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June - July President's Message

I just looked at my calendar and it says that today, June 21, is the first day of summer and the longest day of the year. Wow, I must be having fun because the year sure seems like it's flying by. I have to say, this job has kept me very busy this year, but at the same time, it has been very rewarding. I feel like we've accomplished a lot in a very short time, but with 6 months left to go, there's still a lot more we can do.

One of the accomplishments that I'm very pleased with is our trail mapping project of the BMW. We recently had a wall map produced that shows all of the currently GPS'd trails and it was displayed at our recent Trail Trials. I think it turned out better than we expected. Soon we will be presenting this map to the BLM and I am sure they will be impressed too. Our next phase for Beauty Mountain is to continue development of trailheads and produce much needed trail signage.

From our new map we have produced an 8 ½ x 11 version of the most used trail area that is available for you to print out here: www.RedshankRiders.com/bmwmaps.pdf. The Tule Peak Trailhead provides ample parking and easy access to this beautiful area that also offers plenty of water for your stock. Now that we have a map showing where to ride and where to find the watering holes, there's no reason to not get out there and ride it.

The new map also has an inset showing trails over on Cahuilla Mountain too. Yes, I said trails, plural. Through the efforts of our own Marsha Houle, alternate routes to the summit of Cahuilla are being re-opened. A trail starting in Reed Valley dating back possibly to the 30's was recently re-discovered on a hike Marsha and I took back in May. It was obvious that at some point decades ago, a massive effort was made building this trail. Tons of rocks were carefully placed to build switchbacks and ledge walls, and it could only have been done by a large, determined group. Some brushing and tread work will have to be done to get this trail back into shape, but the trail is definitely there and having another way to ride to the summit is exciting.

The same goes for the Williamson Mine Trail that starts at the Lake Riverside boundary and also goes to the top. Only one short section of this trail needs to be re-routed to complete it. Jerry and Julie Onstott, who are also members of our group, are now working together with Marsha on opening this trail. Kudos to all of you for your effort on re-opening these trails. A copy of the CMW map can also be printed by clicking here www.RedshankRiders.com/bmwmaps.pdf

Before I get into the next thing I'd like to say a word about the terrific relationship we are experiencing with the San Jacinto Ranger District. I may be new to all this, but my experience so far working with the Forest Service has been a super positive one. I credit that mostly to the person we are working with on the ground and that is FS Recreation Officer Andy Smith. Andy has definitely brought a "can do" attitude with him on his transfer from the High Uinta NF in Utah and lately things are getting done in the San Jacintos. Trails that haven't been worked on in years are getting a facelift and people are taking notice. I think that this "can do" attitude coupled



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with a surge in our volunteer participation is creating a real momentum that is really showing out there on the trails. So next time you see Andy, or any other Forest Service rep let 'em know that you appreciate the work they do and what's getting done. Remember, a pat on the back can go a long way..... nuff said.

