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THREE RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN NEWS

May 2011

The President's Message

Many of you are very excited about the chance for 3RBCH to have a Search and Rescue organization. However I want to be sure we are established in a way that ensures our future success without making it a difficult process. I recently met with our sheriff, the Four Corners Equine Rescue and the Sheriff's Posse to discuss what our volunteers could do to help animals and people lost, hurt, or in need of help. We also discussed what the sheriff wants to do for the community and his vision for the program. He feels strongly about the use of our volunteers for many functions in the community from Neighborhood Watch to Search & Rescue.

The program being put together by the Sheriff is called VIP, Volunteers in Partnership. The sheriff's program requires a background check, volunteer training, equine training, and additional community volunteer activities. The Sheriff's VIP program does have nice incentives if we do the volunteer program and training including a Dodge truck and trailer, along with equipment, uniforms and some financial support.

I also spoke with the New Mexico S&R (a direct link to the S&R organization) and they would love to have us as well. They offer a more simplified process and we would control our training for the horses. Candidates would have to complete some mandatory classes, the same as the sheriff's program without all the extra volunteer stuff. NMS&R will also furnish accident insurance for us (not our animals) and a fuel reimbursement. We would submit a group application and if approved we would be listed in the resource directory and be in business.

I am still negotiating with the sheriff regarding the VIP application process, volunteer training, and equine training. Until this process is complete I am suggesting **that those of you that have S&R applications at home postpone filling them out** until an agreeable plan of action is settled upon.

DO NOT misunderstand; training is a requirement for S&R and very important but it should be focused on the job at hand. This will be a very important decision for our chapter, so please get involved with me on this process and we can make a group decision which meets the needs of all. No matter which way we go with S&R, I will set up our first equine training class maybe in late June.

We have set up another meeting with the Sheriff on June 2 at the FOP at 7 PM. I am inviting anyone who has a strong interest in S&R to be part of the process. I can tell you it will take a long time to get S&R in place no matter which way we go. I want you all to decide if this is what you want and if working under the Sheriff's program is right or if we should look at another avenue under the state.

FCER is in need of volunteers to help rescue animals and under the sheriff's volunteer program, this could work well for them too. The Posse is sponsoring the Code 3 truck and if you want to be involved in large animal rescue, you should talk Terry Coburn and talk about the class on June 5-6th.

Our June event, Animal Fiesta days is coming upon us quickly, we need people to work our booth, help out at the many activities, and I could use some help with our presentation on packing and Leave No Trace. This letter will include a list of activities & times you can volunteer for.

I would also like to thank ConocoPhillips for a \$500 grant to be used for future projects. **Thank you COP!**

Happy Trails!
President 3RBCH
Barbara Kiipper

3RBCH MEETING CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
May 15	Elephant Rock Cleanup Party	9:00 am	Directions following in "Other News" section.
May 22	AAFD Meeting	1:00 pm	Organizational Meeting
May 26	General Membership Meeting Speaker: Janelle Allman from the BLM	6:30 pm	Farmington Civic Center 200 W. Arrington, Farmington
June 1	Board of Directors Meeting	5:00 pm	TBD
June 2	S&R Meeting with Sheriff	7:00 pm	FOP, Farmington
June 4	Aztec Animal Fiesta Days		Riverside Park, Aztec
June 23	General Membership Meeting Speaker: TBD	6:30 pm	Farmington Civic Center 200 W. Arrington, Farmington

**General Membership Meetings are preceded at 6pm by a social "half-hour" for those who want to attend.
Meeting follows at 6:30pm.**

TRADING POST

4 year old quarter horse mare, possibly registered, medium brown bay, free to a good home. Bersheba's owner is fighting a serious illness and can't take care of her. The horse is at La Plata Stables. Contact: Arwen (h) 334-8055, (w) 609-2463.

Aztec Animal Fiesta Days Tack Sale. Riverside Park, Aztec: If you are interested in selling tack items at the FCER/3RBCH event at AAFD. Drop them off at the FCER booth on June 3 between 4 & 7PM.

AAFD Silent Auction: Benefits go to FCER and 3RBCH: See AAFD Flyer

OTHER NEWS

The Three Rivers AAFD booth will need volunteer staff to work in possibly one hour shifts all day June 4th. We will need 20 plus volunteers. All Members, family, interested and able parties welcome! Duties include assisting with demonstrations, silent auction, set up, clean-up, giving presentations, manning booths, helping with food stand, etc. Check out the AAFD flyer attached to this newsletter. This subject to be reviewed at our next general membership meeting.

Elephant Rock Trash Party May 15. 9:00 am. A horseless event: Come to the event in a vehicle you feel safe taking on a two track trail. Bring gloves for hand protection, large bags for picking up trash. Pam Bent and Trevor are bringing a front load tractor; Kim Noyes/Doreen Stinson is providing a dump trailer to load a large wooden box from this location. Don't forget to fill out volunteer forms for our chapter and the BLM.

Directions: Elephant Rock is located at the base of the Sheriff's Posse Grounds, northwest corner. From Farmington towards Aztec, go north on Main Street (Hwy 516), cross Hallmarc on the right, Country Club is on your left and go 4/10th of a mile. Make a left turn at the intersection of Old Aztec Road on your right and a green fence on your left. This left turn is less than 90 degrees and there is no left turn lane so if you are not comfortable making this sharp turn, go a couple of blocks to the intersection of Marseilles and Hwy 516 (American Fence is on your left) and this is a good place to make a U-turn to approach the green fence at a safer angle. Follow the marked paper plates. There will be two right turns to reach Elephant Rock. All other service roads have deep sand and should be avoided.

