



Newsletter for October, 2005

This is really a "special edition" about an important event scheduled this month.

Highlights of the August Board Meeting:

The board voted to donate \$200.00 to Connections a therapeutic riding program in Cornville. We will sponsor a membership drive on October 29th at Dead Horse State Park. The board also voted to commit \$5,000.00 towards the Cottonwood Equestrian Center. Patt Miller and Chris Bromley will lead a ride on September 24th. Members will be contacted directly since there is no newsletter going on. The board also approved paying someone to install the hitching post at the Jail Trail in Old Town Cottonwood.

October 29th is a very important Membership Drive sponsored by this club. Fliers will be distributed to local feed stores, and will be sent to non-members and past members. In addition, there will be ads in the local papers and we are hoping for some press coverage. Color copies can be downloaded from our website

OTHER NEWS

We received a very nice thank you from the Pioneer Days Mule & Donkey Show committee for the use of the VVHC trail course items at their show September 17th & 18th.

We also received a thank you from Spike Hicks for our generous donation to the Groom Creek Horse Camp for the purchase of new corrals.

www.verdehorsemen.org. and they will also be sent to any members that we have email addresses for. Please make copies and distribute them to all of the equine enthusiasts that you know.

VVHC has brought many people together over the past 25 years because we all love to trail ride and see new country and meet new people. As our by-laws state in Article III

OBJECIVES OF THE COUNCIL

- A. To attempt to preserve existing zoning laws in the Verde Valley and to promote new zoning laws as they relate to the rights of the horse owner.
- B. To strive to improve legal statutes preserving the use of and rights of way for horses and horse drawn vehicles.
- C. To encourage the development of equestrian trails throughout the Verde Valley so as to give permanent access to and through populated and non-populated areas.
- D. To promote, sponsor, and encourage horse related activities.
- E. To encourage communication between horsemen and non-horsemen; horsemen and community governments; and horsemen and the general population.
- F. To purchase, lease or otherwise acquire, and to hold, use, operate and sell or otherwise dispose of real and personal property, and to use such real or personal property or such facilities as may be necessary or required for the use of its members.
- G. To do all and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or attainment of any of the heretofore mentioned objectives, either alone or in association with other organizations, firms, individuals or governmental agencies and in general to engage in any lawful business or activity that may be necessary or convenient to carry out the objectives of the Council.

It is critical for not only the future of our club but also to be able to continue important work like we've done over the last 25 years that we bring in new people. Trail preservation, maintenance, various equine activities like rides to Monument Valley, the Cottonwood Equestrian Center won't happen without active members.

Jeremy Smith is a Reserve Law Enforcement Officer with the Coconino National Forest and he would like to hear from you if you see anything like dumping or other illegal activities when you're out on forest service land. Jeremy's cell # is (928)821-0635 and his email is jeremysmith@fs.fed.us; his office # is (928) 203-7354 ext. 1 and his fax # is 928-203-7539.

The hitching post at the Jail Trail in Old Town Cottonwood has been installed and is ready to use for any of you that ride along the Verde River. Also, a letter has been sent to the City of Cottonwood and was copied to County Supervisor Chip Davis telling them of our commitment to donate \$5,000.00 to the new Cottonwood Equestrian Center. There were 13 riders on the 24th, our apologies who didn't get a personal call or email, we tried to reach all of our riding members.

The club is still looking for a new editor for the newsletter if any of you are interested or know someone who would be. **Hope to see all of you on October 29th at Dead Horse State Park.**

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