



Hoof Prints Newsletter

Pine Valley Mountain Riders

PO BOX 300 LAKESIDE, CA 92040

August 2025



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- ★ **August 13: General Meeting 6:30
Alpine VFW**
- ★ **August 20: Santa Margarita Trail Ride**

Prez Says:

Well, all of you good members, we are starting the wind down for this year.

We have our Cowboy Swap Meet/Tack Sale and Poker Ride Fundraisers and there will be flyers coming out with more information about the events. We also have the Los Vaqueros campout and the Christmas Party in the near future.

Don't forget about elections. Think about new officers. Just keep in mind, if you are interested in taking a position none of them are hard and you will always have support from the past officers. You will not be doing it alone. Don't be scared.

If you have questions or concerns about anything, please do contact me. I am a good listener and I will be more than happy to bring it to the board of directors and regular members for discussion.

Happy Trails,
Susan

Letter From the Editor:

The weather has been unfathomably mild and was encouraging to PVMR who participated in parades. Hopefully, the entire summer will continue with this trend so we can enjoy the upcoming Santa Margarita Ride and future events.

In this issue, there are important dates to jot down on your calendar, photos of members having a great time with friends and their horses, a couple of articles and a new business ad in the Member's Business section. A very special celebration is going to happen, so read the Member Notices.

Also, please consider choosing an event that you can apply your skills and volunteer. Will it be the Tack Sale? The Poker Ride? The Christmas Party? You are very much needed so that our club remains robust and is energized with new ideas.

*Happy Hoof Prints and enjoy August!
I hope to see you at the next meeting, Laura*

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Pine Valley Mountain Riders General Membership Meeting Minutes July 9, 2025 Place: VFW Hall, Alpine (downstairs)

Meeting called to order: 6:35 P.M. by President, Susan Mena

Pledge: Led by Diana Clark

Members present: (13) - Susan Mena, Marty Parker, Diana Clark, Winnie Hennessy, Bill O'Brien, Laura Precoda, Jodi Davis, Ken Clark, Gail Mazzola, Bev Wagner, Valerie Hesson, Marie Culver, Belinda Marasso

Minutes: Secretary, Diana Clark, read Minutes Marty Parker took at the June meeting. Motion to approve as corrected, 1st Winnie, 2nd Laura Approved.

Treasurer Report: Alexandra Henao; Beginning Balance from May 30, 2025: **\$ 3,756.37**

Ending June 30 Balance **\$ 5,691.37**



Guest Speaker: Gary Abbamonte, saddle repair; Gary described his background as an apprentice to Gary McClintock for 10 years, his history in Descanso, California and leather work he is available to perform.

Gary put forth the idea for PVMR to ask Cuyamaca Rancho State Park to consider changing the name of the Blue Ribbon Trail to "Gary McClintock Trail". He gave out his business cards which can be viewed in the next Newsletter.

Committee Reports:

- **Web & Facebook:** Ernie Smith sent the bill \$203.88 for our web site and domain cost of \$21.99
- **Membership** - Jodi Davis announce new members, Jessica Johnson and Will Alex and children
- **Trails:** Bill O'Brien: Eastside trail is good. No bad news on other trails at this time
- **Newsletter**-Laura Precoda suggested for members to submit interesting articles for PVMR
- **Parade Directors:** Jodi Davis & Diana Clark announced a parade practice and desensitizing session on July 20 at Clark Ranch 5-7:00 PM



Old Business:

1. Electronic voting was voted in and Bi-Laws will be updated accordingly
2. Los Vaqueros campout on October 23 is open for reservations
3. Brief discussion on Poker Ride and approval to spend \$150 on Tumbleweed deposit
4. Discussion on Christmas Party plans. Need LEAD person and committee
5. Discussion on need to update Poker Ride flyer and poster
6. Participating members reported on successful July 4th Julian Parade
7. Porta Potty ordered for Cowboy Swap Meet (Tack Sale) on Sept. 27 at Hawthorne Feed

New Business

1. Marie Culver volunteered to help process first day arrivals at Los Vaqueros Campout
2. The date for Pine Valley Days Parade is July 26, 2025. PVMR participants should arrive by 8:00 AM for the 9 AM start. Red, White, Blue accents/theme
3. Next Board meeting, July 15, 6:30 PM at Denny's off Los Coches - All members are welcome

4. Jodi Davis will lead the next Club Ride on August 22 at **Santa Margarita River Park in Fallbrook**. Please contact her if you are planning to come.

