



# TALES & TRAILS

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

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## Presidents Words

As most of you probably know the Bosque has been closed between Albuquerque and the Bosque Del Apache. No horses, no people, no two wheelers, no 4 wheelers, no nothing, no way until it starts raining. With all the forests closed and now the Bosque closed we will have to get creative on where to ride. All the work projects are pretty much on hold until it starts to rain.

We have been riding 2 or 3 times a week in the canyons south of San Lorenzo Canyon so if anyone wants to ride just give me a call.

Our ride for July will be on July 16 at Kiva. It will be a ride and also a poker ride. For those who want to ride in the Poker Ride the costs will be \$5.00. The best hand will take 50% of the pot. We will need some volunteers to hand out cards at the different stations.

My new mule is doing fine and getting to where he is really stepping out. So far he has not taken a wrong step. I have been giving him a cap full of corn oil every day to help him shed out and it has done the job. As most of you know Kalijah has EPM that has been confirmed by two different labs. We start him on treatment next week. The treatment goes on for ten days and consists of three different pastes each day. Two weeks after the treatment we send in more blood for analysis.

We had two rides in June. Both were well attended. The Jane Farmer loop ride had 6 riders and everyone went to lunch afterward. A good time was had by all. The Bob's Valley ride had 8 riders and we never did find Bob's Valley until the very end of the ride. We got an early start on the Bob's Valley ride so it the weather was very pleasant.

The Community Yard Sale is not going to take place this year. The lady that organized it in the past has resigned and there is nobody to organize it. If anyone would like to have a tack sale please step up and organize it. I would be glad to support it.

Horse Training tip for the month: Pressure motivates, The release of Pressure teaches.

Life is fun!! Ride it to the Limit!!!

## Calendar of future events

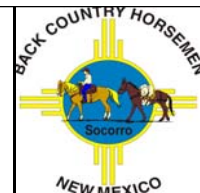
- **July 16:** Ride at Kiva 8:30 in saddle
- **July 21** Meeting at K-Bobs. Dinner at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00
- **July 29-31**, work party, Pelona Peak, (tentative date)
- **August 26-28**, Rendezvous Contact John 505-363-4943 for more info
- **September 2 & 3** County Fair Rodeo, man gate, Contact Jane, 575-835-3619

## Editors Notes

This month I have had a bit of a struggle getting the news letter done.

My 'puter died, I switched to the old lap top, it did not have the information / software that I needed. I ended up with a new machine, so that meant starting all over. So sorry this is late.

## Meeting Minutes



### SOCORRO BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

#### MEETING MINUTES

**JUNE 16, 2011**

President John Young called the meeting to order at K-Bob's restaurant.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Randall reported that there had been no new transactions since the last meeting; therefore, the balance was the same as last reported. She did mention that if she had the address for the NM Horse Council she would pay those dues as previously agreed.

EHV1 – No new cases since the last meeting. State Veterinarian is encouraging groups to reconvene activities. John said the illness is stress induced.

#### **Rides:**

June 18 – John will lead a ride at San Lorenzo. Ready to ride at 9 a.m.

June 25 – Diane will lead a ride at Bob's Valley. Meet at KIVA in Bernardo at 7:30 to proceed to ride area. Jane, John, Mary and Steve committed at present.

July 16 – Ride at KIVA. 8:30 a.m. Group will ride through the obstacle course, then do a ride.

July 29-31 – John is working with Kevin Carson in regard to a possible work project at Pelona Peak. More details to follow.

July 21 – Meeting at K-Bob's

August 18 – Meeting at K-Bob's

August 20 – Community Yard Sale – Tack Sale

September 2-3 – Socorro County Fair – Take money at gate. Mary and Steve, John, Jane, Chris

September ??? – Fort Stanton campout

September ??? – Riverine Park Ride – trash monitoring

John announced he has a new mule.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Jane Farmer, Secretary

#### Common Acronyms

**BCH**=Back Country Horsemen

**BCHA**= Back Country Horsemen of America

**BCHNM**= Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico

**MRGBCH**=Middle Rio Grand Back Country Horsemen

**LGRBCH**=Lower Rio Grand Back Country Horsemen

**PBCH** = Pecos back Country Horseman

**SBCH**=Socorro Back Country Horsemen

**BLM**= Bureau of Land Management

**TWH**=Tennessee Walking Horse

**USFS**= U.S. Forrest Service

**SVBT**=Socorro Valley Bosque Trail

**SOBTF**= Save Our Bosque Task Force

**FYI****“Bob’s Valley” Ride June 23rd**

Eight of us met bright and Early at Kiva RV and caravanned out toward Ladron Peak to the stock tank at “Bobs Valley”. Diane led the ride and managed to get us temporally disorientated. On most rides Mary and I are the only ones on Mules, this time there were 5 mules and 3 horses. This was he first time on a group ride fro Diane’s mule, Pistolera. We were out about three hours, then it started to get hot and the wind was coming up. Pictures by Jane are on the next page.

Did you know that there is a regulation governing the distance you can park from a stock tank? Here is what Jane found out.

2011 NMDG&F Proclamation:

*"It is illegal to: - park any motor vehicle or camp within 300 yards of any manmade water hole, water well or watering tank used by wildlife or domestic stock without prior consent of the private landowner, private land lessee or public management agency."*

*Jane believes anyone can get your license tag, turn it over to law enforcement (BLM, NMDG&F, or whatever) and you can be ticketed.*

This is something we ALL need to be aware of and be courteous about.

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**Round table discussion on Floodplain Land Use**

To be held in Socorro on July 28, 2011. This discussion is meant to help the San Acacia Reach Workgroup of the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program and others understand local and regional views about private land use, flood risk management, water delivery, and ecosystem services provided by the floodplain. All landowners, businesses, government agencies, and other interested citizens are invited to attend. We will be posting the meeting in the newspaper as well, but please share with those you think may be interested.

**Time:** 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Place:** Bureau of Land Management Socorro Office, 901 S. Highway 85, Socorro, NM

**Date:** July 28, 2011

Please let me know if you have any questions for me concerning this meeting. Thanks for your interest.

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# Trail Ride on 6/23/11



*All photos this month submitted by Jane Farmer*

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