

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2009 EMAILS

**September 29, 2009 Morning:** Mile Hi Barrel Horse is pleased to announce a new "division" or "program" to our organization - **The Mile Hi Affiliate Membership!**

This division of the organization is really targeted to our out of state members as well as those who live in the more outlying areas of Colorado (sort of outside of the metro, Front Range area).

Mile Hi recognizes that there is a tremendous amount of barrel racers who would like to support our efforts, but for whatever reason can't make it to enough of our events (8) to be eligible for awards at finals. So, we came up with a positive solution - **Mile Hi Affiliate Sanctioned Barrel Races.**

How does this all work? We're making it very simple. We, Mile Hi, have established Affiliate Sanctioning relationships with a limited number of producers to kick off this first year of the program. As a joint effort, we have developed a schedule of events which are Mile Hi Affiliate Sanctioned and will provide you all increased opportunity to not only get qualified for our finals but also secure a position in the Summer, Winter and Year End Standings (all TBD based on participation).

All Mile Hi Affiliate Sanctioned Events will be posted on our website: [www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com](http://www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com) on the Affiliate Sanctioned page. These and only these barrel races will count toward the Affiliate Standings. It is a separate and totally stand alone division of Mile Hi. Therefore, instead of points, standings for the Affiliate Division will be based on money won at the Affiliate Sanctioned Events.

To be eligible, you simply join as an Affiliate Member of Mile Hi (\$60) attended the Affiliate Sanctioned Events and submit your money won at the end of each month to us. Mile Hi then confirms the winnings and tabulates and posts the standings each month. At the end of the year we will award the Affiliate Standings as well (placings to be awarded are TBD based on participation).

It is important to note, that Mile Hi Barrel Horse events that we produce, will remain the focus of Mile Hi. Our point system will remain intact and awards will remain very similar as in the past. We will award to the Top 10 in the Open (all 5D's) and to the Top 5 in the Novice Horse (all 4D's). While we will award in all other classes, we are going to take time and evaluate the number of positions to be awarded based on participation this year.

We recognize there are some who want to have a dual membership to Mile Hi. These folks attend our Mile Hi produced events on a somewhat regular basis and will want their points .. but they also attend the events produced by our Affiliate Producers on a regular basis as well and will want their efforts to count. Therefore, we are offering a dual membership for \$85. Again, ONLY MONEY WON at affiliate sanctioned events will count toward the Affiliate Standings (no money won from Mile Hi Barrel Horse produced events will count) and points will remain the determinate for Mile Hi Standings.

As I stated earlier, we've already established relationships with a few producers (in state and out of state) and developed a schedule. You'll be happy to see that we secured some of your favorites.

To kick off the program for the year, you'll see that Hadley Arena (Mike and Cathi Hadley) have agreed to host the first in Colorado. They've agreed to add \$500 and they'll be providing free bbq (hamburgers, hotdogs, etc) for all of us this Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Canon City, Colo. I've attached a flyer to this email for you to review the details.

Hadley's Arena is located at 1308 Poplar in Canon City. Directions: From Denver - I-25 South to Colorado Springs where you'll take the Hwy 115 (Canon City Exit) and take it to Penrose and get on Highway 50 West into Canon City. Once you

enter Hwy 50 go all the way to 9<sup>th</sup> Street take a left (loaf and jug on left site) stay on 9<sup>th</sup> street all the way to top of hill and it will automatically curve to the left heading east - keep following it to Pine Street turn Right (dirt Road) go to Stop sign and at Stop Sign you'll see barn. Go thru stop sign and enter facility off of Pine Street (Not Poplar). It's very easy to find.

Please keep in mind, this is a private facility and we're being invited in...please make Mile Hi look good and clean up after your horses, dogs, and yourself. There are no public restrooms, stalls, or RV accommodations. If for some reason you need to stay overnight the fairgrounds is only ½ mile from the facility.

Then on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> we have two affiliate sanctioned events scheduled at Spicer Arena, another favorite of many. I've attached the flyer for these events as well. Again, this is a private facility and I only ask that you clean up after your horses, dogs, and yourselves. All of these folks are kind and generous inviting us in to their "homes" please let them see the family of Mile Hi is clean and neat!

And for our out of staters: We have a number of Affiliate Sanctioned events scheduled in Moab with Terri Gold and Racing InT he Rockies <http://racingintherockies.com/calendar.htm> beginning this Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> and for our Nebraska folks we have one scheduled in McCook (Flyer Attached) for October 2-3-4, 2009 with Gayle White.

I've attached flyers for some of the others as well. (they are posted on the website under affiliate sanctioned events)

I am in the process of getting our website completely updated with the events we have sanctioned..but for the month of October this atleast gets you going. I encourage you to continually check out website as we have many more later in the month coming up.

Finally, I'd like to encourage all of you that reside outside of Colorado to forward me names of producers that YOU WANT as affiliate producers. I will attempt to work with those that you all deem fair, reputable, and produce good events.

All you lack now is the membership and I've attached the form for you to this email. Should you not be able to open any of documents I've attached, all have been posted on the website: [www.milehibarrelhorse.com](http://www.milehibarrelhorse.com).

Mile Hi is extremely excited about the potential of this new Affiliate Division and hope that the program further meets the needs of those who have "wanted" to join but just couldn't make it to enough of our events. Now you can! And you can work your way into the standings to be awarded for your efforts and come to our finals!

**September 29, 2009 Evening:** A brand new year for Mile Hi Barrel Horse is upon us effective October 1, 2009. In addition to attaching a membership form for you to make joining and/or renewing more convenient, I have some exciting changes that I'd like to share with all of you.

First, Novice Youth will remain as a class for 2009-2010. I had announced at the Awards Banquet that this class was changing to a Junior 12 & under.....well what I didn't realize is doing away with the class completely would be a mistake. There are kids out there that are novice in their riding ability that have been waiting to come in this year. So, we will keep the Novice Youth, however, it is designed for those youngsters (approximately 12 and under or so) that are truly beginners ... a step up from Pee Wee. Participants will be evaluated based on their riding abilities (not age) and if its determined that they are really ready to move on to a Junior or Youth class, that's what will be requested. So, keep in mind participation in this class will be subject to their skill level. However, once approved or deemed to be Novice Youth, they will remain and can run in the Novice Youth the entire competitive year for Mile Hi (2009-2010). I can safely say that MOST of the kids who were Novice Youth competitors this year will NOT be eligible to run this year. Your skill levels have advanced to a level of Junior competitors.

Next, as referenced above we have added a Junior Division for barrel racers that are 12 and younger as of October 1, 2009.

Awards for both the Novice Youth and Juniors will be determined based on participation and the number of participants who join Mile Hi in these divisions.

Next, our Novice Horse program will be expanding -- it will be a 4D on 1/2 second splits versus a 3D. So for 2009-2010 the Novice Horse will be a 4D and we will award to the Top 5 in each D.

Finally, while the Futurity, Derby, 50+ and Novice Rider classes all remain we will be evaluating participation levels to determine a "fair" amount to be awarded.

