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Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

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Therapeutic Driving Expert Will Share How She & Her Minis Help Others

Our speaker, Kim Fay (in photo with Thriller), has been driving for many years, but she recently discovered driving and therapeutic riding skills go together! Join us at our next program meeting, Wednesday, September 30, 7 pm, and find out what they have learned and teach when it comes to therapeutic driving.

Kim has competed (and won) driving events and thoroughly enjoys teaching others how to drive at a facility for people with physical and mental disabilities. In fact, she introduced the therapeutic riding program there.

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"I started teaching a student who has autism to drive and discovered the positive impact driving had on my student is amazing," she said. Kim is an engaging storyteller, so it's easy to learn from her, as well as have fun.



We meet at Dr. Field Goods Kitchen, 187 Paseo De Peralta, DeVargas Center, SF. The closest entrance to the restaurant is on the south side of the center. There is plenty of parking. Join

others for dinner at 6 pm in the main restaurant area. Please be in the separate meeting room a few minutes before 7 pm.

New Trails & Adventure for RR

Ridge Riders will explore a new area on Saturday, October 3, as they head up to the north side of Apache Canyon. "This ride can be a bit challenging, both in getting to the trailhead and the trail itself," Trail Boss Ed Srsic said. "The last five miles up the mountain is a dirt road with a few obstacles. We'll go slow and be cautious. It's passable!"

"The trail descends into the canyon with a few small water crossings. Then, we'll proceed east up over the mountain and back down through a beautiful forest setting of large pine and aspen. This ride is about three hours, and the aspens may be turning color.

"I have been on this ride four times in the past year and a half, and it's one of my favorites," Ed added. "Since it's a little tricky to provide directions to get there, we will meet up on the Old Las Vegas Highway and caravan from there."

Directions

The meet-up spot is the parking area on Old Las Vega Highway, a few hundred yards from the intersection of Old Pecos Trail. This is the parking area where folks are always selling rocks and firewood. Look for Ed's white truck and trailer there. He will be there at 9 am and depart at 9:30 am SHARP. Travel time up to the parking area from our meet-up spot is about 30-45 minutes.

This is the last ride for this year, so we are planning to celebrate the season with a simple sub sandwich lunch after the ride. There will be an assortment, including veggie subs.

Please follow the sign-up directions below. Thanks, Ed, for a bunch of wonderful group rides this year. You are the best!

How to Sign Up

To sign up for any of our rides, register in advance and sign our online waiver at: nnmha.org/events. There, click on Ridge Riders. You must be a member for insurance purposes, and it's easy to become a member (or renew your membership) on our website. For questions, contact Ed directly: 415 305-3238, riders@nnmha.org.

Ed requests that if you sign up, call or text him the night before or the morning of the ride: 415 305-3238.

Note: Photo is from August ride in Rowe Mesa. Weather was great, Ed reported, and there were 13 riders. Petroglyphs are a favorite site in this area. Thanks to Cassie Fitzgerald for photo.



Save the Date – Our Holiday Party is Sunday, December 13

Members, it may seem a tad early to be humming holiday tunes. But it's not too soon to save the date! Plan now to join other members at one of our favorite get-togethers – the holiday party. Details to come.



It's that Time of Year – Lend a Hand & Join the NNMHA Board

We have a lot of exciting plans for events, program meetings, clinics, workshops, and more. You can help make important decisions regarding the direction of your organization. Now is the time! We are heading into our regular election of Board members whose terms are expiring this year. Plus, you may have read that the Board recently decided to expand to add two additional positions. That makes a nine-member Board, and we're excited about the possibilities that come with this change.



How about a show of hands! We're looking for enthusiastic equestrians who are interested in joining the Board to help support the mission of NNMHA and our equestrian community. Serving on the Board is fun and meaningful. You meet other great folks who also have an interest in equines, and you can make a positive impact in our community.

