

# **Hoof Prints Newsletter**

# Pine Valley Mountain Riders

PO BOX 300 LAKESIDE, CA 92040

August 2024

## Calendar of Events

August 14: General Meeting at 6:30, Alpine VFW

Prez Says: Hello everyone, I just wanted to thank everyone so far who has volunteered and/or participated in any of our events. That being said, our busiest months are yet to come and we will need all of your help and participation to make those events successful.

Our next meeting will be August 14, at the VFW. We can take August off to recharge ourselves for the rest of the year.



Our Calendar Meeting will be at Bill and Winnie's home on September 7, at 6:00. Come early and you can swim. Bring a dish for the potluck.

We will need a trail boss for the Sept. 21, Azalea Springs trail ride.

Our Los Vaqueros Camp will be October 3-6 and October 19 will be our tack sale.

Contact Jodi if you have any questions or wish to volunteer.

November 2 will be our Poker Ride and we need raffle items.

Susan Petersen will chair the committee for our Annual Christmas Party that will be on December 14.

We need volunteers to help with the Poker Ride and the Christmas Party.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Susan PVMR President

**Letter from the Editor:** We have the best club ever! It is great to experience many of our members enjoying the events and supporting one another during the parades, rides, desensitizing clinics, parade practices and meetings.

Everyone is so positive and members are ready to lend a hand in the upcoming busy months ahead. In this issue, there are Planning Ahead pages as we prepare for the fall fundraisers and our special Christmas Party which Susan Petersen is beginning to organize. There is a fun idea on how to "beat the heat", information about trailer safety and in the Member Notices you will find a beauty that is for lease for an advanced rider among other important notices. I hope to see many of you at the next General Meeting!

Enjoy, and Happy Hoof Prints, Laura

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Pine Valley Mountain Riders
General Membership Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2024 Place: VFW Hall, Alpine (downstairs)



Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by Susan Mena

Pledge of Allegiance: Laura Precoda

Members present 12: Susan Mena, Jodi Davis, Diana Clark, Laura Precoda, Marty Parker, Marie Culver, Susan and Bob Petersen, Cathy King, Belinda Marazzo, Bill O'Brien, Winnie Hennessy

Minutes read and approved from the June 12 meeting Treasurer's Report:

Beginning: \$4,929.65 Ending: \$6,569.98

Increase reflects membership payments for Los Vaqueros camp in October Committee Reports:

- Web & Public Liaison: Ernie Smith-no report
- Membership: Jodi Davis: 103 members including 7 Honorary
- Trails: Bill O'Brian- no report
- Newsletter: Laura Precoda- Reminded us to send any submissions for the Newsletter by the 25th of each month and ride fliers one to two months before ride
- Sunshine: Jeanine Stacy-no report

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Susan Mena expressed a need for RAFFLE ITEMS at our November 2 fundraiser/poker ride
- Jody Davis is leading the July 13 Santa Margarita Ride in Fallbrook. She asked for anyone attending please call her by Thursday, July 11, or it may need to be canceled.

# **NEW BUSINESS** (Upcoming Events)

- Mt Laguna ride on July 24, 10 AM, from Morris Ranch Rd. See flier with Newsletter
- PVMR to participate in July 27, 9:00 AM,
   Pine Valley Parade- A flier with information was sent to members
- Prepare for PVMR's <u>TACK SALE</u>, October 19, at Renegade parking lot; Set-up starts 7:30 AM, Sell from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM You may use a 10X10 pop up for shade
- Susan Petersen is forming a committee for the 2024 Christmas Party



- Calendar Planning meeting for 2025 with potluck dinner set for September 7 at 5 PM, hosted by Bill O'Brien and Winnie Hennessy-optional swimming at 2 PM
- There was a discussion on why so few people participate in monthly rides
- Bob Petersen and others discussed ways to promote more club participation on rides; for example, rides on Instagram
- Laura Precoda shared that the Back Country Horsemen are having a membership meeting/social at Flinn Springs on Wed., July 17, 6 PM. BYO picnic dinner

