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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, summer is definitely here. It sure seems like We're experiencing much hotter weather early this year. Remember to keep plenty of fresh water for your horses and they do enjoy a little shower every once in awhile.

I would like to welcome all of our new members this year. Thank you so much for your support in advance. I am pleased to see members from the coast also joining us. It is very important that we be united as an equestrian community.

If it's May, it's time for the May Day Parade.

This is always such a wonderful parade in our own community in which we participate. You always see someone you know both in the parade and along the route.

The spring ride was a wonderful success. We served approximately 38 people for lunch and about 30 took a great ride through Windy Hill and back. I had never ridden the trails of Windy Hill, they were beautiful. I understand that it can get quite windy, but we stayed down low and had a great time. I would like to thank Virginia Darrow, our 2nd Vice President for a great job.

The Western Riding Clinic is in full swing. Each week we seem to have new members arriving and participating. The clinic is running for nine weeks this year, with July 12th being our last night.

We also had our Western Schooling Show on June 10th. This year we were lucky to have had Lorili Casipit for our judge and what a fantastic job she did. Our classes were small so that enabled her to have a one on one chat with each participant. She was also able to provide a small clinic on Trail Horse, Equitation and Showmanship classes. I think she let us in on a few secrets of the game!

July 14th is the date for the NCEFT Poker-Ride-A-Thon. I joined this ride about three years ago and it has become my favorite ride of the year. It benefits so many children in the wonderful NCEFT therapy program. I have issued a club challenge to Mt. Patrol, Los Viajeros, The Shack Riders, and San Francisco Horsemen to see who can bring in the most donations and riders. We did take home the special award for the most riders last year, let's see if we can have a repeat performance.

On August 5th we will have our English Schooling Show at Webb Ranch, and August 18th our NorCal Open Show. The Coastside Rodeo will be held on August 11th & 12th and is a wonderful Rodeo for all ages.

There's so much going on this year, it's been a challenge to keep everything running smoothly. Thanks for all you help.

Have a great summer.

Kathie Goddard

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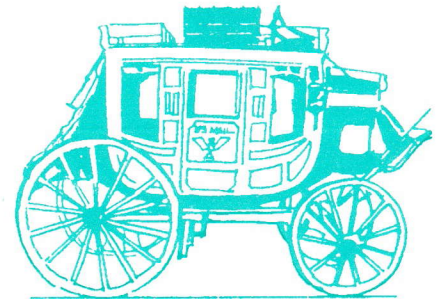
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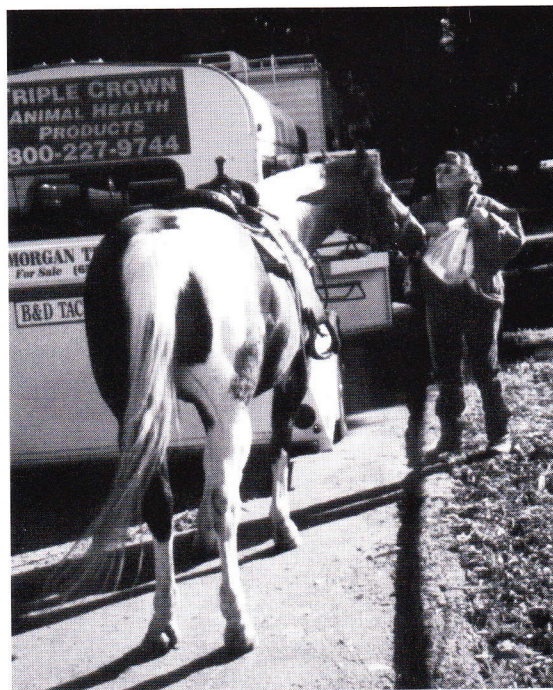
SPRING SPRUNG AT THE SMCHA SPRING RIDE

by Nancy Crowley

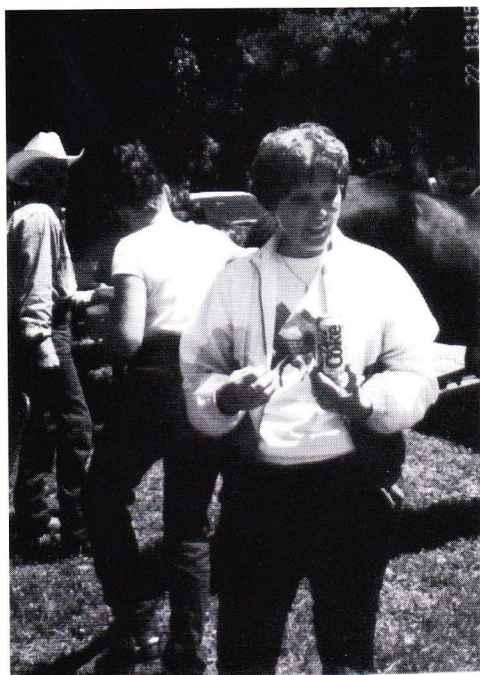
You could almost hear Gordon McRae singing "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" as thirty-five riders set out on the first ride of the year. The SMCHA Spring Ride was held on Sunday, April 22nd in the Windy Hill Preserve in Portola Valley on a wonderful sunny day.

Our trail boss was Jeanette Hanson who together with Tanya Rebarchik, Virginia Darrow and myself put together an easy scenic loop through the lower part of the Windy Hill and then back to Willowbrook road which took us up to some beautiful trails in the Portola Valley trail system.

We pre-rode this ride the week before and the weather was gorgeous but a bit windy down at the parking area. Windy Hill has a well-deserved name as the farther up you go, the windier it gets. Also, it hadn't rained in the previous weeks and according to Murphy's Law, it would rain between then and the ride. So, we chose trails that would do well if it rained and stayed low so we would avoid huge wind gusts. A safe ride for all is always a major consideration in planning a ride, especially on the Spring Ride when many horses are fresh from the winter.



Donna and Truckles



"Trail Boss"
Jeanette Hansen

After getting all the rigs parked and horses ready, the group gathered up for some mimosas and homemade muffins, and pre-ride announcements. Twenty horses is about the maximum we like to see in a group so we divided into two groups, one lead by Jeanette and the other lead by Tanya and myself.

