



Newsletter for August to October 2006
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Jenny Bellows has moved from her position as Vice President to President as Pat Miller had some changes in her life. We **THANK YOU** Pat for stepping up and being President, if only for a short time.

Message from Jenny Bellows:

The honorable Pat Miller called me in mid-July to state that she had a lot of fun being president of VVHC for the last month and was sure I'd have fun being president the rest of the year as she had an offer in Texas that she couldn't refuse. Pat accepted a six month position to help organize a troubled laboratory. She hopes to be back to the Verde Valley every three weeks and join us on rides at those times. I wish much abundance for Pat in her journey. I accepted the position of President as I was promised I wouldn't need to do much but learn how things work. Luckily Ginny Rench has offered to mentor and share her wealth of knowledge. The Vice President position is open; if you are interested please call Jenny Bellows.

Officers

President: Jenny Bellows 928-301-3015
Vice President:
Secretary: Denise Sciarrotta 928-649-6151
Treasurer: Fran Whetten 928-634-6495

Board Members:
Joe Williams, Steve Harris, Milt Pate, Nancy Albright

Past President: Ginny Rench 928-634-9354

**BOARD
UPDATES**



Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo

Nine club members and Pat Miller's daughter sold beverages at the Sunday, July 2, afternoon performance. The club was paid \$20 per person plus we made \$202 in tips, so the afternoon netted us \$402. All of the tip money for each performance was pooled and divided equally by everyone working.

Thanks to Steve Rench, Diane Lovett, Fran Whetten, Elaine and Herschel McCants, Dick Fabian, Slim Chapman, Pat Miller, Pat's daughter Tanya and Ginny Rench for donating their time. This is really a fun, easy way to make money for the club.



VVHC now has T-shirts and hats to sell. They come in many different styles and colors to choose from. The VVHC Logo looks great on them. The price is \$10 each. Please contact Ginny Rench at 928-649-9354



Groom Creek Ride July 8th

For any one who hasn't ridden the trails around the Groom Creek Horse Camp you're really missing out. The camp is a wonderful facility just for horsemen and there is a great parking area across the road for day use.

We had eleven riders join us Saturday morning and we followed Charlie Westbury through the pines. Charlie knows the less traveled trails so we got to see more wild life than we would normally see. The rains had really turned the forest green and it was great to have water to cross in the creeks and a chance to enjoy the cooler temperature. Thanks again Charlie for leading the ride.



Upcoming ride

August 19- Lava River Cave Trail

John Wischmeyer will lead a ride in the coolness of Flagstaff. It is an 8-9 mile ride, we'll have lunch (pack your own) at the cave. Those wishing to explore the cave may, so plan on about a two hour lunch break. John said it's a pretty easy trail. It's perhaps a six hour trip.

AUGUST 19 – COWBOY GATHERING

This will take place at the Charlotte Hall Museum. Please call the museum for the times

AUGUST 26 – RIBBON CANYON TRAIL

We will be joining the Prescott Saddle Club on this ride. Lorraine Owen will be leading the ride. Rated a 4 for 5 ½ hours, horses should be in good shape for climbing the rocks. Meet at 8:30 to ride at 9:00 at the trailhead opposite the Horse Camp in Groom Creek. Call Lorraine at 928-636-2251

SEPTEMBER 8, 9 & 10 – PRESCOTT FRONTIER DAYS, INC. 9TH ANNUAL CATERED TRAIL RIDE

This ride is at Groom Creek Horse Camp. It will have great trail rides, food & entertainment. The price will be \$160.00 (includes 2 nights FS camping fee) Contact Joy Brown, Trail Ride Chairman at 928-636-5387

SEPTEMBER 16 - EQUIFEST

SEPTEMBER 19 & 21 – LITTLE ELDEN HORSE CAMP

Little Elden Horse Camp is located near Flagstaff-- to be lead by Joe Sciarrotta. Horse facility camping is available. Joe invites all to arrive on Sept. 19, ride on Wed. Sept. 20 and go home sometime on Thurs. Sept. 21. Level 3 ride, be ready to mount at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 20. Bring your own food and beverages and horse supplies. Call Joe for more details @ 649-6151. This is a beautiful ride up to the aspen groves. Camping reservations call 1-877-444-6777.

OCTOBER 22 TO OCTOBER 24– HAVASUPAI FALLS RIDE

Plans have been made to ride into Havasupai Falls on October 23. Most riders will want to drive up on Sunday and back home Tuesday morning. We will leave very early in the morning so that we can see the sunrise on the canyon walls. We will have lunch, hike to the falls and then ride back out in the afternoon.

Horses should be in good shape and trail wise for this trip. The trails are good and wide, but this shouldn't be a training trip for a young animal with little trail experience. The parking is limited but we can get about 15 rigs in and will limit the ride to 20 riders. You need to be self sufficient, bring food and water for you and your mount. You'll also need to tie your animals to your trailers at night. There are no restrooms up top either.