Important Election Details

- Candidates must be a member in good standing for the past 12 months.
- Monthly Board meetings are held online.
- No financial contribution is necessary.
- Board members serve two-year terms.
- Ballots will be provided to members by email and at the October program meeting.
- All candidates will attend and be introduced at the program meeting.

To be considered, email a short letter of intent, telling us a little about yourself and why you are interested in serving. **Nominations are open now, so please reply by the end of September. Send your email to: contact@nnmha.org.**

Please feel free to call or email any Board member – phone numbers and emails are on page 15. We are happy to answer your questions and talk more about Board membership!

Smoke & Horses Don't Mix

What is in Smoke

Smoke is comprised of various substances that depend on the burned material, used to describe a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets in the air. In general, this particulate matter is the major pollutant of concern in wildfire smoke. Particulates tend to be very small, allowing them to reach the deepest airways within lungs. Consequently, particulates in smoke are more of a health concern than the coarser particles that typically make up road dust.



How Does Smoke Affect Horses

The effects of smoke on horses are like the effects on humans: irritation of the eyes and respiratory tract, aggravation of conditions like heaves (recurrent airway obstruction) and reduced lung function. High concentrations of particulates can cause persistent cough, increased nasal discharge, wheezing and increased physical effort in breathing.

Horses exposed to fire smoke can suffer respiratory injury of varying degrees, ranging from mild irritation to severe smoke inhalation-induced airway or lung damage. That's why assessing and treating smoke inhalation is important.

Here are a few tips to consider. If you see any of these conditions, horses may need to be examined by a veterinarian:

- Know that a normal respiratory rate is 12-24 breaths/minute. Respiratory rates consistently greater than 30 breaths/minute at rest is a concern.
- Look for nostrils that have obvious flaring.
- Watch for an obvious increased effort of breathing.
- Observe a horse's abdomen and rib cage and notice any repetitive or deep coughing.
- Check for any abnormal nasal discharge.

Protecting Horses from Air Pollution

- Limit exercise when smoke is visible. Horses should not engage in activities that increase the airflow in and out of the lungs.
- Provide plenty of fresh water close to where your horse eats. Horses drink most of their water within two hours of eating hay, so having water close to feeding increases water consumption. Water keeps the airways moist and facilitates clearance of inhaled particulate matter.

- Limit dust exposure by feeding dust-free hay or soak hay before feeding. This reduces the particles in the dust such as mold, fungi, pollens and bacteria that may be difficult to clear from the lungs.
- Consider seeking advice from your veterinarian, especially if the horse has a history of bronchitis, pneumonia, heaves or recurrent airway problems.

Ideally, give a horse ample time to recover from smoke-induced airway harm. Airway damage resulting from wildfire smoke takes up to 4 - 6 weeks to heal. Plan on giving time off, starting when the air quality returns to normal. Attempting exercise may aggravate any condition, can delay the healing process and compromise your horse's performance for weeks or months.

It is noted that healthy horses may return to exercise two weeks after the smoke clears. An air quality index that measures human exposure can be used.

Note: This article doesn't address whether to bring horses indoors. Consider whether your barn has adequate ventilation to control against smoke. Often, there's dust already in barns, so it may be wiser to not place horses in barns for long periods of time. Generally, there is no need to alter a horse's regular diet, although supplements such as MSM can help support a normal inflammatory response.

This is a summary of an article that appeared in the UC Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine online newsletter. Thanks to Nancy Ambrosiano for sharing it.



NM Equine Owners Need Permanent Ownership Papers

Barry Allen, Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the NM Livestock Board (LB) talked about several issues important to horse owners at our July program meeting. To begin, he noted what horse buyers should (and should not) do if in the market for a critter.

Buying a Horse

Consider what you want to do with a horse, and work with only reputable and researched sellers. Know your budget, consider costs such as boarding versus at-home care, veterinarian costs and other expenses.

"Always do a vet check. If the horse is located elsewhere, hire a reputable veterinarian in the area. If possible, have your own veterinarian conduct the exam." He warned to never accept a personal check, get a bill of sale and contact the Livestock Board early on for assistance." He reminded us that there are drugs that can mask lameness, and



after a sales transaction he can't do anything, with few exceptions. "The vultures are out there," Barry warned.

