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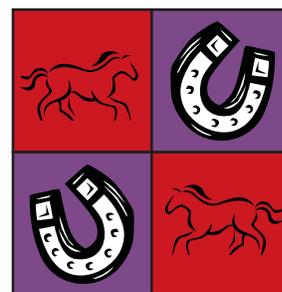
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## Guest Director's Message

### Karen Dagnan, Corral 86 Co-President & Area 11 Director

The fact is, I am a much better rider than writer. But when Sarah Williams asked me to write up something for the ETI Magazine, I did not hesitate. Well, maybe a little.

I've been riding since I was eight years old, and through moving, living alone, changing jobs, supporting myself, I've always managed to have, or at least lease, a horse. Like some of you, I used to clean stalls to help pay for lessons.



I moved out to Santa Clarita in 1989, and with my Appendix QH Phantom, joined Corral 86. I really enjoy spending time with like-minded people (even though everybody else rode Western). I loved the meetings (good food and lots of laughter), the camping trips and the trail rides.

Now, my first love is showing hunter/jumper. But showing is such an insular and not very often activity that belonging to a horse group ramped up my opportunity to ride! I've met so many great people along the way and have had some incredible experiences – some pretty scary (watching a friend get bucked off her horse for no apparent reason) and some fantastic times (cantering bareback through the waves at Montana De Oro) that I could not imagine not belonging to ETI.

I believe ETI makes us both better animal owners (just ask for advice – you will get plenty!) and makes us more social...which to me, is like another family!

I have been a secretary, a scribe, still an Area 11 Director and now this year am co-president with Heather Kaufman. I also belong to two other horse groups, but my first (and we always remember our first!) was and will always be ETI.

**National Board Meeting**  
February 16 at 7pm  
Foothill Trails District  
Neighborhood Council Office  
9747 Weatland Ave.  
(Corner of Wheatland & Sunland)

**Join us!**

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### ETI SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIRPERSONS

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2016 CONVENTION (June 25-28): TBD

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ETI HIGH POINT SHOW PROGRAM: Chair: Susan Pfann (626) 221-0829 [Etihighpoint2015@gmail.com](mailto:Etihighpoint2015@gmail.com)

ETI HIGH POINT GYMKHANA PROGRAM: Tracy Boldroff [eticorral21@yahoo.com](mailto:eticorral21@yahoo.com)



## Mounted Assistance Unit (MAU) Program Update



For those ETI members that may be new, let's recap the statement of purpose of the MAU. The MAU is a volunteer organization under the supervision of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation as a "Volunteer Program". The purpose of the

MAU is to patrol the trails on horseback and to promote the safety of all users by reporting any hazards or dangerous conditions found in the park or on the trail system. The MAU also assists park visitors in their efforts to enjoy their leisure time during their visits. MAU members should also participate in activities such as campouts, picnics, parades, and group trail rides.

The main LA county parks that the MAU's patrol at this time are Bonelli, Marshall Canyon, Whittier Narrows, Walnut Creek, Schabarum, Vasquez Rocks, Castaic Lake and Placerita. However there are several other approved LA County Parks that can also be paroled, and some of the members are exploring these parks.

There are two great websites developed by the County in the last year that list all the parks and the amenities of the parks...[Parks.LaCounty.gov](http://Parks.LaCounty.gov). This website is a research tool. If you are not sure of the park names in your area, it lists all the LA County Parks, amenities, etc. For horse trails, click the tab "things to do" and then click the tab "horseback riding". Also, the website has a trails locator and park locator. The second web site is [TrailsLacounty.gov](http://TrailsLacounty.gov). This is more detailed, and you will have to know the park name to start your research for trails to hike or ride. You can get to the [trailsLacounty.gov](http://trailsLacounty.gov) from the first web site...there is a link. Both of these websites also have a report sections in case you come across something that you would like to report to the county.

Please be careful this upcoming rainy season. The County workers have been extremely busy preparing the run off sections and trails for the expected rains. Several of the parks have poor footing for horses, and the trail remain unsafe several days after the rains due to the clay base foundation in the soil.

There are four MAU's which patrol the LA Parks on horseback, if you are interested in joining, the contact e-mails are listed below.

Marshall Canyon MAU - [dsings4joy@aol.com](mailto:dsings4joy@aol.com)  
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# Coming Events Calendar

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## 2016 NATIONAL EVENTS

**June 5 – 11**  
**Spring Ride**  
 Tentatively Point Reyes

**June 24 - 26**  
**National Horse & Convention**  
 LAEC

**November 6 – 12**  
**ETI Death Valley**

## 2016 Season High Point Shows

For High Point Show info Contact:  
 Chair: Susan Pfann (626) 221-0829  
 Etihighpoint2015@gmail.com  
 All ETI High Point Shows are PAC approved.

**April 17/Corral 37**  
 Thousand Oaks

More dates to come!

## 2016 Gymkhana High Point Season

High Point Program through Oct.  
 Contact: Tracy Boldroff (661) 607-5178  
 tracyboldroff@sbcglobal.net

- March 26**
- April 23**
- May 21**
- June 25 (Convention)**
- July 23**
- August 27**
- September 24**
- October 15**

Each will take place at Oak Creek Corral  
 27345 Sand Canyon Rd., Canyon Country  
 EXCEPT for June Convention event

## Individual Corral Circuit Shows/Series

**Corral 6**, Circuit Open Shows  
 Laramore Arena; Mira Loma, Jurupa  
 Call Gina (951) 681-4456 or  
 robynandlanden@yahoo.com

**Corral 8/Rolling Hills Estates**  
 English only. Held at Ernie Howlett Park.  
 Contact: Dan etipresident@aol.com  
 (310) 530-5618 www.eticorral8.com

**Corral 37/Thousand Oaks**  
 Red Hat Cowgirl Buckle Series - 5 Shows  
 -8:15am registration Contact: Sharyn  
 Henry redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

**Corral 57/Ojai**  
 Open Shows at Ojai's Soule Park arena  
 Contact: Rhonda (805) 798-1713

**Corral 118/Simi Horse Shows**  
 SVAC Western & English Shows.  
 High point saddle award  
 Contact: Terry Simon (805) 522-3346  
 horseladyusa1@yahoo.com  
 www.eti118.org

## CLINICS

**Corral 36** Riding Classes  
 Wed @ 9am Agoura Equestrian Center  
 with Karen Curtis Contact: Jeanne Wallace  
 (818) 222-2560

## GYMKHANAS

**Corral 21**  
 March 2015 - October 2015 Race for the  
 Saddle Gymkhana Series. Contact: Tracy  
 Boldroff , Maddie Patriarca or Sable Grasso  
 eticorral21@yahoo.com

**Corral 43/Riverside Rancheros**  
 Gymkhana Call Nicole (909) 809-0789

## PLAYDAYS

**Corral 210**  
 Monthly play days third Sunday of  
 each month, Gibson Ranch, Sunland  
 Contact: Jeanette Provolt (818) 472-6537  
 countryatheart.jp@verizon.net

## TRAIL TRIALS

**April 24/Corral 138**  
 Trail Trial, Palmdale Contact: Kimberly  
 Dwight jdwright@aol.com

## 2015 ETI Trail Rides, Drives, Events

**When a Corral plans a ride at Vasquez Rocks, as a courtesy, please call the Rangers (661) 268-0840**



## FEBRUARY

**February 7/Corral 22**  
 Malibu Creek ride Contact: Kathleen  
 Ungamrung (626) 590-6972 kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**February 8/Corral 83**  
 Goler Gulch Ride Contact: Carol Hellyer  
 (616) 821-0361

**February 13/Corral 9**  
 La Cabana Lunch Ride (rain 2/20) Contact:  
 Anita or Larry Martin (661) 944-4732

**February 15/Corral 357**  
 Presidents' Day Ride to Cook's O'Neill  
 arena Contact: Jimmy I (714) 612-1789

**February 20/Corral 12**  
 Trail ride, Chesebro near Agoura Hills.  
 Contact: Jeanne Catron-Gonzalez  
 (661) 259-7608

**February 20/Corral 20**  
 Bert Bonnett Birthday Memorial Ride/  
 Hansen Dam Contact: Nikki Ahten (818)  
 489-6527

**February 20-21/Corral 66**  
 Bredelis Ranch trail ride/lessons/tack  
 swap meet/BBQ/camp, Newberry Springs  
 Contact: Beth (760) 255-4767

**February 20/Corral 138**  
 Trail Ride at Rosemond Winery,  
 High Desert Cellar Contact: Marcy  
 horsinground@att.net

**February 21/Corral 21**  
 Malibu Creek ride, Paramount Ranch Trail  
 boss: Paul Jacques Contact: Kathleen  
 Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
 kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**Equestrian Trails Inc.****Coming Events Calendar****February 21/Corral 86**

Hansen Dam trail ride Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

**February 27/Corral 357**

Month End Ride Contact: Debbie (949) 459-7191

**February 28/Corral 22**

Cheri Blue ride, La Canada Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**MARCH****March 6/Corral 22**

Wildwood ride, Santa Rosa Trail boss: Paul Jacques Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**March 12/Corral 138**

Obstacle day Potluck...bring an obstacle & lunch to share. Contact: Kimberly (661) 478-2770

**March 12/Corral 357**

Swallows Day Parade, San Juan Capistrano Contact: TBD

**March 13/Corral 9**

Annual St. Patrick's ride, Hansen Dam Contact: Dennis Hosack (661) 733-1885

**March 19/Corral 9**

Summerland Beach ride Contact: Pamela or Gordon Sharp (661) 944-2249

**March 19/Corral 20**

Malibu Creek State Park Contact: Becky Borquez (818) 262-7764  
beckywild1@yahoo.com

**March 19/Corral 66**

Trail ride to sheep guzzler, Daggett. Contact: Beth (760) 255-4767

**March 20/Corral 22**

Day at the Races, Santa Anita Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**March 20/Corral 86**

Oaks Trail, Agua Dulce trail ride Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

**March 27/Corral 357**

Month End Ride Contact: Debbie (949) 459-7191

**APRIL****April 9/Corral 20**

Griffith Park/Viva's lunch Contact: Nikki Ahten (818) 489-6527  
imakowgirl@hotmail.com

**April 10/Corral 22**

John Richardson Memorial Ride, Vasquez Rocks Trail boss: Sharon Richardson Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**April 10/Corral 86**

Crown Valley/Red Rover Mine, Acton Trail ride Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

**April 12/Corral 118**

High Point Show, Arroyo/Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley Contact: Terry Simon (805) 522-3346  
horseladyusa1@yahoo.com

**April 15-17/Corral 14**

Denzel Cameron Memorial Spring Drive, Moonraker Ranch, Mojave Contact: Katie Christman (661) 824-2609

**April 16/Corral 357**

Horse/Horsemanship Clinic 8am Contact: TBD

**April 21-24/Corral 86**

Pioneertown camping trip Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

**April 22 - 24/Corral 22**

Pioneertown Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**April 23/Corral 66**

