



Tales & Trails

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

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT, JULY, 2010

Howdy everybody. Well, we finally got some rain – lots of rains. The grasses, weeds & flowers are really growing. Hope you've been able to get out riding & see the wonderful changing occurring in the country – it's beautiful to behold.

Only down side of the rain is that we canceled our planned scouting ride at Fort Stanton. According to a friend who lives in Lincoln, it's a good thing we did – they got two inches of rain the weekend we were to camp there.

We had a cloud burst to liven up our monthly meeting – rain was hammering so hard on Paula & Vern's house it was hard to carry on business – but we did and also got treated to a lightning show. As pointed out in the minutes, Vern explained his work with emergency preparedness in Socorro county – which is somewhat lacking. We all need to help Vern in this endeavor & to that end, John will talk on the subject at our next meeting & divulge what his research has turned up and how we can prepares our selves for emergencies.

Our quarterly BCHNM Board of Director's' meeting was devoted mostly to talk about the upcoming Rendezvous, Aug. 27-29. Hope to see many of you there.

Also at the meeting, I was presented with the BCHNM & SBCH banner we ordered. It's very attractive and will be displayed to various functions we attend.

Also at the Board meeting, our national Board Rep, Carol Edmonds, of LRGBCH, reported on her trip to the National Board meeting in June. She stated that one of the main concerns of BCHA is that every year we have less operating money while operating expenses continue to rise. So, the BCHA Board is requesting help from members. If you know of anyone who would like to make a donation to our cause, please encourage them to do so. Also, if you have any creative abilities, we're looking for a catch phrase that can be used in advertising.

On more BCHA business, it was pointed out that the Land & Water Conservation fund is to “help preserve, develop, & assure access to recreation resources.” It is used to acquire lands & develop or rehabilitate recreation facilities (including trails) & related purposes. In recent years, it had been funded only a fraction of the 900 million authorized. This has now been passed by the house & hopefully on its way to conformation. Members are asked to contact their representative & encourage them to support this fund in its fullest.

In a message from Peggy, she alerted us to the death of two donkeys & a horse from eating hay containing blister beetles that was purchased from Western Mercantile in Tijeras. Some of you might recall that last winter we had Jane's friend, neighbor & hay farmer Travis Harris, talk to us about the deadly dangers of blister beetles & how he avoids them in his crops. So if you buy hay form a retail supplier, check each flake very carefully. Blister beetles are deadly to equines.

Don't forget that John is leading rides every Wednesday. Just give him a call (505-363-4943) if you'd like to participate – or to lead a ride.

Calendar of future events

- **August 19**, 6:00 pm. Meeting *see page 2*
- **Aug 27-29**, Rendezvous. *See pages 4,5 & 6 and note below*
- **September 15**, 6:00 pm: Meeting *see page 2*
- **September 17**, SVBT cleanup *see*

Editors Notes

The Rendezvous schedule and registration are on pages 4-6. If you intend to go and want to have the Saturday night dinner your registration must be received by August 17th. If you plan on registering at the rendezvous the Saturday dinner will not be an option.

You were recently emailed a form to fill out to update the emergency contact list. Please get it filled out and returned, by E-mail if at all possible! See note on page 7

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That's it for now – hope to see you on the trails & at the meetings.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 19, 6:00 pm. Meeting/potluck. Home of Vern & Paula, 835-3081, Polvadera. John will continue discussions on emergency preparedness.

Thursday, September 15, 6:00 pm: Meeting/potluck, Kiva RV Park Bernardo.

Friday, September 17: SVBT cleanup – details TBA later.

Thursday, October 21, 6:00 pm: meeting/potluck. John's rancho, Lemitar.

Saturday, October 30, 1:00 pm: BCHNM Board meeting: John's rancho, Lemitar.

BCHNM Rendezvous 2010, Fort Stanton – August 27, 28, 29.

REMEMBER, if you want to volunteer to lead a ride – just let us know

SOCORRO BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN MEETING

July 15, 2010

After a sparse attendance at the potluck, but good food, Tom Bryant opened the meeting and asked Vern Leavitt to proceed with his talk regarding emergency preparedness.

