



Newsletter for December, 2004 to February, 2005
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Important Notice to the Membership

The board has recently received resignations from Homer Harmon, Ona Silva, Dale Duncan and Trish Costilow. We would like to thank these members for their service and contributions to the club. Bill Dean is going to step down as president and fill the vice president position and Ginny Rench will serve as president until the next elections in May.

We would like to welcome to the board Fran Whetten, Walter Cox, Jan Endsley and Joe Williams who have volunteered to fill the vacancies. It's wonderful to have members willing to step in mid year and serve the club like this.

Officers

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

Board Members

Fran Whetten, 634-6495; Milt Pate, 567-6378; Walter Cox, 634-3848;
Joe Williams, 634-5906; and filling in as past president is Jan Endsley, 634-1945

Holiday Party

The Annual Holiday Party was held at Murphy's this year and was attended by 20 members and our guest Nancy Elkins, known around the area as the "Tour Lady". Prescott members J.C. and Peggy Konecny and Billie and Lonnie Wederski came over for the party. We had a nice meal, a great chance to visit,

wonderful raffle items and an update on the "Animal Event Center" by Steve Rench and Diane Lovett.

Thanks to Diane Lovett for making all of arrangements for this annual event.

Get Well Wishes go out to Fran Whetten who is home recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Thoughts and prayers go out to Judy and Dick Fabian who have both been having health problems recently.

Website: Remember that our website 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.

October 30th –Llama Exposure Clinic at Milt & Gail Pate’s Spirit Wind Arabian Ranch in Camp Verde.

The Llama exposure clinic was great fun. It was amazing how quickly the horses overcame their fear of the llamas. We even had time after the clinic for Gail to lead the group



on a wonderful trail ride. Thanks again to Milt and Gail for their hospitality and providing an opportunity to safely meet those scary, horse eating llamas.

On November 13th in spite of cool temperatures and the threat of rain 16 riders enjoyed their ride from Cornville to Homer Harmon’s in the Village of Oak Creek. After the ride about 35 people enjoyed dinner and dancing to the band Homer and Kathy provided. All that attended send their thanks again to Homer and Kathy for the generosity and hospitality.

**UPCOMING RIDES
& ACTIVIES**



Invite a friend to join us on one of these rides and introduce them to the VVHC in 2005.

January 1st New Year’s Day - ride to the San Dominique Winery for lunch. Meet at the county gravel storage area off Oasis Drive in Camp Verde at 9:00. We’ll caravan our trailers up to the winery so we can ride up for lunch and a little wine if you want, and then drive home. Call Steve Rench at 634-9354 if you’re planning on riding. Non-riders are welcome to meet us for lunch.

January 15th Bill Dean is leading a ride from Wickiup Mesa off Bull Pen Road in Camp Verde. Turn left onto Bull Pen from Hwy. 260 like you’re going to Payson, and the staging area is about 6 miles up the road. Be ready to ride at 10:00 a.m. and call Bill at 567-3081 and let him know if you’re coming. The ride will be about 4 hours and not very difficult, remember to pack a lunch and bring warm clothes.

February 11-13th Gold Rush Days in Wickenburg

February 19th we’ll have a Valentine’s Day ride from the Grief Hill Staging area on the Cherry Road. Be ready to ride at 10:00 and we’ll have a hot lunch at the staging area around 1:00 so you might want to bring a snack. Call Elaine Eaton-McCants at 567-3219 by February 14th if you’re planning on coming so we can plan the food.

March 20-26th is Caballos del Sol ride.

Remember that dues are due in December!

**Membership Application Is Included In This Issue.
Happy Holidays Everyone From All of the Board Members**