State of New Mexico BCH Secretary: Barbara is now officially the secretary for state meetings. Congratulations Barbara!

Rendezvous 2011 Update: The three-day event at Resumidero Campground will cost \$40 per member and will include classes on working the trail and “tread” work. Three Rivers, like all state chapters, is required to donate a \$50 gift to the event.

Three Rivers Booth at AAFD: We need to meet and prepare a demonstration for our booth which reflects our efforts locally e.g., LNT, packing demo, work done for BLM and Forestry Service.

Transportation of Rescue Horses The board will be presenting to the general membership the need to organize a group, on call, who could help transport rescue horses to FCER.

July 28 General Meeting Speaker – Josh Stratman, director of the HHPC at the college will speak about wilderness techniques including medical tips and what to carry on the trail.

Would you like to receive the 3RBCH newsletter by mail? Please provide the board your name so we can make arrangements to get the newsletter out to you. (Members who want the newsletter by mail will need to supply postage.)

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Aztec Animal Fiesta Days Activities Schedule

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**CALL
505-334-7220**

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Horse Demonstrations – watch horse trainers demonstrate their techniques.

Erika Roberts	Liberty round pen & riding bridleless	9:15 – 10:15	Arena
DeLaws Lindsay	Applying Groundwork to riding	10:30 – 11:30	Arena
Pattie O'Brien	Equine Massage	12:00 – 1:00	Arena
3RBCHA	Packing & Leave No Trace	12:30 – 1:30	3RBCHA Booth
Jane Misseri	Dressage Demonstration	1:30 – 2:30	Arena
Petra Christensen	Parelli Demonstration	2:45 – 3:45	Arena
Mary Beth Bandy	Selecting the Right Horse	4:00 – 5:00	Arena

Silent Auction & raffles – Items from local businesses and individuals will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Auction ends promptly at 4 p.m. Winners will be called and must pick up their items at FCER by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8th or the item will go to the next highest bidder. We have raffles for things from jewelry to tire rotations! Raffles will end at noon, 2 and 4.

Vendors – Stroll through the vendor booths to see what catches your eye! Vendors include dog massages, beef jerky, arts & crafts, snacks and more!

Consignment Sale – Bring your animal related items to sell! Items can be checked in on Friday, June 3rd at the park between 4 and 7 p.m. The sale will be held all day Saturday until 4 p.m. Pick up your money or items between 4 and 5 p.m. on Saturday. Any items not picked up will be considered donated.

Code 3 Disaster Response Truck – Sponsored by the San Juan County Sheriff's Posse. Visit the semi truck and chat with Code 3 responders and members of the Sheriff's Posse. This is one COOL truck!

Small Pet Fair – Sponsored by Country Rebels 4-H Club. Bring your small pet to enter! Any small pet can be a part of this fair – even your pet rock. Entry fee is \$2 per pet. The fair runs from 11 to 1. Each category will be judged and receive prizes!

AKC Canine Good Citizen Certification – Does your dog obey basic obedience commands? Here's your chance to get him recognized! Wendy Luce will be on hand from 9 to 11 a.m. to test your dog. Testing is \$5 per dog.

Agility Demonstrations – Sponsored by the Pooch Patrol 4-H Club. Demo will be held from 11 a.m. to noon. The demo will be followed by an Intro to Agility where your dog can try out with a 4-H handler for only \$5

Dog Contests – from 2 to 5 you can enter your dog in various contests – try out Best Trick, Longest Sit & Stay, Weirdest Food Eaten (by dog), Longest Down & Stay, Largest Dog and Smallest Dog, Champagne Glass Obstacle Course. \$2 Fee for each contest. **Prizes awarded!**

Dog Costume Contest will be held at 11 a.m.

Benefit Burgers & Hot Dogs – volunteers from 3RBCHA and FCER will be offering hamburgers and hot dogs as well as vegetarian burgers. Beverages are also available.

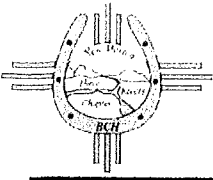
Fishing Derby – sponsored by New Mexico Game & Fish. Derby is at the pond from 8 to 11:30.

Horse Rides – Your chance to let your child safely ride a real horse! Rides are \$2.

Kids Korral – fun rides and activities for kids, fees vary.

Live Entertainment – Lynn Lewis starts with cowboy poetry at 11 a.m. Joel Rachel from the Bar D Wranglers will follow from noon to 2. Then V-Assortment will play a variety of tunes until 5.

Adoptable Pets – Farmington Animal Shelter will be offering pets for adoption. You might find the perfect addition for your home!



9 a.m. -
5 p.m.

June 4th, 2011
Riverside Park

Aztec
N.M.



FREE

Admission

shopping

horse rides

fun contests

Silent Auction

Live Music

Fun for the whole family!

Bring the dog, bring the kids, spend the day in the park

Small Pet Fair

Canine Good Citizen Certificates

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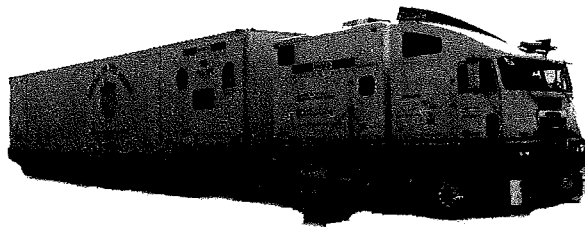
Food

Drawings

Consignment Sale



Free Kids Fishing at the Pond
Courtesy of NM Game & Fish
8 - Noon



See the Code 3 Large Animal Rescue truck

For information call 505-334-7220 or 360-5996

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