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Hi Guys

Another month has passed and we all have been digging out from all the white stuff. There were a few of us that did a last minute "let's ride to overlook Anza with all the snow". Spectacular views and we took lots of pics. Good times. Saddle time makes everything better! Today is a snow day also. No trail work to do this weekend either but we will be out very soon and we will keep you all posted.

We had a huge turnout at our last meeting. I am happy to say that the budget for the year will be adding funds in our checkbook by doing the events planned and we will also be replacing needed trail equipment. Great meeting! Thanks to all that attended.

The meeting for March will be at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Thurs March 10th. We have a speaker that will start at 7pm. This will be very informative; the Speaker is Sam Commarto, Associate Regional Representative for the Pacific Crest Trail Association. His topics will be PCTA's vision for Sloan Ranch (the whole section over San Jacinto), upcoming projects that will need packers and the opportunities for a trail skills training. He also mentioned the PCT Thru Ride video, too.

Audrey and I got together with our ride committee earlier this week to look at the ride calendar for 2011. These Gals have some awesome rides in store. Come on out and ride new trails, old trails or just make new friends with common interests. Ride for March: March TBA Chihuahua Valley (hosted by Sue and Carol), March 19th Potrero Ride (hosted by Kormans). Events for April: April 1-3 rendezvous Red Bluff. April 3rd Happy Valley B-Day Ride Happy Valley (hosted by Robyn) April 9th Shot Clinic Garner Valley. So mark those calendars. Our membership drive and Poker Ride will be Sunday May 1st hosted by Mike and Pebbles. Everyone loved that area so we will ride again. It is not challenging and a lot of folks don't get in that area often. Not the same trail but the same area. We should also by then have the horse gates in so we can show everyone. It's gonna be a great riding year!! Thanks Robyn, Cathy and Sandy.

I want to tell Pete Spencer I am so thankful for all the time and effort for all these years (a bazillion of them) that he has kept our group informed with all the Public Lands Issues... You will be soooo missed. I will be at the meetings at Rendezvous and I have been contacted by the State co-coordinator with a "homework" I am serious they have giving me a study sheet for pre Rendezvous.

We will have an information booth for Redshank Riders BCHC at the "Battle of the Bands event" on April 30th. Please come out and have some fun and support the community.

We have revised the trail ride guidelines for 2011. A copy will be in the newsletter and also on the website. I need to stress the importance of no alcohol or smoking while on trail... Folks we are riding in remote areas of "the backcountry" We are Backcountry Horseman. These guidelines are just to keep everyone safe and lessen the liability while being an organization of BCHC. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Bob Jones is facilitating meetings with the organizations that we have been working. We got the guidelines/requirements for the signs for BMW (Beauty Mountain Wilderness). Oh My. It is the largest dang book I've ever seen. I will trudge thru it and we will get started making the signs. I am really excited to have Bob Jones work with the agencies to find out their "packing needs" that we can do for them. Whoo Hoo! He will be my cohort in crime with public lands and agency work.

C-ya on the trail, Stacy

Redshank Riders February 10th, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Location: Stacy's House, Lake Riverside Estates

Meeting began at 6:55 pm - 27 Attendees

Anne read Minutes from January meeting. Corrections: Pete is no longer State Director, Stacy has taken the position.. Sandy Korman & Terri Pirillo are added to the Ride Committee. Pete motioned to accept minutes w/ corrections, Audrey 2nd.

Treasurers Report: Mike read the treasurer's report.

Trail Development & Maintenance:

Mike mentioned a possible trail building class w/Sam Commarto - we need to let him know if there is an interest and available dates to possibly set up a class at Million Dollar Springs. Pete announced that the San Diego Trails Council needs to dispose of their assets and he has requested that they donate to RSR, asking the club if we want their tractor. Pete is resigning as Public Lands Person effective immediately. Stacy thanked him for his years of service.

Adopt a Highway: We need to pick a date soon.

Budget: Mike ran through income, expenses and profit. Pete made a motion to approve the budget with the addition of joining the Community Hall \$35, Chuck 2nd.

BCHC Rendezvous: Stacy asked if anyone needed a Rendezvous packet. Pete explained what the Rendezvous is. Audrey added that all of the info is on our website.

We will have a booth at Battle of the Bands on April 30th at the Community Hall, from 10am - 4pm

Ride Committee: Sandy announced that the March ride will be from Pinon to Paradise on the 19th. It will not be a difficult ride. Bring a lunch. Flyer will be distributed soon. Pebbles is in charge of the April Poker Ride, which will be a non-membership ride. Stacy met with Reed Valley Ranch and they are planning some exciting events. Audrey read our ride guidelines for liability reasons. It was suggested that we rate the rides: beg/int/advanced. The "no ponying" rule was discussed and decided that it applies to riderless horses.