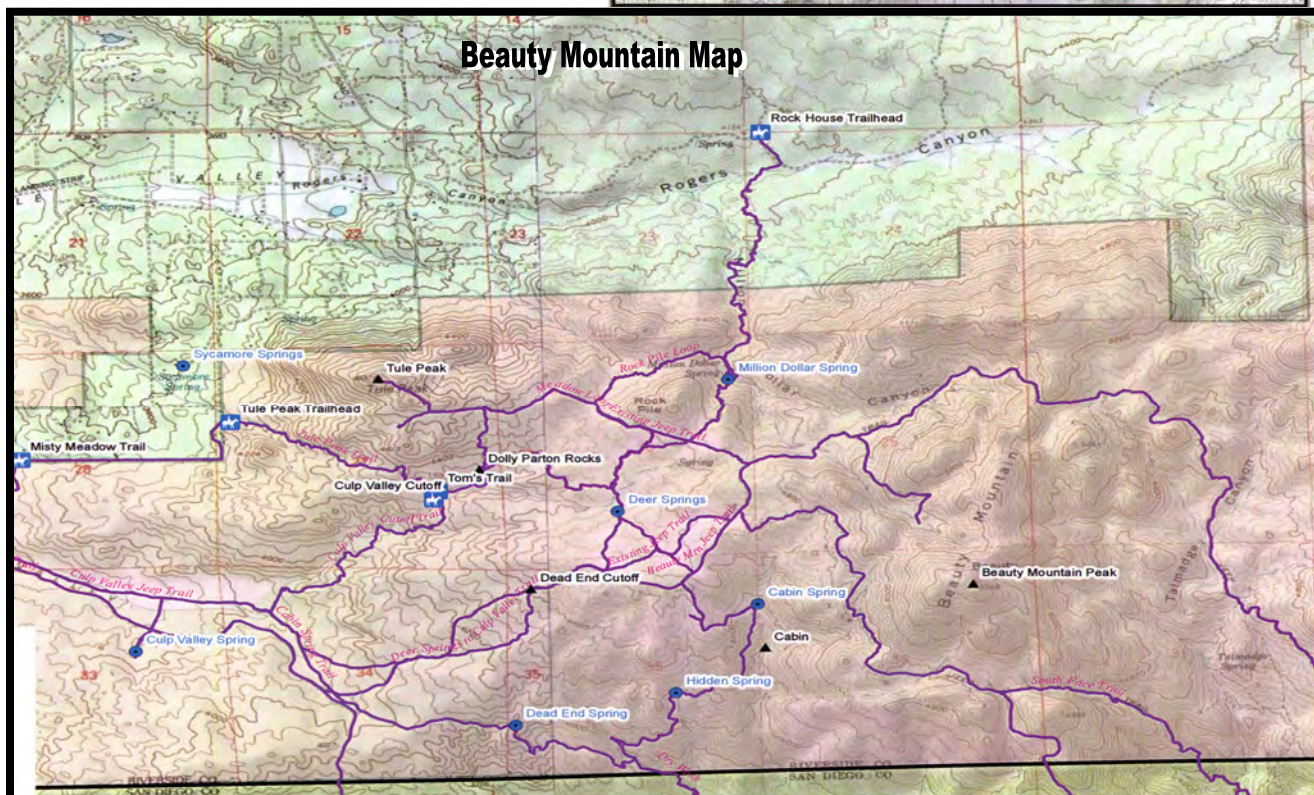
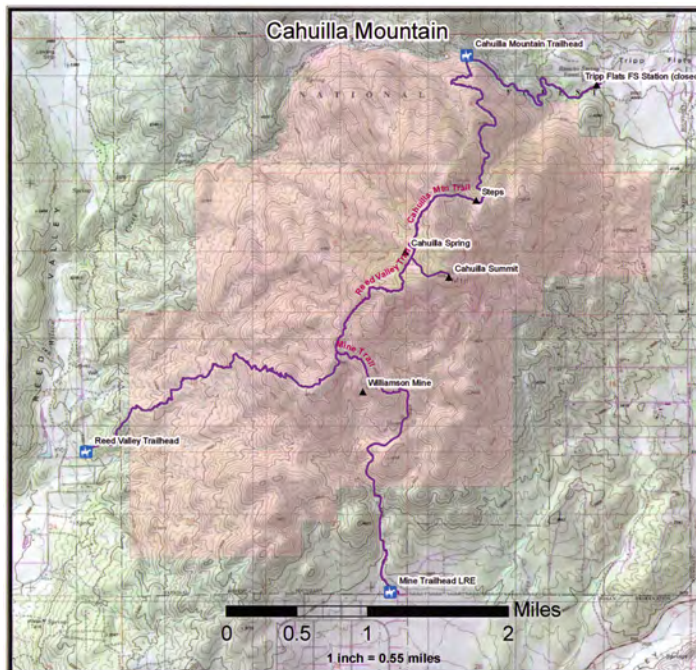
Many in our group are already familiar with the Sloan Ranch and its potential. Recently a small group of us rode up there and I had a chance to see it for myself...It is by far one of the most beautiful places I have seen in my travels of the San Jacintos. In particular is the lake at the top. The water is clear and inviting, and the setting around the lake is a perfect setting for an LNT (Leave No Trace) education training center, horse camping, rendezvous location, day hike/rides, or ???. Access to the area is by Morris Ranch Rd (paved) up to an ideal staging area in Goff Flats. The Flats has plenty of room for lots of rigs and it's all shaded by large pines. You couldn't ask for a better place to park your rig and it's a great spot for a picnic to boot. From there it's a nice 5 mile ride up through the old ranch to the lake.

