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Chapter Notes

We finally got some rain, which should help green things up a little in the mountains. Our annual Continental Divide Trail project is coming in early August, so come to the next meeting to learn the details. And get out on the trails and get those horses and mules in shape!

Happy Trails

CALENDAR		
Thur, 15 Jul	July Monthly Business Meeting Potluck at Fernandez Park in Los Lunas 6:00 PM	7:15 PM
Fri-Sun, 16-18 Jul	Valle Vidal Training Ride Oscar – 345-0117	
Fri-Sun, 6-8 Aug	Continental Divide Trail Work Project Pelona Mountain – Rick – 869-2388	
Fri-Sun, 27-29 Aug	2010 BCHNM Rendezvous Ft Stanton, NM	

Chapter Rules

The Chapter formally approved the Ride Rules and Etiquette statements sent out last month with the newsletter. They will be provided to each new member as part of their membership package. If you need a copy, contact Rick and he'll e-mail a copy to you.

Pecos Packing Project

If you didn't see Rodney's e-mail, Rodney, Sandy, and Michele went up to Pecos Wilderness to help the Pecos chapter pack in supplies and materials for a trail maintenance project organized by the Forest Service. They camped overnight Monday

night, 22 June. Rodney, with his pack horse, and Michelle as an outrider, spent the day Tuesday loading up and packing in to Beatty's Cabin. They joined the Pecos Chapter who led four pack horses to haul in food and feed for volunteer work crews. The Forest Service representative hiked in and met us, and she was very appreciative of our assistance. The ride was 15 miles round trip. Cheryl Nigg and Amber Kingsbury of the Pecos chapter and their strings were ready for it. The remainder of the crew paid a little higher price - tired and sore. However, they had a great time and felt like they helped them get the job done. It was a successful trip and a real learning experience for both.

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. Registration is due 24 July. You can get the registration forms off the www.bchnm.org website, or contact Rick and he'll e-mail a copy. The website also has a preliminary schedule of events and links to a website with more information on Ft Stanton.

Continental Divide Trail Work Project

The CDT work project, originally schedule for the weekend of 31 July, has been moved a week to 6-8 August because of some conflicts. This year will be the 10th year that the Chapter has work the CDT around Pelona Mountain for the Socorro Region BLM. The current plan is to mark and blaze new sections of trail East of Pelona Mountain in the area that involved a land swap with the Adobe Ranch. The area east of the mountain had a lot of checker board sections belonging to BLM and the Ranch, and these areas were swapped a couple years ago to make the BLM land contiguous. That provided the opportunity to better align the trail. Come to the July meeting to get more details on the project and help organize the schedule.

Valle Vidal Training Ride

Oscar Simpson is going to the Valle Vidal for business the week of 12 July and is inviting members that want to spend the weekend of 16-18 July camping and riding in the Valle Vidal. He'll be doing his first ride on Friday afternoon, 16 July. Contact Oscar for more information on dates/times – 345-0117 or e-mail to oscarsimpson3@yahoo.com



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