Vaccination Clinic: Ron announced that there will be a Vaccination Clinic at Bomar Ranch (GV) on April 9th,

conducted by Dr. Huth.

Laurie Stanton asked if we will be planning to have a "Leave No Trace" booth at the Working Cowhorse event.

Trail Trials: Audrey asked who would volunteer for helping at the event. The date is not set as of yet.

BCHC Rendezvous: April 1 - 3, Tehema County Fairgrounds, Red Bluff

- **Trails Committee:** One area identified to work on mapping is the back side of Cahuilla toward Reed Valley

New Business: Volunteer Hours: Pete inquired about the Equine Affaire. Attendance was down this year. Cathy announced that they had a trail project and 12 volunteers showed up. They opened the Penrod Trail. Mike spoke about Sloan Ranch, and says that he believes that it will be rideable soon. Audrey read about Vallecito Days in San Diego. This will be on March 25, 26 & 27 and cost \$45/rider. Stacy mentioned the idea of RSR acquiring a trailer for a good deal to store tools and Pete has one that might work. We are looking into setting up a trail GPS class.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

**Unit Meeting Thursday, Mar. 10th
6:30PM at The Little Red School House**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Constance Smith

Carol Moore

Gilbert Pankonin



Spring Veterinary Clinic

Saturday April 9th

Redshank Riders is sponsoring a Spring Veterinary Clinic to make available to everyone an opportunity to get your horses vaccinated, with NO ranch visit fees. Dr. Chris Huth will also do FREE teeth examinations. He will be available to answer horse health questions at this event which will be held at Bomar Ranch in Garner Valley.

This is an OPEN event; Redshank Riders will have an information station to respond to questions from potential new members. There will also be information available on horse nutrition, leave-no-trace inexpensive (and efficient) slow-feeding, and local trails. Additionally, there will be a back-country packing demo. And, the best part, there will be FREE snacks!

The Vet: Dr. Chris Huth of Temeku Equine

Date: April 9 Time: 10:00 am

Address: Bomar Ranch
37099 Tool Box Springs Road,
Garner Valley

Questions: Call Ron or Sandy Korman (951) 659-0332

This event is sponsored by

REDSHANK RIDERS



BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF CALIFORNIA

REDSHANK RIDERS TRAIL RIDE GUIDELINES

1. Be ready at ride-out time. Do not hold everyone up.
2. No horses or mules move out until all riders are mounted.
3. Never ride ahead of the trail boss. If you plan on leaving the ride before completion, notify the trail boss or drag rider.
4. Don't ride nose to tail on the trail. Maintain a reasonably safe distance.
5. A red ribbon is required if your horse or mule kicks.
6. Be considerate of fellow riders and their mounts. Understand problems do occur.
7. If a problem arises please notify the trail boss or drag rider.
8. Do not race or run your horse by other riders. Ask the rider in front of you if you may pass, then do so at a walk.
9. Do not run up hill.
10. No dogs or stallions allowed on the trail.
11. No ponying of un-ridden horses or mules. Packed animals excluded.
12. No smoking while on the trail.
13. No drinking alcoholic beverages while on the trail.
14. Stay on designated trails.
15. Do not stop on narrow trails, especially ledge trails. Trail boss will try not to stop unless it is safe for all riders.
16. If a gate is closed when riding through it, make sure it is closed after you pass. If gate was open, leave open.
17. Observance of all County and State Park rules will be mandatory on their premises.
18. All riders must sign in prior to ride.
19. Must be BCHC members to ride; non-members may join prior to the ride.
20. Practice Gentle Use. Leave a clean trail head or camp, free of all manure and trash.
21. Minors must wear helmet.

These guidelines will be enforced by the unit President, Vice President or trail boss.

POTRERO CANYON RIDE SATURDAY, MARCH 19

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS POTRERO CANYON? IT'S IN THE PINYON AREA - IN A SELDOM-VISITED, RUGGEDLY BEAUTIFUL HIGH DESERT SETTING.

DIRECTIONS: FROM THE JUNCTION OF HIGHWAYS 74 AND 371, DRIVE 8.5 MILES EAST ON 74 TO PALM CANYON DRIVE-TURN LEFT (NORTH) AND GO 2.6 MILES TO A WHITE GATE (WHICH WILL BE UNLOCKED BY US @ 9AM).IT WILL BE "DUMMY-LOCKED", SO CLOSE THE GATE AFTER YOU DRIVE THROUGH. DRIVE 1 MORE MILE TO THE SECOND GATE-WE'LL PARK THERE.

