

Monterey Bay Equestrians March 2020

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March Presidents Message

Marching into spring is so exciting, one of my favorite times of year, with camping season beginning, yea! We've had a fairly mild winter to date which has hopefully, allowed us to keep our ponies somewhat legged up. The 2020 ride schedule is posted and offers many new places to explore, as well as some of our old favorites.

I just came from the Salinas River Beach ride, we couldn't have asked for better weather or company. We have quite a few new members whom are participating in our day rides, and hopefully joining a campout or two. Join me in welcoming and helping new riders, as well as seasoned riders with new horses into our group! It was a pleasure to have Bridget with her two mustangs, Frank a new rider (supporting his wife Mona) on his second group trail ride, and Jane on Wizard, which was his first time on the beach. Everyone made it back without a hitch, and all smiles!

We certainly are a LUCKY group with such a variety of disciplines and breeds there is something for everyone. Erin and I recently took a mini campout at Lake San Antonio's Los Robles horse camp, we were the only people there. Honestly the trails are beautiful and it wasn't impossible to sign the waiver requirements to ride the long trail. The trails were perfect for a early spring ride. We did see a herd of wild pigs on our afternoon ride, and the eagles have a new nest, as their tree died. I would encourage people to continue to utilize this resource, so that it remains open to equestrians.

One final thought, I've been scouring every thrift shop for baskets for the poker ride! It's not to soon to be thinking about cleaning out your tack room, closets or shopping a sale or two for prize corral item's. We anticipate a fantastic turnout this year!

Happy Trails

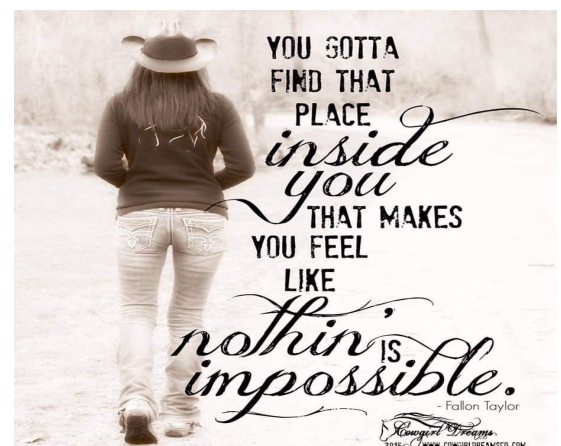
Cathleen

MBE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT STABLE NEWS Jayette Wilkerson



Some people you know because they're outgoing selves demand the stage, others are quietly in the background. It's not that they are unfriendly or have nothing to say. It is just the opposite, they are observant, humble, and content to be a part and not the whole. Our member of the month is ever present, supporting every event quietly, and at times ram-bunctiously, she is always available to help without complaining.

Jayette Wilkerson is longtime member (25+ yrs.) a advocate for trail access, and up for a trail ride rain or shine. You might find her at Manzanita Park keeping both Topaz and Woody ready for their next adventure. While Woody is in somewhat retirement, Topaz her Arab paint gelding has plenty of spunk to keep her on her toes. Jayette retired from the postal service and resides in Castroville on her little Ranch ette, with her adopted pit mix dog Speckles.



