



Paddock Paper

Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association Newsletter

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Our Annual Summer Social is **Saturday,** **July 23** – See You There!

It's always a great get-together, so join us for NNMHA's annual summer social on Saturday, July 23, noon – 3 pm, at the Sheriff's Posse, 3213 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe. A catered meal will be served.

We're also looking forward to some fun, informative presentations from three experts on the topic of "Horses Helping Humans." Presenters include Liz Delfs of My Little Horse Listener, Shelley Phelan of NM Center for Therapeutic Riding and Lyn Carpenter of Blissful Heart Coaching.



Please **RSVP** to Joyce Davis at bjmrkitty@gmail.com. **Reservations are required and we need all RSVPs by Saturday, July 16**, because this get-together is catered.

We look forward to seeing you. Plan on pulling up a chair for a lunchtime chat with both old and new friends. The social is intended for members, but we welcome guests - so bring a friend who also likes horsin' around!

Colonial Spanish Horse is Legendary – Learn More at August 31 Meeting

What is a Colonial Spanish horse? Are they rare? When did they come to the Americas? What is their temperament? How is their ride/gait?

Learn more about this legendary breed of horse at our next program meeting, “Introduction to Spanish Barb Horses,” Wednesday, August 31, 7 pm. Our speaker, Kathleen Bellemare, owner of several Colonial Spanish horses (often referred to as Spanish Barbs) will answer these questions and more.

She is president of the Spanish Barb Horse Association and has worked with her Spanish Barbs in endurance, English and Western riding competition and continues to work in true horsemanship based on communication and psychology.

She also uses them for historical demonstrations and festivals to better educate others about the breed and to help preserve it. This is a truly fascinating breed with a long history in both the new and old worlds.

For this meeting, we will be at the Sheriff’s Posse arena, Santa Fe. The arena is at the Posse building, 3213 Rodeo Road. The program begins at 7 pm, so feel free to make plans for dinner at a nearby restaurant of your choosing, if you like. **Please be at the arena by 6:45 pm,** so we can take advantage of the daylight.

Feel free to have dinner in the area before our meeting. Restaurants nearby include: Los Amigos, 3904 Rodeo Road; Joe’s Diner, 2801 Rodeo Road; Posa’s Tamale, 1514 Rodeo Road; Red Lobster, 4450 Rodeo Road.



About our Speaker

Kathleen purchased her first Spanish Barb as an untrained three-year-old in 2000, and he continues to be a terrific partner, teacher and friend. Her horse interests are varied, exploring different venues of horsemanship that include natural, dressage, cutting and trail endurance.

Kathleen has BS and MS degrees, both in engineering, from Georgia Technical Institute of Technology. Her corporate experience includes General Motors and American Airlines/Sabre, where she focused on systems analysis, project management and demand forecasting.

Festival Fund Raiser Well Attended, Raised Important Wild Horse Issues

Our Film Festival attracted a sold-out, full house of horse enthusiasts who watched a feature film documentary produced by Robert Redford about wild horses in this country today. Shown at the Santa Fe Playhouse, net proceeds from the showing benefitted The Horse Shelter. A brief overview of NNMHA and The Horse Shelter kicked off the film showing.



NNMHA is proud to have played a role in funding this event through a grant provided by the NNMHA Giving Program. Following the 90-minute film, a panel and audience members discussed wild horse issues.

The panel included Karen Herman, Sky Horse Sanctuary; Chris



Morgan, NM Horse Council; State Senator Brenda McKenna. *(In photo, panelists left to right, McKenna, Morgan and Herman.)*

Howard Gershon, NNMHA president, served as the panel moderator. Susan Hammerle, The Horse Shelter, also participated in the discussion.

Thanks to the Playhouse staff who was instrumental and exceedingly helpful in hosting and handling ticketing for this event. We couldn't have done it without their help.

Working together is key

All panelists noted the importance of working together as a community to ensure “a quality of life for every horse,” as Chris Morgan said. “After all, we are encroaching on their land.” One of the more immediate needs is managing the wild horses that have

grown in number in the Placitas area. People in the area are feeding this herd, but that is not a solution to this ongoing issue.



As discussed in the film, the practice of vaccinating mares using pneumatic dart technology to control reproduction is promising. It is also used in NM. Karen Herman cautioned that both nationally and here, it is not widely available, expensive and must be repeated annually. To further complicate matters, it is difficult to estimate the number of wild horses in NM; estimates range from thousands to many more.

The panel and audience members also discussed establishing a new sanctuary that would join the eleven other licensed sanctuaries in the state. Any sanctuary, new or existing, however, requires a significant commitment in funding, establishing good management standards and ongoing oversight.

