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President's Message.....

Greetings Members and Friends of RCHA,

I for one am excited that this week on the 22nd begins our Autumn season that will hopefully keep more pleasant temperatures with us.

The RCHA and TVRL boards have been very busy looking at ways to incorporate more equestrians in our community to be involved and build a stronger network especially among the different disciplines we have in our valley. As you know RCHA has represented the Temecula Valley for 52 years in maintaining and securing a county approved trail system. Our goal has been to protect the "horse country" atmosphere of Temecula, particularly the Valle de los Caballos and Wine Country areas. We are looking at ways to plan and promote more fun events for equestrians and horse lovers across disciplines. Our main goal is to ensure that horses remain in this valley. Stay tuned as we look to build a bigger, better and more inclusive vision in Temecula Valley and how you can get involved.

Please pay special attention to this month's TVRL corner and their request to help ride and identify trail status as they work with the county on prioritizing the equestrian needs. It takes a village to keep and maintain these trails and we need you!

We had to reschedule our Eagle Rock and Lake Perris Rides. Please look for the details and get these fun group rides on your calendar.

We are pleased to announce that Rebecca Farnbach from the Temecula Valley Historical Society has agreed to contribute some of her wonderful published articles to our monthly newsletters. We are so excited and grateful for your contributions Rebecca!

Have a delightful month,

Sherry Turner
President

~ Eagle Rock Ride, Warner Springs ~ Saturday, October 2nd ~



New Date: October 2nd

Time: Ride-out at 10:00 am

Staging: Barrel Springs Trailhead

Bring a lunch

Duration: Approx. 3 hour ride from Barrel Springs Trailhead to Eagle Rock and back

Gil & Kerrie will do a pre-ride soon and confirm total ride time and details, along with sign up information!

There's no cell service so please have the directions beforehand. It takes approximately an hour to drive there.

Pacific Crest Trail - Barrel Spring trailhead
34387 Co Hwy S22, Ranchita, CA 92066

From Temecula head South on CA-79 S/Temecula Pkwy

Continue to follow CA-79 S
(37.3 mi)

Turn left onto San Felipe Rd, Continue on San Felipe Rd.
(4.7 mi)

Turn left on Montezuma Valley Rd in Ranchita
(1 mi)

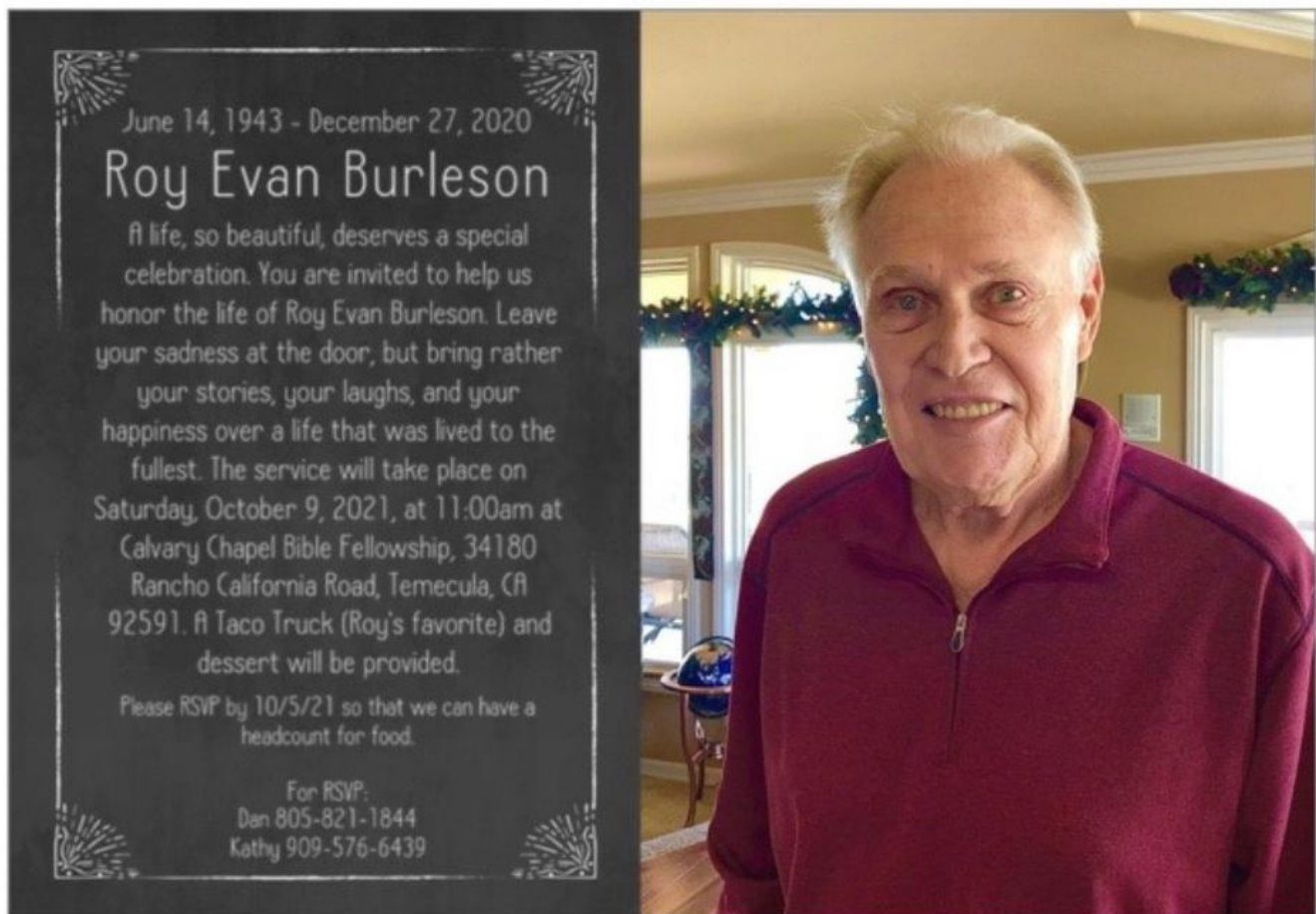
Destination will be on the right.



