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President's Message

Terri Jo Ortega

It is hard to believe that it's March and in just a few short weeks it will be Daylight Savings Time again. As the days get longer we all start thinking about camping with our equines. Be sure to check out Sarah Pereverziev's horse camping tips in this newsletter.

Speaking of horse camping, I have a mechanism that I use when I highline my mule that you may want to check out. The best part is that you can make it yourself.

I always highline my mule when I camp because she is adept at moving her portable corral wherever she wants to go. And trust me, nothing

strikes fear in equines more than a mule with her head between the rails of a portable corral dragging it along as she looks for greener grass.

The most difficult issue when high-lining horses is the constant adjustment of the length of the rope. If the rope is too short they can't comfortably eat or lie down. If it is too long they can get a leg over it and get hung up.

I use a mechanism that keeps the slack out of the rope while allowing my mule to have as much line as she needs to eat or lie down. It is a simple block and tackle mechanism with a weighted ball. It is very easy and inexpensive to



make yourself. Give it a try the next time you camp with your equine.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the March 15th General Meeting at the SB Humane Society. Saddlemaker Brad Cooper will be there to share his saddle wisdom. ~TJ

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Master Saddlemaker Brad Cooper ~ Next LPTR Meeting

LPTR is honored to introduce master saddlemaker, Brad Cooper. Mr. Cooper is the guest speaker at the next **LPTR General Meeting at the Santa Barbara Humane Society on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7PM.**

Brad Cooper is considered an authority in his field and is well known for a high level of craftsmanship and ability to fit horse and rider. He specializes in 100% hand-made bulldogging, team roping, and barrel racing saddles, as well as hand-tooled accessories.



He has built over 600 saddles and has performed thousands of saddle repairs. He is currently producing the "*Sandy Collier Signature Cow Horse Saddle*" which is a line of saddles designed by Sandy herself.



Originally from Stephenville, Texas, Cooper began working with his grandfather's saddle trading business in 1985. In 1989 he became an apprentice saddlemaker for Calvin and Wendy Allen Saddlery. From there he crafted saddles at the Fort Worth Stockyards and Capitol Saddlery in Austin, Texas. In 2011, Cooper was hired to manage Tandy Leather in Ventura, California. His

sales route frequently brought him to the Santa Ynez Valley where he fell in love with the area.

Cooper makes his leatherworks in his Buellton, CA shop, Cooper Saddlery. He also hosts leather tooling and stitching classes for groups and individuals interested in learning how to work with leather.



Cooper Saddlery is located at 900 McMurray Road #1, Buellton, California 93427. You can reach Brad Cooper by email at cash-cooper@hotmail.com or by phone at (512) 848-0711. Come and meet Brad Cooper on March 15th!

LPTR Tack & Tog Sale NEW DATE 7/19/18

Our community is still recovering from the recent tragedies so LPTR plans to bring the horse community together for an abbreviated version of the usual LPTR Tack & Tog Sale. The sale will be held during the LPTR General Meeting at the SB Humane Society on **July 19, 2018, from 6PM to 9PM.** Admission is free for buyers. A sellers table is \$20. Mark your calendars for July 19th and watch this newsletter for more detailed information as summer approaches!

NEW! LPTR General Meeting Format Changes

LPTR's first **General Meeting of the year is March 15, 2018**, at the Santa Barbara Humane Society. The format of the meeting will be different than past meetings. It will start at 7PM and, instead of a potluck, the club will provide dessert and beverages. Please mark your calendars to join us on March 15th at 7PM to hear Brad Cooper talk about the art of saddle making. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

~TJ



UPCOMING LPTR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **LPTR Board Meeting**, March 5, 2018, 6PM, 365 Arboleda Road.
- ◆ **LPTR General Meeting**, March 15, 2018, 7PM, Santa Barbara Humane Society Education Center. Saddlemaker Brad Cooper will speak on the art of saddle making. Guests welcome. Dessert and drinks provided.
- ◆ **Newsletter Submission Deadline**, Mar. 15, 2018. Send submissions to girlinsilver@gmail.com
- ◆ **LPTR General Meeting**, May 17, 2018, 7PM. Santa Barbara Humane Society. Guest speaker will be horse trainer and handler, Bruce Griffin.
- ◆ **Old Santa Ynez Day Parade**, June 9, 2018.
- ◆ **Santa Barbara 4th of July Parade**, July 4, 2018.
- ◆ **Tack & Tog Sale and LPTR General Meeting**, July 19, 2018, 6PM to 9PM, SB Humane Society.
- ◆ **Old Spanish Days Fiesta Parade**, Aug. 3, 2018.

