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RMR Weekly E-News

Hello RMR Faithful!

The 62 Annual Pikes Peak Range Ride is over and it was a great time riding with my friends. The purpose of the Range Riders is to promote the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo which is July 14-17 in Colorado Springs. The rodeo runs every evening during those days, but there is a Saturday matinee and kids are only \$1 for that performance. This is a fantastic rodeo and all of the proceeds benefit the military here in the Pikes Peak region. You can find more information on the internet at [Coloradospringsrodeo dot com](http://Coloradospringsrodeo.com) or call 719-635-1101

The Ride for the Brand Ranch Rodeo is July 3rd at the Norris Penrose Event Center at 5:30pm. This rodeo has 12 ranches from 5 states competing against each other and is a super way to spend an evening. Same website and phone number for info as the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

A lot of you are taking advantage of training your dogs at the club, and that is great. It is important to keep your dogs in shape over the summer, but make sure that you don't overheat them. Keep them hydrated and think about the times that you train. First thing in the morning is perfect and so is later in the day towards dusk. It is generally cooler then and you can get in more time working with the dogs before they get tired and hot. Bring your bug spray! Those blood suckers are out at those times too!

As we near the Fourth of July weekend.....PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE!! Be aware of the potential for wild-fires. Don't be one of the folks that think a harmless firework won't start a fire. We have a smoking restriction at RMR for a reason. The slightest spark can start a fire that can and would be devastating. If you are training at the club....smoking is allowed in the parking areas only, at all times. If you want to smoke, keep a used water bottle to put your butts in and make sure they are extinguished completely. If you are camping, make sure your fire is out completely and your stoves are shielded from a potential flame that could be a problem. Stay vigilant and let's not be responsible for a fire....anywhere!

Here is a simple way to see if a firework is legal or not: Easy guidelines for determining if a firework is illegal include: if the item has a fuse, or needs matches or lighters to operate, it is illegal. This includes sparklers, roman candles, cherry bombs, bottle rockets, etc. Only novelty products are legal for sale, possession, or use in the city. Allowable novelty products include party poppers and snappers.

TV SHOW AIRS JUNE 29 AND JULY 3

For those of you who have been asking....the hunting show that we shot last fall will only be on the Pursuit Channel on DirecTV. It will be on PBS later, but I don't know when. We will get a copy and run it at the club this fall, too. I think it will be on line on the Living the Wildlife website at some point as well.

To recap: Last fall RMR member Kent Stevinson and I went on a Brown Bear hunt in Alaska with Mike Cowan and Crosshairs of Alaska. We filmed the hunt with Danny Dodge of Living the Wildlife and the show is going to air on **June 29 at 9:30am MST and again on July 3 at 4:30pm on DirecTV channel 608.** Set

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your DVR's or watch this amazing adventure. We were hampered with weather and even though we didn't get a bear, the trip was amazing. We will sign autographs on your rain gear if you want us too!

SUPREME COURT ISSUES RULING PROTECTING GUN RIGHTS

In its second major ruling on gun rights in three years, the Supreme Court Monday extended the federally protected right to keep and bear arms to all 50 states. The decision will be hailed by gun rights advocates and comes over the opposition of gun control groups, the city of Chicago and four justices.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote for the five justice majority saying "the right to keep and bear arms must be regarded as a substantive guarantee, not a prohibition that could be ignored so long as the States legislated in an evenhanded manner."

The ruling builds upon the Court's 2008 decision in *D.C. v. Heller* that invalidated the handgun ban in the nation's capital. More importantly, that decision held that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms was a right the Founders specifically delegated to individuals. The justices affirmed that decision and extended its reach to the 50 states. Today's ruling also invalidates Chicago's handgun ban.

RMR MEMBER NEWS

Long time RMR member Dave Benbow passed away on June 10th. Dave was always a cheerful sort and we watched him raise his kids at RMR and teach them the hunting ways. We have Louann and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Danny Berry, the young man who was in the car accident a week ago, is still unconscious but responding now to voices and touch. The family is staying with my wife Rebecca and I and they wanted me to tell you all thanks for the prayers and the calls. Keep them in your prayers.

Garrett Ross had another round of treatment last Friday and seems to be responding to it well, after a couple of tough days.

We continue to keep Barb Selvig and Wes Metzler in our prayers as they battle cancer. Words alone cannot help them, but our prayers can!

TWO FOR THE ROAD

His father sends a small boy to bed. Five minutes later....

"Da-ad...."

"What?"

"I'm thirsty. Can you bring drink of water?"

"No. You had your chance. Lights out."

Five minutes later: "Da-aaaad....."

"WHAT?"

"I'm THIRSTY. Can I have a drink of water??"

"I told you NO!" If you ask again, I'll have to spank you!!"

Five minutes later....."Daaaa-aaaad....."

"WHAT!"

"When you come in to spank me, can you bring a drink of water?"

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The farmer met his kin at the railroad station. "Uncle, I'm mighty glad to see you, he greeted. "That crate of chickens you sent me bust open just as I was going to take 'em out and they ran all over the place. I chase 'em through my neighbor's yard and only got back eleven." "You did okay," said uncle. "I only sent you six."

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