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Corral 12 VISTA del VALLE
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President's Message

Patty Hug

Hope all of you kept safe with all the recent wind. That was a real blower, even for Sylmar. But everything worked out well as it stopped so we could hold our Driving Play Day. Our arena looked great. A friend of Mary Kaufman, Dean the tractor man, came and gave us a beauty treatment. I personally enjoyed all the carts and carriages. I even know the difference now. Thanks to all our workers, both the day before, and then the day of the show.

This month we once again changed our trail ride place, but not the date. Our dear friend, Bert Bonnett, who was a month short of 102, died recently and his memorial ride/lunch/services will be February 19th at Ranger Park in Hansen Dam. Flyer enclosed.

Good News! Pack your bags, we got one of the small camps in Morro Bay for Monday, August 13th through Monday,

August 20th. Hopefully we will be able to get the camp next to it also as it is on a first-come basis, non-reserve able.

Enjoy the good weather while it is here.

I think we will have winter coming but the grass sure looks nice and green.

How lovely to live in Southern California!

Happy Trails

CORRAL 12
GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14
VALENTINE'S DAY
7:00 PM
OUR ANNUAL PIZZA
PIG—OUT AT
SHAKEY'S PIZZA IN
SYLMAR
(Flyer inside)

ETI NATIONAL
PHONE #
(818) 698-6200

HORSE EXPO
 POMONA
 February 2—4, 2012
 Www.horseexpo.com
 Linda & Pat
 Parelli

MORRO BAY CAMPING
 8/13—8/20 2
 SAGE CAMPGROUND

Corral Notes

We were so sorry to learn of the passing of Bert Bonnett. Bert had so many loyal friends in ETI who took good care of him in his later years. He would have been 102 years old this month. A memorial celebration is planned, with a ride and lunch for February 19th. A flyer is enclosed with memorial details.

*Corral 12 has moved our checking account from Bank of America due to an increase in monthly fees. We will now be banking at U.S. Bank on Foothill Blvd. in Sylmar, with the transfer happening this month.

*The Sylmar Neighborhood Council Equestrian Committee has taken on a beautification project. Patty and Jim counted the number of posts and boards that need to be replaced on the trail behind Foothill Trails homes along Foothill Blvd., near Glenoaks. We will try to get a local store to sponsor some of the material costs. Oleander bushes and brush will be removed and the fence will be re-painted.

*The trail entrance repair project in front of the Oak Ridge modular home park on Foothill Blvd. and Glenoaks (across from Stetson Ranch

entrance) has been referred to the Sylmar Neighborhood Council Equestrian Committee.

*I have been in contact with the historian who is working on the proposed Olive Festival in Sylmar. She has a list of all the activities that Corral 12 is involved in, plus our brochure. The location and date of the festival is to be determined, but Corral 12 may have a booth there.

*Cheri reports that the Sylmar Chamber of Commerce is looking for a new meeting location.

*The Sylmar Land Use committee reported on a proposed 4-story building with 156 senior housing/assisted living apartments on Hubbard and Wheeler streets.

*Corral 12 discussed updating our Corral 12 website.

*City planning department employees (from different areas) are planning a horseback ride with Corral 12 members to check out our county trails. They may also be planning a bus or van tour of various horse keeping facilities in Sylmar.

*Trail Trial date has been changed from 4/15 to 4/22. Next trail trial planning meeting will be on 2/28 at Patty Hug's home, 7:00 PM.

Membership Expirations

December, 2011

Boyle/Corney Family

January, 2012

Foster Family

Gilbert & Jeanne Gonzalez

February, 2012

Ackerman/Roger family

Conner Family

Amy Gentile

Haslam Family

Terry Kaiser

Klein Family

Kris Topaz

Wood/Richardson Family

March, 2012

Katie Twohy

April, 2012

Chelsey Frost

King Family

Kelli Land

Lisa Mulvey

Beverly Thornton

Join early or on time so you will not miss anything. ETI uses your anniversary date you joined, even if you let your membership lapse. Associate dues are for joining Corral 12 if you are already a full member in a different Corral. You must have paid dues somewhere else and wish to belong to Corral 12 to get our information and newsletter.

Because we use an Electronic Newsletter, we no longer remove you from receiving a newsletter, but just because you are receiving a newsletter does not mean you are current in your membership. You will have to pay \$5.00 if single, or \$7.00 for a family to ride on any ETI ride or pay the extra fees at any ETI events that non-members pay such as a driving show, trail trials, or horse show.

