



Newsletter for August - November, 2004  
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Thank you to the 12 volunteers that sold beverages at the Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Diane Lovett brought family and friends and past members, Ted & Paula Pilcher volunteered with Steve and Ginny Rench. Elaine Eaton-McCants, Jan Endsley, Pat Miller and Slim Chapman rounded out the crew. We made approximately \$350.00 for the club and had a great time.

#### **Officers**

President Bill Dean, 567-3081; Vice President Ginny Rench, 634-9354;  
Elaine Eaton-McCants, Secretary, 567-3219; & Diane Lovett, Treasurer, 634-2767

#### **Board Members**

Ona Silva, 567-2417; Milt Pate, 567-6378; Dale Duncan, 649-1021;  
Homer Harmon, 284-1116 and past president Patricia Costilow, 649-1021

#### **Roster Changes:**

Bill & Sue Jones: B Slash J Livestock, P.O. Box 115, Glenwood, NM 88093 \* 505-539-2644

*There's a new roster included in this newsletter.*

The next board meeting is August 18<sup>th</sup> at Ona Silva's home in Rimrock at 6:30 p.m.

**Website:** We have a new "button" on our website for special events, check it out. Remember that our website [www.verdehorsemen.org](http://www.verdehorsemen.org) is updated regularly; membership applications can be printed as well as current newsletters and special events. This is also a great place to refer prospective members. Check out our links and if you know of others that would be appropriate please let Diane Lovett know at 634-2767.

#### **Welcome to the following new members!**

Patti Lawe, Cottonwood  
Michael & Sheena Garner, Rimrock  
Geri Ortega, Anza, CA  
Julia Gunter, Phoenix  
Robin Nelson, Oceanside, CA

**UPCOMING RIDES  
& ACTIVITIES**



**Trail bosses** please remember that you need to get a release form signed by every rider for our insurance.

**August 21<sup>st</sup> - overnighiter near the Arizona Trail at Blue Ridge.** Contact Bill Dean at 567-3081 and let him know if you're coming. Bill will have signs out he will give you directions when you call. This would make a nice day ride if you can't go up and camp.

**September 11<sup>th</sup> Pinchot Cabin** - This is a ride 14 miles in length on the Mogollon Rim at an elevation of 7,000ft. Horse water is available along the trail. The entire ride is on a marked trail. There are stretches of relatively level riding mixed with ups and downs on switch backs into canyons. The trail is well cleared of vegetation, even though it is predominantly through pine forests. There are a few fallen log obstacles. This is a spectacular ride; see you there. Call John Wischmeyer at 928-567-2458.

**Directions:** Allow 2 hours drive time from Camp Verde. From Camp Verde drive east on Highway 260 (toward Payson). At the T junction of Highway 260 and Highway 87 turn left toward Clints Well. From Clints Well stay on Highway 87. Approximately 9 miles past Clints Well, and just after passing the Blue Ridge Ranger Station, turn right on Forest Road 95. Stay on FR 95 for approximately 8.4 miles (at approximately 6.4 miles you will cross East Clear Creek on a bridge. After crossing take the right fork and stay on #95.) and turn left on #139. Two miles in on #139 you will see a sign "U Bar Trail #28." That is our starting point. If you wish to camp out before the ride, use either side of #139 at the starting point.

**September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Days & General Crook's Birthday** in Camp Verde. There will be a mule show and much more. For show information contact Lynn Reddell at 928-567-3906 or email her at [cvmule@wildapache.net](mailto:cvmule@wildapache.net).

**September 18<sup>th</sup> - EquiFest** at the Prescott Rodeo Grounds. Pick up a flyer at any Olsen Feed Store. This is really a great event for the equine community.

**September 25<sup>th</sup> - Saddle Fitting Clinic** presented by Shawna Knittle of Fire Horse Tack in Chino Valley. This clinic will be limited to 8 horses. Cost is \$30.00 for participants, \$15.00 to audit the day (without a horse) and the price includes lunch. A video will be shown at 10:00 followed by individual saddle fitting sessions. Bring your favorite mount and saddles and a lawn chair. Call Ginny Rench at 634-9354 if you'd like to attend. Deadline for reservations is September 18<sup>th</sup>. We're still working on the location, but it will be in the Verde Valley.