It is our plan to propose to the Forest Service that the Redshank Riders adopt the small cabin by the lake. Then, through our efforts, bring the building up to FS standards (no problem). Further that we will commit to regular patrols and maintenance of the cabin and lake area (that's the fun part). The Forest Service needs a partner on this project and the Redshank Riders are perfect for the job!

On Sat. August 14th the Redshank Riders will host our first annual "Rendezvous at the Lake". We will pack up food and camping supplies on our pack stock for a barbecue and a night under the stars. Believe me; you won't want to miss this one, because I guarantee they'll be talking about this 1st annual campout for years to come..... Packers, get ready, we're finally going to do a little volunteer packing for ourselves!!

I'm excited about our goals and the way things are going this year. What we've accomplished in the BMW and what we could accomplish at Sloan Lake are things that we will reap the benefits from for years to come. Thanks to all of you for your support and enthusiasm so far this year. It's been a lot of fun for me and I hope for you too!

See you at the lake,
Bob



Membership (Teri Baron):

Redshank Riders continues to increase its membership base. We are all so happy to have met so many great people. Please remember that if you have an email address that you can send to me, please do so.

It saves us quite a bit of money if we do not have to print or mail things. If you know someone who wants to join, please go to our website, redshankriders.com and click on the link for a membership application.

Treasurer's Report (Teri Baron):

As of June 24th, cash in the bank is \$5,701.80. Expenditures paid out were \$2,494.59. Expenditures were for the May 2nd BBQ/Ride, Memorial Day ride for Veterans, hats to sell at events and June Trail Trials.

Income received from the state for our portion of membership dues in the amount of \$281. Income received from the Trail Trials \$4,465 (we are waiting for some additional monies from ACTHA), and \$310 from hat sales. Our expenses are in line with our forecast budget. Our income is way better than our forecast budget. See article elsewhere in this newsletter regarding the Trail Trial.

1st ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS AT THE LAKE Saturday, August 7th , 2010

Escape the summer heat and come camp out under the stars... On Saturday August 14th, we will be heading up to Sloan Lake for our 1st annual "Rendezvous at the Lake". Ride will be staged from Goff Flats and will begin at 10:00 am. We are packing in all of our supplies on pack animals so we'll be traveling light. Sleeping bags only. Small lightweight tents if you must. You'll have carry the rest. Dinner, breakfast, and feed for your animal will be provided so in keeping with our non-profit status \$20.00 per person should cover our costs. This isn't a "catered" ride so be prepared to jump in and lend a hand. There will be high lines set up for our stock and alfalfa hay provided for the night and morning feedings.

Due to limited space and logistical issues this ride is going to be limited to the first 25 people who sign up. Maps and other info will be sent you when you reserve your spot.

For more info call Bob Jones @ 951-445-3890. Make sure to bring your swimsuits and/or your fishing poles!

See ya at the Lake,

Bob

We would like to welcome our New members to Redshank Riders and look forward to meeting them in the coming months

Charlie & Bobbi Dall
Brian & Julie Murphy
Bob & Anne Brumleu
Leann Gundmundson

Scott Kerby
Monique Morton
Ken & Patty Parrot
Cheryl Smith

We would also like to thank our renewing members for their continuing support.