We will add Poles back into our line up now that we are back inside and most of the "kids" are back from HS and CJRA rodeos. They want to practice we will add them at the end of the day like we did last year for those interested. Also, I've had a request to add Goat Tying at the end of the day on Saturday for the rodeo kids...I have no problem doing this on SATURDAY's only! But someone's going to have to take on the responsibility of bringing goats. I am Mile Hi BARREL RACING.....but I don't mind helping out the kids who want to take advantage of the barn time and practice....but not at the expense of Mile Hi Barrels.....

All of the above changes were extremely well received at the Awards Banquet. However, I know some of you all weren't in attendance so I wanted to get them communicated prior to your renewing your membership and/or you joining for the first time.

I will also begin posting the email communications on our website again as I send them out for those who want to review them there. You can also pass along the word to your friends and family and fellow barrel racers who might not be getting our emails that they can visit our website and review our communications on a regular basis. It will always be a link on the HOME page Titled "Email Communications".

### **October 1, 2009 - Happy New Year! It's the first day of Mile Hi's New Year!!!**

1. Hey All---

I received the below email this morning.....I wanted to share it with you so you all see WHY registered names are so important when entering our events. PLEASE PLEASE use your HRN.

Good morning! I'm the Results Coordinator for Barrel Horse News in Ft. Worth, TX. The subject event is scheduled for inclusion in the November issue of BHN in the Event Spotlight Section.

I've been checking your results all year in different events and never could enter them into our database because of the new 80% registered or consistent grade names for the horses entered. You had 81% good names in this show, and I'm pretty excited. So, I not only get to enter your event into the Equi-Stat database, but (if my quick total is correct at over \$50,000) the results can be printed in the Results section of the magazine also. I can also post them on our website.

This is a great way to promote your horses and Mile Hi.....Barrel Horse News is a HUGE publication....we should be in it!

Watch for us in the upcoming issue.....

2. Hey All--

I was recently notified that a mistake was made in the 2D payoff for Saturday, September 26th. Laura Lambert hit a barrel and should not have received 4th Place money -- Thank You Laura for bringing this to my attention! I have adjusted the results and we are mailing the difference in the checks this afternoon.

As always we appreciate those who bring these issues directly to our attention.....it goes alot further and gets faster results. We encourage everyone one to bring issues directly to our attention, we are only human and mistakes will happen --- we do try to correct them however and make it right.

### **October 2, 2009:**

Hey All---

WOW, there is ALOT of activity going on this weekend for Mile HI Barrel Horse. The Affiliate Program is really kicking off with events in:

Canon City, CO - Hadley's Arena \$500 added, a free BBQ (hotdogs, hamburgers, and brats) -- Yes everyone needs to come see my OLDER sister and Mike flip hamburgers!!!! Hadleys are sponsors of Mile Hi Barrel Horse and do a GREAT job with their events, we encourage your support. I'll be there helping out as well.

[http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Affiliate\\_Program\\_Kick\\_Off\\_Oct\\_3\\_\\_2009\\_-\\_Hadleys.pdf](http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Affiliate_Program_Kick_Off_Oct_3__2009_-_Hadleys.pdf)

Moab, UT - Racing in The Rockies Winter Series Kickoff. This two day event

[http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Racing\\_In\\_The\\_Rockies\\_2009\\_Winter.pdf](http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Racing_In_The_Rockies_2009_Winter.pdf) has \$500 added for thw weekend. Terri does a great job at her events and we encourage you to support them.

McCook, NE - Gayle White is once again offering her 3-Day Event at McCook Nebraska with \$3,000 added for the weekend.

[http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/McCook\\_NE\\_October\\_2-3-4\\_\\_2009.pdf](http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/McCook_NE_October_2-3-4__2009.pdf)

Mile Hi Barrel Horse Memberships will be available at all of these events for those who are interested in joining Mile Hi. And I've attached one to this email if you need it.

It would appear the Affiliate Program is going to be quite successful.....for those involved, please keep in mind I will be posting the Monthly Earnings Statement on the website for you to turn in on a monthly basis.....it will be due by the 10th of each month for the previous month. For example, October's Statement will be due by November 10th. Please keep an eye on the website for this document to be posted.

Further, Affiliate Memberships are basically OPEN only. Money won in the OPEN is what will be turned in. We aren't going to require producers to offer Nov Horse, Futurity, Derby, Youth, etc. This first year is a TEST year and we want to make things simple while we test the concept. Therefore, you need to focus on the OPEN earnings.

Hope that all makes sense.

Finally, our first Mile Hi event will kick off the new year with a barrel race Friday Night October 9th and Saturday October 10th. All details are posted on our website [www.milehibarrelhorse.com](http://www.milehibarrelhorse.com) or use this link:

[http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Power\\_of\\_Pink\\_Barrel\\_Race\\_2009.pdf](http://i.b5z.net/i/u/519859/i/Power_of_Pink_Barrel_Race_2009.pdf)

There are NO RIDE SESSIONS at this event. We are on a slightly different schedule this weekend due to the Bull Futurity Finals that are scheduled as well.

That's it for this week, as always if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. 720.530.4159 or [MileHiBarrelHorse@gmail.com](mailto:MileHiBarrelHorse@gmail.com)

### **October 5th:**

## 1. Hey All--

We have a member of our extended family of Mile Hi Barrel Horse who could really use our thoughts and prayers. Kathy Gannon had to put down her old retired barrel horse Mizzy the week before finals. She's kept this to herself because she didn't want to deal with it during our finals....but I found out in a round about way and I KNOW she could sure use our support. Mizzy was 31 years old, in great shape and would still be around but suffered a severe injury on a hind leg that would not heal. She has been a long time member of the Gannon family and Kathy will miss her tremendously.

Kathy is facing some difficult times and I know a card in the mailbox from us would sure lift her spirits. Please PLEASE consider helping out our family member by sending her a note, card, and thought letting her know we are here for her. Her address is as follows:

Kathy Gannon  
5000 S. Perry Park Rd  
Sedalia, CO 80125

## 2. Hey all.

With the start of the New Year comes a wonderful fund raiser that Mile Hi is trying out this year. It is my greatest hope that I can get ALL of your support -- not just from a few members, I need all Mile Hi members to jump on board and help us out generate funds for our three different Awards program (Winter Series, Summer Series, Year End and Average Awards).

Before I chat with you about the fundraiser, I want to assure you that I will be maintaining relations with our sponsors and working to secure sponsorships. However, it was suggested by a few members this year that I try to initiate some sort of fundraising idea that members can participate in as well. Let those of you interested get involved and help out. With an economically challenging environment, many have indicated they'd like to help...here's your opportunity!

We have the opportunity to raise the needed funds for our 2010 season to benefit our awards program (I mean REALLY benefit it) as well as increase the added money to some of (if not all) the races and/or our finals. Wouldn't it be great to have a minimum of \$5,000 added at our finals in 2010? And, keep our awards program strong? As you can see this fundraiser is important to ALL of us!!

