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Message from the President

Presidents Message...

My Monument Valley Ride was fantastic. Our first night on the road was spent at Flagstaff Feed & Grain. That night I had dinner with a flying buddy, told a bunch of lies and had a great time renewing our friendship. While riding in the Valley we learned about the Navajo culture and history.

We spent 5 days riding in picture perfect weather. After the ride I went to Concho, Arizona and visited with past members Tom and Nancy Samoff. Tom has retired from Fullerton Fire Dept. and is enjoying life in the country.

Joanne Bergman has moved to Payson, AZ she wasn't available to spend time with but says hi to everyone. We wish Joanne and Mike the best in retirement!!

It was full speed ahead on the Turkey Treasure Ride. Everyone worked hard to bring this together. Stacy is handled the staff and cooking assignments. Pauline gathered the raffle items.

Cathy and I cut and marked the new trails. This years event should prove to be enjoyable for all!! * Edited by editor because I got the letter out late!
Terri has volunteered to host this years Christmas Party and ride. Bring a gift for the exchange (optional) \$15 to \$20 in value and related to our sport. This is a potluck dinner, call Terri to coordinate the menu. See the attached flier for details and gift exchange guidelines

See you on the trail!!

Joel



TURKEY TREASURE HUNT NOVEMBER 4TH, 2006

Here is how all the teams placed in the Treasure Hunt!!

There were 39 riders, one was a "ride-along" only and did not participate in locating and/or picking up treasures.

There were nine teams, #1 through #3, and #5 through 10. #4 was combined at the last minute with #3 to make a team of 4 riders.

Team #1

4 riders / Total time 1 hour, 38 minutes / 0 treasures / Out 9:59, In 11:37

Kathy Burseson / Sherry Turner / Teri Baron / Pauline Costi

Team #2

6 + 1 riders / Total time 3 hours, 16 minutes / 7 treasures / Out 10:09, In 1:27

Rhonda Strickland / Terri Pirillo / Carol Larimer (ride along) / Randy Felber / Cathy Felber / Heather Felber

Team #3

4 riders / Total time 4 hours 6 minutes / 7 treasures / Out 10:17, In 2:23 /

Sue Gieling / Cassie Gieling / Holly Filippi / Deb Schott

Team #4 combined with Team #3

Team #5

5 riders / Total time 3 hours 29 minutes / 9 treasures / Out 10:38, In 2:07

Roxanne Mishler / Val Young / Sherry Rondeau / Stephanie Weyls / Jenny Gerhardt

Team #6

6 riders / Total time 3 hours 26 minutes / 10 treasures / Out 10:27, In 1:53

Lisa Duty / Julie Kidder / Cheryl Marshall / Judy Mizell / Jean Kelly / Meghan Carson

Team #7

3 riders / Total time 2 hours, 36 minutes / 9 treasures / Out 10:53, In 1:29

Dorena Johnson / Alison Renck / Ken Renck

Team #8

5 riders / Total time 2 hours, 38 minutes / 10 treasures / Out 10:59, In 1:37

Silkotch family of 3 / Michele Rudin / Howard Rudin

Team #9

2 riders / Total time 3 hours, 12 minutes / 9 treasures / Out 10:53, In 2:05

Martha Harshey / Carolyn Trishkowski

Team #10

3 riders / Total time 2 hours, 15 minutes / 6 treasures / Out 11:12, In 1:27

Valerie Sexton / Doug Gesswein / Sandy Gesswein

How bout that! What a great time I can hardly wait until next year!



“Preserving our Natural Resources for the Public, instead of From the Public.”

Please, Call our Webmaster, Rhonda if you need a web page for your home or business !! Rhonda, we hope you will enjoy the Redshank riders for years to come...

Give Rhonda a call
(951) 522-8757
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Ride at Lake Skinner

November 19th

**Hosted By New Member Kathy Burleson and
Shirley Allen !!**

This is Really exciting !! Lake Skinners' Trails have been closed for several years because of the rains, They have reopened recently and are very nice now.

Kathy has made reservations For us at the Lake on November 19th !!

