so on Saturday). \$10 late entry fee for entries postmarked or entered on RMS after June 16th, 2016. Register at RMS or contact our ride secretary, Susan Halterman. The deposit is \$50 which is due with entry and the balance due at the ride check-in. Refunds until June 16th, 2016, less \$15 administration fee. Make checks payable to Susan Halterman at her address above.