

# Mid Valley Monthly

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## President's Message

By Barbara Baglione-Riner

Hi fellow members,

What an eventful few months it has been! We have been busy, but in the best possible ways. Our unit's Annual Kennedy Meadows Campout and General Meeting was a success — full of trail rides, fishing, and of course, good food. The weather could not have been better, and it was such a joy to spend time with friends. A big thank you to everyone who made it such a great weekend and hopefully next year I can stay the whole weekend. We also had members come together for the Clark Fork campout, where trail riding and a delicious Dutch oven potluck brought people together. And let's not forget the Tuolumne County Farm Bureau dinner — our members' Dutch oven desserts were a real treat for all who attended. It's moments like these that remind me how special our unit is.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our meet-and-greet play day at the Diamond Bar Arena in Ceres this October 25th. It'll be a great opportunity to hopefully welcome new faces and enjoy some fun activities with fellow members.

On a personal note, life has been full of excitement for my family as well. My husband recently celebrated his 30th birthday, and our son Brantley started first grade at his new school — a big deal for him! We also celebrated his 6th birthday, which made the start of the school year extra special. Between family celebrations and starting back to school myself this week, things have been quite busy, but in a good way. My cup is full!

As we move into the coming months, I want to leave you with a thought about kindness. In our fast-paced lives, it can be easy to overlook small gestures, but kindness has a way of multiplying and lifting us all up. As Aesop once said, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Let's carry that spirit with us — on the trails, at our events, and in our daily lives.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful unit and organization. I'm so grateful for each of you and look forward to what lies ahead for our unit this year!

With gratitude,  
Barbara Riner



Brantley catching his first fish at Kennedy Meadows



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## Are Your Membership Dues Due?

By Kathy Zumbrunn



In this crazy-busy life we lead sometimes it is too hard to remember all the things we need to do. So is the case of when our Mid Valley membership is due for renewal. So I have decided to help you out! Each month I will list everyone who is due for the next two months, and if your name is listed, please fill out the membership application in this newsletter, mark it "Renewal" and send it in. This will make sure your membership keeps up-to-date and you will also make Chip Herzig's job a bit easier too!

BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO: BCHC MEMBERSHIP, CHECK "RENEWAL" AND SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS ON THE APPLICATION FORM.

And if you have had any changes, such as email address, phone, etc., please note it on the renewal.

I have included the current month because if dues are not renewed, your membership will expire. Please do not let this happen. Thank you for your time and assistance.

### AUGUST

|                               |                           |
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| Cody Andrews                  | Lee F. Erickson           |
| John Andrews Family           | Rocki Ramsey              |
| Anna Baglione & Colin Vaughan | Forest Stearns Family     |
| Mary Beth Baglione            | Craig and Stephanie Stott |
| Garrett and Ashley Dollarhide | Jon and Corrie Whitesitt  |
|                               | Debra Williams            |

### SEPTEMBER

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| Kathie Danicourt         | Janice Lewellen and Mike Groeger     |
| Tim and Terri Holveck    | Scott and Debra Lewis                |
| Doug and Gail Jamieson   | Duane and Patricia Peverill          |
| Bill and Laura Jennings  | Alan Serpa                           |
| Mike and Norma Kohlbaker | Royce Spears                         |
| Ruby and James Laber     | Bill Thomas                          |

If you have already sent in your dues, please disregard, as it may have been posted after this information was sent to me for publication. Plus, if you ever have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact me and I'll help get answers for you, no matter what you need. Kathy: (209)765-4923 or [runningzranch@gmail.com](mailto:runningzranch@gmail.com)



## Quote of the Month

By Kathy Zumbrunn



Horses do think. Not very deeply, perhaps, but enough to get you into a lot of trouble.

—Patricia Jacobson and Marcia Hayes, *A Horse Around the House*—  
From the Quotable Horse Lover

## Rendezvous 2026

By Lloyd Erlandson

The California Backcountry Horsemen Rendezvous for 2026 will once again be held at the Diamond Bar Arena in Ceres, California. The theme of next year's Rendezvous is Volunteerism. This is what we all do for this organization and we need to showcase it.

The Mid Valley unit is the lead unit for this event. The point of this article is to ask for help in planning and organizing, and for help leading up to the event.

We will be in charge of camping, beer and wine tasting, meals, vendors and interesting speakers, if anyone wants some. There will be an art show, packing competition, Dutch oven competition and more. All this will require bodies to make things work.

Also, prior to the event, we need to gather sponsors to help pay for the event, sell adds for the program and get vendors to come. This is real important part of this event because the purpose of our Rendezvous is to raise money for the state to help us lobby to keep trails open and our forest trails clean and safe.

This note is to get you thinking about next year and is also a plea from me for help in having a great Rendezvous. If you would like to help, please give me a call or text at (209) 761-3942 and give me your ideas. I will be calling a meeting towards the middle of September to get things rolling.



