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Presidents Notes

Well – we’re off to new start in the New Year. Some of us joined the Valencia County Sheriff’s Posse on an easy trail ride on the West Mesa this past weekend. It was a lot of fun and a chance to meet new people.

Our first event this year is the “annual” Ride and Social at the Kiva RV Park. It’s a lot of fun (when the weather cooperates) and a chance to get those green horses some work after a long, not-so-cold winter. See the details in the newsletter and come to the next meeting to work out the details.

Happy Trails – Becky

CALENDAR

Sat, 7 Feb	Coggins/Shot/Microchip Clinic - Call Becky 861-1025 Valencia Count Sheriff’s Posse Facilities	
Wed, 18 Feb	February Monthly Business Meeting Bosque Farms Community Center	7:00 PM
Sat, 21 Feb	Training Ride/Event Competition Kiva RV Park	10:00 AM
Wed, 18 Mar	March Monthly Business Meeting Bosque Farms Community Center	7:00 PM
Sat, 21 Mar	Training Ride San Lorenzo Canyon	10:00 AM
11-13 September	BCHNM Rendezvous Gila National Forest – Make your plans NOW!	

That Time of Year – Time to Pay Dues

One more reminder. It's that time of year again for renewing your membership to the Middle Rio Grande Chapter. The dues are \$25 per year for singles and \$35 per year for families. This includes your BCHA State and National dues and your subscription to the BCHA National Newsletter. Bring your checks to the next meeting or mail them to the Chapter P.O. Box 3398, Los Lunas, NM 87031.

Coggins Test, Shot, and Microchip Clinic

The Valencia County Sheriff's Posse is holding Coggins test, Microchipping, and Shot Clinic on Saturday, 7 Feb. The Posse is participating in a parade in Tucson, and all their horses need to be current, so they decided to hold a clinic that is open to the public. You can also get your permanent hauling papers (initial issue or upgrade to the new digital papers) for a small fee. Call Becky (861-1025) for details on times and directions to the Posse facilities.

February Training Ride

Diane will host the "annual" Winter Ride and Social at the Kiva RV Park on Saturday, 21 February. The ride on the mesa will include some games and horse skill tests to add to the fun. The Chapter will provide the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs for the BBQ after the ride and everyone should bring a side to share. See the details below. PLEASE RSVP to JoAnn or Diane (505-861-0693) so we know who to plan for. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING AN OLD BARN RELIC YOU DON'T WANT ANYMORE - APPROPRIATELY WRAPPED (BROWN PAPER BAG) - FOR THE GIFT SWAP**

Date: Saturday, 21 February 2005 – Ride starts at 11:00 A.M.

Training Ride Trail Boss: RSVP to Becky - 505-861-1025

Rendezvous: 10:00 a.m. at the Kiva RV Park in Bernardo

Weather Go/no-go: If weather seems questionable, call Becky after 6 p.m. Friday, 20 February

Directions: Take I-25 South to Exit 175. The Kiva RV Park is just off the exit. It's about 30 minutes from the Los Lunas exit on I-25 (Exit 203)

March Training Ride

Everyone at the meeting thought San Lorenzo Canyon – our good old early spring standby – was a good way to start the training ride season. It's scheduled for 21 March. Come to one of the next meetings to get more details.

Country Supply Connection

Don't forget our partnership with Country Supply and the rebate that goes to the Chapter. Go to <http://www.countrysupply.com> and order as usual. When you go to check out, there is a box to enter our "Country Care" code - "mrgbchnm." Just enter the code and the Chapter gets a contribution.



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