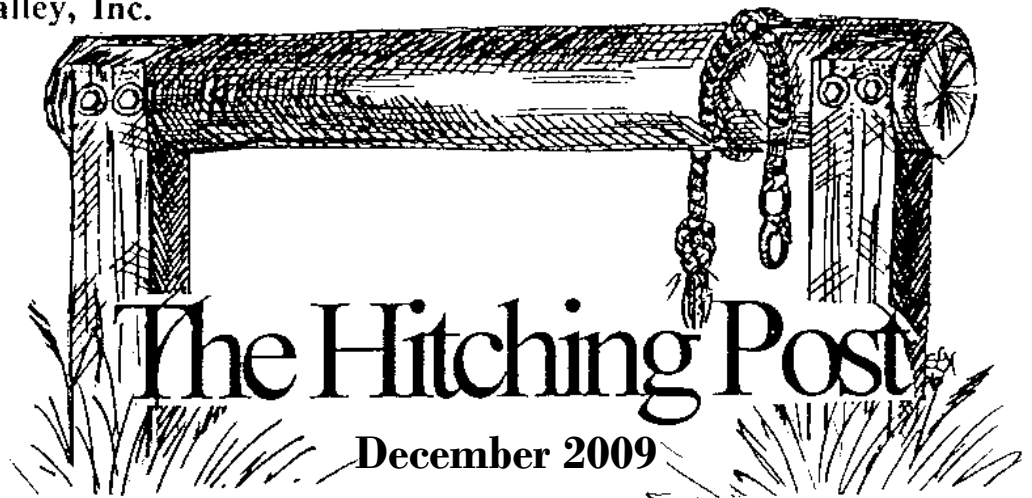
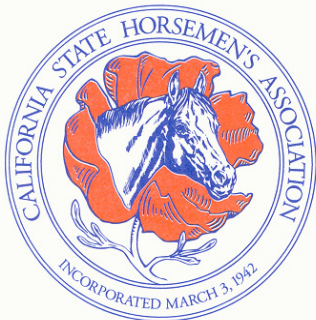


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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6 (Sunday) Stubben Saddle Fitting Clinic sponsored by the Rising Star Pony Club. A Stubben Master Saddle fitter will give important information about how to fit a saddle to your horse. Event will be held at Allstar Ranch, 21845 Gold Valley Rd. Perris, CA 92570 and begins promptly at noon. For more information contact Dana Stark at dana@starklite.com.

January 12 (Tuesday) – Trailseekers combination Board meeting and General Membership at 6:30 p.m. at the trailer. No meeting will be held in December.

January 17, 2010 (Sunday) Moreno Valley Open Ranch Tour a new Trailseekers event to showcase local horse boarding ranches, training facilities, and horse properties for sale or rent. Contact Barbara At (951) 242-8323 or bmctrailseeker@yahoo.com for more information

February 26-28 Chris Cox Horsemanship Clinic. George Ingalls Equestrian Center, Norco. For more information 888-81-HORSE or visit www.chris-cox.com.

Christmas Party Cancelled

The Trailseeker Christmas party, a long time tradition, has been cancelled for this year. We were unable to secure an appropriate venue for the festivities. We will try to start preparing earlier next year!

Tentative Horse Show Series Dates Set

Barbara Kimball announced tentative dates for the 2021 Trailseekers Horse show series. The dates are:

March 31, 2010

April 25, 2010

May 30, 2010

June 20, 2010

These dates are subject to change. If you have any comments, please contact Barbara Kimball at bmctrailseeker@yahoo.com.

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BLM Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Scheduled for December 5

The BLM's next WH&B adoption is next Sat. Dec. 5, 2009, in Winchester at the Winchester Wild West Arena located at 32150 S. Grand Ave. Winchester.

Horses and burros can be previewed on Friday, December 4 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Saturday Adoption hours are 8:00 – 5:00 pm. Lottery Adoption starts at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming adoption days at the Sundance Ranch, 27273 Pilgrim Rd in San Timoteo Canyon, Redlands CA. are scheduled for December 12, 2009, January 9, 2010, March 6, 2010, and April 24, 2010.

For more information you can contact the Ridgcrest Corral at (800) 951-8720. You may also call (866)-4MUSTANGS or visit www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov.

Remember to contact your City Council Members. Tell them what you like/don't like about our city and what they are doing!