In the meantime, panelists encouraged audience members to seek out existing sanctuaries and find ways to actively support them. (*Licensed sanctuaries are listed on the Livestock Board website, nmlbonline.com under “Horse Rescues.”*)

Proposed state legislation in the works

Senator Brenda McKenna, D-Corrales, said she and Senator Pat Woods, R-Broadview, are working on drafting legislation that will include a program designed to provide care for wild horses in the state. Senator McKenna spoke of the importance of controlling population, especially considering our prolonged drought and the resulting lack of vegetation. The senators hope to have legislation prepared to be presented during the legislative session next year. The senators’ bill would exclude wild horses that fall under federal oversight on Bureau of Land Management land.

To contact any of our panelists: Karen Herman, Sky Mountain Wild Horse Sanctuary, www.skymountainwild.org; Senator McKenna, mckenna@nmlegis.gov; Chris Morgan, NM Horse Council, nmhorsecouncil.org.

At the festival, President Howard Gershon introduced NNMHA’s equine interests and issues to include community outreach by sponsoring such events. “We are reinventing ourselves as a 501(c)3 nonprofit and experimenting with such efforts like this festival as a means to educate and engage others.” NNMHA does not take a position on the wild horse situation but strives to get a dialogue going about this important issue.

Next Ridge Riders Group Ride – July 9



Join the Ridge Riders this month! This month's ride is Saturday, July 9, in the saddle at 10 am, at Dead Dog Well Trailhead.

We've had great rides this season, amidst beautiful weather and scenery. Thanks to Trail Boss Ed Srsic for planning these rides and keeping us organized. *(Photo was taken during Cerrillos Hills State Park ride last month.)*

For the July 9 ride, meet at the Dead Dog Well Trailhead parking lot off Buckman Road for this two-hour ride. We'll take a short ride to the petroglyphs where there are some rocky areas, followed by a flat and easy trail, as riders head down the trail toward Diablo Canyon. Ed plans to be there at 9:30, so look for him and his rig.

Rides are limited to members, but nonmembers can simply go to our website, nmma.org, to join or do so at the ride. As with all rides, safety is paramount and proper riding etiquette will be followed.

To sign up, go to our website, nmma.org, and see the Ridge Riders page. (Also look at "Rules for Ridge Rider Outings.") If you have specific questions, contact Ed, ersic@gmail.com or 415 305-3238.

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board meeting last month clipped right along, handling a variety of topics. NNMHA now has 102 individual and family members. We are now in the triple digits. Yippee!

A change in our insurance policy provider was reviewed and accepted. The new provider offers the same coverage for a lower cost. Thanks to Board member Gary Clendenen for shepherding this process.

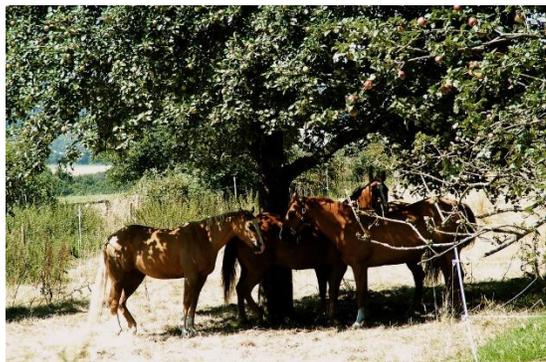
The Board reviewed plans for upcoming clinics, program meetings and Ridge Riders rides for the remainder of the year. Board members were pleased that tickets for the Film Festival last month sold out. Regarding NNMHA activities for the rest of this year, it was noted that we have a “full plate” of events for our members and others. We’re grateful to members and others for your support and participation.

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, July 19, 7 pm, via zoom. Contact any Board member if you have questions or comments. Let us hear from you, especially if you have ideas for events or clinics next year. We’re planning already.

In the meantime, we have tentatively scheduled dates for our monthly program meetings through December:

- *August 31 (see related article)*
- *September 28*
- *October 26*
- *November (no meeting)*
- *December 10 or 11 (holiday party)*

Make the Most of (a Safe) Summer



In the summer edition of *Equus* magazine, an article, “Making Summer a Breeze,” reviews five key challenges for horse keepers, what the challenges are and what to do about them. **One of the five challenges in the summer is sun, an issue we know a lot about here.**

The author explained that sunburn can be a concern for horse owners whose horses have areas where hair is sparse or there is unpigmented, pink skin under white markings. Use a good sunscreen, one with zinc oxide, on sensitive areas like muzzles and around eyes. Newer fly masks also offer protection from the sun with UV blocking materials. Look for long nose flaps on masks that cover delicate pink noses. Some fly sprays come with UV-blocking ingredients – check the label for details.

