

MM Good News

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Horse Normals

Knowing whether your horse is sick or not can often be a guessing game, but the following norms can help determine if it's time to call the vet.

Pulse Rate	30 - 40 BPM
Respiratory Rate	12 - 20 BPM
Temperature	99.5 - 101.5°F
Capillary Refill Time	< 2 seconds

President's Message By Tresa Smith

This July John and Lynn Kelley and I were invited by ABCCMM President Magdi Shatt to attend the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the ABCCMM 's founding 1949/2009 at the National Show in Belo Horizonte. It was an honor to represent the USMMA at this historic event. What was also important was that the ABCCMM officially featured the USMMA as its U.S. international affiliate. Such recognition acknowledges that we work with them to protect the purity and the standard of the breed. It will always be significant for us to maintain ties with Brazil and continue to be educated by them on the Marchador for they are the ones who have developed and maintained this special breed.

I come from Montana, a mining state. We have a name for the source of gold for a mine, the mother lode. Brazil, the ABCCMM, is the mother lode for the Marchador.

Brazil is there to guide us in major ways and in small ways that matter. Recently, struggling to define the versatility of the Marchador, I had only to look at how the Brazilians define them, THE COMPLETE HORSE (the Brazilians are showing them in the timed competition called the Complete Horse which Lynn Kelley will define more clearly in this newsletter).



ABCCMM, USMMA and EAMMA Members at Belo Horizonte

While at the celebration, we also had the opportunity to meet members of the other official ABCCM international affiliate, the European Association of Mangalarga Marchador, the EAMM. It was interesting to compare the development of the horses on our different continents and fun to get to know our fellow criadores.

“ Eu Faco parte desta historia.” “I made a part of the history”. This was the theme of the ABCCMM Anniversary. It applies to us all. Aren't we fortunate to be part of the destiny of this great horse.

USMMA President Tresa Smith



ABCCMM President Magdi Shatt presents USMMA President Tresa Smith with Anniversary Medal

Member News



Holm Neumann lets off an expert shot at a gallop. Did you notice? He's not using his reins folks!



Beethoven do Summerwind waiting patiently at the "tree of knowledge". Owned by Sandy Smith of WA



Boneca da Lusonatica, just getting comfortable under saddle. Owned by Ellen Farmer of FL

Welcome New Members!

It is our great pleasure to welcome the following new members into the USMMA:

Colin Fallwall and Megan McClarney - TX
Annibelle and Russ Beggs - CA
Katie Stearns - OR

Cascade Marchadors (OR)

Congratulations to Holm Neumann who was inducted into the Mounted Archery Hall of Fame this year!

In the spring of 2009 we at Cascade Marchadors traveled to Ocala and put on a [mounted archery] demo. It was well received and MMs were featured.

In June, 2009 20 folks gathered in Bend, OR, for the Neumann Family Reunion and to celebrate birthdays, weddings and grand children. We also enjoyed some wonderful trail riding on our MMs!

Cascade MMs and Mounted Archery Center will present a clinic with 4 of our MMs in Scottsdale, AZ in early October.

From Sandy Smith (WA)

Hi Signa,

Hope the end of August finds you and your family all in good health.

I'm including a picture taken of Beethoven enjoying the shade after today's warm summer's ride. He's putting up with having a few pictures snapped while waiting patiently to be

untacked. Another day's wet saddle blanket under our belts. In 22 days he'll turn 4. My how time has flown. A year ago I was patiently waiting to drive across 4 states to pick up a three year old when I hadn't been around horses for 10 years. I'm so glad I was up for the challenge. We've taken our time and in doing so have developed a great foundation of trust between us. My goal this year was to be able to ride solo through the beautiful wilderness trails of eastern Washington. And just last week we had our first, 3 successful solos. Thanks Lynn for this wonderful horse. Lord willing, he'll be my trail buddy for the next 20+ years.

God Bless,
Sandy

4 Seasons Marchadors (MT)

4 Seasons Mateus (colt) was born to Cafundo Monalisa and Abraco do Lucero July 25, 6:30 AM! We are having a great time with this little independent fellow.

Yankee River Sport Horses (PA)

In August the PA Equestrian ran an article about Signa Strom and Azenha de Maripa, and Lynn and John Kelley of Summerwind Marchadors. It focused predominantly on the Marchador and endurance riding but also did a very good job of promoting the breed as versatile, easy to work with, and gentle.