Teri Baron
Jim & Iris Blaisdell
Mark & Linda Donahoue
Rosie Garcia

Dave & Pam Potter
Nancy Robertson

Due for renewal? Let us know if you have not received your renewal notice.

Jerry & Helen Mitchell
Michelle Nicolaides
Steve & Cheryl Silkotch
Ross Barber
Carla Mellander

Marilyn Gilbert
Ann Johnson
Carlos & Margie Lajones



Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 2010

July 2010

Jul 15 Unit Meeting at Teri Baron's house
Jul 17 Cowboy Jubilee (not a BCHC event)
July 25 The Creek Ride (See pg 6)

August 2010

Aug 7th Rendezvous at the Lake

Ride Coordinator: Allison Renck (951) 763-0374

Cabin Spring Ride Ride/Potluck/Meeting

April 10, 2010

We could not have asked for and gotten a more beautiful, sunny day for our RR April meeting and trail ride. Coffee and banana nut bread were ready as our members started pulling in, most with their horse trailers, all except Mike Lewis, who drove his wagon over with his filly in tow. For the ride itself, we had sixteen members saddled and ready to head out by 10:30 to enjoy the trail into the BMW.

We rode out the Sycamore Springs Trailhead and headed out Toms' Trail. We dropped into Deer Springs for a quick break to stretch our legs and give the horses and mules a drink. From Deer Springs we headed out on Cabin Springs Trail. This area of the trail has had a lot work done on it in the last month to make it horse friendly again. It sports a wide variety of terrain changes and the view south towards Warner Spring was spectacular.

Along this trail we passed Cabin Spring, Hidden Spring, and Dead End Spring. We next dropped down into Culp Valley trail and headed over to Culp Springs, where we stopped, tied up, and enjoyed lunch. It's a beautiful spot with shade, lots of places to relax, and a great spring fed cement tank to water your horse. After lunch we headed back out and caught the Culp Loop Trail which heads north towards Tule Peak and connected us back onto Toms' Trail towards home.

Before we got back to Tule Creek Ranch, we had a quick group photo taken of all the riders. Everyone did great on the trail, and there were lots of positive comments about the ride. The ride was about 4 1/2 hours long, including the stops, and we covered about 10 miles. The great thing about this ride is the variety of terrain we covered, the great vistas, and the variety of challenging and mellow areas that give everyone a chance to enjoy the ride, yet hone their skills at the same time.

It didn't take us long for us to pull out the fixings' for our potluck dinner as more members arrived. We had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed beef barbecue sandwiches, lots of great salads, beans, and yummy desserts.

After everyone had enjoyed the food, we had a very informal but informative meeting around the campfire. Bob said a few words about the budget, but mostly talked about the enthusiasm and participation of our members in events, rides, and mostly enjoying each others company. We are all looking forward to more great rides and fun gatherings.

Pete Spencer filled us in on what happened at the 2010 Rendezvous that he attended for our unit. He then presented a BCHC Website/Newsletter award to Rhonda Strickland for her work on our newsletter, and a Top Hand award to Lawrence Peabody for his past work on trails.

Our featured speaker, Greg Bruce, is our resident Equine dentist and he gave a very informative and interesting talk on dentistry. Using a great horse skull prop, he showed us how important proper care of our equines teeth is and how it can drastically affect their health, performance and attitudes. We spent more

quality time around the fire well after dark, then everyone began loading up and heading home.

The tally was sixteen riders on the trail and twenty seven members attending the meeting/pot-luck, plus six visitors. It is great to see the solid and increased attendance and participation in our unit, and according to Teri, we are gaining new members at a steady rate, and renewals are solid. We are hoping that combining the meetings with rides, and bringing in speakers makes it more fun, informative and enjoyable.

