



Rancho California Horsemen's Association

December 2011

Christmas Greetings, Everyone!

REPORTS FOR THIS MONTH INCLUDE:

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UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING & RIDE

You marked your calendar, right? The clock is tickin' so get in your reservations. We pre-rode our ride and it's going to be a good one!!! Most of the ride is easy but there are some steep hills and a technical part. It took a good 3 hours without stopping so we are planning at least 3 ½ hours for this ride. Shirley Allen, our president, will be our trail boss. Again, we are hoping for a BIG renewal of membership for 2012. Think about introducing a friend to R.C.H.A. This is the perfect event to have that "Horse/Mule Friend" find out what we are all about.

DATE: Saturday, January 21, 2012

TIME: If you are joining us for the ride, we ride out 9:00 a.m. SHARP!! (This does not mean show up with your trailer at 8:55. Late riders will have to catch up.) As mentioned, this is a good 3 ½ hour ride. Horses should be in good shape. Bring that camera for some amazing views. It is worth it!!! All riders need to pre-register with 2012 Membership, 2012 signed Release Form, a 2012 signed Etiquette Form, and \$15/\$20 fee. Lunch will be around 1:00ish, when riders return and get their rides settled. Folks planning to join us just for "lunch only" can plan on showing up at 12:45 p.m.

PLACE: Glenoak Hills Club House (DePortola Rd./Via de Oro). Gate on DePortola behind club house will be open for trailers. When full, trailers can park in front of fence on DePortola or by Glenoak Hills Arena on Los Ranchos off of Via de Oro. Parking spots for trailers are limited. If you can "trailer pool" with someone, that would be helpful.

COST: \$15.00 before January 15, 2012. All other reservations after this date will be \$20.00. Your reservation covers Catered Lunch & Soft Drinks & Dessert, B.Y.O.B. Send your reservation, attached 2012 signed Release Form, \$25.00 2012 attached Membership Form, and attached R.C.H.A. signed Etiquette Rules Form to: R.C.H.A., P.O. Box 1622, Temecula, CA 92593 (Make it easy with just one check).

Lee Welsh is looking for some volunteers to help set up this event. Worker Bees, please call Lee, if you can help: 951-699-8686. We know you are out there!!!!

MARK YOUR 2012 CALENDAR AND MAKE THOSE RESERVATIONS!!!

R.C.H.A. BOARD NOMINATIONS

We are looking for a few good men & women to help on our board. If you or you know of someone who you think would be a good candidate, please submit name(s) & phone numbers to Lorraine Harrington at lfh415@yahoo.com. Your input would be very much appreciated!!!

UPCOMING CHIHUAHUA VALLEY RIDE

Lorraine Harrington & Caroline Blaine rode at Chihuahua Valley last month and raved about it. This ride crosses the Pacific Crest Trail and the California Riding & Hiking Trail. So, we decided to give it a try.

Save the Date: Sunday, March 4, 2012

Time and Other Details: T.B.A.

We'll have more information next month.

TRAILS MAINTENANCE

We had some riders check out the Roll-A-Coaster trail last month. Believe it or not they made it all the way from Keyways to Anza Road. Some of the trail was challenging to say the least. Hopefully after the rains in the spring we can do some improvements on this trail. We heard that Los Nogales (Lynn Mattocks Trail) is impassable. It sure would be great if a few riders could grab some clippers & loppers and help do some maintenance on this trail to help open it up before the spring. This is an amazing trail and it would be a shame to lose it. The Water Department Trail across from Keyways Winery to the wash is still in need of some clipper work also. Again, if everyone clips a little, this task will not be so overwhelming!!!

HORSE CROSSING HANDOUTS

A big thank you to members who helped distribute our fancy "Horse Crossing Cards" to various wineries, businesses, and H.O.A.'s in the Wine Country area. We still need more help with this. We know there was some problem getting these handouts from Big Horse Feed. Board Member, Kathy Burleson, at 909-576-6439, can be reached for these cards now. She has a list of contacts that we would still like to have these cards. Members that distributed their cards, it would be great if from time to time you could check to see if more cards are needed at your contact. Grab a glass of wine while you are there!!!

E.I.R. FOR TEMECULA WINE COUNTRY EXPANSION

Members that are in the Wine Country and that may want to know what is going on with the expansion. Below is the link that was sent to Lorraine & Kathy and they wanted to share it with you if you have not received it. Lot of reading but you can go to the Table of Contents and click on what section that you are interested in. Happy Reading!!!

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Temecula wine country resident <savetemeculawinecountry@verizon.net>

To:

Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2011 2:03 PM

Subject: WINE COUNTRY EIR IS AVAILABLE TO READ

To all Fellow Wine Country Residents:

Find out what is planned for Temecula Wine Country

The entire **Draft EIR** is ready now to download (about 300 pages) at

<http://www.socalwinecountryplan.org/Planning/CEQA/tabid/70/Default.aspx>

Attached is the EIR **Table of Contents** (1 page) so that you can choose sections to download

A hard copy will also be available at both Temecula libraries on Monday.

Forward this email on to anyone concerned about the future of Temecula Wine Country

Join our email list to stay informed

SaveTemeculaWineCountry.com

SERGEANT RECKLESS FUND

Below is an email that many of us who belong to the Temecula Eq-Wine Riders received. In the spirit of Christmas and because we the board thought this was such an amazing cause, we are passing it on to our members. Please read the below and donate if you can.

