

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CHAPTER

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**February 2010**

**Chapter Notes**

We're off and running with this year's activities. The first training ride is this weekend (Saturday, 6 Feb – see the details below), and JoAnn is working on the first work project scheduled for 20 March. That project will be a maintenance and trash pick-up ride on our adopted trail in the Mountaineer Ranger District – Priest Canyon.

Happy Trails

<b>CALENDAR</b>		
Sat, 6 Feb	Training Ride – Rio Grande Trail Lemitar Exit off I-25 – JoAnn 864-1254	11:00 AM
Thur, 18 Feb	February Monthly Business Meeting Fat Sat's Bar and Grill – Belen, NM Come early and have dinner	7:15 PM
Sat, 20 Feb	Training Ride – Tentative Final Plans at Feb Meeting	
Sat 20 Mar	Work Project – Priest Canyon Mountaineer Ranger District	

**Meeting Date and Location Reminder**

Don't forget about our change in date and location for the February meeting. By popular demand, our meeting dates have been changed to the **THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**. The next meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, 18 February, at Fat Sat's Bar and Grill. (It's listed as Fat Fat's in the phone book and online.) We've also moved the start time to 7:15, so those that need a little more time to get there can make it. Also plan on coming early for dinner (about 6 PM) and check out a new place to eat.

**Directions:** From I-25, go to the Exit 195 (Belen By-pass Exit) and head East toward WalMart. Fat Sat's is #51 on the North side of the highway, right across from Taco Bell and before you get to Wal-Mart. From the Belen direction, go past WalMart and look for it on the right.

If anyone has ideas on where to hold meetings, check out whether they have banquet rooms or backrooms, and let Rodney know.

### **February Training Ride**

JoAnn will lead a training ride on Saturday, 6 Feb, along the Rio Grande Trail in Socorro starting near Escondido Lake. This will be a fairly easy ride along the Rio Grande on an established part of the Rio Grande Trail. There are a couple pics of the trail Arlene took on her last visit are posted on the website -

<http://middleriogrande.bchm.org/Escondido.htm> The ride will be about 3-4 hours, including a stop for lunch, so pack something to eat.

**Date:** Saturday, 6 Feb 2010 – Ride starts about 11:30 A.M.

**Training Ride Trail Boss:** RSVP to JoAnn - 505-864-1254

**Rendezvous:** 11:00 a.m. at the gas station at the Lemitar Exit (Exit 156) just off I-25. Caravan leaves promptly at 11:15. Be there or be square.

**Weather Go/no-go:** If weather seems questionable, call Joann after 6 p.m. Friday, 5 Feb

**Directions:** Take I-25 South toward Socorro and exit at Lemitar (Exit 156). The gas station is just up the hill.

### **That Time of Year – Time to Pay Dues**

Its dues renewal time - \$25 for singles and \$35 for families. This includes your BCHA State and National dues and your subscription to the BCHA Newsletter. Bring your dues to the meeting or mail it to PO Box 3398, Los Lunas, NM 87031. Also attached a membership application – we're updating all member information and want to be sure we have your latest info.

### **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 - "mrgbchm." Just enter the code and the Chapter gets a contribution.



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