Trail ride at Paradise Springs, Barstow Contact: Beth (760) 255-4767

**April 24/Corral 138**

Trail Trial, Palmdale Contact: Kimberly Dwight jdwright@aol.com

**April 30/Corral 138**

Trail ride, Saddleback Butte Contact: Elaine McDonald eb45bktg@antelecom.net

**April 30/Corral 357**

Month End Ride Contact: TBD

**MAY****May 1/Corral 22**

Le Chene ride Trail boss: Sharon Richardson Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**May 1/Corral 86**

Wildflower trail ride, Acton Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

**May 7/Corral 357**

Playday, O'Neill Park arena Contact: TBD

**May 15-20/Corral 14**

Lone Pine Drive Contact: Norm Noftsier (661) 270-1161

**May 14/Corral 86**

Playday, Acton Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

**May 15/Corral 118**

High Point Show, Arroyo/Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley Contact: Terry Simon (805) 522-3346  
horseladyusa1@yahoo.com

**May 20 - 22/Corral 357**

Casper's Campout Contact: Debbie (949) 459-7191

**May 21/Corral 20**

Sheep Loop/Little Tujunga Cyn Contact: Deb Mader (818) 653-7628  
debramader@yahoo.com

**May 21/Corral 66**

Mojave Forks, Summit Valley Contact: Beth (760) 255-4767

**May 21/Corral 357**

Month End Event - Ride at Casper's Contact: Debbie (949) 459-7191

**May 22/Corral 22**

Walnut Creek, San Dimas Trail boss: Ivy Murillo Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**JUNE****June TBD/Corral 66**

Kennedy Meadows camp & ride, Inyokern Contact: Beth (760) 255-4767



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## Coming Events Calendar

### June TBD/Corral 86

Montana de Oro camping trip (depending on availability) Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

### June TBD/Corral 86

Santa Rosa Park trail ride (date depending on Montana de Oro) Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

### June 5 – 11/National

Spring Ride, Tentatively Point Reyes  
Contact: Kellie Land  
horseqrtrs@yahoo.com

### June 12/Corral 118

High Point Show, Arroyo/Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley Contact: Terry Simon (805) 522-3346  
horselfadyusa1@yahoo.com

### June 17-19/Corral 14

Jim and Julie Porter Drive, Onyx, Ca  
Contact: Porters (760) 378-2222

### June 18/Corral 22

Progressive Dinner Ride, Agua Dulce Trail boss: Craig Tognazzini Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

### June 23 -26

ETI National Convention, LAEC Contact: equestriantrails@outlook.com

### June 25/Corral 357

Month End Poker Ride, O'Neill Park arena  
Contact: Mary & Sue (949) 858-8001

## JULY

### July 1-4/Corral 86

Black Rock/Kennedy Meadows camping trip Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

### July 4/Corral 357

July 4th Parade & BBQ, Trabuco Canyon  
Contact: Jimmy I/Patti (714) 612-1789

### July 16/Corral 22

Moonlight ride, Lakeview Terrace Trail boss: Tiffanie Bailey Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

### July 17/Corral 86

Oak Grove trail ride Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

### July 20 -25/Corral 20

Montana De Oro camping Contact: Becky Borquez (818) 262-7764  
beckywild1@yahoo.com

### July 30/Corral 22

Inspiration Point, Wrightwood Trail boss: Billie McGuire Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

### July 31/Corral 357

Month End Ride Contact: Debbie (949) 459-7191

## AUGUST

### August 3-7/Corral 66

Cottonwood Campground, Lonepine  
Contact: Beth (760) 255-4767

### August 4-7/Corral 138

High Sierra's Blackrock camp and ride  
Contact: Elaine (661) 946-1976 or  
eb45bktg@antelecom.net

### August 12 – 14/Corral 22

Wild horse ride Trail boss: Billie McGuire  
Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

### August 17/Corral 20

Full Moon Ride, Hansen Dam Contact: Nikki Ahten (818) 489-6527  
imakowgirl@hotmail.com

### August 18/Corral 22

Mt. Pinos ride Trail boss: Tiffanie Bailey  
Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

### August 20/Corral 86

Moonlight trail ride, Mt. Emma Rd. area, Acton  
Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

### August 27/Corral 357

Month End Ride Contact: Debbie (949) 459-7191

### August 28/Corral 118

High Point Show, Arroyo/Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley Contact: Terry Simon (805) 522-3346  
horselfadyusa1@yahoo.com

### August 28 – September/Corral 22

Morro Bay, Montana de Oro State Park Trail boss: Sharon Richardson Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

## SEPTEMBER

### September 16-18/Corral 14

Fall Drive, Long Ears Ranch, Mojave  
Contact: Mara Wada (661) 821-1217

### September 17/Corral 20

Wildwood Wilderness Park, Thousand Oaks/Santa Rosa Valley Contact: Becky Borquez (818) 262-7764  
beckywild1@yahoo.com

### September 20/Corral 86

Moonlight trail ride, Agua Dulce area.  
Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

### September 24/Corral 66

Mojave Narrows, Victorville Contact: Beth (760) 255-4767

### September 30/Corral 357

Month End Full-Moon Ride Contact: Debbie (949) 459-7191

## OCTOBER

### October 2/Corral 118

High Point Show, DOUBLE JUDGED Arroyo/Gateway Eq Center, Simi Valley Contact: Terry Simon (805) 522-3346  
horselfadyusa1@yahoo.com

### October 7 – 9/Corral 22

Mojave Narrows Trail boss: Billie McGuire  
Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

### October 14 - 17/Corral 20

Casper's County Park camping, Orange County Contact: Becky Borquez (818) 262-7764  
beckywild1@yahoo.com

### October 15/Corral 86

Winery trail ride, Agua Dulce. Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

### October 22/Corral 66

Annual Peggy Sue Charity Ride, Barstow to Yermo Contact: Beth (760) 255-4767

### October 22/Corral 357

Imperial Beach Ride Contact: Mary & Sue (949) 858-8001

### October 23/Corral 22

Chino Hills State Park ride Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972  
kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com



**October 29/Corral 357**

Month End Ride Contact: Debbie (949) 459-7191

**NOVEMBER**

**November TBD/Corral 66**

Palm Springs Canyon, Palm Springs Contact: Beth (760) 255-4767

**November 5/Corral 138**

Mescal Creek ride Contact: Elaine (661) 946-1976 or eb45bktg@antelecom.net

**November 5-11/Corral 14**

Death Valley Drive Contact: Sue Martzolf (760) 662-6102

**November 6 – 12/National**

ETI Death Valley Contact: equestriantrails@outlook.com

**November 13/Corral 86**

Pancake breakfast fundraiser/trail ride, Agua Dulce. Contact: Karen Dagnan (661) 268-8771

**November 18 – 20/Corral 22**

Palm Springs, Los Compadres Trail boss: Pam Oldfield Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972 kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**November 19/Corral 20**

Devil's Punchbowl, Juniper Hills Contact: Becky Borquez (818) 262-7764 bekywild1@yahoo.com

**November 27/Corral 357**

Month End Ride Contact: Debbie (949) 459-7191

**DECEMBER**

**December 10/Corral 20**

HoHoHo Ride, Shadow Hills Contact: Linda Fullerton (818) 612-3305 linda@wrightcolor.com

**December 18/Corral 22**

Christmas ride, Griffith Park Trail boss: Paul Jacques Contact: Kathleen Ungamrung (626) 590-6972 kathleen.ungamrung@gmail.com

**December 31/Corral 357**

Month End Ride Contact: Debbie (949) 459-7191

**NON-ETI EVENTS**

**May 15**

Antonovich Trail Rides at Brown's Canyon, Chatsworth Contact: TBD

**May 25 -29**

Mule Days in Bishop Contact: TBD

**September 25**

Antonovich Trail Rides at Marshall Canyon, La Verne Contact: TBD

**AVDR Gymkhana**

Antelope Valley Desert Riders Contact: Doug (661) 944-6133 www.avdesertriders.org

**Carousel Ranch**

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Spring Ride 2016 will be returning to Point Reyes National Seashore, June 5 to June 11, 2016. We will camp at Stewart Ranch horse camp, located near the town of Point Reyes Station, CA. Point Reyes is a prominent cape and popular Northern California tourist destination on the Pacific coast of northern California. It is located in Marin County approximately 30 miles west-northwest of San Francisco. From the San Fernando Valley, the drive is about eight hours. There are boarding stables along the route, if needed. For our northern trail riders, this is a much shorter drive. Our trail bosses, Tiffanie Bailey and Paul Anderson, will lead us through beautiful and varied terrain with wildlife sightings, wildflowers, redwoods, pine trees, oak trees, coastal bluffs, meadows and beaches.



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The entire Point Reyes Peninsula is a piece of the Salinian Block transported northward by the San Andreas Fault. Its core is granite, unlike the terrain east of Tomales Bay. The granite rocks that form the peninsula were once continuous with the Tehachapi Mountains 350 miles south. In the 1906 earthquake, Point Reyes moved north 21 feet. The Point Reyes Peninsula is on the Pacific Plate, while the rest of Marin County land is on the North American Plate.

The Point Reyes area offers rich history of its first inhabitants, the Coast Miwok, and Spanish explorers, Spanish missions, gold rush prospectors, ranchers and loggers. The 20th century

## by Kelli Land, Corral 12

meanders in with studies and the recommendation by the National Parks Service to acquire the Point Reyes Peninsula. John F. Kennedy in 1962 signed the bill to authorize acquisition of 53,000 acres, allocating 13 million dollars to acquire the land for the park. Eventually 18,000 acres were leased back to ranchers to graze livestock.



Tiffanie and Paul will lead us through foggy forests reminiscent of Jurassic Park and the Elf forests in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. We will ride the bluffs above the coast line and ride along the beach. The coast line here has much rougher surf than riding on our more southern beaches. The redwoods forests we ride through have been preserved from loggers to protect these magnificent old tree stands. Wildlife sightings can include a variety of elk, deer, marine life, and many bird species. Even giant banana slugs can be seen along the trails we ride. We will ride to and lunch at the Point Reyes National Seashore Museum.





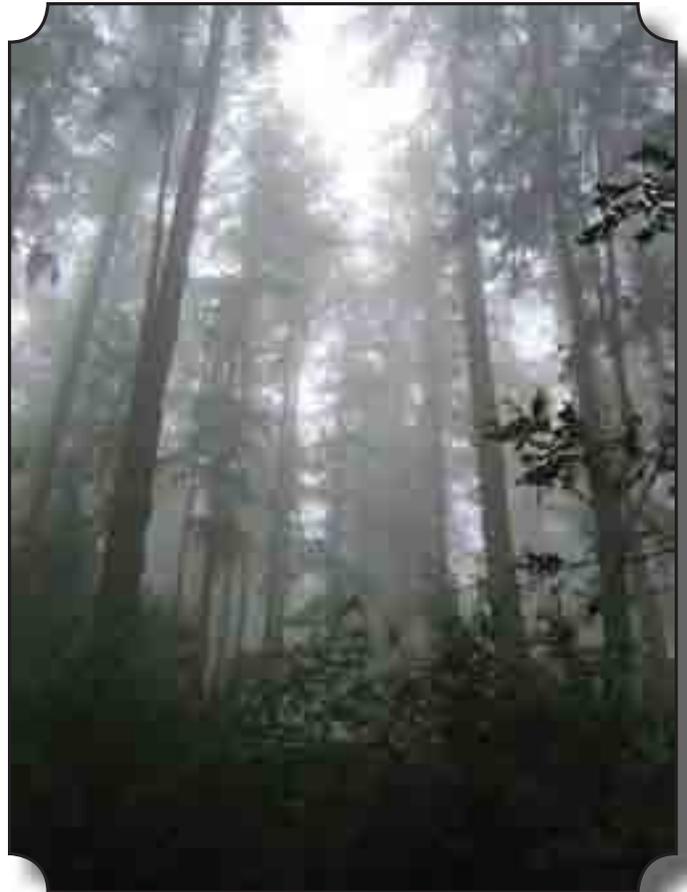
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There are many sights to visit for the adventurous. Nearby is the Point Reyes lighthouse, Point Reyes National Seashore museum, the towns of Point Reyes Station, Bolinas, Olema and Tomales Bay. Visiting the area's local culture can bring unique shopping, sampling of the local food culture of organic eats, wines and brews.