Happy Trails, Robyn Prinzing, Secretary. (see photos on pg 7)

May 30th Memorial Day Ride

(see photos on Page 8)

What a great turnout for our Memorial Day Ride. We started off the day at the local VFW Post 1873 for breakfast with some of our local veterans. What a privilege to share a meal with men and women who fought in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. My son-in-law, Marine Cpl Maurice Gruzen, who returned home from Afghanistan one month ago, joined us and was warmly welcomed by the members of the post. A special thanks to Ret. Marine Capt John Drivick, a Bronze Star recipient and incoming Post Commander, for his hospitality and kindness. Mo later told me how honored he was to meet the older vets and that it made his Memorial Day a very special one.

During breakfast the Post honored two of their Gold Star mothers. Both had lost their sons in war. Meeting these women was very emotional for me and I will not soon forget the sacrifice they and their sons have made.

Marine Pfc Jerome West, of Anza. KIA Nov 2006 in Iraq.

Marine Pfc Robert L Pearcy. KIA June 1969 Vietnam.

This year we dedicated our ride to these men and also to two other local veterans who recently passed:

Carl Spencer & Kenneth Fischer

**We honor all of these men for their service and sacrifice
to our country**

After breakfast we hauled our ponies over to Paradise Corner where we staged our ride.....Now here's another great part of this story.... You know, the kindness and generosity of some people really amazes me sometimes..... Our host for the Memorial Day Ride, Neel Joshi, the new owner of the, soon to re-open, Paradise Café, certainly went above and beyond. When I approached him about staging our ride from Paradise Corner he quickly said yes, but on top of that he insisted on giving us the key to the restaurant (which is still closed for remodeling) so we could use the bathrooms and to store our barbeque supplies in his refrigerators. He even stocked his cooler with soda and water just for us....

When I tried to tell him how much we appreciated his hospitality and generosity he humbly said "it was nothing" and that is was the least he could do to help us honor our veterans, and to say thanks to my son-in-law, Mo for his service. Thank

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July Redshank Riders Monthly General & Board Meeting Thursday, July 15th 6 pm - Potluck

LOCATION: at Teri Baron's house, 60477 Devils Ladder Rd., Mountain Center
Please call or email her for what you should bring - (408) 206-6051 - teri@seanconnery.com

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you Neel, You're a great guy and we wish you and your restaurant much success.....

We had a total of 14 riders which included two veterans on our ride. Mo rode Robyn's mule, Katie and even though a novice rider, he was a natural and made it look easy. We also had our own Ron Korman, a Vietnam veteran with us. Ron served as officer of the deck aboard the aircraft carrier Midway. He now serves as Forest Service Volunteer Equestrian Coordinator for the San Jacinto Ranger District.

We also greeted some new members on the ride. The York family, Ann, Don and daughter Natasha have joined our group..... We welcome the York's to our unit and look forward to getting to know them better in the future.

We started our ride on the California Riding & Hiking Trail which runs directly behind the Paradise Corner. Memorial Day seemed an appropriate day to ride the CRHT as the trail is also known as the "The Living Memorial Hiking & Riding Trail" and was dedicated in 1945 to our war dead from WWII.

After safely crossing Hwy 74 we rode the CRHT east to where it junctions with the PCT....We then rode north on the PCT for about an hour. This is a beautiful area with many beautiful vistas. The trail has some challenging spots, but is well groomed and is a fantastic day ride. The PCT trail crews have certainly done a great job this year maintaining the trail and we are grateful..... Heading back we crossed the 74 at the PCT Trailhead and followed a very nice trail on the south side of the hwy to get back the Paradise Café where barbequed hamburgers were calling our names.

Robyn proceeded to whip us up some real nice hamburgers with potato salad, and beans and we ended our day all sitting comfortably on the Café patio enjoying the beautiful mountain weather. It was a great end to a very memorable Memorial Day. I thank everyone who participated and all who helped for making it such an enjoyable day. My special thanks to Robyn who did such a great job feeding all of us. Thanks Honey!!

In closing I want to say thanks to all of the veterans in our group for your service to our country. In my book you are all heroes and deserve our utmost respect.

