

Members,

Our latest newsletter just came out and there are some who do not have computers, so I've extracted pertinent information to mail out to you. Sorry if it's a bit rough.

Also, our newsletter did not provide detailed information regarding our Daley Ranch Ride, planned for February 21st, so below is Terry Jorgenson's preview.

We've been invited to join Ramona Trails Association on their Ranchita Ride, Saturday, February 14th at Midge Boyd's ranch at: 35651 Steven's Way, Ranchita. If you would like more information on either ride, please give Terry a call: 760-789-5185.

If you have any questions about any of the information about unit activities, please call me: 760-788-0354 Thanks, Cheryl

Daley Ranch Ride - 21 Feb 2009 The staging area is located next to the Escondido Humane Society on Valley Parkway. When you are traveling North on Valley Parkway you will make a Left turn onto Beaver Rd., go over the bridge and turn Right onto Volunteer Way. The staging area is just ahead on your left. There are 2 entrances, use either one. The staging area has port potties but I did not find a drinking fountain or other water source. The Caballo trail leads out and up the mountain for the first mile and a half. The switch backs are nicely done but still a bit of a steep climb in areas. There are adequate places that are flat and allow for a breather. The total milage to the ranch house is about 3 miles and can be comfortable done in about 1 1/2 hrs. There are several trail options and a nice loop can be done. The footing is mostly wide ranch roads of hard packed dirt and a short distance is single track trail. At the ranch house there is a great horse picnic area complete with a tie up rail and water trough. Even a picnic bench or two.. The big oak trees provide plenty of shade for everyone. The Caballo trail is fairly exposed and offers no shade so if it is a sunny day plan to have lots of sun screen and even a long sleeve shirt for protection. Be aware that the Humane Society volunteer dog walkers use the same grassy area of the staging area to walk the dogs. All were well behaved and the volunteers have them on a nice lease. I did take the opportunity to allow a few dogs to have their first equine encounter. My horse Chepe was quite the trooper to allow the dogs to come close and sniff and then wag a tail and walk off. Maps and more info can be found at [www.fodr.org](http://www.fodr.org) See ya on the Trail, Terry

## **Trail Trials 2009**

### **Bonita Down Under**

**When: Saturday, February 21, 2009 8:00am**

**Where: Summit Park Campground, 3218 Summit Meadow Rd, Bonita (enter San Miguel Rd)**

**Cost: \$40 (Adult);\$25 (Child 16 or under)**

**Catered lunch included.**

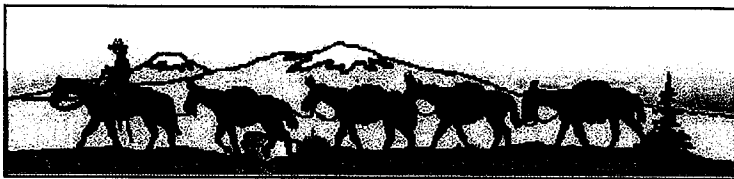
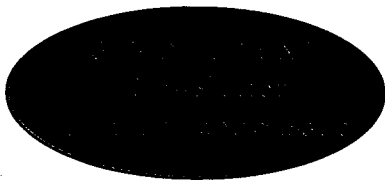
**Also: Microchipping Clinic \$50/horse**

**Trail Trials Information: Call D.J.: 619-669-9969**

**Microchipping Information: Call Linda: 619-892-1770**

**TT is limited to 100 riders.**

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### Hello San Diego Unit Members

We had a really nice weekend down at Stagecoach Trails Campground. It had been a few years since I'd stayed there. They have new management and have made some changes to how the corrals are set up. It works pretty well. A work in progress.

Please read in this newsletter regarding the concerns that the State of CA is considering doing away with the State Californian Conservation Corps (CCC). This is a wonderful program that transforms the lives of many of those who join the corps and just as important, they are often the ones who keep our backcountry trails open and have been instrumental in clearing firebreaks throughout the region. Write letters, make calls to your State Reps. I have included a letter that I have written on behalf of the unit, but your individual support is needed as well.

Backcountry Horsemen of California Rendezvous is coming March 20-21-22 up in Turlock. Since 1988 the event has focused on trails and the backcountry, hosting a bunch of fun and educational activities. There are vendors, food, music, gentle use classes, contests, and some good fun! Stay on the grounds in your RV or tent or stay in a local hotel. This year the Bureau of Land Management is back with the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption too. Go to the BCHC website to learn more: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org/rendezvous.html>

This event is a blast! I hope you'll consider getting a couple of friends together and head on up to Turlock-ROAD TRIP!

Also, within this newsletter you'll find the flyer for Chula Vista Mounted Patrol & Bonita Valley Horsemen Fundraiser Event Trail Trials to be held on Saturday, February 21st at Sweetwater Summit Park in Bonita. The event will have an Australian Flair. There will also be a micro-chipping clinic.

If you are not up to participating in the trail trials that day, maybe you might come ride Daley Ranch. We'll be staging from the Valley Pkwy staging area, right by the Escondido Humane Society, with ride out at 10am. There is a bit of a long climb into the preserve, so hopefully that won't be a problem for you and your steed. We'll plan to have lunch up at the ranch house area. This is a unit ride, so you must be a member (for insurance reasons) to participate. Please give me a call if you have questions (760-788-0354).

We're hoping to get some service dates planned. They can always use help up in Cuyamaca. We've included the information regarding the work party schedule.

I hope you get out on the trails and enjoy the bounty of green that the rain has provided.