Now remember that I mentioned Murphy's Law said it would rain before the ride and of course it did. Two days before it poured rain all day. We really sweated this one out, afraid we would have mucky trails. But, because we had chosen our trails with that possibility in mind, all the trails were great and everyone had a sure-footed ride.

The spring wildflowers were out in all their glorious color. Thanks to Virginia, we know the names of most

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Spring Sprung At The Smcha Spring Ride, continued

of what we saw. White Iris, which only grows in the Portola Valley/Woodside area, along with Forget-me-nots, Poison Hemlock, Cow Parsnips and lots of green clover in the meadows. We enjoyed some fabulous views up on the Coal Mine trail, it was so clear you could see forever. OK, I'm thinking of another song here . . .

We rode back to the Portola Valley Town Center where we had parked for a scrumptious buffet lunch provided by Esposto's. We had some folks who couldn't make the ride but joined us for lunch. Everyone sat under the trees and talked about what a great ride it had been.



Welcome new members

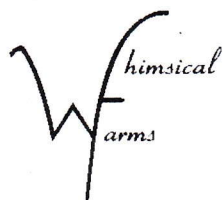
We had a whole bunch of new members and first timers on this ride. We started a new tradition and took their picture for the magazine to introduce these new faces.

Bob and Mary Beth Stucky win the award for coming the farthest to join us. Bob, who was coming back from the Mounted. Patrol Spring Ride, made a quick pass through Oakland Airport (with the horses in the trailer!) to drop off his brother and then up to Portola Valley. At the same time MB sped up 101 from Paso Robles to make it just in time to join us.

For those of you who were unable to join us on this one, check your calendar as we are planing some more great rides this year.



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SMCHA RIDES IN WOODSIDE'S 79TH ANNUAL MAY DAY PARADE

by Nancy Crowley

On Saturday, May 5th the SMCHA Color Guard joined in the festivities for the annual May Day Parade in downtown Woodside. The theme of this year's May Day parade was "2001: A Space Fantasy" and there were plenty of aliens and space folk along with the usual kids, dogs, bikes, bands and of course horses!

This has to be the world's shortest parade as it starts at Woodside Elementary School, proceeds down to Buck's, and then makes a U-turn to do it all over again going the other way. If you ever want to try your horse in a parade, here's the one. It's great fun and there are lots of escape routes if your horse decides he would much rather be watching from the sidelines.

Several riders from our Board of Directors and membership including two of our juniors who looked to be having a great time joined the SMCHA color guard. Kim Chapman brought a new horse to the parade, her six-year old gelding Forest had never done a parade before and took to it like he'd been doing it forever. In fact, I was so impressed with him, I bought him from Kim! Rounding out the Color Guard was our President Kathie Goddard on Quincy, Laurie Fieguth on Lizzy and myself on Buddy.



By the time of this printing, we will

have been on to our next event the 4th of July parade in downtown Redwood City. I hope many of you members will come join us. The Color Guard will also be participating in Tally Ho at the Menlo Circus Club on September 8th. This is a wonderful exhibition event of horses from many disciplines and breeds. Please come see us there!

NEWS FROM SMCHA • SACRAMENTO AREA CHAPTER

by Lisa Dixon

Spring is in the air. The rain has stopped and the snow has melted. Yet the projects continue. Only now outside. Since we spent our winter indoors adjusting to our new climates, there's not much to share. Jim got a new tractor (it's his Father's Day, birthday and Christmas present for the next 5 years according to Eileen and Kim). Luckily, it arrive in time to help dislodge and carry away the bulk of a huge fallen oak tree. On the bright side, though, there was no damage to the house as it fell the other way and Trish and Gary and I got lots of firewood for next winter. Jim and Eileen also got their new garden shed up. So now they have a place to keep their gardening tools and supplies safe from the falling snows. It's also designed as drive-through for their riding mower so Jim can get right into the orchard or over to the burn pile. If Jim adds a window, he may be willing to take coffee orders as well. Speaking of their orchard, this year's crop is on the trees. They include apples and persimmons and cherries, plus grapes and berry bushes. Along with the drive-through coffee orders, there could also be a fruit stand. Or maybe they will have one of those „pick your own“ stands. Either way, if you're up visiting, I'm sure Eileen won't mind if you help yourself. And I think Jim finally got his unwanted pet, Woody, to leave.

Libby, on the other hand, was still busy remodeling her new house and taking the kids to their various activities. Libby has continued with the soccer mom routine, taking her children to Pony Club and softball. And she'll be working hard to help get a juniors program started in Sutter Creek. The Pony Club group she joined has a total of 8 members, 3 of which belong to Libby. But there is hope. The Club has a new director and is building the membership up. This new director is an expert on the Tetrathalon. This is a rally consisting of a cross-country jump course, target shooting, cross-country running and swimming. It is a big event with the European Pony Clubs and has been in the US though not heavily promoted. So you Pony Clubbers, look for the



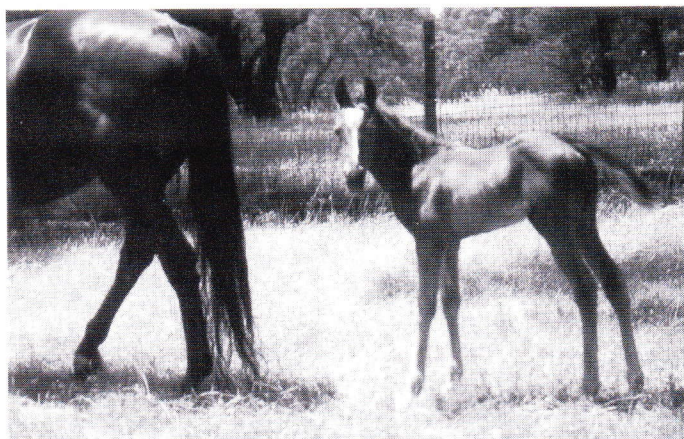
Jim and Eileen Borzone's granddaughter Megan enjoying Grandpa's new toy

Tetrathalon coming to a Pony Club near you! And like all horse clubs, there are jumps to be painted and food booths to man. Just think, Libby left all this behind to do it somewhere else and, of course, she's enjoying every minute of it! In order for Annie to get prepared for the Tetrathalon, she's been working with Karen (Parelli) Hagen and is learning a lot.

