



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I write this message the overwhelming feeling of pride and gratitude overtakes me. Pride in that a community of like-minded horse crazy people will drop whatever they are doing to help rescue horses from the fire zone. Gratitude that those around our community, equestrians or not, donated animal feed, trucks, trailers, fencing, stalls,

monetary donations, or showed support with food for volunteers and evacuees. Not to mention our very own members faced evacuations, while others stepped up to the plate and helped where they could. It has truly been a trying year for most, but in the trials of life I see everyday people putting aside their own struggles to help those around them.

While much of our camping plans have either had to be changed, modified, moved or just cancelled all together, there have been some fantastic campouts that may not have been possible without the tenacity of our ride Chair Sunday Minnich. I cannot thank the members enough for being

patient while we have had to navigate this "new normal". Certainly, we all have missed our meal teams, and the opportunity to host a dinner at your campsite. But, hasn't it been awesome to have three meals a day prepped, served, and cleaned up for us, not mention not once did I need to shop how about you?

I thought a quick recap of the ➡

## Save the Date

**Oct 31: Pebble Beach Ride**

**Nov 12-16: Lake San Antonio Campout**

*For details & more upcoming events, please see the Calendar.*

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good times is in need. January had a great turnout for our Presidents Ride and membership drive. February followed suit with a huge crowd for the Salinas River Beach ride hosted by the incredible Patty & Mike Garcia. We cancelled all events due to shelter in place in March, April & May. On June 7th I had the pleasure of hosting a vernal pool ride

at Ft. Ord, we were all so happy to be out again it felt like a family reunion. Followed by our first campout of 2020 at the McCormick Ranch. July we all waited anxiously to hear whether we would get to go to Jack Brooks, when the news came Sunday again stepped up to find us an alternative. We all packed up and headed north to Skillman in Nevada City.

July 25th Patricia Anderson hosted our Henry Cowell Day Ride, she took us on a beautiful loop through the redwoods. August, Toni Whedon & Kathy Madlem hosted, might I add on the hottest day of the year a ride at Mt. Madonna. Additionally, 13 MBE members joined Wanac's catered ride at Pt Reyes National Seashore. Finally, September Sunday Minnich hosted Wrights Lake campout. We have struggled through park closures, social distancing, as well as the 'new normal' to find a way to camp, ride and enjoy our sport of horses.

I end where I started, I am proud to be a part of this community, a community of horse crazy people who will do whatever it takes to ride, camp, and enjoy the company of equestrians. May I echo for all 2021 come quickly, come quietly.

~ Cathleen

# Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

We're excited  
to meet you!

- *Christie Partsafas & Heather Mejia*
- *Tammy Philbin*
- *Sue Glass*
- *North Grueskin Mike Garman*
- *Shirley Rasmussen & Greg Feinberg*



# Wright's Lake

## CAMPOUT REPORT

by Sunday Minnich  
Vice President



We originally had 28 members and their guests signed up for the Wright Lake Campout but quite a few cancelled due to the smoke and fires, heat wave and some members who had the stress of having to evacuate due to the fires in Carmel and Salinas (thank goodness no one lost their houses).

Fortunately we had some on the waiting list and were able to get back up to 20 members and guests who attended. Considering some mishaps over the weekend (overheated vehicles pulling the long grade to Wrights Lake, eye injury, horse injury and evacuation for those that stayed over Monday) it was a great Labor Day Weekend campout. The weather ended up being perfect and we only encountered about a day and half of smoke.

Most everyone arrived Thursday and after some mechanical problems for some on the steep grade getting to Wrights Lake, it was nice to sit down to a nice, delicious dinner. The next day we woke up to fresh coffee and breakfast and made our bagged lunches for the trail. It was going to be the hottest day at around 80 degrees so most people ventured out early on their trusty steeds. Most of the cancellations were from the members who have been there over the years and know the trails so we had to just "wing" it on most of the rides. The McCormick Group won the prize for the longest rides.

After dinner Friday night, Erika set up the outdoor theater and we watched the movie 8 Seconds. For those who didn't want to watch the movie, Peggy made an awesome campfire. Saturday was a beautiful day. After another great breakfast and making our bagged lunches,



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some ventured out for a ride while others stayed in camp to relax. Member Val and her husband Ron came to visit and have dinner with us. After dinner we watched another great horse movie "Virginia's Run" and Peggy made another epic campfire.

Sunday ended up being a smoky day so many stayed in camp, visited and drank (ha ha) while some hit the trail. There were a few that left Sunday to head back home. We were treated to a fantastic Mexican Fiesta dinner Sunday night. The movie theater decided it had enough of our movies LOL and didn't want to work so everyone headed to Erika & Peggy's camp for our last campfire of the trip. We had a lot of laughs, drinks and fun.

Most everyone left on Monday except Erika, Peggy, Linda, Toni and the McCormick group who were staying until Tuesday so they didn't have to deal with the holiday traffic. Unfortunately Monday the park rangers found Erika and Peggy riding and Toni and Linda in camp and told them they had to evacuate immediately. They packed up as fast as possible and left. The McCormick group was still out riding so I texted them in the hopes that they would get my message and head back to camp to pack up. By the time the McCormicks got back to camp, the emergency evacuation was cancelled and they didn't have to rush and leave immediately. Overall, we were all so happy we were able to get another campout in the books for 2020. It's been a hard, strange year.