Signa Strom has also acquired her second Marchador (Steio do Berma) who is scheduled to arrive at our farm on September 16th.

From new member Annibella Beggs (CA)

Andalusians and Lusitanos are the fantasy horses of my youth. The stunning presence of these magnificent Iberian horses, flowing manes and tails, in deep gray dapples...skip to middle age with the enlightenment of gaited horses, enter the Brazilian Mangalarga Marchador.

The untimely death of my beloved TWH propelled me once again on a quest for that elusive "Forever Trail Buddy". In grief and absolute confidence I put my equine fate in the capable hands of Susan Neumann of Cascade Marchadors.

For those of you who don't know Susan, she is a Horse Yenta. Her love and knowledge of horses is boundless and contagious. Still mourning my departed Walker, Susan scooped me up and brought me to the Neumann Ranch renowned for mounted archery and MMs. She and my husband scoured the For Sale ads creating a list of potential horses...Hmmm...none of them Susan's. I came to Bend, Oregon last year and left without a Marchador. This year I was determined, I wanted a Marchador.

Member News continued

During an insufferable heat wave (near 100 degrees) Susan intrepidly drove me all over Hell's Half Acre looking at three incredible, delightful grey ponies. I'd've bought all of them, so excellent was her eye. I still hadn't looked at any of Susan's horses for sale. The phone rings. I overhear a very revealing tidbit of information. "My good friend, Annibella is here and we're looking at horses. I have clients coming this weekend." Eureka. Susan sells horses to clients, not friends. The flaw in this business model is Susan's warmth. She is so dad gum friendly, clients quickly cross that line.

The next day, more of the same, a list of horses throughout the Northwest. "Susan," says I, "I want to see your horses." "I don't have any greys," she reminds me. Unescorted I wander her backyard and locate four, count 'em four grey horses. Discounting the stud, I say "Susan, do you mean to tell me ALL those grey horses are spoken for?"

There is a great scene at the end of the "Wizard of Oz" when Dorothy realizes if you can't find your heart's desire in your own backyard...well I didn't need to look any farther than Susan's backyard: The Forgotten One; The Enigma; the overlooked, dependable, reliable archery clinic gelding. Grey, 14.3, 4 yrs, in need of a person to call his own...a gaited Alter Real, my Dream Horse.

Talk about gaiting below the radar. This glorious specimen, who is my ideal size, age, color and breed was completely, absolutely, verifiably forgotten by Susan. Granted he was one of her husband's "herd"; and he is closer to white than the dark, purple dapples I lust over. Is there a secret hand shake or code to deserve a Marchador? References? A note from my mother?

The jokes continue to fly about this lonely, forgotten guy: "What, that horse, is he still here?" "Who? Where'd he come from?" "You gotta twist some arms around here to get a Marchador." None is true. Susan simply doesn't wish to risk her friendships over horses and business.

His papers are in the mail. The Neumann's call him Tsagan (Mongolian for 'white', the name of Genghis Khan's favorite horse—that is another story my friends). His registered name is Despreocupado do Lucero, bred by William Kambric (thank you very much!) and now he is part of the Beggs Family herd, with Mica Morgan and Dobby Arab. I'm thinking of calling him Desejo: To wish for, my heart's desire.

Rox Rogers (MT)

The August edition of Montana Woman features USMMA's Rox Rogers on its cover and in an extensive article. The cover photo by Michael Carr shows Rox riding her Mangalarga Marchador, Bambino de Ita-

joana, a horse imported from Fazenda Santarem of Brazil. Bambino is the son of famous Marchador sire Acai Tabatinga. His mother, Pupila de Itajoana, currently resides in Montana at Montana Mangalarga Marchador. The article will be online from mid-September to mid-November at www.montanawoman.com

Summerwind Marchadors (AZ/CO)

Brasilia do Summerwind has been confirmed pregnant to La Paz Jivago for a 2010 foal. Bossa Nova de Miami is being held open in the event Summerwind can import frozen semen from Brasil. John and Lynn Kelley traveled to Brasil in July to participate in the 2009 ABCCMM 60th anniversary celebration. La Paz Jivago has been bought back and is again standing at stud with us!

