

## [December Communications:](#)

### [December 3, 2009:](#)

1. Hey All--

The pre-entry draws for this weekend and the Ride Session Reservations have been posted on the website. [www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com](http://www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com) and they are posted on the left hand side of the home page. Simply click on the link you want to see.

We look forward to seeing all of you this weekend. Remember, this is our Toys For Tots Barrel Race and, if you can, please consider bringing an unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or greater. We will then pass them along to the local Toys for Tots group to ensure that the little ones in need in Colorado will have a gift from Santa. Simply place your gift under the Christmas Tree that will be set up on site.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me. 720.530.4159 or [MileHiBarrelHorse@gmail.com](mailto:MileHiBarrelHorse@gmail.com)

2. Hey All--

We have another member of our Mile Hi Family in need....a big need! I received information this morning that yesterday morning upon getting up to start their day, Patty (a Mile Hi Member) and Rod Guthrie found that their son had passed away during the night. He was only 22 years young and his cause of death is not known at this time.

There is absolutely nothing worse than to have a child precede you in death. My heart breaks for Patty and Rod and I'm really REALLY hoping that all of you will consider sending them a card. Let them know that we, Mile Hi Family, is here for them. We feel for them, we pray for them, we are keeping them in our thoughts. They really need our support and prayers.....

I've provided their address below.....

**Rod and Patty Guthrie**  
**7001 Grace Rd.**  
**Cheyenne, WY 82009**

My card is already in the mail.....I hope yours will be soon.

3. Hey All:

As some of you know my daughter Jenny's boyfriend Brandon Zeller is in the burn unit at the Greeley hospital with nearly 80% of his body covered in burns. This is the story of his house explosion due to a propane leak two weeks ago.  
<http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/21626438/detail.html>.

I spent this afternoon with Brandon at my daughter's request since she had to return to college to take her finals this week. Brandon's mom Kelly is there daily but must also work and so together she and my daughter take shifts to offer Brandon moral support and companionship through a very grueling set of therapies each day. All the treatments and therapies Brandon endures are

extremely painful. I was emotionally drained and filled with a deep sadness witnessing the process he must endure. I am not even able to imagine what his mother is enduring as well. Many times in a day Brandon is forced to move his limbs though it is very painful, to stretch the skin to avoid crippling scars. Twice a day they change the bandages which pulls on the open wounds; once a day he is engaged in a two hour process wherein they move him from the bed to place him in a shower and scrub the infections and dead skin off. Each movement of the body in any therapy or transfer is a herculean effort and always results in raw shooting pain. This later routine of the daily shower seemed to me to be somewhat akin to waiting to be tortured, for Brandon knows how painful this will be and the thought of it occurring brings tears to his eyes (and this is a champion bull rider who made it to the top ten in the Pro Rodeo Circuit (PRC) for nationals many years running!) No amount of pain medication can prevent him from feeling the pain through these excruciating processes. He screams in pain and then true to his sweet nature apologizes for doing so. I had no idea the level of mental and physical anguish he would endure in his recovery. For Brandon the patience required to be hospitalized so intensively is also a challenge. Some 22 months ago, Brandon was in a near fatal truck accident with his brother that crushed his left leg, put him in a coma and was followed by two years of surgeries to stabilize the leg for ambulatory use. This was a long hospitalization process also. For a 23 year old brave and kind man launching his adult life, this is quite a bit to endure. His mother Kelly I am sure would also value your support for these are long years now of having her family involved with such high risk threats. Thankful is everyone that Brandon's progress each day is moving him away from being life threatened.

So my request is in whatever way you practice your own faith or intentions for the GOOD of others, please remember Brandon. If you wish to send Brandon encouraging words my daughter's email is jenners21@hotmail.com. She will deliver them and read them to Brandon. It does make a difference to Brandon and brings a smile to his face when he hears of your prayers and thoughts. If you wish to send anything via mail he is at:

Northern Colorado Medical Center  
1801 16th St.  
Greeley, CO 80631  
Rm 307.

As I said Brandon is still in critical condition but stable, monitored intensively and given insulin shots throughout the day to regulate his blood sugars until his own body organs begin to function properly again. There are strict limits on visitors until the risk of infection has passed so no visiting.