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Contact Kelli Land at (818) 472-2043 cell or email: [horseqrtrs@yahoo.com](mailto:horseqrtrs@yahoo.com). Applications will be available at the ETI National Website ([etinational.com](http://etinational.com)) soon.



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*2015 Competitors' Update*

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**Contact Highpoint Chair Susan Pfann** at [etihighpoint2015@gmail.com](mailto:etihighpoint2015@gmail.com) or 626-221-0829 to get more information, forms, final calendar and new rules (or to get on our email list for later mailings.)

**Committee members in 2016:** Raquel Brusher, Cindy Camarillo, Sharyn Henry, Michelle Kraut, Aileen Valentine, and Keri Lee Walsh **Volunteers:** Judge Jane Shaw, Nell Faulkner, Holly Leatherman, Lesley Reisinger-Green, and Dawn and Laurel Surprenant.



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# President's Luncheon Highlights

Thank you to each Corral who was able to attend. Lots of new ideas were introduced. Be on the look out in future magazine issues! It's going to be a great 2016!



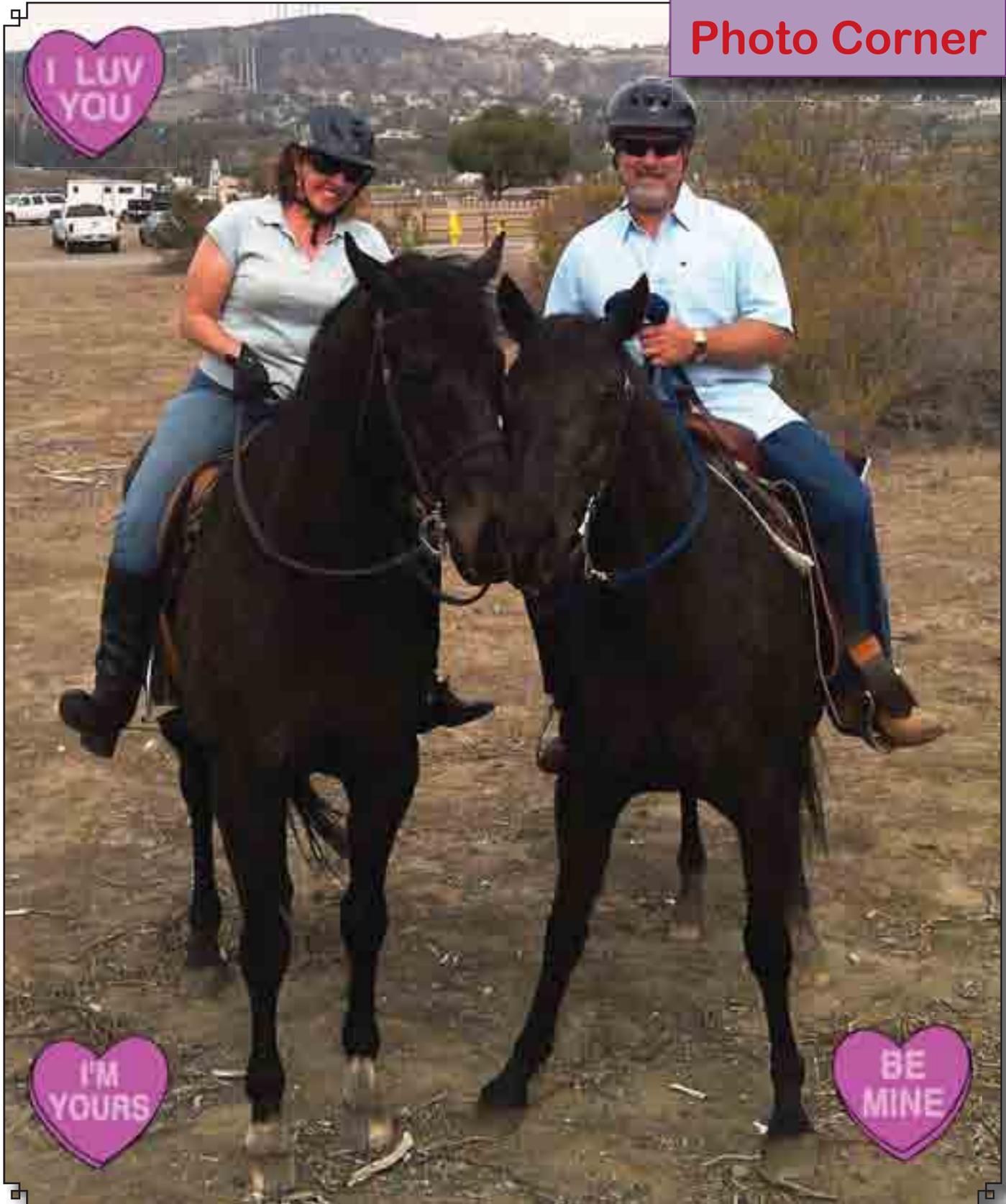
Karen Dagnan (left), Corral 86, had the winning ticket to the Opportunity drawing! Dottie Hilliard, Corral 35, presented her the check! Congratulations!

The Jr. Ambassadors helped serve lunch!





## Photo Corner



Karen Dagnan and her husband at the Corral 86's annual Sweetheart ride. Do you have a photo you'd like to share? To submit, please send photo and credit info to: [dustysriders@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dustysriders@sbcglobal.net).



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**Coyote Canyon to Doane Canyon Trail**  
*By Elizabeth Anne Swenson*

This month, we are going to venture out from Oro Vista Park onto a trail with some minor challenges: minimal definition in places, narrow single tracks and a short roadside passage. It is a little bit of a shorter trail, mileage-wise, which invites riders with saucy equines to take the time to work through some of the presented obstacles.

All of the rides featured in this 2016 series begin at Oro Vista Park, where trailers can park and equestrians can gather at a central meeting point. (See January 2016 edition for more information).

The trail in this issue is described as a loop. There are two gates, both of which have equine-friendly step-overs. It can be ridden as an out-and-back should riders be too trepidatious to try the last 100 yards of trail that follows along Big Tujunga Canyon Road (near the 15 MPH bend in the road). Safety is always paramount. Use your best judgment.



The last part of this trail has a short length along a road frequented by cars and motor cycles.

### TRAIL STATS

<b>LOCATION:</b>	Sunland, CA
<b>GPS COORDINATES:</b>	34.270890, -118.316800
<b>DISTANCE:</b>	2.25 miles round trip
<b>DURATION:</b>	Approx. 45 mins. at a walking pace of 3-3.5 mph
<b>ELEVATION:</b>	1,295 ft.
<b>ELEV. GAIN/LOSS:</b>	100-200 ft.
<b>TOPOGRAPHY:</b>	Flood basin desert terrain, low brush, narrow canyon, residential and fire roads.
<b>TRAIL DESCRIPTION:</b>	Alternately ill- and well-defined. 10-20% single track to start, then, the trail widens enough for horses 2-4 abreast.
<b>FOOTING:</b>	Varied. Some hard-packed decomposing granite with small rocks. Narrow sandy channel. Asphalt. Hard-packed loam.
<b>OBSTACLES/OCCURENCES:</b>	Boulders, hikers, dog walkers, bikers, very narrow canyon, roadside trail, slow moving cars through residential area, gates. ATVs frequent Doane Canyon wash.



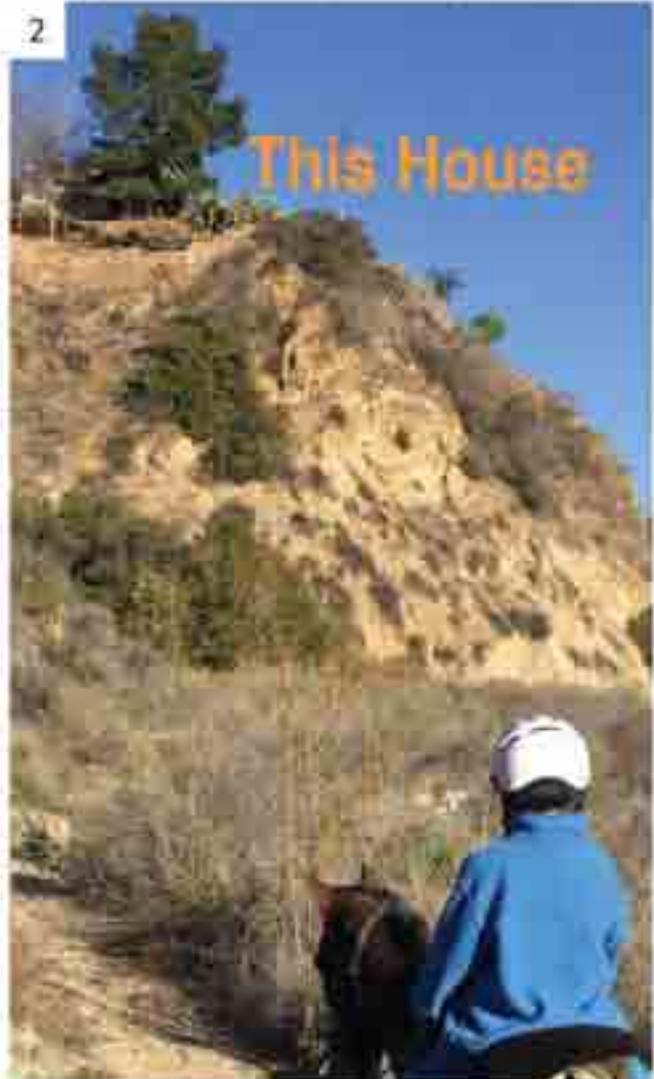
From Oro Vista Park, head toward the mountains through the low brush toward the opening in the chain link fence. Turn left when you hit the obvious trail. *(See Jan 2016 issue for photos).*

Once you get to the end of the cement buttress, turn right and head toward...→

...the house pictured below. Note the large evergreen tree. This is your focal point.



There is a tiny canyon, Eby Canyon (also called "Coyote Canyon") that you will see once you run upon the hillside where that house sits.



The Eby Canyon Trail is very narrow in places (the "no turning back" kind of narrow). It is beautiful.



On a hot summer day, it will provide some nice shade.

