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SEPT. 2019 NEWSLETTER

Equestrian Trails, Inc., Corral 36 ~ Established April 11, 1995

Join us for our Monthly Meeting

SEPT. 3rd ~ (Tuesday) @ 6:30-8:30 PM

at Malibu Creek State Park Administration Bldg.

1925 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, 91302

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**Santa Monica Mountains
Trails Council**

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The Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council has their Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, October 24th. It is free and open to everyone in the trails community.

It will be held at the **Agoura Calabasas Community Center**, 27040 Malibu Hills Rd, Agoura Hills. Representatives from State Parks, NPS, MRCA, and other agencies and organizations will be coming to update us on what has been happening in our community.

Social hour is 6pm; dinner at 7:00pm; meeting at 7:45pm.

RSVP by October 21, 2019 to mail@smmtc.org or 818-222-4531
so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you there.

~~Ruth Gerson, President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

**for ETI Corral 36 HORSE CLUB are coming soon. Can you
volunteer to be a candidate?**

Please contact Susan Carr, 310 403.9665; Email: susan@elsainc.org

**West Village at Calabasas Proposed Development
DENIED at Planning Commission**

MOVING FORWARD

Stay in-touch with The Calabasas Coalition, www.thecalabasascoalition.org

HORSE CLUB ~ Summer Social

by Nona Green; Photos by Deborah Collins

The invite came with a disclaimer: Horse stories will be told, and country-western music may be played. This didn't deter the 50 or so ETI members and neighbors from attending an ETI Corral 36 Summer Social held at a private ranch in Old Agoura. While a friendly herd of horses, chickens, and barn dogs looked on, guests feasted on potluck and other liquid refreshments

The Summer Social has kicked off a calendar filled with amazing events for this Horse Club. Next up is an Emergency Preparedness presentation, an Old Silent Western Film and Music Concert, and of course a Fall Trail Ride, to name a few. Other ideas are always welcome from our membership. 🐾



Let's Connect! ETI Corral 36 Horse Club Website! www.eticorral36.com

Visit the website for information on:

~ What we are about ~ Up-coming events ~ Membership ~ Our current board members

Link to 2005 through 2019 ETI Corral 36 Newsletters in OneDrive:

<https://1drv.ms/f/s!AolZnc9sfpiih7tcPtBdKCYyNctxg>

It takes a lot to run a Corral, and this recreational and safety-focused organization could be a little healthier. Volunteers are the heart of our Corral - if you are already involved with hosting an activity or a meeting or keeping the Corral train running, THANK YOU very much! If you are not already directly involved, please consider volunteering to keep our treasured organization on the track of success.

Please join us at our next meeting. It's listed on Page 1 above. 🐾

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Denese Voegtli-Petrillo, owner of **Agoura Feed Store**, passed away at the end of July.

The cause has not been specified. The store operator, Carlos, said the planned private memorial service last month was only for family and Denese's employees.

The store remains open, and Denese's husband, Robert Epstein, will be managing the family feed store.

Our heartfelt condolences to all the family and employees from ETI Corral 36. 🐾

To: Melanie Beck, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area National Park Service

Aug 13, 2019 at 9:17 AM Stephanie Abronson <stephanie@abronson.com> wrote:

Morning Melanie,

There is another section of the Backbone Trail that worries me. I actually hiked it last Friday morning Aug. 9th. Not far on the north side of the Piuma Hairpin turn and down where Dark Creek is first crossed, there are a number of old big Sycamore and other long logs piled across the creek bed. These logs are of concern. Should they break loose in a heavy rainstorm these logs could become entangled with the bridges across Wildwood and Wildrose. There is the concrete bridge for the street, and two private home wooden bridge on either side of the concrete bridge at the eastern most loop of Wildwood and Wildrose. West of these 3 bridges, there is another house which spans Dark Creek which would be in jeopardy.

This worries me for the homes at this crossing of Dark Creek. What could happen is these old logs could block the creek, collect all kinds of debris against any or all of these 3 bridges, and blow out the road, just like what happened years ago when the 10 foot culvert at Cold Canyon Road blew out in the 1980's. The 3 homes, and more, further downstream could be destroyed or the properties be severely damaged.

Years ago, I reported this to State Parks with no success. The many logs are still there. In my opinion, it would be a wise move to clear this upper bed of Dark Creek.

Please take a careful look at this section of the Backbone Trail and the hazards I see there.

(Reply from Melanie Beck is on page 8 below.)