For those that were in attendance, I presented the fund raiser at the banquet?our Mile Hi Money Calendar. However, for those of you that were not in attendance, I would like to explain how this fundraiser works. And it does work! We just need YOU to help us.

Mile Hi has chosen to sell money calendars this year. It's simple, it's easy, and it works. Here's how it works: each member is being asked to sell 20 calendars (see attached calendar). As you'll see each day from January 2010 through June 2010 has a dollar value assigned -- Monday - Friday's value is \$15, Saturday and Sunday's value is \$25 and there is one day a month that is a bonus day for \$50.

When you sell a calendar, you have the purchaser fill out the information across the bottom of the calendar and send it in to us. Beginning January 1, 2010 and each day until June 30, 2010 someone's name will be drawn and they will then receive a check in the mail for the amount associated with that day.

But here's what's exciting as well, it doesn't eliminate you from future days when your name is drawn, your name goes back into the drawing to possibly be drawn again. What does this mean? It means for \$20, an individual has more than 160 chances to win.

As you can see, the calendar is one page, and all you have to do is tear off the bottom with the name and address (and all the other pertinent information) send it and your money in and leave the calendar with the person buying it.

Mile Hi Awards could explode! Added money at our events could explode! ALL of us could and would benefit! 100% of the funds over and above the cost of the calendar will go to our Awards Programs and added money at our events. We just need each of you to jump on board and sell only 20 calendars. But, wait---those who want to get after it even more, we are offering a monthly incentive - the individual who sells the most calendars in October, November, and December will receive a bonus - A Winner each month. So, three individuals will receive a bonus for their extra hard efforts!!!! Will it be one of you??

This is simple and it works. Who wouldn't want nearly 180 chances (6 months time 30 days) to to receive a nice little check in the mail? It's fun, it's exciting, and it works! We do have members who have participated in this via other sports activities and they will sure testify to the fact that it works and will generate the additional funds we need to have an even better awards program than we do now. And, we currently have an outstanding one thanks to our sponsors and Mile Hi's activities throughout the year! This fundraiser only makes Mile Hi even better for YOU!

So, please call me or email me for calendars. I will send them to you asap. I'd like to get as many calendars out there and sold as possible. We have a handful of members already selling and it's going GREAT, but in order to make this work, Mile Hi needs everyone on board. Please call me, I will be happy to talk or walk you through this!

There is a time limit on this, that's why the rush. While calendar sales can continue thru December, I want to ensure we have sufficient funds to payout on the calendar (\$3,500) by November 15th - the Barrel Race for Breast Cancer. At that point we will know if we are in good shape to continue our efforts...everything over and above the cost of the calendar goes to our awards program.so sell, sell, and sell! The actual payout doesn't begin until January 1, 2010..what a great way to start a new year!

This is such a tremendous fundraiser and golden opportunity for all Mile Hi members, I hope that you all feel as passionate about it as I do once you see how easy it can be. We will provide updates as to where we stand. Beginning January 1, 2010 we will post the daily draw on our website...on a weekly basis and I'll email you updates. That way our inboxes aren't inundated with emails everyday.

As you can see, a clever idea has been presented to us; we just need all of you to sell 20 calendars a piece. That's it! It'll work!

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

Thanks, in advance, for your consideration to participate in our project! It would be so very much appreciated!

### 3. Hey! All---

What a weekend. Our Mile Hi Affiliate Program kicked off in three areas this past weekend: Canon City, CO - Moab, UT - and McCook, NE. All from what I'm hearing ALL were a GREAT success. In Canon City, we picked up 11 new members! YAHOO!!!! I haven't heard from McCook or Moab yet on numbers but I did hear their events were terrific and I recieved several calls seeking information about the program from folks who were at the events. It is my belief that this program will be a terrific addition to Mile Hi! I will be adding Affiliate information to our website this week.

Next, our next Mile Hi Barrel Race will be this coming weekend at The Ranch - Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland, CO. This is our Power Of Pink Barrel Race For Breast Cancer! Our first night it will kick off at 7 pm - Friday October 9th. Exhibitions were posted as starting originally at 5pm. We will, however, have folks on site beginning at 4 pm -- so if you

can or want to come over early come on over, we'll get ya in. Saturday's events will begin at Noon, with exhibitions starting at 9 - 11:30 am.

Our scheduled was adjusted slightly this weekend due to the Rocky Mountain Thunder Bulls & Broncs Futurity that is also being held there in conjunction with our Mile Hi Barrel Race. Bulls will buck Saturday Night and all day Sunday. We'll run barrels Friday Night and all day Saturday.

We will be awarding day prizes both days at this event. We're looking forward to a fun weekend of barrel racing and bull bucking!

We will be accepting email entries thru WEDNESDAY night. After that time, you'll have to enter on site. If you haven't renewed or purchased your Mile Hi Membership, we will have memberships available on site and I've attached a membership to this email.

We look forward to seeing everyone this weekend!! New Year, New Programs, New Classes, New Fun! Be there with us!

As always, if you have any questions or need add'l information, please don't hesitate to contact me. 720.530.4159 or [MileHiBarrelHorse@gmail.com](mailto:MileHiBarrelHorse@gmail.com).

4. Hey All--

I received the following email from Michelle Johnstone (a Mile Hi Member) and wanted to pass it along to our extended family of Mile Hi:

***I just wanted to ask our Mile Hi Members for their thoughts and prayers for my daughter Susie. Susie is 27 years old and was diagnosed three weeks ago with Breast Cancer. This was a huge shock since we don't have breast cancer in my family. She just started chemo this week and will go through 8 chemo treatments followed by a double mastectomy in January and then a few more chemo treatments.***

***She is a positive and determined young woman and really is determined to continue her research for her doctoral program on bovine vaccination, which is a collaborative research project between the University of South Dakota and CSU.***

***My daughter Bekkie has organized a fundraiser for Susie to help with medical expenses. Her salon is in Loveland and has eight stylists donating their time and energy. The date is October 18th the flyer is attached. I have been assigned the job of sweeping the floor J, (it matches my skill set). I'd like to invite everyone to participate in our efforts for my daughter. I've attached a flyer as well.***

***---Michelle***

Please PLEASE consider keeping Michelle and her daughter Susie in your thoughts and prayers over the next several months. And, if you could, please consider sending a card to Susie and/or Michelle. I've provided Michelle's address below (you could send one to Susie at the same address in care of Michelle) she will get them.

Michelle Johnstone  
22327 WCR 3  
Berthoud, CO 80513

Thanks so much, Carol

5. Hey All--

As many of you know, I have been swamped at work after taking the week prior to finals off. Last week I could hardly keep my head above water. WOW, it's been a tough one and I was glad the weekend came.

I had a great time in Canon City helping kick off our Affiliate program. As I shared earlier today, we picked up 11 new members just at this barrel race. Its my greatest hope we will continue to grow the organization and have fun doing it! Special thanks to Tim and Donna for cookin' those burgers, hot dogs, and all! The lunch was great!