Do You Have Permanent Ownership Papers

In NM, the LB is authorized to provide permanent ownership papers, based on registration title, bill of sale, brand, etc. A LB officer will visit your location and on-site provide you with the appropriate paperwork.



All equine owners are required to have permanent ownership papers with them when travelling, and officers can stop a trailer and ask the owner to prove ownership with permanent papers on-the-spot. A photocopy or digital image of ownership papers is acceptable. If crossing state lines, we need a Coggins test, of course.



Barry was very complimentary of rescue organizations and shelters, and the role they play in working with him and his staff. There are 27 districts that he and his staff cover, and there are two officers in the Santa Fe area. This area roughly includes Moriarity south to the Colorado border north.

It's a large territory, so Barry and others often work with shelters and local residents if temporary or more permanent care is needed for horses. "We're all about animal cruelty and it takes up a lot of our time. We work with good people throughout the state to help animals in need," Barry said.

Regarding disease, he advised it's important to be aware of current outbreaks, but if owners catch health problems early and their horses are treated, horses should be fine.

In an evacuation, whatever the reason, Barry said it's crucial to know your exit route, closely monitor what's going on in your area and pack ahead of time what to take with you. In such situations, the LB can be helpful in locating temporary places to shelter. *Livestock Board is Here to Help*

There is always someone available 24/7, if you need help from the LB in an emergency. They coordinate with the local sheriff's departments. Emergency assistance covers helping with a riding or trailering accident, reporting a loose horse, and more. He said wild horses and horses on Pueblo land are not directly the jurisdiction of the LB. However, the LB may be asked for assistance.



To learn more about the LB, go to: nmlbonline.com.

Volunteers Post Right-of-way Signs

“David Minsk and I got five of these signs installed along the Rail-Trail today,” said Evalyn Bemis regarding their work last month.

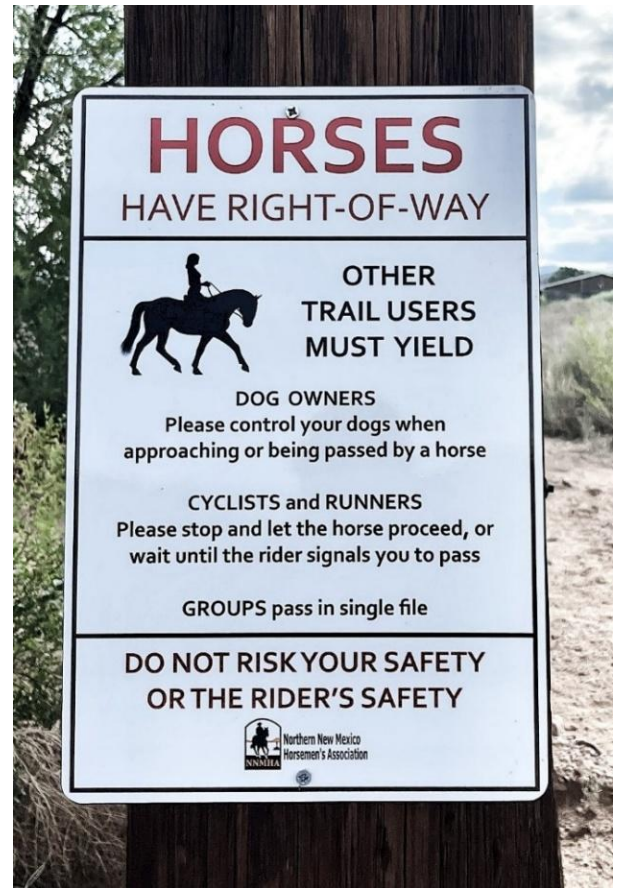


“The signs are at intersections where trail users might be inclined to cross over to the Arroyo Hondo side of the tracks.

“We were quizzed by trail users in the process, all very positively.”

