



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 is at 7:00 p.m. and guests always welcome.

NOVEMBER 16TH MEETING

LPTR Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

November 16th will be the LPTR's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. The Nominating Committee will present its slate of officers for 2018 and we will then vote on the nominees. Following the election, members are encouraged to participate in a **Tack Show-and-Tell**. Bring a piece of equipment that you like to ride with, and be ready to share it with the group and explain how it works and why you chose it.

Pat Fish will explain how apps can be used to create maps of trail rides, as can be seen in her blog www.MuleTrail.com

The most recent LPTR ride at Parma Park is archived there at:

<http://www.muletrail.com/2017/09/2017923-parma-park-with-lptr.html>

She will also introduce two more websites of interest:

<https://www.trailmeister.com/>

is a national database of trail rides, and many in this area have been archived. Members are encouraged to add their own rides to this list.

<https://www.meetup.com/Horse-and-Mule-Trail-Riders-in-the-805-Meetup/>

is a newly formed Meetup group for local horse and mule riders to find friends to ride trails with. Rides sponsored by local clubs will be posted, with details about how to join in. People wanting to find partners to share trails with can list dates when they'd like to ride, and connect with new friends for happy adventures. Free to join.

SEPTEMBER 21ST MEETING

Lou Dartanner

LPTR Members and guests attending the September meeting were treated to very informative presentation by Bryan Conant of the Los Padres Forest Association on back country trail maintenance done by their volunteers.

Bryan explained how they will survey a trail prior to planning maintenance to determine exactly what needs to be accomplished, how to safely clear it, how long it will take, and how many volunteers will be needed. Some clearance is relatively simple and can be done in a day's time while others will need multiple days, with workers camping overnight. Much of the work can be done with power tools but in some sensitive habitat areas, all work must be done by hand with saws, loppers, shovels, etc.

Most of these trails will be used by hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers, so the rule of thumb is to ideally have a space about eight feet tall and six feet wide with a trail bed of about three feet. This will allow safe footing and accommodate people using the trail to safely pass each other.

Bryan showed us lots of photos of before and after trail work. Some were no more than a narrow deer track and were improved to a safe trail bed. He also showed us a video of the work on the Cold Spring Trail (part of the LPTR 2015 grant), speeded up so viewers could see the progress in a short period of time. He said he noticed something a little unusual behind a rise and it looked way too much like smoke. His heart in his throat, he thought, "Oh, no! That's where we were just working! If we started fire, I'm a goner!" He rushed to the top of the rise and saw there was indeed a vegetation fire but it was on Rancho Oso and not where they were working. The fire was soon extinguished by the fire departments.

The LPFA was founded in 1979 and is a 501(c)(3) partner of the Los Padres National

Forest. Its mission is to care for the Forest, ensuring it thrives and remains safe and open for people to use and enjoy. If you encounter a trail that needs improvement or is unsafe, either in the back or front country, contact the group at www.lpforest.org. The LPFA has received permission from the USFS to work the Aliso Trail up from Sage Hill Campground, scheduled for next month. The group is also looking for volunteer packing support in case any of you are interested.

GRANT RECIPIENT "THANK YOU"

LPTR members received a letter from the Santa Barbara County Trails Council. Dated August 20, 2017, it reads: "Dear Trail Riders. On behalf of Trails Council Board of Directors I want to thank you for your generous \$50 donation in honor of Vie Obern. Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue to support outdoor recreation and enhancement of the Santa Barbara County trail system for safe shared use by everyone in our community. More specifically, your donation will help to fund trail projects we are working on today that Vie championed in the 1973 trail system report, known as the Green Book. This includes the California Coastal Trail, Mission Trail and the Juan Bautista de Anza Historical Trail..." The letter was signed by Mark Wilkinson, Executive Director.

PARMA PARK RIDE

Pat Fish

Parma Park is a 200 acre oak woodland open space in the foothills above Santa Barbara. It has 6 miles of trails that vary from jeep tracks to heavily overgrown single-tracks.