Great Lakes Marchadors (MI)

Jay and Susan Bryan of Great Lakes Marchadors have acquired stallion, Oxum do Vale da Prata from Cascade Marchadors, OR. Two of their mares may already be pregnant for foals due in 2010! Oxum was imported as a young colt by Regal Legacy Farms and bought as a gift by Holm Neumann for his wife Susan. Recently, Cascade Marchadors decided to sell their breeding stock. Anyone who has met Oxum knows what a sweet stallion he is. Congratulations to the Bryan's on their purchase.

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4 Seasons Mateus shown with his mother Cafundo Monalisa.



Rox Rogers is shown riding her Marchador Bambino de Itajoana on the cover of Montana Woman



Annibella Beggs on her new Marchador Despreocupado do Lucero

Member News continued



Cetine do Premier (in foal to Bom Dia do Premier)

Sunset Farm (SC)

Jim and Grace Funderburk: As for our breeding.....man what a whirlwind of a time. The timing of the mare's cycle came the end of the week when we were traveling to our grandson's christening. We were able to catch Cetine on the last day of her cycle. She was not interested in Bom Dia, our stallion, but that one day. We were able to breed her and the next three days nothing, she had no interest in him at all. We decided that if she didn't take we would have to wait again until next year as it was getting to late in the year to wait until the next cycle. That Friday we had Lori Silcher from 4 Seasons Marchadores collect Abraco do Lucero for shipment and delivery on Saturday. Since we were traveling on Saturday we were on the phone a lot making sure the

semen got to the vet and that Bianca was still a go for breeding. Our vet is so good they were able to breed her on Saturday and again on Sunday evening. Then came the long wait for confirmation and another long wait for the heart beat. God has blessed us so much we and will have 2 foals this coming spring. We can't wait to see the 2 foals and see what they inherit from their parents. We have finally gotten our web site up and on line and will be adding more pictures in the next few months.

Shannon Ford and Dennis Pelletier (BC)

Shannon and Dennis became the first Marchador owners and breeders in British Columbia with their purchase of fillies Regina de Lazy T and Rosa de

Lazy T from Tresa Smith of Montana Mangalarga Marchadors. Regina (2) and Rosa (3) are full sisters from two foundation Tabatinga horses, Tabatinga Monitor x Tabatinga Rota.

Share your news!

Have you met another MM owner? Are you using MMs as lesson horses? Have you entered your MM in a recent or upcoming competition? Do you think your MM is simply the perfect horse for his job? Have you attended a clinic that you thought was valuable? Please, tell us about it!

Submit your news, thoughts, pictures, and updates at any time, day or night, and I'll make sure they get included in an upcoming newsletter.

Playing Polo Changes the Lives of At Risk City Kids by Signa Strom



Work to Ride made history with the first African-American Polo team in the nation. In addition one of their players was voted in 2005 as the #1 National All Star player.

We all know that horses can change lives; those of us who own horses can attest to that fact without reservation. But in Philadelphia, PA the Work to Ride program is proving it.

“Work to Ride is a non-profit, providing disadvantaged urban youth from Philadelphia with constructive activities centered around horsemanship, equine sports, and education.”

Although the Work to Ride program provides basic riding lessons along with other competitive riding opportunities, the Polo program is hands down the

favorite of all the Work to Ride participants and it's easy to see why – the fast speeds, competitive play, and thrill of the game are intoxicating!

I've had the opportunity to watch these kids play and they are absolutely awesome! It is obvious that they love the game and that they love their horses. On top of it they are learning valuable interpersonal and team building skills and developing a good work ethic – it's a really a fantastic opportunity for them.

The reason I'm bringing this

program to your attention is that the Work to Ride program is in serious financial trouble and without the generous donations of people like us will not survive past this year. In an effort to carry the program through this tough time the staff has even volunteered to temporarily give up their salaries, but it's just not enough.

Please take the time to visit their website to learn more about their program and accomplishments and to make an online donation.

www.worktoride.net

CHAMPION MARCHADOR IDEAL – the complete horse! By Lynn Kelley

While we were in Brasil at the 2009 National Show, we got to participate in a relatively new show class that is similar to some of the trail classes or Extreme Cowboy challenges here in the US.