The rest of the weekend I spent TRYING to balance our books from finals. And I was about ready to pull my hair out earlier tonight because I was failing miserably at my task. And I found it to be very VERY disturbing and frustrating.

I have, however, found the culprit and a number of you are going to be very happy. You see, the error was in ya'lls favor (not mine). After hours and hours of research and numerous attempts to balance I found that my payout file had a "worm" so to speak in it and the payout for the Open did not calculate correctly. Therefore, the Open payoff is slightly incorrect - we owe some of you a few dollars more - individual differences are minimal for the most part (less than \$20) there are a couple over \$30. Mom will be writing the new checks for the difference and we will get them in the mail to you first thing Tuesday morning. However, for those who are to receive a difference of less than \$5, we will catch up with you at an event..it is more costly to write the check (mail it and pay bank fees) than it is worth. So, in an effort to keep costs in line, Mom and I will catch those differences up with people at our upcoming events.

I would like to extend my most sincere apology for the mistake and ask for the forgiveness of those who were inadvertently shorted. Please PLEASE know that it was not intentional but rather an honest mistake. Simply stated, in my haste to manage everyone's special issues, all aspects of the finals, last minute changes, refunds, vet releases, and building the files for the event, I didn't take the time to double check the formula's and fees that were adjusted to reflect the values for the finals payoff. I truly apologize. I am, however, VERY thankful I identified the problem in a timely manner (as timely as I could given the work demands I'm currently faced with as well) and we will get your additional funds sent to you asap.

On a good note, I've been researching new software over the course of the summer but was hesitant to take on a new program during finals. After spending some time chatting with fellow producers, I have selected and am happy to share with you all that I have purchased new software which I will begin using this weekend. I have been assured I won't experience this situation with this new program. Thank heavens!

So, I want to ask for your patience this weekend and at future events over the course of the next couple months and allow me time to get to know the software and become an expert on it. Our payoffs might be slightly delayed while we get up and running on it. Every effort will be made to "play" on it during the week; however, I may not get to put the total amount of time into it that I need to so please be patient with me.

Again, I truly apologize - I should've checked things more closely and ensured this situation did not happen. I am sorry.

Okay I can now go to bed!!! I'm exhausted: mentally and physically.

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

or [MileHiBarrelHorse@gmail.com](mailto:MileHiBarrelHorse@gmail.com).

Carol

**October 6th:**

Hey All--

Just a friendly reminder.....please PLEASE write your thank you's to our sponsors. They are so critical to the success of our sponsorship program. We really NEED all of you to get your thank you's written and mailed. PLEASE!!

#### **October 9th:**

Just a really quick, simple message this morning----- Have you sent your thank yous? If not, please do so. See ya tonight at the Power of Pink Barrel Race For Breast Cancer!

#### **October 11th:**

Hey All,

Oh Man, I sure hope that the weather this weekend isn't an omen! And I sure hope it's not indicative of what we have in store for the winter! Mile Hi plan's a barrel race and the first snow of the season hits! I sure hope the storms don't schedule themselves around our schedule!

Given the weather conditions, I would say we had a pretty good turn out especially Friday....Saturday well that's another story....the weather got us pretty good. We did, however, still had right at 75.....a great deal of these folks stayed over Friday night because the roads were so terrible. So, ***SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO BRAVED THE COLD AND FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON AND CAME OUT TO RUN BARRELS WITH US!***

I do want to share, however, that I found myself in a damned if I do and damned if I don't situation a couple of times over the past weekend. Specifically, it was shared with me that there were a couple of barrel racers that ran Saturday that did find our ground to their liking. In fact, "if Carol would've kept people off it it would've been better!" Obviously, letting you all in to warm up on the big drags was not an acceptable practice.....but I bet I'm safe in saying that if I would've made everyone stay outside to ride and warm up would've been met with less satisfaction....in fact I probably would've had my head handed to me on a silver platter. With this in mind, I'd like to just ask that the few who were happy also keep in mind that we are often times faced with difficult decisions and we try our level best to do what is "right" for the majority. In this case, I sort of wanted to keep my head about me --- and, therefore, permitted the indoor riding/warm up sessions. I truly apologize if some feel it was the wrong decision.

Next, I received about a handful of emails upon my return home this afternoon asking why I didn't consider "canceling the event due to the weather conditions - there were many who couldn't make it." This is always a difficult situation to be put in. However, when you have the sheer number of folks that were already on-site that we had, I don't think its fair to cancel an event because others can't or won't attempt to get there. I don't think its fair to those who are there. Further, the facilities do NOT waive their rental fees and we, therefore, are required to still pay. A small crowd is better than none, thus our events will, in most cases, be held. The exceptions have been when the storms or weather was forecasted well in advance and cancellation was recommended by the media.....or if the storm hits so hard that it shuts everything down....in those cases we try and get the cancellation communicated as quickly as we can.

We live in a wintery part of the country and these things are going to happen to us. Should it become necessary to cancel an event we will post it on our website and try to get the word out as quickly as possible via phone calls, 9news, KYGO, and any other way we possibly can. I'd like to suggest to all of you that you continually watch the website for updates and/or call my cell phone (I keep my message updated on it as well) when we have bad weather.

Finally, this past weekend was the kick off of our new year. With it comes new Novice Horse, Futurity, Derby and Novice Rider nominations. We have two horses that have been nominated in the Novice Horse that have been questioned and Mile Hi will be researching the winnings on these horses. I'm sharing this with you all because gossip flies like wildfire.....the individuals involved in this situation are aware and I will share my findings and resolution with you all once our research is done.

Okay, that's it for this past weekend anyway. Oh yea, the Bucking Bull Futurity went well. And go figure, remember the bull Mile Hi that my mom purchased, well she was somewhat disappointed with his performance and instructed Mike Hadley to sell him and find her a "better one". Do you wanna take a guess which bull one the Finals Futurity Today? Mom's still looking for her new "lil baby"!!!!!!

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

Carol

### **October 12th:**

1. Hey All--

How many of you have started your Holiday Shopping yet? I know, probably not many.....well I have an idea a Mile Hi Fundraiser Calendar. For only \$20 you can provide a winning opportunity to a variety of members of your family to win \$\$ throughout the first six months of the New Year.

That's right, January 1 thru June 30, 2010 all represent an opportunity to win a minimum of \$15 and a maximum of \$50 on given days of the year.

Purchase your calendars, roll them up like a scroll, tie a pretty green and red ribbon around it and stick in the stockings of your loved ones. It's better than what Santa can offer!!!

Get yours now!

Just an idea,

2. Hey All--

Just a quick note, I was finally able to reach out and contact Chris Gibson and all is well. Those in attendance this weekend witnessed a very VERY nasty injury when she hit first barrel. It was ugly and it hurt. She was transported to the hospital via ambulance.....BUT she's happy to report the only thing that was broke was the shin guard! Thank heavens she had one on.

She did not, however, go without some injury.....she suffered a cut that went clear to the bone and bruised both the bone and her muscles pretty pretty severely. She's happy to report she can and will be back riding this coming weekend.....WOW!

