



# LOS PADRES TRAIL RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## GENERAL MEETINGS

LPTR meets on the third Thursday of every odd-numbered month at the Santa Barbara Humane Society's Education Center on Overpass Road (enter at the rear, around the curve from the main entrance). If you'd like to join us for the potluck at 6:30 p.m., bring something to share, place setting and drink for yourself. The meeting at 7:00 p.m. and guests always welcome.

## LPTR MEETING

Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

### “CAMPING WITH HORSES”

About two dozen members and guests gathered to hear the stories of the Sage Hens: their origin and their adventures told by long-time members. Their early motto: “No trail untried!”

The ladies “roughed it,” sleeping under the stars and comforted by the sound of their horses nearby. Arising with the sun, they'd feed the animals, have breakfast, then head out for a new adventure, for several years in the Davy Brown, Hurricane Deck, and Sisquoc areas.

The members come from different walks of life, with little in common but their love of the outdoors and being around horses where they can enjoy the scenery, nature, and companionship.

The meeting was formatted in a campfire motif, with the ladies taking turns relating the group's adventures as if they were sitting around the fire pit after an evening meal.

Membership is limited to 40 ladies to keep the group small and intimate and not get large like the Rancheros.

## LPTR MEETING

September 18<sup>th</sup>

### “HOOF CHANGES AND WHAT THEY MEAN”

Dr. David Jensen, DVM, and Farrier Pete Healy

When you are grooming your horse and picking out his feet, do you know what to look for that might signal a problem?

Dr. Jensen and Mr. Healy will explain some of the hoof and foot conditions that you should be aware of, what action is needed and whether it is urgent or something you can take care of yourself.

Put the date on your calendar and join us for this interesting meeting – and bring your questions!

## President's Message

Our Club offers a variety of activities, including educational speakers, interaction with parades (whether you are a rider or a helper), the Tack & Tog Sale, parties, and trail rides now in collaboration with other groups.

Even if you are not a horseback trail rider, you should know our trails. Our trails are multi-use and if you have friends and relatives that visit Santa Barbara, please consider taking them for a walk to see one or more of our beautiful gems of Santa Barbara County on trails that are open to walkers, hikers, and bicyclists. Know ahead of time where the parking area is and how much of a walk any section of trail would be, what time of day is best for that area, and what wildflowers are in bloom at that time of the year.

Ellwood comes to mind as an easy area. There are several places to park, depending on where you want to walk. Even when the butterflies have gone thither for a while, the walk in nature is relatively flat and easy. If you choose your parking place, friends who aren't avid hikers could have an easy walk to see nature's beauty.

The Gaviota Overlook trail ride mentioned in this Newsletter could be a nice half-day adventure with family and friends. The trail is solid, wide, and safe, and the bit of uphill isn't much for someone who uses walking as one of their forms of exercise. On the day of our ride, a Saturday morning, we saw only a few walkers. One was a family of four and the son asked me if I was riding a burro. Shows that he was paying attention, even if it was to mule Annie's ears!



Riders pause to enjoy a cool foggy morning and the scenery from the Gaviota Overlook Trail.

The reason I am writing this is that I told the story of the Gaviota Overlook trail ride to a number of friends who are not horse people but who do quite a bit of hiking and camping with their families. They tell me stories of their

weekend wonders, this time I got to hear about a bear at Mammoth. But not one of these people had any idea that the Gaviota Overlook trail even exists, and now they will take their families on the trail when they can.

Why do I want to get the word out? Because when issues come up with the Planning Commission they need to hear who all is using the trails. Much work has gone into getting trails designated for equestrian use and there is more to come in hopes of fulfilling Vie Obern's dream of a continuous coastal trail. The more people who are supportive of these trails, the better.

To get to the parking area for the Overlook Trail, take 101 north, then Highway 1 west, then watch for a left turn lane on the highway after a short distance. Take the left turn (it comes quickly) and you will go down a road past the Las Cruces School. There is a small parking area on the left past the school and there is also parking along the roadside.