Braggs/Drags:

1. Laura Precoda's mother unexpectedly passed away, 6/26; a day after her new and first grandchild arrived. She appreciates all the kind words people have sent her. They have strengthened her!
2. Jodi Davis updated us on her grandsons condition from his hit and run accident
3. Winnie Hennessey shared how her recent lessons on how to ride a gated horse has enlightened her understanding

Meeting adjourned: 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Clark, Secretary

Guest Speaker *Gary Abbamonte*

Gary Abbamonte spoke at the PVMR General Meeting on July 9 and shared personal and professional background about himself. Gary was from New York City, he came to Descanso in 1974 and decided to stay for good. He is active in clearing trails and has recently worked on the CA riding and hiking trail. His apprenticeship consisted of making saddles with Gary McClintock for 10 years. The saddles they made were shipped world-wide. Because of his respect and admiration of Gary McClintock, the long-time saddle maker and resident of Descanso, he proposes that the Blue Ribbon Trail be changed to Gary McClintock Trail.

After over thirty years of working with saddles as a hobby and now as an expert, he specializes in problems in saddles and mainly does saddle repair. Gary emphasized that he uses good quality leather and provides good prompt service. He pointed out that there are very few saddle repair people.

A fact mentioned is that fitting the saddle to the horse is extremely important. He can tell you whether your saddle fits your horse or not, although he doesn't have the sophisticated measurement equipment. (Gary said that mules are a whole different story and that is where the machines come in.) Gary will come to your location to see if the saddle fits the horse, depending on where you live. "Every saddle is different and every saddle will fit a horse differently."

Gary advised that extra padding is sometimes needed and the "Sandwich" method is helpful which is to apply a blanket, a pad and another blanket. He also recommends natural fibers. The sweat makes synthetic fibers bunch up which can cause abrasions. Gary's contact number is 619-990-5195. If you find yourself in need of saddle repair, you may want to give him a call.

Santa Margarita Ride

Wednesday, August 20

Time: 10 am in the saddle

Where: Santa Margarita County Preserve

38209 Sandia Creek Dr. Fallbrook

Bring: A chair and a snack/lunch to eat under the trees

Trail Boss: Jodi Davis

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If you would like to join in, please RSVP to Jodi Davis at 619-802-3277

SANTA MARGARITA RIVER TRAIL PRESERVE

In 2018, The Wildlands Conservancy acquired five miles of the oak and sycamore-shaded Santa Margarita River, one of the last free-flowing wild rivers in Southern California and the southernmost range of steelhead trout. This 1,384-acre water-blessed property is part of the vulnerable South Coast Ecoregion that is recognized as one of the Earth's 25 global hotspots of threatened biodiversity. For several decades the Fallbrook Trail Council has maintained 18 miles of equestrian and hiking trails on this former water district property. The Fallbrook Trails Council and The Wildlands Conservancy are now partners in maintaining this trail, which was voted the number one trail of the best 50 trails in San Diego County. Visitors are often surprised to see so many broad water impoundments along the river that are the industrious work of the California golden beaver.

PRESERVE HOURS: 8 AM to 8 PM ADMISSION FREE

southcoastpreserves@wildlandsconservancy.org LOCATION: Fallbrook, CA

(1 hour and 13 minutes from Alpine)

Plan Ahead!

Please Volunteer!

The club needs your skills for the upcoming events

- ❖ Tack Sale: September 27
- ❖ Poker Ride: October 4
- ❖ Los Vaqueros Camp date: Arrival, October 23 to Departure, October 27.
- ❖ Christmas Party: December 6

Call a club officer to see how you can help out

NEW LOCATION FOR THE TACK SALE September 27

Hawthorne Country Store Santee
10845 Woodside Ave, Santee, CA 92071
(More information will follow in the future)

If you would like to join in, please call Jodi Davis at 619-802-3277
or Susan Mena 619-997-9138 for more information.

***Do you have a theme idea for the
Christmas Party? Email an idea and we will
put it to a vote at the next General Meeting!***

(Last year the theme was: A Winter Wonderland.)

lprecoda@gmail.com

PINE VALLEY PARADE

Article by Diana Clark

On July 26, fifteen PVMR members participated in the annual Pine Valley Days Parade. President Susan Mena spent many hours decorating a beautiful and thematic “float” which represented our campouts, our patriotism, and our love for fun! Four members rode on the “float” as they roasted marshmallows next to a pine tree with bubbles (stars?) overhead. Leading and introducing the club, Pine Valley Mountain Riders, were two sign carriers, Cassie and Asia. Next, leading our ten riders were our beautiful flag carriers, Kaety Kotterman and Hadara McGlennon. Everyone wore jeans, denim shirts, green bandanas and chaps. As we waved and smiled at the spirited crowd, many responded by calling our names and waving back! Riding in our namesake town was a special time to lift up our organization and educate the community on who we are and how to join the group.