Vern said that his experience with the local ham radio group helped to qualify him for his newly acquired position. He seemed to infer that Socorro County was a little short in preparedness regarding horses. The Agricultural Prevention Plan only refers to horses as “harvested animals”. Vern went on to discuss ways Socorro is prepared is by having sandbags available if there is a flood; Socorro County also has a huge RV to be used as a home base in case of emergency. Vern noted that “first responders” are law enforcement, fire men, and EMTs. Someone asked about how to get through lines to help friends evacuate horses. Vern said once an area is closed off you have to have a special ICU badge. Vern would like to form a committee to help draft an emergency plan. Involving horses. If anyone is interested in serving, please contact Vern. John Young suggested a program for a meeting might be everyone coming with ideas on how to help each other in an emergency; e.g. Flood, fire, etc.

The meeting commenced:

Minutes: There were no corrections to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Peggy sent Tom an e-mail indicating a balance of \$1132.84. She sent BCHM NM \$30 for the second quarter memberships.

Projects:

SOBT: Ride on September 15; cleanup September 17. Tom said barricades need to be reconstructed at north end (Escondida). O. J. responded that the SOBTF has no money for materials at this point. O. J. said that the video camera is being used periodically. Tom said law enforcement is needed. Vern said that when he had contacted law enforcement regarding problems at the Confluence park, they didn't have a clue where Vern was talking about.

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Guadalupe National Park – no Socorro participants

CDT Trail Marking with MRGBCH: August 6-8, will be East of Pelona. John and Tom will probably attend once details are received from Rick Babcock.

Rides:

Fort Stanton Scouting Rides: July 23-25. John Young, Tom Bryant, Vern & Paula, maybe Jane. Tom surfaced that he hoped Peggy would attend.

Rendezvous: August 27-29. – registration due July 24.

Riverine Parks: September 15

Habitat for Humanity ride is October 6. \$50/person donation.

Education:

Tom suggested a program on trailer safety.

Jane suggested a program on noxious weeds.

New Business:

Banners – Tom asked Jane to notify Rick Babcock that Socorro BCHM would like TWO BANNERS. (Done!)

August meeting – will again be at Paula and Vern's

September meeting – KIVA in Bernardo

October meeting –OJ's at Escondida

Respectfully submitted, Jane Farmer, Secretary/Historian

RENDEZVOUS 2010, SCHEDULE



Early Arrivals

Thursday July 26, 2010:

On your own day rides and sightseeing

Friday July 27, 2010:

Breakfast on your own

9:00 AM Early bird horse class. Water Crossing and trail ride. Approx 1+ hour depending on time at water crossing training. Led by Pat Buls, Lower Rio Grand chapter

4:00 PM Official Rendezvous begins.

4:00 PM Trail ride approx 1 to 1 ½ hours with 2 water crossings. Leader John Young, Socorro chapter.

6:00 PM Potluck dinner.

7:00 PM Guest Speaker Mike Bilbow, "The Ft Stanton Cave and Snowy River". Mike is the Cave Specialist with the BLM.

Saturday July 28, 2010

7:00 AM to 8:00 AM Group kitchen potluck breakfast. Some grills and tables will be available and you provide your food.

8:00 AM Longer and more challenging ride. Pack your lunch, rain gear, water, etc.

9:00 AM Ride out approximately 3 hours, less challenging. Pack water and a snack back for a late lunch.

9:15 AM Ride out approximately 2 hours easy ride. Back for lunch. Pack water.

NOON Lunch on your own

3:00 PM Fort Stanton Tour Approximately 2 hours (no horses) led by Lynda Sanchez, Historian and Author.

6:00 PM Catered Dinner

7:00 PM Light Weight Packing presentation and discussion led by Mike and Alison Walstad, specialists in light packing.

8:30 PM Camp Fire led by Pat Buls. Sing along, joke telling and more.

Sunday July 29, 2010

7:00 to 8:00 Breakfast catered by Roger Leopold and the Middle Rio Grand Chapter.