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# Members of the Month



## SUNDAY MINNICH

**Other Family Member names:** Brian (husband), Chance (son), Alicia (daughter-in-law)

**My horse(s):** Spud, quarter horse; Chewy, haflinger and River, my rescued 9mo old Mustang

**What other animals do you have?** Tank our English Bulldog and Tuffy our Boston/Frenchie mix

**What horse activities do you like the most?** Trail riding and camping

**What hobbies outside of horses do you like?** Golf, riding our utv's, camping with friends, vacationing

**Where is your favorite place to day ride?** In Nevada, it's Davis Creek and Washoe Lake. In California, it's Henry Cowell and Fort Ord.

**Where is your favorite place to horse camp?** Jack Brooks and Point Reyes

**Any other horse clubs you belong to?** High Desert Horsemen's in Nevada, Santa Cruz County Horsemen's and Los Viajeros

**How did you hear about MBE?** From Bill & Linda Grossman back in 2004. They were one of the original founders of the club.

**Anything else you would like us to know about you?** My husband retired last year from Law Enforcement and we moved to Virginia City Highlands, NV. We have 10 acres and love living here. There are many places to ride close to home or trailer to other areas. It's a wide variety of riding. Anything from desert, sandy riding to the Sierra's close by. My daughter Alicia Minnich is a Clinton Anderson Clinician if anyone is interested in a good horse trainer. My son followed in my husbands footsteps and is a Sheriff Deputy with Santa Clara County Sheriff's and they just bought a house in Hollister. I have been riding since I was 3 years old, which is the age I also encountered my first unplanned dismount LOL. I just recently rescued a mustang who came from the Yakima Tribal kill pens. He had a rough start to life but is doing great, thanks to his Auntie Cathleen who is taking great care of him until Spring.

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## JESSICA SCHATTENBURG

**Other Family Member names:** Husband Doug Schattenburg, Two sons Jayce Schattenburg (16) and Gavin Schattenburg (12)

**My horse(s):** Calypso, Raven & Toby all grade QH rescues from feedlots

**What other animals do you have?** We also have dogs and cats and a myriad assortment of foster animals that come/go as the need arises.

**What horse activities do you like the most?** Trail Riding absolutely, especially longer day rides and new adventures!

**What hobbies outside of horses do you like?** Most of my "spare" time goes in to various animal welfare related philanthropic endeavors like foster care, education and fundraising.

**Where is your favorite place to day ride?** Moss Landing State Beach

**Where is your favorite place to horse camp?** Joseph Grant

**Any other horse clubs you belong to?** Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association

**How did you hear about MBE?** Erika Reid introduced me at the San Antonio campout

**Anything else you would like us to know about you?**

Just that we are still caring for a lot of animals and needs related to the CZU Lightning Fire Evacuations and we are also working on creating a Large Animal Care Emergency Response Team for Santa Cruz County. If you are interested in donating or volunteering contact me to learn more and you can donate to the cause at: <https://www.scanimalshelterfoundation.org/fire-relief-fund>





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2020

## OCTOBER

### OCTOBER 31 / DAY RIDE: PEBBLE BEACH

11am

Halloween Ride with Catered Box Lunch

Host: Syd Blankenship

Details and RSVP here:

<https://mbepebblebeach2020.eventbrite.com>

Advanced registration and payment required.

## NOVEMBER

### NOVEMBER 12-16 / LAKE SAN ANTONIO CATERED CAMPOUT

[HTTPS://MBELSACAMPOUT.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://mbelsacampout.eventbrite.com)

Host: Cathleen Sittig & Carolyn Tucker

Guests welcome.\* Catering optional at \$210 per person (11 meals, Thu PM - Mon AM. Last campout this year. We hope you can make it!

## DECEMBER

### DECEMBER 5 / CHRISTMAS PARTY 5pm

Guests Invited\* - PENDING LOCATION

Host: 2020 Board of Directors

We are still working on the details. Restaurants are still closed to special events and COVID regulations don't allow potlucks or meals prepared by individuals for group events. Cathleen has offered the Marina Equestrian Center's community room but has been having problems finding a caterer. We will keep you posted on our progress and have a decision by November 1st.

## DECEMBER

### DECEMBER 10 / GENERAL MEETING (RIDE PLAN)

Since the Prunedale Library is still closed and we haven't been able to meet, we will be combining our November general membership meeting, December 2021 Ride & Campout Scheduling meeting and our board elections during the LSA Campout, Saturday, November 14 after dinner. Even if you can't camp, we hope you will attend the meeting. We will have special pricing for Saturday dinner only.



PLEASE NOTE: All events are MEMBERS ONLY unless otherwise specified.

\*"Open" Campouts/Rides are not MBE sanctioned events. Reservations are made on your own and are at your own risk.

"Guests Invited/Public" Events are MBE sanctioned rides and guests are covered under MBE insurance.