Roy Burleson Celebration of Life

October 9th

Dear Member and Past Board Member Kathy Burleson has requested that those interested in attending Roy's Celebration of Life please RSVP to Kathy (909-576-6439) or their son Dan (805-821-1844) ASAP so they can plan accordingly. Details are as follows:



We have been informed that there is a 10K Run in the Vines the same day and that traffic could be extremely heavy. It is suggested you increase your travel time allotment by 1/2 hour to make it to the service on time.



Haunted Cookie House Workshop!

Join us at the Temecula Carriage House for a fun guided cookie house workshop on the farm with a tour of the Clydesdale Barn and a spooky appearance. \$20 per child.



Wednesdays after school in October

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TVRL Corner



Hi Folks,

TVRL Board has been busy. We had an important ZOOM meeting with a representative of Supervisor Washington's office and the Planning Department to discuss a 5-part program by which TVRL would begin taking steps immediately to make the Wine Country Trail Network more visible to the entire community.

We meet again in 2 weeks to iron out a couple details and in the meantime need a couple of riders to check out the status of some trail segments for us within the next 2 weeks. Please call Gil Pankonin 951-852-0868 if you can ride a segment or two to report on its status (e.g, Accessible/not accessible; needs major work like engineering and grading/needs minor work like brush clearing, etc.)

Please help us out! Thanks

That's it for this month! Take care, everyone.

TVRL Officers and Directors

Gil Pankonin (President), Lance Gregory (Vice-President), Margaret Rich (Treasurer), Kerri Graham (Secretary), Lorraine Harrington, Mark Matson, and Dan Stephenson

~ RCHA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ~

All business memberships are due annually as well as if you have a 1 year individual or family plan. You should have received an individual email advising of your status. If you have any questions regarding your membership contact Laura Walker at lwalkertem@gmail.com

We have several payment options for non-business members. You can renew for 1 year or save money by renewing for other plans offered below.

Membership Types:

- Individual 1 Year \$30 _____ 3 Year \$80 _____ 5 Year \$125 _____
- Family 1 Year \$50 _____ 3 Year \$135 _____
- Business 1 Year \$120 _____

(Business membership includes up to 4 employees and having your business advertised)

You can renew online at our website:

<http://www.rchatemecula.org/membership.html>

Or mail a check to: **RCHA, P O Box 1622, Temecula, CA 92593**

Please help us to continue the work of protecting our equestrian lifestyle and trails preserved in the Temecula area by renewing your membership.

~ CLASSIFIEDS ~

Encore Ranch is seeking a full time ranch worker as their long time worker just retired. Job includes feeding, cleaning and watering of horses. Competitive pay, housing and all utilities plus DirecTV are included.

Contact **Howard or Susan Wedertz** at:

**Encore Ranch
43540 Avenida Felicita
Temecula, CA
951-303-0887**

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

**Lake Perris Ride
November 6th**

More information coming soon!



~ Business Member Spotlight ~



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*We are pleased and honored to have Author and Historian, **Rebecca Farnbach** share some of her articles about the early years in Temecula. You may recall a piece that was published in the July newsletter which was written by Rebecca called "Bees and Beasts in the Temecula Valley". She is now a member of RCHA so we want to also give her a big welcome to the club. More information is at the bottom of this article about the **Temecula Historical Society** and where to purchase Rebecca's books. Hope you enjoy this segment of the newsletter!*

A Little Bit of History.....

