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RRT Trail Talk



By
Elana Riedel
RRT President



“The Year of the Wildflowers”

This spring is shaping up to be full of beautiful wildflowers. The last big wildflower viewing years were 1997 and 1998. With all of our winter rain followed by warm sunshine, the flowers are creating a “super bloom”. Many areas throughout the desert started blooming in late February and should continue through the end of March and maybe into April. Several areas of Anza Borrego Desert State Park are already starting to see lots of wildflower blooms in colors ranging from white to orange to purple.

The great news is that our March camping trip at Stagecoach Trails in Julian borders Anza Borrego DSP. RRT will be there March 24, 25, and 26. This is an open ride, so bring your family and friends. This should give us plenty of time to see blooming cactus and over a dozen different types of flowers. Stagecoach Trails is a great place for first time campers... you can bring your tent or you can dry camp, as well as an RV or your living quarters horse trailer. There is plenty of room to park your rig, a bunch of horse corrals, full hookups, showers, and real restrooms (no porta potties – yeah!) and even a General Store. There are flat trails inside the private campground if you would like to take a relaxing ride and some more challenging rides outside on the open trails located right at the entrance to Anza Borrego State Park. Please remember to bring something great to share for our Saturday night potluck. *See flyer to make your reservations.*



**Vicki & Freeman your Trail Boss
for the Stagecoach Ride.**

For those of you who can't make our overnight camping trip, we have three day rides coming up which should also have great wildflower displays. Come out and ride and see the wild Burro's roaming at Box Springs Mountain Park in Moreno Valley led by Gene and Susan Stauffer on March 18th, and Santa Rosa Plateau in Temecula led by Susan Stauffer is on April 1st. Then in the middle of the month we will have the Gavilan Hills Ride in Harford Springs Reserve Park in Perris, led by MayLynn Motley and Kellie Kinnane which is on April 15th. *See flyers.*

Bring your camera and come out to join us!



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Calendar of Events

2017



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| March 9-12 | Smith Ranch - Campover | Kimberlie Hall |
| March 14 | RRT General Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| March 18 | Box Springs Park - Saturday Ride | Gene & Susan Stauffer |
| March 24-26 | Stagecoach - Campover | OPEN RIDE Vicki Voss |
| April 1 | Santa Rosa Plateau - Saturday Ride | Susan Stauffer |
| April 11 | RRT General Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| | Board Meeting to follow | |
| April 15 | Gavilan Hills - Saturday Ride | MayLunn & Kellie Kinnana Motley |
| May 9 | RRT General Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| May 13 | Heaven Ranch - Saturday Ride | Lisa Murphy |
| | May 12-14 - Optional Campover | |
| May 27 | Wildwood - Saturday Ride | Susan Stauffer |
| | OPEN RIDE | |
| June 13 | RRT General Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| June 17 | In-N-Out Burger - Saturday Ride | Russell Grace |
| | OPEN RIDE | |
| July 11 | RRT General Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| | Board Meeting to follow | |
| July 16 | Santa Margarita - Sunday Ride | *TBN |
| | OPEN RIDE | |
| Aug. 8 | RRT General Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| Aug. 11-13 | Heartbar - Campover | *TBN |
| Aug. 19 | Imperial Beach - Saturday Ride | Elana Riedel |
| | Aug. 18-20 - Optional Campover | |
| Sept. 12 | RRT General Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| Sept. 17 | Bonelli / Walnut Creek - Sunday Ride | Helma Bernardini |
| Oct. 1 | Prize Ride - OPEN RIDE | Vicki Voss |
| Oct. 10 | RRT General Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| | Board Meeting to follow | |
| Oct. 20-22 | Cuyamaca Campover | Charlene Schramm |
| | Green Valley Horse Camp | |
| Nov. 12 | RRT Calendar Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| | Sunday at 3:00 pm | Everyone Invited |
| Nov. 14 | RRT General Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| Nov. 18 | Hidden Valley - Saturday Ride | *TBN |
| Nov. 24 | DAT - O'Neill Park - Friday Ride | *TBN |
| | Nov. 24-26 - Optional Campover - only 5 sites | |
| Dec. 1-3 & Dec. 8-10 | Jurupa Valley "Adopt-a-Family" Christmas Parade... | Elana Riedel |
| | A notice will be sent out with time and place. | |
| Dec. 12 | RRT General Meeting | JoJo's Pizza Kitchen |
| Dec. 16 | Christmas Party & Potluck | Janet Backer |

*TBN - Trail Boss Needed - DAT (Day after Thanksgiving)

Welcome Back...

Janet Backer
Jan Beyers
Doreen Biasi
Bill Binette

Veronica Bolden
John & Evelyn
Campbell
Gary Trout

Renewals due in March

*Don't forget to send in your Dues or
this will be your Last RRT Newsletter*

Cathy Barber

Renewals due in April

Jim & Kathy Edgar
Dwayne & Leigh Gleason
Suzanne Mays

Sherri
Parkinson
Debbie Robbins

*Riverside Recreational Trails continues to grow
and we are happy to welcome you to RRT!*



Trail Bosses Needed

*We still need to fill in a
few rides. If you would
like to lead one of our
rides Please call...*

And Call Diane Thorpe at 951.359.8333



Smile... It's your Birthday!

RRT'ers Wish March & April
Member's a Very Happy Birthday!

**John Campbell... so sorry we missed
your Birthday on February 14th!**



Brendan Bauker
Jan Beyers
Liz Cramp
Denise Desens
Joy Chase

Norma Dominguez
Denise Hawkins
Kathleen Keller
Kellie Kinnane

John LaPonsey
Daniela Lazalda
John Mouw
Jay Murphy
Victoria Olivas
Lou & Lizzy Steiner
Riley Steiner
Annemarie Southern
Daniel Southern

*RRT Editor would like to have you on our
Birthday list. Please send to RRT Editor at
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Hoofin' it for a Cure

Sent in by MayLynn Motley

I would like to Thank all of the supporters who donated money to American Cancer Society thru this event "Hoofin' it for a Cure" in Norco on Saturday. Our group raised \$185.00 total.