On September 23 seven members of the [Los Padres Trail Riders](#) took a stroll in the park, two big loops across the trails, covering 4.2 miles in 100 minutes. The day ended with a lunch in the

shade and plans to meet up again soon to explore more of the beautiful local trails.

This park and much of the surrounding area burned in the Tea Fire in 2008. It burned 1,940 acres and 210 homes in 5 days. The oaks and olives are making a strong comeback now.

The beauty of the park is that it is just below the mountains, giving constant vistas of the peaks above, while being immediately accessible from the city below. It is quiet, and no bicycles are allowed, so equestrians and hikers walk confidently.

At an overlook we stopped for a view of the ocean below, with a massive cruise ship showing an entirely alternate way to travel, while our trail boss, Karen Jenkins pointed out local landmarks.

A lovely ride, a pleasant day for all involved. No one fell off, no animals had issues, just a chance to see this beautiful landscape I am privileged to call home from the back of my equine.



PARADE NEWS

Barbara Wolf, Parade Chair

Los Olivos Day in The Country which is a Halloween Parade and we decorate our horses and ourselves for this parade it is on Saturday, Oct 21st at 10 AM. Please allow enough time for you to get your horse ready and be on line before the 10AM start time. Please RSVP to Barbara by October 16.

We then have the Solvang Xmas Parade on Sat December 2nd and we decorate our horses in XMass attire and we wear our LPTR outfits along with a Santa hat. A very fun parade this one starts at 11 AM we get ready in the Mission Parking lot.

Then June 9th is the Santa Ynez Day Parade we wear our LPTR outfits for this parade.

The Santa Barbara July 4th is the next one and we decorate our horses with red white and blue decorations and wear the LPTR outfit for this parade.

Now coming full circle to the Fiesta Parade for 2018 which will be Friday August 3rd 2018 we do wear special outfits for this parade which need to be pre approved ahead of time. As with all parades be sure to RSVP to the parade chair (Barbara) 455-4113 before the date. Your horses and the tack need to be clean. Thank you so much and have a great end of our 2017 enjoy your riding.

UPCOMING RIDES

Barbara Hinman

Ride No. 1:

Saturday Oct. 28 there will be a ride in Summerland led by Jane Murray starting at 10 am. The ride will be around 2 hours. It will be loop ride in the hills and flat areas with nice views. Plan to bring a lunch for after the ride. Please rsvp to Barbara Hinman [805 682-9966](tel:8056829966) for directions.

Rider No. 2:

Saturday Nov. 18 there will be a ride at Elwood led by Nancy Moore starting at 10 am. This ride overlooks the ocean and beach and will loop back to the trailers where we can have lunch. Please rsvp to Barbara Hinman [805 682-9966](tel:8056829966) for directions.

Ride No. 3:

Saturday Jan. 6, 2018 will be a ride at La Purissima Mission led by Gail Eatherly. This ride will be at 10 am and will last from 2-3 hours. Be advised there is a fee to park. Details to follow.

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 NEWS

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. 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.

The Santa Barbara Humane Society sponsors an Technical Animal Rescue and Emergency Response Team, which is made up of trained volunteers and professionals. They respond to incidents requiring special equipment and techniques to rescue animals in emergency scenarios. They are also activated during natural disasters via the County Animal Services Hotline at 564-6862 to evacuate large animals. Call Tim Collins at 964-4777 ext. 18. Their new web site is www.sbhumanesociety.org. Emergency Animal Rescue Team Hotline number is 805 330 3330

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

Wildlife Care Network: 681-1080. Even though not an equine-related group, this is the number to call in an emergency involving small animals and birds in distress.

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

**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)

 \$35.00 Family Membership (Spouse and/or children)

 \$20.00 Junior Membership (17 & under if joining alone)

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 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

**LOS PADRES TRAIL RIDERS
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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.

LPTR COMING EVENTS

November 1: LPTR Board Meeting, 6:00PM, 5546 Cathedral Oaks Road

November 6: Deadline for the October issue of the LPTR Newsletter

November 16: LPTR General Meeting, 6:30pm potluck, Humane Society Educational Center

February 24: Tack and Tog sale

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS

At Earl Warren Showgrounds:

Nov. 11: Camelot Classic Horse Show