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Announcements

Congratulations to Cathy Hedrick the new Champion Senior Lady Pro World Champion in Mounted Shooting. Kathy competed against many skilled shooters at the Mounted Shooters of America competition in Laughlin Nevada. Kathy and her husband Johnnie are members of the Roy Rogers Rangers Mounted Shooting club.

Thank you to Mike and Sharon Scott hosting their First Annual Quail Call ride and BBQ. It was a wonderful turnout and the day was just perfect for a ride in the hills. The BBQ was delicious and the after dinner dancing was so much fun. Mike and Sharon hired a professional caller that gave line dancing and square dancing lessons. It was a fun day!

Thank you to **Jan Beyers** for attending the recent CSHA Convention in Orange County. Jan was happy to report that the EW-1 resolution to require CSHA-carded Judges only or a pay a \$50 penalty was rejected as recommended by the committee. The proposal to hold SOC at Rancho Murrieta was accepted by the entire Council of Members.

Age divisions are being combined: they will be 17 and under, 18-49, and 50 and over.

Condolences to Randee Roberts who recently lost her 31 year old horse.



Newsletter Contributions Requested

Please send contributions for the next issue by **December 25, 2009** to Kim Nelson, nelson_lbk@msn.com. We appreciate news of upcoming events, trip or trail reports, and notices of individual achievements. Please include full names of the people, clubs, horses, etc.

California State Horsemen's Association Activities and Events

To find out what has been going on and what is coming up in **Region 11 of CSHA** (Riverside County), check the website at http://www.californiastatehorsemen.com/Region_11/region11.htm.

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Rose Parade Lineup

The following is a list of the equestrian groups that will be in this year's Rose Parade. Several Trailseeker members and other local horse clubs will be in the Parade. The Equestfest is a great show to watch - held on December 29th.

2010 Tournament of Roses Equestrians
All American Cowgirl Chicks
Amigos de Anza Equestrian Drill Team - <http://www.nps.gov/juba/parknews/upload/Noticias42.pdf> - Local preservation trail club performing, Trailseekers took part in their Juan Bautista de Anza Historical Trail Ride several years ago.
Arizona Mini Mystique Driving Drill Team
Benny Martinez Family
Calizona Appaloosa Horse Club - Trailseekers CJ and Joe Brooks, Diane Dodd, and Stephanie Vrabel performing in parade.
Cowgirls Historical Foundation
Giddy Up Gals
LA County Sheriff - Mounted Enforcement
Long Beach Mounted Police
Medieval Times
New Buffalo Soldiers, The
Painted Ladies Rodeo Performers
Region 1 Versatile Arabians - Trailseeker Gayle Pena performing in parade.
Scripps Miramar Saddlebreds
Shire Riders, The - Local Norco Horse club
So Cal Peruvian Paso Horse Club - Local Horse Club, performed at our HNA day
U.S. Army Ft. Hood - 1st Calvary
USMC - Color Guard
USMC - Mountain Warfare Training
Valley Hunt Club
Victorian Roses Ladies Riding Society
Wells Fargo
Western Haflinger Association - Local Horse club

Equestfest,

Date: December 29, 2009

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Show begins at high noon)

Location: Los Angeles Equestrian Center

480 Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506

Link to map and directions <<http://la-equestriancenter.com/contact.php>>

Admission: \$12; free for children five and younger

Parking: \$5.00 per car

Tickets: Purchase tickets prior to event at: 626) 795-4171 or online at

www.sharpseating.com<<http://www.sharpseating.com>>.

Box office opens on day of event at 10:30 a.m.

Up close and personal... Meet many of the Equestrians you will see New Year's Day in the 2010 Rose Parade! This is the best family equestrian event of the year. Don't miss it! Watch in awe as these beautiful horses and talented riders perform drills and dances, and demonstrate trick riding and roping. It's the "wild west" brought to life! See the Wells Fargo Stagecoach up close. Stroll through the stables and talk to the riders. Learn about the various tack and the many different breeds. Take advantage of wonderful one-of-a-kind photo opportunities.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



How to Estimate Distances

By Jon Vera

Your arm is about ten times longer than the distance between your eyes. That fact, together with a bit of applied trigonometry, can be used to *estimate* distances between you and any object of approximately known size.