Respectfully Yours, Bob Jones

PACKERS CORNER PCTA Pack In Apache Peak May 20, 2010

I've been itching to get up the Apache Peak area and on May 20th the snow cleared and I finally got my chance. I've also been looking forward to packing with our neighboring San Geronio Unit President, Chip Herzig and I finally got to do that too. Chip and his wife, Linda we're perfect riding/packing partners for this trip. We packed in a small PCTA crew with our combined 5 pack animals. The trail up from Fobes Ranch Rd was super. Great views and an easy grade. Sure, there were a couple of pucker spots up on the ridge between Spitler Peak and Apache Peak, but what fun would it be without a couple of good spine tingling drop-offs. We also had to handle a couple of rather large trees blocking the trail, but our animals were cooperative

and the trees were just manageable enough to move them so we could get around. Very lucky indeed!

July 8th will be our first pack support of the year for the Forest Service when we take tarps and equip up for the Admin Camp and supplies for the Taquitz Fire Lookout Station. During the summer we plan to do some repair work on the Admin camp tent cabins and horse corrals as well as lend pack support for the CCC crews working on the trails. I for one am looking forward to it. - Photos on Page 7

Submitted By Bob Jones

Riverside County Trails Plan

On May 12, 2010 at the Anza Municipal Advisor Councils Meeting held in Anza, the new maps for trails were displayed. It was good to see that many of the trails we want to have in Anza are on these maps. But unfortunately not all the work is done. Many of these trails are just in the planning stage and are not dedicated or built yet.

So our unit has some more work to do and its time to start a county trails committee for the Anza/Aguanga area. So if you are interested in being a volunteer on this committee please contact:

Allison Renck Ali9591@aol.com or call her @ 951 663-5452 by July 12, 2010

If you would like to view the trail maps please go to this link: <http://www.riversidecountyparks.org/2010/01/13/riverside-county-general-plan-update/>

Thank You, Allison Renck

THE CREEK RIDE

On Sunday July 25th, we'll ride through some of the most beautiful country in the San Jacinto Mountains. Leaving from the Keenwild Ranger Station, we'll ride up Coldwater Creek, probably flushing a few quail and deer along the way. Then, onto May Valley with great views of Tahquitz Peak, Apache, and Spitler Peaks. We will then head eastward to Hurkey Creek, where we can water the horses.

At this point the trail will take us to a site where ancient Cahuilla Indians ground acorns, and then on a loop decorated with pines, leading to another horse-watering spot. The entire ride requires moderate horsemanship skills and will take about four hours. That's the good news...the bad news is that we must necessarily limit the number of horse trailers to 12, because of the limited parking at the Keenwild Station.

So, the first 12 horsemen with a trailer that wants to go need to call or e-mail us so that they will be assured of a parking spot. If possible, so that more riders can enjoy these trails, try to trailer together with someone else if they have room. Call Ron or Sandi at 951-659-0332 or e-mail kormanhaus@verizon.net. The Keenwild Station is located approximately ½ mile north of the junction of highways 74 and 243 (on the right side of the 243)

We will plan to depart Keenwild at 10:00 AM, bring a snack, and we'll stop halfway to take in the view.

Call Ron or Sandy Korman if you have questions and/or to place your reservation for a parking space.

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Trail Building 101 May 9th

Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks! Our trail building class held at the Tule Peak Trailhead turned out to be a real winner. Our instructor, Sam Commarto from the PCTA, certainly made our day a well spent one. We learned how to get a trail to drain properly, how to build switchbacks, proper trail alignment techniques and more. It is information we will certainly put to good use and we thank Sam for donating his time to show us old dogs a few new tricks.

Submitted by Bob Jones (see photos on page 8)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

In keeping with what I said in my presidents message about giving that all important pat on the back, I would like to start something new. Something that I hope will catch on and continue because it is so important to recognize those volunteers who go above and beyond.

