

MAPFHA message - Labor Day weekend Event

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Hello MAPFHA Members and Friends;

I hope you've enjoyed the summer riding season with your Paso Fino! It's been a busy one for Chaco and I with lots of competition miles, scenic trails, fun and happy memories behind us. Labor Day and end of summer are suddenly almost here, and I hope you are making plans to get together with the group at Bartels' farm for the holiday weekend. Bob and I are planning to join in, but my dad in Montana is not doing well, and a funeral may interfere with our good intentions, just FYI. We'll be there if possible. Details from my earlier message, as well as a few Facebook notes from Susan are below.

Labor Day weekend: Planning ahead, our "fall" MAPFHA event will take place at the end of summer. **Jim and Susan Bartels near Rochester** have graciously offered their farm for a weekend of trail riding and fun socializing! Jim has spent many hours and days over the years developing and maintaining his private trails along the Zumbro River, up and down the scenic hills and around their bean/corn fields. Their farm is located at the site of a former stagecoach stop, and their farmyard has an Old-tyme flavor. It will be a fun weekend, and you will enjoy the trails and camaraderie.

Camping in the horse pasture is primitive, but they can run an electric cord out. There is one big round pen, or horses can be tied to your trailer or penned. Most meals will be eaten in their multi-purpose pole barn/garage/workshop/outdoor kitchen/lounge area; we'll coordinate menu planning as we get closer to the date (Jim and Sue are not catering). A vault toilet and water are available; bring your own hay. Since we will camp at their private farm, please plan to compensate them accordingly and generously for their hospitality and facility use.

Here's a note from Susan B., posted on Facebook Aug. 10

I meant to post a while back! Went to Iceland in June, have been babysitting full time, caretaking a relative and my sister's house burned down (lightening) plus company from Arizona! Whew! Jim has been checking all the riding trails and clearing trees. Should be ready for Labor Day Ride! We have a large round pen, small round pen and two box stalls available. Water will be available with easy access. Also we have a cabin with air conditioning. It has a futon and cot ready if anyone wants to stay in the cabin. There is a refrigerator and grill available. We will have the outhouse and a couple of electrical hook ups ready. Jim will have fire wood for a campfire too! We are retired so whenever folks want to arrive is ok- Thursday- Monday. I have not ridden much so looking forward to seeing friends and riding. Let me know if you have any questions!

We will try to accommodate electrical hookups. Jim is the expert on our system so will have some at the garage and some at the barn. Should work if we do not use AC.

Lynda reminded me to discuss meal planning. Any suggestions are welcome. We can have a pot luck Saturday evening if folks like that idea. We can fix our own and then eat meals together?? Jim and I are flexible. We live close to a shopping center with grocery stores and restaurants too. We do have plenty of room for crockpots on our counter in the pole shed. We do have a single burner on our grill. Let me know your thoughts.

The Facebook comments favored a potluck on Sat.; two stalls and the cabin are already spoken for. Looks like our group will number about 12-14. Please notify Susan if you're planning to come, and when you plan to arrive. I've copied her separately here so you can email her directly. Hope to see you there!

Jim and Susan Bartels' address is:

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Warmly,

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