The Santa Barbara County Trail Council, <https://sbtrails.org/> is to thank for much of the hard work. They have trail maps that are part of membership. If you need more information, contact Otis Calef at [otis@sbtrails.org](mailto:otis@sbtrails.org), or call 963-2779.

This is your Club and LPTR appreciates your suggestions and participation.

## LPTR Grant Funds To Be Available

The Board of Directors is close to releasing applications for grant money available for 2014. These grants are available to equine- or trail-related non-profit organizations located and operating in Santa Barbara County.

The procedure for awarding these grants has been changed from past years. Interested groups will be required to complete an Application for Grant and mail it, with required attachments, to LPTR by October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Because available funds are limited, not every applicant may be awarded a grant and some requests may be only partially funded. We will consider grant requests of up to \$1,000 per organization for 2014. The Board of Directors will choose which grants will be awarded and the Board's decision is final. The grants will be announced at the LPTR Annual Meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Application forms will be mailed to past grant recipients and be posted on the Los Padres Trail Riders web site at: [www.lptr.org](http://www.lptr.org).

## Gaviota Trail Ride

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, I enjoyed a lovely Gaviota trail ride aboard Otis' mule Annie. The ride was hosted by the Santa Ynez Valley Riders and led by Otis Calef.

Everyone should see the work that has gone into the Gaviota trails by volunteers and the Santa Barbara County Trails Council. The Overlook Trail climbs to a great view, but the layout of the trails makes the ride easy. The trail is open to hikers as well as bicyclists, but during the morning of our ride we saw almost no one other than the riders in our group.

Parking is easy thanks to a small lot near the Las Cruces School. Setting out onto the actual trail requires a simple step-over gate which can be ridden or taken on foot if need be.

I enjoyed the group of Santa Ynez Valley Riders and was happy to meet them and their horses. All horses and mules were well-behaved and seemed comfortable on the ride.



## Fiesta Parade

Barbara Wolf, Parade Chair

The LPTR members riding in the Fiesta Parade this year were Sherrie Baker, Carol Cocchiarella, Jane Lodash, and John and Ayn Cates Sullivan. Ground crew members were Jamie Buse, Chris English, Barbara Wolf, and Barbara Hinman. Always great to have help on the ground for this parade!

We ride as the guests on their way to the De la Guerra Wedding, which is what the Fiesta Parade is based on.

For many years, we have been collaborating with Vie Obern's group, which is the bride and groom and family riding as the Wedding Party. Several LPTR members rode in this group also. In the carriage were Natalie (Vie's granddaughter) and Kevin Goodwin and their children Ashlin and Westin. Ted and Mary Helen Nunez. Micah and Tucker Brown, recent newlyweds themselves, were the bride and groom.

Riding horses were Vie's daughter Dale Hoeffliger, Sally Cushman, Micah Brown, Tucker Brown, Cindy Young, Stacie Anthes, Jeff Bruner, Natalie Hodges, Mindy Smith, Nicole Tool, and Lindsey Reed-Dominguez. All went well for the group.



Fiesta Parade riders (right to left): Sherrie Baker, Carol Cocchiarella, Jane Lodash, Ayn Cates Sullivan, and John Sullivan.

**LPTR Parades**  
**By Barbara Wolf, Parade Chair**

Solvang Danish Days, Saturday, Sept. 20, 2:30 p.m. Good first time parade. LPTR outfits.

Los Alamos Days, Sunday, Sept. 28, 11:00 a.m. (Low-key Western attire for this parade.)

Los Olivos Days, Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m. Fun Halloween parade and we decorate our horses and selves. Not a good first time parade.

Solvang Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 6, 11:00 a.m. We decorate horses in Christmas attire and riders wear LPTR outfits and Santa hats. Great first-time parade also.

Carpinteria Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. Same attire as Solvang Parade.

Be sure your horse and tack are clean for all parades to make a nice presentation of LPTR.

