



OCTOBER 15, 2007

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ANIMAL DISASTER SERVICE TRAINING COMPLETED BY VERDE VALLEY VOLUNTEERS.

At the last membership meeting a presentation was given by representatives of the Animal Disaster Services of Yavapai County. As a result of that meeting, there are now six "Red Shirts", that is, those who have completed the training and are considered the core group here in the Valley. There are fifteen or twenty "Yellow Shirts" who will be volunteers in the event of a disaster. The "Red Shirts" already have a trailer and are outfitting it with everything necessary to be the control center for providing shelter for disaster evacuees' pets and domestic animals. The "Red Shirts" will set up next to the Red Cross during the disaster and the "Yellow Shirts" will volunteer there for directions to help. There will be another training session here in the Verde Valley on November 15, 2007. Call Milt Pate at 928-567-6378 for further information.

RIM TRAIL RIDE NOT HELD, because of the long drive to get there, but a small group got together and had a wonderful ride up by Stoneman Lake.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE CHANGES ON THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS PAGE.

CENTRAL ARIZONA ARABIAN HORSE ASSN. AND VVHC CONSIDERING CLINICS. CAHA and VVHC are considering two types of clinics in the near future. There is interest in a reining clinic. The last "de-spooking" clinic was a great success and there have been several requests to have it again. For more information and possible dates, call Ann Smith at 928-301-7588 or e-mail her at ann.smith124@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- October 20 **NOTE CHANGE.** This Red Rocks ride is going to be led by Steve Harris rather than Steve Rench. Take Hiway 89A towards Sedona. Turn left on FS 525, go 5 miles and look for VVHC signs. Ride will start at 9:00a.m. and will be out 4-5 hours. Don't miss this beautiful ride. Bring lunch and water. Rated a 2.5. Call Steve Harris at 639-3089 to let him know you are coming. Remember, you must have a Red Rock Pass or Golden Age Passport.
- November 2,3,4 Joint ride with the Prescott Saddle Club **CANCELLED.** Joe Williams reports that the road to Black Tank is not suitable for horse trailers. Also there are several other events that weekend that take precedent.
- November 11 A day ride in place of the cancelled Black Tank overnight ride. This will not be sponsored by any club, this is just a group getting together to ride. Go North on I-17 to exit 298 (Sedona exit. Turn right, then left at "Y" and go past the Beaver Creek Ranger Station and the campground. At the "T" intersection, (left goes to Southwest Academy, right to V Bar V) continue straight (actually veers to the right). Continue on this road (which eventually goes to Camp Verde). It is 7.7 miles from the off-ramp to the parking area on the right just before you come to a one lane bridge. Plenty of parking. This an easy ride that simply wanders about the area. Meet at the parking area at 10 a.m. Bring lunch and water. Be sure to call Eric or Cheryl to let them know you will be joining them. Home 567-9577 or cell 301-7536.
- December 1 Joint Holiday Potluck Party with CAAHA and VVHC. See separate page for details.
- January --- Joe Williams will lead this ride out near Duff Flat. Be sure to check the December newsletter for the details or call Joe at 928-634-5906.

We are putting events on the schedule as far ahead as possible so they can be put on your calendar. If special events come up or you need reminding, we will e-mail all of those with e-mail and call others. Please remember to check your e-mail for our messages.

TRAILERING SAFETY. Saturday, November 3, 1:00 p.m., at Future Hope Equestrian, Eric Eberhard will be discussing trailer safety. He will talk about and demonstrate hooking up a trailer, driving through obstacles, changing a tire on a horse trailer, etc. The clinic is free for club members. If you know anyone who would be interested in this

clinic, please invite them to join us – they only have to join the club to participate.

EQUITATION CLINIC Saturday November 24, Leo Hansen, Class A Arabian trainer and judge will present Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship and English Pleasure and English Horsemanship. There will be regular classes and then Leo will work with the group on how they can improve and show better. Cost is \$20 per person, up to 20 people. This will be held at Future Hope Equestrian. Call Ann Smith at 928-301-7588 or email her at ann.smith124@gmail.com for time and directions.

ARIZONA FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE – An Annual Celebration of all things Equine-----

Be sure to mark your calendar for this event to be held November 9 – 11 in Buckeye.

There will be many things to do and see. A trade show will be on the grounds. They are having 12 separate clinician demonstrations on everything from Reality Horsemanship to Equine Extremist.

Friday and Saturday nights feature “Dancing with Horses” to include a Mini Mystique Drill Team, Clydesdale Hitch, and much more.

If you watch RFDTV you have seen the Extreme Cowboy Race. There will be one at the festival. These are fun to watch and probably more fun to enter!!

There will also be a Breed/Discipline Showcase.

There is much, much more to do at his event. For more information and tickets, go online to arizonahorsefestival.com.

One of our VVHC members recently had three flat tires on her horse trailer while traveling to a ride in New Mexico. Fortunately she had USRider insurance. It is an Equestrian Motor Plan that covers horse vans, horse trailers, tow vehicles and horses.

USRider benefits also cover you when you are not traveling with your horses, no matter what vehicle you are in, even if you are not driving.

For more information call USRider at 800-844-1409, or their web site is USRider.org.

CAAHA AND VVHC JOINT HOLIDAY POTLUCK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 2007

6:00 P.M.

CALL ANN SMITH FOR DIRECTIONS AND ANY INFORMATION

928-301-7588 OR EMAIL HER AT ANN.SMITH124@GMAIL.COM.

LETS JOIN TOGETHER FOR A FUN AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY POTLUCK !!!

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE. THERE WILL NOT BE A MAIN MEAT DISH
SO BRING WHAT YOU LIKE BEST OR WHAT YOU ARE BEST AT COOKING ----

ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND. LETS ALL GET TO KNOW OUR CAAHA FRIENDS AND HAVE
A FUN EVENING. THERE WILL BE A GIFT EXCHANGE AND WHAT CAAHA CALLS A WILD GIFT
STEALING GAME, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS YANKEE SWAP. BRING A GIFT IF YOU WANT TO
PLAY (\$10 LIMIT).