The class stands on its own with horses named CHAMPION and RESERVE CHAMPION FUNCTIONAL. In addition, the scores of this functional class are added to the scores the horses obtain in Conformation class and in the Marcha class to name a new CHAMPION – called the CHAMPION MARCHADOR IDEAL – the complete horse!

We loved the easy format and the idea, so the USMMA will be attempting to hold a Marchador show copying this 3-tier format for a “national” show in the fall of 2010 or spring 2011. Get your horses ready!

FUNCTIONAL TEST OF THE HORSE MANGALARGA MARCHADOR

The Functional Test "Marchador Ideal" is the only functional test track, officially recognized by ABCCMM. It constitutes proof of animal production, evaluation of the sport potential and versatility of the horse, plus the training and conditioning of the animal. It is a race against the clock, with time penalties for each foul committed by the horse and rider.

The Functional Test "Marchador

Ideal" is for horses under saddle over the age of 36 (thirty six) months. There are six categories: marcha batida male, marcha batida female, marcha batida gelding, marcha picada male, marcha picada female and marcha picada gelding.

The horses must be ridden by the same rider that rode them in the gait competitions.

The two best times achieved in the general Functional Tests in all categories, without distinction, will receive respectively the titles of Champion and Reserve Champion National Functional Tests.

In addition, these scores from the Functional Test are added to the Conformation and Marcha gait competition scores to determine which horse is the IDEAL MARCHADOR.

The top two horses in each of the 6 categories will receive the title of CHAMPION MARCHADOR IDEAL and RESERVE CHAMPION IDEAL.

DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES:

1. FARM GATE (T) - The horse is expected to enter in front of the obstacle and, under the command of the rider, approach or touch its side at the gate, showing calmness and acceptance of the leg. The rider must open the gate with one hand, cross to the other side of

the fence with the horse yielding to the command to the leg. Side passing, the rider returns to the gate to the starting position and passes the handle to lock the gate.

2. WALK on a FREE REIN (T) - Without action of hands, the rider must ride his horse in a straight line, demonstrating relaxation, rhythm, balance, depth and quality movements. The contact should be restored at the end of the box.

3. AFT (T) - From the top of the box, the horse should back up straight, with attention and attitude, and in a steady pace, through the entire box.

4. POLES (T) – MARCHA gait. Following a serpentine pattern around each pole, on the last pole, the horse should make a circle about 6 feet in diameter to the right, completing 180-degree turn without changing the tempo. The horse returns to the start using the same serpentine pattern.

5. (3) THREE BARRELS (L) – GALLOP. Released to gallop after the poles, the horse moves on the rail, then comes off the rail to run the simple outline of each of the three barrels, the first being the left hand, the second right hand and the third left hand.

6. JUMP (L) – GALLOP After third barrel, continue to the two sequential barriers, vertical 12 meters distant from each other, and a height of 0.60 m, consisting of bundles hay and straw on the hay, placed on the edge of the first bale of hay.

7. STATION (T) – HALT with rein release. Into a circle marked in lime in the soil, with

4m in diameter, make a transition to the halt and remain there in the circle with loose reins for 4 seconds. When the timer goes off, the trial is over, ending counting the time of trial.



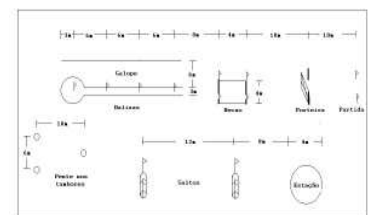
Lynn Kelley navigates the Marchador Ideal

PENALTIES:

5 seconds is added to the time for each penalty incurred during the test.

Examples include; Not closing the gate, not staying in the gait demanded during each figure technique, crossing out of the side of the box during the back-up, knocking down a pole, knocking over a barrel, failure to jump the jumps, coming out of the circle at the stop etc.

There are three tries for each figure, before the horse and rider are asked to move on with maximum penalties.



Course Diagram. (Full size diagram is attached to this email.)

Bom Saude By Dr. Tia Nelson, DVM

Breeding for Color

"I want you to come do a breeding soundness exam (BSE) on my new six year old mare," stated Cindy, one of my clients. "She's a palomino and I am interested in knowing more about that color and its genetics. I'd like to raise a few more like her, especially with her color. Wait till you see her! She's as golden as a perfectly toasted marshmallow."