In addition to Pony Club, the kids are also involved in Softball. Annie learned there is competition out there; Molly, who had never picked up a softball, turned out to be the star player on her team; and Sam couldn't figure out why his team didn't want to practice in the rain! For those of you going to Jack Brooks this year, you'll be able to catch up with Libby in person. At least that is tentatively on her calendar. But that's why we write in pencil. And you remember their Jack Russell, the one that was helping to meet the neighbors. Well, he's restricted to a tether and the kids are under strict guidelines never to let him out of their sight! He does get his exercise, though, as his playmate at the barn is a huge (pony size) Irish wolfhound.

Then there's me. I know I did stuff this winter, I just can't remember what. I do remember that Eileen and I should not quit our day jobs. My basement needed carpet over the cement floor and she had some extra. Although she originally gave it her daughter, there was an issue with Kim's landlord installing it. So I was given the option of taking of it. One Saturday, Eileen and I drove to Kim's house in Tracy to pick up the carpet—lots and lots of carpet. The three of us loaded it up and Eileen and I took it back to my house, where just the two of us unloaded it. Now my basement is pretty big and there is furniture to move and carpet to unroll. I'll leave the rest to your imagination, but think about the Keystone Cops, Laurel and Hardy — you get the picture. Actually, for the most the part there wasn't much carpet to cut (it did take two straightedges, though) as it fit in quite nicely and we could find

Sacramento Area Chapter, continued



Cheryl Niermeyer's new colt, Zippy

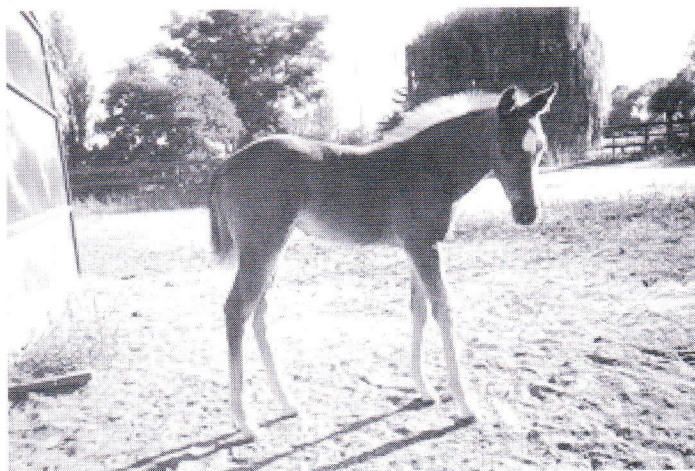
the matching pieces. I must say myself, it doesn't look too bad—for amateur installers, that is.

Cheryl Niermeyer and her husband continue to work on their place. And just in time because with Spring comes babies. Cheryl and I have babies to share with you. Her mare, Penny, had a colt, "Zippy," by Go Slow Zippo (a champion AQHA pleasure stallion) on April 28. Cheryl has had to be a "mom" again herself as Penny doesn't produce enough milk for Zippy, and she has to supplement him with a milk replacer. He gets four buckets a day plus some Equine Jr. and alfalfa. Zippy is coming along quite nicely and is learning how to lead.

My mare, Serra, had her first baby (a filly, "Jessie" by Peppy's Lil Sur) on April 29. As all you moms can attest, giving birth is hard work. Serra agrees with you ; after 3 pushes she was done and, in fact, tried to stuff the baby back in by backing up to the stall wall. However, with the help of the on-site trainer and vet assistant, Jessie made her debut at 10:25 p.m. At 7 days old, when the vet pronounced her healthy, Jessie got her first trailer ride and thought nothing of it, or at least calmed her fears by nursing; when I opened the trailer door, that's what she was doing. She also learned that the first step out of a trailer is a doosie. I'm still waiting to determine her color and any socks (sorrel or dun). For those of you who know my mare, Jessie has her, shall we say, independent streak. She's filling out quite nicely, getting her little teeth and spends her day attempting to play with the dogs. In the meantime, I acquired another mare. Actually,



Jessie and Mom, Serra



she's Serra's mom. I was able to buy her back, and she is being bred as this goes to press. Hey, what's land for if not to put animals on it?

That's it for now. Until next issue. And remember, please forward either my e-mail address (equestqh2@excite.com) to people in this area whom you think others would like to be brought up to date or send their e-mail addresses to me and I'll contact them for news to share.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations:

To Ann Farris and Gene and Sarah Ericksen on the arrival of their Mini-colt Erin's Pescadero Pete, out of their Mini-mare, Erin.



Erin and baby



Nancy and Forest

To Donna Tozi and Bruce Doran, on the arrival of their colt, Donna's Undercover Paint—he's solid bay with no color, but lots of personality!

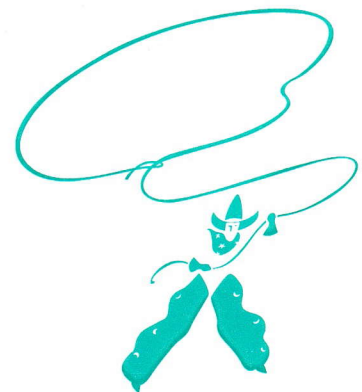
To Stu Whittelsey on the purchase of his beautiful Palomino gelding, Friday.

To Mike Lewine on the purchase of his Spotted Saddle Horse gelding Mysterious Flynn.

To Nancy Crowley, on the purchase of her new horse, Forest, a 6 year old gelding .



To Colleen Daley, this year's Rodeo Princess of the Woodside Junior Rodeo on July 4th!



