

# Monterey Bay Equestrians May 2020

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## May 2020 Presidents Message

Let's celebrate the halfway point to summer! May day in my household was celebrated with a basket of flowers, that is seed of course, it meant we were ready to plant the garden, have baby chicks, goats and wildflowers where everywhere. So, I decided we should celebrate May day by riding our horses in fields of lupine and poppies. Folklore says farmers would decorate their animals with yellow flowers for May Day and danced around a pole with ribbons. Ok, no pole dancing, but Remington would look fantastic in a lay of flowers. I challenge everyone this month to take a photo of your flower covered trail ride and post it on our Facebook page. In our June newsletter we will announce the May Day Challenge WINNER!



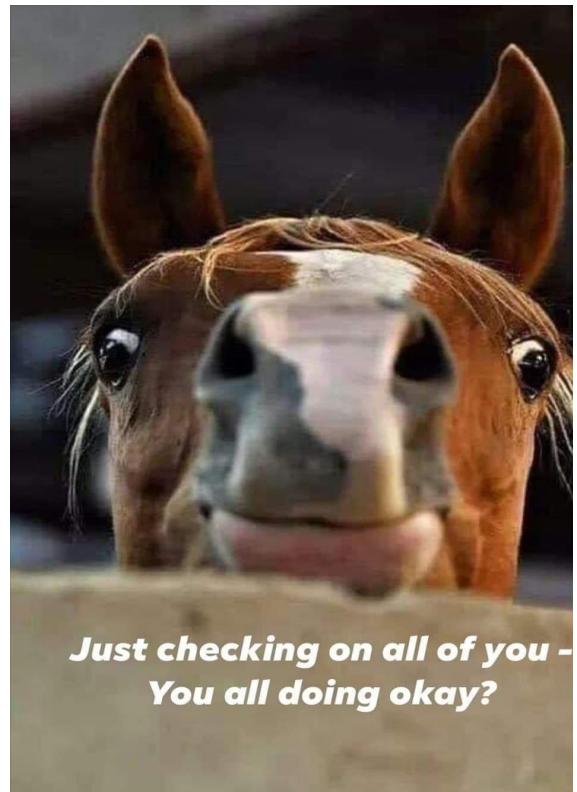
Looking for flowers? I recommend Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve in Morgan Hill. The parking is easy, horse water and bathrooms available and they are open. If that's too far to go, stage at the Marina equestrian Center and ride out from there to the Ft Ord National Monument. Currently the Smith's Blue Butterflies (on the endangered species list) are hatching and are quite beautiful, but don't forget tick spray. I, like everyone else am ready to camp, gather with friends, go out to dinner, or, do just about anything but SIP. This too shall pass and we will soon be

exploring our parks on horseback with each other. We still have a lot to look forward to, Wrights Lake, Kings Canyon, Pt Reyes, Rancho Oso and more.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge Sunday for her hard work with our survey monkey, and multiple reservation cancellations. As well, I want to thank all the members who participated in the very hard decision to cancel this year's annual poker ride. We value everyone's input and will be working diligently on our 2021 poker ride and future ride schedule. Sunday was able to keep our reservation at Santa Cruz Horseman's Showgrounds for camping, providing restrictions will be lifted. Keep an eye out for more details.

Happy Trails

Cathleen



*Just checking on all of you -  
You all doing okay?*

# Member of the Month

## Erika Reid



Miss Congeniality would describe Erika Reid, she can be found handing out piping hot fresh baked confections each morning at camp. Erika always wears a smile and a friendly demeanor, whether on the trail or in camp she is an outgoing jovial lady. A dog lover for sure, and if you don't have a dog she will convince you that you need one, or two? She worked as veterinary technician as well as a Real Estate agent at Bailey Realty , Erika is ready to find you the perfect pet friendly home.

Erika has three horses Calypso, Tanner and Chico, Chico is her steady dude. She also rescues cats, that become her cats, dogs that also become her dogs. She is definitely a class act, here's to you Erika Reid for bringing the champagne to the camp outs!

"When your horse follows you without being asked, when he rubs his head on yours, and when you look at him and feel a tingle down your spine... you know you are loved."

-John Lyons

Now that you have lots of indoor time on you 'hands'....  
DIY Hand Cream Recipe for Real Riders (from Cowgirl Magazine)  
<https://cowgirlmagazine.com/diy-hand-cream-riders>

