

Riders Wanted!

The Nevada Division of the Pony Express needs riders to get the mail across Nevada!

Join us for the Nevada section of 2023 Annual Re-Ride from June 7-17 as we do our part to move the leather mochila from Sacramento, CA to St Joseph, MO in 10 days!

We ride 24/7 in all weather! Do you and your horse have what it takes?

All sections need riders!

Requirements:

- Must be a member of the Nevada Division of the National Pony Express Association (insurance requires it)
- Saddle must have a horn or at least a pommel (the mochila is best secured over a horn)
- You and your horse must be able maintain a trot speed for 2 miles (most legs are in 2-3 mile increments and we do have a deadline to keep)
- Wear the uniform-blue jeans, red long-sleeved shirt (button up preferred), a yellow neckerchief, and brown vest
- Bonus if you are comfortable riding on the side of the road (there will be XP trailers behind you to help with traffic, and depending on the section there may be a police escort)
- Patience-the mail may be early or late depending on circumstances beyond the control of the Ride Captain and you will need to be at your first spot upwards of 2 hours early.
- A sense of adventure! This is pretty addicting!

Section Descriptions:

Section 1- Thursday, June 8th 1pm-6pm: Woodfords Station on SR 88 to Carson City (2nd & Curry)

Travels down 88 to Foothill Rd (SR 206) -through Genoa- down Jacks Valley Road - through Fuji Park across HWY 50 at the signal-and up Curry St to 2nd

In the daylight, mostly on the side of the road riding, XP trailers behind, police escort in front

Section 2-Thursday, June 8th 6pm-10:45pm: Carson City to Ft Churchill

Travel up Curry to E Washington through Mills Park onto shoulder of HWY 50, crosses Hwy at Arrowhead and Deer Run signal; takes frontage road against traffic up and over hill with Welcome to Carson City sign, under V&T trestle; continue against traffic along large shoulder/frontage trail to 341 junction, take BLM roads (Rawhide/Dayton Toll Rd) into Dayton, up Main Street to the Gold Ranch Casino; cross HWY 50 to head EB to Ft Churchill Rd, turn Right and follow to Ft Churchill

Starts in daylight, will mostly likely be dark by Dayton, lots of road riding but the dirt shoulders are very wide most of the time on HWY 50, Ft Churchill Rd is gravel; may have police escort to Carson City limits, XP trailers will not be able to follow when Rider is on the other side of the road but will once Rider crosses at Dayton

Section 3- Thursday, June 8th 10:45pm- 3am Friday, June 9th: Ft Churchill to Shurz Hwy (HWY 95)

Leaves Ft Churchill takes HWY 95A south across Carson River Bridge and Buckland Station turns Left onto Simpson Rd/Pony Express Trail, past Scout Camp and east through to Shurz HWY (HWY 95) at the Top Gun Raceway Entrance

All at night, playa, sand, rocky road; Ride Captain will be in trailer behind riders

Section 4: Friday June 9th 3am-6:30am: Shurz Hwy to Sand Springs

Leaves Top Gun entrance, crosses 95 and takes OHV trails skirting south of Carson Lake, between two mountain ranges, staying south of the Salt Wells Sink taking dirt road to HWY 50

Mostly at night, may get some dawn light; playa, sand, rocky road; may have HAM operators traveling behind you

Section 5: Friday Jun 9th 630-1130am: Sand Springs to Cold Springs Station

Takes trail up and over Sand Spring Pass to frontage road along HWY 50 EB to just about Drumm Summit, where Rider may have to travel on the shoulder at which time XP trailers will be behind rider all the way to Cold Springs Station

In daylight, starts off road, ends on road riding (restaurant at the end of the section 😊)

Section 6: Friday Jun 9th 1130am-430pm: Cold Springs Station to Railroad Pass

Leave Cold Springs Station heading EB on HWY 50; take Old Overland Road up Edwards Creek Canyon to the top of the Desatoya Range down Smith Creek Canyon across Smith Creek Valley to Railroad Pass on SR 722.

In daylight, mountain climbing, playa, some road riding

Section 7: Friday Jun 9th 430pm-Saturday, June 10th 1230am: Railroad Pass to Grubb's Well

Leave Railroad Pass, travel down shoulder of SR 722, cross HWY 50 before Austin, go up and over Simpson Park Range into Bean and Grubb Flats

Starts in daylight, mountain riding, creek crossings, OHV roads and maybe swampy at Grubb's Well in dark

Section 8: Saturday, June 10th 1230-6:45am: Grubb's Well to Overland Pass

Leave Grubb's Well cross Kobeh Valley, stay south of the Sulphur Springs Range, across Diamond Valley up Telegraph Canyon to the top of the Diamond Mountain Range at Overland Pass

Mostly in the dark on OHV roads, with mountain climbing nearing daybreak

Section 9: Saturday, June 10th 6:45am-1:00am Sunday, June 11th: Overland Pass to Ibapah, UT

This 144-mile Section is covered by our Eastern Division-The Schellbourne Re-Riders and is captained by Tony Zamora. Please contact him directly for more information about riding here. Email: zanthonyt@yahoo.com cell: 1-775-289-5540