Emily, Becca, Bethany, Kelly, MayLynn & Rachel
Big Group Riding for a Good Cause!



In Hidden Valley at the watering hole along with the two of the Rodeo Queens.



The event had a total of 101 horseback riders and raised over \$10,000 in all. It was a Great Day for a Great Cause. Last year we road for Breast Cancer and this year we road in support of Leukemia, for my friend Bethany Hagen's Mom.

Let's find a cure for all Cancers!

TAG YOUR IT!

Kimberlie was tagged to do an article this month in the Newsletter... Sent in by Kimberlie



Who would ask the lady who never shuts up to talk about herself... why Diane Thorpe of Course...

and here I go...



My favorite camp out breakfast:

Homemade thick and hearty banana nut bread spread peanut butter on top... add freshly sliced strawberries... topped with Greek strawberry or coconut yogurt... sprinkled with granola and finished off with a smattering of cashews.

Some would say that a special horse has left hoof prints on their heart. Well I can truly say that when I was 6 years old, my little lesson pony, Applesauce, threw me over her head and truly left hoof prints on my little chest. So I guess I come by it naturally.

~~ JOKE ~~

Which came first, The Chicken or the Egg?

Well - the Egg of course. Why I am so sure -



Well about 16 years ago I owned a registered quarter horse mare whose name was recorded with the AQHA as "Egg." Two weeks ago, I had my new gelding brought to me from Utah and his barn name is "Chicken."

True story..... Have a great one... Folks...! 🍀

Whats coming up in the newsletters next month?



Tag your it...

Gotcha!

**Kellie Kinnane
MayLynn Motley**

"YOU HAVE BEEN TAGGED"

Lets see a Cowboy Recipe, Article, or a story that reflects a little bit about you and your horse with pictures in the Next Newsletter.

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The adoption of my Mustang was spurred on by my desire to participate in RRT horse camping trips! The thought of camping with horses and fellow equestrians became an irresistible goal for me. I had the truck and trailer, but did not have a sound riding horse. I was intrigued by the concept of adopting a wild horse, which ultimately resulted in my decision that the horse to fulfill my horse camping dreams was to be a Mustang.



Helma & Cody

The BLM features internet adoptions and it was there that I stumbled across a two-year old buckskin stud being offered for adoption. I just fell in love and knew he had to be mine. I had to be pre-approved as an adopter and pre-register for the bidding process. Every day I logged onto the BLM's website to look at his pictures in eager anticipation of the day and time of the official bidding process; it is exactly like Ebay! I won the bid and named my Mustang, gathered out of Wyoming, Cody.



With no training experience at all, I had sent Cody through the Wild Horse Inmate Program (WHIP) to be halter trained in Canon City, Colorado. His training included being lead, standing tied, lunging, picking up feet and trailer loading. As for the rest, I saw an opportunity for personal growth and challenged myself to do the remaining training. I read numerous horse training books and watched every horse training video available at the Norco Library.

Dad and I brought Cody home from Colorado in October 2004. For the first few months, I focused on ground work and desensitizing. Then I began riding him in the arena and I can honestly say he never bucked one time while being introduced to the saddle and riding. Our first rides were mostly alone on Norco city trails and at Hidden Valley.

There were a lot of challenges not covered in those training books and videos, but with a focus on trust, respect and patience, we learned and progressed together as horse and rider. I slowly broadened what he was exposed to and where we rode until he was ready for our very first RRT ride, which was Chino Hills State Park. It was a perfect first club ride and I was thrilled!



"Hoofin' it for a Cure"

Through the years, Cody fulfilled my dreams and brought me immense joy. We rode on numerous RRT day rides and horse camping trips! We had ridden by the oceans, through the deserts and in the mountains as well as the streets of Norco, under and over freeways, in water, through tunnels, in the Santa Ana winds and at night in a mild bit and loose rein. I always felt so proud of what he had become, from being a fearful wild horse into a fearless trail horse.

The very last RRT horse camping trip that Cody and I enjoyed together was at Sweetwater Summit Regional Park in June 2016. During that ride, I repeatedly stated how happy I was. I was riding my Mustang with RRT friends in a beautiful place – the dream had been a decade-long reality. Soon thereafter, Cody became

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*Cuyamaca,
September, 2009*

terminally ill with a very rare form of cancer. On December 28, 2016, at 14 years young, my beloved and brave Mustang was put to rest at Chino Hills, the very city in which we had our first RRT ride. I will forever cherish all the memories, the special bond and exquisite journey with my Mustang, Cody. 🍀

“If love could have saved him, he would have lived forever.”



*Imperial Beach
May, 2013*

“While time will fade these Hoofprints from the sand... the ones left on my Heart, will Never Disappear.”



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Message from the Newsletter Editor:

NEWSLETTER: DEADLINE for Articles or up coming events is the 20th of the month.

We had to cancel the February meeting due to Valentine's Day, there will be no minutes in the Newsletter this month. Please review the RRT Bylaws in the last Newsletters... they ran for two months in the Newsletter and we will be voting for their approval at the next general meeting on March 14th. If you have any questions, changes or additions, call Diane Thorpe at 951-359-8333 before the March Meeting.

Riverside Recreational Trails General Meeting



JOJO's PIZZA KITCHEN

Homemade Italian Food

In the Lowe's Shopping Center Between the Hawaiian BBQ & Wabi Sabi



March 14th at 7:30 pm • 2nd Tuesday every Month

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