Meet Your LPTR Neighhhhhbor!

LPTR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

What is your name?

Barbara Wolf

When did you first become a member of LPTR and why?

I joined LPTR in 1985 because I wanted to ride with others and be able to ride on new and different trails.

Do you ride a horse, mule, other, or all of the above? Who are you riding currently?

For 19-1/2 years I rode an awesome paint quarter horse named Remington. We had a great run together—not only riding on trails but also in parades and working cattle too, which he liked to do. He loved kids

and other small animals and wanted to be a friend to all. I have not tried to fill his hoofs as he was my “once in a lifetime” horse. I know I was very lucky to have had that opportunity with him.

Besides LPTR, what animal-related activities, clubs, or volunteer groups are you involved in?

I volunteer with the Santa Barbara Equine Evacuation and Assistance Team which started up during the Painted Cave fire in 1991. I have been on the board for many years. We are a non-profit group that helps to evacuate and care for large animals during emergencies. We helped rescue over 1,000 animals



during the Thomas fire and January flood. We are activated thru 911 or a call to Animal Services.

If you could describe what you have learned from your equine experiences in one sentence, what would it be?

To me one important thing to remember is that while riding or just being around horses you are always learning new things.

Would you like to be featured in the LPTR Member Spotlight? Send a note to the newsletter editor at girlsilver@gmail.com

Riding Drag

Meredith Klassen

My new horse is not an especially fast walker. He's a bit of a 'chill' guy and prefers to meander (we are working on this—wink.) So on a group ride it's no surprise that we often end up at the back of the pack, riding drag. Riding behind a group is pretty neat and I've learned that I actually love the view. For those fast walkers out there who never get to the back of the bus, here are a few of our “rear-views” for you to enjoy.



LPTR Parade Participation

Barbara Wolf

June 8, 2018 at 11AM is the **Old Santa Ynez Day Parade**. LPTR parade outfit required. RSVP by June 4th to Barbara Wolf, Parade Chair. Next on July 4, 2018 at 12PM is the Santa Barbara **4th of July Parade**. LPTR outfits required and horses decorated for 4th of July. RSVP by June 30th. Friday, August 3, 2018 at 12 Noon is the **SB Fiesta Parade**. Pre-approved fiesta attire and previous parade experience required. Questions and RSVPs to Parade Chair, Barbara Wolf at (805) 455-4113.



- LPTR PARADE OUTFIT

 - * 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)
 - * DECORATIONS BASED ON EACH PARADE THEME
 - * CLEAN TACK AND WASH AND GROOM YOUR HORSE

Horse Camping Tricks & Tips

By Sarah Pereverziev

Whether you camp occasionally or with rampant, rabid regularity, we all wish some things were easier out there in the bush. Here are some tips and tricks I've accumulated through my horse camping experiences.

1. **A warm meal.** I often notice folks bringing cold meals to horse camping events, looking dour and slightly put-out. I sympathize as I was once one of those folks. Whether you have a living quarters trailer or not, having a portable, packable camp stove is an absolute must. I highly recommend a small stove such as a "Pocket Rocket" or "Jet Boil" brand. These stoves take up very little space and can heat water fast with little fuel. My typical early morning meal is hot water for instant coffee and warm oatmeal. Pasta with tuna or chicken, peas, butter and some sauce are a lovely staple for dinner too!

2. **A clean body.** If you have a living quarters trailer with a shower, you can skip over this one, but for those of us that don't—read on for tips on dealing with that post ride grime. First tip—a Costco pack of baby wipes can go a long way. But if you're in need of a warm shower, grab a portable shower from a sport-



Montana de Oro State Park

ing goods store. Keep it on the hood of your vehicle while you're out riding and you'll have a warm shower when you return. Just hang it in your trailer, or string up a hula hoop with a shower curtain and hang it in a tree.