By Crystal Dalby

Vicki Whisler has had surgery on her left elbow and is recovering. Vicki, hope healing goes smooth and quickly for you!

Eva Lovelace passed away on July 31, 2025 at the age of 97. She was a longtime member. Our condolences go out to her family

Thoughts and prayers go out to these and all others that may not have gotten to me. If you need some sunshine sent your way, let me know. I would like to hear the good also! New baby? Got married? New Job? Please let me know!

Text is the best way! But you may get a hold of me any way you need!

Crystal Dalby  
(209) 968-0483

## Double Hot Fudge Pudding Cake Recipe

By Susan Erlandson

Mix:  
1 1/2 cup flour  
1/2 tsp salt  
3 tsp baking powder  
3/4 cup cocoa  
1 cup sugar

Stir in:  
1 cup milk  
3 T oil  
1 tsp vanilla

Blend in:  
1 cup chopped nuts

Mix, then sprinkle over top:  
1 1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup cocoa

Pour 2 1/4 cups hot water over top

Spread in a 12" Dutch oven, pre-buttered with 1 T butter

Cover and cook for approximately 35-40 minutes using 9-10 coals on bottom and 14-15 coals on top.

Sprinkle chocolate chips on top about 5 minutes before it is finished.

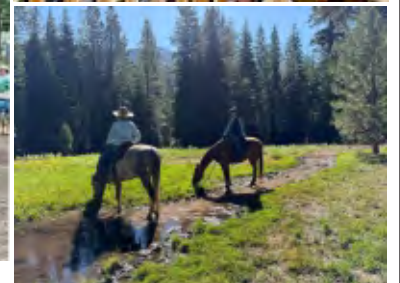
The pudding is done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean and the cake feels done to touch. (The pudding will thicken when cooling)



## Kennedy Meadows General Meeting and Campout

By Vicki Morales

This year's campout was the weekend of July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. From what I have heard, those of us that missed the campout missed a really great time. Here are some pictures to prove it!



## Remembering Eva Lovelace

More and more we seem to be saying goodbye to our longtime Mid Valley members. Eva and her husband, Bill, had been members for a long time, possibly from the beginning! Bill was very involved with packing and trail work. And they loved their mules.

Those who knew Eva knew her as a kind and loving woman, a good friend. May she now be at peace with her beloved husband.

The following is her obituary:

Eva Lovelace passed away on July 31, 2025 at 97 years, 9 months of age, after a brief illness. Eva was born in Richland Township, Miami County, Kansas, to Margaret and George Duncan. Her family moved west to Chowchilla, CA. Eva and her husband, Bill, were proud owners of Bill's Refrigeration in Newman for many years, living in Newman and Gustine. In retirement, they moved to Greeley Hill for 17 years, enjoying the mountains before health issues forced them to return to the valley. Wherever they lived, they were both involved in local community activities. She was active for many years in the Order of Eastern Star, Orestimba Chapter, serving as Worthy Matron, also as Deputy Grand Matron. She was active in the original West Side Saddle Club and Backcountry Horsemen of California.



## Diamond Bar Play Day

By Stephanie Stott

We are excited to announce our next Play Day will be at Diamond Bar Arena in Ceres on October 25th.

This event will start at 9 am and run until lunch with a Dutch Oven potluck to follow. We have many fun games planned including a Dolly Pardon Race! There will be a costume contest as well, so dress up yourself and your horse. This is a member only event but you can join the day of in order to participate. This is a free event for current and new members but donations are greatly appreciated. Also, if you would like to help with the event in any way, reach out to me. Thank you and happy trails!

Please RSVP to Stephanie at (209)402-4417



## Tuolumne County Farm Bureau BBQ and Dutch Oven Desserts Report

By Kathy Zumbrunn

Oh boy! This year we were blessed with some beautiful weather for this event! The weather was cooler (not 105 degrees!) and there was a nice breeze. I think this was the best year for our Dutch oven cooking!

Thanks to our fabulous Dutch oven chefs, we had some really great desserts to serve to the hungry crowd. All in all, we had 12 Dutch ovens, brimming with mouth-watering aromas! Our chefs were as follows: Susan and Lloyd Erlandson (Apple Caramel Cobbler and Double Hot Fudge Pudding Cake), Vicki Morales (Mixed Berry Cobbler), Jerrie Ann Thomas and Larry Souza (Lemon Dump Cake), Roy Jones (Sugar Free Yellow Cake with Chocolate Frosting and German Chocolate Cake), Carl and Julie Perry (Apricot Cobbler and Apricot Pineapple Cobbler), Cathy and Doug Dollarhide (Apple Caramel Cobbler), Stephanie Stott (Chocolate Dump Cake), Ashley and Garrett Dollarhide (Peach Cobbler) and Kathy Zumbrunn (Pineapple Angel Food Cake). And Terri Arrington brought three Apple Cobblers from the famous Cover's Apple Ranch, and it is a good thing she did! The crowd was a lot bigger than we anticipated, and our Dutch oven desserts were cleaned out before the hungry crowd did! Thankfully, Terri was able to feed the rest of the group with that yummy apple cobbler!