Attached is a picture of Brandon with my daughter Jenny to give you the wonderful vision to hold of Brandon's full recovery and return to a pain free life! Yes!

Thanks so much for your thoughts and prayers; for all my Sundance friends, have a wonderful time with everyone Saturday at Lloyd's Barn Dance. Give Lloyd a hug. It is his first Christmas without his beloved daughter Laurie. Thank GOODness for the community of friends we have that love and care for one another when trying times occur. Grateful, grateful.

:-) Lots of love,

Cindi

I hope each of you will consider sending a card (if you already have, maybe a second one).

Carol

### 3. Hey All:

I received the below email earlier today and I don't normally send these on because we already shared the "need" for thoughts and prayers..but this one I thought deserved being read..it better explains the situation and the true trauma of the incident. So, if any of you feel compelled to help by sending a card (or another one) please do so...read on. ...

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*Cindi*

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Carol

4. Hey All--

Okay we are into a new month..December. How many calendars have you sold? We will announce the November winner early next week.I've received some calls stating that there were some being sent in the mail Monday. So we want to make sure we have received them all.

We are now into December and a new incentive is in place for the member who sales the most Calendars for the month. You will have your choice of an item in the Year End Awards or an equivalent prize.

So, please consider selling calendars for our year end awards program. **ALL PROCEEDS go toward year end awards**.so we all benefit. We will have some this weekend at the Toys for Tots Barrel Race, swing by and pick a few up.

If each member would sell on 5 calendars we would be sitting good for our year end awards. Remember, they might be nice gifts for Stocking Stuffers or for those individuals you want to get a gift for but you just don't know what to get them...get them the money calendar.a gift that could pay back.

***Remember, just 5 calendars at \$20 a piece will help us TREMENDOUSLY!!!***

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Carol

**December 6th, 2009:**

Hey All--

Results from this past weekend have been posted on our website, <http://www.milehibarrelhorse.com/> and click on the Event Results page, then click on the link for the date you want to view results for.

I will be taking reservations for Ride Sessions for this coming weekend at Castle Rock, CO. If you want a session(s) please send me an email stating the day(s) you want and the session(s) you want. Again, please state your first choice and second choice, they sell out fast and you may want to offer a second choice.....if I have to send you an email to ask, you may not get one.

**Session 1: 9:00 -9:20 am**

**Session 2: 9:20 - 9:40 am**

**Session 3: 9:40 - 10:00 am**

And, I am taking pre-entries via email thru Wednesday evening. If you have special needs, please state them and I'll take care of ya (early draw, late draw, split horses, etc). I will try to take care of you the very best that I can.

And, don't forget....this is our Christmas Run Barrel Race...yes the return of our Infamous Christmas Run. It's simple, you buy a ticket for \$5 for the number of gifts you'd like to receive. We set the gifts out in the arena and its a foot race to them all. We have had some REALLY nice items donated for this event. EVERYTHING IN THE CHRISTMAS RUN IS VALUED AT \$10 OR MORE. You only purchase a ticket for \$5. It's a deal you can't beat and we have lots of fun!!! So, bring your extra \$5's....you'll want to participate.....on yeah and you might bring your running shoes!!!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. 720.530.4159 or [MileHiBarrelHorse@gmail.com](mailto:MileHiBarrelHorse@gmail.com).

Carol

**December 9th, 2009:**

Hey All--

A few updates for you. First, I haven't even pulled down the ride session reservations or pre entries yet; I will be doing that tomorrow. I've just been super swamped at work this week with year end financial close...so I will do that tomorrow and let you all know the openings and etc.

Please keep in mind that **THIS WEEKEND IS OUR CHRISTMAS RUN BARREL RACE**; it's a blast! You buy a gift ticket for \$5 for each gift you'd like to run for. Then we set all of the gifts out in the arena and the footrace is on! It's so fun.and the gifts that have been donated are really cool. EVERYTHING is valued at \$10 or greater.so you're getting a deal! You will double your money/investment...**\$5 ticket and a \$10 or greater gift!**

For details check out our website: [www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com](http://www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com) and click on upcoming events then click on the link for this upcoming weekend.