GOT QUESTIONS? CALL RON OR SANDY KORMAN (951) 659-0332

LESSONS LEARNED submitted by Tom Firth

It is a cross I must bear and the envy of all my friends that on occasion, out of the blue, I am abruptly overcome with strokes of pure genius. Case in point:

It was an area I had hunted many times in years past, I explained to my wife, Cathy, and I was more than confident (from what I could recall), that if we simply followed this wash but a short distance farther we would be able to drop easily down into Tule Canyon, coming out a short distance above Turkey Track, thereby saving gobs and gobs of time.

As we traveled leisurely down the wash about a mile-and-a-half, we were very near where I felt we would drop into the canyon when we encountered our first obstacle; two large boulders we would have to pass through that surely would hang up a pair of pack boxes. Realizing I had to dismount and scout a route around the boulders, I made my first mistake. I should mention here that I was mounted on Zane Grey, my tried and trusted mule, and while Zane was his Christian name, that was soon to change.

I stepped off Zane and unsheathed the machete I would need to hack a route around the boulders. What I neglected to do was to remove the reins resting around Zane's neck and ground tie him. I also could have put the pair of hobbles hanging on the billet of my saddle on him, or I simply could have tied my trusty hee haw to a scrub oak using the lead rope coiled on my saddle. I intentionally disregarded any of the afore mentioned methods of common sense, backcountry stock restraint that would have been a prudent precaution, because I was well aware of Zane's steadfast loyalty.

As I hacked away at the brush I was also very aware of the fact that Zane would never leave Cathy's horse. Besides, she was standing behind Zane in the narrow wash. She was holding her horse with Emma, the pack mule, behind her pony, tied hard and fast to her saddle, not to mention there really wasn't anyplace for any of them to go anyway.

Now apparently the call of nature is a strong one as my bride suddenly felt the urge to make a quick visit to the facilities. Also in a very trusting mood, she dropped her reins, grabbed her toilet paper from her horn bag, and made a quick beeline behind one of the boulders where she promptly dropped her drawers. It was at this point things began to get rapid as I was soon to learn lesson number two.

Zane, witnessing a lunar eclipse from my wife and realizing she is a bit preoccupied, turns quietly and begins waltzing slowly up the wash. Cathy's horse, seeing this breach of etiquette, decides to tag along in a leisurely stroll. Emma, tied hard and fast to Cathy's horse, has no choice but to join the mutiny and follows.

Emma the mule, having to turn in such tight quarters, snaps off a branch approximately the size of the Alaskan pipeline. If the loud C-R-A-C-K didn't startle her, the smack on her rump with the branch certainly added encouragement and the rodeo was on!

Cathy immediately began spewing forth a series of epithets and profanities that would blister the ears of a combat marine. In fact, from what I was hearing, I began wondering if she kissed her mother with that mouth?

At any rate, hearing the commotion, I rushed curiously to a vantage point on the rocks just in time to catch a glimpse of the trio blazing over a ridge above the wash. Also disappearing was any chance at shooting the criminals because my pistol, along with my chew, was tucked neatly away in my horn bag. Lucky for me, I was now about to learn lesson number three.

Seven miles, and a thousand foot climb in elevation, eleventeen blisters, a complete dissertation on the history of French provincial furniture from 1653 to present, a torn shirt, no tobacco, and three hours later in ninety degree heat we were nearly home. I say nearly because we forced to march by the Drunkhouse, where Harold Burch, sitting in the porch shade with his feet propped up and sipping on a cold beer, felt the need to describe in great detail the spectacle he had witnessed a couple of hours earlier.

"Darnedest thing I ever seen," he said, smacking his lips after a long draw on his beer. "First, this dink-lookin' doodle-donkey come runnin' down the road, all dressed up, but with no rider. Then, less than a minute later, this other pony comes flyin' down the road like he's a followin' the first. Then this anvil-headed..."

So what have we learned here today, class?

Lesson number one: **Proper use of stock restraints.**

Never trust that trusty steed, lest he won't be there in time of need!

Lesson number two: **Dispose of waste properly.**

I seriously doubt that Cathy took the time to dig a proper cat hole.

I'm positive she didn't cover it!

Lesson number three: **Plan and Prepare.**

Take along plenty of water; Redwing ranch boots are not made for hiking excursions. Pack a pair of comfortable hiking shoes, some band aids, maybe a cell phone, and lots and lots of moleskin!