She has another sign that she hopes to post soon. Thanks to all (and Evalyn for the photos, too) for installing these signs that were produced by NNMHA in cooperation with SF County officials.

“Thanks again to NNMHA for the initiative in producing and donating the signs – very much appreciate the quality and appropriateness of the signs,” she added.



Congrats to Youth Ranch Rodeo Winning Team

“This youth and the young man at the far right were members of the winning team at a recent Estancia Valley Youth Ranch Rodeo, reported Ed.

“I had the privilege of presenting the winners buckles that we sponsored.” Ed, thanks for sharing the details and photo. Hope everyone had a good time!



Eagle Nest Youth Horse Program Offers Students Learning & Riding

Think back to your grade school physical education classes. Would you have signed up for an equine learning and riding experience? This is exactly what Nicole Dean, director of Roping Hearts Horsemanship, created and developed the Eagle Nest Youth Horse Program. This program is part of the public school system in Eagle Nest, NM.

Her students are the children who attend the Eagle Nest Pre-K through eighth grade. The students may opt for the horse program as part of their physical education course, with 70 students attending the one-hour equine classes twice per week.

Goal is to Give Access to Equine Experiences

The primary goal of the Eagle Nest Horse Program is to provide students with equitable access to outdoor equine education and horsemanship experiences that otherwise would be inaccessible due to financial and geographic barriers. Horses are expensive, and most of the students come from families that otherwise would not have the means to provide an equine experience.



In addition, the area's rural isolation limits access to trainers, quality horses and facilities. This program removes the barriers, offering a no-cost, school-based opportunity for students to engage in both mounted and unmounted equestrian activities.

An undertaking of this magnitude requires dedication and coordination. Nicole and another volunteer instructor, Rebecca Hoffman, partner to deliver the classes. They also run the summer horse camps, donating over 50 hours per week to the program. Sound like a lot of work? It takes both of them working in sync, rain or shine.



Rebecca is critical to the success of Roping Hearts Horsemanship, as is Nicole's husband, who helps with horse care and conditioning. The first 15 minutes of class focus on equine knowledge, covering topics such as horse breeds, anatomy, colors, nutrition, grooming, tack, safety and equine career pathways. Age-appropriate curricula have been created for each grade level. The remaining class time is spent with hands-on equine activities.

Mounted skills include walking, trotting, cantering and riding patterns, while unmounted skills include safely catching a horse, haltering,

leading, grooming and tacking up. The objective is for students to develop confidence, competence and independence in all around horsemanship.

Grant Provided Funding for Horse Care

Nicole worked with the support of the non-profit Moreno Valley Angels to bring the Roping Hearts Horsemanship to reality. She requested a grant from NNMHA to help with the care of the school horses. NNMHA decided to grant the program an initial amount to be used for veterinary care. Additional funding was provided following a site visit by Board members Karla Lauritsen and Lynn Allen.



Last spring, they drove to Eagle Nest to observe the program in action. “When we arrived, the kindergartners were using paper horse ears on popsicle sticks to learn what a horse is communicating when its ears are forward, relaxed, or laid back, compared to drawings on a large chart,” said Lynn. “The kids walked a barrel pattern single file around rocks, then led a horse with help around barrels in the arena.

“Upper-grade level kids rode around the barrels with assistance. It was clear that the students were very excited and engaged to be participating in the program. There were smiles all around. The school principal, Mr. Solis, made time to meet with us, expressing his support and enthusiasm for the program Nicole created for his school.”

Five horses live at the school, each with a stall and large run. This provides older students an opportunity to learn about daily horse care. They have an arena for riding with a barrel pattern set up. Safe horse handling is emphasized, with all students wearing helmets when riding. The school horse we observed was perfect for the kids, very gentle and cooperative. Tack is very neatly stored in a shipping container on premises. Nicole continued the program into the summer with 45 students attending her summer horse camps.

