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## THREE RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN NEWS

July 2011

### The President's Message

Boy did it ever warm up! Now I know why everyone loves to ride in Colorado during the summer. Getting out of the heat sounds like a great idea doesn't it? We have a camping trip to Williams Creek, a wonderful location north of Pagosa, coming up soon. The trip is being planned by the Brewers and should be a wonderful trip in the cooler climate of Colorado. Date, directions and camping plans to be announced soon.

Our chapter's Search and Rescue (SAR) unit is now officially part of the state program, headed by Bob Rogers. 3RBCH is officially listed in the resource guide for Search and Rescue. SAR volunteers have a lot of training to get done over the next several months once we can get it all figured out. For those who started the mounted class, the evaluation portion is July 16, 8-11 am at DeLaw's in Bloomfield. If you miss this evaluation you can make it up on your own with DeLaw's but it won't be as much fun. Just remember, all training is at your expense. Most subjects are required if you plan to be a member of Search & Rescue, others subjects are just good to know.

And what happened to all the trail mapping plans? To keep us moving forward with our trail mapping, historical trail discovery and plain riding, I have picked some dates and we will see how the weather treats us. Details on the ride locations and times will be emailed out before the rides. Ride dates are July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, and Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Aztec Animal Fiesta Days turned out to be a great success. What started out to be a slow day turned around and the crowds started to show up around lunch time. It was a beautiful day and there was a good showing of vendors, trainers, entertainers and attendees. The events were all quite wonderful, were enjoyed by many, and a lot of folks took home prizes and happy thoughts. I think we had a few tired horses and horse walkers at the end of the day. The horse rides were a great bargain and one of the most popular events. Thanks to those of you who dedicated your day to this wonderful event!

We need speakers for our meetings, so please if you know anyone or think of some to ask because you think they would be of interest, please ask so we can pick a month for them to speak.

The group planned a trip to see "Buck" the movie about Buck Brennerman, "The Horse Whisperer" on July 10th. The Buck movie is getting great reviews and is showing in Durango until the 18<sup>th</sup> so be sure and see it if you have a chance.

Also, Three Rivers would like to extend a warm thank you to Doyle and Cindy Castle former members of Canine Search and Rescue. Doyle and Cindy worked for many years with the local Search and Rescue groups specializing in trailing and tracking with their dogs. It was a very interesting talk discussing the physiological aspects of canine tracking and various tracking techniques.

Happy Trails!  
President 3RBCH  
Barbara Kiipper

# 3RBCH MEETING CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
July 11	General Membership Meeting	6:00 pm	Farmington Civic Center 200 W. Arrington Farmington
July 15	BCH Rendezvous Registration		Last day to register
July 16	DeLaw's Qualifying Event for SAR	8:00-11:00 am	See below under "Other News"
Aug 3	Board of Directors	5:00 pm	Italian Junction, Main St.
Aug 25	General Membership Meeting Speaker: Josh Stratman. Director Health & Human Performance of SJC.	6:00 pm	Farmington Civic Center 200 W. Arrington, Farmington
Sept 7	Board of Directors Meeting	5:00 pm	Italian Junction, Main St.
Sept 22	General Membership Meeting Speaker: TBD	6:00 pm	Farmington Civic Center 200 W. Arrington, Farmington

## FEATURES

### Annual Trailer Inspections

(Excerpt from article by Bonnie Davis from an unknown source & provided by Tommy and Anne Brewer)

Inspect your trailer inside and out. Look for rust, weak spots and termite eaten & rotted wood floors. Check running light, break light and turn signal light bulbs. Hook up your rig, and take a short drive. Have a friend follow you to verify lights and connections are working & reliable. Schedule a safety check-up at your local trailer repair shop. Their technicians will test and balance your tires, repair any wiring problems, repack wheel bearings, and grease latches.

## OTHER NEWS

**Rendezvous 2011:** The three-day event August 26-28 originally scheduled at Resumidero Campground will cost \$40 per member and will include classes on working the trail and "tread" work. It is not now certain where the event will be held due to fire hazards, road closures and weather considerations.

**Directions to the DeLaw's place.** The round pen is visible from the street, on the right side. The phone books lists a Lindsay D & C as 3015 Reno, Bloomfield 87413, 632-7487. This should be confirmed with Kiipper. From the intersection of Hwy 64 and Broadway (a signal), go north past Arizona, Florida, and Ohio. At the next right, which is Nevada, make a right. Go to the next intersection which is Reno and make a left. Follow the road around for about a half mile until you can see the round pen on your right.

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