It was exciting to have three new members who recently joined, hop on their horses and join in the fun! Jessica Johnson and Will Alex rode their thoroughbreds and Kim Pauley rode Cathy King’s Haflinger. Also ridden in our group: Fjord, Mustang, Missouri Foxtrotter, Percheron/Qtr mix, and Quarter Horses. Riders: Jodi Davis, Laura Precoda, Belinda Marasso, Isabella Calderon, and Jeanine Stacey. Float/walkers: Cathy King, Alexandra Henao. With dedicated training, all horses can adapt to parade stimuli.

Next year, we will most likely plan for the same three parades in June and July. So come join us for the fun practices and the Descanso, Julian and Pine Valley parades in 2026.

In the meantime, check the PVMR Calendar and come ride with your horse on the nice rides and campouts planned especially for you. Expose your horse and yourself to our beautiful San Diego backcountry as you both build confidence and understanding in the equine world!



On float: Lf to Rt: Alexa, Cassandra and Cathy



In The Spotlight



Our youngest member, Isabelle Calderon



Flag Barriers, Kaetlyn Kotterman
and Hadara McGlennon



Jeanine Stacy and Kim Pauley back in the saddle



President Susan Mena and VP Jodi Davis



Julian 4th of July Parade



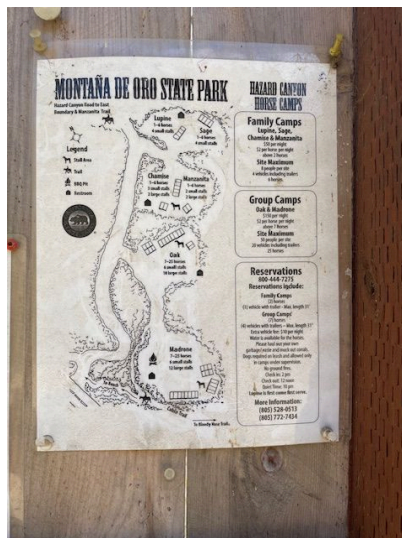
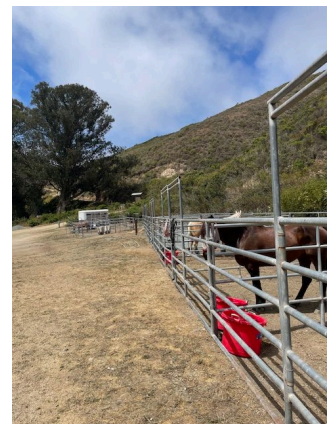
Pine Valley Parade, July 26

Visiting the CA Central Coast

Part 1: Horse camp

The California Central Coast is a beautiful place to visit. Montana De Oro State Park not only has a horse camp with access to many beach trails, it has the Spooner Ranch Museum, a golf course and Hearst Castle close by.

There are three different sections of the horse camp that accommodate group and individual camps. The trails are clearly marked on a posted map but you can also get a map at the visitors center. The drive to get there from San Diego is approximately six hours but add on time for hauling a trailer. The facilities include water for the horses but be sure to bring 100 ft hoses as there are few areas to hook up a hose. There are average camp corals and ample space for rigs. There are no showers. PVMR may want to consider an excursion to this remarkable place as the beach trails have stunning views of the coastline and sanctuary.



Part 2 will be in the September issue

JUST HORISING AROUND



Belinda Marrasso riding in the Crestridge Preserve



Cathy King with a friend and her new horse Savannah



Bev Wagner's new horse, Charlie (and she wasn't even looking!)



Member Notices

BIRTHDAY IN THE WOODS

Jodi Davis is turning 80! Our spirited officer for 8 years has shown love for us and our club and now she would like to celebrate with all of us at **Green Valley Equestrian Camp** from **Wednesday September 17 through Saturday September 20.** (Leaving on Sunday morning) Camp or just come up for a few hours, the day or the entire time to ride, visit and/or celebrate. There will be a cake on Friday night. Call Jodi at 619-802-3277 with any questions.



Crimson Collar will be playing at Descanso Junction: PVMR member, Francine Parent, will be singing with her band on Friday, August 8 from 6pm to 10pm. Come join the fun and entertainment.

Order information on T-shirts: If you would like to order a shirt like the samples displayed at the meeting, go to Bulkapparel.com. T-shirt: G800 Gildan T-shirt 8000 Dry Blend 50/50 at \$3.75 each. There is a large variety of colors. Hooded Sweatshirt: Gildan 18600 Heavy Blend Full-Zip \$19.44 each. Call Susan Mena with any questions at 619-997-9138. bulkapparel.com

Saddle Repair: Gary Abbamonte trained with McClintock and is in Descanso. His number is 619-990-5195. Diana Clark recommends Gary.