3. **A cool drink of water.** If you don't have a water tank, a few 5 gallon tubs of water work great too. Rinse them out with a 10% bleach solution to reuse for the next trip. You can also purchase a lid for them that acts as a pump so you don't



have to pour water for yourself. If you're stuck on the side of the road, you'll have pourable water for your horses. Don't fuss with ice packs. Instead, pre-freeze the larger size water bottles and put them in your ice chest. They will keep your food cold and provide you with a nice cool drink to quench that post-ride thirst. Frozen water bottles are dual purpose and way cooler (haha that's a pun!) If you prefer not to slosh water while lugging it to your horse, throw a trash bag in your water bucket, fill the bucket up and then tie the trash bag shut. The water won't slosh out, and you'll get the most bang-for-your buck. Others will look on with envy as you slosh-



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lessly tote your water too. You'll quite possibly be the most awesome person they've ever seen.

4. **A comfortable bed.** Listen, you're horse camping. It's not a glamorous experience but it doesn't have to be uncomfortable either. A good night's sleep can make or break a camping experience. Many websites sell memory foam cot-sized mattresses. Bedding is important too—I've chosen a canvas and flannel sleeping that's rated to -25 degrees Fahrenheit so that there's no chance of getting cold. It doesn't pack down very small, but gosh darn it's comfortable. I've also invested in an "easy cot". It unpacks beautifully and is perfect for camping or even staying over with family or friends whilst traveling.

Now that I've given you some of my horse camping secrets, I hope to see lots of happy campers out there on the trail. If you want more of my secrets, you're welcome to try to pry them out of me—but first you'll have to find me out at a ride camp! ~SP

Sarah Pereverziev is an LPTR board member, endurance rider and horse camping enthusiast.

NEW! Free Equine-Related Classifieds for LPTR Members



Selling a horse or a trailer? Looking for a saddle or maybe a place to board your horse? Now LPTR members can place a **free advertisement in this newsletter!** Ads run for two consecutive months and can be placed, cancelled or renewed by sending an email request to the newsletter editor at girlinsilver@gmail.com. Ads must be received by the editor prior to the 15th day of the month to be published in the next LPTR newsletter. Please note that all ads are subject to board approval and editing.

Animal Non-Profits & Emergency Services

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. 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 9-11 a.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. www.HeartsRiding.org.



Santa Barbara Equine Assistance and Evacuation Team. Helps 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.

The Santa Barbara Humane Society. Sponsors a Technical Animal Rescue and Emergency Response Team comprised of trained volunteers and professionals that respond to incidents requiring special equipment and techniques to rescue animals in emergency scenarios. Activated during natural disasters via the County Animal Services Hotline at 564-6862 to evacuate large animals. Contact Tim Collins at 964-4777 ext. 18. www.sbhumanesociety.org. Emergency Animal Rescue Team Hotline number is (805) 330-3330.

Emergency Animal Hotline: (805) 681-4332. Directs animal emergency calls to the correct local agency. It is only active during an emergency.

Wildlife Care Network: (805) 681-1080. For emergencies involving small animals and birds in distress.

Would you like to see your non-profit equine-related organization listed here? Send the name, phone number, website and a brief description to the newsletter editor.

NEW! GOT HORSE NEWS?

Email your equine news to the LPTR newsletter editor at girllinsilver@gmail.com. News must be received by the editor prior to the 15th day of the month to be published in the next LPTR newsletter. Please include your name, contact information, and a photo (if applicable.)

Please note that newsletter submissions are subject to board approval and editing.



Ann Macy, Jeanette Weber, Gayle Eatherly, Terri Jo Ortega and Meredith Klassen

LPTR MISSION STATEMENT

1. To advance recreational trails and trail use and to encourage horseback riding, trail riding, and other horse-related activities in Santa Barbara County.
2. To foster good horsemanship and fellowship.
3. To promote mutual helpfulness between horse owners and property owners near trails and riding areas.
4. 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.
5. To provide educational events to the equestrian community.



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. **This form must be used for new members or those joining after an absence. It may also be used for renewals.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name (last) _____ (first) _____ Spouse (family membership) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

NOTIFY IN EMERGENCY: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number and Types/Breeds of Horses/Mules owned: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (circle one): NEW RENEWAL

\$25.00 Adult Membership (Individual 18 & over) \$20.00 Junior Membership (17 & under if joining alone)

\$35.00 Family Membership (Spouse and/or children) If Family Membership, please list name(s) of children under 17 years of age: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

How would you like to receive reminders of LPTR and community events: (circle one): PHONE E-MAIL NONE

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 61845, Santa Barbara, CA 93160