The day we rode it, there was a large branch blocking part of the trail – a product of the recent rain/wind storms.





The end of Eby Canyon trail empties out onto private property in the Riverwood Community. Word has it, the owner of this property is gracious about equestrian crossings. Return this karma by crossing respectfully. Ride up the dirt path onto paved Eby Canyon Road all the way to the first gate.



The next part of the trail is a short, fun, slightly windy uphill single-track that barrel horses love to run. Turn right, hang on, kick-up and have fun!

This section will end at a plateau where it meets paved road.



Follow the paved road to the next gate.



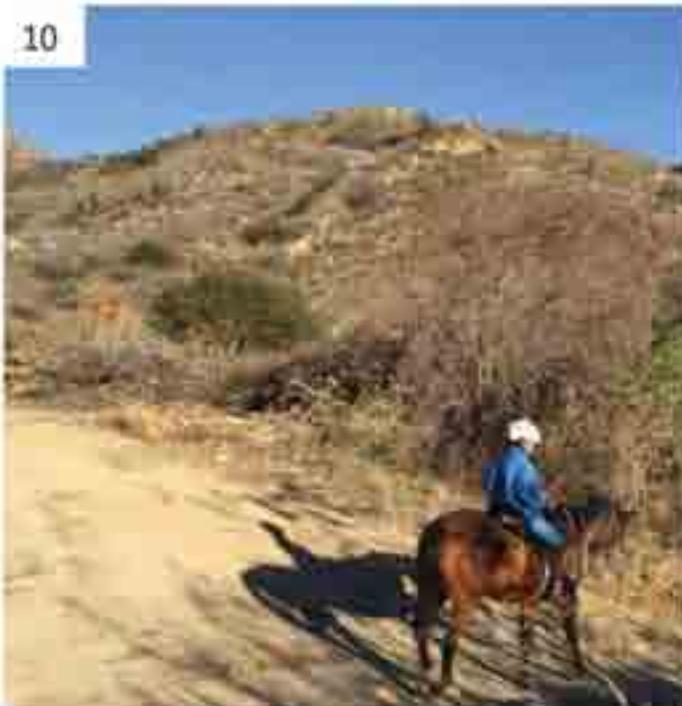
This is not the gate you seek.



On the left side of this metal pipe gate, is a step over, similar the last one you just traversed.



Once past this gate, the trail is free and clear of obstacles. It opens to a nice, wide downhill trail into Doane Canyon. We have seen as many as four does in the mid-afternoon just hanging out in the brush. Turn right at the first fork in the road to loop back to Oro Vista Park.



As you ride along this trail, see if you can spy the interesting stone staircase that climbs up the side of the mountain.



Toward the end of Doane Canyon Trail, you will see some large boulders, and, if you're really lucky, a bit of water coursing through the stream.

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If you are of the ilk to skip the roadside portion of the trail, this is the point at which you ought to turn back and re-trace your steps back to Oro Vista Park.

Should you feel adventurous and willing to conquer a new challenge, continue forward, brave soul!

After crossing through these boulders, the trail becomes nebulous once again. Here, also is where you may encounter people on ATVs enjoying the newly liberated wash.

At this point, there is no discernable, *safe* trail that will lead you back to Oro Vista Park *through* the wash. One option is to ride up the long paved road that leads into Riverwood and find your way back down through Eby Canyon.

Another way, (the way we took when researching this article), is to continue relatively forward toward Big Tujunga Canyon Road and taking a short, inclined single track path.

Big Tujunga Canyon Road will be audible and visible once you start making your way through Doane Canyon wash. Make your way through the sandy basin towards the elevated road. You will cross the paved road that leads to/from Riverwood and ride up a short incline to arrive on a dirt trail that runs alongside Big Tujunga Canyon Road right near the 15 MPH curve (where it turns into Oro Vista).

This last stretch is maybe 100 yards of roadside trail. The good news is that it occurs near a hairpin turn, so drivers slow down. The other good news is that it is very close to the starting point of the trail – Oro Vista Park – so if you feel safer dismounting and hand walking your horse along the road, it will not be a terribly long walk. In fact, once arriving at Big Tujunga Canyon Road, you will see Oro Vista Park very clearly. (Which means the horses will see it as well....)

There are several large boulders placed underneath the 15MPH sign, spaced well enough for horses to pass through (but not motorized vehicles). This passage is right along the same cement buttress wall that occurred at the beginning of the ride. Note that sometimes, folks like to sit on the wash side of it and may pop up unexpectedly from behind its 3 foot height.

From here, you can wind your way back to "home base," Oro Vista Park, through the chain link fence opening.

Next month, we will cover another trail that is accessible from Oro Vista Park. Until then, get out and enjoy the blue skies and green grass (we won't have it for long!). Happy Trails!



## Palmdale Tejon Equestrian Park - Barrel Springs Road Successful Clean-up

Written and photographed by Elaine Macdonald, Corral 138 and 22

On Martin Luther King Day January 18, ETI Corral 138 and AV Unit of Backcountry Horsemen held a clean-up along the Barrel Springs Road next to Palmdale's Tejon Equestrian Park. This area is frequented by horsemen and hikers alike.

Horsemen, for supplying a Subway lunch. Subway's manager gave us a discount. The money for food was donated to Backcountry Horsemen from ETI Corral's 20 and 22. These ETI Corrals have donated money to the AV Unit for years for trail maintenance. What a better way to get people out to clean up our trails than to offer to feed them.

Special thank you to Jay Trembley and Andria Witmer for bringing their flatbed trailers to haul trash.

I would like to acknowledge all of our wonderful 30+ volunteers including; ETI Corral 138, Corral 9, Corral 86, AV Unit Backcountry Horsemen, and Antelope Valley Desert Riders. This was truly a good effort between our equestrian groups. We did improve our community and make better our riding area. The morning of the event proved to be quite challenging. The wind was howling and gusting to 34 mph when people began to arrive.



A few months ago Valerie Zera contacted me about our organizations partnering together in a community service project. It was decided that we would concentrate on the area just east of the Barrel Springs Trail and Arena. Valerie and Elaine Macdonald agreed to be co-organizers for the MLK day clean up.

I would like to thank and acknowledge everyone involved in making our clean up a big success.

### Our Sponsors

The City of Palmdale supplied the Tejon Park for staging the event and heavy duty trash bags. Waste Management delivered two 40 foot roll off trash bins.



### Volunteers

Elaine and Bob Macdonald, Valerie Zera, Kimberly and John Dwight, Andria Witmer, Jim and Cyndi Johnson, Idris and Yolanda Lloyd, Susan Mustaffa, Marcy Watton, Georgia Snell, Diane Garton, Pamela and Gordon Sharp, Doreen Petite, Paul and June Frisby, Karen Dagnan, Jay Tremblay, Kelly Carle, Lynn Groskeph, Jerry Stone, Hillary Pullinger, Sal Vasquez, Tawna Born, Judy Slayton, Mary Hultz, Trish Demers, Tony Haigh, Carl Liles. Sorry if your name is not included in the list.



Thank you, AV Unit of Backcountry



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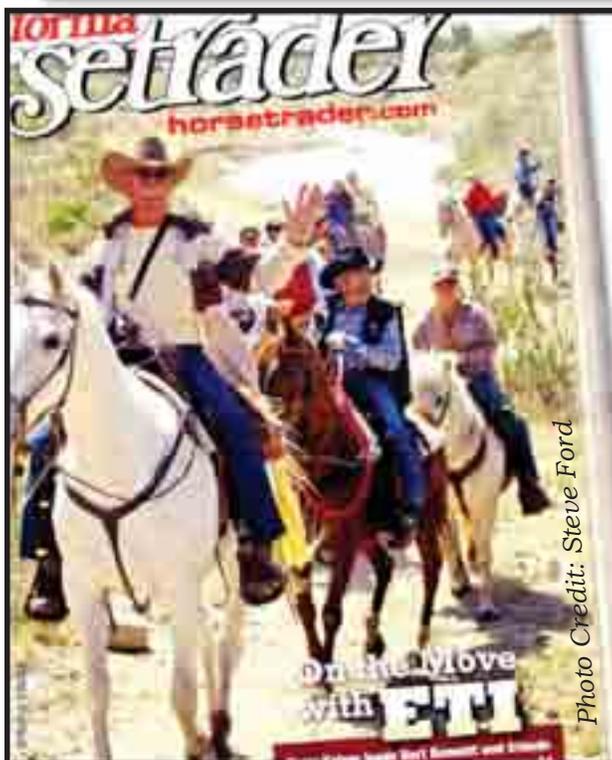
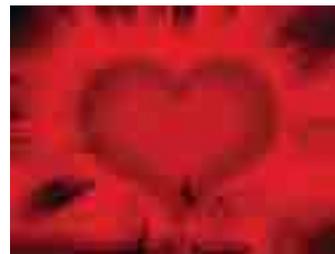
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### Summary of the Clean-up

Kimberly helped to identify these items along Barrel Springs Road...There were over 12 mattresses, broken toilets, 8 couches, 1 camper shell, asphalt roofing shingles, many different pieces of furniture, one large water heater, one refrigerator, one large aquarium, too many televisions to count, chairs, tires, glass, too much grocery trash to count, old tarps, piles of wood, about 1,000 plastic spoons on the ground, jugs of all sorts, old underwear, a pair of jeans and four pairs of boots.



Now that we have made a good effort to clean this area, you can see the bushes again. Let's go ride!



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### Trainers have a passion for horses

Like most horsemen, Rich Mervin feels a special connection to the animals with which he works.

It's a passion that continues to burn deep inside Mervin, a horse trainer from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It's more than just training, though. It's a true understanding of what makes horses tick, and it's a special gift he will carry with him to the next Colt Starting Challenge USA event, set for February 26 & 27, 2016 at the George Ingalls Equestrian Center's covered arena in Norco, CA from 6pm to 9pm on Friday night, and 5pm to 9pm on Saturday night. Tickets are just \$15 per person.

"For me, riding colts and starting colts and showing horses ... that is my breath," he said.

It goes deeper for Mervin than most. Eight years

ago, he was involved in a serious car wreck. He has a traumatic brain injury that went undiagnosed for several years. Just three years ago, he underwent surgery to help.

"There are all kinds of stuff I'm not supposed to do, but that's the buckaroo in me," Mervin said. "I come from a Great Basin Buckaroo family, and for a Great Basin Buckaroo, you're a little bit different."



Written by Ted Harbin



knows his life wouldn't be the same without horses. It's why he works with them every day of his life.

"I gave myself two choices when I was 12 years old; I was going to be a horse trainer, or I was going to move to Spain and be an artist," he said. "I don't know why Spain, but I always had art in my life.

"The horse is my canvas now; it's a creature that can do amazing things."

Mervin paints quite the portrait during Colt Starting Challenge USA events, where he is one of several trainers who work with barely handled young horses over a two-day period. Through natural horsemanship practices, the trainers actually start working their colts in front of the audience while providing details of their techniques.

"For me, it's about the natural horsemanship and trying to help show people the types of things we can do," he said. "I like the competition, but I also like the comradery and the idea that there's more than one way it. There is a whole lot of good talent out there.

