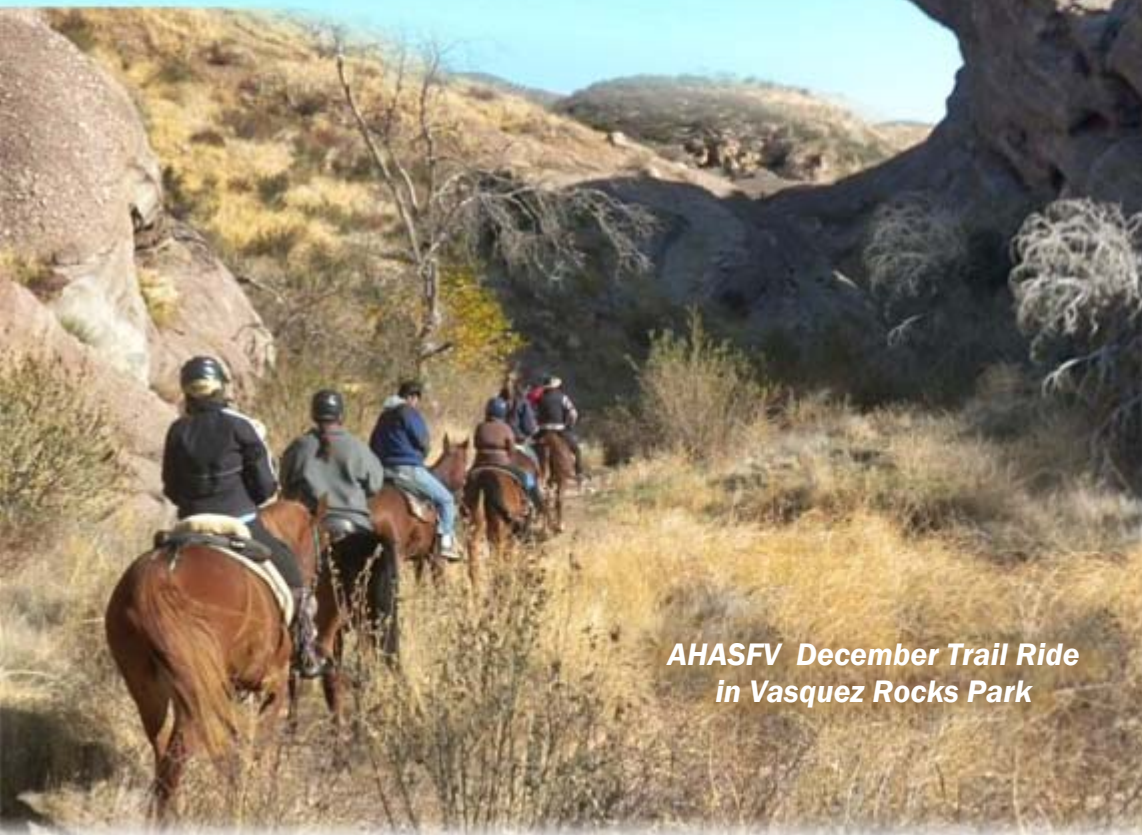




JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

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*AHASFV December Trail Ride
in Vasquez Rocks Park*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

It was wonderful to see so many old and new friends at our Holiday Party last month. We look forward to harnessing everyone's energy and putting together a super 2012.

Our next Fun show and fundraiser for the Youth will be **March 11**, with a rain date of March 18. The Youth members are gearing up for February events, including the Scottsdale show (Feb. 16-26) and a competition in hippology and judging in Pomona (Feb. 17-20).

As mentioned last month, now is the time to put in suggestions for clinics, rides, and seminars! We aim to please and offer events that are of interest for our members.

We hope that 2012 brings peace and happiness to you and your family!

Sincerely,

Meaghan Shaffer

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BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

All members are welcome to attend. If you would like to join us for dinner, please arrive by 6:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Marie Callenders
19310 Business Center Dr., Northridge
(On Tampa, 1 block south of Nordhoff)

Please RSVP by January 9 to Meaghan Shaffer at 805-657-8380 (cell), or meaghan8380@gmail.com

NEW/RENEWED MEMBERS

Adult Voting

Bensko, M. Lane
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Esqueda, Sarah
Furrey, Savannah
Krekemeyer, Hauna
Pigott, Caitlin

Welcome! We look forward to seeing you at club events. All members are welcome to attend our Board meetings, please join us and share your ideas!

ADDRESS CHANGES

Help us deliver your newsletter and club announcements on time. Please remember to send changes of e-mail and mailing address to the Editor at: webservices@AHASFV.org

BRAGS 'N TIPS

Congratulations to the AHASFV 2011 Thanksgiving show and staff for the compliment received from the USEF! In their letter to our show officials the USEF wrote:

"In 2011 the United States Equestrian Federation held the *My USEF Favorite Breed Competition* contest. Although your competition, AHASFV Annual Thanksgiving Show, did not receive the most votes for the Arabian breed, we are pleased to inform that your competition did receive a vote and positive feedback from an exhibitor: 'This is a wonderful show that is just for the amateurs. The management is very friendly and accommodating.' We would like to congratulate your competition on being one of the favorite USEF competitions among Arabian exhibitors. We appreciate your efforts in making this USEF competition a special event for exhibitors each year and thank you for continuing to hold USEF licensed competitions in the future."