Eddie Martinez is offering a McClintock, all leather, endurance saddle for sale which has a 16"-17" in seat with fleece and Tapaderos. (He has regular stirrups too.) Wither is 7"-8" The price is \$1,000. He also has a fringed canvas bag made in Spain for \$30. If you are interested in either item please contact Eddie at (619) 244-6418.



Member Notices (continued)

Desensitizing Clinics with Lynn Snyder Harrington. You can strengthen your partnership, gain confidence and build trust between you and your equine partner. Cost is \$60. The location is in Alpine off of Japatul Road. Contact: Marty Parker, text 619-508-4198 or mparker6@cox.net for more information.

If an e-bike trail incident report is ever needed the BCHC (Back Country Horsemen of California) website has a form with directions BCHA (. . . of America) is compiling statistics for trail safety nationwide. <https://www.bcha.org/incidentreportingform> Report and submit online and print out another form to give to the local agency where the incident occurred.

PVMR Payment Option: When sending money to Pine Valley Mountain Riders using Zelle, include your name, amount and the reason for the deposit. The email is: pvmrpinevalleymountainriders@gmail.com Send a photo of the form to Alexa Calderon-Henao (619-715-1287) If the form is for membership, please include Jodi Davis (619-802-3277)

Contact Trail Boss, Bill O'Brien, if you would like to **lead a ride**. Consider being a Trail Boss if you have a ride you would love to share. You will need to pre-ride, provide a flier and update your knowledge on trail riding safety, etiquette, and guidelines.

From the Editor: Please send in photos for "Just Horsing Around" lprecoda@gmail.com Also, do you have any old (ancient? Lol) pictures of yourself, friends and horses with descriptions that you can send me? I want to put together a page or two of "Horses and Times of Yester-Year" for the September Issue. Thank you.





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2025 Membership Application

Please print legibly.

Name _____ Spouse/Partner (Couple/Family Membership) _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone Numbers:

Home () _____ Cell () _____

Cell: () _____

E-Mail address: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Type of Dues: () Single - \$30 or () Family - \$40

Type of Application () Renewal or () New Member (referred by): _____

PAY BY: Zelle _____ Check _____ or Cash _____

For Zelle use Email: PVMRpinevalleymountainriders@gmail.com

Names of Children (Note: Must be under 18 years of age to be included in family membership)

Number of Riders: _____ Number of Non-Riders _____

For further information, please contact: Jodi Davis at 619-802-3277 or email marijo.jodi.davis@gmail.com

☐ I have received and read the "Ride Rules and Trail Etiquette." I also understand that the Pine Valley Mountain Riders ride in a variety of terrain. Horses and mules need to be in excellent condition and members who ride should be experienced trail riders. You may call the Trail Boss at any time for additional information not posted in the Newsletter. *Remember, you ride at your own risk.*

Liability Release

The undersigned, in consideration of acceptance of the application for membership, does hereby for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release the Pine Valley Mountain Riders, their officers, board, and all individual members thereof from any and all rights, claims, or legal liability that he/she might have due to membership participation in club sponsored activities.

_____ (Initial here) Applicant(s) have at least one of the following insurance coverage: Homeowners or Medical

Date: _____ Signature: _____

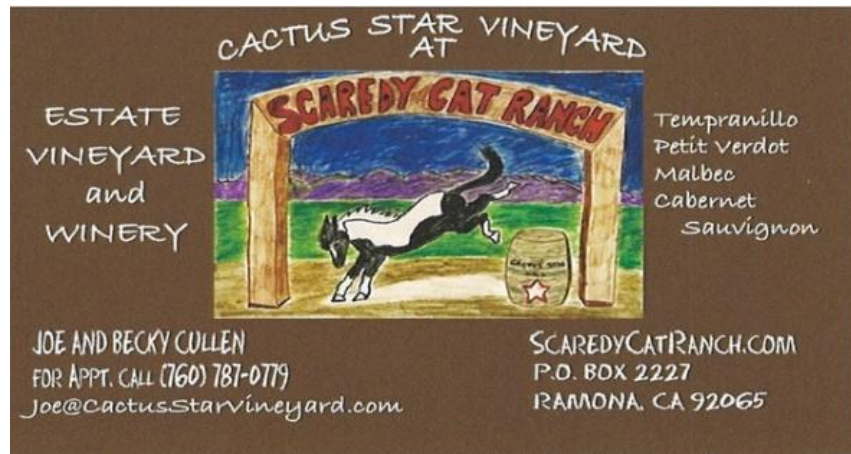
Have you ever been convicted of a Felony? Circle Yes or No.

If yes, PVMR Board Directors will contact you in consideration of your request for membership. Thank You Revised 1/25

Member Businesses in our PVMR Community



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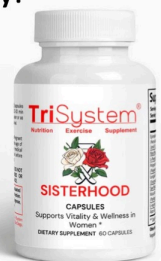
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