"There are only so many young horses out there, and there are only so many first rides. Every horse need to get started somewhere."

The Colt Starting Challenges are the perfect place. The contests are more than competitions; they are ways for trainers to get their names out to the public and to showcase their abilities.

"I try to bring a good level of ability and showcase what



## Colt Starting Challenge USA

I feel is the art of colt starting, which I feel is a lost art," said Evan Bonner of Port Orchard, Wash. "I try to showcase natural horsemanship in a real classic sense. I don't consider it a contest; I feel it's a demonstration."

His approach works. Bonner was one of eight qualifiers to the Colt Starting Challenge USA National Finals last December in Las Vegas. He is a proven trainer, but there are a number of them who will be showcased at events through May and June near the West Coast.

"I do the Colt Starting Challenges because it's the easiest way to put your training talents on display to the public," said Dan Williford of Selma, Ore. "When you're looking at a lot of other horse events, you can be in a roping or a reining horse competition, but the public might not see what you do as a trainer.

"At the Colt Starting Challenges, everybody that is coming to that event is coming to watch trainers."

What they'll see are some amazing trainers using various techniques of natural horsemanship.

"I'm one of the younger guys competing," said Ben Grasso of Potter Valley, Calif. "In a way, I appeal to a different group of people than some of the other trainers. It shows people that it's possible to do these different things regardless of age.

"It also helps people out there find trainers."



While every trainer follows the general "natural horsemanship" style, each has his/her own techniques to starting a young horse. That's another aspect of the challenges that makes it interesting for spectators.

**Written by Ted Harbin**

Horse owners provide the colts to the events, and trainers are matched with their horses by random draw. The trainers will work with them in two sessions on the first day of the competition, then will do two 45-minute sessions on the second day. The final section will include obstacles – such as riding over a tarp, roping a barrel and dragging a pole – to showcase just how far the trainers have come with their colts through the challenge.

"I've gained quite a bit since I've been involved," Bonner said. "I have a better speaking ability in front of the audience, and I'm much more confident. I've also learned about working horses in an efficient manner. It means getting the most out of the horse in that time. It's what your horse needs to do and what your horse can get done.

"Wasting time will get nothing done in a contest."

The methods also can help trainers when they return to their daily duties.

"It forces you to do three to four things instead of six to 10 that you might normally do in starting a colt," Williford said. "You learn to let go of things at home. If you can get the same results by doing a little bit less, it makes you decide what you want to keep in your horse training. I think the Colt Starting Challenge forces you to focus more, and be more clear about what you want to complete."

The challenges also allow for horse owners to get a better understanding as to what is involved in starting a colt.

"Not all of them have seen the colt-starting process," Mervin said. "Seeing the beginning and seeing how important it can be is really great for them.

"To see the amount of progress in such a short time is impressive."

For more information, see [www.coltstartingchallengeusa.com](http://www.coltstartingchallengeusa.com).

Want a sneak peak? <https://youtu.be/DZxiGo7apww>



# Kids Corner





# CORRAL NEWS

## Bonelli MAU

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We have been exploring some new LA County equestrian parks to ride. This weekend we explored the park in Hacienda Heights at 7th street staging area. This trail head is between Schabarum Park to the east and Whittier Narrow to the west...evidently the Schabarum trail connects all these parks. If you would like to explore list, below is how to get started.

There are two great websites developed by the County in the last year that list all the parks and the amenities of the parks...Parks.LaCounty.gov. This website is a research tool. If you are not sure of the park names in your area, it lists all the LA County Parks, amenities, etc. For horse trails click the tab "things to do" and then click tab "horseback riding". Also the website has a trails locator and park locator. The second web site is TrailsLacounty.gov...this is more detailed, and you will have to know the park name to start your research for trails to hike or ride. You can get to the trailsLacounty.gov from the first website as there is a link. Both of these web sites also have a report sections, if you come across something that you would like to report to the county.

## What Makes a Good MAU Volunteer?

We are looking for new members with the following characteristics:

- 1) Demonstrated interest in the equestrian community and supporting the LA County Parks by patrolling as a certified member of one of the four MAU's
- 2) Experienced horsemanship or willingness to obtain necessary experience
- 3) Willingness to serve – commitment
- 4) Ability to serve – time, resources, support
- 6) Reputable – professional, ethical, courteous, cooperative
- 7) Reliable – willing to assume necessary responsibilities
- 8) Leadership and communication skills – able to serve the public, the County, and MAU

## Want to learn more?

Visit us at one of our monthly meetings. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at (7pm) at the Frank G. Bonelli East Shore RV Park Recreation Center (1440 Camper View Road, San Dimas, Ca 91773).

Bonelli MAU

## Whittier Narrows MAU

Mounted Assistance Unit  
 Pres. Karen Thompson  
 (562) 818-7930  
[www.WNMAU.com](http://www.WNMAU.com)

## Corral 2

Pasadena/San Gabriel/Altadena  
 Pres. Betsy Cole  
 (626) 403-4573  
[www.eticorral2.org](http://www.eticorral2.org)



## Corral 3

Walnut Creek  
 Pres. Cindi Hawkins  
 (909) 354-1613

## WALNUT CREEK TRAIL & STAGING AREA CONDITIONS, WATER CROSSINGS, WARNING – TRAIL HAZARDS

The Walnut Creek trail is in very good condition. Water levels are medium, staging areas are clean, and the Reeder arena is being well maintained. As a wilderness area, natural challenges can occur. Should anyone notice difficulties or tricky areas, please advise Cindi or Charlie Hawkins. (And always exercise caution riding after rainy days.)

Walnut Creek trails are more popular than ever. We look forward to seeing more equestrians on the trail, enjoying the natural beauty of the Walnut Creek Wilderness Area.

## PLEASE, JOIN US IN THANKING THOSE WHO VOLUNTARILY HELP KEEP OUR TRAILS CLEAN

We've noticed several trail hikers who take it upon themselves to keep the Walnut Creek trails policed, picking up trash and various litter, discarding refuse properly. They definitely deserve our appreciation.

We encourage other Corrals to reward such volunteers in their neighborhood trails.

## REMINDER – Thank Hikers For Leashing Their Dogs

As always, please remember to thank those enjoying the trails when they show the courtesy and consideration to keep their dogs on a leash.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

ETI Corral 3 will be planning a joint MAU-ETI Spring event (shaping up to be a Memorial Ride and Hootenanny). In addition, the Event Committee members are already in preliminary planning stages for the 3rd Annual Arena Challenge event in the fall. Interested participants



should contact Cindi Hawkins (contact info below).

**ABOUT CORRAL #3**

As MAU members, we're happy to see a noticeable improvement when patrolling the trails in Walnut Creek. Corral 3 is primarily made up of Walnut Creek MAU volunteers as well as area riders. Our meetings are held bi-monthly on the first Thursday of the month (7pm, Bonelli RV Community Center).

Our emphasis is always to help Walnut Creek become a more desirable family venue, and cleaning up the area will also have a greater positive impact for the homes neighboring Walnut Creek.

For more information, email:

Cindi Hawkins, President  
Charlie Hawkins, Secretary

[CindiHawkins@gmail.com](mailto:CindiHawkins@gmail.com)  
[chazhawkins@gmail.com](mailto:chazhawkins@gmail.com)

Charlie Hawkins

**Corral 6**

Windville Riders  
Riverside/Norco/Mira Loma/Corona/Jurupa Valley  
Pres. Michael Frederick  
(951) 688-3122  
[www.eticorral6.info](http://www.eticorral6.info)

**Corral 8**

Rolling Hills Estates/Rancho Palos Verdes  
Pres. Susie Lytal  
(310) 488-4389  
[www.eticorral8.com](http://www.eticorral8.com)



**Corral 9**

Littlerock Trail Blazers  
Pres. Anita Martin  
(661) 944-4732  
[www.eticorral9.org](http://www.eticorral9.org)



We had a great 2015 with our corral and also with riding with other Corrals. We are looking forward to 2016. One of our dear long time members, Gary Crill, had to say goodbye to his horse of 25 years on January 1. We are all sorry for his loss of Salsa. We know how much he loved his dear friend and companion. On December 28, 2015, Val Banks' husband passed away...our prayers go out to her at this time. On a happier note, we have some fun rides planned so far for 2016 with more to be added in the coming months.

January - Renie's annual chili ride on January 17. Contact Renie at (661) 944-2921.

February - La Cabana lunch ride on February 13 with rain date February 20. Contact Anita or Larry Martin at (661) 944-4732.

March - annual St Patrick's Day ride at Hansen Dam on March 13. Contact Dennis Hosack at (661) 733-1885.

March 19 - we are having a ride at Summerland Beach. Contact Pamela or Gordon Sharp at (661) 944-2249.

Hope to see you on the trails.  
Anita Martin

**Corral 10**

Lakeview Terrace  
Pres. Pam Miller Mitchell  
(818) 262-2846  
[www.freewebs.com/lvteticorral](http://www.freewebs.com/lvteticorral)

**Corral 12**

Sylmar Vista Del Valle  
Pres. Patty Hug  
(818) 367-2056  
[www.eticorral12.com](http://www.eticorral12.com)



Tuesday, February 9, will be Corral 12's Pizza Pigout at 7:00pm at Shakey's restaurant at 13701 Foothill Blvd. in Sylmar. We usually have a short business meeting, but mostly we eat and visit with our friends. Some of us will use this opportunity to renew our ETI memberships, myself included.

Our February trail ride is planned for Saturday, February 20, at Chesebro in Old Agoura. We will stage at the community arena, be in the saddle at 10:00, ride a couple of hours, then get consensus to either eat lunch at the rigs or drive a short distance to have lunch at a local restaurant. The staging area isn't very large, so PLEASE horsepool if you can.

Directions to the staging area from the San Fernando Valley: Take Ventura Fwy 101 west/north, exit Chesebro, turn right at end of ramp onto Palo Comado Canyon Road and drive to 4-way stop. Turn right onto Chesebro Road. You might be able to see the large arena on your left. Turn left into the 2nd dirt driveway on your left (so rigs face the same direction in the staging area).

Our March trail ride will be on Saturday, March 12, probably in Acton. (Details later)

Of course, if El Nino wreaks havoc with our event dates, we may cancel or reschedule. Make sure you RSVP so we can notify you of changes.

Details will be provided in upcoming Corral 12 newsletters, or you can call this scribe at (661) 259-7608 for info.

Jeanne Catron-Gonzalez



**Corral 14**

Western Wagons Mojave  
Pres. Sue Martzolf  
(760) 662-6102

**Corral 15**

Marshall Canyon MAU  
San Dimas/LaVerne area  
Pres. Darlene McGrady  
(909) 592-6477  
[marshallcanyonmau.com](http://marshallcanyonmau.com)



**Corral 20**

Shadow Hills Rough Riders  
Pres. Becky Borquez  
(818) 352-3634  
[www.eticorral20.com](http://www.eticorral20.com)



**Corral 21**

Newhall Trail Riders  
Castaic/Canyon Country  
Pres. Kim Sweeney  
(818) 419-2918  
[www.corral21.org](http://www.corral21.org)



Corral 21 List of officers:

- President - Kim Sweeney
- Vice President - Melissa Potts
- Secretary & Media - Rita Shuster
- Treasure & Membership - Dani Patriarca
- Delegates- Tracy Boldroff & Lyn Reynolds
- Parade and Presentations - Tracy Boldroff Jr.
- Assisted Mounted Unit- Darvin White
- National Gymkhana Chairman- Tracy Boldroff

Check out our new program...If you have ever thought of wanting to be part of an assisted mounted patrol, search and rescue or just wanted to expose your horse to more elements and improve your team work with your horse, come join our OCC Jr. Posse. Certifications in Assisted Mounted Unit and First Aid are included in the program.



