

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

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President's Corral

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At our April general membership meeting, we had the opportunity to hear from Bev Noel, of Torreon. Her emotional story of having to evacuate several horses, on three separate occasions during the 2008 wildfires, touched our hearts. Bev's presentation put a very personal perspective on how quickly emergency situations can affect our everyday lives.

Our May 4th general membership meeting will be at the Wilbur's residence in Tijeras. We will have sign up sheets for up coming events, including the popular Memorial Day weekend at Panchuela, in the Pecos. We will also have the latest information on the Forest Service restrictions and possible closures. A map with directions is included with this newsletter. Hope to see everyone there.

We have had two productive work projects this month, in the Manzano Mountains, clearing the Albuquerque, 4th of July and Red Canyon trails. Thanks to everyone who participated. Also, keep in mind while riding the trails, that the warmer weather and on going drought conditions, often force the wildlife to move into populated areas and high use trails.

You recently received a list of Pecos Chapter members who are available to assist other members with emergency equine evacuations. However, do not let this list be your only plan for evacuation. You need to have a specific plan, prepare a "go kit" and be informed. Be sure to include your family, friends and neighbors in your preparations and planning.

Remember to check our calendar of events. With the rising cost of fuel, all of us will need to be selective about the amount of volunteer work we can provide.

A big thank you to everyone who renewed their membership, and welcome to all of our new members. Your support and participation is appreciated.

Happy spring and happy trials!

Coming Events for 2011

May 4th, Wednesday, General Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m. Wilbur's, in Tijeras contact Patty, 321-1697

May 7th, Saturday, First Aid for Beginners, RSVP w/Lisa 917-3631

May 7th, Saturday, 9:00-5:00, Crosscut Saw Certification, RSVP w/Richard 559-3426

May 14th, Saturday, Work Project, Manzano Mountains, location TBA; contact Cheryl 384-2558. Sign up sheet at May 4th meeting.

May 27-30, Memorial Weekend, Work Projects, Panchuela, Pecos Wilderness, contact Cheryl 384-2558. Sign up sheet at May 4th meeting.

June 1st, Wednesday, General Membership meeting, Potluck at 6:30, meeting 7:00 p.m. Location TBA

June 11th & 12th, Saturday & Sunday: Hammers & Hooves Horse Fair, Edgewood More information at the June 1st meeting.

June 17 & 18, Pack in supplies for Volunteers for the Outdoors, Pecos Wilderness. Packers and safety riders needed. Contact Richard 559-3426, or Cheryl 384-2558

June 25 & 26, Pack out supplies for Volunteers for the Outdoors, Pecos Wilderness.

Across the Pastures

New Mexico Equine Industry Summit March 26, 2011 Clovis, New Mexico...

The first New Mexico Equine Industry Summit met March 26, 2011 at the Curry County Fairgrounds in Clovis, NM. The summit was the brainchild of Dr. Jason Turner, NMSU Extension Horse Specialist, (jturner@ad.nmsu.edu.) and 29 equine organizations attended. The purpose of the summit was to discuss issues of concern, share information and collaborate on solving problems faced by the equine industry. The day was organized around 5 topics with activities and discussion following each topic. The day ended with a question and answer session with a panel of NM equine industry experts.

Topic #1: Demographics and trends in horse industry participation - An AQHA perspective.

Mr. Leman Wall, American Quarter Horse Association, provided a slide presentation on a number of topics including the trends in membership, registration, breeding and racing. There has been a decline in all areas with the last 2 years being low and very similar. However, these trends are cyclical and by 2013 there may be an improvement. It is interesting that Europeans are importing more horses, and the Chinese are becoming a big market. New Mexico had its decline but is holding its own. The race industry remains strong. An interesting trend is how breeds have become so specialized. In Cutting for example, 100% of the top winners are related.

Following this presentation, our table had a discussion using a form with questions about our strengths, weaknesses and plans for the trail riding/recreational use of horses. Ron Parker, Gila chapter, Eldon Reyer, Santa Fe chapter and myself from Pecos, plus 3 other individuals involved in recreational use of horses, had a productive discussion. Trail access, the weed-free hay issue, education, protection of the wilderness and mentoring younger riders were some of the topics we submitted.

Topic #2: Overview of the industry supported incentive programs - Success stories.

Dr. Mike Yoder, North Carolina State University & North Carolina Horse Council, discussed the challenges facing the agricultural perspective: urban sprawl, land use regulations, classification of the equine as pet vs. livestock (more regulations for pets) negative perspective of the industry, end of career/life options for horses and globalizing opportunities of the equine industry.

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Forest Conditions as of May 1 , 2011

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

- Sandia Ranger District: Moderate
- Mt Taylor District: Moderate
- Mountainair District: Extreme
- Magdalena District: Very High

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

- Moderate

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Success can be found in North Carolina which passed a food referendum in 1998. It is a voluntary program that mandates 5 cents per bag of horse feed or \$2 a ton, paid by the manufacturer, to the NC Horse Council. It earns \$180,000-\$240,000 per year. The money is used in part to pay for the Horse Council executive director, 2 part-time office assistant, a lobbyist and two trail consultants. These consultants work on trail development and on ways horses can be included in area planning. The assessment is voluntary. If you choose not to participate, you submit your receipts to the Horse Council and receive a refund. The average cost per horse a year is \$1.80.

