Editor’s note: This is my first time putting together the newsletter, so I’ve tried to include relevant information, pictures, and Club happenings. If you would like to contribute, please (!) email me what you would like to include. Also, if you are receiving the paper newsletter, please provide your email address so we can send it to you digitally! All of the links within will work so much better :) 

Thanks! April

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Happy New Year!

The Antelope Valley Unit held its first meeting of 2017 on January 25th.

I feel honored to have been elected as the President of the Antelope Valley Unit. I will strive to represent and lead our unit for the benefit of my equestrian constituency. Thank you for this opportunity.

Our unit’s other officers and coordinators are: Vice President, Newsletter and Media Relations: April Golden; Secretary: Hillery Pullinger; Treasurer: Valerie Zera; Sergeant of Arms: Jay Tremblay; BCHC State Diretor: Jerry Stone; Past President: Paul Frisbey; Trail Ride Coordinator: June Frisbey; Trail Services Coordinator: Paul Frisbey; Historian: Pat Gordon; Membership Coordinator: Kay Brickner

Thank you to all of the unit’s members who have volunteered to work in these positions.

First off, I would like to welcome back our new/renewed members Amy and Steve Nelson! I look forward to sharing our rides with such enthusiastic horse lovers.

The Backcountry Horsemen of California Rendezvous is March 17 through 19 in Bishop, California. Past President Paul Frisbey will demonstrate “knotless packing” at the Rendezvous. I will lead a discussion about recording GPS tracks on rides and the pros and cons of using phone apps versus GPS receivers. Bring your GPS receiver or upload a phone app and learn how to track your rides. This year, the Rendezvous $5 raffle ticket buys a chance at winning a $500 gift certificate to a gun shop in Bakersfield. I’ve bought my ticket! For more information about the Rendezvous: http://www.bchcalifornia.org/rendezvous.htm

Kelly Carle has been representing equestrians in meetings with the new San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. Kelly has done some reconnaissance at Bandido Campground and has reported to our unit that although the campground is in disrepair, the SGMNM supervisor is receptive to allowing our unit to repair and maintain this campground in order to restore it to its full functionality for equestrians. Stay tuned for opportunities to join our work parties at Bandido.

June Frisbey has put together a tentative calendar of rides. All dates are subject to change, so check with the trail boss before heading out for a ride.

We are looking into making all or most of our rides open to nonmembers this year. Bring a friend!

-Marcy
Calendar of Events

February 19, 2017—Sunday
Unit Ride in Griffith Park
Martinez Arena map & pin

March TBD—Unit Ride

March 17-19, 2017—BCHC Rendezvous—Bishop, CA

March 15, 2017 – Unit Meeting

April 16, 2017 – Sunday
Poppy ride (Probably Avenue D @ 140th St. West)

April 20-22, 2017—BCHA National Board meeting
Great Falls, MT

May 14, 2017—Sunday
Mother’s Day ride in Chino Hills
Trail Boss: Kelly

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BCHC-AV Meetings
Leona Valley Improvement Association
8367 Elizabeth Lake Road
BCHC has a Facebook page! (Ctrl +) Click here

All meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday
(January, March, May, July, September, and November)

The meetings start at 6:30 and include a pot luck dinner. Bring a dish to share, bring your family, bring your friends.

Directions:
(14) AV freeway
West on Palmdale Blvd
Continue on Elizabeth Lake Rd. approx. 8½ miles
(If you come to a four-way stop, you have gone too far.)
The Community Center is on the right (north) side of the road.

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Calendar of Events (continued)

May 17, 2017 – Unit Meeting

May 23-28, 2017—Mule Days—Bishop, CA

June 18, 2017—Sunday
Rustler’s Roost ride in Lake LA
Approximately 14301 E Avenue Q.
Between 145th St East and Big rock creek bed, a dirt parking lot
(on the north side)

July 4, 2017—Tuesday
Ride and BBQ – Members Only
Trail Boss: Kelly

July 19, 2017 – Unit Meeting

As of January 1, 2017 we had 68 members.

Send all membership renewals to BCHC Membership,
1280 State Rte 208, Yerington, NV 89447.

If you change your email address, phone number, mailing
address, or membership status, please let one of the
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RIDE INFORMATION
Please RSVP to all rides. There are some places where we will need
to double up in trailers, and we would like to know who is going. Addition-
ally, some rides require reservations and payment up front.

Be in the saddle at 10:00am, ready to ride,
unless otherwise noted.

