Happy Valentine’s Day

Be sure to give your sweet special horse(s) extra carrots and kisses on February 14. Of course, those wonderful people in your life, need special attention too, Happy Valentine’s Day to each and every one of you.

Live, Laugh, Ride, and Love!

There are not any sanctioned events going on for ETP this month. However, get those trail reports into Jennifer Todd. They are so important and needed to keep our trails open, cleared and useable.

Susan Zurawik organized a guest speaker for our February meeting. Jessica Purcell, an Entomologist from UCR spoke on ants. She was extremely interesting and informative. Jessica has studied all over the world and brought to our group her enthusiasm, effervescence, knowledge and real-world insight into the world of many different types of ants. The good, bad and the amazing ….

Jessica is an accomplished horsewoman as well. Thank you go out to Jessica and Susan! Next meeting in March, Sondra Harkless has lined up a guest speaker for our meeting.

Happy Trails, my friends, until we meet again.
**CALENDAR**

03/04/19- ETP meeting begins starts at 7 pm. CSHA meeting immediately following the ETP meeting.

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**Minutes of the February 04, 2019 ETP Meeting**

+ Vicki Voss brought the ETP meeting to order at 7:01 pm
+ Sue, a prospective new ETP member, led the Pledge of Allegiance
+ Ratification of previous meeting minutes, motion made by Deborah Hild to accept the minutes, 2nd by Laura Shultz. Minutes approved.

**Treasure’s Report- Chris Pearne-**
+ As of 01/31/19 ETP has $ 3,648.52
+ Bills paid: Susan Zurawik- $15.07 (dinner for our guest speaker), Jennifer Todd $69.98 (mailings)

**Chairmen Reports:**

**Chair - Helen Johnson**
+ Updated list of each members participation on counter.
+ Pay your dues if you have not. Late fee now applies

**Membership/Visitors – Vicki Voss –**
+ Visitors were our regulars: Rachel Smith, Sharon Bernard and Terry Todd and Pete. Always happy to have you with us! Two new prospective ETP members joined us, Maureen Musgrave and her friend, Sue. Jessica Purcell, our guest speaker joined us for the evening a well.

**Inventory- Susan Zurawik-**
+ No Report- Susan has lots of inventory.

**Equipment- Vicki Gonzales-**
+ All is well.

**Events/Requests for Help-**
+ Laura Shultz had CSHA tickets to hand out for each of us to sell. One ticket is $2.00. One book is worth $20.00. This will benefit CSHA and ETP. One dollar for each ticket sold goes back to ETP.
+ ETP will vote on working the Jurupa Rodeo in June. Laura will present the specifics of our responsibilities for the rodeo at a future meeting.

**Guest Speakers-**
+ Susan Zurawik booked Jessica Purcell, a UCR Entomologist, to speak at our February meeting.
+ Sondra Harkless organized a speaker for our March meeting.

**Trail Patrol Reports- Jennifer Todd-**
+ If you have any more trail reports to turn in, please get them into Jennifer Todd. You may email them to Jennifer at toddler@att.net or write the report on the form and give it to her at the meeting.
+ “Keep those reports coming in!” ☺
+ Jennifer sent out reports to the agencies on reported trail usage.
+ Susan Zurawik won the drawing for reporting to Ranger Oscar.
+ Give suggestions to Jennifer for types of prizes you think may be useful for the raffle and for future ideas: more prizes, more drawings
Trail Patrol/Maintenance- Matt Smith- Chuck Holbrook-
+ They are coordinating with the ranger. At this time there is not any clean up planned.

Friends of ETP Trail Rides-
+ The recent rain has deterred any group rides.

Legislation/ Trails Issues –
+ No report

Old Business:
+ Helen Johnson- Don’t forget that bringing in new people into ETP help you and also your new person with the dues and fees.