“Based on our visit, we gave the additional grant.” Lynn explained. “It was used to purchase a stock trailer for the program that will be used to transport horses to events, for veterinary care or for evacuation.”

“Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the Northern New Mexico Horsemen’s Association, Nicole said. “We truly would not be here today without you! Your incredible support captures the true spirit of rural northern New Mexico, proving how our small towns come together like family to lift each other up.

“Through your kindness, our humble program received a lifeline, funding for critical otherwise impossible medical treatments for our beloved horses, and a new trailer which can provide life-saving veterinary trips, growth through the transport of new horses or emergency wildfire evacuation plans. NNMHA hasn’t just funded our

program, they have wrapped our horses in safety and reminded us of the power of community.” Kudos to Nicole and others for the success of this program.

Note: Thanks to Lynn and Karla for reporting on their trip and sharing the accompanying photos.

Board Notes

There are no Board Notes this month.

Do You Know...



“Monty Roberts, the internationally acclaimed horseman who used trust instead of intimidation to train horses died...(July 31). He was 91. He defied the conventional method of breaking horses, something he watched his father do, and created his own gentler approach, known as join up,” according to a news report aired on NPR.

“He based it on the nonverbal language horses used to communicate with each other. It was a language he observed as a teenager, watching wild mustangs in the Sierra Nevada.

“Roberts was born in Salinas, California, in 1935. He grew up around horses, could ride confidently at three, and by the time he was eight, said he spent 10-hour days working with horses, competing on weekends. Roberts became a champion rider and was a stunt rider in about a hundred movies. He trained thousands of horses, including wild horses, racehorses and problem horses.

“He became internationally known after Queen Elizabeth II brought him to work with her horses in 1989. She supported his controversial gentle approach to horse training and urged him to write his memoir, *The Man Who Listens To Horses*, which became a best seller in 1996.

“Their 30-year friendship was the subject of the 2023 documentary, *The Cowboy And The Queen*. From his California ranch, Monty Roberts introduced his techniques to horse owners, trainers and students from around the world. He also traveled widely, giving demonstrations.”

The *New York Times* recently described Roberts as the “horse trainer who preached kindness.”

Bulletin Board

Bulletin Board is a "one-stop shop" for all equine-related products, services and events. Current members may submit listings of no more than 80 words. Be sure to include a name, brief description and website, phone and/or email for contact purposes. We can't edit fliers or other materials provided to us and be assured of describing your news accurately. Send your listing to: Sandra: smithcom@goldengate.net. At any time, let us know if you need your current listing removed or changed. We rely on members to keep their info correct and up to date.

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EQUINE PORTRAITS

Helen K. Garber is available to create a unique photographic portrait of your horse or you riding your horse. In sizes up to 10 feet wide. Can be printed on paper or fabric. Her work has been acquired by museum collections such as the Getty Museum, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum archives of the Venice Biennale and the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences. Contact: Helen, 310 344-7883, www.helenkgarber.com (Helen K Garber Studio), mail@helenkgarber.com.

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BOARDING AT RANCHO MARIPOSA

15 minutes from Old Pecos Trail in the Eldorado area. Indoor arena, outdoor dressage and jumping arenas, access to trails. Training and instruction available. We welcome equestrians of all disciplines! Call or text Anna: 505 490-0990, info@mariposasantafe.com.

SANTA FE PONY CLUB

The Santa Fe Pony Club is looking for new members, volunteers and sponsors as the new year begins. The Club welcomes 5+ ages (adults too!). For more info: lindsaylechner@gmail.com, www.ponyclub.org.

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SEEKING PRIVATE BOARDING FOR ONE HORSE

Due to sale of the property where we board, we're looking for a private barn in the Eldorado/Lamy area with room for one horse. Request daily group turnout and some room to ride on property. Can be self- or partial-care and I'm happy to serve as backup for your horses. I'm respectful, tidy and low drama; my horse is respectful, herd experienced, low in pecking order and blind in one eye. Contact: Sylvie Anacker, 415 309-0162, asorges@gmail.com.