A Horse Named “Reckless”

This year the Temecula Eq-Wine Riders have been asked to raise awareness about a little horse named “Reckless” who served as a US Marine during the Korean War. We rode in the Veterans Day Parade this year to honor our Veterans and included Sgt. Reckless in our entry. She was the only female to see combat during the Korean War! In the spirit of giving during the holidays, we would like to do more for her cause.

The filly was purchased for \$250 at a Korean racetrack in 1952. She was then trained by the US Marines to make numerous trips to the front battle lines with ammunition and supplies. Often she was under direct fire, many times even shielding soldiers from gunfire and saving their lives. She was wounded twice during her service and was retired to the stable at Camp Pendleton in the 60’s. The little horse is humbly buried at Camp Pendleton where an ongoing effort to build a special bronze memorial to this forgotten “War Hero” is underway.

Lynn Mattocks, our local cowboy legend who many of us know, knew and cared for Reckless often accompanying her to events. It’s said that she loved to be the center of attention, even drank beer with the boys and was adored by her fellow servicemen! She was truly a Marine Mascot. Those of us, who own horses, often share memories and stories of that special equine in our lives which has touched our hearts. So this holiday season won’t you donate to the Sergeant Reckless Foundation, so that the US Marines can have a special memorial to commemorate their favorite horse “US Marine Corp. Division 1, Staff Sgt. Reckless”?

Please make your check payable to the:

Sgt. Reckless Memorial Fund

Mail to: Temecula Eq-Wine Riders

Attn.: Sgt. Reckless Fundraiser

P.O. Box 893832

Temecula CA 92589

Once the donations are collected we will present the foundation’s Chairperson, Robin Hutton, with the gift. Please send your donation before Dec. 25th.

Thank you for your support and Happy Holidays! Please feel free to forward this email to your friends. For more information please call Robin at 805-380-4017 or email www.sgtreckless.com

FORKS IN THE ROAD & MEMBER NEWS



Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Dave & Vicki Vawter on the sudden loss of their beautiful horse “Stoli”. For those of us who have lost our trail partner, we feel your pain. May you have only happy memories of the love you shared with this amazing companion!!!

Long time R.C.H.A. member and our amazing webmaster queen, Stevie Somes, is moving to Texas this month. The board got to meet with Stevie and present her with an R.C.H.A. fleece vest to keep her warm while she rides in the Sam Houston National Forest that is right out of her driveway. Fortunately for all of us, Stevie has agreed to stick with us and remain running our website. This was a huge relief!!! We will miss riding with you Stevie but will also envy you riding out of your driveway into a National Forest. How cool is that? We hope you have many “Happy Trails” and look forward to your visits back to California. SAFE TRAVELS!!!!

Board Member, Kerrie Tuley, heard that the Rose Parade Committee was looking for 100 Palomino Horses to honor Roy Rogers’ 100th birthday in the Rose Parade. Unfortunately, Kerrie got in her application too late. We think she would have made a great candidate. We wanted to share this photo with you for you to enjoy.

Everything Kerrie does she does with “Extra Mile” in mind. We feel so privileged to have her on our board. Kerrie, you have our vote!!!

P.S. Anyone looking to purchase the saddle on Trigger (even her horse had the perfect name), please contact Kerrie at 951-375-0650.



NEW MEMBERS

Our board member, Lee Welsh, is at it again with bios on two new members. Thanks Lee and GOOD JOB!!!

New member, Anny Schobel, who lives in Lake Matthews, first heard of R.C.H.A. through her friend Jeannie Kelly. She got into horses in her 30's when her husband's uncle introduced them to Arabians.

Her greatest horse experience came when Anny was in a Reining Horse Show. Her horse marked a 73.5. Her main thrill of that ride was the connection that she and her horse had during that competition. The speed, response, etc. were so in tune that day that to Anny the experience was breathtaking and unbelievable.

Anny's greatest influence was her trainer when she was in her 30's. This trainer was Roxie Rogers. Roxie no longer trains anymore but Anny and Roxie remain friends to this day.

Annie has 12 horses, but Wesley, a 7 year old Reining Quarter Horse and Wentworth, a 3 year old Paint Stud, are her favorites. Wentworth won Reserve World Champion Yearling and highest point stud out of all the Paints.

YEE HAW Anny and welcome!!

New member, Beth Barbour, first heard of R.C.H.A. when she did a Google search for organizations that worked and supported trails. She first got into horses at the age of 7, while living in Orange County, through her two older sisters.

When asked about her greatest experience, Beth answered that there were so many. She would just rather say how much she appreciates the horse's natural ability to bring people together. Beth's daughter, age 5, also loves horses and is learning horse skills with her Shetland pony.

Beth's greatest influence was Lionel Harris, who she met when she was 9 years old. He taught respect for horses and via Hobson's choice, matched horse to rider.

Beth's current horses are Diva, age 12 and Sandy, age 14. Both are Quarter Horses.

Welcome aboard, Beth!!

The R.C.H.A. Board wishes you & yours a very Merry Christmas and lots of Happy Trails in 2012. If any of you have any news you would like to share with our members please contact board member, Kathy Burleson, at kathy_burleson@msn.com (that's an underscore between kathy and burleson).