Just wanted to let you all know she's doing good -- very VERY sore but nothing is broke. She wanted to thank all who helped out when she was hurt.

Carol

3. Hey All--

Kelly Campbell left behind at The Ranch (the weekend of Finals) a fancy headstall/bridle with split reins on it. She is desperately wanting to recover it. We contacted The Ranch immediately following the Finals weekend but they did not see it or find it.

Upon our return there this past weekend we searched again...no luck!

Is there anyone out there may have picked it up? Or know its whereabouts?

Kelly is offering a reward....if you have any information please contact her at [skhaythorn@lakemac.net](mailto:skhaythorn@lakemac.net)

Thanks, Carol

4. Hey All---

Okay a few simple questions for today?

How many calendars have you sold?

This is a fundraiser for our awards program and we need EVERYONE's help! I just secured a sponsor for this month's incentive.....

Mile Hi is already offering the member that sells the most calendars for the month October will win a bonus.....they will have their choice of being guaranteed to receive a year end coat or a \$100 certificate toward their finals fees. BUT, here's the latest ....

Our new sponsor has agreed to offer a \$100 Cash Bonus to the member who sells the most calendars between today, October 12, 2009 and October 31, 2009! Yes a \$100 cash bonus (to qualify you must sell at least 8 calendars). So, get your calendars and money turned in by November 1, 2009. All sales turned in between now and the end of the month will be tracked separately for this add'l bonus.

Total October sales will be tracked for the Mile Hi Bonus!!

Let me know if you need me to mail you additional calendars! I have them here just waiting for a home!!!

Next question----Have you written and mailed your thank you's to our sponsors yet?

If the answer is no, please get after it.

If the answer is yes, THANK YOU!!!! It is important!!

I've been getting calls from sponsors sharing how unique some of the thank you's have been.....please please get yours done.

Those are the thoughts for today.....oh and another Slot Race is being created and you're gonna LOVE the idea behind this one!!!!

Watch your emails for details!

### **October 13th:**

Hey All--

This weekend's forecast is expected to be way warmer than last. So, for those of you wanting to enjoy our sport of barrel racing, Mile Hi has a number of Affiliate Sanctioned Events occurring this weekend. I have them posted on our website [www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com](http://www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com). Just click on the Affiliate Events page and then click on the link to event you'd like to obtain details for.

or use this link: [http://www.horsecarenow.com/affiliate\\_events](http://www.horsecarenow.com/affiliate_events)

Mile Hi memberships will be available at all of these events, should you chose to join----we'd LOVE to have you as a member of our family!

I'm planning on being in Northern Colorado this weekend at Spicer's. We are looking forward to a great event and are excited that they are hosting our first Affiliate Event up north! We only hope you all chose to support it. Great ground. Center Gate. Smoothly Run. Friendly, fun environment.

Hope to see you all there!

**October 14th:**

Hey All--

Recently the Snyder's (Stephanie and Kim) had 2 saddles stolen from their tack shed in Breckenridge. One was Stephanie's Trophy saddle, 14", it has a green seat and on the fender it says NBHA Colorado State Champion Youth 2D 2004, with several silver Conchos, one missing at the rear of the seat. A very special saddle for her.

The other was her dad's, a Colorado Saddlery 16" Trail saddle all brown with a padded seat. It has barbed wire tooling. I know we have very observant members far and wide, and we would appreciate a call if any one sees these saddles anywhere. They can contact us directly or The Breckenridge Police Dept.

Please contact them directly: Home # for Snyder's 970-668-5862, Breckenridge PD 970-453-2251 - Officer Ridge.

Thanks,

Carol

**October 15th, 2009:**

Hey all--

Just a quick note, we had a number of Affiliate Sanctioned events this past weekend and feedback has been very positive. We've picked up several new members at both ends of the state. Spicers saw 6 new members and Canon City gained 3 new members. This is terrific and we want to welcome our newest members to the Mile Hi Family.

This coming weekend we will see Affiliate Races up north, down south and in Wheatland WY. I strongly encourage everyone who can to support these producers. The money won at these events in the Open will count toward your Affiliate Standings IF you joined as an Affiliate Member or as the Dual Membership (Mile Hi Member and Affiliate Member).

We so appreciate everyone's support of our efforts and our organization. Without all of you, we can't do what we do. Our next Mile Hi Event will be at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock. See attached flyer. Or checkout the website <http://www.milehibarrelhorse.com/> and click on upcoming event.s Castle Rock's Indoor arena is heated, center alley, great ground. And, there's \$100 up for grab for the Halloween Costume Contest. Is yours ready? We want to see your creativity!

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

**October 19th, 2009:**

1. Hey All--

Just a quick, friendly reminder we will have our Tuesday Night Riding/Practice Session at Castle Rock tomorrow night. Barn opens at 6 pm closes at 9 pm. \$15 per horse (whether you ride, pony or tie it in the barn out of the weather) -- we have to charge per horse that enters the arena.

Barrels are set up and you can work barrels. Please plan your riding accordingly to meet the 9 pm barn closure time. We are inside now -- nice heated barn, great ground and LOTS OF FUN!

If there's anyone going that needs calendars to sell, let me know and I'll bring some with me.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me 720.530.4159 or [milehibarrelhorse@gmail.com](mailto:milehibarrelhorse@gmail.com).  
Carol

## 2. Hey All---

While our next event is our Halloween Barrel Race at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock, Co (flyer attached) which is scheduled for next weekend, its never too soon to start thinking about our Barrel Race for Breast Cancer event in Mid November. This event is one of the highlights of our year and is well attended (weather permitting). This year, Mile Hi is selling Pink Hooded Sweatshirts to those interested. We have only a LIMITED SUPPLY so not everyone can get one. We purchased enough to make fun but couldn't afford hundreds of them. We have quantities available in all sizes (S, M, L, XL) but limited. So, if you're interested please checkout the flyer I've attached to this email. To order, shoot me a quick email or give me a call 720.530.4159 or [milehibarrelhorse@gmail.com](mailto:milehibarrelhorse@gmail.com).

If you are planning on attending the event you need to pay close attention to the due dates for entries and entry closure times. I have attached a flyer/entry form for your convenience, but I do want to reiterate....entries DO CLOSE at certain times for this event.

