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President's Message.....

Hope you all had a wonderful Fourth of July Holiday. The weather is making anything more than maintenance work with our horses a bit more challenging for those of us that don't like the heat 😞

Thank you to Glenn Leisure and Kerrie Tuley for coordinating and leading the Vail Lake Resort Ride. Glenn has created a great loop there and is already planning many others. If you weren't able to join us that day but would like to learn the route, give one of us a shout out and we can schedule a time to meet up and ride it.

Please plan to attend the annual club social on July 24th. This is a great time to gather and catch up with one another when the summer heat keeps us from scheduling group rides.

I look forward to seeing you later in the month.

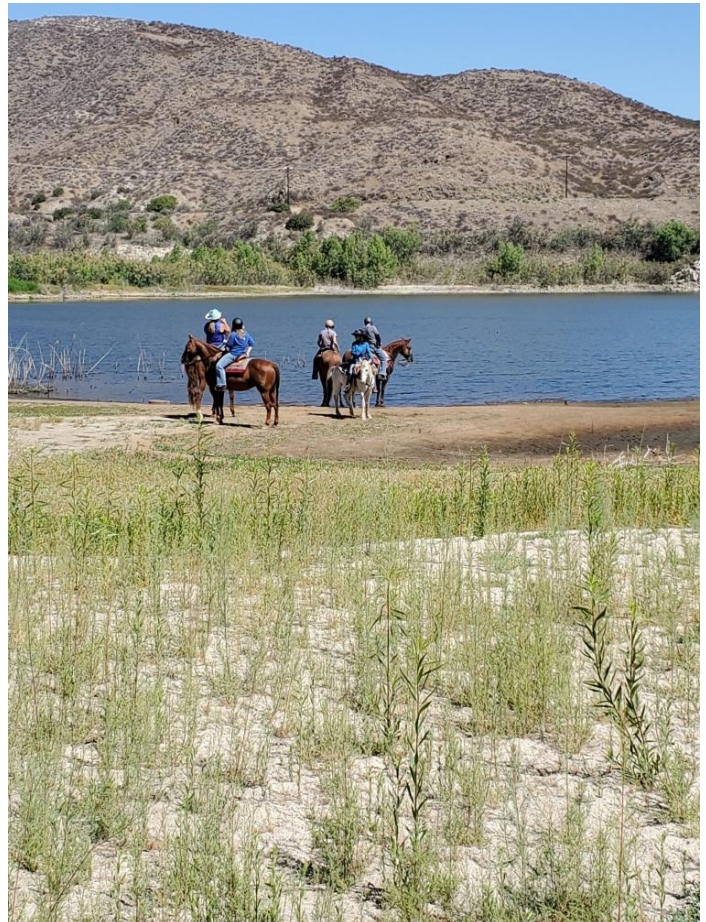
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~ VAIL LAKE RESORT RIDE RECAP ~

On Saturday, June 12th, RCHA had a fantastic ride with seven horses and riders. We followed the Arroyo Seco wash from our trailer parking near the pickleball courts out to Vail Lake. We rode back past the Vail Resort water tower, out towards Highway 79 and down through the wash to our trailers. The ride included shady trees, the shoreline of Vail Lake and a panoramic view from atop the water tower ridge line.

Since September 2020, several RCHA members and friends have worked to clear this four mile loop and the work results in a ride that really shows what the Vail Lake Resort has to offer. More challenging trails are in the works so expect even more when the weather cools off in the fall.

Much thanks to Clint Bell and Ian Mole of the Temecula/Vail Lake KOA for allowing horse and riders access to the resort and supporting our work to restore horse trails on the property.



July Membership Renewal and Social afternoon of July 24th

This year our event will be held at the beautiful Encore Ranch off De Portola Road. Our Event Coordinators are working on all the details and will be sending out more information soon.

RCHA waived all renewal fees for 2020 and extended all current members for another year. This year we will be returning to membership renewals in July. Our prices are remaining the same which are the following:

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)

We will be sending reminders to all members who are due July 1st this year. If you have any questions regarding your membership or renewal year, please email us at: info@rchatemecula.org.

TVRL Corner



Happy 4th of July, RCHA! We hope everyone had a safe holiday weekend with your horses and other pets.

Current News

TVRL continues to work with Riverside County to implement the Wine Country Trails Network. Recently we made a substantial proposal to District 3 Supervisor Chuck Washington with ideas for how TVRL could help accelerate the process. We are hoping to speak with him and other County staff about these ideas shortly.

Trails We Need You To Ride

In the meantime, there are some trail segments we need to put hoofprints on so we don't risk losing them. These **"Use 'Em or Lose 'Em** segments include:

- The route along the back (North) property line of Carter Estates – This route links Anza Road to Calle Contento. The Temecula Carriage Company is no longer using this beautiful and useful trail, and since the rental company is on the property, we don't want to lose that segment.
- The Keyways-Renzoni trail that leads to Renzoni's picnic area. There are new owners on the Pauba Rd entrance to this wonderful segment, and they have left the trail open. We need to show them how much we like it. ALSO, Renzoni Vineyards is opening the picnic area for music and tastings, so we need to keep using those hitching rails and the picnic facilities so the winery knows equestrians still frequent it.