Coming to Temecula in 1908 By Rebecca Marshall Farnbach

To reach Temecula from a distance in the early days of the twentieth century, people would travel by train. Other options were to come by stagecoach, which by then had evolved to large horse-drawn wagons with rows of seats. Local folks would venture into town on horseback or with horse and wagon or with horse and buggy.

Train cars were not ornate, the seats were hard, and temperatures were controlled by opening or closing windows. A rider was fortunate if his seatmates did not chew and spit tobacco.

A rider would disembark at the Temecula station, across the Main Street Bridge from what we call Old Town Temecula today. The engine would be driven onto a circular plate in the ground called a turntable and disconnected from the train cars. Workers would muscle hand-cranked to turn the engine northward again. The passenger cars would be reattached and with a toot of the horn, the train would be on its way.

The reason the short street between the bridge and today's City Hall is called Main Street is because it was the most important street in town during that time. Old Town Front Street was not important until automobiles took the place of trains for personal transportation. The turntable was built after bridges washed out in heavy rainstorms in Temecula Canyon south of Temecula.

Dignified travelers stayed at the Welty Hotel, which is still open today, called Hotel Temecula, on the east side of the bridge. Meals were served by Mary Jane Welty and her seven daughters. It was a reputable place built to serve train customers, and it also housed the post office and a small store.

The dutiful Welty daughters knew better than to flirt with the men around town. They had to work hard to keep the hotel going. They cooked, cleaned, made beds, did laundry, and washed dishes. There was no time to entertain guests. We found one exception. Warren Birge of San Bernardino was a trainman who stayed at the Welty Hotel where he met Mattie Welty. A postcard Mattie sent to Warren in 1908 remains, complete with the one cent stamp.

Across from the hotel was the Mercantile General Store, constructed of local bricks, now home of The Merc art gallery and small performance venue. Travelers shopped alongside locals to purchase fruit, thread, and even a hat or a pair of shoes.

To travel into the countryside, visitors hired horses and wagons from the Temecula Livery Stable that sat where the Bank of Plates and Pours is now. If you were a lady, you would also hire a driver and you would travel with a chaperone.

Wandering through the dirt streets of Temecula, you would see blacksmiths busily mending wagon hardware and shoeing horses. Laundry would dance on the clothesline in a breeze while housewives hoped no horses would stir up dust to dirty the clothes they had just scrubbed. Storekeepers lazily wiled the day away until they could close up and head to the nearest "watering

hole”, which would be either Joe Winkels’ bar in the Welty Building down the street from the hotel or the Escallier Pool Hall across the street from the Livery Station.

It was a rough town where ranchers and other folks did business, a place where women didn’t walk alone, and where the ladies lifted their long skirts to keep dirt off their hems. Word had it that there were rough characters who hung around Temecula and it was best to avoid eye contact with them. There were also good families who sent their children to the Pujol School at the north end of town. The little Pujol Schoolhouse is now restored and sits on Santiago Road near St. Catherine’s Catholic Church.

Warren Birge, the trainman, eventually married Mattie Welty and they settled in San Bernardino for a happily ever after story that began with the railroad and the hotel in Temecula.

The railroad tracks were removed from Temecula in 1936 when automobiles took to highways, giving the freedom to travel without a time schedule. Newcomers now come in droves in SUVs to live in beautiful new homes in our valley. We still have hotels, stores, and “watering holes” in Temecula for the convenience of visitors. There are many schools and churches and neighborhoods safe and clean for women to walk alone.

Many people have found their happily ever after stories in Temecula and this writer hopes you have found yours.