**September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Monument Valley Ride!** There a still a few spots open for the Monument Valley Ride if you haven't already signed up.

Repeated from last newsletter: Mark off the dates of September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Monument Valley Ride! We will meet on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at Goulding's and

caravan to the camp site. We will be riding down on the floor this year.

There will be adequate parking for rigs and your favorite horse or mule. Stock water will be available; however, you **MUST** furnish all of your own drinking and showering water. There will be 2 porta-potties; however, you should plan on being self-contained! Meals will be catered starting Thursday evening through Sunday night. You **MUST** furnish your own breakfast for Monday morning or get something in town on your way home. We will have people in camp, non-riders, most of the time while we are out riding keep an eye on rigs, etc.

Your horse should be in reasonably good condition and recently shod; however, there will not be any real tough parts other than, as usual, lots of sand. The ground is very hard, making it difficult to use electric fences and trees are in short supply. Wandering sheep will probably come into camp and they will eat any

feed left out. If you bring dogs, they can not be left loose. There will be Indian dogs coming into camp, sometimes with the sheep and other times on their own. Your horses should be current on their shots and you should have a current Coggins test with you.

**The total cost will be \$225.00** for members and non-members. This includes your meals and the cost of our guide, permits, stock water and porta-potties. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVING YOUR SPACE IS September 1, 2004.** Send your ride application and your check, and mail it to VVHC, c/o Diane Lovett, P.O. Box 1341, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. You will receive directions, further information, etc. by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Any questions call Bill Dean at 928-567-3081, or Homer Harmon at 928-284-1116.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Man Against Horse Race** benefit ride. 12 mile Fun Ride or 25 & 50 mile Endurance Rides. Benefit dinner by Paulden Volunteer Fire Dept. Camping overnight on Fain Ranch, Dewey, AZ. Entries will be out in local feed stores closer to ride date. Ron Barrett is ride manager at 928-636-2028.

**October 16<sup>th</sup> – Color Change Ride** led by Elaine Eaton-McCants & Ginny Rench. We'll decide closer to ride date where we're going based on weather. Call Elaine at 567-3219 or Ginny at 634-9354.

**October 30<sup>th</sup> – Llama Exposure Clinic** at Milt & Gail Pate's Spirit Wind Arabian Ranch in Camp Verde. We'll start at 9:30 and go until we're done. Bring a lunch, drinks, lawn chair and whatever else you and your mount might need. This will be a great opportunity, in a controlled environment to expose our riding mounts to llamas. Call Elaine Eaton-McCants at 567-3219 and let her know if you're coming. Deadline to sign up is October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**November 6<sup>th</sup> – Dead Horse State Park** joint ride with the Prescott Saddle Club. We'll have more information closer to ride time.

**November 13<sup>th</sup> – Homer's Ride.** Homer is planning a ride from his house to Cornville for lunch and then dinner and dancing at his house in the evening.

**December 4<sup>th</sup> – Brins Mesa Ride.** This ride will start at 9:00 and is rated a 3. Directions: Take Hwy 89 to Sedona, turn left on Dry Creek Road which turns into Boynton Pass Road. Just before the junction with Long Canyon a dirt road goes off to the left just before the small bridge. Take this road to a large open area at the end. There is plenty of room to turn your rigs around if you go all the way to the end of the dirt road. Call Dale or Trish to confirm. 649-1021.

**December 10<sup>th</sup> – Annual Holiday Party.** This year's party will be on Friday evening at Murphy's Grill in Cottonwood.

**Wanted:** Responsible renter, with references and integrity, who would enjoy the solitude of living at the end of a road by Oak Creek in a one bedroom mobile. Must love animals and be willing to care for owner's animals when owner is absent in exchange for rent. Actual rent is \$425 with water and trash included. **NO SMOKING** on property!!! Call Beth Blay at 928-634-1234 or email her at [bbinaz@earthlink.net](mailto:bbinaz@earthlink.net) if interested.

Have something to sell or want to buy something horse related? Ads are free to members. Email Ginny at [verdeweeds@commspeed.net](mailto:verdeweeds@commspeed.net). or mail your ad to VVHC, 3650 Penny Lane, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. No phone calls please.