Recently in the Forest Service Volunteer Newsletter one of our members was recognized for her volunteer service to the Forest Service. I would like to second those sentiments and give a big pat on the back to Marsha Houle. Besides being a fearless horsewoman, her tireless and selfless work in the Cahuilla Mountain Wilderness has really made a difference. Through her efforts illegal OHV incursions were significantly curtailed, illegal hunting discouraged, trash dumping was minimized, trails have been improved.

When I first met Marsha she told me how discouraged she was and that she felt she wasn't getting anything done. Well Marsha, I beg to differ. Look what you've accomplished!! You are a shining example of the difference one person can make. We all applaud you for your spirit and determination. Thanks for showing us how it's done!

Submitted by Bob Jones

SDNHM Pack in

Sunday, June 20th a few of the Red Shank Riders got down off their horses and mules, donned backpacks and headed into the San Jacinto mountains. Ron and Sandy Kormann, Allison Renck, Bob Jones, Julie, and I along with a number of others embarked on a trip to take food and equipment the two and a half miles into Round Valley for a research group from the San Diego Natural History Museum (SDNHM). They are in the middle of a three year study to compare information to a study of plants and animals that was done in the early 1900's. Two of the group is actually descendants of the original research crew. It was a beautiful day for a tram ride to the top of the mountain, a hike up and down hills, over rocks, and through water, even a little snow. Got a different view of the trail from the ground instead of from the back of a mule. Makes me appreciate my pack mules. We are looking forward to helping them out again in the future.

Submitted by: Michael Lewis (see photos on page 8)

GARNER VALLEY MINE RIDE AND BBQ May 2nd

It just could not have been a better day. The weather was "perfect", as baby bear would say, not too hot, not too cold, jussstttt right!

We met at the Garner Valley Commons building area. Lots of flat trailer parking and thank goodness because we needed it. 33 riders showed up. We signed up several new members.

The trail led us around some of the beautiful scenery here in Garner Valley. In the hills on the Eastern side of the valley there was quite a bit of mining activity from the late 1800's through till about the 1950's and there is still a few claims being worked. Many mine shafts still remain. Our ride led us to one of the old shafts with its own Mine shack next to it. Lots of old mining equipment can be seen as well. Many hikers and backpackers use the old Mine shack to sleep in on their travels. The ride was about 2 -1/2 hours which was just perfect. We stopped at the shack so people could explore a little. We meandered through a small creek area where the wildflowers were in full bloom, just extraordinary.

At the end of the ride, we BBQ'd some hamburgers and hot dogs and set a spell. A short meeting was conducted by Bob Jones to conduct some business and then we called it a day.

I have many more mines to show everyone and I look forward to the next ride.

Submitted by Teri Baron (see photos on page 8)

Early Morning by Chris Owen

Santa Rosa Plateau Foundation

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Jubilee**

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Recent Event Photos



Signage at the PCT junction



Pucker value at about a 9

APACHE CREEK RIDE 2010



Leaving Apache Peak headed into a 30 mph wind



All delivered safely



Challenging trails in the BMW



Group shot at the Tule Peak trailhead

All riders accounted for on the trail towards home



Watering the animals and lunch at Culp Spring

CABIN SPRING Ride April 2010





MAY
MUNE
Ride

A beautiful day & happy campers



Jerry and his trusty steed Coffee



Ridng thru the pines



Marine Cpl Mo Gruzen
home from Afghanistan!!



Mary Ann Kiger &
Jerry enjoying the view



MEMORIAL DAY RIDE

GARNER RIDE



Working on a proper switchback



TRAIL BUILDING CLASS

The Class of 2010
(left to right)

- Mike Lewis,
- Carlos Lajones,
- Pete Spencer,
- Sam Commarto,
- Tom Firth,
- (photographer) Bob Jones



Gathered at the
Tule Peak Trailhead

Ron & Sandy Korman on a sea of flowers



SLOAN LAKE RIDE



Ron Lawson checking out the Lake



The cabin at the Lake

Heading up to Round Valley



Looking down to the
bottom of the tram

SNMNH PACK IN

Packers gathered for a briefing



Redshank Riders Wildflower Trail Trials Challenge

The first annual Wildflower Trail Trial Challenge is deemed a success!! On June 12 and the 13 a small army of redshank riders descended onto Stoneys Ranch in Anza to host the double- header 2 day event. Although, we have hosted a few trail trials before, nothing of this magnitude have we embarked on.