ADVENTURES DOWN UNDER

by Sue Sheehan

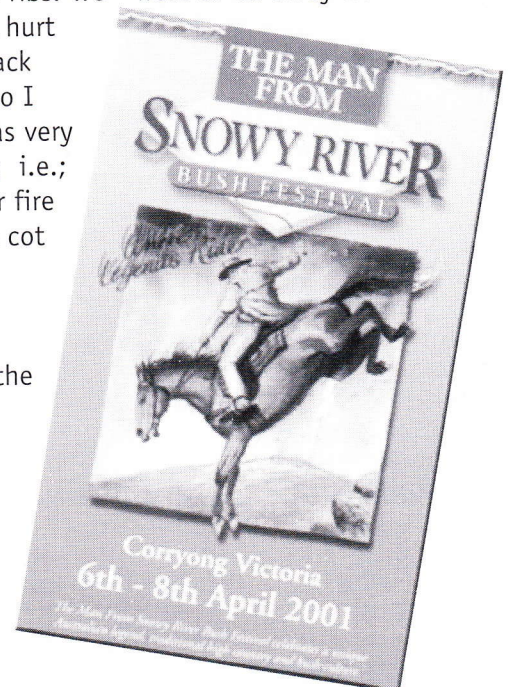
For several years I have been trying to go to Australia. Finally this year my friend Murray, who lives there, talked me into it. I wanted to go at this time of year because it is when "The Man From Snowy River Festival" is held. This is an annual 3 day event that is held in Corryong, at the base of the Snowy Mountains. The Festival is a unique bush gathering of mountain riders, poets, artists, and lovers of the Australian high country. The highlight of the Festival is the modern man challenge which is a grueling test of horse and rider and great rivalry. The "challenge" is designed to determine the most skilled



mountain rider in the country, including stock handling, packhorse, horseshoeing, whip cracking, bareback obstacle, and cross country jumping. The top ten competitors in the seniors have to compete in the final event by riding a bucking horse and catching and putting a halter on a wild Brumby (wild horse of Australia). There is also a Junior division, where the kids do everything except the horseshoeing! Also, at the start of the Festival there is a re-enactment of the famous ride by Jack Riley, believed to be "The Man From Snowy River". Three days prior to the Festival a group of about 50 riders trace the last journey that Riley took. Each day covers several miles over terrain that includes steep hills, dramatic views, native forests, and a sheer drop to the Murray River which they follow into Corryong. Other than the "Challenge" there was a parade, bush poetry (very similar to our cowboy poetry), music, dancing and camping. The people there are so friendly and Corryong reminds me of Woodside the way it was 25 years ago. There are more horses than people and children ride their horses and ponies all over town and tie in front of the store to stop for ice cream. I camped at

the Festival and met a great lady who has a horse named Shandy. She took me to her house and gave me a warm bed and hot shower and drove me all over the place. We spent 3 nights with her mom who was like a mom away from home. She couldn't stop feeding me. On Easter weekend I went on a four day trail ride to the headwaters of the Murray River in the Snowy Mountains. The ride started on Friday the 13th. That is where my luck changed!! On the way up the mountain my horse lost a shoe and I switched to a different horse. She was part Clydesdale and really big. I went to get on by standing on a log and she moved, lost her balance and knocked me over the log and then fell over it too, landing on top of me. I could do nothing but scream. She kept rolling on me to get up. She got up once and had the reins under her leg and fell on me again. I really thought I was going to die!! It was the worst accident on a horse I have ever had.. I was able to talk after they got her off me, but just barely. Everything hurt, but nothing seemed to be broken. We had 4x4 backup, so they got me up to camp that way. I had bruises from head to toe, cut and bump on my head, and badly bruised ribs. We were so far away from

everywhere and it hurt too much to go back down in the 4x4 so I just stayed. It was very primitive camping i.e.; tent, cooking over fire and sleeping on a cot in a swag (Aussie sleeping bag). Anyway, the next day I went up in the 4x4 to meet the group for lunch and they talked me into trying to ride. It was amazing, once I was in the saddle the pain





was almost gone. So after that I rode the next 2 days. Night was the worst. It hurt like hell to lay flat. The trip down the mountain was like nothing I have ever done!! Just like the movie. Straight down

hours! We saw wild Brumbies, Kangaroos, Parrots and flocks of Cockatoos. I couldn't take a deep breath or lay flat without my chest hurting. I was soooooo lucky not to have been killed or have broken something. The day after the ride I took a ten hour bus trip to meet my friend Murray.

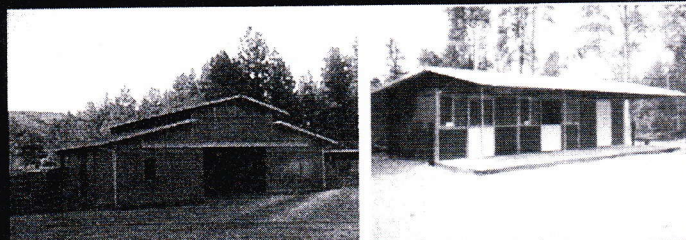


through the brush, jumping logs, creeks, bogs for 5 full

At least on the bus I didn't have to lie down! I spent four days with Murray and his boat club cruising down the Murray River on his small boat and camping on the banks at night with a horse club who rode along with us.. From the river I went to Murray's house in Adelaide. He and his wife showed me all around that part of South Australia. We went to a wildlife sanctuary and I got chance to cuddle a Koala. It was a kick. Also fed and petted Wallabies and Kangaroos. Visited the R.N. Williams factory where they make "Dryzabone" coats. I had bought one for the ride, but didn't need it cause the weather was so nice. While in South Australia I actually stood on the closest mainland to the South Pole!! Next I flew to Brisbane and spent 2 weeks in Queensland seeing some of the most gorgeous scenery on earth. I went sailing and snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef and found heaven on earth when I saw Port Douglas. I could live there with no problem. Wish I could have spent more time. My last 5 days I spent in Sydney doing all the typical tourist things. What a really neat city, they call it the sister city to S.F. Could go on forever about how great Australia is but I'd be glad to share all my pictures and travel brochures with anyone who would like to see more. In fact, anyone who wants to go, let me know and I'll go back in a heartbeat. Maybe I'll go back next April and do Riley's Ride! Any takers?