- Ø All Pre Entries can postmarked by Monday November 2ND, 2009.
- Ø On-Site entries are CASH ONLY?NO EXCEPTIONS and will go to bottom of draw. Mile Hi Members may write checks.
- Ø Western Dress code required in all classes. Run in run out - NO CIRCLING GOING IN AND NO CIRCLING GO OUT?DOING SO WILL RESULT IN NT.
- Ø Roll your time option available. No Restrictions on Rolls---You may roll from any class to any other class.
- Ø Entries will close when the first horse of that class runs, unless noted otherwise. NOTE: Open 4D ENTRIES CLOSE AT HORSE 100 IN THE OPEN. NO EXCEPTIONS. Late entries will be computer random drawn after horse 100 runs.
- Ø Each Entry includes a \$20 Cancer Fund Fee. \$45 Entry, \$25 to pot. Open 4D \$50 Entry, \$30 to pot.
- Ø A raffle ticket with your name will be entered into the pot for each entry you make. You may purchase additional raffle tickets for \$5 ea. Increase your chances of winning LOTS of nice items, purchase add'l tickets with your pre-entry/on-site.
- Ø Stall option: Attend the barrel race at The Ranch Saturday November 14th and stall there, then transfer to Denver Sunday Morning. RVs @ Ranch are \$20/night. Stalls are \$25/night and you will get a bag of shavings with your first night at The Ranch.
- Ø Stalls At Denver. Those reserving stalls via pre-entry will be guaranteed a stall. On-site requests will be handled on a first come first served basis. Fees: Flat Rate \$30/horse, whether you stay one or three nights. One horse per stall. NO TIE IN ALLEYS OF STALL BARN AND DO NOT USE A STALL UNLESS YOU'VE PAID FOR IT?DOING SO WILL RESULT IN A DQ/NT IN BARREL RACE! NO OUTSIDE SHAVINGS ALLOWED MUST PURCHASE ON SITE.

Its important to note again: As in the past, you may roll your time any which way you want. This barrel race is NOT sanctioned by BBR, thus if you want to run in one of the other classes and roll your time TO the Open you may do so. Please make sure you indicate which way you are rolling on the attached entry form.

My Suggestion: With respect to stalls and RV's and in an effort to reduce your costs, I would recommend you stay and stall at The Ranch (if you have that need) because the stalls are less expensive (\$25 and you will receive a bag of shavings), cleaner (sometimes you have to use a "used" stall at Denver), quieter to stay (there will be a Circuit Finals Rodeo Performance going on Saturday night at Denver), and probably a little safer at The Ranch. However, if you chose to stay at Denver, that's fine...the stall rate there is \$30 (no outside shavings allowed -- you need to purchase on site) and those reserving with their pre-entry will be guaranteed a stall. Those arriving on site will have to work around the rodeo performance and secure a stall, if available.

There will be NO OPEN RIDING IN THE ARENA. This event starts sharply at 9 am and runs all day. There is a warm up pen outside the building and there is a very VERY small warm up area at the top of the tunnel that you enter and exit the competition arena from. This area gets very congested and we ask that you try to keep it as empty as possible. We will

most likely limit the number of folks that can be in that arena like we do at Castle Rock and Loveland for safety issues.

There is ABSOLUTELY NO TYING TO STALLS OR THE ALLEYS OF THE STALL BARN. NO TYING IN THE WARM UP PENS. BASICALLY NO TYING ANYWHERE EXCEPT AT YOUR TRAILERS. Doing so will result in an automatic DQ from the event. These are facility rules and we CAN NOT be found in violation of them.

I strongly recommend you pre-enter this event. Entering on site is a difficult situation and is high stress at its best. The event will start sharply at 9 am, and when the first horse runs that class is closed. It will make everyone's life happier and you will have a less stressful day.

Finally, the Open entries will close when horse #100 runs. Absolutely no exceptions. Late entries will be computer random drawn. So those who keep asking what draw number are we on.....it won't mean you will be that number. After horse 100, we will completely draw all the late entries that are taken on site. No exceptions.

And of course I will have calendars on-site for those of you who haven't yet participated it selling them....maybe you'd be interested in buying one! It would be greatly appreciated!

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

### October 21, 2009:

Hey All---

This coming **Saturday, October 24th**, is a BIG weekend for Mile Hi Affiliate Races. We have three scheduled: **Spicer's Arena in Northern Colorado, Hadley's Arena in Southern Colorado, and "The Barn" in Wheatland, WY.**

***I have had a few folks call me about the Wheatland Barrel Race because there are more than one barns.....I don't want to send anyone to the wrong place so the Mile Hi Affiliate Race is at "The Barn" owned by Wiesers. I sent a quick email to secure some information about it and learned that it is a large, heated indoor barn with great ground, center gate, big warm-up area. There will be a photographer on site and good food.***

And, similar to Colorado, the weather is supposed to be in the 50s.

All three of these events are Mile Hi Affiliate events and any money you win will count toward our Affiliate Standings. Applications for membership will be available at all three places. I have personally attended a race at Hadley's Arena (Oct 3), Spicers (Oct 17) and I REALLY wish I could get to Wheatland, but I can't. Both Hadley's and Spicer's do an outstanding job producing affiliate races for us. In chatting with Jan I can tell Weisers is going to be exactly the same. So, those who can get out there, support your Wheatland Wyoming producer and be sure that THANK them for doing a Mile Hi event. Maybe, just maybe we could convince them to do more!!! That would sure help all of the Wyoming members!!!

To secure detailed information on all three events, please go to our website at <http://www.milehibarrelhorse.com/> and click on Affiliate Events Page. Then click on the link for the specific barrel race you want to secure details on.

And I am sending some **money calendars** to Jan, those of you in Wyoming who have not yet purchased one, please consider doing so. The funds go toward our year end Awards Program. AND, IF YOU CAN PLEASE TAKE A HANDFUL AND TRY TO SELL THEM!! They **make great stocking stuffers or gifts for those you don't know what to get (teachers, postman, UPS, Fed Ex, your neighbor, your feed store, and the list is endless)**. Wouldn't it be great if you gave a calendar to someone and they won \$\$\$\$???

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

Carol

**October 22, 2009:**

1. Hey All--

Our next Mile Hi Barrel Horse event is scheduled for **October 31 and November 1, 2009** at **Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock**. This is our **Halloween Barrel Race** and with it comes the return of our **Halloween Costume Contest**. **\$100** up for grabs to the best overall costume. The **Halloween Parade will begin at 12:30 pm** so we can then kick the barrel race off at 1 pm (on time). Therefore exhibitions will be cut off at noon so that we can get the arena worked and set for the start of the barrel race. While we are preparing the ground and setting the arena, you all can be getting dressed and ready for our parade! Be creative, have fun and go for the money!! Our official photographer of Mile Hi Barrel Horse, Dickens Photos, will be on site --- so we will get some great pictures! I've attached our flyer if you need details or go to our website: <http://www.milehibarrelhorse.com/> and click on Upcoming Events then click on the link to the flyer you are wanting to get details from.

We will be doing riding sessions this year like we have in the past. You may begin reserving ride session spots on the **Monday prior to the event. Simply email me which session(s) you'd like to reserve and on which day(s).** Again, once you reserve you are in and you are responsible for the fees. \$10/horse each session is limited to 10 horses and to 20 minutes. The barrels are set up and you can work them as much as you like BUT you must share the arena and the pattern with the other 9 barrel racers in the session. **ABSOLUTELY no ponying in riding sessions.** When you buy a ride session it is for the same horse/rider combination. You can not buy one session and ride two horses or split the time. Sessions are as follows and are offered both days Saturday/Sunday: **(Please make note so when you reserve you know which session(s) and day(s) you want to reserve):**

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

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

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

**Please PLEASE remember to state what day(s) and session(s) you want.** If I have to email you back and ask, you probably won't get in. They go fast!!!