If you would like to schedule a ride, please give June a call and we can
put it on the calendar.

If you would like volunteers for Trail Projects, please contact Paul.

Rides updated online at
http://www.bchc-avunit.org/calendar.html

Membership Report
as of Jan 17, 2017

New members: (2)
Dora & Tim Bartholomew
Sugarloaf, CA

Expiring/ed in Jan: (7)
Chaides/Kimmel; Frisbey;
Gordon

Expiring in Feb: (3)
Forrest; Oates; Rankin

Expiring in Mar: (2)
Nevarez; Vatan

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Links

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Backcountry Horseman of California
http://www.bchcalifornia.org

BCHC Rendezvous
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Club Happenings

Unit Christmas Party—December 2016

Members Paul and June Frisbey pre-riding for Veteran’s Day ride in November, 2016
Members, and other volunteers, worked on replacing the roof of Golden Trout Meadow’s Ranger Cabin in September, 2016.
Past President Message

Packing Season. It’s almost here. My 27th year with nearly 100 trips. We packers start planning our season in March, at Rendezvous. My first trip is in May; thanks to this winter, it should be fantastic!

As always, I offer help to people who want to pack. I usually make five trips a year.

I leave home at 7:00 am, drive 4 hours to arrive at the trail head, 1 hour to load the horses, then an 8 mile, 3-hour pack/ride to Trout Meadow.

It is there that I meet other packers, either traveling through, staying at Cow Camp or perhaps staying at the Forest Service Cabin as a volunteer Ranger. I stay at Cow Camp thanks to Bradley and Emily Miles, who own the property, one mile south of the FS Cabin. The meadow is fenced, so I can turn my stock out and relax. The horses are happy. They can roam the meadow and/or hang with other the horses.

One of the small delights is sitting back watching up to 12 horses graze or get a drink from the spring. They are in “Horse Heaven”.

It’s a different world up there, an olden times place. There are no cell phones, no computers, no social media, nothing. Time is Mountain time. If you’re alone in the morning, you will stay alone all morning. The trail is three hours long, so someone would have to get an early start to get there by noon.

In the afternoon, however, you may get visitors. Hikers are always invited in to take a break or get a cool drink. Cowboys might stop by, as they check or move their cattle. After a busy day, or any day, I look forward to happy hour: showers and cocktails (best shower in the Sierras, IMHO). After happy hour, I ease into dinner preparation and dining.

I don’t usually stay up late. We try to make it a rule that no one goes to bed before 9pm. If you go to bed early, you wake up early. Not so fun, since it’s dark!

I can’t say enough about this camping experience. I wish everyone could enjoy it.

-Paul
BCHC Membership Application and link to PayPal available at the following link:
http://www.bchcalifornia.org/membership.htm

BCHC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

member@bchcalifornia.org

MAIL TO: Membership Backcountry Horsemen of California
1280 State Route 208, Yerington, NV 89447

PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)
Antelope Valley  Kern Sierra  Mother Lode  San Diego  Shasta Trinity
Eastern Sierra  Lake-Mendo  North Bay  Sierra Freepackers  High Country
Los Padres  San Joaquin Sierra  High Sierra  Kern River Valley
Mid Valley  Redshank Riders  Santa Ana River  Sutter Buttes
Redwood  Sequoia  Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership Number, will be assigned): _____

MEMBER'S NAME—No Business Names; Print Clearly

SPouse / Co-MEMBER'S NAME—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address / PO Box

City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip Code (full 9 digits, if known) ___________ Area Code ___________ Phone ___________

Total Enclosed: $_________________ Check No.: ____________________ (please print legibly)

Email Address: ____________________

Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)
Individual $50.00*  Family $60.00*  Benefactor $100.00  Patron $250.00  Mt Whitney $500.00

* = BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America.

2 year Individual $90.00, 3 Year Individual $125.00  2 Year Family $110.00, 3 Year Family $150.00

Associate Memberships: AN ADDITIONAL $15.00 PER UNIT is added to your PARENT UNIT DUES. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS MAY NOT be for the same unit as your PARENT UNIT.

Associate Membership for: ________________________________ $15.00/unit

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Please write additional choices on back.
Back Country Horsemen of California’s AV Unit was established in 1995, to promote the gentle use of California trails and backcountry.

We offer meetings, seminars, pack clinics and speakers to groups to educate on access and care of wild lands by equestrians and stock users.

We’re on the web—
www.BCHC-avunit.org

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