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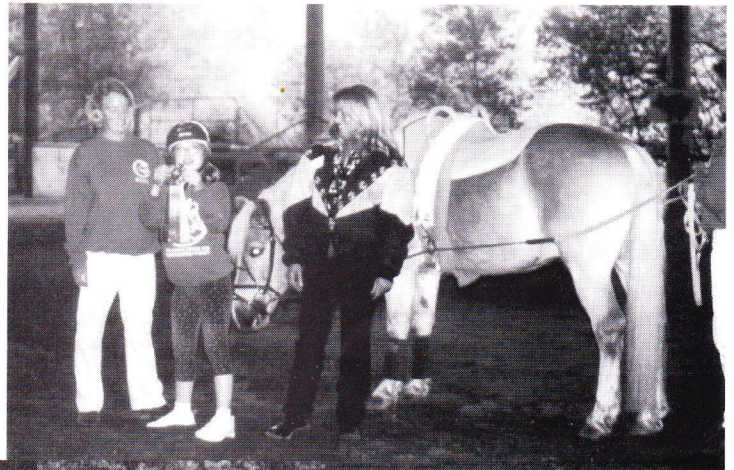
By Tanya Rebarchik

The National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy on Woodside Road was once again a great place to have a get-together. Director Summer Lopez and her wonderful staff and volunteers put together a demonstration of the center's work and accomplishments for us to enjoy. We were introduced to the wonderful horses that are the heart and soul of the program and then watched two of the kids who participate in the therapy display their skills on horseback. The children were Carter Pagan, 5, who has Cerebral Palsy, and 11-year-old Charlie Colby, daughter of Mounted Patrol Captain Bud Colby, who is also the Chairman of the board of NCEFT. Charlie also has Cerebral Palsy and is doing very well with her riding. She really enjoyed showing off, too!

Each child was awarded a special ribbon by SMCHA president Kathie Goddard.

The equine performer of the evening was a darling Haflinger named Odie.

Before and during the performance, everyone enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner, catered by Esposto's. Another highlight was a raffle, with a beautiful silver show halter as the Grand Prize. The proceeds of the raffle went to NCEFT, along with a donation from SMCHA. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Wendy Parker!



Charlie proudly shows off her ribbon



Kathie Goddard and Bud Colby



Lucky raffle winner, Wendy Parker



Carter performing



Larry Pelzner, Mike Lewin and Bill Ashton



Notes from Noel

SMCHA SUMMER HORSE SHOWS

by Noel Moody

Horse Show season is here! SMCHA hosted a wonderful western schooling show June 10 at Webb Ranch. Lorilai Casipit of Knightsen, CA. was our judge. She was the reason the show was so unique and so much fun. Every time we had a class that didn't fill, Lorilai gave a clinic. She gave a showmanship clinic, an equitation clinic, and a trail horse clinic. She spent time with each individual and everyone appreciated her efforts.

We also had many riders who had never been in a show before. We were thrilled to have them because that is what a schooling show is all about. Getting started. Yes, we hired Lorilai for next year as our judge.

We hope English riders will circle **August 5**, as that is the date of our English Show to be held at Webb Ranch. The flat classes will be held in the morning and the jump classes will be held in the afternoon. There will be many short stirrup classes as well as low jump classes. The highest jump will be two feet six inches so everyone can have fun. We will be awarding five high point awards as

well as ribbons and trophies in each class. Hope to see you there, Kay Hitch will be our judge.

Then comes our big Nor-Cal show to be held **August 19** at the Mounted Patrol in Woodside. We will have reining classes in the morning and we will again have seven "Never Won a Buckle" classes. There will be many English flat classes as well as two jumping classes. We will again offer a buckle in the English "Never Won A Buckle" class. We will have a lead line six and under equitation class and a six and under Trail class. There will be a full Trail Horse division, Western Pleasure division, Equitation division, Showmanship division, and Halter division. There will be some of California's finest western horses at this show, so don't miss it. We will also be serving breakfast and lunch so bring the family. SMCHA wants to thank the class sponsors of this show as we could not have a show without them. Darlene Bingham and Jana Long Taylor will be our judges. It's going to be a great show!



On The First Day of Creation



On the first day of creation,
God created the Horse

On the second day,
God created Man to serve the Horse

On the third day,
God created all the animals of the earth to spook the Horse when Man was upon his back.

On the fourth day,
God created honest toil so that man could labor to pay for the keeping of the Horse

On the fifth day,
God created the grasses in the field so that Horse could eat and man could do an honest day
toil and clean-up after the Horse.

On the sixth day,
God created veterinary science to keep the Horse healthy and Man broke.

On the seventh day,
God rested and said "This is good. This will teach Man humility, it will tire him out and keep
him striving ever forward to meet the needs of the Horse."

A SPECTACULAR SUMMER TRAIL RIDE ON THE COAST

by Nancy Crowley

On Sunday, June 24th several members of SMCHA lunched at Cameron's in Half Moon Bay for our summer trail ride.

Before I tell you about the ride, I have to tell you about the Pre-ride. You may not know about all that goes on behind the scenes in putting a ride together. There is a committee that works on pulling these rides together, planning food, making sure there is parking for rigs, places to tie and one of the things we have to do is ride the route before to make sure it will be safe and enjoyable.

Our pre-ride was on Saturday, June 9th, the same day I picked up my new horse Forest (see May Day article for more about Forest!). I picked up this horse from Kim Chapman and drove a short distance to Poplar Beach to meet up with the rest of the crew. We celebrated my new horse and continuing good health with champagne and off we went. As we rode along the bluffs we all saw something in the surf that looked like dolphins. The more we watched, we realized these were whales. What a treat!

We got to Cameron's for our lunch stop and lo and behold, he's having a Birthday party there that day and there is an Astro-jump for the kid's set up in front of the horse tie. After drawing straws to see who would tie there, Wendy Parker and Bill Ashton put their two horses there. Talk about bomb proof!

Happily the day of our Summer Ride, there was no such obstacle or anything else to hamper a wonderful day on the coast.

As we came up over 92, at the intersection of highway 35 where there can be a thick fog blanket, I looked out toward the ocean and saw the ocean! Yes, it was blue and there was blue sky with just a few little puffs of fog hanging around, yeah! The drive over to the coast from Woodside can be quite serene as you pass the green houses and flower farms and it was absolutely delight-



ful this Sunday morning.

We met up at Poplar Beach where there was plenty of room to park trailers. As we were tacking up our horses, it was so warm I didn't need a jacket, which isn't always the case on the coast in June. This was one spectacular day.