Open to advanced beginners to skilled riders of all ages. Adults are welcomed and needed to complete program and certification. So once the group has certified members, there will be enough

adults for patrols. Training sessions are the first three Saturdays of every month from 11-1.

Rita Shuster

**We are in a major drought!**  
**ALWAYS BE PREPARED FOR FIRES!**

**THIS SEASON** -- When you drive past the Fire Dept Forestry Unit on Las Virgenes Rd. and notice that the warning sign says "**HIGH FIRE DANGER**", take special notice!!

We are at risk! Our children are at risk! Our animals are at risk! Our homes are at risk! Hell's Bells! The mountains are **DRY**. **BE PREPARED!!**

Get out your copy of "What Do I Do With My Horse In Fire, Flood, and/or Earthquake?"

Every inch of this booklet is helpful whether you own a horse or not. If you can't find your copy, then go to the Equestrian Trails, Inc. national website, [www.etinational.com](http://www.etinational.com), heading for Disaster aid, and download a copy for yourself and maybe even one for your neighbor, too!





### Corral 22

Intervalley Trail Riders  
Pres. Kathleen Ungamrung  
(626) 590-6792  
[www.Corral22.com](http://www.Corral22.com)



I am inviting and encouraging the entire Corral 35 membership and everyone who wants to, to attend our next membership meeting to be held on the third Wednesday of February in the Board Room of the Glendora Unified School District, 500 North Loraine Ave., Glendora at 7:00pm. We plan on having a guest speaker, and of, course, an exciting meeting!

### Corral 34

La Tuna Canyon  
Pres. Jeanette Provolt  
(818) 951-2360

Have a love filled Valentines Day from my heart to yours,  
from Corral 35 and Dottie Hilliard

### Corral 35

Oak Canyon Riding Club  
Glendora  
Pres. Dottie Hilliard  
(626) 335-7112



### Corral 36

Mountain Ridge Riders  
Agoura/Calabasas/Malibu/Monte Nido  
Pres. Vikki Siemons  
(818) 400-0909



In the midst of planning for a successful and fun filled Corral year, calendar dates were whipping through the air like drones at our last Board and Membership meeting. In the scramble of it all, some events were totally scratched, some moved around the calendar like game pieces on a Candyland Board, and some events were added in a moment of event creativity. Needless to say, I am asking you to bear with us and watch for notices of impending events as they are firmed up.

One of my pet peeves in life are the folks who sit around whining and down-mouthing things like the local government, politicians, the drought, ETI, or the next door neighbors barking dog. Imagine my embarrassment when my neighbor mentioned that he always knew when we were not home because our dog barked the entire time. We had no idea. We were not home. Get off your duff and do something about it!! Help find a solution. Go to a City Council meeting, volunteer for a support group of your interests, run for office, talk to folks in a positive manner, and/or write a letter to the newspaper. Get involved! Negativity subtracts and positivity is a plus sign.

With this locker room half time talk, I want to once again thank the people who supported ETI by buying a ticket for the Opportunity Drawing we recently held to raise some funds for our parent organization, Equestrian Trails, Inc. You raised \$4,600. \$2,300 went to the winner of the drawing, Karen Dagnan of Corral 86 with ticket #38, and \$2,300 went to ETI, Inc. As the saying goes, "you put your money where your mouth was". Good job! You got involved.

Keeping all of this positive energy going forward is not an easy task. Please try to focus on the amazing things that can be accomplished with not a great deal of effort, but with a smile and a hug.



### "LET'S MAKE OUR CIRCLE BIGGER"

President's Message ~ Susan Carr

I often forget that spending my mornings mucking and feeding while navigating a thousand pound animal or two is not exactly a mainstream routine here in our Los Angeles neighborhoods. While most people rise and rush off to spin or bend before work, like

many of you I tend to paddocks and tack rooms and the immediate needs of our horses Chase and Riley. Not long gone, however, are the days when horses were essential in civilization, until the invention of steam engines in the 19th century and then cars in the 20th century. Soon after, horses disappeared from the streets, and such began their existence merely for the pleasure of their owners for things like trail riding, hunting, polo and racing. Now, for the most part outside our equestrian circles, horses are few and far between. It might just be my perception, but there seems to be fewer young riders around. When I think about it I get sad.

On a brighter note, it's so refreshing to encounter people who don't often see horses. The joy on their faces usually is enough to make my day! The brief equine encounter usually makes theirs. Why not spread the joy and share the equine experience? I don't mean on Facebook or Instagram. It's true, cute pictures of Riley's face or Chase smiling get the most attention on my social networking. But let's get real, folks! There is tremendous value in having real equine experiences. Reach out to friends, not just by posting a picture of your horse and hoping for them to "like" it, but by saddling up together or just hanging around and relaxing



with the help of our horses. That's worthy of sharing.

Perhaps for many of you owning horses can feel like a big chore or simply part of a busy schedule. However, what they give back is incomparable. Our horses keep us plugged into reality (priceless) and help curb indulgence in technology. They keep us fit. They can brighten our spirits in an instant and make us feel youthful and playful no matter our years. How lucky are we? Let's widen our circle and share this wealth. Connecting with horses doesn't have to be just a social networking experience for our non-equestrian friends and neighbors. Open the gates and make the bond real for them too! Happy trails.

**February 2 – Corral 36 Meeting** 7:00pm at the home of Ruth Gerson, 3450 Cornell Rd, Agoura (South of 101 Freeway) (818) 991-1236. **PRESENTATION FOR THE RONALD REAGAN EQUESTRIAN CAMPGROUND AT MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK.**

**MEET SOME OF Corral 36 BOARD MEMBERS**



Vikki Siemons  
Vice President



Jeff Davidson  
Treasurer



Heather Faucher  
Secretary

**Horse Properties without Coastal Development Permits (CDP)** YIPPIE! Some of our neighbors in Monte Nido now have their Permits for their Horse Keeping Facilities.

**Folks – SPRING IS ALMOST HERE. SPRING is when plants bloom and birds and animals nest - THIS IS THE TIME YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR BIOLOGICAL RESOURCE STUDY DONE.** A biological study may be critical for your application for horse facilities, whether or not you are currently keeping a horse. You may also be required to have a survey of your native trees (Oaks, Sycamores, Willow, Walnut, etc.).

**CHECK WITH L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING TO FIND OUT IF YOU GET TO KEEP YOUR HORSES AT HOME or to KEEP YOUR BARN OR CORRAL!**

DROP IN TO VISIT the L A County Calabasas One-Stop Center at 26600 Agoura Rd., Suite 110, Calabasas. Talk with Marie Waite. [mwaite@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:mwaite@planning.lacounty.gov). Calabasas office hours are limited to Wednesday and Thursday à from 7:00 to 11:00am. Take your title deed, all your building permits for your property with you if you have them. If you cannot find them, you can request copies from the County.

**STALLS, ROOF SHELTERS, AND/OR ALL FENCING TO CONTAIN HORSES** – even if you do not currently own a horse, and you want to maintain your property value with that horse facility intact – the NEW LAWS state that you MUST have a permit from Los Angeles County. Permit power is now in the hands of L.A. County for the UNINCORPORATED areas in the Santa Monica Mountains for a limited time. Very importantly, the application for the "Special Compliance Permit must be completed no later than October 10, 2016. After that, the Special Compliance Permit will disappear forever.

Regional Planning's One-Stop center at 26600 Agoura Rd. in Calabasas has lightened the workload and fees for you. There is no cost for an initial visit.

We recommend that property owners with equestrian facilities should not delay any longer and should seriously consider commencing the application process NOW.

You are also welcome to reach out to Josh Huntington (213)974 6462, [jhuntington@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:jhuntington@planning.lacounty.gov).

~~Stephanie Abronson,  
ETI Corral 36 Newsletter Editor



At the Agoura Equestrian Park  
C-36 Lessons Continue –  
Instructor Karen Curtis

Lessons at the Agoura Equestrian Park, corner of Chesebro Rd. and Driver Ave. sponsored by Corral 36, Wednesdays, horsemanship classes start at 9:00 A.M. - be warmed up and ready to ride. Cost is \$15.00 per person and you must sign releases. Fun exercises using ground poles. All levels of riders and horses welcome. You are welcome to enroll any time during the year. Come join us. Please contact Jeanne Wallace (818) 222-2560 – for information and if you plan to attend. Thank you.

Jeanne Wallace



### Local Trails – 2016 Monte Nido Trails Maintenance Fund

Remember trail clearing only happens when you participate physically or with your hard-earned \$\$\$'s so we can hire a work crew. To contribute to our Corral 36 Trails Maintenance Program, please send your contribution to Jeanne Wallace, 1710 Cold Canyon Road, Calabasas, CA 91302. For information call (818) 222-2560.



### FUN WITH COWS CLINIC

April 2-3, 2016 Tejon Ranch, Lebec, CA

Come join 4-Star Senior Parelli Professional Maurice Thibault in a "Fun with Cows" Clinic held at the historic & beautiful Tejon Ranch.



For Registration Information, contact 3L Ranch [susanph@yahoo.com](mailto:susanph@yahoo.com), (661) 822-7133 | [www.the3lrancho.com](http://www.the3lrancho.com)



Orange County

February 3 through February 14, 2016

10% off evening shows\* Code: HORSE

Tickets: 866.999.8111; [www.cavalia.net](http://www.cavalia.net).

**Feb. 5-7 -Calabasas Saddlery Annual Sale**

### What is a "Fun with Cows Clinic"

Let's offer something different, interesting and mind challenging to your horse. Let's break the monotony of "dry" work, and do something interactive with those skills you may have been practicing! Let's have fun with cows! Over the two-day clinic, you will introduce your horse to cattle. You will have the opportunity to build your horse's confidence, gain leadership as a rider, circle cattle, enter a herd, select a cow and drive the cow to a chosen location. This is not a cow chasing affair; it is about the partnership and communication between you and your horse with a specific goal in mind. Making the horses confident is our number one priority. You will have the chance to work individually as well as with team members. Improve Yourself - Improve Your Horse – Have FUN!

### Equine Deep Tissue Massage Clinic

Hands-On Series to Learn and Practice

**EQUINE MASSAGE w/ Aleta McCormick**

*Special in the techniques of Aleta McCormick's Copyrighted Manual for the Equine Bodyworker!*

- IDENTIFY & ALLEVIATE MUSCLE SPASMS & FIBROSIS WITH APPROVED
- PREVENT TORSION, TIC, LEVEL DEEP TISSUE MASSAGE (BUT FORMERLY NOT)
- WORK WITH YOUR HORSE WHILE ENJOYING REAL BENEFITS!
- OPPORTUNITY TO COOPERATE WITH ALL LEVELS!