The Ride will start at 0930 am (Lake opens at 08:00 am, Kathy and Shirley will be at the trail head at 08:00)

The ride will last approximately 3 hours Round Trip

There are 2 "Step Overs" (Bars that the horse has to step over)

The lake closes at 4pm

Lake Fees are \$5.00 per Vehicle/Trailer and \$1.00 per Horse with a limit of 20 riders, So Call Kathy and Shirley early to reserve your spot!!

This is a beautiful ride with great views of the Lake, Some rocks but not bad, Kathy takes her unshod horse on this ride with no problems!!

Sounds like a lot of Fun.

Bring a Lunch to Enjoy, Kathy and Shirley will bring Water, Soda, and Cookies to enjoy after we return to the Trail head !!

There are Also Shade Trees, Tables, Water for the horses, Some Ties and 2 corrals as well as an outhouse supplied at the Trail Head.

Bring your favorite chair, just in case.

Signs will mark the entrance to Lake Skinner.

*Direct Questions to Kathy at 302-8822 Cell Phone (909) 576-6439
or Shirley at 302-2120 Cell 265-6668*

November 2006

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Monthly Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Kathy's Ride !	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

• [November 19th](#)

Kathy's Ride at Lake Skinner See Page 3 For sign up

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November 19th Kathy's Ride at Lake Skinner

Dec 2

Christmas Party, ride and Elections for Redshank Riders. At Terri's House in Aguanga. We need members to run for open offices !! Please consider donating a little extra time to the Unit next year, its definitely worth it !!

Any body who would like to Sponsor a Ride, Just let Joel know..



Public Use

Dear Senator Hollingsworth and Congressman Hunter,

Today I received by email a copy of the North County times regarding the expansion of the Naval training center in Warner Springs. We are currently vacationing from our home in Warner Springs and unable to attend a public hearing scheduled for today.

Please, will you see that the NEPA and CEQA process is followed to insure that historic sites and routes remain available for public use according to applicable state and federal laws. (National Preservation Act Sec 106 compliance, RS2477, Ca. Political code of 1872)

We are not opposed to the Naval Base expansion as long as our historic routes remain open to the public. My husband and I fully support our Armed Forces. This particular training site is serving our country well.

A trail plan was filed with the county in this area as well as historic routes and sites that must be evaluated (RS2477) Lost Valley truck trail aka California Riding and Hiking trail, Fink Road, and more.

Your participation and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Kathleen Hayden

http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2006/10/17/news/top_stories/8_04_5510_16_06.txt

"Navy wants bigger survival training site in Warner Springs; hearing scheduled on proposal to double acreage" (North County Times, 10/17/06)

"The Cleveland National Forest, Bureau of Land Management and Vista Irrigation District own separate parts of the land. They allow the Navy to use it to teach survival skills to members of the military -- pilots, air crews and special forces members -- who face an above-average risk of capture by hostile forces behind enemy lines." **A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday.**

RELATED: "Hearing tomorrow on Navy land plan" (San Diego Union-Tribune, 10/18/06)

"The Navy wants to double the size of a training area in the backcountry where air crews and special-operations forces practice how to survive when trapped behind enemy lines. Navy officials will hold a public hearing tomorrow at the school...joined by officials from the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Vista Irrigation District, all of which own portions of the land the military hopes to use."

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/military/20061018-9999-1mi18sere.html>

RELATED: "Navy looks to expand SERE school" (Marine Corps Times, 10/13/06)

"Navy officials are holding an open house Oct. 19 to discuss a proposal to expand the Navy SERE training facility in Warner Springs, Calif....Navy officials, along with representatives of the Cleveland National Forest, Vista Irrigation District and Bureau of Land Management will be on hand to discuss the proposal, and public feedback will be incorporated in an environmental assessment that will be done on the proposal."

<http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/story.php?f=1-292925-2173851.php>

Thank You for the contribution!!!

Holiday Ride, Potluck and Elections

December 2 2006

Last Ride of the Year Folks !!

This is the Big one, We Ride, then We Potluck, then we gift exchange, Then we elect new officers for the upcoming Year, Sounds like a lot of fun, well let me tell ya, It Is!!