Okay now about the barrel race, we will start at 1 pm on Saturday and noon on Sunday, our standard start times. We will cut exhibitions off early on Saturday to have the Halloween Costume Contest.

We are **BBR Approved both days and have \$200 added each day.**

Finally, we will have the photographers on site...therefore dress code is enforced following the Halloween Contest. So make sure you pack your hats, boots, etc. Dickens Photos will be there to take pictures!

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 720.530.4159 or [milehibarrelhorse@gmail.com](mailto:milehibarrelhorse@gmail.com).

2. Hey All---

Well we have awarded all of the year end, summer and average finalist awards and have ended up with a few extras. Instead of them gathering dust at my house, I thought it would be a great opportunity for some of you who might want them to also help out the Year End Awards Fund. So, here's what I have for sale:

**2009 Transwest Classic Hooded Sweatshirts** - they are royal blue and were awarded in the Average at Finals. See Attached Flyer on website. **\$35 (includes shipping).** I only have a **LIMITED SUPPLY**. Currently I have S, M, and L available.

And I have ONLY ONE XL!!! First to email me back stating they want it, gets it!

I also have **two Small and 1 Medium Brown vest**, which were awarded in the **Summer Series Awards**. They are LADIES size vests. I only have these three...so first to request them will receive them. I don't have pictures available at this time, however, if you want to see one, email me and I'll send you a picture tonight when I get home. **\$35 (includes shipping)**.

Finally, I have **1 Year End Navy Blue "Kids size Large" jacket** and **3 of the Brown Summer Series "Kids Size L" jackets for sale**. These are the size that would fit like Peyton Crowder, Colton Sowards, Colby Wahlert.....that size kid. I know we don't have many "kids" as members, but we certainly have them at our barrel races so maybe someone you know would want one for their little one! **\$30 includes shipping**.

That's it for now. I'd like to invite all of you to support Mile Hi's Year End Awards Fund and purchase any of the above! I'd absolutely love it!

**Oh BTW, how many calendars have you sold today????**

Hope everyone has a great weekend. I hope mine includes some shipping of sweatshirts, coats, and/or vest!

October 26, 2009:

1. Hey All---

As you are all aware by now, our next event is this coming weekend at Douglas County Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena. Yes the S word is predicted but only Wed/Thursday then its suppose to warm up.....melt away and have a nice weekend!!!

**Don't forget our Halloween Costume Contest this weekend. \$100 Bucks up for Grabs!!** And of course, our normal schedule of events....**Jackpot starts at 1 pm on Saturday and noon on Sunday**. For more details you can click on the link from our website: [www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com](http://www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com) and go to the Upcoming Events Page and click on the link for this weekend. Or use: [http://milehibarrelhorse.com/up\\_coming\\_events](http://milehibarrelhorse.com/up_coming_events)

**Dickens Photo's will be in attendance ALL DAY Saturday so we are enforcing the dress code for SATURDAY!!** Please make sure you put your Western Attire in as well as your Halloween Costume!

Sunday the dress code will be **WAIVED. SUNDAY ONLY!!!**

**RIDE SESSIONS UPDATE: I am sold out of Session 3 (9:40-10) on Saturday and I have one opening in Session 3 for Sunday.**

**I have only one opening in Session 2 on Saturday 9:20- 9:40 and 4 Openings for Sunday.**

**Session 1 both days has openings.**

Please email me your requests.....and I've said it before...**PLEASE INDICATE WHICH DAY(S) AND WHICH SESSION(S). IF I HAVE TO ASK YOU USUALLY DO NOT RESPOND IN TIME TO GET THEM.....PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE INDICATE EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT.**

*Pre Entries: Yes I am taking pre-entries for those who have a special need, want an early draw, split horses or whatever. Please email between now and Wednesday night and I will get ya taken care of. If you're already emailed me your entry I*

*have it...I pulled some down today.....*

*Remember, you can email me thru Wednesday night, after which time you'll have to enter on site.*

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

2. Hey All--

Over the past several years, a number of you have expressed a desire to be able to pay your entries via credit card/debit card. Many years ago Mile Hi did infact accept credit cards....however, due to a scam that was pulled on us by some barrel racers in Nebraska, we were forced to eat about \$1,000 in fraudulent charges. To make things worse, the institution our merchant account was with offered NO HELP whatsoever. So, we closed our account and no longer accepted plastic.

We then offered credit card payments thru the pre-entry system we connected with, Western Attitude. However, as many know they are no longer in business. So, we've been sort of out of luck. Well, we have what I think will be a positive solution and we are willing to give it a try.

*Mile Hi is pleased to announce an affiliation with the DACH System, Inc for an **exclusive service available to members of Mile Hi Barrel Horse Assoc.** Every member in good standing is eligible for a custom card that serves as a member ID and is usable to pay all fees and other charges by accessing your checking account, regardless of where you bank. The same card will permit winnings to be automatically credited to your checking account following each Mile Hi event.*

**Benefits:**

*-No cost for the card or service during the pilot period*

*-No need to write checks or pay cash; simply register your bank account information and present your card at each future event for entry*

*-No need to pick up a check for your winnings, or deposit your check, or find a location to cash the check. Winnings are automatically credited back to your check account*

*Simply complete the setup form on at our event this weekend and pick up your card! Be part of the newest offering of payment service available, exclusively from Mile Hi Barrel Horse Association.*

We will have a rep from Dach Systems on site Saturday, October 31 to answer any and all questions you might have. Mile Hi is THRILLED we were chosen for this pilot program and hope that all of you will take advantage of this new electronic endeavor!!!

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

Carol

3.

Hey All--

**A very much appreciated THANK YOU to all who have sent their Thank You's out to Sponsors.**

I have been in contact with a number of them this past week and the thank you's have really started rolling in. So a BIG THANK YOU to all who have sent them. If YOU haven't yet, please please please do so. It is so important that we get thank you's sent to our sponsors. I can't even tell you how much they enjoy getting them, reading them, and knowing they are appreciated!! Please get yours mailed!

***Next, how many calendars have you sold lately?*** If you haven't already sent your money and etc to Lexie, you are welcome to bring it this weekend and turn it into her in person. Whatever is easiest for you. We need to sell, sell, sell. I will have more with me this weekend and ***if YOU haven't bought one for yourself, please consider doing so, if you're willing to take some and sell, swing by the office and pick some up. If you don't understand them come by and I'll spend some time with ya explaining.***

Hope each and everyone of you have a great week!

**October 29, 2009:**

Hey all--

I just learned that one of our younger members, Laramie Noble, just lost her horse this past weekend. Apache was laid to rest after a bad break to a hind leg. Little Laramie is absolutely devastated and I think it would really REALLY make her feel better to know that she has more than just Mom and Dad to help her thru this terrible time. She should know that she too has an extended family in Mile Hi.