The club is charging \$20 per person plus you will have to pay a fee to the tribe so bring some cash in small bills. It is difficult to know exactly what the fee will be; our best guess is around \$30 per person, if you've been to a reservation before you are familiar with this. You can buy lunch in the canyon however prices tend to be high and most riders will be packing their lunches and snacks.

There is a good place to have breakfast in Seligman if anyone wants to stop there coming home Tuesday, it's called the Copper Kettle, I think. We really need one or two people who don't ride and would be willing to stay in camp and keep an eye on the rigs. If you know someone that would like to come along and stay in camp please let Steve or Ginny know, there would be no charge for those individuals either.

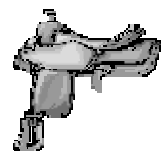
Dick Hileman and Steve and Ginny Rench are coordinating this ride. Please call (928) 634-9354 or email verdeweeds@commspeed.net for more information. A reservation form is included in this newsletter and reservations and money must be received by October 7. This ride is open to members and non-members too. Application enclosed.



**Be sure to visit the VVHC Web site
www.verdehorsemen.org**

FOR SALE OR WANTED ITEMS

Ladies western clothes (sizes 10 & 12) Shirts, skirts & jeans.



Excellent condition. 928-634-2027

Pleasure saddle, circle Y, rawhide covered tree, 15 "tree. In great shape. Contact Cheryl Farley 928-634-1268

16 ft. flatbed trailer ,with side rails and expanded metal around the sides, lift tailgate with tension rollers, good tires, no brakes, asking \$1450.00. Call Steve Rench at (928) 634-9354 or email him at verdeweeds@commspeed.net for more information.

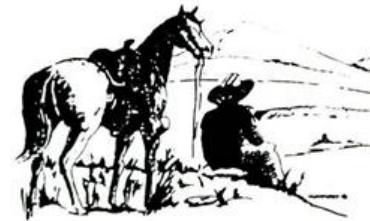
To good home:

1 blue roan, yearling, gelding, quarter horse/ Arabian mix. Very spirited. Lead and halter trained. Has had some work with hooves.

1 light sorrel, yearling, gelding, quarter horse/ unknown mix. Very sweet and good tempered. Lead and halter trained. Has had some work with hooves. Both yearlings were rescued form the PMU factories.

\$500 each. For more info, call 928-567-8735

Happy Trails



The following article came from the Prescott Saddle Club newsletter. It is very interesting and if you would like more information about the organization, log on to www.aztrail.org or email ata@aztrail.org. In September the Publisher and Editor of Trail Blazer Magazine will be the first equestrian to attempt to ride the Arizona Trail from Utah to Mexico, which is 775-mile, non-motorized trail.

The Arizona Trails is a scenic, non-motorized trail that stretches for 775 miles through some of the state's most renowned mountains, canyons, deserts and forests. The concept of the Trail is a primitive long distance trail that links mountains, canyons, deserts, forests, public lands, communities, historic sites, national parks, wilderness areas, and the people of Arizona. The Trail begins at the US-Mexican border in the South and ends at the Arizona-Utah border in the North. As it connects these two points, the Trail winds through some of the most rugged, spectacular landscapes in the Western United States. It is the longest contiguous trail in the state and it beckons trail users from around the globe.

This multi-use trail benefits hikers, equestrians, and mountain bicycles (except in wilderness or other specially managed areas), cross country skiers, snowshoers, joggers and pack stock users. For the past 15 years, more than 16 federal, state, and local agencies as well as many businesses, organizations, and countless volunteers have worked together to form partnerships to plan, develop, and manage the Arizona Trail. The Arizona Congressional delegation has stated that "the Arizona Trail encompasses the wide range of ecological diversity in the state, extending through seven life zones, including such legacy landmarks as the Sonoran Desert and the Grand Canyon. It

connects the unique lowland desert flora and fauna in Saguaro National Park and the pine covered San Francisco Peaks, Arizona's highest mountains. We need to ensure that this pristine stretch of diverse land is preserved for future generations to enjoy".

The Arizona Trail Association (ATA) is a non-profit organization, founded in 1994, that works closely with its land management agency partners to plan, build, maintain, promote, and assist in the protection and preservation of the Arizona Trail.

The Association manages a large cadre of volunteers, including dedicated Segment Stewart, individuals, businesses, and groups who are working to preserve the trail corridor for today's trail users and future generations. Support for this work comes through ATA membership, trail development gifts, grants, contributions, fund raising, and trail work events.

The ATA invites you to participate in this exciting project. There are 66.5 miles of trail remaining to be built. The goal is to have the Trail ready for dedication 2012, the year of Arizona's centennial. Through your support you can join thousands of others who have worked to develop the Arizona Trail. Your support also helps to ensure the protection of the scenic wonders that are linked together by the Arizona Trail.

Become involved in the ATA today and establish your own legacy to preserve the Arizona Trail. For more information, check out our new web site at www.aztrail.org. Or, if you prefer, contact our Membership Chairman, Richard Wertz at rawertz@commspeed.net. (Put Arizona Trail in the subject line.)