Membership Prices:

Family: \$50.00

Senior: \$35.00

Junior: \$30.00

Associate: \$15.00

January 22, 2012
Griffith Park Ride

Recap

Patty Hug

The Griffith Park ride was so nice. I was a little worried as the parking was changed and everything seemed to be messed up. I'm sure you noticed this from all the e-mails flying from me about changes. In the end we squeezed into the live steamer parking area like we always do. The weather was cool, but nice. The clouds were very threatening as it had rained hard the day before. But we were off and riding thinking that if it did rain we would just take the trailers over to "Viva Fresh" for lunch. But it all turned out well as those clouds broke up and blue skies were overhead.

What a great bunch of riders! We had Jeanne and Gil Gonzalez as always, with Mary Kaufman and her friend, Chris. Kit and Ray Hime, Corral 12

members from years ago came to join us, along with Charlotte Brodie. We had a guest, Dave Tuttle, and his friend, who I had not rode with for a long time. Of course, Patty Munson and I made up the riders. Tiffany and Paul Anderson rode a short time until Tiffany's new horse had a problem and they turned back.

We gave the riders lower views of the park and took them through the old zoo on one of the trails. Gives you an idea how animal care has changed.

We planned the ride exactly right as our non-riding friends got to the restaurant just in time to save the tables and watch us ride up. Thanks to Kelly O'Connell, Julie Sexton, Diane Riniker, Katie Twohy, Beverly Thornton, Delmarie Carver and Jeanne Currier. It is always nice to see old friends.

Plan on coming next year. It is a great ride.

Trail Trials

Patty Hug

The Trail Trials are coming up, so start planning on riding or come out and help. They are being held on Sunday, April 22nd.

There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00 PM at my house, Patty Hug, 13570 Beaver St., in Sylmar.

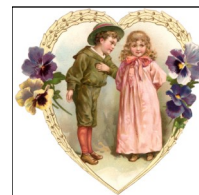
If you are planning to compete then you are not invited to attend. But, we will be needing lots of help so don't be surprised if we call you to help.

If you want to be a part of the planning then come to the meeting at my house.



**CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY
WITH CORRAL 12**

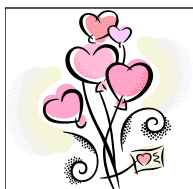
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7:00 PM**



**SHAKEY'S PIZZA PARLOUR
13701 FOOTHILL BLVD. SYLMAR, CA.
(818) 367-1037**

**All the pizza you can eat!
(You're on your own for sides, salads and beverages).**

**Renew Your Membership
Short Meeting (we have lots to talk about).**



(non ETI members \$5.00 each)

STETSON RANCH IMPROVEMENTS/UPGRADES

Thanks to Patty Hug for many hours of planning and negotiations with the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, here's an update on our last meeting which was held on 1/9/12 at Stetson Ranch.

Project 1: Parking Lot Barriers: Install metal post with chain to keep motor vehicles out of park. Post to be spaced 8 feet apart with chain between. Install along the portion of the lot from the chain link fence to plantings. Posts and chain with two different sections to be removable to allow excess parking.

Project 2: Dressage Arena Change the size from current arena to correct size of 65.61 feet by 196.85 feet. A white railing made of solid 4 x 4 plastic, 1-2 feet high, to be placed around the perimeter. There is to be a 15 foot opening in the east end, in the middle, for an entrance. A 10 to 15 foot wide sand track is to surround the arena. Level arena and clean-up brush, in general area between road and arena.

Project 3: Driving Arena Make a new, level arena 131.23 by 262.46 feet, with a DG base and DG/pathway top. No sand to be added. The arena is to be placed near the end of area above the dressage arena with a parking lot for overflow or driving rigs in the north end of the area at the far end of the arena. A two-rail goose neck fence will enclose the arena with a side gate entrance. One or two sets of bleachers to be placed on dirt or concrete pad along the road side of the arena.

Project 4: Interior Roads Correct roads so the swells and roads drain water correctly. Clean out drainage area to work correctly. Grade to get rid of rock.

Project 5: Bleacher Covers Sailcloth(?) bleacher coverings for current bleachers. Repair current bleachers as needed. Provide same covers for driving arena bleachers.

Project 6:

Dan Rosales to check on cost and feasibility of LED lighting for the lower area near the bathrooms, for community use.