SELF-CARE BOARDING

Arrowhead Ranch has self-care boarding space available for horse owners wanting to be more hands-on with their horses and their care. Roomy indoor/outdoor stalls with large runs attached. Includes water with electric hookups, outdoor arenas, SF river trail access, trailer parking, hay, grain and tack storage. Located in town off West Alameda. Clean, safe, gated. For more info: arrowheadsantafe@aol.com, 505 690-4955.

TWO SENIOR HORSES FOR SALE



24-25 year-old gelding (left) ridden primarily on trails for the last 15 years. Sound, has reining training and light handle. 24-25 year-old gelding (right). Trail experience, most popular children's horse at Challenge



NM in SF. For more info: 505 670-2924.

RAINBOW RIDGE FARM LLC

New boutique boarding facility located in Edgewood NM. Stalls with separate paddocks and daily turnout. Indoor riding arena, outdoor riding arena, round pen for training and trails off property and nearby. Self-care and full care, short and long-term options available. Two current openings. Contact: Sandi Hutchison, rainbowridgefarmllc@hotmail.com, 505 205-5452.



HORSE PROPERTY FOR SALE

9 Jacinto Road, \$900,000. Los Caballos Subdivision, SF County. Ten level acres, 20 miles from SF. Includes a 3,434 sq. ft. two-story, five-bedroom, four-bath house. Horse amenities with 2,818 sq. ft., six-stall horse barn, turnouts, tack



room with half-bath, hay storage, arena and roping corral. Plus, a separate 1,805 sq. ft. workshop/garage with mechanic's pit. Contact: Penelope Vasquez, Associate Broker, 505 690-3751, penelopenewmexico@gmail.com, Sotheby's International Realty, 505 988-2533.

WINTEC SADDLE WANTED

Looking for in-good-condition Wintec western saddle for trail riding, 15" seat, 8" gullet. Email: smithcom@goldengate.net.

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Newly renovated barn stalls, 12x16, featuring Nelson automatic waterers and attached pens, 16x18. Covered pipe stalls, 16x16, also available. Reasonable rates for self-care or full board. Full board includes grass hay or alfalfa, 2x/day. We will feed boarder-supplied grain/supplements. Arena, round pen, trailer parking and tack storage area. On-site trail riding, as well as direct access to BLM/Caja del Rio trails. Contact: Phyllis, call/text 505 479-2628 or email phyllis@hipicosantafe.com.

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HORSE TRAILER FOR SALE

2020 Cimarron Norstar 3H Slant BP trailer for sale. Original owner, clean title. Less than 6000 miles, newer tires and battery. Includes hitch with anti-sway bars. In excellent condition. Asking \$26k. Located in SF. Contact Mark Campbell: 818 324-3616, markcampbell19@gmail.com.



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Clinics/Workshops/Events

Note: The New Mexico Horse Council (NMHC) posts fliers for shows, clinics and demos throughout the state in its newsletters. Go to: www.nmhorsecouncil.org and click on "News" to see any newsletter. You can also see info on NMHC Facebook.

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Please contact any Board member with questions or comments about NNMHA plans or activities. We welcome your ideas. Board meetings are usually held each month, and members are invited to participate in Board meetings. Meetings may be online or in person. See phone numbers and emails for Board members.

NNMHA seeks to inform and educate our members and the broader northern New Mexico community with regard to equine wellness and equestrian activities. We generally do not take an advocacy position on such issues, but endeavor to keep members and others aware of developments that NNMHA deems may be of interest.

We welcome letters to the editor for publication. Please send letters to Sandra, smithcom@goldengate.net. Letters must be written by an active member and include a name, email address, phone number and full street address, as well as any information sources used in the letter. If used, submissions may be edited due to space limitation and other considerations.



*To me, he was simply Dad,
a man of extraordinary kindness,
unwavering integrity,
and an unshakable belief
that trust could accomplish
what force never could.*

*Debbie Roberts Loucks,
Monty Roberts' daughter,
PEOPLE magazine*

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