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Chapter Notes

The weather in February was not particularly great for outdoor activities – at least not for riding. Cool and wet were the rule. But we'll make up for it in March. JoAnn has arranged for our first work project scheduled for 20 March for a maintenance and trash pick-up ride on our adopted trail in the Mountaineer Ranger District – Priest Canyon. See the details for times and rendezvous in article below.

We liked Fat Sat's grill for the meeting, so we're going back. Directions for those who haven't been there are below.

Get out on the trails and get those horses and mules in shape!

Happy Trails

CALENDAR		
Thur, 18 Mar	March Monthly Business Meeting Fat Sat's Bar and Grill – Belen, NM Come early and have dinner	7:15 PM
Sat, 20 Mar	Work Project – Priest Canyon - JoAnn 864-1254 Mountaineer Ranger District	10 AM
Fri-Sun, 27-29 Aug	2010 BCHNM Rendezvous	

Meeting Date and Location Reminder

Don't forget about our change in date and location for the meetings. 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 March, 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. The parking is behind the gas station.

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

JoAnne, Rodney, Becky, Christine, Vance, Diane, Michele and her new friend/member showed up for the along the Rio Grande Trail in Socorro starting near Escondido Lake. Although weather was coming in, it turned out to be a nice day for a fairly easy ride along the Rio Grande on an established part of the Rio Grande Trail. A great time was had by all.

March Work Project

Our regular spring clean-up work project on the Priest Canyon trail is scheduled for 20 March. It's a fairly easy ride and there's always lots of "stuff" to pick up. Call JoAnn to RSVP – 864-1254.

Date: Saturday, 20 March 2010 – Ride starts about 10:00 A.M.

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

Rendezvous: 9:00 AM at Al's MiniMart on Rt 47 in Belen. Intersection of River St and Rt 47 west of the Rio Grande.

Weather Go/no-go: If weather seems questionable, call Joann after 6 p.m. Friday, 19 March

Directions: Get to US Route 60 heading toward Mountainaire. After going through the pass in the mountains, look for a rest stop on the left. The turn off for Forest Rd 422 is just past the rest stop. Turn North on FS 422, and go about 7 miles to a pull off on the left.

That Time of Year – Time to Pay Dues

Its dues renewal time - \$25 for singles and \$35 for families. Bring your dues to the meeting or mail it to PO Box 3398, Los Lunas, NM 87031.

2010 Rendezvous Scheduled

The 2010 BCHNM Rendezvous is scheduled for 27-29 August at the BLM area around Ft Stanton. Ft Stanton is just east of Capitan, with lots of open space and great riding. Put it on your calendar. More details to follow.

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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