Palomino: Shown is Bom Dia do Premier

Buckskins and Palominos each carry one dilution gene which should be considered when breeding.



Buckskin: Shown is Vicosa de Itajoana

Later that week I met Cindy to check out the new mare. As this mare had never been bred before, the BSE would be fairly straightforward. I visually inspect the vulva for correct conformation and to be sure the lips seal well. An ultrasound exam is done to be sure the uterus and ovaries appear to be in good health and to determine approximately where she is in her heat (estrus) cycle. I ask questions about how regular her heats are and when the last one was noted.

"Barbie" the new palomino was, indeed, gorgeous. Dark skin around her eyes enhanced the luminous quality of the quiet, nearly black, pools of her soul. She was calm and serene while I walked around her admiring both her conformation and color. The deep gold of her hide almost shimmered in the hot sun and I completely understood Cindy's desire to replicate it. She had a small white star on her forehead under her thick white forelock and no other markings at all. Her heavy ivory mane and tail completed the breathtaking picture.

"So, I want to get this color again and you can see why," said Cindy. "How do I do it? I know a couple of nice palomino stallions. It would make sense to breed to one of them, wouldn't it?"

I was glad Cindy asked before she decided to breed the mare. "Do you like cremellos?" I asked.

"Not too much," she said, shaking her head decisively.

"If you breed her to another palomino, you have a 25% chance of getting a cremello," I told her. "The way the genetics work for palomino is like this: There is a base color, in this mare's case it is sorrel, which gets changed to palomino by the action of a "dilution gene". A palomino or buckskin is carrying one dilution gene that acts on either sorrel, for palomino; or bay, for buckskin. A horse with two dilution genes (one inherited from each of its parents) is a cremello. So, if you breed her to a palomino, she has a 25% chance of a cremello, a 25% chance of a sorrel, and a 50% chance of another palomino.

"If you breed her to a sorrel she has a 50% percent chance of a sorrel and a 50% chance of another palomino. And if you breed her to a cremello she has a 50% chance of a palomino and a 50% chance of a cremello. It's interesting," I continued. "People have been trying to create a breed registry

for palominos and another for buckskin, but the stumbling block is that they will never breed true. You cannot always predict that a palomino-palomino mating will always produce palomino and the same is true of buckskin. Since you don't like cremellos so much, I recommend you find a sorrel stallion with excellent conformation and use him with this mare.

"Oh, and you are right: She is absolutely beautiful!"

Cindy beamed at the compliment and stroked the soft nose of her new mare

EDITORS NOTE: Since 2008, the USMMA following the ABCCMM guidelines does not allow for the registration of cremellos.

Dr. Tia Nelson, DVM is a Marchador owner and apprentice ABCCMM Marchador Technician (Inspector). She runs a full time veterinary practice in the beautiful state of Montana.

If you have questions for Dr. Tia, she can be reached by email at: drtiadvm@aol.com

Registrar News By Lynn Kelley, USMMA Registrar

No new horses were registered with the USMMA during this summer. However, the office estimates about 19 foals were born that should be registered by year-end 2009. Eight DNA kits were issued to members requesting them as part of the foal registration process.

During July, Lynn Kelley, USMMA Registrar spent time with

the ABCCMM Registrar on paperwork required for some US horses to get dual registration with the ABCCMM. Following that meeting, 5 horses were provisionally registered and 2 horses were accepted for permanent registration with the ABCCMM. They are:

Provisional Registration
Annalisa Libertas
Bara Fazenda Zouga
Marisa-Monte de Lazy T

Joao-Gilberto de Lazy T
Caetano-Veloso de Lazy T

Permanent Registration
Aviadora do Campo Real
Frevo da Camaq

If you have questions about getting your Marchador registered, please contact Lynn Kelley at :

registrar@usmarchador.com



AZ - Photo of 2 year old Whispering Pines Lareina (Ritmo AJ x Epopeia do Vale da Prata) owned by Connie and Dave DeCamp.

Marketing 101 By Signa Strom

Be an Ambassador

Even though the Marchador is the THIRD most popular breed in the world it is relatively unknown here in the US. So how do we get the Marchador known better in our country? Let your horse be an ambassador! It doesn't require a lot of work, effort, or money -- it simply requires a passion and willingness to share your horse with others. Although shows and

events are great ways to get the Marchador name out there, I'm thinking much more "grass roots" and personal.....like stopping on a trail ride to allow ooglars the opportunity to pet your horse.

