

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

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

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Howdy folks! Well, our "wacky winter" of 2010 continues. Our general membership meeting for February was cancelled due to bad weather and dangerous road conditions.

Our March 3rd meeting will again be at the Kingsbury residence. We will have a brief presentation by members Patty Wilbur and Mark Bohannon, both professional horse trainers. They will be sharing suggestions for getting yourself and your equine ready for trail rides. Also at this meeting, we will have signup sheets for training rides. Hope to see everyone there. A map with directions is included with this newsletter.

For the 2010 season community service project, our Pecos chapter will be "adopting" the New Mexico horse rescue at Walkin' N Circles Ranch. We will be offering our volunteers the opportunity to signup for work projects to help with various maintenance and repairs at the ranch. We also hope to organize a donation event where members can provide feed, used tack and other equine related items. More details will follow at a later date.

The final data for our 2009 season has been sent to the State BCH, which will be shared with the other New Mexico Chapters, and then sent onto the national BCH organization. The data for our Pecos Chapter is very impressive! The total value of our 2009 volunteer hours is over \$52,000.00. When you calculate in the time and travel for meetings, the value jumps to over \$70,000.00! Congratulations to all our members. You are an incredible group of volunteers!

Remember to mark your calendar for our up-coming events, including training rides, our first work project, the all women's pack trip and the State BCH Rendezvous. More details included with this newsletter.

Stay safe and warm.

Coming Events for 2010

February 28, 2010, Sunday: Training Ride Cerrillos Hills; Trail Leaders are Richard and Amber Kingsbury 269-3429; Kit Weidner 603-7360 and Peter Harris 450-7500. Be ready to ride at 11:00am. Bring your lunch.

March 3, 2010, Wednesday, Monthly Meeting; Richard and Amber Kingsbury home; Potluck at 6:30pm, General Meeting is at 7:00pm.

March 13th, Saturday, "Equine First Aid in the Back Country"; Edmiston residence @311 Horton Rd, Edgewood. Lunch served @ 11:00, clinic begins @ 12:30. More details to follow.

March 20th, Saturday, "Trailer inspection Equine hauling papers and microchips" MVD parking area in Tijeras, 10:00 – 12:00. More details to follow.

March 24th, Wednesday, Pecos Chapter Board of Directors: 7:00pm contact Cheryl Nigg 384-2558

March 27th, Saturday, State Board of Directors: 1:00pm; Contact Dick Rahal 286-1978

March 28th, Sunday, Training Ride Juan Tomas: Trail leaders are Kit Weidner 603-7360, Peter Harris 450-7500 and Cheryl Nigg 384-2558. Meet at Juan Tomas, near old church. Ride out @11:00. Bring your lunch.

April 10th, Saturday, Training Ride Gutierrez Canyon: Trail leaders are Amber Kingsbury 269-7773 and Sandy Edmiston 286-6233. Meet at Gutierrez Canyon Open Space Trailhead, in Cedar Crest. Ride out @10:00. Bring your lunch.

April 25th, Sunday, Work Project: Albuquerque and 4th of July trails. Contact Cheryl Nigg 384-2558

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

June 19 & 27, 2010, Saturday/Sunday Tenative: Assist the NM Volunteers for the Outdoors

June 22 & 27, 2010, Tuesday/Sunday Tenative: Assist the NM Wilderness Alliance

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

August 27 – 29 BCH State Rendezvous; contact Dick Rahal 286-1978

September 4 & 6, 2010, Saturday/Monday Tenative: Assist the NM Volunteers for the Outdoors

Across the Pastures



I just don't understand why Cheryl doesn't come out and ride with us...the weather is beautiful!

Thanks for the picture Cheryl!



Cheryl's equine don't mind the snow at all – they have Cheryl trained to feed and blanket them!

Thanks for the picture Cheryl!

Forest Conditions as of Feb 17, 2010

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

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

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

- Moderate

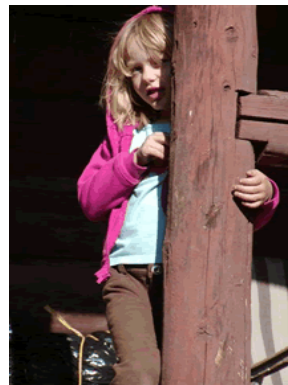
Dues are coming Due again...

To be a member in good standing, dues are due by April 1. You can pay at the March meeting or mail before the April deadline.

\$25.00 for Single Member

\$30.00 for Families

Checks should be made out to "BCH Pecos" and can be brought to the meeting or mailed to the Chapter: POB 2706, Edgewood, NM 87015.



This picture of Abby at Beatty's cabin last summer is too beautiful not to share. I bet she will help us again this year.

Thanks for the picture Cheryl!

Member Recognition...

Jim Edmiston received the "Individual Community Service Award" this past Friday at the "COW Awards" (Community on the Way) in Edgewood.

Another Pecos member, Charlie Rogers was nominated for the "Good Samaritan Award" at the same event. This is the 9th year that these awards have been given out to local individuals and organizations.

Training Ride...



Jennifer and her husband Joel joined our Chapter on the years first training ride in Four Hills. Richard provided the equine and a good time was had by all. Look for Jennifer on future training rides also.

Thanks for the picture Richard and Amber!



Sean Kazmar taking in a little sunshine at the lunch spot on the first training ride of the year!

Thanks for the picture Richard and Amber!

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!

New for 2010...

We are being asked to document two additional numbers this year when we go on projects.

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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!

Looking for a summer work vacation...

Richard Kingsbury is planning to spend a week at Beatty's Cabin this summer working on the cabin and clearing trail above the cabin. 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.

Monthly Meeting Raffle...

Our raffle will start again at the March meeting. 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.

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, screechowl@earthlink.net and he will forward to the State website!

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 by the 30th of the month and we'll get them in the Hoofprint!

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

BCH Pecos Chapter Officers for 2010		
President:	Cheryl Nigg	(384-2558)
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Mary Anne Ende	(281-3722)	
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Map to Kingsbury Home
Wednesday March 3, 281-1342
Potluck: 6:30, General Membership meeting 7:00pm
Look for the BCH Signs
Don't Forget your Chair!