8:30 AM First aid and Safety on the trail led by Dr. Michelle McGorkey

9:30 AM Small group rides on your own

Break Camp, Head Home

Have a Great Ride.



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NEW MEXICO
RENDEZVOUS 2010
27-29 AUGUST 2010
FORT STANTON, NM
REGISTRATION FORM

NAME(S): _____ CHAPTER AFFILIATION: _____

NAME _____ NAME _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration includes participation in all activities planned for the days selected, a Customized BCHNM 2010 hoofpick, the catered dinner on Saturday evening, plus other prizes and awards.

Registration: (Includes Saturday Dinner, not available if registering at the event)

3 Days (Fri. Aug 27 thru Sun Aug 29)	# Adult registrants _____ x \$40.00 = _____
2 Days (Fri. and Sat. includes Sat. dinner)	# Adult registrants _____ x \$35.00 = _____
2 Days (Sat and Sun.)	# Adult registrants _____ x \$35.00 = _____
1 Day (Sat. includes Sat. dinner)	# Adult registrants _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Children 12 and under are ½ price – 6 and under Free.

(Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times)

3-day	# Children _____ x \$20.00 = _____
2-day	# Children _____ x \$17.50 = _____
1-day	# Children _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Total Registration = _____

Saturday Dinner Menu Options are Beef Brisket or Grilled Chicken. Enter preference and number of participants:

Brisket _____ Chicken _____

Special Event - Pre-registration Required

Ft Stanton Museum and Stables historical tour (Saturday – 3 PM) _____ Yes, I want to participate. # of participants _____

Order your 2010 BCHNM Rendezvous Bandanna Heavy silk, 26" x 26" turquoise bandanna with embroidered Rendezvous logo, \$30 each. (You can order these even if you don't attend.)

Total # wanted _____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Total Remittance = \$ _____

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Liability Waiver

I/We realize there are inherent risks involved in all activities with equine animals and I/We hereby release BCHNM 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 [42-13-1 NMSA 1978]

I/We further understand that I/We are fully responsible for our minor children and release BCHNM 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.

Signature of adults and/or guardians: _____

(Signature)

(Signature)

Registration Must Be Received By July 24, 2010.

Make Checks Payable To: Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico (BCHNM)

Mail Registration To: Amber Kingsbury, Treasurer

P.O. Box 730

Edgewood, NM 87015

See your program schedule for additional activities and times

Reminder: BCHNM policy: Stallions, dogs, cats and other pets are not permitted at events or on rides.

FYI

Patches for the back of a shirt or jacket are available from Cheryl Nigg of the Pecos Chapter. They are approximately 8-10 inches and cost \$10.00 ea. If you would like one contact Tom so we can put together an order for our unit.

Common Acronyms

BCH =Back Country Horsemen	TWH =Tennessee Walking Horse
BCHA = Back Country Horsemen of America	USFS = U.S. Forrest Service
BCHNM = Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico	SVBT =Socorro Valley Bosque Trail
MRGBCH =Middle Rio Grand Back Country Horsemen	SOBTF = Save Our Bosque Task Force
LGRBCH =Lower Rio Grand Back Country Horsemen	AHC = American Horse Council
PBCH = Pecos back Country Horseman	CDT = Continental Divide Trail
SBCH =Socorro Back Country Horsemen	CDTA = Continental Divide Trail Alliance
BLM = Bureau of Land Management	

Emergency Contact List.

As I wrote on page 1, you have all been e-mailed a form to fill out and return so that the emergency contact list can be updated and distributed to all of you. This list must be updated annually so that it is worth while. This past year it only has been called into use once to summon transportation for Jane when she was hurt.

Please make every effort to submit this form by e-mail, I then receive just the data which can then automatically entered into a spread sheet. Other wise it needs to be manually entered, which, with my very limited typing ability is time consuming and prone to errors, particularly with telephone numbers.

Thanks for your help, Steve

PS

If one of you would like to do this list it would be greatly appreciated.

Trading Post

Items will be listed month to month contact the editor to run again



Socorro BCHNM Shirts

To order shirts with the Socorro BCHNM logo on it contact Jane. They are \$30 a piece.

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