#### ABOUT ALETA MCCORMICK:

California certified human massage therapist, Aleta McCormick has devoted more than 25 years of her life to educating horse owners and promoting her unique, self-developed method of addressing deep tissue muscular performance issues, injured tissues, and certain Aletas. Aleta, a horse owner herself, applied and transferred her accumulated training, skill and experience in human massage work into horses, after realizing that deep tissue massage can enhance human performance and provide assessments and repairs. She developed her own unique, intensive, deep tissue massage and bodywork techniques over many years working on both horses and other animal species.

Online at [www.aletamassage.org](http://www.aletamassage.org)

Space limited to ten participants. There will be horses for participants to work on. Trailer parking available w/ advance notice.



#### CLINIC LOCATION: MONTE NIDO

511 Mountain View, Monte Nido 91302

CLINIC DATES: WEDNESDAY / MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23 (with a 4-day clinic)

CLINIC TIME: 1:30 - 3:30 pm

\$400 per participant includes the four-part series in March and two evenings with full payment due by Friday, Feb. 20th

RSVP & SIGN UP! Contact Susan Carr (714) 401-0663 [Trails@equestriantrails.com](mailto:Trails@equestriantrails.com)

#### ABOUT ELSA

Founded in 2006, ELSA is a non-profit organization that provides youth and young adults with equestrian and other special needs programs. We provide a fun and safe environment, along with instruction in the riding arena, programs and in their classrooms, and provide services and support to the riding community and in their classrooms. We provide services and support to the riding community and in their classrooms. We provide services and support to the riding community and in their classrooms.



**BUCK BRANNAMAN**

April 1, 2, 3, 4, 2016 @ Hansen Dam Equestrian Center 1127 Orcas Ave Lake View Terrace Cal.

Classes- Foundation and Horsemanship 1

\$700. per class; \$200. non-refundable deposit

Food Available-Free Parking

No-dogs Please

Stabling fees and Arena fees are extra.

Call Sally Sandor at 323-867-8085 for

availability for classes. [Brannaman.com](http://Brannaman.com)



**Corral 37**

Conejo Riders, Thousand Oaks  
 Pres. Ken Young  
 (805) 499-4970  
[www.eti37.org](http://www.eti37.org)



We ended up canceling the "Drive In" ride on January 23 due to predicted wind and rain. As it turns out, we could have done the ride, as it only sprinkled, and the wind didn't come up until after the ride would have been over.

**Corral 38**

Griffith Park Equestrians  
 Burbank/Glendale  
 Pres. Diana Hoch  
 (818) 841-6422  
[www.corral38eti.com](http://www.corral38eti.com)



January 16 was the annual ETI Presidents' luncheon in Pasadena. Cindy Franey attended with me, and we learned that someone needs to step up to take the leadership role of President and a couple other positions. We also talked about getting ALL the clubs together, kind of like a presidents luncheon, to talk and exchange ideas.

**Corral 43**

Tri Valley Riders  
 Nuevo/Riverside/Norco/Hemet  
 Pres. Sonya Haffner  
 (951) 928-4566



February 5-7 is the Horse Expo at the Pomona Fairgrounds, and I know quite a few of our horse club members are going.

**Corral 54**

Rocky Hill Riders, Chatsworth  
 Pres. Mary Kaufman  
 (818) 326-5772  
[www.etiCorral54.com](http://www.etiCorral54.com)

February 20 - 21 is our scheduled trail ride at the Bredelis ranch in Newberry Springs. We have also added private/semi private lessons with Linda Laird of the Double L Ranch in Bishop, tack swap meet, and BBQ! If anyone wants to spend the weekend, that will be accommodated, too.

Don't miss our general meetings each month. We have added "helpful tips" and an "equine quiz". Come have some fun and broaden your equine knowledge, too!

Beth Uzonyi/President  
[bethygirl55@aol.com](mailto:bethygirl55@aol.com)

**Corral 57**

Sespe Riders, Ojai  
 Pres. Linda Dezeuw  
 (805) 205-4816  
[www.etiCorral57.org](http://www.etiCorral57.org)



**Corral 70**

Cross Road Riders  
 Lucerne/Apple Valley  
 Sue Purbaugh  
 (760) 953-8556

**Corral 65**

Kern Equestrian Riders, Bakersfield  
 Pres. Alberta Dougherty  
 (661) 808-8595

**Corral 77**

Saugus Saddle Club  
 Saugus/Castaic/Valencia  
 Pres. Liz Ekeberg  
 (661) 297-7669



**Corral 66**

Route 66 Riders, Barstow/Hinkley  
 Pres. Beth Uzonyi  
 (760) 255-4767



**Corral 83**

Tehachapi Mountain Riders  
 Tehachapi  
 Pres. Peggy Bergman-Smith  
 (661) 331-4995



Wow, has it been cold this winter. Lots of frozen horse waterers, that is for sure.

We had our wonderful Christmas party and year end high point presentation at the Idle Spurs Steakhouse in December. Everyone with two points and above received a really nice embroidered duffel bag...thanks to Deanne Nevarez and her husband Jerry, who donated the bags to the club. We also conducted elections, and the officers remain the same for 2016...Beth Uzonyi/President, Jeanette Hayhurst/Vice President, Diane Bubier/Secretary, and Cindy Franey/Treasurer.



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Search for "Equestrian Trials, Inc."



### Corral 86

Vasquez Vaqueros  
Aqua Dulce/Canyon Country/Acton  
Co-Pres. Karen Dagnan  
(661) 268-8771  
Co-Pres. Heather Kaufman  
(661) 360-5151  
[www.eti86.com](http://www.eti86.com)



I am one of the newer members of Corral 86, also a new resident of Agua Dulce. When my husband and I started looking for a new home out of the city (10 years living in the heart of Los Angeles), we were looking at two different areas, Topanga Canyon and Acton/Agua Dulce. We soon realized the BIG differences between the two areas...Acton/Agua Dulce is a truly rural area with a strong sense of community...and great trails! When I was looking online for information about our soon to be new home, one of the things I came across was the Corral 86 website, and it was one of the reasons I knew this was going to be the place for us. Within days of moving in, my new neighbor Karen Dagnan welcomed us to the neighborhood and told me about what a great group Corral 86 and all the ETI Corrals were.

I have been a horse owner all my life. My first pony was Kellie when I was 4 then my Mustang Gypsy when I was 14... and so on. I ended up with a big break from horses, living in the city and having my now ten year old twin boys. I was definitely ready to have horses back in my life again and to introduce them to my husband and kids. Now, we have three Mustangs, and I am so happy to be back in the equestrian world.

Corral 86 has really been a great way to meet neighbors and make new friends. We have great rides and camping trips together and our potluck meetings are a nice way to visit and stay in touch with each other. It's only been a year and a half since we moved here, but I already feel like a local and a big part of that has been being a member of this group.

The fact that I am now co-president, with my wonderful neighbor and friend Karen, was a bit daunting at first, but everyone has been so supportive that it has made it feel comfortable. I know that we as a team can make this a year filled with fantastic rides and great adventures!! Happy 2016, ETI!!

Heather Kaufman  
Co-President



### Corral 88

Tri Community Horsemen  
Phelan/Pinon Hills/Wrightwood  
Pres. Eileen Martin  
(760) 447-2069  
[www.corral88.org](http://www.corral88.org)



Our January meeting was a mix of planning for another trail clinic and competition at the Pitzler's Greystone Ranch (October...no date set yet) and a "how to" hands on Reiki for Horses in the Figley's barn. Several members got lost finding the Figley's place. Two found a naked man in army boots screaming at them, abandoned the search, turned their truck around and went to the local cantina giggling their evening away!

Next meeting will be in town at the Pizza Factory on the second Thursday at 7pm.

Susie Figley

### Corral 99

Tulare Country Joy Riders  
Tulare/Kaweah/Three Rivers/Visalia  
Pres. Joanne Boswell  
(559) 561-2218  
[www.eticorral99.com](http://www.eticorral99.com)



### Corral 103

Hesperia Happy Horsemen  
Hesperia/Apple Valley  
Pres. Lou Griggs  
(760) 885-6077



### Corral 118

Simi Valley  
Pres. Dan Mayer  
(805) 581-3150  
[www.eti118.org](http://www.eti118.org)



### SVAC Annual Awards Banquet February 28, 2016 at Elks Lodge, Simi Valley Reservation Deadline is February 10

Corral 118's Simi Valley Awards Circuit Annual Awards Banquet is the official party celebrating a successful show season and the WINNERS for 2015. The awards and prizes are truly legendary! Check our website at [www.eti118.org](http://www.eti118.org) for the reservation form and further details.

### 2016 Corral 118 Horse Shows

The dates have been scheduled. There will be five shows this season. Mark your calendars! All shows are held at the Arroyo/Gateway Equestrian Center in Simi Valley.



April 3  
 May 15  
 June 12  
 August 28  
 October 2 \*

**Corral 138**

Barrel Springs Riders  
 Antelope Valley/Palmdale  
 Pres. Kimberly Dwight  
 (661) 478-2770  
[www.eti138.com](http://www.eti138.com)



\* **NEW!** In lieu of a rain date, the October 2nd show will be DOUBLE-JUDGED in the event that any of the previous shows are canceled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstance.

Please go to our website for all the important stuff! Show Rules, Premiums, Entry Forms, Waivers, Sponsorship Forms, Newsletters, Announcements, etc.

**Winter Riding**

While we may all be in weather-watch mode, waiting for those "big rains" to hit or dealing with short days, cold and wind – it is a strange fact here in our area of California that some of the best riding of the year takes place now. Days can be mild and so pleasant with little dust and no bugs. Ideal for a leisurely trail ride. Get out there and enjoy your horse.

And keep in mind that the ETI TRAP program may be something that you want to try. Ride the trails, log your time, it's pretty simple. Set your own goals at your own pace. It's a valuable tool in documenting equestrian trail usage for crucial legislation. Check the website at [www.eti118.org](http://www.eti118.org) to get you started.

**Keep Learning!**

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It's a lot of fun and you can't help but learn something! Learning is good!

Happy Valentine's Day! Love the horses in your life.

Good riding 'til next time!  
 Beth Haney

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We've had a very busy month. Cold and wind does not stop us. Marcy Watton led a large five hour ride to Golner Gulch by Red Rock Canyon State Park in Mojave where they explored Holland Camp (the reservoir for the town of Goler back when 150 miners and their families lived in the gulch), an exploration around the top of the imploded volcano mesa and Garlock-Goler cemetery.

January 18, the Corral and Back Country Horsemen cleaned up trash along Barrel Springs Road near the arena we frequently use and stage our Trail Trial. (Next TT is April 24). We had 34 volunteers give up their holiday to help, and we filled two large 40 foot roll-off dumpsters in two hours. Valerie Zera bought cookies and drinks from Costco. We had planned to get sandwiches from Subway and enjoy the shelter and picnic tables the Corral put up last year. It was just too cold and windy to sit outside. Subway let us bring our own drinks and extras, and we ate in their local restaurant on 25th and Ave S in Palmdale. If you go there, please thank them.