February submissions for Brags 'N Tips must be received by January 15

BRAG about any experience with your horse! Share cost saving TIPS about homemade fly sprays, ointments, horse care, etc. Submit in paragraph form, 200 words maximum, one "Brag" and one "Tip" per member, per month, photos will not appear with Brags, website url's and e-mail addresses will not be active online. This column is reserved for Members Only, submissions are FREE. Content is limited to news and information, NO advertising please. Send all "Brags 'N Tips" to the Newsletter Editor. ■

HOLIDAY PARTY AT CISCO'S

Thank you to all our festive friends who came to celebrate the holidays with us! We reached maximum capacity of the Fiesta room at Cisco's in Westlake Village. It was especially refreshing to see all the new interest in our club. We look forward to fresh enthusiasm and ideas!

The film, Path to Glory, was shown as well. Several requests were made to borrow the DVD to see it again. How wonderful to share the history of our horses this way!

We munched on a Mexican food buffet, drank margaritas, and enjoyed each other's company. It was a lovely lunch; thank you to the Board for allowing us to offer this event.

— Meaghan Shaffer



LAST CALL — OCTOBER, 2011 RENEWAL

This will be your LAST Newsletter!

Adult Voting — Hawley, Charles

Please renew by January 15, 2011 to remain on our mailing list. The AHASFV is a "Dues Free" Arabian Horse club. You can expedite renewal by paying your dues online at the AHA website www.arabianhorses.org — **Remember to select the AHASFV as your "affiliate" club** and get the discount on your AHA competition card.

If you prefer to have our Club process your renewal, please mail-in the form available in the "Membership" section of www.ahasfv.org. If you have any questions please contact our Membership Secretary at: webservices@ahasfv.org

AHA SHOWS

JANUARY

27-29 Sierra Empire AHA Show - Pomona, CA

Contact: Janie F. Fix, 520-508-4063

Event Website: <http://www.sierraempireaha.org>

FEBRUARY

16-26 57th Annual Scottsdale Arabian Horse ShowWestworld - Scottsdale, AZ. For info contact the AHAA at 480-515-1500, info@scottsdaleshow.comEvent Website: www.scottsdaleshow.com

MARCH

23-25 Rancho Calif. Spring Show A & B Concurrent

Burbank, CA. Contact: Nancy Goertzen, 559-625-2631

30-Apr 1 Golden Gate Arabian Show - Santa Rosa, CA

Contact: Nancy Goertzen, 559-625-2631

Event Website: <http://www.goldengatearabians.com>

APRIL

12-15 63rd Annual Arab & Half-Arab Show A & B Concurrent and 4th Annual Double Exposure Show, Region 3 & Region 2 Qualifiers.

Rancho Murrieta, CA

Contact: Nancy Harvey, 626-355-9101

Event Website: <http://ahanc.com>

MAY

4-6 Red Bluff Arabian Horse Show - Red Bluff, CA

Contact: Sharon Richards, 916-645-2288

10-11 PACIFIC SLOPE CHAMPIONSHIP - Santa Barbara, CA

Contact: Sharon Richards, 916-645-2288

10-13 AHASFV 49th Annual Arabian Horse Show A & B Concurrent - Region 2 & Region 3 Qualifier

Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara, CA

Contact: Sharon Richards, 916-645-2288

Event Website: <http://www.ahasfv.org>**10-13 AHABC Classic B Concurrent - Langley, BC**

Contact: Geri Burnett - CA 604-531-8726

JUNE

20-21 REGION 2 Pre-Show**22-24 REGION 2 CHAMPIONSHIP**

Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara, CA

Contact: Sharon Richards, 916-645-2288

Event Website: <http://ahareg2.org>

JULY

8-10 Region III Last Chance Qualifying Arabian Show

Reno, NV. Contact: Sharon Richards, 916-645-2288

Event Website: <http://www.arabianhorses3.org>**10-14 REGION 3 CHAMPIONSHIP - Reno, NV**

Contact: Sharon Richards, 916-645-2288

Event Website: <http://www.arabianhorses3.org>

AUGUST

9-10 Region 2 Sport Horse Pre-Show**10-12 REGION 2 SPORT HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara, CA

Contact: Sharon Richards, 916-645-2288

Event Website: <http://ahareg2.org>

AHASFV EVENTS

March 11 - Fun Show, St. Patrick's Day theme

Arroyo Simi Equestrian Center, Simi Valley

Rain Date - March 18. For info contact Meaghan Shaffer,

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ENDURANCE RIDES (AERC)

Rides within reasonable driving distance for AHASFV members are listed below. Be sure to check the official AERC Endurance Ride Calendar on www.aerc.org before making plans, as ride dates are subject to change.