Our group was small so the ride had a more laid back feeling. We set out north along the bluffs and headed to our first stop at Venice Beach where we had champagne and mimosas served up by our 1st Vice President Bill Ashton, Wendy Parker and Dave Katz. From there we could see up and down the coast of Half Moon Bay up to Princeton Harbor and down to the new fancy Ritz Carlton. No whales this day but many fishing and sailboats out on the water.

From here we turned back and retraced our horse steps a bit so we could do some time down on the beach. Led by member Pete Spence, a group went down the beach while the others rode along the bluffs. After we regrouped, did some tack adjustments and a much-needed rest stop we were off to Cameron's.

Cameron's is an absolutely darling place and is very horse friendly! It is set up as a British pub with many specialty beers, killer fish and chips and it's own double decker bus. We ate in a lovely outdoor garden where we could enjoy the sun and keep an eye on the horses. There is even a horseshoe pit where yours truly threw a ringer! No, in case you're wondering, I didn't use one of my horse's shoes, I used a set provided by Cameron.

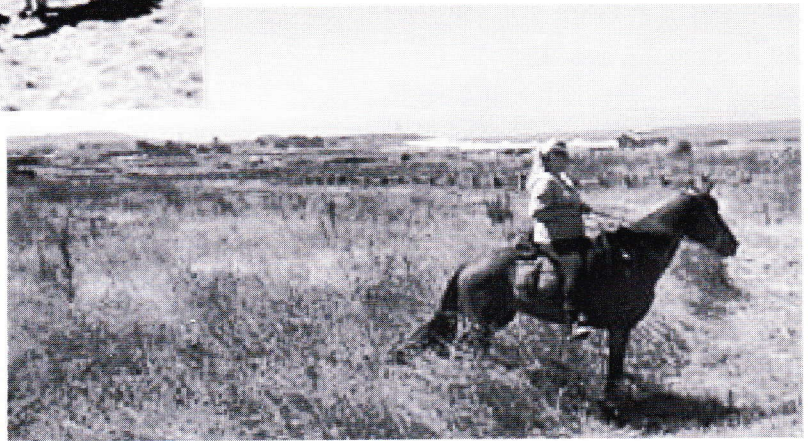
All there felt like we could've stayed all afternoon but as the fog began to make its appearance we decided it was time to mount up and head home. It was a short ride back to the trailers as we ended our beautiful day on the coast. The ride committee would like to say a special Thank you to Bill Ashton, Wendy Parker and Dave Katz for all their help to make this event a success!

The trail rides committee, headed up by 2nd Vice President Virginia Darrow

A Spectacular Summer Trail Ride on the Coast, continued

works hard to put together enjoyable rides for the membership. A coast ride was requested many times and this proved to be a great spot for one. It was a great day but the attendance was lower than we expected. We want to get it right so I'd like to ask those of you reading this to give us some feedback on why you didn't attend. It can be a casual conversation with any of the Directors or Officers, our President Kathie Goddard or even just a message on the information line at 650-568-1045. We'd like to hear from you.

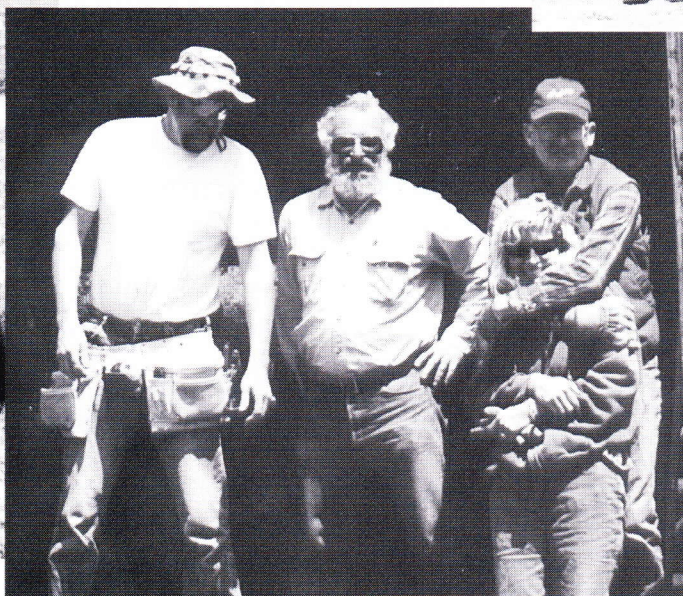
Our next ride will be at Jack Brooks Horse Camp from July 16th to July 22nd. For more information and reservations, call Gene Ericksen at (650) 879-1162.



ANNUAL WORKDAY AT JACK BROOK

Over 20 people from several different clubs joined forces on April 28th for the annual work day at Jack Brook Horse Camp. Projects included weedwhacking, general clean-up around the campsites and the barn got a new door. Thanks to everyone who showed up to help!