For more information on any parade event, call Barbara Wolf.

**LPTR PARADE OUTFIT LIST**

- **BOOTS**
- **DARK BLUE JEANS**
- **DARK BLUE DENIM VEST**
- **WHITE LONG-SLEEVE SHIRT WITH CLUB PATCH ON LEFT SLEEVE**
- **RED BANDANA TIED AROUND NECK**
- **NEUTRAL COLORED FELT OR STRAW HAT OR HELMET**
- **RED, BLUE, OR WHITE FELT MATERIAL TO COVER SADDLE BLANKET**
- **SADDLE, BRIDLE (BRING A SPARE)**
- **FLOWERS OR DECORATIONS BASED ON EACH PARADE**
- **PLEASE CLEAN TACK AND WASH AND GROOM YOUR HORSE**

**LPTR MISSION STATEMENT**

To advance recreational trails and trail use and to encourage horseback riding, trail riding, and other horse-related activities in Santa Barbara County.

To foster good horsemanship and fellowship.

To promote mutual helpfulness between horse owners and property owners near trails and riding areas.

To initiate, sponsor, promote, and carry out plans, policies, and activities that will tend to further the use, acquisition, preservation, development, and maintenance of riding and hiking trails, especially in the County of Santa Barbara.

To provide educational events to the equestrian community.

**EQUINE-RELATED  
NON-PROFITS**

**Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian Center.** Equine-assisted therapy. Call 964-1519 for information on lessons, volunteering, or to make donations or visit their website at [www.heartsriding.org](http://www.heartsriding.org). Volunteers Orientation held monthly (see web site). Open house monthly; see web site for dates. The Tack Shack sells gently used tack and togs and is open Tuesdays 2 – 4 p.m. and Saturdays 12 – 4 p.m. [www.HeartsRiding.org](http://www.HeartsRiding.org).

**Santa Barbara Equine Assistance and Evacuation Team.** Help keep Equine Evac going! Members and volunteers greatly needed to keep EVAC going. For information, contact Equine EVAC at 892-4484. In emergency, Call 9-1-1 to activate.

**The Santa Barbara Emergency Response Team** works through the Santa Barbara County Animal Services during a disaster. See [www.sbcphd.org/as](http://www.sbcphd.org/as). **The Santa Barbara Humane Society** offers site assessments for disaster planning. Call Tim Collins at 964-4777 ext. 18.

**Emergency Animal Hotline: 681-4332** channels calls to the right agency. It is active only during an emergency.

If you would like your non-profit equine-related organization listed here, send information to the Newsletter Editor.

**Montecito Trails Foundation Fall BBQ  
Saturday, Sept. 13**

The Montecito Trails Foundation is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year at the home of Hal and Mary Coffin, The Montecito Valley Ranch, at Sheffield and Ortega Hill Roads.

You can hike-it, bike-it, run-it, or hoof-it on the trails. The long ride & trail run starts at 8:30 a.m., short ride & hikes at 9 a.m. BBQ (drinks included) from 1 to 3 p.m.

Non-members cost is \$70.

For more information, call 969-3514 or [www.MontecitoTrailsFoundation.org](http://www.MontecitoTrailsFoundation.org).



**LOS PADRES TRAIL RIDERS  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

***PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN THE GENERAL RELEASE AT THE BOTTOM.***

The purpose of the Los Padres Trail Riders (LPTR) is to promote individual and family trail riding, to preserve and maintain County trails, to hold social events for the local horse community, and to present educational meetings and seminars, and to conduct fundraisers for local equine-related non-profits. You do not have to be a trail rider or even to be a horse owner to be a member of LPTR.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (family membership) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTIFY IN EMERGENCY:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (circle one):    NEW                      RENEWAL  
\$25.00 Adult Membership (Individual 18 & over)                      \$35.00 Family Membership (Spouse and/or children)  
\$20.00 Junior Membership (17 & under if joining alone)                      \$300.00 Lifetime Membership