All in all, it was a wonderful evening. We were able to cook and visit and not be miserable in the heat for once! A great turnout and thank you, Backcountry Horsemen!



## Clark Fork Campout and Ride

By Jim Westmoreland

Hello fellow members of Backcountry Horsemen Mid Valley Unit.

We had a great campout at Clark Fork Horse Camp August 6th through the 10th. Some of us went up early to clear any trails that had down trees. But there wasn't much to clear. Most of the trails were cleared the previous weeks by Carl Perry and his crew. We had about 30 people attend the campout, arriving at different days as their schedule allowed. People rode in different groups and on their preferred trails. Breakfast burritos were served Saturday morning and that evening was the Dutch oven/potluck dinner. There was more than enough food to go around. After dinner, we had a raffle and talked about where to ride in the future. Those of you who could not attend, if you have a favorite place to ride, let me know and I will try to put it on the calendar. Many thanks to all those that attended. It was great to ride with all of you and to sit around and talk (get to know you better). Thanks, Jim Westmoreland



## MID VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For details and additional current events:

[www.bchcmidvalley.org/calendar.html](http://www.bchcmidvalley.org/calendar.html)

**Note: All events subject to change**

### September 2025

9) Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank  
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### October 2025

3-4) State Board of Directors meeting  
at Carl/Julie Perry's in Hilmar

14) Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank  
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25) Playday at Diamond Bar Arena  
Contact: Stephanie Stott  
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### November 2025

1) Dutch oven desserts and packing demonstration  
at Sweet River Veterinary Hospital. Seminars all day  
for a fee. More information later.

11) Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Perko's, 2120 Patterson Road, Riverbank  
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### December 2025

9) Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
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**Save the Date:** March 20-21, 2026  
Rendezvous at Diamond Bar Arena

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# Backcountry Horsemen of California



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antelope Valley   | <input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres       | <input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Freepackers |
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DCTR (Your Membership Number): \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER'S NAME - No Business Names, Print Clearly

SPOUSE/CO-MEMBER'S NAME - MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (Tax deductible ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Unit Membership Types (Check One)

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual \$60  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Family \$75  | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$100  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual \$110 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family \$140 | Include Date of Birth / /                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$250      |
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### Associate Membership: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Membership Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15/Unit  
Unit Name (from above list)

Associate Membership for: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15/Unit  
Unit Name (from above list)

Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records.

### Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family, (Shared\*\*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is with a single Local Unit.

\*\*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

### Associate Memberships

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

**Young Adult Memberships** MUST include date of birth on application. The year you turn 24 is the last year you may renew under this membership.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at [bchcalifornia.org](http://bchcalifornia.org) or call (775) 463-3634

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I submitted an Application Form for a -

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Individual             | \$60  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual             | \$110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual             | \$160 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor                    | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron                        | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney                   | \$500 |

☐ On that form, I also requested:  
Associate Memberships

My Total Remittance: \_\_\_\_\_

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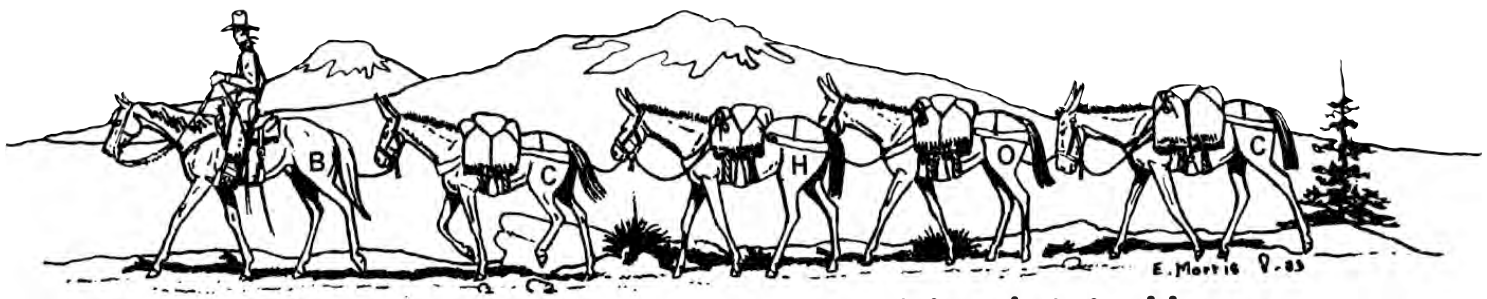
- 1) BCHC Unit President's reports
- 2) BCHC Membership VP reports
- 3) a self-addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form
- 4) a valid email address

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