Susan Mena invited anyone to join her at her house on Friday, July 12, to help

make horse tail feather decorations to use in parades



### **BRAGS/DRAGS**

- Susan Mena, Jodi Davis and Diana Clark all agreed the Julian Parade was a wonderful event!
- Marie Culver shared how she was injured when she accidentally tied her horse's halter to a gate rail
- Jodi Davis shared how her horse, Boots, did great on trail during pre-ride

Adjourned: 7:49 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Diana Clark

# **Planning Ahead**

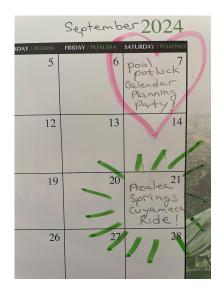
Welcome to the "Potluck, Pool Party" Calendar Planning Meeting

# Saturday, September 7, 2024

2:00-4:00: Swimming 5:00: Potluck and BBQ

6:00: Calendar Planning Meeting

Our trail boss, Bill O'Brien, says, "Come share your favorite ride with other members and learn about new rides that you've never been on yet."



Where and when would you like to ride and camp? Would you consider being a trail boss? Come to the September Calendar Planning Meeting and share your ideas, advice, and trail stories. A hot BBQ will be provided for everyone.

This year, Winney Hennessey and Bill O'Brien will host a Pool Party, BBQ Potluck on Saturday, September 7. Members can refresh in the pool and afterwards set up for the potluck at 4:30. Dinner will be at 5:00 and the Calendar Meeting will begin at 6:00. Bring your camping and trail riding ideas to share.

Address: 14489 Rios Canyon Road. Contact: 619-977-7098

Please bring your own meat and drinks for yourselves and a potluck side dish to share.

# The Annual PVMR Tack Sale 10/19

The tack sale was established by PVMR to generate income to buy raffle items for the annual Poker Ride. Double S Feed and Renegade Bar owner, Rita Gallant, donates the use of the Renegade parking lot for area rentals.

Each vendor pays \$25 to rent a 10x10 space where they can set up their own table and supplies. Items for sale include, new and used tack, saddles, buckets, blankets, bits, boots etc. The event also attracts craftspeople who make saddle racks, stall and barn signs, western home decor and a variety of other products.(Food sales are not allowed.) All vendors profit from their sales.

After experiencing many sales in the past, our knowledgeable officer, Jodi Davis states, "PVMR does have their own booth and sells used, donated items from members that don't want to benefit from their own booth, or only have a couple of items. These items have been given to us to use specifically as a donation to PVMR to sell or use as a raffle prize. Either way, the donation is given with the intent to use for the Poker Ride."

Members are needed to volunteer to help manage the PVMR tack sale booth and barter with customers. The club president, Susan Mena, has done this in the past and will oversee the booth this year.

The tack sale will be held on October 19 in the Renegade parking lot. Set up begins at 7:30 and sales are from 9:00am to 1:00pm. You may rent your own space and use a 10x10 pop-up for shade.

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- Please donate and bring new or gently used items
- ★ Volunteers are needed for the PVMR sales booth

Poker Ride, November 2, at Windfall Ranch in Alpine Remember to collect Raffle items.

Susan Mena advises, "We need quality over quantity, consider pooling money with a friend to get more expensive items."



# The Poker Trail Ride and What to Expect

by Jodi Davis

# I've been asked by some of our members, "What is a poker trail ride?"

Simply put, it is a ride that combines a predetermined trail route that is marked with ribbons at checkpoints where riders draw a card at each stop. At each stop on the trail, the rider draws another card from a bag with a full deck of cards in it. The card drawn is then written on their poker hand card that they were issued at the registration. After visiting all five checkpoints, the riders return and at the last checkpoint they will turn in their poker hand card. Players may then inquire as to where they may or may not place in the poker competition. This poker play is based on a five-card draw. The best poker hand wins. The worst poker hand loses.

Our Pine Valley Mountain Riders Poker Ride is set for Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. Included in your registration price is the Poker Ride, a Trail Course Competition option and a wonderful, freshly, charcoal-grilled, hamburger, lunch complete with all the trimmings, chips, dessert and water. (You are welcome to bring any other beverage of your choice to enjoy after the ride.)

