

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
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MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CHAPTER

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**March 2009**

**Presidents Notes**

Starting out the New Year right, we had a wonderful time at the Kiva RV Park for our first training ride/social. A good turnout - Rodney and his Harem of Eight. What a wonderful ride on the desert and an exceptional potluck, which we had a few non-riders come over to join us. No casualties, even though all the horses were fresh. We missed those of you who did not attend.

I want to extend a big THANK YOU to Diane for hosting and setting up the obstacle course out back. It was great to see our new members coming out to enjoy.

Happy Trails

Becky

**CALENDAR**

Wed, 18 Mar	March Monthly Business Meeting Bosque Farms Community Center	7:00 PM
Sat, 21 Mar	Training Ride – Roger is Trailmaster – 507-4722 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 last 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. We will be purging the mailing list after the March meeting.

## **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. But we'll also be riding the trails and ridges around the arroyo and canyon. It's scheduled for 21 March. Come to one of the next meetings to get more details.

**Date:** Saturday, 21 March 2009 – Ride starts at 10:30 A.M.

**Training Ride Trail Boss:** RSVP to Roger - 505-507-4722

**Rendezvous:** 10:00 a.m. at the old weighing station south of the Rest Stop between Bernardo and San Acacia. After you cross the large arroyo south of mile marker 165

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

**Directions:** Take I-25 South to the weighing station (about mile marker 164). To go to the tack-up area. Continue to San Acacia Exit 163. Cross to the east side of the interstate and take the frontage road south for about two miles and turn right to take the underpass heading west. When the road turns south, go straight over the cattle guard and follow the dirt road a couple miles to the tack up area. Look for the other horse trailers.

## **Continental Divide Trail Projects**

The CDT Alliance has a couple projects scheduled this spring to work on new sections of the CDT around Mt Taylor. Roger has been trying for awhile to coordinate with the Mt Taylor Ranger to organize a project for the chapter, and this may be the chance. First project is 17-18 April followed by another on 1-3 May. Come to the March meeting for 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 - "mrgbchm." Just enter the code and the Chapter gets a contribution.



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