Ride Starts at 10:00

I am providing drinks, chili, cornbread and ham !!

The Ride is at My house located at 42451 Sage road in Aguanga. 79S to Sage road only 1 way to turn and that's towards Hemet 3 and 1/2 mile And my place is on the left unless you go down Wilson valley then its on the right.

See the October newsletter online for more detailed instructions.

Gift Exchange guidelines

The guidelines of the party are to bring a gift costing, not more than \$20.00, and most of us bring fabulous gifts to the party and the tricking and trading to finagle them away from our friends gets pretty animated and that what our exchange is all about!!

Come on people.... The gift exchange is a BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN function. Something we are all suppose to be proud of, something that we can brag about being the best at !!

Some of the changes discussed to help keep our gift exchange the fun event it has been in the past are;

1. A gift exchange sign in sheet. That way we can keep track of who is actually participating. When you bring your gift you sign in on a gift exchange participation sheet. When you sign in, a label with the number corresponding to your name is placed on the gift, that way we know who brought what, but still have anonymity during the exchange!
2. Price of gift between \$15.00 - \$20.00
3. Gift must be oriented to equestrian's. Think of what horse and mule people might like, I can tell you they don't like jump ropes, anything to do with baking, (Unless it is already baked and ready to eat!) or old eating utensils. Think of something you would really like to get! (Things like Food, Alcohol, Horse or Mule oriented home décor or useful items, anything livestock can eat, wear, play with etc..)
4. Publishing the guidelines in the newsletter announcing the event and at the sign up table so everybody is aware of the intent of the exchange.

The gift exchange is not required, as it turns out some are simply uncomfortable with the gift exchange so, just come and watch all the silliness as others plot their strategies!

Lets make this a thoughtful, fun experience for EVERYBODY!!



Editors Corner

Heads up Peeps, come on out to the December Ride and Run for office The Unit needs you!! Not to mention it is very rewarding!!

We really need more people to be involved with the group!! In order to remain a viable Unit of the Back Country horseman We need people to help run the Unit for next year, We really, really need enthusiastic people like yourselves to run for office and volunteer a little time to help run the spectacular events that we are able to put on every year.

Thanks to everyone who came to my Birthday Ride you all are the best, I love all the gifts and good times, thanks for coming out with the bag o goodies Jeannie rae

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Thanks
Terri



Thanks to Everybody for all the hard work and dedication on the Turkey Treasure Hunt, what a great time !! Yahoo, Can hardly wait till next year!



NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail TO: Backcountry Horsemen of California

Membership@bchc.com (866) 748-2033
PO Box 530 Squaw Valley, CA 93675-0530

Primary Unit Affiliation: (Circle ONE of the 26 local units)

Antelope Valley	High Sierra	Mid Valley	Santa Ana River	RedShank Riders
Borrego Valley	Kern River Valley	Mojave River	Redwood	Sequoia
Caballeros Del Sol	Kern Sierra	Mother Lode	San Diego	Shasta Trinity
Eastern Sierra	Lake-Mendo	North Bay	San Gorgonio Pass	San Joaquin
Sierra Freepackers	High country	Los Padres	Ohlone riders	
Sierra Sutter Buttes	Top of the State			

DCTR: _____

Name _____ Name _____

(Primary Membership Name—NO BUSINESS NAMES-PRINT CLEARLY)

Secondary Membership Name—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS)

Address _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check number: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: () _____

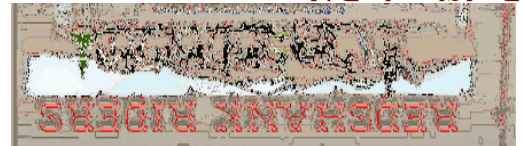
(Circle one)

Membership Class: Individual \$40.00* Family \$50.00 Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt Whit-
ney \$500.00 *Includes \$7.00 surcharge for BCHA assessment

Associate Member of Unit(s) _____ \$15.00/Unit

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Don't Forget about This !!

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➔ December 2ed **Elections and Potluck Ride See Page 6**