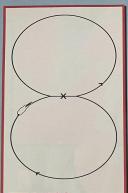
The famous "Trail Course Competition" is a fun option aside from the Poker Ride. Riders can choose to participate, or not. It's fun to see what your pony might do. PLUS! (AND THIS MAY BE THE BEST PART.) We will have a fantastic raffle auction that begins right after lunch. There will be great prize drawings and opportunities for taking home equestrian needs, fun western stuff and many surprising treasures.

# Let's Dream of a Winter Wonderland During These Heated Days

"The wind will blow, the temperature will fall; And now we are in a beautiful, Winter Wonderland for us all." Susan Petersen

Susan Petersen is making plans for the Holiday Christmas Party. She is not going to give away any surprises just yet, but she will need volunteers to help decorate and organize the Descanso Hall in December. Susan says, "Please help me make this year's party a beautiful success by using your splendid talents to give me a hand. I can be contacted by texting me at 619-772-8155, or at last resort, emailing me at <a href="mailto:spinsdca2010@gmail.com">spinsdca2010@gmail.com</a>. We will all enjoy ourselves and each other at this holiday event and I look forward to seeing everybody, so please plan on attending." It is never too soon to start planning for Saturday, December 14!

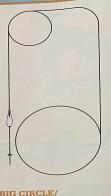
## **Arena Patterns For The Trail Rider**



THE BASIC 8
How to ride it: Make a figure eight, using the straight line of the center (marked X) to change your horse's bend before heading in the new direction.
Perks for you: Improves your ability to bend your horse, guide him precisely, and keep him straight between your reins ("straight" on a circle, meaning bent to the curve of the circle).
Perks for your horse: Encourages

circle, meaning bent to the curve of the circle). Perks for your horse: Encourages him to bend equally both ways and stay attentive to your steering. Success tips: Focus on keeping your circles round and equal in size. Pay attention to the amount of rein and leg needed to get the right bend. Add a cone at the arena's center for a visual cue.

Change it up: Keep it simple by staying at a walk and jog. Make it more challenging by varying your speed, changing gaits at X, or riding it at a lope and changing leads at X.



HOW THE CIRCLE

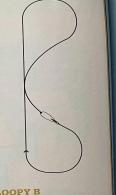
How to ride its Go down the long side of your arena, making a smallish circle in one corner, then a larger circle in the diagonally opposite corner. Perks for you: Enhanced ability to bend your horse to varying degrees. Perks for your horse Increased suppling thanks to the smaller circle; teaches him to balance on circles of varying sizes.

Success tips: Choose "landmarks" around the arena to help you circle at the right point for the correct size circles.

circles.

Change it up: Vary which corners you ride the small and large circles in.

Make it more challenging by varying your speed, or lope the large circle and jog the small one.



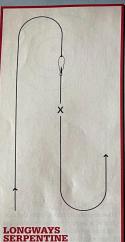
How to ride it: Go down the long side, turning the corner as if to make a circle, but instead angle back to the rail. Go straight a stride or two at the rail, then angle back out and circle around toward your starting point. Perks for you: Improves your precision in bending and straightening your horse. your horse. **Perks for your horse:** Prompts him

make a full circle; if you two-track him (see "Change it up," below), it improves his lateral flexibility. Success tips: Try to make each end improves his lateral flexibility.

Success tips: Try to make each end of the loop the same size and shape.

Change it up: Keep it simple by staying at a walk and trot. Make it more challenging by riding at a lope and changing leads on the straight line in the center. Up the ante at any gait by using your outside leg and rein to move your horse laterally back to the rail in a forward-and-sideways two-trackMany trail riders find arena exercises a little on the "ho-hum" side but arena work has its merits. Now that the days are warm and the riding hours are short, waking up early or getting out late to get a ride in may be the only way to get the exercise our horses need.

Arena work can make horses supple and give them the opportunity to become more responsive as the rider's skills are refined. Arena exercises can take the place of a trail ride if time is running short or used as a warm up before a trail ride if the weather permits. Below are some diagrams found in an old 2008, October issue of Horse & Rider. Zoom in to read the included information on ways to freshen up the monotony of circling the arena near the rail.



