

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

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

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Our first general membership meeting for 2010 was held on January 6th at the Kingsbury residence, in Edgewood. Our Forest Service contacts from the Pecos Ranger District, Sarah Naegele and Jennifer Sublett, talked about the up coming season and hope that our Pecos chapter will be available to provide additional pack support this summer. They have provided some tentative dates for these pack trips, which are listed in our events calendar, in this newsletter. If you are interested, mark your calendar. Even if you do not have a pack animal, you can still be of assistance.

Our February 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 begin scheduling dates for training rides. Hope to see everyone there.

Now is a great time to start getting your saddle and tack ready for trail rides. Keeping your tack repaired and cleaned allows for safer and comfortable rides for both you and your equine. This is also a good time to revisit what's in your saddlebags. Remove old or damaged items and replace them now so you will have them when you need them.

Dues for 2010 are due. Please consider paying your membership dues at your earliest convenience. Dues are the same as last year. Individual membership is \$25.00, and family membership is \$30.00. You can mail your dues to our PO Box 2706 in Edgewood. You can also pay your dues at any of our up coming meetings.

Our Officers and Board of Directors for 2010 are listed in this newsletter. Please give them your support as we begin another great season for the Pecos Chapter. It will be my honor to serve as President again and I'm looking forward to another productive and adventurous year. I value your support and participation.

Happy New Year!

Coming Events for 2010

February 3, 2010, Wednesday Monthly Meeting: 6:30pm potluck, 7:00pm General Meeting: Place Kingsbury home

February 13, 2010, Saturday Training Ride: Town and Country Feed, be ready to ride at 11am. Lead: Patty Wilber RSVP Patty 321-1697

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

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

Across the Pastures

2009 Year Achievements...

2009 was a very busy year for our Chapter. At the Christmas Party Cheryl presented the tallies for our work projects, training rides and pack trips. These numbers are submitted to the State and then rolled up to Nationals. Thank you to Cheryl for transferring all the data from our sign in sheets into the excel document – an easy task I'm sure..... not ☺

Our Chapter participated in 12 Work Projects, 5 training rides and 2 volunteer pack trips. Our total hours for 2009: 2641! It is important to note that this number does not include meeting hours making it even more impressive!

Congratulations to all our BCH Pecos Chapter members. 2009 was an extremely productive year for our Chapter and we couldn't do it without you and your dedication to the outdoors!

Get your new saws ready - don't forget to use "Blue Lock Tite" on the 3 screws on the handle. 2010 looks like it will be another year to "Work Like Dogs" as

Linda would say. Jim and Sandy E. are already working with their new donkeys; Bert and Ernie. We expect to see them on the trails real soon!



Thanks for the picture Sandy!

GPS training...

Jim Edmiston has agreed to host a GPS training for our Chapter in the spring. In order to prepare material that is geared to our needs, Jim would like to understand our current GPS status and knowledge.

Please take a minute to email [Jim](mailto:jedmis1@us.ibm.com) (jedmis1@us.ibm.com) your responses to the following questions:

- Do you currently have a GPS?
 - What brand of GPS?
 - What model?
 - What is your knowledge of GPS use? Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
 - Have you personally used your GPS to "Geocache" or participate in a similar activity?
- Please email Jim by the Feb 15 so he has time to develop some training for us.

Forest Conditions as of Jan 23, 2010

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

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

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

- Moderate

Welcome 2010 Elected officials...

The votes were cast and counted in December for our Chapter Officers and Board of Directors. Please welcome all and do not hesitate to contact any of them with ideas, suggestions or concerns. It is the input of all members of the Chapter that help make us successful and a chapter that people want to belong to.

Officers

President: Cheryl Nigg
Vice President: Richard Kingsbury
Secretary: Cindy Anderson
Treasurer: Kit Wiedner

Board of Directors

Sandy Edmiston Amber Kingsbury
Patty Wilber Jim Gore
Peter Harris Jeannie Greven

State Delegates

Mary Anne Ende Dianne Simmons

Dues are coming Due again...

To be a member in good standing, dues are due by April 1. You can pay at the January 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.

Mosca Peak in the Manzano Mountains as seen on New Year's Day!



Thanks for the picture Cheryl!

BCH Wear and Reminisce...

Do you need new gear to start the year off right?
You can purchase the following gear from our Chapter by contacting [Dick Rahal](#).

- T-Shirts \$9.00
- Caps \$6.50
- Big Patch \$15.00
- Big Trailer Stickers \$25.00

If you would like to view any videos of past projects or videos of interest to the BCH Equine community Rick is also your go to guy for those. Just catch him at a meeting and he will show you our library!

Trail to Recovery...

Madelyn Noble is recovering beautifully from her heart attack in December. She even joined us at the meeting in January and is able to ride but not allowed to throw the saddle up yet! She will have a recheck in February. Welcome back Madelyn and a continued speedy recovery to you!

Bonnie Ryman has been under the weather and undergoing many tests to determine the root cause of her illness and discomfort. At last report Bonnie was house bound. The Chapter members send many well wishes to Bonnie for a speedy recovery.

Really...

Question: How far can a horse run into the woods?

Answer at end of Hoofprint!

More Smiles...



Cindy, Anita, Lisa and Trinity share some laughs at the Christmas Party.

Thanks for the picture Jim and Teri!

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!

Holiday Smiles...



We may work them like dogs, but Mary Anne, Linda, Madelyn and Paul were all smiles at the Christmas party!

Thanks for the picture Jim and Teri!

Monthly Meeting Raffle....

Our raffle will start again at the February 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.

Safety...

Lisa K is reviewing all our first aid kits again and restocking as appropriate. We will have 3 first aid kits in 2010!

Jim and Sandy E will have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on any trail rides they are on. Even better, they are certified to use it!

Family Holiday...



We had the honor of having Mary Ann's sister Bernice with us to share in Holiday Cheer. Thru the generosity of our members, we collected \$120 that night to give Bernice for her travels – way to go Pecos members! Soon after our gathering, Bernice hit the trails – we wish her the happiest of trails.

Anybody Hungry...



Lots of great food at the Christmas Party. If you left hungry it was your own fault. 70+ Thanks to Steve and Joan for hosting the Christmas party again! (we had over 70 people at the party – so I heard!)
Thanks for the picture Anita!

The Stolen Gift...



Bonnie Ryman makes a steal in the Gift Exchange. She looks pretty happy with her acquisition!
Thanks for the picture Anita!

In under the wire...



As I sit here finalizing the Hoofprint, I get this picture from Sandy E of Bert and Ernie. Clearly they have child tendencies towards play in this cool weather! But it reminds of "Things Your Horse Should be Able to do for Back Country Work" so I'll attach that to the Hoofprint too!

Thanks for the picture Sandy!

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!

Really...

Question: How far can a horse run into the woods?

Answer: Halfway. After that it's running out of the woods. He – He – He

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!

Valentines Day...

Don't forget to give your equine a Valentines treat on Sunday Feb 14...is this subtle enough to remind you of the upcoming Holiday!

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!

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 Feb 3, 281-1342
Potluck: 6:30, General Membership meeting 7:00pm
Look for the BCH Signs
Don't Forget your Chair!