Happy, safe trails! Cheryl

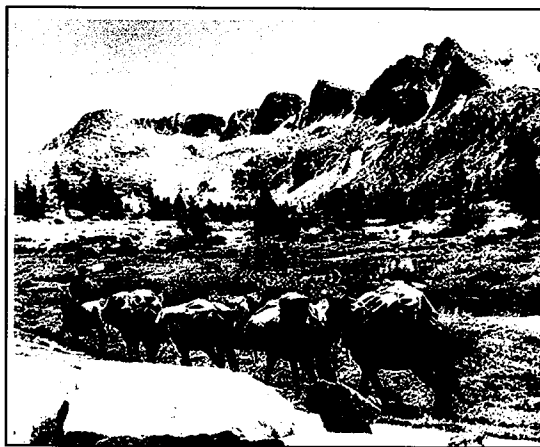
## Backcountry Horsemen of California



# 2009 BCHC Rendezvous – March 20, 21, 22

## Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, CA

### *“Yesterday’s Packer”*



**Rainbow Pack String**  
*Permission to print from Ray LaDea*

### Directions to Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, CA

Traveling North on Highway 99, take the West Main Street exit and turn right onto West Main. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> stop light turn left onto Soderquist.

Traveling South on Highway 99, take Fulkerth Road exit and turn left onto Fulkerth. Go about ¼ of a mile then turn right onto Soderquist.

### Hotels/Motels

*Please call early to make your reservations. Tell them you are attending the BCHC Rendezvous and ask if they are giving special rates. Also, remember that things change. The Rendezvous Committee cannot guarantee the rates printed below.*

Best Western Orchard Inn 5025 N. Golden State Blvd (209) 667-2827 or (800) 521-5025

Days Inn 185 N. Tully Rd (209) 634-2944

[www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com) (\*Rates include continental breakfast but do not include tax)

\*Rates: Sun-Thur: 1/B \$37.99; 2/B \$49.99 Fri-Sat: 1/B \$49.99; 2/B \$59.99

Pets allowed-\$10.00/day

Holiday Inn Express 3001 Hotel Drive (209) 664-9999

Sunrise Inn 1350 N. Golden State Blvd (209) 216-5586

[www.sunriseinnturlock.com](http://www.sunriseinnturlock.com) Special rates for Rendezvous - Please call

Turlock Inn 701 20<sup>th</sup> Century Blvd (209) 634-3111 or (209) 678-0188

[www.turlockinn.com](http://www.turlockinn.com) Rates: \$58.50 - \$67.50 plus tax Shuttle Service available

***Come join us for the festivities, classes, and a chance to see old friends and meet new ones!***

Join us for **BCHC Rendezvous**, our annual equine extravaganza for horse and mule folks of all persuasions.

In order to plan our event for the enjoyment of all we ask that you **register early**. The three-day package deal is a real cost saver. Besides, everything is **\*first-come, first-served**, so early registration folks really do get the worms!

When you arrive at the gate to the fairgrounds you will receive your registration packet that includes your badges, meal tickets, and camping space sticker.

***\*Late Registrations: It will be possible to register at the gate, but we cannot guarantee availability of evening meal tickets.***

**A HUGE THANKS to the North Bay Unit** for offering to offset the expenses of the Marines to appear and entertain us all at the 2009 BCHC Rendezvous, **HAT'S off to the North Bay Unit!!!!** *The Marine Mountain Warfare Training Center* based out of Bridgeport, CA has agreed to allow 4 of their men and stock attend our event. We hope to have them participate in our Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday followed by a seminar on Packing and Cold Weather Medicine. The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) is one of the Corps most remote and isolated post. The center was established in 1951 as a Cold Weather Battalion. **The center occupies 46,000 acres of Toiyabe National Forest under management of the U.S. Forest Service. A letter of agreement between the Forest Service and the Marine Corps permits the use of the area to train Marines in mountain and cold weather operations.**

Come join us in welcoming and thanking our troops; learn about their history, training efforts, and the military packing experience. This is a once in a lifetime chance to see our heritage.....in action.



**Wild Horse & Burro Adoption** BLM Adoption will be part of Rendezvous once again this year. BCHC will be co-sponsoring the BLM adoption - plus we will be auctioning off a gentled mustang on Saturday night.

*Some trails users believe there is no better trail horse than the well-trained mustang.*

**Vallecito Days**  
**March 27, 28, and 29, 2009**

**Vallecito Regional Park, 37349 County Route S-2, Shelter Valley, California**



**Come experience the stage station and life in the West as it was in 1858.**

**Ramona Trails Association is pleased to be sponsoring the equestrian portion of this celebration with California State Parks, San Diego County Parks, and Backcountry Horsemen-San Diego Unit.**

**There will be activities for all to enjoy for the day or the weekend. Tour the original sod house that served as the stage station and a rest stop for many a traveler on their way West. There will be several historical groups and displays both in the stage station and around the camp.**

**On Saturday, you can see the riders come into the Vallecito station just as they would have over 150 years ago.**

**Saturday evening will feature a delicious catered dinner and additional guest speakers.**

**Camping is available for equestrian and non-equestrians from Friday thru Sunday.**

**Space is limited and by reservation only.**

**Everyone is encouraged to dress in 1860's period attire.**

**Contact Info: Terry Jorgensen [tlh9749@yahoo.com](mailto:tlh9749@yahoo.com) 760\_789\_5185**

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**Mail registration and payment to RTA, P.O. Box 2136, Ramona 92065**

**Registration deadline for equestrians is March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Tent and car camper sites will be open to the public after February 27, 2009**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of campers:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of horses:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type of rig, length:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost : \$35.00 (dinner + ride):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$25.00 (dinner only):** \_\_\_\_\_

**There is no cost to visit the sod house, displays and view the riders if you are not camping or staying for dinner.**