New Business:
+ Laura Shultz- Take a look at the bylaws and rules governing ETP. Give Laura suggestions for any upgrades, changes or deletions of said rules or by-law. The information and help will be organized for the next convention and/or Quarterly meeting.
+ Laura Shultz- is working on a fund and plan for victims of catastrophic loss to be set up in our area and implemented should the need arise. This stems from the loss and multiple monumental problems the residents of the recent fires, experienced. Laura has been in contact with Sabrina Cervantes. Included in the discussions will be evacuation plans for flood and fire victims and their animals in our area. Ideas and input are welcomed on this venue. REARS will also be included in this discussion. State and County levels will be involved with the catastrophic plan. County level includes REARS.
+ Laura Shultz- Horseman’s Newsletter-CSHA-stated that the CSHA Drill Team is trying to raise money. They are asking that we sell tickets to help this endeavor. Laura passed out the ticket books. For every ticket ETP members sell, ETP keeps one dollar, the other dollar goes to the CSHA Drill Team. She obtained 250 tickets.

Open Discussion:
+ No discussion

Brag for a Buck:
+ None

50/50- Chris Pearne
+ None

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Helen Johnson

Next ETP/CSHA meeting Monday March 4, 2019 at the Sizzler on Clay Street. Dinner and socializing at 6 pm, meeting start at 7 pm. CSHA meeting following immediately after ETP meeting.
Susan Zurawik  
Chairperson for Wearable inventory

Inventory Prices

*One, size large, jacket in the inventory. Your name will be put on the jacket.
*Polo Shirts- sm.- XL - $20.00, 2x-4x-$22.00
*T-shirts- blue- $15.00
*Ladies blue tank top- $15.00
*Navy Henley Shirt-$20.00
*Sweatshirt blue hooded zip up-$28.00
*Sweatshirt pullover tan- $15.00
*Ball caps- $15.00
*Large trailer decals ETP & CSHA- $10.00; Small decals- $2.00
*CSHA or ETP patches for dress uniform- $4.50
*ETP horse blankets-$40.00

* One large jacket is available for purchase. Your name will be put on it.
GET YOUR TRAIL REPORTS TO JENNIFER!

Jennifer submits report information to the County, State and everyone in between. Please list the names of all those that rode, on one report.

Jennifer’s email is: todd.terry@att.net or use a paper form and give it to her at the meeting.

Remember we are the Equestrian Trails Patrol. Trails are our focus. Report what we observe and/or any assistance rendered. It is a good idea to ride with a buddy.

REMEMBER Inland Vet in Norco will give ETP a 10% discount. You need to say you are an ETP member! You will need to show some form of ETP identification.

Next meeting, **Monday, March 4th**. Social/dinner at 6 pm, meeting starts at 7pm. CSHA meeting follows immediately after ETP meeting.

This is a short synopsis of our guest speaker, Jessica Purcell’s talk given at our February ETP meeting.

Seemingly, there are limitless types of ants indigenousness to each specific area of the world. In our slice of the universe, the two different types of ants in Southern California that she expounded upon were, the Honey Pot Ants and the Leaf Cutter Ants. She spoke about the sociality of these ant colonies. How they eat, work, survive, protect and maintain life as a cohesive unit.

The pictures Jessica showed of the ants and their habitats were amazing, as they shared an intimate glimpse into their lives, patterns and habits. She showed vivid pictures of the ants detailing how they received their names. Interesting facts about their life span were related. The Queen from the Honey Pot unit can live 20 to 30 years, while the males only exist for approximately 2 weeks.

These extraordinary creatures leave a trail for others to follow. The question was asked about eradicating them from your kitchen when they invade. Jessica chooses to not use pesticides but rather she uses vinegar to sweep away the scent that they leave as they travel for others to follow. Keeping sweet items in the refrigerator is helpful as a deterrent. Water is also a huge draw for ants in dry climates like ours.

Jessica explained everything with enthusiasm and buoyancy. She is full of life and knowledge, both of which were shared with our ETP group. Her dedication to her work is refreshing as was her innate kindness. It was a joy to meet her and listen to her speak. Thank you, Susan Zurawik, for bringing your friend and riding partner to speak to us on this extremely important subject.

Equestrian Trail Patrol does not accept responsibility for items and/or tips listed. Products, facilities and ideas used by the individual are the responsibility of the individual. Consult your veterinarian and always ride with safety in mind. Use common sense in all that you do while riding. It is advisable to ride with a buddy for safety.