Thanks, all!

Stay cool!

TVRL Officers and Directors

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

~Business Member Spotlight~



Encore Equine Therapy, LLC

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT VAIL RANCH HQ

The world is opening and our Vail Ranch HQ properties are welcoming more guests than ever. We have been asked to expand our activities and presence as merchants and visitors enjoy our train and stage coach rides, Little Temecula History Center and antique store. Currently open on Tuesday mornings during the Farmers Market and Sunday afternoons, demand is quickly increasing as visitor and vendor participation bring more customers in this post pandemic time.

The Society would like to open on Saturdays, requiring more volunteer hours. The tasks are easy: selling and collecting tickets for the Stagecoach or Train, assisting riders on and off, or even driving the vehicles is easy and fun. Or maybe you have maintenance experience you can share that is needed from time to time. Just a few hours of time and a chance to have a fun day helping the community enjoy the Ranch activities can be very rewarding.

The Little Temecula History Center needs volunteers to help archive and work with donated items. There is always a need for additional docents to interact with visitors. You do not have to be a Temecula history buff. Most of our History Center displays and artifacts are well marked, and there is always another docent close to help. We would like to expand to Saturday hours here too. Students may receive Community Service credits for any hours they volunteer.

A great opportunity for our organization to serve our community and support our goal to educate and preserve this area's history. Please consider joining our group of volunteers. Just a few hours donated each month helps us to grow and I have found it to be so very rewarding.

For additional information or any questions, or a sign-up, please contact Bonnie Reed, Events and Education Chairman, at email; grannyofive@gmail.com or ph# (760) 484-6019

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY.....



Village News/Temecula Valley Historical Society photo

Vail Ranch cattle graze on the Santa Rosa Plateau, circa 1950s

Bees and beasts in Temecula Valley *by Rebecca Franbach*

Ranches dominated almost all of the Temecula Valley in 1910. The Vail Ranch owned 87,500-acres spreading from south of today's Temecula Parkway to Clinton Keith Road, west to U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and east to past Vail Lake. The two small villages of Temecula and Murrieta were sandwiched between ranch lands of the Vails and other ranchers, including the Roripaugh and Barnetts. The entire area was known as a cattle-grazing empire.

The Vail Company purchased yearlings, cattle a year old, and fed them in the local grasslands until they weighed enough to sell to a packing plant to cut into the renowned Vail steaks seen in Los Angeles restaurants. Vail also ran a dairy at the feedlot where the Home Depot of Temecula is now.

In contrast to the 2-ton grazing beasts, tiny bees proved highly profitable to the Vail Company. Listings in a ledger book show in August 1910 the Vail Company sold 13 dairy calves for \$119.25. Listed on the same page, 51 cases of honey equaling 6,158 pounds sold at six and a quarter cents per pound for \$384.87. In September 1910, 20,504 pounds of honey sold for \$1,281.31. In October 1910, 665.5 pounds of beeswax sold at 26 cents per pound for \$173.03.

Where did the Vails get their bees? We may assume that honey bees have always been in California, but recent research told a different story.

In 1872, the San Diego Union related how honeybees were first introduced in California. A Pennsylvanian beekeeper, J.S. Harbison, is credited with bringing honey bees to California. In 1855, when he shipped one hive to Sacramento, most of the bees died or escaped. This mishap did not deter him from trying again. He believed his first attempt proved bees could survive the long trip.

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.

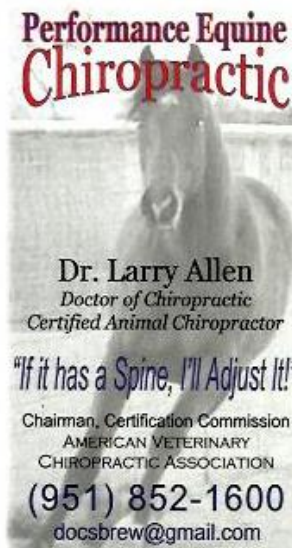
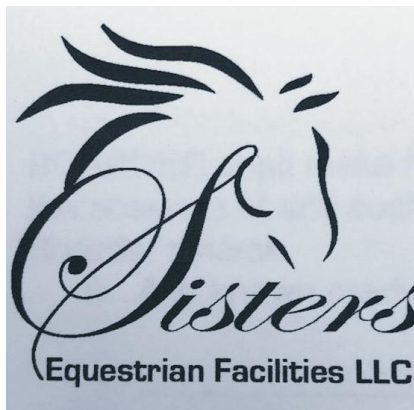
They will be for sale for **\$5** each at all our events & rides.

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





July 24 - Membership Social Event

Sept 25 - Eagle Rock Ride

Oct 9 - Lake Perris

Nov 20 - TBD

BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESIDENT: Sherry Turner

TREASURER: Laura Walker

SECRETARY: Andrea Lennox

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EVENT COORDINATORS: Margie Wolff, Andrea Lennox, Desirae McArdle, Amber Gentry & Dennis Hibberts, Susan & Howard Wedertz, Valeri Sexton

RIDE COORDINATORS: (*Trails Issues Points of Contact*): Kerrie Tuley & Terin Glaser

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