Over 90 riders joined us to compete and be tested by terrain and obstacles to see what they were capable of as a partner with their horse. Obstacles included opening gates, walking over various bridges, dis-mounting and mounting safely using a rock, hoisting a bear bag into a tree and even leaving no trace by opening a large trash can and depositing trash into it while still mounted on their horse.

On Saturday we hosted the American Competitive Trail Horse Association CTC also known as ACTHA. This new association is seen on RFD-TV. We had 7 obstacles and the ACTHA riders were pushed to new limits. Comments were that "this was the best CTC ever. "The normal flatlander riders were amazed at the views and little cow trails Anza had to offer. The wildflowers were in bloom especially the Indian paint brush and Stoneys cattle gave the riders an extra test by peeping out of the brush. While waiting for awards riders were then treated in the afternoon by Robyn Prinzing bar-b-q of pulled pork sandwiches and homemade potato salad.

Sunday dawned with some ACTHA riders staying over and camping. A herd of over 60 riders came in to compete in our second trail trial. The California State Horseman Association Trail Trial hammered down some great breakfast burritos, again made by Robyn they were ready to take on 10 obstacles and a longer 3 hour trail. Riders were pushed to their limits encountering a birthday party, a zigzag backthru, and dragging logs while on their horse among their tribulations. Experienced CSHA riders exclaimed that our ride was state quality ride and extremely challenging. "They loved it!" Was a quote.

With over \$10,000 in sponsorship donations we were able to give out to every rider on each day a 25 dollar value goody bag filled with samples and products. Our raffles on both days were a smashing triumph!! A BIG, BIG thank you to Star Milling/ Integrity Feed, Grand Meadows, Cowboy Magic, Vetermicyn, Stomach Soother, Odor No More bedding additive, ET Horne Animal Wellness Division, Murrieta Creek RV, Lori's Horse Laundry, White Horse Cabins, Omega Fields, Eqyss, Farnum, Veterinary Services, Empire Ferrier, Wye Road Feed in Bishop, Anza Feed and Hardware, WW Feed in Hemet, Rancho Vet Tack/ Feed, Bar 6 Insurance Co., Temecula Olive Oil Co., Brian De Canter Quality Horseshoeing, Rosie Garcia's daughter, Cindy Merritt for donating 4-H roasts and Laura Castro with Anatomical Global. Without their help this would not have been the success it was!!! Please support our sponsors. Let them know how much fun you had and how we appreciate their help.

Tabb & Company Photography was our resident photographer and Emily did do a fantastic job. Go to www.tabbportraitsstudio.com to see her work and email or call her for special pricing on the event.

Last but not least, our volunteers who help with the event. For every obstacle you need a judge and a scribe. There is parking, cooking, safety riders, go to people, ticket takers, raffle sellers, registration, scoring and on and on. Do the math; it does take a small army to put this on. Stacy and I give you all the biggest hug and thank you in helping this be the BEST Trail Trial Challenge in Southern California. Are you ready for 2011??

Winners

Saturday ACTHA

OPEN- Sandra Harris

PLEASURE- Paula Bellisi

JUNIOR- Kyle Agovina

Sunday CSHA

Advanced Juniors -Clair Williams

Advanced 50 plus- Cindy Paine

Advanced 18-49- Linda Smerber

Intermediate 50 plus- Jean Chadsey

Intermediate 18-49- Paula Bellisi

Novice Juniors- Alisha Hajek

Novice 50 plus- Renee Williams

Novice 18-49- Wendy Hartley

Article submitted by Audrey Turpin

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