If Family Membership, please list name(s) of children under 17 years of age:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

We may contact our membership as a reminder of our and community events. Would you like to be contacted by (circle one):

PHONE                      E-MAIL                      NO CONTACT

**GENERAL RELEASE**

I, the undersigned member of Los Padres Trail Riders (the "Club"), acknowledges that horseback riding and related activities, including being a spectator at horse events, involves certain risks of injury to me personally, to my minor child(ren), damage to my personal property, and injury or death to my horse caused by my own negligence or the negligence of others. Knowing these facts, I nevertheless waive, release, and discharge the Club, its Board of Directors collectively and individually, officers, employees, and all individual members of the Club, their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns from any kind or nature that might occur as a result of or arising from my participation, including as a spectator, as a member of the Club, including but not limited to, participation at a Club meeting, Club horse show, Club trail ride, Club equine demonstration lecture, or any other event sponsored or managed by the Club or a member thereof on behalf of the Club. This General Release is being given in consideration of the Club enrolling me and /or members of my family as a member of the Club. I further agree that I will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Club, its Board of Directors, both collectively and individually, its officers and employees and all individual members of the Club, their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns from any and all claims, demands, causes of action or other proceedings brought by, or prosecuted for my benefit, alleging arising out of the negligence of the Club, its Board of Directors, collectively and individually, its officers and employees and all individual members of the Club. I expressly waive any benefits I may have under Section 1542 of the California Civil Code relating to the release of unknown claims. That section provides as follows: CERTAIN CLAIMS NOT AFFECTED BY GENERAL RELEASE – A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor," are hereby expressly waived.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, California.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature on behalf of themselves and minor child(ren)                      Signature of Spouse (if applicable)

Please make checks payable to LPTR and send to  
LPTR Membership, PO Box 323, Santa Barbara, CA 93102  
If you have questions, call Maureen Peatross, 692-0724

**LOS PADRES TRAIL RIDERS  
P.O. BOX 323  
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93102**

Pass this Newsletter along to your "horsey" friends; invite them to a meeting or activity (must be a member to go on LPTR trail rides or ride in parades) or post the Newsletter at your barn.

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### **LPTR COMING EVENTS**

**September 2:** Board Meeting, 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd., 6:00 p.m.

**September 8:** Deadline for the September issue of the LPTR Newsletter

**September 18:** LPTR General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:00 meeting, Humane Society Classroom. **Dr. David Jensen, DVM, and Mr. Pete Healey, Farrier, "Hoof Changes and What They Mean"**

**September 20:** Solvang Danish Days Parade (See page 4)

**September 28:** Los Alamos Days Parade (See page 4)

**October 3:** Deadline for Grant Applications for 2014

**October 6:** Board Meeting, 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd., 6:00 p.m.

**October 13:** Deadline for the October issue of the LPTR Newsletter

**October 18:** Los Olivos Days Parade (See page 4)

**November 3:** Board Meeting, 5546 Cathedral Oaks Rd., 6:00 p.m.

**November 10:** Deadline for the November issue of the LPTR Newsletter

**November 20:** LPTR Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:00 meeting, Humane Society Classroom.

**Elections & Awarding of Grants**

**December 6:** Solvang Christmas Parade (See page 4)

**December 14:** Carpinteria Christmas Parade (See page 4)

### **COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS**

September 6-7: SBCRC Back To School Show, Earl Warren

September 12-14: SB National Western Horse Show AQHA Reining & Pleasure, Earl Warren

September 13: Montecito Trails Foundation Fall BBQ, Montecito Valley Ranch (see page 4)

October 5: Championship Dressage Show, Modoc Riding Ring

October 12: Western & Ranch Sunday Horse Show, Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Center (686-9217)

October 25-26: SBCRC Fall Show & Medal Finals, Earl Warren

If you would like your equine-related activity listed here, contact the Newsletter Editor at [boomerlou56@verizon.net](mailto:boomerlou56@verizon.net).