Next, *the winner for this month Calendar Sales is Laurel/Carena Benson*. These ladies will receive an award of their choice. Thank you both for your support of our efforts!

**We are now into a new month, how many calendars have you sold?**

Please feel free to stop by the office this weekend and pick up a handful of them...we THANK

everyone who has jumped in and offered support for our Year End Awards Program. It is GREATLY appreciated.

Next, for those of you wanting to enter the barrel race held in conjunction with the **PRE-DENVER EVENT** - those entries must be postmarked by December 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid the \$15 late fee per horse. **THIS IS A NO REFUND EVENT AND TO AVOID THE \$15 PER HORSE LATE FEE YOU NEED TO POST MARK BY DECEMBER 15TH.** You can secure an entry form from our website: [www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com](http://www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com) or use this link: [http://milehibarrelhorse.com/affiliate\\_events](http://milehibarrelhorse.com/affiliate_events) then scroll to bottom of page and secure entry form, liability waiver form, and information about the event.

That's it for now, I will keep you updated on ride session availability. And, you can pre-enter for this weekend thru Wednesday evening simply send me an email stating what class(es) you'd like to enter, which day(s) and any special needs you might have (early draw, late draw, splits, etc). I will absolutely take care of you the best I can.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Carol

Hey all--

Okay I received a call today from a member who was thinking about Mile Hi and our efforts to raise money for Year End Awards and she sort of suggested an idea: **A CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**. So, I agreed to throw the idea out there to all of you..**THIS WEEKEND WE WILL HAVE A CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE** .. ANYONE interested in donating Christmas baked goods (Christmas cookies, fudge, popcorn balls, etc). We'd love to have them. I know its sort of short notice, but we'd sure love to have any and all of you join our fun..we'll have baked goods on sale this weekend.

Bring your items to our office and we will get them priced and put out on the Christmas Bake Sale Table!

Carol

***December 10, 2009:***

Hey all--

The pre-entry draw and ride session reservations have been posted on the internet. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I will see you all this weekend.

Carol

**December 11, 2009:**

Hey All?

We are so looking forward to **THIS WEEKEND AT CASTLE ROCK FOR OUR CHRISTMAS RUN BARREL RACE. IT IS A HOOT** and we hope that all of you are planning on participating in the event.

Participation is easy..you **SIMPLY BY A GIFT TICKET FOR \$5**..you can buy as many as you want...the number you buy will equal the number of gifts you get to receive in the Christmas run. **THEN RIGHT BEFORE THE BARREL RACE STARTS ON SATURDAY** we will strategically place the gifts throughout the arena...we'll line all of you up (on foot - no horses---safety issue) and you'll have a **FOOT RACE TO THE GIFTS OF YOUR CHOICE**...remember the gifts are placed all over the arena area.so its not always a long run...so if you think you're not fast or can't run, that's okay.we'll handicap the start line. **Every gift has a value of \$10 or greater and many of them have been donated by your fellow members.**and **if you are planning on donating some you can simply bring them this weekend and give them to us**..if you can please wrap them...if not, we'll take care of it. Anything of \$10 or more will be much appreciated! And fun!

We're also having a **Christmas Bake Sale Fundraiser**. **ALL proceeds will go to the Winter Series Awards** fund. Yes, that's coming up in March so we need to get funds started now...please feel free to donate items (baked goods or sweets) to be placed out for sale...

**ALL OF US AT MILE HI CONTINUE TO TRY TO CREATE FUN AROUND OUR EVENTS**...its difficult in a very economically challenging environment something simple to have fun at can make all the difference. If you're at all like me, barrel racing is my **ESCAPE FROM THE DEMANDING, HIGH PRESSURE, LONG HOURS** at my job each and every week. Barrel racing weekends are MY time and time to have fun..get away from the stress of the week...I'm **HOPING WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN DE-STRESSING ALL OF YOU AS WELL..WE ARE CERTAINLY TRYING**.

