

# BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

New Mexico MONTHLY HOOFPRI NT Pecos Chapter Inc.  
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## President's Corral

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Our general membership meeting on April 7th was held at the Noble's residence in Edgewood. Good food and great company! Thank you to all who attended and a special thank you to Madelyn & Paul for serving as our hosts.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 5th, at the Kingsbury residence. A map with directions is included with this newsletter. We will be reviewing recommendations for this seasons work projects, tool use and trail safety. We will also have information and sign up sheets for work projects, special events and pack trips for the months of May and June. We have a busy season planned and members will have a variety of activities to choose from. Hope to see everyone there.

Now that spring is finally here, so is the danger of wildfires. Wind driven grass fires move quickly, and major roads can be closed, limiting your access. This is a good time to review your plans for emergency evacuation for your equines. If you have a plan in place from last year review and update as needed. If you have not taken the time to create a plan, don't wait. Helpful information is available in the "resources" folder, located on our BCH website at, bchnm.org.

If you are planning on participating on any of our work projects, this would be a good time to get your personal gear ready for the trail. Whatever items you need to be safe and comfortable on the trail - Work gloves and rain gear are always recommended. You should allow room in your saddle bags for lunch and/or snacks. You may also want to consider an extra water bottle to help you keep hydrated. If you plan on bringing a camera and GPS unit then Extra batteries may also be useful.

Congratulations to all who have made the effort to participate in our recent spring training rides. We are adding an extra training ride for the Juan Tomas area on Sunday, May 2nd. See our calendar in this newsletter for more information.

## Coming Events for 2010

**May 2, Sunday, Training Ride Juan Tomas:** 10 am ready to ride, Leader is Kit Weidner, 505-603-7360

**May 5, Wednesday, Monthly Meeting:** 6:30pm Potluck, 7pm General Meeting; Home of Richard and Amber Kingsbury, 281-1342

**May 8, Saturday, "Packing Clinic"** 10:00 AM, and lasting until 3 or 4; Home of Richard Kingsbury; 269-3429

**May 15, Saturday, Work Project: Red Canyon:** be ready to ride at 9:00am; Project lead is Richard Kingsbury 269-3429

**May 22, Saturday, Community Work Day;** Walking N' Circles; contact Cheryl 286-2558

**May 23, Sunday, "GPS Training Clinic":** San Pedro Estates area; more details to come. Contact: Sandy Edmiston 286-6233

**May 28 – 31, Friday Evening thru Monday; Work Project:** Pecos Wilderness, more information to follow; Contact Richard Kingsbury 269-3429 or Cheryl 286-2558

**June 11th-13th, Hammers & Hooves Horse Fair:** Wildlife West, in Edgewood; contact Madelyn Noble; more information to follow.

**June 19 & 27 , 2010, Saturday/Sunday:** Pack in/out the NM Volunteers for the Outdoors, Pecos Wilderness, contact Cheryl 286-2558

**June 22 & 27, 2010, Tuesday/Sunday:** Pack in/out the NM Wilderness Alliance, Pecos Wilderness, contact Cheryl 286-2558

**June 25 – June 27, Womens Pack Trip;** more information to come; contact Amber Kingsbury 281-1342 or Cheryl Nigg 384-2558

**July 3 – July 11, 2010, Work Project Beatty’s Cabin:** Lead is Richard Kingsbury, 269-3429. More information to come

**July 24 – 25, Saturday – Sunday Work Project;** Pecos Wilderness, contact Richard Kingsbury 269-3429

**August 27 – 29 BCH State Rendezvous.;** Fort Stanton, contact Dick Rahal 286-1978

**September 4 - 6, 2010, Saturday - Monday:** Pack and assist the NM Volunteers for the Outdoors; contact Cheryl 384-2558

## Across the Pastures

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### Hammers & Hooves...

Our chapter has signed up to participate in this year's Hammer's & Hooves Horse Fair scheduled for June 12 & 13, 2010 from 9am-5pm at Wildlife West Nature Park in Edgewood. We could use your help to set up, staff, and disassemble our booth. Signup sheets will be available at the June 2nd meeting. We are looking for members to volunteer time to help setup Friday, June 11th from 3pm-6pm and just two hours of their day on the 12th. & 13th to help staff the booth. Free admission is provided to those volunteers who sign up. Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to explore the park, attend some of the 15 expected clinicians, and watch the World Championship Blacksmiths ([www.worldchampionshipblacksmiths.com](http://www.worldchampionshipblacksmiths.com)).

Thanks for the update Madelyn!

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### Donkey in Training...

Anita and Zack pony Isabella along at the training ride in Four Hills. Isabella is getting much better at crossing the water but is still sure that the boogie men live in the stream! A little more time and she will surely walk across.



Thanks for the picture Cheryl

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### Forest Conditions as of Apr 20, 2010

Cibola National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/>

- Sandia Ranger District: Moderate
- Mt Taylor District: Moderate
- Mountainair District: Moderate
- Magdalena District: Low

Santa Fe National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/>

- Moderate

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### State Rendezvous update...

