



Rancho California Horsemen's Association

NOVEMBER 2011

TONS OF TURKEY, EVERYONE!

REPORTS FOR THIS MONTH INCLUDE:

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GALWAY DOWNS

A big thank you to Robert Kellerhouse for offering discounts to R.C.H.A. members. This event always draws a big crowd. Watching these magnificent animals and their riders is something to behold. Try to make it out to their next event in the spring of 2012. We will keep you posted. Also, thank you to Dr. Chris Huth for letting some of our riders tie up at his vet office across the street. How convenient was that?



HONORING OUR VETERANS

Nine riders decorated themselves and their mounts to become the “Wine Country Riders and Friends of Veterans”. They were followed by the decorated “Poop-Mobile”. Together this group joined the Murrieta Veteran’s Day Parade and two other equestrian groups. This is one of the biggest parades in the County and was featured on Channel 7 News. Five of the riders above proudly carried on their mount’s breast collars names of family members who were veterans and what branch they served. Rosy the Mule (next to the cart) proudly carried the name of Sergeant Reckless, who was the famous Marine horse who served in World War II. The “Poop-Mobile” even had three names attached to the front. Juanita Koth and Kerrie Tuley did an amazing job in organizing this group for this event. HATS OFF TO THESE TWO COWGIRLS!!!! Plan to join this group next year. It was a BLAST!!

UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING & RIDE

Yee Haw, the date is set, the ride planned, and the food and good time will be a PLENTY!! As mentioned last month, 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.) We have a great ride planned. This is a 3+ hour ride. There are some steep climbs and down hills. 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 Release Form, 2012 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.

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

MARK YOUR 2012 CALENDAR AND MAKE THOSE RESERVATIONS!!!

TRAILS MAINTENANCE

We usually have our Trail Maintenance Day(s) in the month of November. This year we have decided to move these days to the spring time after the rains. We are asking our members in the meantime to carry clippers and loppers on their saddles and clip as you ride. It's amazing how much this can help. Some of the areas that need immediate help are: Los Nogales (Lynn Mattocks Trail), Roll-a-coaster Trail (Dave Henneman & some friend's maybe?), and Water Department Trail across from Keyways Winery to the wash. These three trails need your help NOW!! If everyone clips a little, they will be passable in a flash.

HORSE CROSSINGS

Hopefully most of you have read the Horse Crossing News in the Californian (Friday, October 28) or Press Enterprise (Wednesday, October 28) by now. If you missed it, you can look it up on these Newspaper websites for the above dates. These were two great news articles about our crossings here in the Wine Country. The C.H.P. still has its flashing sign up on DePortola. This is a great collaboration from both Riverside County Dept. of Transportation and C.H.P. Now we need to do our part!!! Volunteers are still needed for flyer distribution to local wineries. **WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER!!**

Please contact Anne York: 951-692-2928. She can meet you at Big Horse to hand out flyers and tell you what wineries or areas still need them. PLEASE STEP UP! Enjoy a glass of wine after delivery.

TRAILS ISSUES

The Pauba Road obstacle has been removed but we are still working on making that part of the road safer. Also, south side of Pauba is still blocked until County approves the development project. We will continue to keep you updated on this.

HORSES IN WINE COUNTRY BOOK SIGNING

I have exciting news! Sharon and Tracey will be at Keyways Winery on Thursday, December 1st from 6PM to 8PM for a book signing! See the link below for further details. We hope to see you there!

http://www.keywayswine.com/assets/client/File/Members%20Christmas%20Party%202011_FINAL_rev.pdf

FORKS IN THE ROAD & MEMBERS NEEDING HELP

Board member, Kathy Burleson, has a new mount (see picture below). This is about all this cowgirl will be able to handle for about 12-18 months while she recovers from A.C.L. Knee Reconstruction. OUCH!!!!



Board member Lorraine Harrington is helping a friend find a forever home for a purebred chocolate lab puppy. Puppy is 6 months old and not fixed yet. Contact Lorraine at lfh415@yahoo.com

Members Kerry & Jim Hoffmans are looking for one more boarder on their ranch. They can take one more horse on this Wine Country home. You can contact Kerry or Jim at 951-538-4858.

NEW MEMBERS

As promised Board Member, Lee Welsh, got two profiles on three of our new members:

First new member is Jody Lewis. She first heard about R.C.H.A. from Riverside Park & Rec. She always loved horses and finally in 1996 jumped in and bought 3 horses. One was pregnant and all were Appaloosas. When asked who her greatest influence was, she answered Bill Kid. Bill is a famous Appaloosa Breeder and Trainer. One of her greatest adventures was riding in Montana and on the Continental Divide on the Chief Joseph Ride that ended in Idaho. This ride is for Appaloosa Horses only. She rode 127 miles in 5 days. Oh by the way, remember that mare that was pregnant? That baby, Jewelree, is now 14 and is feed leased to this handicap lady who uses Jewelree as a walker to get around. How amazing is that? Welcome aboard, Jody!!!

Second members are Jan & Judy Fluegge. Both Jan & Judy rejoined R.C.H.A. this year. They were members in 2005 & 2006. They know Shirley Allen & Pat Ommert. Judy was born in New Mexico and started riding at 13. She got out of horses for awhile but got back into it in 1980. Judy's greatest influence has been the Brea Posse in San Juan Capistrano. She formed an all women's riding club called the Las Vaqueros. This group started with 18 women and now has over 100. One of Judy's greatest adventures is riding is the Swallow Parade in S.J.C., which she still participates. Jan & Judy have two horses. Cody, 9, an Arabian and Cisco, 6, a paint. Jan caught the riding bug from Judy and now rides with the S.J.C. group called the Tortugas. This is a "Men's Only" riding group. Welcome back, Jan & Judy!!!

Hopefully we can give these new members a **BIG HOWDY** at our Annual Meeting!

Thanks, Lee. **GOOD JOB!!** Hopefully Lee will have some more profiles for us next month.

That wraps it up. Enjoy your Thanksgiving. We all have soooo much to be thankful for. Just look into the eyes of your horse!!!