We look forward to seeing all of you this weekend. **PLEASE CONSIDER WEARING YOUR CHRISTMAS GEAR!!!**

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Carol

**December 14th:**

Hey All--

1. Okay when I make a mistake I want to fix it, when I wrong I try and admit it, and when I'm sorry it's sincere. To those who were attendance today at the barrel race in Castle Rock, please accept my most sincere apology and allow me the opportunity to fix or rectify the situation.

Today was a tough day. I spent the majority of my time lying in the car trying to get feeling better..yes I'm still not feeling well and when I over do it, well I tend to go backwards. Unfortunately, today was one of those days.

The short time I was in the barn, however, it was spent trying to keep everyone safe and happy...I failed miserably! Briefly, our office received complaints from barrel racers in the early classes that the holding area was too full and there were way too many horses in the barn and horses were getting run into. In an effort to rectify this situation, we asked that the holding area or warm up area be cleared except for the next 10 up. Most honored our request, others did not. A few were just plain nasty. Unfortunately, due to the wind and cool air outside, coupled with the disgruntled we ended up having a not so nice day.

As I tried to escape the situation (due to my illness) and lay in my car it became very evident that some did not have a fun experience today. For that I truly TRULY apologize. Sometimes it's a fine line we (Mile Hi) walk when we have folks mad because there are too many horses in the warm up area and unsafe for their kids/novice horses, etc vs. clearing the area and pushing the barrel racers out to unfriendly elements. The situation is a complete mess at Castle Rock given the set up of the facility.

Today, we were being hit from several directions and we obviously pushed back too hard --- Please PLEASE forgive us and accept my most sincere apology. It is my greatest hope that those who chose to be nasty to the staff will accept my apology, understand we were being hit from both directions, and forgive us. Further, please extend an apology to my staff and crew if you were one that showed disrespect - ultimately it is me you should be upset with. It is me to blame.

Special thanks and I do mean Special Thanks to those few who stayed after the barrel race and chatted with me. These folks wanted to try to help figure out a better solution and we think we did. As a result of our discussions and their suggestions, we have come up with a plan for future events at Castle Rock that will allow a significant number of horses and riders to be IN the barn (sitting and watching) while keeping the warm up area clear and safe for the run outs. Beginning with our January barrel race you will see a slightly different set up at the arena specifically designed to allow more folks in the barn and free of the outside elements. It is our greatest hope that our changes will be a plus to all.

Thanks to those who extended their understanding and helped my crew throughout the day while I was under the weather. You are most appreciated.

Again, please accept my most sincere apology for the situation today. If your experience today was one that ruined your day or left you angry with us, please contact me 720.530.4159 to discuss or email me your comments at [milehibarrelhorse@gmail.com](mailto:milehibarrelhorse@gmail.com) - I absolutely promise I will make it right by you.

Finally, we don't have another event until after the first of the year and Mile Hi hopes you have the greatest of Holiday Season's.

Carol

## **December 15th:**

1. Hey All---

Mile Hi Barrel Horse is proud to announce the return of ADM Alliance Nutrition as a sponsor for 2010. They are extremely excited to be member of the Mile Hi Sponsor team and here's what they have to say.....

ADM Alliance Nutrition is EXCITED to be back as a sponsor for Mile Hi Barrel Horse this year. We know that there are many of you out there who use our products and we thanks you. If you are not familiar with our products, or want to check out what is new visit our website at <http://www.admani.com/> There are also some great equine nutrition articles everything from horses with HYPP, mineral quality, feeding fats and oils and many more.

ADM Alliance Nutrition's Forage First program is based on the idea of feeding LOW STARCH, FIXED FORMULA rations to our equine athletes. Not only do we want to get the best performance out of our animals, we want to reduce problems such as grain high, tying up, colic, founder, insulin resistance and the list goes on.

Many of you who use our products have had challenges finding distribution unless you live on the Northern Front Range where Drew and Kelly Joseph and Loveland Vet Supply have done an excellent job taking care of you. Now we have RANCH WAY FEEDS as a distributor. If you are using Josephs or Loveland Vet we encourage you to keep working with them, they have both been WONDERFUL to us and the Mile Hi Members. However if you are down south or in Wyoming, your local Ranch Way dealer now has access to our feeds. In Franktown we are working with Be Quick Feed and in the Springs area we are working with Bartlett Hay. All other dealers have access to the feed, just give a call and ask them to order in what you need.

