



TALES & TRAILS

Newsletter of the Socorro chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico

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Presidents Words

We are fast closing in on the holiday season and the end of the year. The past year has been an adventure with the EHV, then the fires, to be followed by the drought. The fires and drought ruined a lot of work project and activities for a lot of chapters. Let's hope this next year is a little wetter and allows for more projects. If you know of anyone that likes to ride and would like to get evolved please invite them to join the BCH. We need some new blood and fresh ideas. If anyone has any ideas for projects, rides, educational activities or any thing else let me know and we will try to get it on the schedule. This is the last news letter of the year so Merry Christmas, Happy New Years and I am looking forward to a lot of good safe rides and projects in the upcoming year.

Poker Ride: On December 3 there is going to be a Poker Ride at Kiva RV Park. Horses will go out between 10 AM and 11 AM. It will cost \$5 per hand and each rider can play up to 2 hands. The winner takes half of the entrees and the remainder goes to the Socorro BCH. So bring a friend and their horse and join in on the fun. The riding is sandy and easy and it makes a great day. There will be a pot luck after the ride.

Christmas Party: The Christmas party will be at Kiva RV Park on December 17 at 5 PM. Diane is cooking a brisket and I will be doing a turkey so do a side dish and come out for the fun. There will be a red neck gift exchange after the meal. Bring a horse related gift of between \$10 and \$20. Diane and Chris are in charge of the gift exchange.

New Years Day Ride: For anyone that wants to ride on New Years day I will be doing a ride South of San Lorenzo Canyon at 10AM on New Years day. I know that is a Sunday but I get my spiritual up lift from the back of a horse. Let me know if you are going to ride. At this time of year a lot depends on the weather.

Training tip of the Month: Rearing or bucking is a clear sign of disrespect. To gain a horse's respect, you have to move his feet forwards, backwards, left and right and reward the slightest try. If your horse or is rearing or bucking, he's telling you that you don't truly have his respect. You need to spend more time working with him on the ground, establishing yourself as the leader. You can do this with either the Parelli or Down under methods of horsemanship.

Calendar of future events

- **December 3,** Poker ride at Kiva at 10AM *see page 1 & 2 for more info*
- **December 17** Christmas party at KIVA *see page 1 & 2 for more info*
- **January 6** Ride Bosque Trail, 10 AM *see page 2 for more info*
- **January 8** RGMDA San Lorenzo Canyon ride & Pot Lock *call Steve Randall 861-1088 for more info*
- **January 13** first of the year party at Rob Lewis's *see 2 for more info*

EDITOR NOTE

The BCHNM by laws John e-mailed on 10/31 will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting. If you did not get these files e-mail me at sdrandall@hughes.net

Meeting Minutes



General Meeting November 17th

The meeting was opened by President John Young at 7 p.m. at K-Bob's restaurant.

On a motion by Steve Randall and second by Chris Kurtmaker, the **minutes** of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Mary Randall reported the **bank balance** was \$1,231.01. She did not pay any third quarter State dues; would wait until the first quarter to pay our share for all new members.

New Business:

Bylaws: A short discussion ensued regarding whether to remain as a chapter under the State BCHM or to become a separate entity. Question: What do we get from the State? There is no newsletter and no insurance. The National newsletter comes out four times a year. No decision was made. Tabled for discussion until January meeting.

2012 Rendezvous: Location suggested is Valle Vidal. Karen Bailey Bowman said the entrance is steep and rugged; requires 4-wheel drive. Jane Farmer suggested this would not be desirable for many attendees. John Young will surface this at the next board meeting. Socorro BCHM members noted that they would like to see the Rendezvous return to Fort Stanton (the center of the state), or possibly Valle Tio Vences (near Horse Springs, NM).

Rides:

November 19 – Bob's Valley. Meet at KIVA RV park at 10 a.m. John Young will lead.

December 3 – Poker Ride at KIVA. Ride between 10 – 11; potluck to follow. Jane reported that she had had this announced both days at the junior rodeo in Socorro and would submit the information to the Defensor Chieftain. John will notify the Middle Rio Grande chapter and Steve will notify the Rio Grand Mule & Donkey Association.

December 17 – Xmas Party at the KIVA at 5 p.m. A gift game will be played. Bring horse related gift between \$15-20.

January 6 – Friday – Ride the Bosque Trails. Meet south of Escondida Lake at 10 a.m.

January 8 – Rio Grande Mule & Donkey ride at San Lorenzo. Scott Martin memorial ride. Bring a lunch for afterward.

January 13 – Friday. New member Rob Lewis is having a "First of the Year" party. Lives across the street from John Young. All invited. Music.

Next meeting will be January 19. 6-eat 7-meeting at K-Bob's

Membership applications were passed out. Steve will include a new membership listing with the newsletter.

Club will have a 50/50 at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Farmer, Secretary

Bob's Valley Ride 11/19/11



Article submitted by Paula Howe, MRG unit

About 11 equines and their riders made it for Saturday's ride in Bob's Valley. Michelle and I represented the Middle Rio Grande Chapter. The weather was close to perfect. The conditions were rocky for the most part, so I would recommend boots or shoes for your horses if you make this ride in the future. Barefoot mules seemed to manage just fine. There were also a few fairly steep hills here and there. You can ride for miles and miles out here, with terrain as easy or as challenging as you choose to make it. This was an excellent winter conditioning ride, easy to get to, and plenty of open space for parking rigs. To get there, take the Bernardo exit off I-25. At the bottom of the exit ramp, make a sharp left toward the Kiva RV Park. Drive past Kiva, over the bridge, and make your first right. Drive several miles on a good county road, crossing several cattle guards, until you come to a "Y" in the road. We veered off to the left here, went a little less than a mile, and parked off the road. Ride to your heart's content. Check it out sometime.

Thanksgiving wishes to everyone.

Paula Howe, Treasurer
BCHNM MRGC



Bob's Valley ride pictures



The pictures on this page and on page three were submitted by Paul Howe and Jane farmer

REMINDER

- It is time for the 2012 dues to be turned in to Mary. The 2012 application is on page 5, we ask everyone to fill out a new application annually so that we are ensured the we have your correct contact information.
- Bring it to the meeting or mail it in .



Socorro Back Country Horseman Chapter 2012 Membership Application

Please list all names for family membership. Children over 18 may be included in family membership or may join as an individual.

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work/Cell:** _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ **Telephone** _____

Name: _____ **Telephone** _____

Preferred Hospital/Physician

I/We realize there are inherent risks involved in all activities with equine animals and I/We hereby release BCHA/SBCH/NM and its Officers, Directors and Membership, from liability for any accident, injury, or death that may occur to myself/ourselves or my/our equine by participation in any Back Country Horsemen of America activity. In accordance with EQUINE LIABILITY ACT SJC/SENATE BILL 268.a.a. 1993.

I/We further understand that I/We are fully responsible for our minor children and release BCHA/SBCH/NM of any and all liability for any accident, injury, and/or death of any minor child. Children under the age of eighteen (18) years are not allowed to participate in any BCHA activity unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Ride Rules and Trail Etiquette of the Socorro chapter of the BCHNM.

Dues: \$25.00 - annually for individual \$35.00 - annually for family

\$5.00 - One time Event. Associate Membership \$10.00 (must be a paid up member of another chapter) _____ Home Chapter

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Please mail application and your dues to: Socorro BCH

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