In addition, North Carolina Horse Council has a number of legislative accomplishments. For example, in 2007 \$500,000 was allocated by the legislature to study the economic impact of the equine industry. There have been grants (\$350,000 since 2000) for education, health research, recreation, gelding programs and emergency assistance.

Other states are raising money by referendums, slot machine profits, brand inspection fees, membership fees and bake sales. Illinois has the nickel a bag program and has raised \$84,000.

The industry's strength lies in individuals who are dedicated to horses and involved in horse activities and horse-related businesses. Horse organizations and associations provide a positive focus and substantial economic impact.

The industry's weakness lies in the lack of collaboration between groups and leverage with legislatures

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**Topic #3 Equine transportation issues in an era of
“real time“ disease surveillance.**

Dr. John Wenzel, Southwest Border Safety & Defense Center, discussed the testing required to move horses in and out of New Mexico. Some test are for surveillance and some are for monitoring when the disease is already here. The Federal USDA requires testing for program diseases that they have a vested interest in eliminating. Dr. Paul Scigliabagion in Albuquerque insures the federal regulations are followed. The State Livestock Board has stricter regulations than the federal requirements. Dr. Dave Fly, New Mexico State Veterinarian, is in in charge of the state regulations. “New Mexico has rules and regulations that are very forward thinking.” said Dr. Wenzel.

The federal regulations requires CVI, certificate of Veterinary Inspection and Coggins EIA, equine infectious anemia, for interstate transfer and movement of horses going to any event where horses are commingled. CVI is important for disease surveillance. Illegal movement of horses can destroy the industry. Owners must comply with the state they are entering, and the ultimate liability rests with the horse owner. The event host is responsible to see that there is compliance with regulations.

The Livestock Board requires a negative CVI for viral piroplasmiasis caused by the tropical horse tic from certain counties in Texas and all semen coming into New Mexico.

The numbers of horses with Equine Infectious Anemia is gradually decreasing and getting close to eradication. There were no cases in New Mexico in 2009 and only one case in 2010.

Regulations for intrastate movement is set by the Livestock Board. Owners must have hauling papers and proof of negative Coggins within the last 12 months.

Topic #4 Importance of “alliances” in the equine industry- Lessons from AQHA

Mr. Leman Wall, American Quarter Horse Association, discussed the importance of alliances. Alliances achieve strategic goals, reduce risk while increasing rewards and leverage resources. Together we are stronger and assure our future and lifestyle are protected.

Topic #5 Current regulatory issues facing animal agriculture in New Mexico. What do these issues mean for the New Mexico Equine Industry?

Mr. Myles Culbertson, director of the NM Livestock Board, gave a history of the livestock board. Last year 63 inspectors made 35,997 inspections, 644 road stops and 83 cruelty cases. Most cruelty cases are bogus.

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Today challenges deal with protecting the livestock we have and keeping a good standing in the country about moving livestock. There is a new hauling card, 1HA, for annual permits which could be helpful to trainers and horses going to temporary locations. The web site has the most current information:

www.nmlbonline.com.

Ms. Caren Cowan of NM Cattle Growers and Ms. Beverly Idsinga of Dairy Producers of NM reported on legislative issues. They were very concerned about an anti-agricultural attitude and the regulations imposed by the animal cruelty activists.

The day ended with a question and answer session and a tour of the Curry County Fairgrounds.

Dr. Turner hopes to have a summit next year, and it would be advantageous for Pecos BCH to be present.

Thank you for the article Nancy S!



Bev Noel speaks at the April 6th meeting. She shares her emotional stories of having to evacuate during past fires.

Thanks for the picture Cheryl N!



Jan Henfling Rides her horse to Sunday Church Services so often that the put in a hitchin post for her!

Thanks for the picture Cheryl N!



Richard, Erwin, Sean and Sandy at the Trailer Clinic at the Kingsbury home. Another great turn out for the annual event...Many Thanks to Richard and Amber for providing the use of the shop – it was nice to get out of the weather!

Thanks for the picture Cheryl!



Dick R and Patty W work the two man saw at Red Canyon while Cheryl provides moral support!

Thanks for the picture Lisa K!



Kit leads the pack on the ABQ trail project....looks cold out!

Thanks for the picture Cheryl N!



Lisa, our certified instructor member, looks on as the students at the CPR first aid clinic learn more about safety! We now have more First Aid and CPR certified members in our group. Thank you to all for spending a day getting the training and many thanks to Lisa Kazmar for volunteering to teach the

classes – You Rock!

Thanks for the picture Lisa K!



Sean Kazmar works the two man saw while Cheryl provides moral support. Seeing a theme here Cheryl!

Thanks for the picture Lisa K!



Headin' up ABQ trail early in April. Good to be out on the trails after a long winter!

Thanks for the picture Paul N!

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!



Megan from Town & Country Feed is specializing in stall and paddock cleaning!

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!

About the Trail rules....

Don't forget, all are suppose to yield to equine but not all may practice this!



Have something to share/sell...

Have it published in the Monthly Hoofprint: pictures(please provide captions!), articles of interest to BCH members, trivia, funnies, 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!

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Directions to Wilber's House in Tijeras

Approximately three fourths mile North of North Zamora Road on Rincon Loop,
Driveway on Left, 166 Rincon Loop. BCH sign by driveway

Phone: 321-1697

Don't Forget your chairs!