If you have any questions regarding our products, your feeding program, or want to visit about what we have that will fit your needs, Ginger Greene would be happy to visit with you. She can be reached at [gingerbarrelracer@yahoo.com](mailto:gingerbarrelracer@yahoo.com) or 970-222-0536.

Thanks and Happy Trails from ADM Alliance Nutrition

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me 720.530.4159.

Carol

2. Hey All,

The December 2009 Newsletter has been posted for your reading enjoyment.....tee hee!! Hope you all enjoy it! To get yours, simply go to our website: <http://www.milehibarrelhorse.com/> and click on the Newsletters and Forms Page, then click on the December 2009 link. Or you may use the following link:

[http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/December\\_2009\\_Newsletter.pdf](http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/December_2009_Newsletter.pdf)

If there's anyone who would like to contribute articles, write ups, etc to our newsletter -- please forward them to me.....I will take a peek at the them and see about using them!! We will be featuring add'l Meet The Members in upcoming newsletters.

Hope you all enjoy!

Carol

## December 17th:

1. Hey All--

First THANKS for all the compliments on our newsletter this month. I've received a tremendous amount of emails from many of you stating how much you enjoyed it this month. I'm not sure what is so different about it..but I'm glad it's being so well received. As I said in my email last night, if there's ANYONE out there that would be interested in contributing to the newsletter via writing articles or submitting ideas, I am definitely OPEN to the idea!!! My goal is to keep it enjoyable, informative, and fun!

Next, we have **two Affiliate Races scheduled this weekend**. One **Friday evening at Spicer's Arena**; which is produced by Stacy Scheller and counts toward your Mile Hi Affiliate Standings. To review details about it, please visit our website, [www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com](http://www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com) click on the Affiliate Events Page then click on the link for **December 18th at Spicers**. Or, you can use this link: [http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Dec\\_18- Spicers.pdf](http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Dec_18- Spicers.pdf)

It's recently been brought to my attention that there are multiple producers putting events on at Spicer's and some are confused about which ones count for Mile Hi Affiliate Standings. The only ones that count are the ones posted on our website as well. So, make sure you visit [www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com](http://www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com) and check out which ones count toward your standings.

We also have an **Affiliate Race Scheduled at Hadley's Arena in Canon City, CO for Saturday December 19th**. This **barrel race ALWAYS has fun** built into its line up and there's always something new going on..potlucks, silent auctions, etc. You never know what might be going on down there....so plan on attending..for details visit our website or simply click on this link: [http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Canon\\_City\\_Affiliates.pdf](http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Canon_City_Affiliates.pdf)

You're gonna want to get another run in before the holidays set us back for a few weeks..so feel free to attend one of our affiliate races!

Finally, **MONEY CALENDARS**..How many have you sold? **NOW, RIGHT NOW** is the time to **[purchase yours for stocking stuffers, the trash man, the postman, the nanny, the pen cleaner, the vet, the vet's assistant, the equine masseuse, equine dentist, your horse whisper, your neighbor you sorta like, your hauling partner, and anyone else that you want to recognize but just don't know what to get ?em](#)**..email me..I will send you calendars...give them as gifts..its a gift that gives back!!! I will ensure you receive them asap so you can give them to your lucky recipients!

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Carol

## December 18th:

Hey all?

Just a friendly reminder about our Mile Hi Affiliate Races this weekend..

We have TWO!

- **Tonight at Spicer's Arena** - Exhibitions from 5-7 pm and the jackpot starts at **7:30 pm**. Click on this link to secure additional details: [http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Dec\\_18-\\_Spicers.pdf](http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Dec_18-_Spicers.pdf)

Don't forget to bring a \$5 donation, new toy, warm coat (new or gently used) or canned goods to donate to their holiday drive. They will be donating the items to the Guadalupe Center in Greeley, CO a shelter for the homeless and the working poor in Northern Colorado.

