



Rancho California Horsemen's Association

January 2012

Happy New Years, Partners!!!!

REPORTS FOR THIS MONTH INCLUDE:

- **Upcoming Annual Meeting and Ride**
- **Upcoming Chihuahua Valley Ride**
- **Trail Maintenance**
- **Friend of R.C.H.A.**
- **Member News**

UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING & RIDE

YEE HAW!!! It's almost here. The trail has been groomed and we even have C.H.P. assisting us with our crossings on DePortola. Again, most of the ride is easy but there are some steep hills, a technical part and steep down hill. This ride will take a **GOOD 3 ½** hours. Shirley Allen, our president, will be our trail boss. We will be stopping half way at her barn for a water stop for both you and your ride.

DATE: Saturday, January 21

TIME: If you are joining us for the ride, we ride out 9:00 a.m. SHARP!! (We can't keep the C.H.P. waiting so all you late riders will have to catch up.) Horses should be in good shape for the climb. Don't forget your camera for the breath taking views. All riders need to pre-register with 2012 Membership, 2012 signed Release Form, and 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. After lunch we will be having a short annual meeting of the progress we made in 2011 and what we are hoping to accomplish in 2012.

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 on or before January 15 (yes, that is this Sunday)!!! 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). You can also drop off fee & forms to any R.C.H.A. Board Member.

Lorraine Harrington – 949-499-7979

Shirley Allen – 951-265-6668

Kathy Burleson – 909-576-6439

Sherry Turner – 951-834-2110

Lee Welch – 951-699-8686

Kerrie Tuley – 951-375-0650

UPCOMING CHIHUAHUA VALLEY K.I.S.S. RIDE

We've almost got all the details ironed out for this amazing ride. As we mentioned last month, this ride crosses the Pacific Crest Trail and the California Riding & Hiking Trail. Both Caroline Blaine and Lorraine Harrington raved about this ride!!! Here's what we do have for you this month.

Date: Sunday, March 4, 2012

Time: 9:30 am

Yes, another famous K.I.S.S. RIDE (Keep It Simple, Stupid). This means you bring your own lunch, drinks, chair, etc. We guarantee the FUN!!! Promise to have all the other details next month.

TRAILS MAINTENANCE



Just look at those LADIES WITH LOPPERS!!! That's our President, Shirley with member Terin in the first picture and Board Members Sherry and Lorraine in the second picture cutting trail. HEY, OUT THERE! Grab those tools and help improve our trails. We have many trails in desperate need of care.

This brings up an important request. WE NEED A TRAIL'S MAINTENANCE GO TO PERSON!!! With the loss of Tim Jones, who moved to Arizona, R.C.H.A. needs someone to step up and fill his shoes (so, miss you Tim). We have a list of worker bees and will help provide snacks, food, drinks, and send out the word for work days. We just need someone to be that special person who people can contact with trails issues and lead the worker bees. ARE YOU OUT THERE??

WE NEED YOU!!!

FRIEND OF R.C.H.A.

This year at our Annual Meeting on January 21, we are happy to present Lawrence Tai of the Riverside County Department of Transportation, the “FRIEND OF R.C.H.A.” award. As a board, we feel this is a small way to recognize the help D.O.T. gave us in 2011 with the wonderful improved horse crossings and the awareness program they helped implement. When meeting Mr. Tai, make sure to also thank him for those wonderful “Orange Trucks” that keep the shoulder of our roads graded. They have done an amazing job this past year!!!

A BIG YEE HAW TO D.O.T.!!!

MEMBER NEWS

We got an email from a woman named Sue who has two free Tennessee Walking Horses available. She can be reached at 951-203-4041, if you are interested

We also got an email from member Cate Spinelli. She is moving her horse from DeLuz to her Wine Country Home. Her home is not set up for horses and she is in need of some basics. She is looking for a 24 x 24 corral at a reasonable price, a small wood tack shed, and any used watering troughs that are not being used. The phone # we have is: 951-795-5661. Her email address is: ccookspin@msn.com

From Melba we received this:

9 labs rescued from a hoarder yesterday and another 11 are coming next weekend. We need foster and forever homes.

PLEASE forward this to anyone out there that may want to adopt or foster a wonderful dog. They range in ages...color...size. If you are interested and/or can help PLEASE contact me and I will get the ball rolling.

All I ask is that you forward this to your dog loving friends. That's it....e-mail me, text me, or call me. I thank you for caring.

Carmenator2@yahoo.com

714 402-2115 cell 949 831-8968 home

Melba...

May your troubles always be smaller than you imagine!

Well, that's it for this month. May your 2012 be HEALTHY, HAPPY & PROSPEROUS.....With many WONDERFUL RIDES!!!