Ride Event Schedule for 2011

March	March 13th Chihuahua Valley Ride	(hosted by Sue)
	March 19 th Potrero Ride	(hosted by Kormans)
April	April 1 st -3 rd Rendezvous Red Bluff	
	April 3 rd Happy Valley B-Day Ride	(hosted by Robyn P)
	April 9 th Shot Clinic Garner Valley	
	April 30 th booth at Battle of the bands event	
May	May 1 st Poker Ride Membership Drive	(hosted by Pebbles/Mike)
	May 14 th Apple Canyon Ride	(hosted by Kormans)
	May 20-21 st Boys Girls Club Fundraiser Anza	
June	June 5 th Cabin Springs Ride	(hosted by Robyn P)
	June TBA Trail Obstacle Clinic	
	June TBA 2 day Trail Trial	
July	July 17 th Strawberry Junction Ride	(hosted by)
August	August 13 th Cahuilla Mtn North Ride	(hosted by)
	August 28 th Cahuilla Mtn West Ride	(hosted by)
September	Sep 11 Santa Margarita Ride	(hosted by)
	Sep TBA Devils Slide Ride(hosted by)
	Sep 24 th Sawmill Ride	(hosted by)
October	Oct TBA PCT Live Oak section	(hosted by)
November	Nov TBA Poker Ride	



VALLECITO DAYS

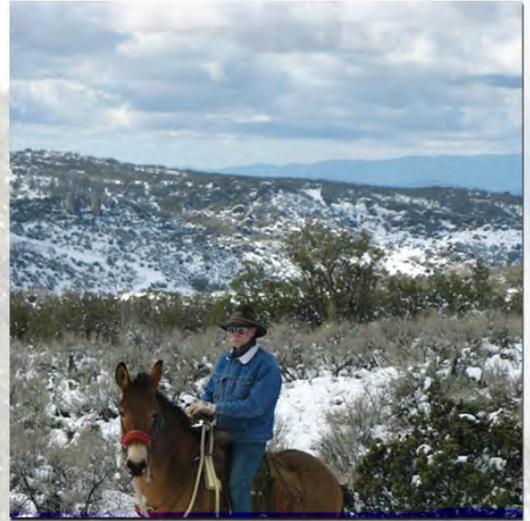
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March 25-27, 2011

Everyone is encouraged to dress in 1860's period attire for the weekend
Contact Info: Terry Jorgensen tlh9749@yahoo.com 760-789-5185

SNOW DAY

Some bored members Redshank Riders decided to get active and rode in the snow to the Sacred Pine Tree. Saw some great views of the Anza Valley. Mike Lewis, Stacy Kuhns, Tim & Audrey Turpin

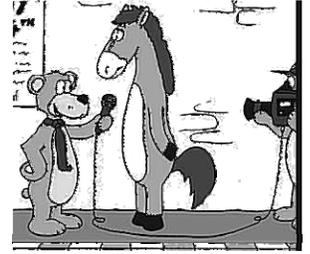


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by
Audrey Turpin
&
Mike Lewis*

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THE NEWS ROOM

Read, Discuss, Act



5th Annual Vallecito Days

San Diego County Parks, California State Parks, Ramona Trails Association, and Backcountry Horsemen-San Diego Unit are excited to sponsor the fifth annual Vallecito Days, celebrating the role of the Southern Overland Trail, 150 years ago at the outbreak of the Civil War.

1861, The Civil War in California. In the early years of the Civil War, nearly 17,000 men enlisted as California Volunteers, in what became known as the California Column. Colonel James Henry Carleton was charged with keeping the Southern Overland Trail open and holding Arizona and New Mexico for the Union. In 1861, he began planning the California Column's march on the Southern Overland Trail from San Pedro, to Camp Wright near Warner Springs, to Yuma Arizona. In a brilliant display of logistical planning, he broke his long column of infantry, cavalry, and artillery into smaller units to ensure that the limited supply of water and grass on the desert crossing was not overtaxed.



At the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, during Vallecito Days 2011, a squad of Civil War infantry scouting the Southern Overland Trail will camp Friday night at the Vallecito Stage Station County Park, continuing their 32-mile historic march south early Saturday morning.

Chihuahua Valley Ride Saturday, March 13

There will be a ride in Chihuahua Valley on **March 13** at 10 AM approx 9 to 10 miles.

We will park at the end of Chihuahua Valley road.

Take HWY 79 south to Chihuahua Valley road turn left go 7 miles to the end.

We will park at the end of the road...in the least muddy place :o)

Bring a lunch.



A little giggle - submitted by Carol Schmuhl

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Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 2011

- Mar 10 - Unit Meeting (see pg 2)
- Mar 13 - Chihuahua Valley Ride (see pg 8)
- Mar 19 - POTRERO CANYON RIDE - (see pg 4)
- Mar 26-27 - Vallecito Days (see pg 5)
- Apr 1-3 - Rendezvous in Red Bluff, CA
- April 3 - Happy Valley B-Day Ride
- Apr 9 - Spring Veterinary Clinic - (see page 3)
- Apr 30 - Battle of the Bands event

May 1 - Poker Ride

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