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- DEPENDABLE:** you can depend upon him to eat all his feed
- DETERMINED:** that you ain't going to ride him
- FRIENDLY:** spoiled rotten and refuses to be caught unless bribed by repeated treats
- LIKES PEOPLE:** ate owners finger
- WELL MANNERED:** hasn't stepped on, run over, bitten, or kicked anyone for a week
- PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED:** hasn't stepped on, run over, bitten, or kicked anyone for a month
- SUITABLE FOR PROFESSIONAL:** takes two men and a boy to saddle him
- ATHLETIC:** can really buck.
- SNAFFLE MOUTH:** runaway with any bit
- ENDURANCE PROSPECT:** runaway and slow
- FIELD HUNTER:** runaway and can't jump
- CONFORMATION HUNTER:** fat and can't jump
- DRESSAGE PROSPECT:** can't jump
- JUMPER PROSPECT:** bad mover
- LIGHT MOUTH:** rears
- GOOD MOUTH:** for Arnold Schwarzenegger
- CORRECT CONFORMATION:** has a head, tail and the appropriate number of legs
- BG BONED:** skinny, good thing he has a mane, or he would be mistaken for a cow
- FT: 200 lbs.** under weight and hot as a pistol
- NICELY STARTED:** longes, but we don't have enough insurance to ride him yet
- TOP SHOW HORSE:** was reserve champion 5 years ago at a show with unusually low entries due to tornado warnings
- TRAIL HORSE:** fine, as long there are no cows, children, vehicles, or white ponies in sight
- VERSATILE CHILD'S PONY:** two speeds: graze and run off
- SAFE CHILD'S PONY:** foundered
- SHOULD MATURE 14 HANDS:** currently 12 hands, dam is 12.2, sire is 12.3, every horse in pedigree back 18 generations is under 12.3, but THIS horse will defy his DNA and grow to be 14 hands!
- NO GUARANTEE:** the one remaining sound leg could go at any moment
- TO GOOD HOME ONLY:** not really for sale unless you can 1) Pay twice what he is worth 2) Are willing to sign a 18 page legal document which allows current owner to tuck in beddy-bye every night
- RELUCTANT TO SELL:** we would prefer to shoot him
- FOR SALE DUE TO LACK OF TIME:** rider cannot afford to spend anymore time in the hospital
- OFF THE TRACK:** is never, ever allowed to return and has a police record in three states but not New Jersey
- GOOD BLOOD LINES:** mother and father are also brother and sister!
- CLASSICALLY BRED:** the only recognizable name is Man O'War six generations back
- HANDY:** broke well, then made a 180 and ran out the gap
- BEHIND** the starting gate
- RACED SOUND:** both times he stood in the gate
- JUMPING POTENTIAL:** jumped the outside rail in a race
- NATURAL JUMPER:** always jumps out of field. Unfortunately no one has been able to stay on him for more than a couple of bucks, to determine if he jumps under saddle
- ADULT AMATEUR PROSPECT:** stops at anything over 3'9"
- GRAND PRIX PROSPECT:** jumps great
- AT HOME**
- INTERNATIONAL PROSPECT:** so foot sore that his only chance may be on soft turf
- WATER SPECIALIST:** has laid down in every liverpool and water jump in Europe
- EX EVENTER:** bowed, big knees
- EX TIMBER HORSE:** bowed, big knees, fractured patella
- GOOD FEET:** they had better be, as the farrier has been unable to shoe her
- VET CHECK WELCOME:** please pay for us to find out what the !@#\$ is wrong with him!
- SOUND:** responds violently to any noise, even those he makes himself
- SLIGHTLY UNEVEN:** limps badly
- RECENTLY VETTED:** someone else found something REALLY wrong with this horse
- MAKES A BIT OF A NOISE:** that you can hear from across the track sitting in a car with the windows up and the radio on full blast
- RIDES AND DRIVES:** rides in the van and drives us crazy with his kicking
- LOADS WELL:** however, once on the trailer he will come unglued if you try to drive anywhere
- EXPERIENCED SHIPPER:** has experience destroying trailers, vans, and planes; is best transported by rail or ship
- TRANQUILIZER ESSENTIAL FOR FLYING:** the grooms won't get on the plane with the horse, unless THEY are tranquilized.
- CLIPS, HAULS, LOADS:** clippity clippity is the sound his hooves make as he hauls butt across the parking lot when you try to load him.

HORSE TRAILS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (Part 1)

by Adda Quinn

Abstract

Groundwater, surface water, stream crossings, wildlife, invasive plants and impacts on trail surfaces are discussed. Bacteriological and nutrient effects on water bodies from trail horses are not detectable. BMPs exist to prevent trail horses from eliminating in water bodies. Horses are recognized by wildlife as prey animals by their look, smell and sound. Wildlife is less afraid of horseback riders than hikers. The role of the horse as a disperser of weed seed is not known. Most food passes through the horse gut within 48 hours. While seeds can survive longer, they face formidable odds of survival. Two studies of horse impacts on trails are reviewed.

Horse Manure on Trails and Water Quality

Compared to other large livestock, horse manure is relatively "dry" and "hot" due to its high nitrogen that makes it capable of fermentation (Hill web ref.). Once deposited, it can achieve total mineralization in as short a time as 21 days (Ajwa, et al 1994). Because it is so dry at excretion, nutrients tend to volatilize rapidly into the atmosphere. One of the challenges in preserving nutrients in horse manure is to get them turned into the soil as rapidly as possible before the nutrients are lost to the air. See EnviroHorse papers Horse Manure Aging and Nutrient Content and Implications for Trails, and Horse Urine and Implication for Trails

Groundwater

There are no studies that we have been able to find implicating equids in groundwater contamination. Horses primarily eliminate in their pastures and paddocks (Meyer 1997). Manure left in a loose heap in deposits on trails loses its nitrogen rapidly (New Hampshire 1990). It is inconceivable that trail horses making dispersed deposits could possibly impact ground water. Most contamination of this sort occurs from areas associated with feedlots where thousands of commercially harvested animals are confined at one time, or from excessive fertilization added to soils.

Surface Water

Again, there is very little data about impacts from horses. Bacteriological and nutrient effects (on water bodies) are seldom detectable except next to stables. (Williams et al, 1998). As part of the 319 (h) grants from the Clean Water Act, new data has recently become available here in the SF Bay Area. In addition, some data is now available

from watershed monitoring efforts. Here is some of what we know:

○ USDA RCD Demonstration Project at Black Dog Ranch, Half Moon Bay.

This property is bisected by Pilarcitos Creek. Horse paddocks were literally on the edge of the creek bank. Water sampling taken Spring of 2000 showed no nitrates, ammonia, P, or K above allowable limits. While sodium levels were elevated, their source was somewhere upstream of the property. The property owner is undertaking voluntary pollution prevention measures by pulling fence lines back from the creek and planting vegetative buffer strips. See San Mateo County RCD for data.

○ San Francisquito Creek CRMP. This watershed monitoring effort for the San Francisquito and Los Trampas Creeks has taken periodic water samples. The pollutants that would have been expected from equine sources were generally not present at levels of concern. Near the Piers Ranch some samples showed nitrate spiking which was originally thought to be the horses, but turned out to be a nursery upstream that was storing compost adjacent to the creek. They were asked to move the compost piles away and water quality improved subsequently. In the meantime the Piers Ranch voluntarily undertook vegetative buffering on their property to assure that they would not become a source of pollution. A comprehensive watershed monitoring program is being designed for long-term monitoring purposes by SFCCRM.