We all know how difficult this can be.....but imagine being a little girl and having this happen....Oh my gosh! It's terrible, it's sad, and she's at a loss and probably angry that it has happened. Let's let her know that its okay, we are here. Her family is here.

Please consider sending this little girl a card:

Laramie Noble  
1225 Q1/2 Rd  
Loma, CO 81524

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

2. Hey All--

I might biting off more than I can handle, but several of you requested or expressed an interest in us doing a newsletter again. So, in an effort to keep communication and the fun going, I have made the executive decision to try and do a monthly one. Attached is the October 2009 Newsletter. I hope you enjoy it.

I'd really like to name our newsletter something....a catchy little phrase.....(you know like the Fence Post -- the newspaper from up north) and something that applies to our sport.

If any of you have any suggestions, please forward them to me. And, if any of you have suggestions on stories or want to write one, please let me know that as well. I'd LOVE to hear from ya! Your ideas, etc.

I will also post the newsletters on our website.....Happy reading!

Carol

3. Hey All--

We have a number of events this coming weekend. First, we have our Mile Hi Barrel Horse event at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock at the Indoor Arena. My ride sessions for Saturday are completely sold out! We will be letting you warm up at every 50 and we'll let ya'll ride right before the barrel race. If you need a ride session on Sunday, I have openings in Session 1 and Session 2. Let me know and get yours reserved now.

Next, we have a number of Affiliate Races:

Moab, Utah

Broken Bow, NE <http://ne4d.com/Approvals/bigredrun.htm>  
and entries are due for Gillette Wyoming for their November race.

I've attached flyers and information for all of these events.

Or go to [www.milehibarrelhorse.com](http://www.milehibarrelhorse.com) and click on upcoming events and/or the Affiliate Page. Then click on the links to the events you want to review information for.

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

Carol

### October 31, 2009:

1. Hey All--

Just want to send a huge **THANK YOU** to all of you who sent emails or called thanking us for our decision to cancel this weekend (Oct 31 - Nov 1).

Wouldn't ya know, we get hit with feets of snow - I know that's not proper grammar..but it tells the story! FEETS OF SNOW!! And ENORMOUS snow drifts, we make the decision to keep everyone safe and cancel and then we get 50 degree weather!!!! Only in Colorado!!!!

I've been stressed for some time and battling decision remorse (sort of like buyers remorse)...but now I've settled down and want to thank everyone who has called and shared their thanks and feedback. While the roads melted quickly and cleared out, many have shared with me that they are still personally stuck. That is, their horse trailers and/or trucks are snowed or drifted in. While some attempted to dig out (even some were successful after 3 hours of digging) others said oh thank heavens we don't have to. And others shared they weren't going to come since they couldn't ride all week with the bad weather.

*What ever your case may be, I want to thank ALL of you for your understanding.* Those of you who know me, know that canceling is NOT a regular or common occurrence. When I am faced with that decision it does not come easy...this one was no exception. It was a stressful one and one that the facility and I analyzed for some time. However, certain deadlines have to be met and the decision had to be made Friday morning. We did what we felt was best - the conditions were: 27 inches and 4-5 foot drifts at the north end of the barn, the stall barns were drifted shut, and it was down right ugly. Further, I don't think the weekend was going to get any prettier...imagine 27 inches of snow melted in the parking lot? That equates to **ALOT OF MUD!** Getting stuck mud!

Now with all that said, I do apologize for any inconvenience I might have caused anyone. It certainly was not intentional. I

do hope each and everyone of you enjoy your unexpected weekend off - Mom and I will be working on catching up Mile Hi Memberships, paperwork, and the like and Lexie will be counting calendar sales (those who were planning on bringing them this weekend to turn in can mail them to her?her address is on the calendar) and we won't announce October's Winner for the most sales until Friday or so once---thus, allowing everyone to get their sales in. Or you can email her at [clayandlexie@hotmail.com](mailto:clayandlexie@hotmail.com) and give her your count and then put them in the mail...whichever you would like to do.

We will see you all in two weeks - November 14<sup>th</sup> at The Ranch - Larimer County Fairgrounds for the Pre-Holiday Event and then Sunday we switch to the NWSS Event Center Downtown for the Barrel Race For Breast Cancer. Don't forget to get in the early draw for the Barrel Race for Breast Cancer you need to have your entries postmarked by November 2, 2009. I've attached a flyer for both events and the entry form for the Barrel Race For Breast Cancer is on the bottom of that form.

As always, if you have any questions or need add'l information, please don't hesitate to contact me. 720.530.4159 or [milehibarrelhorse@gmail.com](mailto:milehibarrelhorse@gmail.com)

2. Hey All--

You know how there are certain things in life that you just dread....I mean really dread. Like when you were an adolescent, got in trouble and had to face your parents? Or studying for that final test? Or, in my case, [going to the dentist!](#) UGH!!!!

***A visit to the dentist was the absolute WORST nightmare for me.*** I had braces a total of three times trying to get a decent smile developed (it never did work). So over the course of my younger years a developed a real thing for dentistry. I could find the simplest of excuses to NOT go and didn't!

I'm not sure how long its been and I'm not sure I want to know, but I finally went. And I did this for ONLY two reasons: First, I learned a couple of years ago that we have a dentist among us in our Mile Hi Family.Yes Dr. Jeff Varner. Now you notice I said I learned this a couple of years ago--it's still taken me time to act on that knowledge! The second reason I finally went is I was shamed into it by my daughter who I convinced to go first and test the waters. Lexie's experience was such a positive one and she was relentless in her desire to get me there. She constantly told me how GREAT Jeff was....Ya Ya Ya! Well, I finally broke down emailed Dr. Jeff Varner and asked for an appointment---yesterday afternoon was D-DAY!!!

I arrived with sweaty palms, pale, and highly stressed. You all don't EVEN want to know what I looked like. Between the decision to cancel our event coupled with a trip to dentist..OMGosh!!! It wasn't pretty! I think I truly scared their office....but they just thought I was an early Halloween arrival!

How did it go you ask? It was a TERRIFIC experience. Jeff, as he tells me to call him, was so great!!! He is the sort of dentist you WANT to go to and/or take your children to. He's kind, patient, understanding, alleviates your fears, tells you what he's doing and most importantly **DOESN'T HURT!!!** I was so dreading the visit but I knew I HAD to go otherwise I'd never live it down (too many people knew I was to go). I was pleasantly surprised to have such a POSITIVE experience that I just had to share it! Now come on I know there's others out there just like me (dreadful, hating it, hasn't been, etc). Well, **if you can get in to see Dr. Varner DO IT!! My experience was so wonderful I had to share it and I'm going back!!!**

I now have a really clean smile, my dental health is good and I'm committed to going on a more regular basis. And I had no cavities!!!

It's so cool when you have such a positive situation on such a stressful, negative day! ***Yesterday was a GOOD DAY!!***

Jeff is a proud member of Mile Hi, a strong supporter and sponsor as well. He's probably going to kill me for sharing my experience..but ya'll really need to go see him...he's great!!!

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