How to ride it: Make a serpentine the length of the arena, rather than across the width. At the X, "do something"—stop; perform a maneuver (sidepass, pivot, back-up, whatever you choose); or cue a lead change. Then continue down the remainder of the centerline, turning back up the rail in the opposite

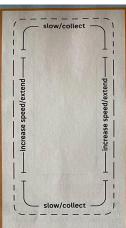
Perks for you: Makes you work to keep your horse straight down the center of the arena, before and af-

Perks for your horse: Enhances his bending, traveling straight, and transition skills.

Success tips: Add a pylon at the

center for a visual cue.

Change it up: Keep it easy with a simple stop or gait change at X. Make it more challenging by varying your speed and/or performing lead changes at the arena's center.



### CADENCE BUILDER

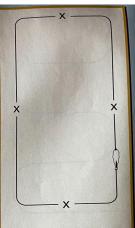
How to ride it: Increase speed riding down each long side of the arena; slow and collect around the short sides. Perks for you: Helps you learn to in-crease and decrease speed smoothly, and encourages your horse to collect himself

Perks for your horse: Teaches him to increase/decrease his speed with-out excitement; helps develop the muscles he needs for collection

Success tips: Steady your horse just before the slow-down going into the corners.

the corners.

Change it up: Keep it simple by staying at a walk and trot. Make it more challenging by riding it at a lope, or loping the long sides and trotting the ends.



### TRANSITION TUNER

How to ride it: Work on the rail, performing gait transitions at the mid-point of each straightaway. For example, start at a walk; at the first X go to a jog; at the next X return to the walk; and so on. Or, make it walk, jog, lope, walk-or however von like

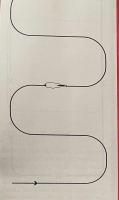
Perks for you: Helps you smooth your upward and downward tran-sitions, plus enhances your overall control.

Perks for your horse: Maintains his focus; improves his collection; builds his hind-end muscles.

Success tips: Make mental notes of transition points before starting, so you can begin prepping yourself a stride or two before each X; add vi-Stual markers, if need be.

Change it up: Make it more chal-

lenging by working at faster gaits or asking for complete stops at some



SNAKY SERPENTINE How to ride it: Make a series of connected S's back and forth across

the width of your arena.

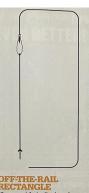
Perks for you: Forces you to focus
on each new turning point, changing your rein and leg cues at each change in direction; really sharpens your horse-bending skills. Perks for your horse: Improves his lightness and flexibility as he bends,

changes direction, and listens to

your cues. Success tips: Try to make each loop

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Change it up: Keep it simple by making only two or three loops. Up the ante by making four or five narrower loops. This exercise is very challenging at the lope, where you must repeatedly change leads on each straight line, or ask your horse to counter-canter (lope on the "wrong" lead) around every



How to ride it: Rather than staying directly on the rail, ride a parallel path, about 8 to 10 feet to the inside of it.

Perks for you: Teaches you to keep your horse straight between the reins—with no rail to guide or sup-

reins—with no rail to guide or sup-port you or him.

Perks for your horse: Teaches him to rely on your cues, rather than "coasting" on the rail.

Success tips: Start at a walk, then

move to a jog, then trot, then lope. Change it up: Make it more challenging by varying your speed along the straightaways.



### SPIRAL

How to ride it: Move from the out-side of a large circle to the smallest circle possible by spiraling in toward the center; then spiral back out. Perks for you: Improves your spa-tial sense of circles; improves your go

tial sense of circles; improves your go-lateral cue.

Perks for your horse: Improves his bending and collection, plus his responsiveness to your outside leg and rein (to spiral in) and your inside leg and rein (to spiral in) and your inside leg and rein (to spiral in) and your inside leg and rein (to spiral in) and your inside leg and rein (to spiral out); keeps him supple and limber and engaged behind.

Success tips: Focus on maintaining a consistent speed.

Change it up: This is challenging at any gait; stay at a walk until you get

any gait; stay at a walk until you get the hang of it, before attempting it at a jog or lope.



Bending practice will make your horse more supple and responsive.