Military Animal Project (MAP)

By Linda Horrell

My husband Bob Horrell is co-founder of Military Animal Project (MAP) and Director of Operations. Our goal is to assist the Veteran in coping with PTSD, TBI & other disabling issues. We are blessed with a great co-founder, Mardu Lydick, Executive Director, and her husband Ron.

Bob interviews each vet at length to understand their specific needs. Then we begin the hunt for the 'right' dog for that Veteran and then work with the dog here to prepare it for the specific needs of its Veteran. Bob also has trainers and fosters to continue to grow and expand our ability to handle more Veterans and provide more services.

Primarily MAP is providing emotional support dogs, but we are training to also provide service dogs. Bob has a therapy dog that he takes to hospitals, schools, veteran meetings, etc. as requested. He is asked regularly to speak about PTSD. His therapy dog, Paws, is a rescue from Castaic Shelter who works well with autistic children. He just knows what to do (can't train that...they either have that uncanny trait or not). Our first places we look for dogs are shelters and rescues. So, we can save a dog and a Veteran at the same time.

MAP also offers a horse program called 'Equine Buddies'. Greg Eliel is on the MAP board and is the horse facilitator/clinician. This is a 2-3-day retreat that we host here at our ranch. Greg utilizes groundwork only in round pen, arena and obstacles. No surprise that the horses' reactions are illuminating mirrors of the Veteran's internal struggles. So many of the Veterans discover more about themselves thru the horse than at their therapists.

However, since we are not licensed therapists, we do enlist the support/counsel of them. We begin with solid hook-on horses (people lovers and/or a bit lazy) and then, graduate to horses who need more feel from the Veteran. It really has been proven to be extremely revealing, helpful, enlightening and rewarding for ALL involved. We provide RV's for them to stay in; all their meals and have a family get together the last night. It's been quite an education, to say the least. And of course, we feel privileged and honored to have Greg involved!

Military Animal Project (MAP) is a 501c3 non-profit organization based in Southern California. We provide military veterans suffering from – Post Traumatic Stress disorder – PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Anxiety and Depression – comfort, support, companionship, and a means to heal, **AT NO COST TO THE VETERAN**

For more information please call or email:

805-551-1168

Info@MilitaryAnimalProject.com

<http://militaryanimalproject.com>

GALA to Celebrating Our Heroes All the Way Home

Nov. 2nd, 2019; 5:00 PM, Saturday Eve

Commemorative Air Force Museum, 455 Aviation Dr., Camarillo, CA 93010

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Harry Whitney - Horsemanship



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horsemanship clinics
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Salome, Arizona have
now been posted on
his website

IMPORTANT MESSAGE!

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~~Thank you. 🐾

www.harrywhitney.com. Note:
Thanksgiving week has already been filled-
waiting list only (already!). If you have been
waiting to see what dates work for you,
now is the time to get in touch with Sue to
reserve your spot--sue@harrywhitney.com.
Special thanks to Janice Webster for sharing
this sweet photo taken of her mare, Cricket,
with Harry at a clinic. 🐾

SEPTEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

Submissions for the ETI Corral 36 Newsletter must be received by the 15th of each month prior to the monthly issue date, i.e. Sept. 15th for the Oct. 2019 issue. Be sure to check On-Line the ETI National Magazine Calendar of Events. Lots of wonderful things to do with your horse. magazine@etinational.com.

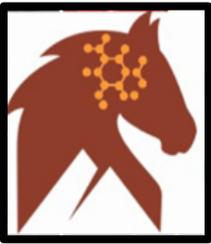
September 3rd - Tuesday – 6:30 pm Corral 36 Monthly Meeting – Malibu Creek State Park Admin. Bldg., 1925 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas 91302. Everyone Welcome!

October 1st - Tuesday – 6:30 pm Corral 36 Monthly Meeting – Malibu Creek State Park Admin. Bldg., 1925 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas 91302.

Guest Speaker Rod Bergen ~ Stories About “Getting Along with Horses”.

Presenting the Corral 36 slate of Candidates for our 2020 Board of Directors.

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Nov. 3-9 – ETI National – 2019 DEATH VALLEY RIDE ~ Tom Kirsch (310) 871.9458 tkirsch98@gmail.com 



November 8-10, 2019 Fairplex | Pomona, CA

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<https://horsexpo.com/pomona-ride-in-a-clinic/>.