January 19, a few of us went to the very worthwhile meeting put on by the County of Los Angeles and Palmdale Parks and Recreation. Everyone who attended the meeting was given ten green sticky back dots. Dozens of potential park projects were discussed. The city listed Tejon Equestrian Park (Barrel Springs Arena) with potential amenities of a PAVED parking lot!, utilities and restroom. I could barely contain myself in telling them we NEVER want pavement. We know utilities are out of the question, but a bathroom is the only thing needed. Several people who knew they had to leave early handed me their green dots and asked to have them put on our paper on the wall for the restroom. I think the average number of green dots on any sheet was less than a dozen. We had



so many they had to have another sheet attached. I added last week's little dots just to let them know I'd been to both meetings! I wanted to make sure we had a picture of all our dots. Marcy Watton modeled next to it.

Thank you for attending Marcy, Paul Frisby, Andria



Witmer, Kathy Rush, Leah Frankenberg and especially Cyndi and Jim Johnson who showed up for the meeting on his birthday!

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Here are February's activities:

Saturday, February 6: Trail maintenance at 9:00 led by Kristen H. Meet at O'Neill Park. For more information, contact Kristen at (949) 444-1990.

Monday, February 15: Ride to Cooks Corner. Meet at O'Neill Park Arena at 9:00. Contact Jimmy I. for more information at (714) 612-1789.

Saturday, February 27: End of the Month Ride. Meet at O'Neill Park Arena at 10:00. Contact Debbie K. at (949) 244-0670 for more information.

Patti Gomez  
Secretary

REMINDS ME OF A STORY.....  
By James M. Iacono

About 18 years ago the economy was good and we decided we could run a beginning riding lesson business to help offset the cost of our horses. What could be better than bringing new blood...usually energetic, eager, enthusiastic young girls...to the sport we so loved, and dreamed about similarly when we were young? I loved the buzz at the barn on Saturday morning. Two and even three kids at a time, several times on the weekend, can cook up smiles and laughter all around. But that doesn't just happen for beginning riders unless you have beginner horses! Which aren't as easy to find as one might think?

We were blessed to come across and adopt a professional lesson horse for the last 16 years of her life. Cerise passed this past week at the mature age of 31 having introduced many a beginning rider to saddles, stirrups and smiles. She never met a rider she didn't



welcome. She never refused to follow commands. She ALWAYS gave timid riders more confidence.

And that's where this story begins. You see, this is just as much about Cerise, as it is about how horses can inspire people to give more of themselves than they even knew they had. What is it about horses that stretch one into becoming a responsible human being? Even though horses seem like huge, strong, independent, self-

sufficient animals, in captivity they rely on us for practically everything... food, water, shoes, exercise, health care.... And if you decide to take ownership of a horse, you learn to focus less on yourself, and more on the needs of your companion. Many a mother of our students would often comment, "She doesn't spend that much time brushing her OWN hair!" What is it about the horse that makes that progression possible; that motivates us to move outside of ourselves? I believe it is their majesty that they inherently carry, that we want to connect to. They stand taller than we, they confidently stride, and they turn heads if we bring them in public. To think we contribute toward that? Why not make that investment?

We came to know someone in our Club, Debbie Johnson, who had been one of those beginning riders who became confident riding Cerise. She had always loved horses, but had some experiences that shattered rather than built up her nerve. For some time, Cerise, through unspoken understanding, allowed her to find that nerve that she had lost. But sadly, she met Cerise when she was starting to slow down, starting to stumble a bit. Her mind and heart were willing, but her body was weakening. She was 29 and arthritic. We retired Cerise, and for the next several months she began losing weight and will. We prepared ourselves for the rapidly approaching end.



Enter Debbie again. She said that Cerise had given her confidence around horses and asked if she could have Cerise, and she would start taking care of her. We thought, "Why not?" Let her last few months be pleasurable, let her have a soft landing. Debbie started researching arthritis, called the vet out for a complete physical, and changed her diet, added supplements, bought special shampoos. Within 3 months, the change was noticeable. She began gaining weight, her coat became shiny, and she strode around the arena with the other horses without shrinking from them. Our farrier



asked if she was a new horse. The renaissance went on for two years, Cerise whinnying whenever Debbie drove up... looking forward to the treats, the brushing, the caressing, the caring. Really after all she gave us she was getting what she deserved. Thank you Debbie... I think you both got two great years of purpose, pleasure, and just feeling good... about yourselves, and about each other.

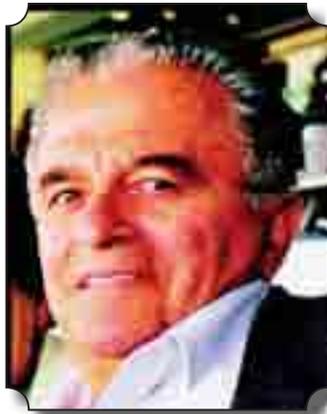
You see, WC Fields line works both ways. "The best thing for the inside of a person is the outside of a horse." And, my version: "The best thing for the outside of a horse is a person who has moved outside of themselves."

#### REMINDS ME OF ANOTHER STORY

By James M. Iacono

WHERE IS THE BAR? (and I don't mean a cantina!)

I recently have been telling stories about my Dad. Sadly he just passed away this past month after 89 years of walking this earth, being a husband, a hard working provider, and more importantly to me, a Dad. Dads have lots of responsibilities, but maybe none more important than being the impresser. Much of what the Dad does and says is absorbed by little ears and little eyes and help shape the possessor of those senses into what he or she eventually believes and even becomes.



The story I am thinking of is actually two stories...bookend conversations with my Dad; one at the beginning and one near the end of my athletic career. The first one I was nine years old, and I had started playing Little League baseball. In those days, the age spread for Little League was 9-12, so nine year olds competed with and against 12 year olds. So my first year not much was expected of me because a 12 year old's fastball is a little hard for a nine year old to catch up to. One of the first regular season games I played in, I came up to bat with the tying run on second base, two outs in the bottom of the last inning. I could hear shouts of encouragement from the dugout, and from the stands. "Come on Jimmy, you can do it! Knock 'em in Jimbo! Have a good eye, Ike." But I was no match for the moment. When I swung and missed the third pitch, the shouting from our side stopped, and I could feel the tears welling up in my eyes. We lost the game, and I felt responsible. After the game, I was inconsolable, but my Dad wanted to lift my spirits, so he took me to our favorite little hangout, the Hamburger Hut on Gaffey Street in San Pedro. Maybe a chocolate malt and a cheeseburger would ease the pain I'm sure he was thinking. Well, I stopped sniveling long enough to suck in

a good gulp of cool chocolate when my father offered his best stab at encouragement. "No reason to hang your head son. That third one you missed, if you had hit that, it would have FLEW!" Right, I thought, there was hope. All I needed to do next time was connect, and pow! Who knows what would happen then? The sky was the limit...literally. And I think he believed that as well. He was able to suggest that in failure there was unbridled hope.

The second story took place eight years later. During those eight years, my father probably witnessed over 100 more of my baseball games, 200 basketball games and a handful of football games. I had been on several good teams during my basketball career, in fact one year winning the California State Boy's Club Championship, and going to Indiana where we finished 3rd nationally. So my Father tasted some success with me over the years. But my senior year in a high school was not one of my better teams. We had managed to eke into the playoffs, so our first matchup was against a highly seeded team, and we were soundly trounced. When I got to the car, gone was the grace that my father had offered eight years earlier. He groused in disgust, "You guys played like a bunch of amateurs!" It was bad enough that we had lost soundly, and that I knew I had probably played my last game of organized competitive basketball. So I snottily retorted, "Dad, we ARE amateurs."

What does this have to do with anything? Well, it really can mimic our relationship with our horses. When we first get a horse, maybe he's a little green, maybe a little unfinished, but we love the idea of a new horse. We set the bar a little low, not much is expected, so if there is some glimmer of success, we are pleased. With a little luck, we "would have flew!" So time passes, and we begin to expect more.... But when success doesn't come, we grumble and complain and blame the horse. "You'll always just be an AMATEUR", we think. Well, guess what? If our horse is ridden infrequently, if our horse isn't on a

"good team," how do we think he will become "professional?" Why do we expect he will be any different than he was that first time when we envisioned promise in failure?

So if my father taught me anything with these two stories, it is that he showed me human nature. We start off full of grace and hope and encouragement, and we expect that time alone will transform promise into success. So what will I do with this awareness? We are coming into a New Year. Maybe it's time to get my horse on an everyday regimen... take him to a clinic... Watch some natural horsemanship videos.... Call in a trainer for a 10 pack of lessons. Whatever I do, I know I need to put in the time and the effort and the energy if I want to move from promise to success.

Thanks, Dad.



## ETI National Programs

**Gymkhana** High Point Series was initiated in 2010. The program is based on CA Gymkhana Assoc. (CGA) rules. Open to all age riders in all Corrals. Chairperson is Tracy Boldroff ([tracyboldroff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tracyboldroff@sbcglobal.net)). Contact her to join the High Point Gymkhana Program or to have your Corral hold a High Point Gymkhana or become the chair.



**Trail Rider Award Program** (TRAP) keeps computerized logs on how many hours members are riding. In this day and age, when trails are giving way to housing developments, it is crucial that records be kept on trail usage. ETI Corrals in all areas are finding themselves having to defend their riding areas more and more against encroaching civilization. On several occasions, TRAP records have been instrumental in maintaining trail access.



**Horse Shows** ETI has a National High Point Circuit. High Point Chair for 2016 is Susan Pfann (626) 221-0829 [Etihighpoint2015@gmail.com](mailto:Etihighpoint2015@gmail.com). Non-ETI members can participate in our ETI High Point Shows. But to be a part of the National High Point Circuit you must be an ETI member. You can sign up for the Circuit any time during the season, but must compete a specified number of times in your chosen classes to win awards. Points towards year end awards start accumulating on the date you sign up with the high point program.



ETI TRAP acknowledges hours in the saddle with shoulder patches & pins that can be attached almost anywhere. The fee to join TRAP is only \$12.00 (you must maintain current ETI membership); then the TRAP membership is maintained each year for only \$6.00. You will start by receiving the TRAP main shoulder patch and your log sheets. As you achieve the hour goals additional patches will be sent to you. Carol Elliott is the TRAP chair. Please contact (760) 963-8209 or [happy2appy@yahoo.com](mailto:happy2appy@yahoo.com).

The **Junior Ambassador Program** is open to all ETI youth age 7 to 21. Boys are welcome for the Prince and King category. Applications for the program may be obtained by calling Michelle Kraut at the ETI Office (818) 698-6200 or [equestriantrails@outlook.com](mailto:equestriantrails@outlook.com). The completed forms are due back in the office in May 1st with all fees, sponsors, autobiography and pictures. This is a great way for our youth to represent their Corral and ETI. Participants volunteer their time at several mandatory events as well as many horse shows; trail trials, parades, trail dedications, quarterly dinner meetings and fun events just for the Junior Ambassador Court such as the retreat! Contact Michelle or any of the girls who have participated for more info on the fun activities.



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