- Tomorrow, **Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>, Hadley's Arena, Canon City, CO**. Barn Opens at 11:30, exhibitions until 12:30, **Barrel Race at 1 pm**. And, these events always have fun incorporated as well. [http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Canon\\_City\\_Affiliates.pdf](http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Canon_City_Affiliates.pdf) This is your last chance to enjoy the sport of Barrel Racing a Mile Hi prior to the Christmas Holiday.

Mile Hi would like to encourage all of you to attend these events and be sure and thank your producers for putting them on and affiliate sanctioning with Mile Hi.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Carol

Hey all--

I've been asked to pass this along.....if you can help, please contact Amy or Brandon, information listed below:

9 year old palomino mare stolen from my house in Wiley, Colorado. She is a dark yellow. Branded lazy D or W on left front shoulder, freeze brand. Blaze face, 2 hind pastern markings and wire cut on left rear cannon. If you have seen her or have any info please contact me at 719-660-9389 or Brandon at 719-688-2357

PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO ALL YOUR CONTACTS!!!!!!!

Thanks

Amy Wollert

amywollert@rocketmail.com

Carol

## December 20<sup>th</sup> .....

Hey All---

We have two members in need --- right before Christmas. So, I'm asking each of you to take a moment and please say a small prayer and possibly send these folks a card letting them know we are thinking of them....especially right before Christmas.

First, Bill Thompson (Cindy Thompson's Husband) recently had a stroke. He has been hospitalized but I learned that he was recently moved out of the ICU. He is getting better but as you know these health issues are difficult...so he still is experiencing some tough times.....Please consider sending the Thompson family a card and let them know that their Mile Hi Family won't go thru Christmas without thinking of them. I have provided their address below.

Second, Patti Kane is recovering from knee replacement surgery. This surgery was done so that she, like all of us, can once again ride and enjoy the sport she so loves. Please send a card and let her know we are thinking of her during this holiday season as well. Her address is below:

Bill and Cindy Thompson  
7611 Hwy 78 W  
Pueblo, CO 81005

Patti Kane  
5130 Yucca Ct  
Johnstown, CO 80534

Thanks so much in advance for your concern, caring, and sharing with these members. They need to know our Mile Hi Family cares, especially during the holidays.

Carol

**December 28<sup>th</sup> ...**

Hey All--

It is my greatest hope that you all had a wonderful, happy, and blessed Holiday Season. I have truly enjoyed mine and am now busy working on getting caught up on Mile Hi "stuff". With that in mind, I wanted to take just a moment and remind everyone about the barrel race being held January 2, 2010 in conjunction with the Pre Denver quarter horse show at the Coliseum Arena downtown. The barrel race will not start until 1 pm on Saturday, January 2nd and at this point it is enter on site only CASH ONLY NO EXCEPTIONS!! Please plan accordingly....CASH ONLY FOR EVERYONE.

I do have entry forms posted on my website [www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com](http://www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com) on the Affiliate Race page, then scroll down to the appropriate form. Please remember to print off a liability waiver form as well and have it signed and ready to be submitted. You will not be allowed to run unless we have the waivers signed and submitted as well.

We look forward to this event...it is our first year of being involved...we hope you all elect to participate.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 720.530.4159.

Carol Crowder

## **December 29<sup>th</sup> ...**

Hey All--

Okay I chatted with the folks I'm working with about this event and based on the entries they've received for the morning AQHA classes (roping, etc), it appears we will be able to start exhibitions at about 11 am. So for those wanting to get in there and get exhibitions be there and ready by 11 am....if we can start earlier we will...but right now it appears this is a good target time.

At this point you'll have to purchase them on-site, cash only.

By the way, it is full dress code....please make sure you have your western attire and hats packed....

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me 720.530.4159.

Carol

## **December 30<sup>th</sup>**

Hey All--

I've had several inquiries regarding the need for Health Papers. I just received a call from the folks I'm working with on this barrel race and you are required to have a Health Certificate to attend this event. The state vet will be on-site and given that this event is in conjunction with a National one, we are required to have Health Certificates. So, please plan accordingly.

I am in the process of seeing how the entries for the Quarter Horse Show are coming in and determine if we can set a time for exhibitions. I will let you all know as soon as I know so you can plan your day and arrival time.

Carol Crowder