THE LOS ANGELES HORSE COUNCIL

Keeping the neigh in neighborhood

EQUINE LICENSE APPLICATION

Equine Type	Breed	Color	Name	Age	Sex

Owners Name
Owners Address
Owners Phone
Stable Name
Stable Address
Stable Phone

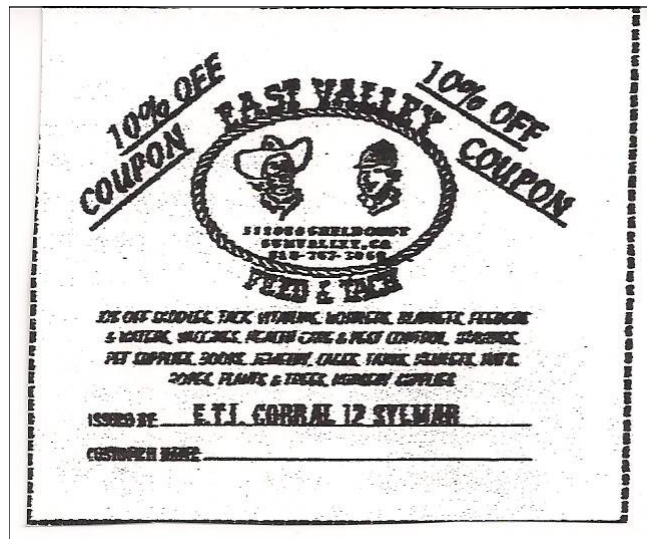
Equine License Fee = \$14.00 per horse

\$14.00 x number of horses

Total License Fees Enclosed _____

Our strength is our numbers. License your horses!
(In cooperation with Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council)

**City of Los Angeles
Department of Animal Services
221 N. Figueroa St. #500
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012**





**Please join us
as we
celebrate the
life of our
hero and
friend
Bert Bonnett
(1910 - 2012)**

****Bring your photos
and stories to
share!!**

When: Sunday, February 19th, 2012

**Be ready at 10:00 a.m. to sign releases; ride leaves promptly at 10:30 a.m. for an easy 2-hr ride
Lunch will be served about 1 p.m. - Hamburgers, hot dogs, and salads provided.... *YOU MUST RSVP FOR LUNCH!!***

Where: Ranger Park, corner of Clybourn and Foothill Blvd. in Lake View Terrace

Bert memorial T-Shirts will be for sale! Pre-order with Nikki Ahten at 818/273-4384

Non Riders - Join us for the barbecue at about 1:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by Feb. 15th to Susan Kaiser at 818/353-4682 or Becky Borquez at 818/352-3634

IN CASE OF RAIN: Memorial will be moved to New Hope Community Church, Activity Center, enter on Eldora off of Foothill Blvd. (1 blk past Oro Vista) for lunch, memorial celebration, photos and video - beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19th (same day!)



Corral 12 - 2012 Calendar (subject to change)

February, 2012

14 Valentine's Day Pizza Pig-Out, 7:00 PM –Shakey's Pizza

19 Bert Bonnett Memorial Ride/Lunch

28 Trail Trial Meeting, Patty Hug's 7:00 PM

March, 2012

13 General Meeting, Rinikers, 7:30 PM

17 Ride out of Hansen Dam/Gabrilieno

27 Trail Trial Meeting, Patty Hug's , 7:00 PM

April, 2012

9 General Meeting, Rinikers, 7:30 pm

21 Flagging Ride, Set-Up Day at Stetson Ranch

22 Trail Trials, Stetson Ranch

May, 2012

8 General Meeting, Riniker's

20 Antonovich Ride, Olive View?

June, 2012

12 General Meeting, Riniker's, 7:30 PM

Dressage Clinic, Stetson Ranch (date to be determined)

Join other Corrals for monthly trail ride (date to be determined)

July, 2012

10 Vet Clinic—BBQ at the Blose's, 7:00 pm (?)

CONVENTION

August, 2012

13—20 Morro Bay, Sage Campground



Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alarcón
Invites you to the Northeast San Fernando Valley

Love Your Dog Walk and Pet Expo



Saturday, February 4, 2012

Brand Park

15174 San Fernando Mission Blvd, Mission Hills CA

Dog Walk

- 🐾 Registration starts at 9:00am
- 🐾 Walk starts at 10am
- 🐾 Route along Brand Blvd to Burnet and San Fernando Mission Blvd to staging area.
- 🐾 All dogs must be on leash for the walk

Show your love for your animal by participating in the free walk.

Pet Expo

Free Spay & Neuter
 (Must be low Income)

Low Cost Grooming Services & Vaccines

Pet Adoptions & Animal Licensing

Free Microchips & Pet Information booths

All pets will be entered in a free raffle!

Sponsored By:



Richard Alarcón
 Councilmember District Seven