Clinicians Being Announced Weekly for **WESTERN STATES HORSE EXPO**



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**December 3rd - Tuesday – 6:30 pm Corral 36 HOLIDAY GATHERING. Location TBA.
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Local Trails – 2019 ETI Monte Nido Trails Maintenance Fund

Position OPEN. *Your donation of \$\$\$ or Labor will be greatly appreciated!*



Thank you, Kimberly, and Suze Randall-Knipe from Monte Nido, and Dale Skinner, Ca. State Parks. "Lower" Backbone [Piuma Ridge] Trail Condition – Greatly improved!!

Trails are Maintained & Preserved to keep them Safe for the Public to Use. 🐾

Dale Skinner, California State Parks, Trails Coordinator:

State Parks Trail in need of repair? Contact: Dale.Skinner@parks.ca.gov



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Board Meetings are open to the public and held at Diamond X Ranch, 26412 Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas, on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.

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Ruth Gerson, President, P.O. Box 345, Agoura Hills, CA 91376. 🐾

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From: Beck, Melanie melanie_beck@nps.gov **Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2019 **Subject:** Re: Backbone Trail

Hi Stephanie -

This section of the BBT is also on State parkland. I'll check into it, though, and see if there's a better solution for the stream crossings than the logs. I know we wanted to have people avoid contact with water in these drainages in an attempt to avoid spreading the invasive New Zealand mudsnail. But, downstream flood hazard and property protection should be considered.

Stay tuned. Thx.

- Melanie

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From Issue No. 107/Eclectic Horseman Magazine/May/June 2019; page 5

“HURRY UP, I WANT TO GO FOR A RIDE!” THE POWER OF TASK ANALYSIS

By Deb Bennett, Ph.D.

“One of the most important ways that Ray Hunt and Tom Dorrance helped me was to teach me to take care of the foundation which must be solidly in place before riding can be safe, fun, or productive. Before I met them, I saw performances as the audience at a circus sees the High Schooled horses, or how a little kid watching Roy Rogers re-runs on TV perceives what he sees Trigger do. We tend to take it all in as a seamless whole, without noticing any of the elements of which it is composed.

“In this article I’m going to use mounting the horse from a block as a working example. Before I met Ray and Tom I thought ‘mounting the horse’ was one single unitary thing because I WAS that little kid watching TV. Now it’s 2019, not 1959 and I am no longer young. My worn-out knees are arthritic and painful, so that I can’t mount from the ground. I guess it isn’t surprising that I’m writing about how to train a horse to mount from the block (or a rock, a fence, a platform, etc.), as by now I not only have a lot of experience with it, it is an absolute necessity if I’m to go on being able to ride at all.”

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--More from Stephanie Abronson, ETI Corral 36 Newsletter Editor --

This is the opening to Dr. Deb Bennett’s marvelous article with an excellent exam to test your observations. Please pick up a copy of the May/June Issue of the Eclectic Horseman Magazine.

Contained in this issue is a precursor to Rod Bergen’s stories which you will be regaled with at our October 1st HORSE CLUB, ETI Corral 36 Meeting at Malibu Creek State Park. This Miller/Buckley article is titled THE TEN PRINCIPLES OF EQUINE BEHAVIOR ~PART 1, A CONVERSATION WITH DR. ROBERT M. MILLER AND LESTER BUCKLEY. Rod and I have been long time students of Dr. Miller.

I encourage you to enjoy this amazing magazine. I have been privileged to study under and beside many of the incredible horsemen and -women that are featured in Emily Kitching’s (Editor) Eclectic Horseman. Of course, I’m a horse education junkie.

So is Rod Bergen. And when Rod, his daughter, Vikki Siemons, and I discussed the possibility of an ETI Corral -- there were so many horses in our neighborhood – we felt a giant need for horse studies and activities here that we began the Monte Nido Paddock of ETI Corral 63. The Paddock was established in the spring of 1995. Home base was Agoura.

Now the Agoura ETI Corral 63 has vanished, the California Coastal Commission has managed to banish most of the horses in the Monte Nido neighborhoods, including our current ETI Corral 36 president, Susan Carr and her therapy group, Experience Learning Support with Animals. ELSA, Inc.~ A (501) C3 Non-Profit 



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Time to Renew

September 2019

No members due

August 2019

Carol LaCorte

Photo by Kimberly Gustafson, Top of the world with Chief.



*You could like the benefits of membership.
Membership overdue? Please send in your renewal;
the form is on the last page of this Newsletter.*

ETI Corral 36 Board of Directors want to know what's important to you "horse-wise". Email your ideas to the board; or better yet – come to our next meeting!!

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Date _____ Applicant's signature _____

(Parent's signature if under 18)

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Children on the streets!

 School has started. Please watch for



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