# Popsicle Recipes for Horses

We know how refreshing a popsicle can be in the warm weather. This treat can be made for horses too. A few of their favorite foods frozen in a large bowl can have curious horses entertained as well as refreshed. You can use water, gatorade or juice as the base and then get creative. The treat can be made with bite size chunks of fruits and vegetables or made into a smoothie and then frozen. You may find yourself nibbling on fruit and sipping some of the cool, healthy smoothie yourself!







## Apple and Fruit Popsicle

· 8 Fl oz apple juice

6 oz of applesauce

1 cup of water

· Cut apples and other fruit

' such as,

blueberries,

pears, grapes, mangos, strawberries

and/or watermelon

6 ice cubes.

1 Tsp of salt (optional)

Put liquids in a large bowl. Add the applesauce and stir. Add ice, a variety of fruit and salt if using, Freeze

Tip: Layer a cord on the bottom of the container and extend enough cord out of the container to use to tie.

# Fruit and Veggie Smoothie Popsicle

A small bunch of kale

A few spinach leaves

2 cut carrots

1 cut apple

Slices from 1 orange

4 oz Gatorade or 4 oz apple juice

1 banana

1 TBSP of pea protein

6 Ice cubes

Add water to desired consistency

Blend all ingredients in a blender, dropping in one ice cube at a time. Pour into bowl and freeze.





## PINE VALLEY MOUNTAIN RIDERS

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# 2024 Membership Application Please print legibly.

**Spouse/Partner** (Couple/Family Membership) Name **Mailing Address** City Zip code State **Telephone Numbers:** Cell ( Home ( Cell: ( E-Mail address: E-Mail address: Type of Dues: ( ) Single - \$25 or ( ) Family - \$35 Type of Application ( ) Renewal or ( ) New Member (referred by): \_\_\_\_\_\_ Names of Children (Note: Must be under 18 years of age to be included in family membership) Number of Non-Riders Number of Riders: For further information, please contact: Jodi Davis at 619-802-3277 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

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 6-2023

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

Signature:

# Preparing for and Minimizing the Risk of a Flat Horse Trailer Tire

We should take the time now to do a basic safety check on our tires, and make sure that we are prepared to handle a flat trailer tire in the event that it happens. How can we best prepare for fixing a flat horse trailer tire while on the side of the road with a loaded trailer?

### First, be Prepared for a Flat Horse Trailer Tire [Items to have in a trailer]

- 1. Emergency flares and reflective caution cones and/or triangles use these to warn approaching vehicles of your presence.
- 2. A jack Jiffy Jack is recommended, or if it is a regular jack also have a block to go underneath it so the wheel well can be raised high enough to pull off the damaged tire.
- 3. Lug wrench be sure this fits your trailer tires' lug nuts.
- 4. A decent spare tire nothing will be more frustrating than having a crippled spare tire. Spare tires can sit and bake in the sun so routinely check the condition and age of your spare tire. A tire more than seven years old should be replaced.
- 5. Trailer hitch stand and tire blocks. Don't leave these items at home!



Sometimes we can catch problems before hitting the road. Developing the habit of checking your truck and trailer before heading out with your horses in tow, can spare you of a roadside emergency. Sometimes rigs get messed with by ill-meaning folks while at your destination. So check your rig EVERYTIME!

**Second, have a way of calling for help.** As equestrians we can find ourselves in remote areas where cell coverage is poor. Consider an Onstar system in your rig. Also consider getting AAA roadside assistance coverage. You will need to upgrade to the RV and Trailer level to get coverage for your trailer. This level of coverage gets you 100 towing miles and four tire changes or calls – like help when stuck in sand or mud – for the trailer per year in addition to the four tire changes or calls you get with basic coverage on your vehicle.

**Third, have a backup plan** for getting your horse home in the event that your trailer will not make it home that day. A list of stables for overnight stays can be found at HorseTrip.com Have in mind a friend or two you can call for help. Keep the Show Manager contact number handy if you are close enough to get assistance near the show. Contact horse transportation services in the event that your rig won't make it home for a while.

How far can you limp home if needed? That depends on each situation. You may be close enough to gingerly drive home to get the horse safety tucked away. Since the trailer has two wheels on each side this gives you some grace, but each situation must be judged for its criticalness. In the event that you decide to go this route, use your hazard lights, drive very slowly, take roads with good visibility, and check your mirrors constantly. Understand that doing this may damage your "wheel" and require you to spend more money on the fix, but it may be worth it depending upon circumstances.