2020 MBE CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	HOST
JANUARY				
26th	Reg at 10am	Presidents Ride & Membership Drive (Guests Invited)	Marina Equestrian Center	2020 Board
FEBRUARY				
15th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Salinas River Beach	TBD
MARCH				
21st	Ride at 11am	St Patty's Day Ride (Members Only)	Henry Coe Hunting Hollow Valley Floor	Kathy Madlem & Carolyn Tucker
26th - 30th		Campout (Members Only)	Lake San Antonio	TBD
APRIL				
8th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Diablo Foothills Open Space, Gilroy	Carolyn Tucker
23rd - 27th		Campout (Members Only)	Mt Diablo hosted by Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association	Nikki VanSteenwick
MAY				
9th	8am - 6pm	Day Trip - Horse Expo (Members Only)	Party Bus to Horse Expo Rancho Murieta	Cathleen Sittig
14th - 18th		Campout (Members Only)	Del Valle Horse Camp Livermore	Cathleen Sittig
30th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride, Tour & Potluck (Members Only)	Backstretch Horsemen's Aromas	Debra Means
JUNE				
7th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Half Moon Bay Private Ranch	Heather Shupe
26th - 28th		Poker Ride Fundraiser *(Public Event)	Santa Cruz County Horsemen's	MBE
JULY				
10th - 15th		Campout (Members Only)	Jack Brooks Horse Camp	Syd Blankenship
25th	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Henry Cowell, Santa Cruz	TBD
AUGUST				
6th - 10th		Campout (Members Only)	Montana De Oro	Cathleen & Carolyn
22nd	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Mt Madonna Park	Toni Whedon
SEPTEMBER				
3rd - 8th		Campout (Members Only)	Wrights Lake	Liz Gheen
24th - 30th		Campout *(Public Campout)	Big Meadow Kings Canyon	Patti & Mike Garcia
OCTOBER				
15th - 19th		Ladies Catered Campout *(Guests Invited)	Pointe Reyes Stewart Ranch	Cathleen & Sunday
31st	Ride at 11am	Day Ride (Members Only)	Halloween Pebble Beach Ride & catered box lunch	Syd Blankenship
NOVEMBER				
5th - 9th		Campout (Members Only)	Rancho Oso Santa Ynez	Cathleen Sittig
DECEMBER				
5th	6pm	Christmas Party *(guests invited)	TBD	2020 Board
10th	7pm	Ride Meeting	Prunedale Library	

* **Public Campouts/Rides** are not sanctioned MBE events. Reservations are made on your own and at your own risk. **Guests Invited/Public Events** are MBE Sanctioned rides and guests are covered under MBE Insurance.

MEETINGS: Jan 9th Wats; March 12th Pdale; May 7th Wats; July 9th Pdale; Sept 10 Wats; Nov 12 Pdale; Dec 10 Ride mtg Pdale

LAKE SAN ANTONIO CAMPOUT

Don't miss out on our first campout of the year, March 26-30, 2020 at Lake San Antonio Horse camp.

This is a Monterey Bay Equestrians MEMBERS ONLY campout.

Lake San Antonio offers corrals, wash racks, flush toilets and hot showers, manure bins, kitchen, arena, round pen and beautiful trails.

Back by popular request is DJ Jerry for some Karaoke and Erika Reid will be hosting a movie night with popcorn.

The trails are in great condition and beautiful right now and the weather has been great!

Registration and payment is required in advance. We no longer take money on-site for accounting purposes, safety and trying to get the money to the treasurer.

Registration is open until Friday, March 20th. To register, please click on <https://lakesanantonio2020.eventbrite.com>.

Ride Host is Nikkii VanSteenwick. She will be contacting those attending to arrange meal plans, etc. If you have any questions, you can contact her at 415-599.9729 or email her at nikkiilynn@gmail.com.



Henry Coe DAY RIDE Join us for the MBE ride at Coe on March 21st,
it'll be great! Lots of wildflowers are already blooming on the trail.

RIDE TIME: Be saddled up and ready to ride by 11am sharp (please be on time)

DIRECTIONS: Exit Hwy 101 at Leavesley Road in Gilroy (same exit as the Outlets). Go East on Leavesley. Go about 1.7 miles and turn left onto New Ave. In .06 miles, turn right onto Roop Road. In about 1.9 miles, turn left to stay onto Roop Road and continue onto Gilroy Hot springs to the Hunting Hollow entrance at Henry Coe State Park on the right. Roop road is a two-lane road, windy and somewhat steep.

Parking is \$6. They take checks or exact change.

Please bring a lunch to enjoy after the ride at the trailers. There are picnic tables, etc. Feel free to bring a dessert to share but not mandatory.

TERRAIN/TRAIL: This ride will be about 2 – 2.5 hours and is up and back on the same trail. It will be on the valley floor. Pretty easy riding. The majority of the terrain is flat and soft footing but there are some creek crossing and short rocky areas. Shoes or boots recommended unless your horse has hard feet and is used to not having shoes.