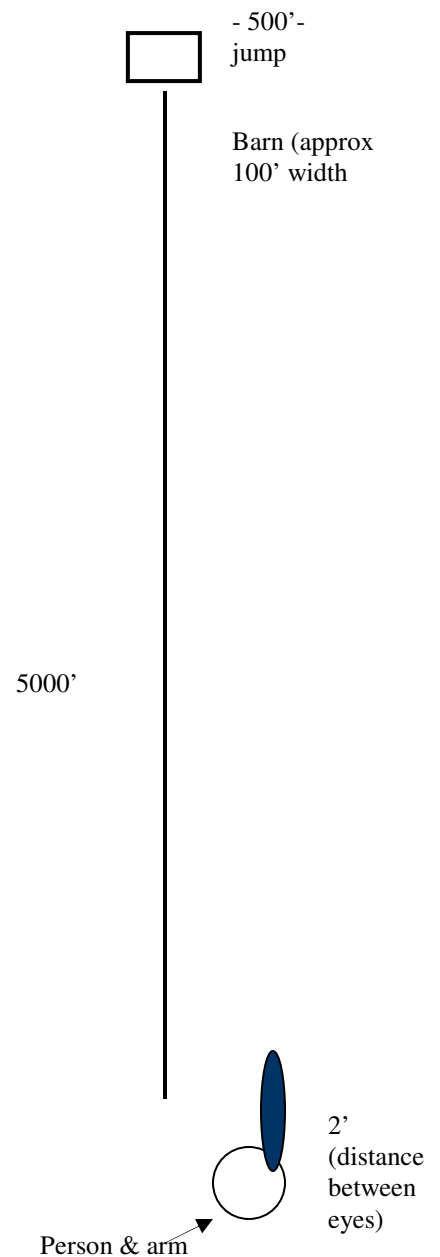
Imagine, for example, that you are standing on the side of a hill, trying to decide how far it is to the top of a low hill on the other side of the valley. Just below the hilltop is a barn, which you feel reasonably sure is about 100 feet wide on the side facing you:

- Hold one arm straight out in front of you, elbow straight, thumb pointing up.
- Close one eye, and align one edge of your thumb with one edge of the barn.
- Without moving your head or arm, switch eyes, now sighting with the eye that was closed and closing the other.
- Your thumb will appear to jump sideways as a result of the change in perspective.

How far did it move? (Be sure to sight the same edge of your thumb when you switch eyes.)

- Let's say it jumped about five times the width of the barn, or about 500 feet.
- Now multiply that figure by the handy constant 10 (the ration of the length of your arm to the distance between your eyes).
- Now you get the distance between you and the barn – 5000 feet, or about one mile. (see diagram)

With a little practice, you'll find that you can perform a quick thumb-jump estimate in just a few seconds, and the result will usually be more accurate than an out-and-out guess. At a minimum, it will provide some assurance that the figure is in the ballpark – which, in many cases, is as close as your need.



TRAILSEEKERS OF MORENO VALLEY, INC.
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New/Renewal Membership Application

PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

Note: Members must be 18 years or older

Single Membership - \$20 per year (membership year is July 1- June 30)

Family Membership - \$35 per year (2 or more adults in same household)

Family Member's Name(s): _____

Optional Information

Number/breed of horses owned: _____

Equestrian Interests (ex. Trail riding, Camping, Showing, Breeding, etc.):

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I acknowledge that this Release of Liability agreement applies to ANY and ALL activities while participating as a member in the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc. I acknowledge that ANY and ALL activities may contain risk of injury and damage to me personally. Knowing these facts, I nevertheless, in consideration to your acceptance of this application, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive, release, discharge, and hold harmless the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc, their officers, directors, agents, members, representatives, heirs, executors, and all other persons or organizations in any way connected with any and all membership activities during the term of my membership. I agree to abide by all applicable laws and regulations as well as instructions outlined by the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc., officers, committee chairpersons, or activity coordinators. The Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc., its officers, directors, agents, members, or representatives shall not be liable for any damage which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, running away, state of health, injury to person, horse, or property. I acknowledge that equine activities carry inherent risks of injury and damage to myself, my horse, and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown during my participation in ANY and ALL events organized or sponsored by the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc.

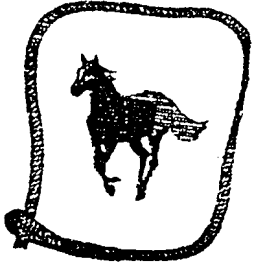
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I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless the Trailseekers of Moreno Valley, Inc., their officers, directors, members, and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court costs, and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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