## 2020 MBE CALENDAR *(revised 4/25/20)*

DATE	RIDE TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	HOST
<b>JUNE</b>				
7th	11am	Day Ride <i>(Members Only)</i> <b>(PENDING)</b>	Diablo Foothills Gilroy	Carolyn Tucker
26th - 28th		Campout <i>(Members Only)</i>	Santa Cruz County Horsemen's	Sunday Minnich
<b>JULY</b>				
10th - 15th		MBE & San Martin Horsemen's Campout <i>(Guests invited)</i> . <i>Catering option available</i>	Jack Brooks Horse Camp	Syd Blankenship
18th	8am - 6pm	Day Trip - Horse Expo <i>(Members Only)</i>	Party Bus to Horse Expo Rancho Murieta	Cathleen Sittig
25th	11am	Day Ride <i>(Members Only)</i>	Henry Cowell, Santa Cruz	Liz Gheen
<b>AUGUST</b>				
6th - 10th		Campout <i>(Members Only)</i>	Montana De Oro	Cathleen & Carolyn
15th	11am	Day Ride <i>(Members Only)</i>	Mt Madonna Park	Toni Whedon
19th - 24th		Campout* <i>(Open, Make own resv)</i>	Big Meadow Kings Canyon	Patti & Mike Garcia
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
3rd - 8th		Campout* <i>(Open, Make own resv)</i>	Wrights Lake	Liz Gheen
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
1st - 5th		Ladies Catered Campout <i>*(Guests Invited)</i>	Pointe Reyes Five Brooks Horse Camp	Cathleen & Sunday
31st	11am	Day Ride <i>(Members Only)</i>	Halloween Pebble Beach Ride & catered box lunch	Syd Blankenship
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
5th - 9th		Campout <i>(Members Only)</i>	Rancho Oso Santa Ynez	Cathleen Sittig
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
5th	6pm	Christmas Party <i>*(guests invited)</i>	TBD	2020 Board
10th	7pm	Ride Meeting	Prunedale Library	

\* **Open 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:** **May 7th MEETING CANCELLED**; July 9th Pdale; Sept 10 Wats; Nov 12 Pdale; Dec 10 Ride mtg Pdale

### **MAY RIDE/CAMP REPORT by Sunday Minnich, Ride Chair/VP**

**Poker Ride:** Thank you everyone who participated in the survey and helping the Board reach a decision on holding the Poker Ride. Unfortunately, due to new developments and ever changing guidelines during this pandemic, as well as the planning it takes to hold the Poker Ride and lack of resources we will have due to businesses being closed, we have decided to cancel this year's Fundraiser. **However were able to keep the dates of June 26-29 at the Showgrounds for a MBE Club Campout**, pending if the facility is open by then. We will keep you posted and if it's a go, registration will be open at the beginning of June.

The Poker Ride will not be rescheduled to a later date this year due to busy schedules and not being able to select a date that works for all committee members. Based on the survey results, the board will be discussing the dates and location for the 2021 Poker Ride and will announce the location/dates shortly.

**May Rides & Campouts:** The Backstretch Horse Ranch Day Ride which was supposed to be held May 30th will be rescheduled to a later date at their request, which is understandable. Therefore there will be no rides or campouts in May.

**Please Note:** Due to SIP, the May General Membership Meeting is canceled. The next meeting is July 9th in Prunedale.



## Your Where to Ride Guide

### In the Truck / Trailer

- Road Map and Directions to trailhead
- Registration / Insurance
- Coggins Papers / Health Papers/Brand Inspection
- Flashlight w/ spare batteries
- Spare Tire Truck / Trailer
- Jack & Lug Wrench - Truck and Trailer
- Chock Blocks for Wheels
- Manure Rake / Forks
- Manure bucket
- Spares
  - Extra Cinch / Girth
  - Headstall / Bridle
  - Reins
  - Halter and Lead
- Tools – Pliers / Screwdriver
- Duct tape
- Garbage bags

### Tack

- Saddle
- Bridle
- Saddle Pads
- Saddle / Pommel Bags
- Halter
- Hobbles
- Breast Collar
- Crupper / Breechin
- Cinch / Girth
- ID tag

### Equine Supplies

- Feed – Hay / Grain
- Feed and Water Buckets
- Water
- Hay Bag
- Horse First Aid Kit
- Fly Spray
- Hoof Pick
- Sponge or rag
- Grooming Supplies
- Hoof Rasp

### Personal Supplies

- Riding Pants and Jeans
- Riding Boots
- Socks
- Outerwear Jacket / Sweater
- Rain Gear
- Undergarments
- Extra Set of Keys
- Knife
- Lip Balm
- Hat - Gloves
- Helmet
- Sun Block
- Insect Repellent
- First Aid Kit
- Toilet Paper / Wet Ones
- Medications
- ID for emergencies

### On the Trail

- Hoof Pick
- Knife / Wire Cutters
- Map of the area / Compass
- Water Bottle
- Snacks
- Saddle Bag / Pommel Bags
- Helmet
- Insect Repellent
- First Aid Kit
- Rain Slicker
- Cell Phone/way to call for help
- Rope/ cord for repairs
- Lead rope
- Sun Block
- Camera
- Lighter
- Flashlight

### Camp Equipment

- Tent / Hammock
- Sleeping bag
- Camp Shoes/Mud Boots
- Lantern
- Food
- Camp Stove
- Air mattress
- Saw
- First Aid Kit
- Insect Repellent
- Camp Chairs
- Folding table
- Highline gear

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