# MBE RIDE RULES

1. For your safety and pleasure, we ask that you use common sense, and show courtesy and consideration toward others at all times.
2. Please leave sick horses at home. Any horse with a noticeable cough, runny nose, or any other potentially communicable illness will be asked to leave.
3. If your horse kicks, indicate with a red ribbon on its tail.
4. For safety reasons, organized day rides will be paced at a walk.
5. Respect our lands and stay on designated equestrian roads/trails.
6. Keep one-horse length between you and the other riders, and a two-horse length on narrow trails and hills.
7. Do NOT pass the leader of a ride if there is one.
8. Ask permission to pass a horse in front of you and pass quietly.
9. If leaving the group during a ride, advise the ride host or leader.
10. Horses should not exceed a flat-footed walk in camp or in a staging area.
11. No loose horses are permitted in camp or on the trails. Hobbled horses are considered loose horses due to their tendency to travel.
12. Wherever MBE goes, dog rules must be followed. Dogs are NOT allowed on group day rides. When in camp, dogs and other pets must be confined or leashed. Owners are responsible for their own pets' behavior.
13. Animals are not allowed in eating areas.
14. Do NOT litter. Carry all trash to a trash receptacle.
15. Follow any park/camp/facility rules as set forth by location of ride/campout.
16. No alcohol or firearms permitted on the trail.
17. Smoking is permitted ONLY in designated areas.
18. Just a friendly reminder that we have ride rules for a reason. We would like to respectfully ask everyone to please follow the rules for your own safety and to ensure everyone's enjoyment. Ride Hosts do not want to be the bad guy and ask members to please follow the rules. We thank you for your consideration and diligence in following these rules.

PLEASE NOTE: Rules are subject to change for specific rides & campouts which will be stated on the individual ride flyers for day rides & campouts.





# Classifieds

## SEEKING HOME FOR RENT

I am looking for a place to live: 2 people, 1 dog, 1 cat and vehicles. Anywhere between Soquel and north Watsonville would be ideal. Needs to be a free standing home not apartment building, too many motorized toys.

Ursula Worthen [alamarana00@gmail.com](mailto:alamarana00@gmail.com)

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## FOR SALE

CONTACT PATRICIA AT  
[RIDINRDH@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:RIDINRDH@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

\*SYNERGIST TRAIL SADDLE FOR SALE. 15.5 IN SEAT IN GREAT SHAPE ALL LEATHER ONLY WEIGHS 18 LBS. COST \$2400 I'M ASKING \$950.

\* PARELLI CRADLE BIT WITH LEATHER HEADSTALL. ASKING \$175.

\*TIPPERARY LIKE NEW HYBRID MATTE BLACK HELMET SIZE LARGE BUT THEY RUN A LITTLE SMALL. ASKING \$35.

*Have something for the Classifieds or Announcements? Email a description and pics (if relevant) to [s.lam@me.com](mailto:s.lam@me.com).*





# Announcements



## San Martin Horsemen's Trailer Back Up Clinic

**Sunday October 18th 2020**

**Registration starts at 8:00am**

**Clinic 9:00 – 12:00**

- Elements of safety
- Backing technique
- Practice with the Instructors

**Friendly Competition 1pm-4pm**

Friendly competition with obstacle course.  
Novice class for new and rusty drivers  
Old Pro class for .....  
Small prize for best overall in each class.

**\$40 – member, \$50 – non-member**

**\$5 Discount for early registration**

### **BACKING WITH SAM**

(Think Green Eggs and Ham)

Can you back up here or there?

Can you back up anywhere?

I do not know for sure if I can,

I should come to the clinic with Gary,  
Randy (and Sam).

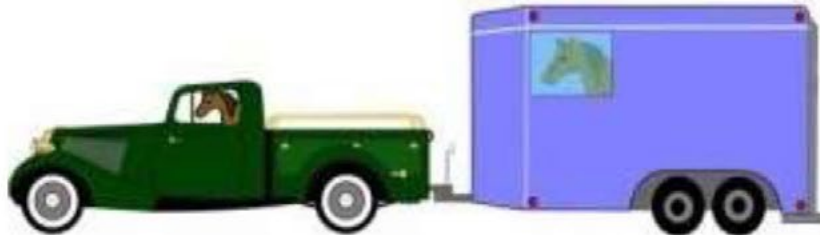
Can you back up to a dock?

Can you back around the clock?

I do not know for sure if I can,

I should come to the clinic with Gary,  
Randy (and Sam).

Come join us for an informative day learning and honing your trailer backup skills. Bring your truck and EMPTY trailer, bumper pull or gooseneck. Bring your lunch. We will have bottled water for \$1. For information contact Karen Luke 408-203-5730 [kluke@garlic.com](mailto:kluke@garlic.com)



The event will be held at the Blomquist Arena: 8885 Guibal Ave. Gilroy. Directions: Take New Ave. to Roop Road and go west on Roop. Then go straight, do not turn on Guibal, and you will pull all the way to the back of the property, where there is plenty of parking.

See forms in October newsletter and at [www.smhorse.org](http://www.smhorse.org)

Event may be cancelled due to rain or unsuitable conditions.