○ In February 2000 surfers at the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve reported high levels of coliform pollution in the ocean near where the "creek" (which is in a rusted iron pipe) dumps into the ocean. Immediately, the two commercial horse properties up stream on San Vicente Creek were accused of being the source. Both of these properties had already undertaken berming, creek revegetation, vegetative buffer stripping, rocking and other measures to assure that their operations were environmentally benign so it seemed unlikely that they could be the source. Both proprietors welcomed County inspectors to sample on numerous occasions. Sewage was found to be going directly into the creek from ABOVE their properties. That source was corrected. Subsequent monitoring has provided data that indicates that the creek water is leaving cleaner than

Horse Trails and Other Environmental Issues, continued

when it enters these properties, and at acceptable levels of coliform. However, coliforms are still high at the ocean apparently implicating the broken and rusted sewage pipes serving residences in Moss Beach downstream of the horse property. See San Mateo County Health data from 2000.

Family Farm Road, in the heart of horse property, flooded badly in the winter of 1996. Coliform levels again were involved. The source was quickly traced to leaking aged human septic systems upstream. Data from Stanford Property Management.

Coliforms are ubiquitous to the environment. While they are not necessarily harmful to people if ingested, coliforms are an indicator that unwanted matter is present in the water system. Their virulence is little understood, hence the precautionary care to prevent human exposure to excess amounts of them. Coliforms however have not been known to injure aquatic organisms or wildlife. See Dr. Michael Rugg, Toxicologist, California State Fish and Game, Yountville.

It is important to keep the fact in perspective that these studies involved settings where horses lived 24 hours/day next to a creek. They did not adversely affect the surface waters immediately adjacent to them. Given this, it is difficult to conceive of a situation where a few horses on a trail could adversely impact surface water nearby. Again, most trails are not sited immediately adjacent to water bodies and Mother Nature has a marvelous buffering capacity when even as little as 10 feet of vegetation is available at the side of a trail. www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/rts/sec4.htm

The *Pfiesteria piscicida* Hysteria: *Pfiesteria* is an estuarine dinoflagellate that sometimes behaves like a plant, and sometimes like an animal. It goes through several life stages (count 'em: 24!), some of which produce neurotoxins that attack fish along the eastern seaboard and into the Gulf of Mexico where it has been ubiquitous for thousands of years. It appears to thrive in nutrient rich waters and has been responsible for some spectacular fish kills recently. "The University of Minnesota did extensive *Pfiesteria piscicida* studies in downstream riparian habitats from upstream horse farms and found no significant increase in bacterial levels that would harm aquatic life forms from mayfly larvae to fish . . ." is a quote taken off of the internet and sent to EnviroHorse. We are

seeking the citation now. Science has not yet fully understood the mechanisms involved in these sudden blooms and fish kills. Keeping manure away from water is certainly the best policy, regardless.

Stream Crossings

There is a trend to protect stream banks from erosion by trail use and discourage trail users from disturbing streams that support fisheries. Bridges are being built across historic fords. It is known that as little as 0.025ppm of ammonia in water can kill salmonoid species.

Equestrians are being educated not to allow their animals to eliminate during stream crossings. Best management practices (BMPs) have evolved such as stopping prior to a crossing to allow the animal to rest, relax and (hopefully) eliminate PRIOR to the crossing. Simply not allowing the equid to stop and dawdle in the water will also help to prevent contamination. Many horses do not like getting their feet wet and have a natural aversion to taking any more time than necessary in water. EnviroHorse has begun to collect data on horses eliminating while crossing streams. It is expected to take several years before a robust database is available. But preliminary data collected in 2000 indicated very few horses eliminated during a stream crossing.

The following internet references can provide additional information to help design stream crossing for fish passage:

<http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat.htm> for stream crossing guidelines and www.wa.gov/wdfw/hab/engineer/habeng.htm for fish passage design at road culverts. (CBARCDs 2001).

Watch for part 2 of this article in the Fall 2001 issue!

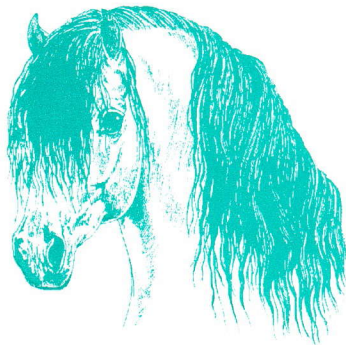
References and other documents mentioned in this article available upon request, email trebar@hamilton.com (editor)

Glenn Heimsoth, horseman and resident of Woodside for nearly 40 years, passed away May 1 at the age of 85. Family members said Mr. Heimsoth made lasting impressions of kindness and friendship on people he met, that he "sparkled with laughter and joy" and lived by the golden rule. He especially enjoyed his horses and the country living in Woodside. His love of horses was reflected by his long membership in the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association and the fact that his barn was at one time one of the largest on a residential property in Woodside. Mr. Heimsoth's wife, Bettye, died three years ago. He is survived by his sons Charles of Pacifica and Gerald of Woodside; daughter Linda Walker Backman of Foster City; brother Guy of San Mateo; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and his caregiver, Maria Castillas. A Memorial Service was held May 5th.



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- 3 Mtd. Patrol Rodeo Dinner/Dance
- 4 Mtd. Patrol Rodeo
- 4 **Redwood City Parade**
- 5 **Western Riding Clinic**
- 11 **Board Meeting**
- 12 **Clinic Show & BBQ**
- 14 NCEFT Poker Ride
- 16-22 **Jack Brook Horse Camp**
- 19-22 LV: 4 day Ride

August

- 1-5 S.F. Jack Brook
- 4-5 LV: 2 day Ride
- 5 **English Schooling Show**
- 9 **Board Meeting**
- 16 **General Meeting**
- 19 **Nor-Cal Show**

September

- 1-3 LV: Jack Brook
- 8 **Tally Ho**
- 13 **Board Meeting**
- 28-30 S.F. Jack Brook

October

- 5 **Nite at the Races**
- 6-7 LV: 2 day Ride
- 11 **Board Meeting**
- 14 **President's Ride**
- 26 **Cow Palace Opening Nite**

November

- 4 LV: Progressive Ride
- 8 **Board Meeting**
- 28 **General Meeting—Elections**

December

- 7 **Board Dinner**
- 15 **All-Clubs Christmas Party**



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