Extended sun exposure can trigger a dangerous condition called photosensitivity. If you see pink skin/white hair that is raised or weepy, move the horse immediately to shade and contact your vet. If left untreated, this skin condition can be very serious, resulting in extensive open, painful sores.

Speaking of shade, heat stress is also a dangerous condition, if horses do not have a place to escape the worst of the sun's rays. Options include under a grove of trees, inside a run-in shed or access to a barn. Make sure there is ventilation wherever they hang out in shade.

Finally, after working, a horse will welcome a hose or a bucket and sponge to help it cool. We now know that the cooler the water, the quicker the cooldown. Recent studies also suggest that scraping water off a wet horse isn't necessary. In our climate, it evaporates quickly anyway!

For more summertime tips, go to equusmagazine.com to see the full article.

Do You Know...

A horse needs about 12 gallons of fresh, clean water each day? If it doesn't get enough water, its ability to cool itself becomes compromised, and that can lead to bodily functions not working properly. Standing water in troughs can become fetid, so a good scrubbing is probably necessary a few times each week. A kitchen food strainer can be used to scoop out hay pieces and other debris every day.

If you water by buckets, in the summer this may require topping them off several times a day or hanging multiple buckets. With automatic waters, check them at least daily to ensure they are working properly. Finally, there is no risk in letting horses drink immediately before, after or even during exercise.



SF County Seeks Residents for Open Space, Trails, Parks Advisory Committee

Santa Fe County is seeking residents to serve on the County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory committee, an advisory committee to the Board of County Commissioners. To apply, mail or email your resume and letter of interest, including a physical address and phone number to: Santa Fe County Planning Division, Attn: Adeline Murthy, Open Space & Trails Senior Planner, P.O. Box 276, Santa Fe, NM 87504-0276. Email: amurthy@santafecountynm.gov. For simply more information, send an email. All materials must be received by Monday, July 18, 5 pm.

Classifieds

Do you have something equine-related to sell or services to provide? Short, classified ads may be placed by any member in good standing. Please send an email with exact wording for your ad to: Sandra, smithcom@goldengate.net, or Karen, redmule@kdtt.net.

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THE TRINITY RANCH

Santa Fe's premier horse facility. Boarding, training, lessons, indoor arena, 150x300 jump course, 20x60 dressage court. Absolutely beautiful facility, exceptional staff, positive atmosphere. More info: www.santafehorse.com.

NORTHSIDE BOARDING

Ride out on miles of trails, five minutes from NM599/La Tierra Rd. Reasonable rates, relaxed atmosphere. Prices from \$300-\$375 for pens 12x60 and larger. Arena, round pen, three tack rooms, wash rack, trailer parking. Horses fed grass mix or alfalfa twice daily. Boarders provide extras, we feed. Owner lives on premises. Contact: Carolyn, Centaurus Ranch, 505 474-0821.

TRAINER TO WORK WITH NON-PROFIT

ISO-English or Western Trainer willing to work in tandem with local, insured non-profit to bring together horses and humans, who might not otherwise have the opportunity for riding experiences. Seeking two, one-hour time slots per week, preferably on the weekend or between 3:30 - 4:30 pm weekdays. If interested, please e-mail Learning Through Horses at thunderhorse40@hotmail.com with questions or for more info.

LIKE NEW CHINKS

These are like new! Chocolate chinks with turquoise buck-stitching and copper conchos. Fits 37-42" waist, with some room for additional buckle holes. They are 32" long, including 7" fine fringe. \$85. Contact Carol Marthens, 214 662-9616 or luminaryllamas@msn.com.



USED TWO-HORSE TRAILER

Looking for a used two-horse bumper pull stock trailer or light weight trailer. Call Susan Kaz, 505 685-4745.

HORSE FOR SALE

Reliable gaited trail horse. Canadian Standardbred mare. 15.2+. Huge stride. This girl likes to cover ground! 17 years young. Only selling due to financial hardship. \$5,000, to approved home. Call Lauren for more info and photos, 360 622-5691. Horse is in Pojoaque.



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NNMHA encourages and educates our members and the broader northern New Mexico community with regard to equine wellness and equestrian activities

You are welcome to contact Board members with questions or comments about plans or activities. Board meetings are held each month, and members are invited to participate in Board meetings. Meetings may be online or in person. Please contact any Board member for more information.



***I have no special talent.
I am only passionately curious.***
Albert Einstein