Pack the Wheel Bearings. How can you minimize the chances of getting a flat while pulling your trailer? Carly Wilken of Central Coast Trailers in Paso Robles shares her knowledge of trailer tire maintenance. "Proper trailer maintenance is key and starts with getting the wheel bearings packed on a regular basis. If you don't, the wheels can seize up or even come off while you are rolling down the road!" Carly cautions. "Wheel bearings should be packed every 8 – 10,000 miles or once a year." [In San Diego, Webbs RV and Ricks RV will pack wheel bearings for approximately \$350.00 for a two axle four wheel trailer.]

**Do a 'Weather Check'**"We recommend doing a 'Weather Check' where you check the sidewalls of the tires for cracking which will cause a blowout," says Carly. "The tread will not wear out before the tire needs to be replaced. Checking the sidewalls is the best way to evaluate tire condition on all the tires, even the spare." Carly went on to explain how to discover the exact age of a tire, "You should also know how old the tires are. Tires over seven years old should be replaced. To check this look at the date stamp found on the sidewall in a box. There will be four numbers: the first two are the week of the year and the last two are the year. For example, 4315 means the tire's date is the 43 week of 2015.



This tire was manufactured in the 36th week of 2002.

**Check the Break-Away System** Carly also suggests checking the trailer's break-away system at least once a year. She says, "The battery in the brake-away system only lasts about a year. A dead battery will not activate the trailer brakes to stop the trailer if the trailer comes off the hitch." . . . Get out and go travel with your horse with peace of mind. You can be prepared with a means of calling help and you have a back up plan.

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# In The Spotlight



The Pine Valley Parade, July 27.















PVMR at the 54th Annual "Pine Valley Days" Parade on July 27



Mount Laguna Pre-ride, July 19. Trail Boss: Diana Clark

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Santa Margarita Pre-ride, July 8. Trail Boss: Jodi Davis

Parade Practice, July 16. Host: Diana Clark

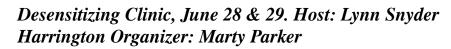
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Jodi Davis
displaying the
Certificate of
Appreciation at
the 4th of July
Julian Parade







# History of the Cuyamaca Region Part III

## American Homesteading/Ranching Period (continued)

A man identified only as Chase reportedly owned the homestead ranch west of Allison in the Descanso Valley, which was then known as "Little Guatay Valley." It is not known if his ranch encompassed the proposed Descanso Area Development. Chase may have been neighbors with or parceled out his ranch to

subsequent homestead families, who by 1890 had supplanted the local Kumeyaay. The latter had been reduced from fifty to eight families due to a smallpox epidemic and other factors. Among the new homesteaders were Trinidad Rodriguez, Julian Sandoval, Moses Manasse, James Flinn, and Gavino Aguilar. The Sandovals raised barley and grazed horses, mules, and cows. Their adobe ranch house was an important stopover for mail and coach runs between Guatay Valley and San Diego, and was often used as an election polling place of which his neighbor, Gavino Aguilar officiated. Moses Manasse raised mules, hogs, and cattle on his ranch in the western part of Guatay Valley.

# **Road Development**

As more and more homesteaders established small ranches and farms, by 1900 the Big and Little Guatay valleys were developing into a small rural mountain community. Besides the soil's fecundity, the community's success lay in its geographical location as the nexus of two important backcountry roads: the "Alternate-Eastern" San Diego-Yuma Road and the Descanso-Julian Road. The current Viejas Grade Road that borders the Descanso Area Development project southern