Here are a couple simple things that Azenha and I have done while trail riding:

Let three city kids who'd never seen a horse in real life pet her.

Let some Newfoundland dog trainers introduce the dogs to their first horse.

Let walkers with young children pet the horse.

We routinely stop and talk to people we meet on the trail, and I always tell them they've now met a horse from Brazil - that starts the conversation EVERY time!



Carol Long and Ella at Dream Catcher Ranch

Dream Catcher Ranch Site of USMMA Board and Membership Meeting

Susan and John Gabriel hosted the August 8 USMMA board and membership meeting at their Dream Catcher Ranch, at Bonsall, California. Susan is board Secretary for the USMMA and her husband John Gabriel, an experienced mediator, volunteered to lead the afternoon USMMA strategy session, Focus on the Future.

Dream Catcher turned out to be not only the ranch's name

but the theme of the afternoon brainstorming session, which did catch some dreams for the future of the USMMA. A several hour exchange by members prioritized five different areas for the USMMA to focus upon: 1. Doing a Major Website Overhaul 2. Forming a USMMA Promotional Group. 3. Defining the USMMA target market. 4. Working on ways to demonstrate the versatility of the horse. 5. Running an annual national show and competition that shows the

Marchador as the Complete Horse.

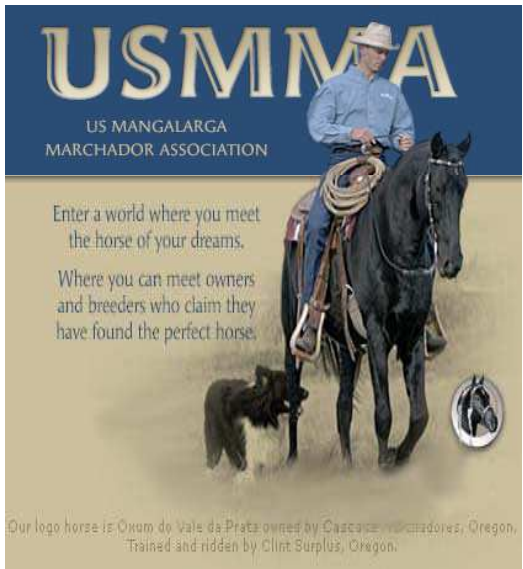
Members came from far and near for the meeting. Attending members were Carol Long of Florida, Bill and Sandy Kambic of Tennessee, Jacob Martinez and Theresa Longo, of California, Susan Gabriel of California, John and Lynn Kelley of Colorado, Susan Neumann of Oregon, Tresa Smith of Montana and new member Megan



Susan Gabriel and Carmela do Dream-catcher (Helga Libertas x Tabatinga Monitor) at Dream Catcher Ranch

McClarney of Texas.

Thank you ,Gabriels, for graciously hosting the event and for a very productive strategy session.



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Deadlines: October 26, 2009 for November newsletter

About Our Organization

The USMMA is dedicated to the Marchador breed in America by providing information and assistance in all areas to current and future owners of these wonderful horses.

The United States Mangalarga Marchador in America (USMMA) provides an official information site for all American Mangalarga Marchador horses, owners and breeders. The USMMA is affiliated with the Associacao Brasileira dos Criadores do Cavalo Mangalarga Marchador (ABCCMM), the Brazilian organization founded to preserve, regulate and register the unique bloodlines of this magnificent breed. Mangalarga Marchadors must pass rigid standards for conformation, gait, performance and endurance. In many cases, the horses maintain registry in Brazil. In many cases, the horses in the U.S. maintain **dual** registry with the ABCCMM in Brazil.

If you would like to join the association, there is a membership application form on the USMMA website, or you can contact us at info@usmarchador.com.

Important Notices



NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

The email address for the newsletter has been changed from the editor's personal address to the following:

newsletter@usmarchador.com

Please make note of this change and use this email address in the future for all submissions of stories, news, photos, and to contact the editor.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & DUES



It is time for members to pay their dues and renew their USMMA membership. You should have received notice of this by email, but if you have not please contact Eliza Frazer:

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