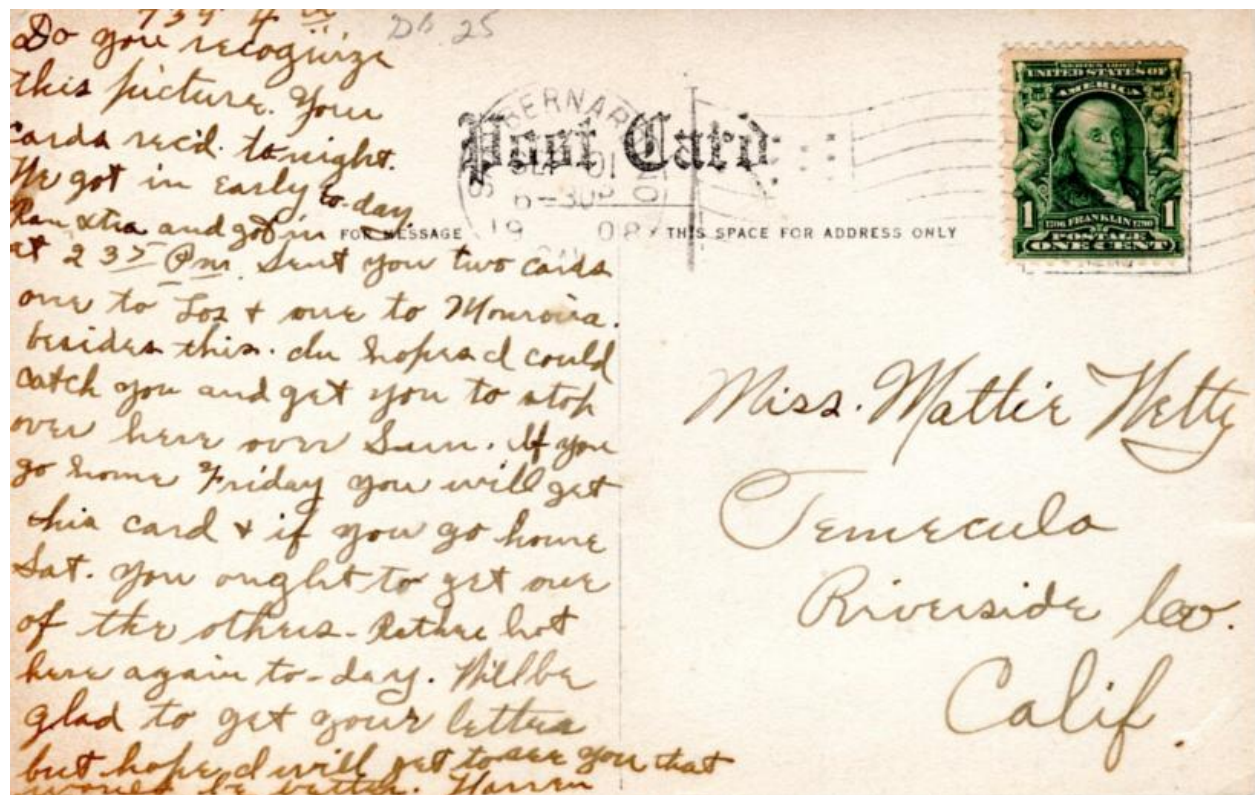
For more information about this article, you can contact Rebecca Farnbach at RFarnbach@gmail.com

Rebecca is an author and coauthor of several history books about the Temecula area. The books are available for purchase at the Little Temecula History Center or online from booksellers and at www.temeculahistoricalsociety.org

Visit Rebecca’s Amazon author page: <http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B01JQZVO5E>



Temecula Depot



Postcard from Warren to Mattie



Welty Family at their hotel

RCHA GEAR

RCHA logo-wear, including two versions of the 50th Anniversary art is available for sale at:
http://www.uridelikeagirl.com/store/c38/RCHA_50th_Anniversary%21.html

This awesome clothing is designed by our own board member, Anne York. There are lots of items to choose from, Ladies Tees and Tanks, Long and Short Sleeve Tees, Baseball Shirts, Hoodies & Caps, so check it out!



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Join the fun and keep up with RCHA. Also a good way to connect with other local trail riders and plan your own ride in the Valle de los Caballos!

"Favorite Ride Guides" are available!

We have a limited supply of pocket size **Ride Guides** of some of our favorite trails in the Valle de los Caballos.

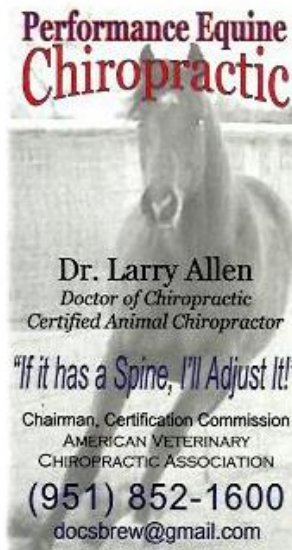
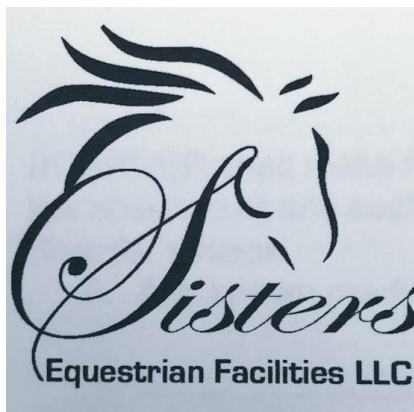
They will be for sale for **\$5** each at all our events & rides.

Or contact Kerrie Tuley at kerrie.tuley@yahoo.com to get a copy for yourself.

Thank you to Ken Leach and Lance Gregory for making this project possible!



RCHA Business Memberships





Oct 2 – Eagle Rock Ride

Oct 9 – Roy Burleson Memorial

Nov 6 – Lake Perris Ride

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