boundary roughly follows the historic eastwest route's original right-of-way. From the early 1870s to 1913 passenger coach and freight wagons traveling east up the Viejas Grade Road continued along this route, which was known variously as Viejas Boulevard or County Route 8, to the Samagatuma Creek crossing. Here, they could veer northeast through Green Valley, then up over the circuitous Paso Picacho (The Pass through the Peak). Also known as "Stonewall Gap" after the nearby peak, Paso Picacho connected Green Valley to the Old San Diego-Cuyamaca Stage Route to Cuyamaca City on the south shore of Cuyamaca Lake. Continuing on to the mining town of Julian to the northeast, the road connected the Cuyamaca area east to Vallecito in the Anza-Borrego Desert via the Banner Grade. Returning to the Descanso Area, the Old San Diego-Cuyamaca Stage Route also connected the Paso Picacho pass east along Samagatuma Creek to the Yuma Road (or County Highway 8). Past Guatay Mountain, the road continued in a southeasterly direction to Buckman Springs, where it then traveled south to Campo. Here, the road splits east to El Centro and Yuma, or west to the communities of Potrero, Dulzura, and National City.

### Part IV will be in the September Hoof Prints Newsletter.

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Equestrian Facilities Project Historic Land Use Study and Analysis

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Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Interpreter

# **Membership Notices**

**Danica James**, of Alpine Creek Ranch L.L.C. will be offering online **equine and canine first aid training courses**, for dates, times and more information call 619-339-0906.

**Susan Petersen** is looking for an older **Ford F250** (or similar) diesel, 4-door truck, preferably with a long bed, a 5th wheel hitch would be great too. They are also interested in an older, 2 or 3 horse, weekender, **trailer** with a tack room. Also, she and her horse Galaxy (an 18 yr. old gelding TW, who trailers well) will **need rides** to trail group rides and camp. If you have or know someone who has any of the above items for sale, please text her at 619-772-8155.

**Marlene Boggiano** would like to buy a **saddle** with a round skirt, no more than 23" long with a wide gullet. 7.5 – 8, Ideally, she would like to find a Tucker Trail Saddle. Email: <a href="marleneb@tbcccorp.com">marleneb@tbcccorp.com</a>

**Walt Kirkwood** has Cedar, Jeffrey and Colter **Pines for planting.** Call him if interested at 619-993-4523

**Laura Precoda** has a **band** that is interested in a **publicity photo with horses.** They would like riders in the background for a professional photo shoot. If interested, Email: lprecoda@gmail.com

**Sandra Cairncross** would like a very experienced rider to **lease**, at no cost, "*Tango*", a healthy, older national show horse. He is approximately 16 hands. Please contact Sandra at 619-944-6546



"Tango"

Free lease for an advanced rider





PVMR embroidered shirts are available with or without your name added. Contact Susan Mena at 619-997-9138 to order.

If you would like to purchase your own long-sleeve denim shirt, you can order from: Fullsource.com, 904-296-2240. Look for Port & Company. Men's shirt #SM-SP10, faded blue, \$20.14 or Ladies shirt item #SM-LSP10, faded blue, \$20.14 (They run small so you may want to size up one size.) Once purchased, give the shirt to Susan Mena so she can send it to the embroiderer.

# Volunteer Ride Leader Responsibilities

- 1. Check with Trail Boss (Bill O'Brien) on the ride idea.
- 2. Plan ride: Locate staging area, check for adequate parking, estimate miles and time length of ride, type of ride (easy, moderate, difficult) parking costs, parking permits, decide if members should bring lunches and what to expect on the ride.
- Submit flier or email information with clear directions to PVMR Hoof Prints Newsletter editor (Laura Precoda) one to two months ahead and no later than the 25th of the month before the ride.
- 4. Include your contact number and email on the flier.
- 5. Pre-ride the planned trail to validate the timing of the ride and to check trail conditions.
- 6. Check, again, for adequate parking and email reminder to membership a day or two before.\*
- 7. Show up early for the scheduled ride to greet riders and help as leader for the day!
- \* Get membership names and emails from president (Susan Mena) or membership person. (Jodi Davis)

# Member businesses in our PVMR community

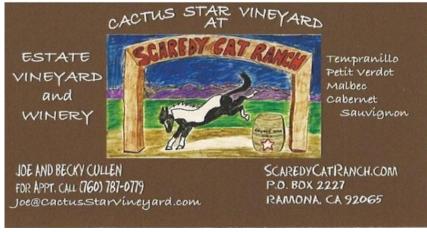






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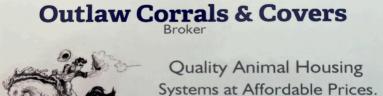




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