**January 21 - Fire Mountain I & II - 30/50 each day**

Ridgecrest, CA. Contact: Valerie Rogers, 760-375-2154,

fax: 760-375-2154, rogersvk@iwvisp.com**February 16-19 - Eastern Mojave Scenic Pioneer I, II, III, IV**

Cima Road, between Baker & CA/NV state line, 50 miles each day.

Contact: Karen Chaton, karen@xprides.com**February 25 - Twenty Mule Team - 35/65/100**

Desert Empire Fairgrounds, Ridgecrest CA

Robert Ribley, 530-268-1378, mmribley@gmail.com**March 3-4 - Bar H Elevator Ride - Perris, CA**

25/50 on March 3, 50 miles on March 4

Contact: Grit Jones, 909-721-7577

March 23-25 - Cuyama Oaks XP Pioneer I,II,III

New Cuyama, California - Entries limited

50 miles March 23, 55 miles March 24, 50 miles March 25

Contact: Karen Chaton, 775-790-2241, karen@xprides.com**April 21-22 - Lost Padres I & II - LIMITED ENTRIES**

50 miles each day - Los Padres National Forest

Contact: Karen Chaton, 775-790-2241, karen@xprides.com**June 2 - Montana de Oro - 25/50**

Los Osos, CA. Contact: Debby Lyon, 805-595-2063,

fax: 805-543-6095, debbyly@aol.com

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Ads & full payment must be received by the 15th for publication in the next issue. Make checks payable to AHASFV and mail to:

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AHASFV DECEMBER 3RD TRAIL RIDE

By Cynthia Binder, Trail Ride Coordinator



It was a cold and windy day but bright and clear so it didn't deter the intrepid trail riders from appreciating the beauty of Vasquez Rocks Park. Tammy Robinson and Carol Resner graciously consented to lead two rides (a longer one and a shorter one) and had spent considerable time pre-riding the trails AND marking them with ribbon! We had a good group of 13 riders, including 4 juniors, on the longer ride led by Tammy Robinson. Carol Resner led the shorter ride with 5 people. Overall, approximately 25% of the riders were members and 75% non-members (or potential NEW members!).



For those of you who have not yet ridden at this park, you should. The entrance is narrow and unassuming (easy to miss if you're not looking for it), but after driving down a narrow dirt road you come to an expansive parking lot with trails leaving in all directions (there were tour buses there in addition to all of our big rigs!). Overlooking the parking lot are some of the beautiful rock formations the park is known for. Trails criss-cross the center and also hug the perimeter of the park. If you want even more area to ride in, you can cross under Highway 14 in the wildlife tunnel and ride on the other side as well.

The longer ride took about 3 hours and the terrain ranged from open to canyon-like along the waterway, and from flat to hilly. Overall the trails were not rocky and definitely okay for the barefoot horse, of which we had several on the ride. Basically we made a figure 8 loop ride, and ended back at the parking lot in time for a group lunch.



We set up tables between two of the gooseneck trailers and had a nice lunch. We ate and talked and everyone caught up on all the current doings and gossip! When we finally couldn't ignore the chilly wind any longer, we all packed up, wished everyone Happy Holidays, and drove home.

Hope to see all of you on our rides in 2012!

PS: I believe it was Winston Churchill who said "The outside of a horse is good for the inside of man". A similar sentiment was voiced by rider Nina Bomar in a message she sent after the ride:

Sometimes we need to stop and take a horse ride. My horses are the warriors that I aspire to be. They have the power and magic to rid you of any negative feelings and they boost my ability to rearrange my way of seeing, all the while carrying me effortlessly through some of nature's finest creations. My horse awakens my soul and renews my spirit every ride without fail. Today was a beautiful day spent with friends traversing the rocky peaks and tree lined valleys of Vasquez Park. Cynthia Binder and Tammy Robinson organized and led the perfect social gathering and I'm feeling incredibly fortunate for the bright occasion. Thank you girls.... Your efforts are appreciated.



Enjoy more photos of this ride in the Trail Rides section of www.AHASFV.org

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CAMARILLO CHRISTMAS PARADE 12.9.11

CONGRATULATIONS to 1st Place TROPHY WINNERS E.T.I. Corral 37 Drill Team.

Oasis Ranch Arabian Horses are leading the parade.



Andrea Caldwell-Kudlinkski, Colleen McCall,
(Corral 37 Drill Master), and Chuck



Jill Stultz (Corral 37 President), and
Kaelyn Feistyl with Andrea



Braden Merville and Anna



Aubrey Conklin and Annalise Meyers



Michaela Crispin and Sara Hasenfus with Andrea



Diana and Leah Merville



Jessica Young and Cheyanne Kehoe



Leah and Anna



Andrea walking to the end

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