The State Rendezvous will be held August 27 – Aug 29 this year at Ft. Stanton in Lincoln County in the Ruidoso area. It is a no camping fee area. There will also be a presentation by the local Ranger on the history of Ft. Stanton. July 24 will be the deadline for reservations – the form should be available in June sometime. The registration fee looks to be in the \$35 per adult range which will include a catered dinner on Saturday evening. Mark your calendars now for what is sure to be a great event with some beautiful riding! We will keep sharing information as soon as it becomes available.

Thanks for the update Dick!

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### Mileage Tracking...

Please be sure to have at least one member of the group keep track of trail miles with a GPS. We want to be able to start adding miles of trail maintained along with our hours.



Also please add your round trip driving to the sign in sheet for Work Projects only if you drive! Being able to track and report more data will help us show how valuable we are!

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**Monthly Meeting Raffle...**

Congratulations to Peter Harris who had the winning ticket and received the \$31 jackpot! Other winners were Patty and Jim, Chuck and Amber. \$31 went to the Chapter. Thank you everyone for your support. Rules: buy a raffle ticket for \$1 or better your odds and buy 6 tickets for \$5! If you have an item you wish to donate to the raffle, feel free to bring it to the meeting. The monies from the raffle will help pay for copies, postage, POB fee, hamburgers/hot dogs and paper goods for potlucks to name a few items. At this time, only those members and guests who buy a ticket(s) will be eligible to participate in the raffle.

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**Patty has a blog...**

Patty W has a horsey blog and you can follow it via facebook or by joining via this link:

<http://risotada-patty.blogspot.com/>

Right now it is mostly about Linda Sofia's horse, May, but soon one of Peter Harris' horses will also be appearing. You can follow the training progress of a horse day by day and may even pick up some good tips! Thanks for sharing Patty.

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**A Beautiful Day for a Ride...**

Paul, Madelyn and Shawn enjoying a great ride in Four Hills. It is amazing how much confidence all our equine and riders have gained in the last couple years. Thanks to all for making the rides and projects safe and fun!



Thanks for the picture Cheryl!

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**Wanted....**

Know anyone who wants to do some work on the trail? Invite them to join our club! Hard workers are always welcome! Welcome to our newest members!

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**Looking for a summer work vacation...**

July is fast approaching and Richard Kingsbury is getting a good response for the work week at Beatty's Cabin this summer. The current dates are from Saturday July 3 through Sunday July 11. Richard will be sharing more information as we get closer to the date. If you are interested in participating all or part of the time, contact Richard at 269-3429. It should be a nice time to be out in the wilderness for an extended period of time. If you can't commit to the entire week, please work with Richard to stay a few days instead. Many hands make the job easier!

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**Pony Express At Work...**

Moe and Sandy make a "Pony Express" delivery of Sandy's Mom's 75th Birthday card from the Cedar Crest Post Office!



Sandy and Moe were going on the Gutierrez Canyon horse ride and parked right next door to the post office... so it was "The pony express" drop off. Madelyn took the pictures.... As you can see from the flag, it was another Windy Day in the Land of Enchantment!

Thanks for sharing Sandy and Madelyn!

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**Pictures to share...**

If you have pictures that you would like to share that did not make the Hoofprint, please send them to Paul Nobles, [screechow@earthlink.net](mailto:screechow@earthlink.net) and he will forward to the State website!

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**Forestry Personnel in the Forest...**



Jennifer Sublett is sure getting to know our group! It has been nice to have her on our training rides. This ride was the Gutierrez Training ride. Wonder if we will have her company on a few of our work projects? That would be great! Thanks for providing Joker for the day Cheryl.

Thanks for the picture Cheryl!

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**New Long Ears in Town...**



Richard rides Ben and ponies the new boy Chance. Chance is learning a little more with each ride and building a relationship with Richard and Ben. Finally another equine that can keep the same pace as Ben!

Thanks for the picture Cheryl!

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**Have something to share/sell...**

Have it published in the Monthly Hoofprint: pictures, articles of interest to BCH members, trivia, funnies, photos, camping recipes etc or if you have items to sell that would be of interest to BCH members, send a photo and details to Anita at [smithbk1@msn.com](mailto:smithbk1@msn.com) by the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month and we'll get them in the Hoofprint!

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**Town & Country Feed and Horse Rentals**  
 Complete Line of Vet & Feed Supplies  
 15600 Central Ave SE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87123  
 1 mile east of Tramway on Central  
 296-6711

**TRAIL RIDES IN SCENIC TIJERAS CANYON**  
 Guided trail rides in the foothills of the Manzano Mountains. Come see beautiful views of the Sandia Mountains on horseback. Rides Available 7 days a week - Year Round! (Weather permitting)  
 PLEASE CALL FOR RESERVATIONS 296-6711

Hats off and a big "Thank you" to our friends at Town and Country Feed and Horse Rentals for their support over the years!

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**Map to Kingsbury Home**  
**Wednesday May 5, 281-1342**  
**Potluck: 6:30, General Membership meeting 7:00pm**  
**Look for the BCH Signs**  
**Don't Forget your Chair!**