IN CASE OF CANCELLATION DUE TO RAIN

RSVP to:

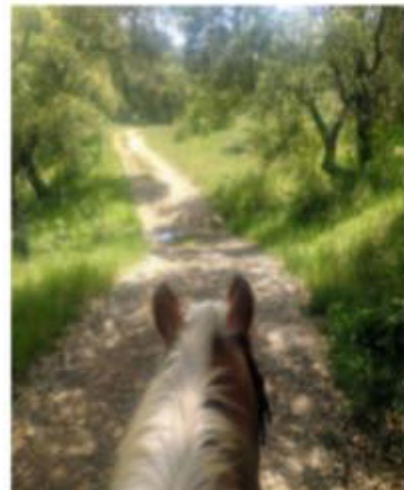
Ride Co-Hosts

Kathy Madlem & Toni Whedon

cell/text Toni up to 10am day of ride

at 408-656-8075

or email Toni.Whedon@cbnorcal.com



Beach Ride

Hi All! On Saturday, February 15, 2020 we had 21 MBE members gather at Salinas River Beach on a beautiful sunny, not too windy day with a very low tide.

We rode out in small groups and enjoyed the beautiful day. When we returned to the trailers, we were treated with Mimosas and lots of great potluck food!

Caroline Spicher sold MBE fashions and we enjoyed lots of great conversations.

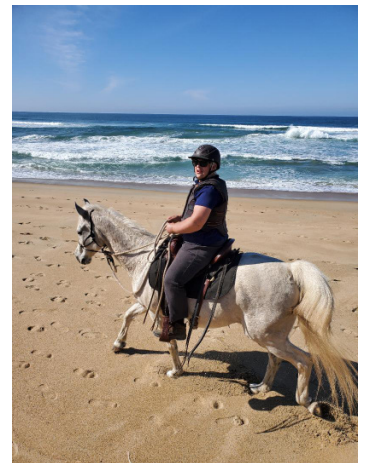
Pictures speak a thousand words, so, I hope people sent lots of pictures to Lois at mbenews@yahoo.com.

For those who couldn't make it, we hope you can come to the next ride!

Thanks to all who attended Hopefully I have included everyone ... if not ... my apologies! (Maybe we should have a sign-in list at the rides so we know for sure who attended ...)

To the best of my knowledge, those who attended were:

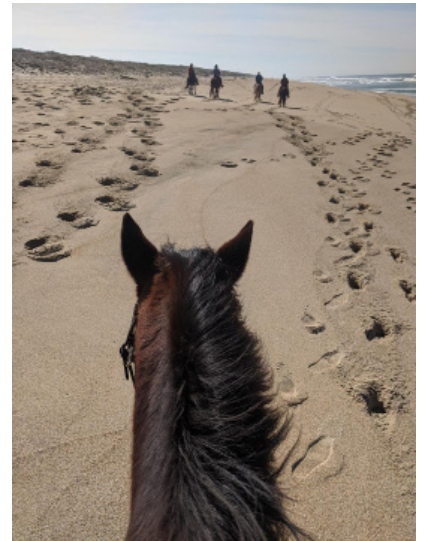
Caroline Spicher, Cathleen Sittig, Jane Minglana, Jayette Wilkerson, Brenda Carpenter, Carolyn Tucker, Toni Whedon, Jack & Sheila Daly, Mona Swanston & Frank Rossini, Liz Riehl and her friend Paddy, Susanne Muszala, Kelly Getreu, Mary Brint, Pat & Phil McKnight, Tina Borcella and Mike and Patti Garcia.



Mona Swanston

March 4 at 11:05 AM

Hey people~ I unfortunately left two black saddle pads hanging over the red steel railing at Moss Landing Beach last week. If anyone came across them, and would like to return them to me, I'd be truly grateful!!



Lorne Green..

Lorne Green bought Buck his horse he rode on Bonanza, for fear that the horse would end up in a bad way. He then donated Buck to a therapeutic riding center. Buck taught mentally and physically challenged children to ride until his passing in 1992 at the age of 45, an unusually long life for a horse. < What a horse '



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