



LRRETA NEWS

LRRETA ANNUAL MEETING January 11, 2020

Pilot Point Mounted Posse Formed

by Margaret Rabbitt



How the PPMP was started

LRRETA is proud to lead the efforts in developing the Pilot Point Mounted Posse (PPMP) in partnership with the City of Pilot Point via the Pilot Point Police.

This initiative was originally introduced to LRRETA leaders, Linda Moore and Carol Nichols at the Pilot Point Winter Festival December 11, 2018 by Police Chief Tim Conner after learning of the LRRETA equestrian program. Chief Conner was surprised to learn that North Texas horse country didn't have a posse to support the community.

Linda, along with her fellow LRRETA members at the Festival agreed that this would be a great venue to discuss at the upcoming annual meeting.

LRRETA members listened to Chief Conner present his request for the PPMP at the LRRETA annual meeting held at Rancho De La Roca in Aubrey, TX on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019. The motion was brought forth to start a posse and approved. Linda asked Sam Noble if she would lead the efforts to start the posse and she agreed.

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Monthly Trail Ride

1st Saturday of the Month
June-November

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Michelle Ellis

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Work Days

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or Chuck Manning 940-390-9188
to confirm plans.

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President's Message



LRRETA has been busy over the past few months! Be sure to read all the articles in the newsletter to see what we have been up to!

LRRETA has started the Pilot Point

Mounted Posse, which was approved by the Pilot Point City Council in July. This was a vision of Pilot Point Police Chief, Tim Conner, who approached LRRETA leadership to see if we might sponsor the Posse. LRRETA officers realized that we had members who were interested in participating and that it would be a good community service activity.

The Posse started practicing in June twice a month on drills and desensitization activities. The Posse presented the colors for the car show at Pilot Point. The next event was to present the colors for Pilot Point Homecoming Parade on Oct. 18th and the for the Bonnie and Clyde day on Oct. 19th. Currently there are about 18 members and practices are held on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Ranch on Cole Rd. Posse members have purchased two uniforms and tack. Fund raisers are planned to help defray some of these costs.

We have seen great improvement in the horses and horsemanship of the Posse members since we have started practicing! We are always looking for new members and soon will be doing Search and Rescue training in addition to the drill maneuvers and desensitization training. We also need Posse members who are interested in being ground crew.

On Saturday, September 28th, during the Cross Timbers Equestrian Trails Association sponsored campout at Isle duBois, while sitting around in camp, we had the pleasure of meeting the new Assistant Park Superintendent for Isle duBois, Denice Hardy. We had an opportunity to get to know her a bit and the equestrians had an opportunity to talk with her about desires and vision for the park as well as some of the challenges we face with the park system. Denice was quite impressed with some of our projects and what LRRETA has accomplished. She indicated that she has not seen similar organizations at some of her other assignments. We thoroughly enjoyed talking with Denice and look forward to working with her in the future! See her bio on page 4.

Our fall fundraiser, the ETS trail challenge is scheduled for Nov. 23-24th at Elm Fork trailhead. We need all members to help with this event by serving in the event for serving as a judge/helper. This is your chance to get out and support LRRETA and our projects. Please go to equinetrailsports.com and sign up for the event.

Margaret Rabbitt has put in lots of time and effort into updating the website. We now have an updated calendar of events on the website. Please check out the new look of the website and many thanks to Margaret for her work!

This summer Margaret and I completed painting our storage container at Isle du Bois. The container holds our trail equipment and supplies.

One of most exciting things happening is the start of our new TPWD grant. Seven covered stalls will be placed in the day use area at the Little Blue Stem trailhead. Approvals for the project were received and the bidding process is complete. Alan Neubauer, owner of Neubauer Mfg., will be constructing the stalls. These stalls will be similar to the ones at the camping sites except it will be a shed row of seven stalls. Two additional stalls will be added as well on the north side of the day use area.

There are several opportunities in November that started with a clinic by Greg Sokolowski on Nov. 2-3. This will be followed by a FREE obstacle practice on Nov. 9th in the field at the Elm Fork trailhead below the dam. These events have been planned so that everyone can get their horses ready for the Equine Trail Sports Trail Challenge on Nov. 23-24th. Please sign up on line and support your organization and challenge your horse!

Don't forget the Christmas Party planned for Dec 14th. Read about it on page 5.

Also, mark your calendar for LRRETA's Annual Meeting on January 11. Watch your email and Facebook for details.

Happy Trails!

LRRETA Board Meetings (Open to all members & Guests)

2nd Tuesday of the Month



10279 FM 455 E. #100
Pilot Point, TX 76258

6:30pm.

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Welcome New Members!

LRRETA and POSSE

Jennifer Conditto
 Chuck Davis
 Ally Hurt
 Kevin McBrayer
 Valerie Nava
 Becky Shewchuck
 Lori & Eddie Welsh
 Gail Williams

LRRETA only Members

Jim & Dee Brown
 Marsha Howard
 Ben Myers
 Diane McLeod (Lifetime)
 Cathy Pace
 Paula Peay
 Jennifer Phillips
 Rebecca Renshaw
 Sara Sievert
 Barbara Tice
 Susie Woods

Voters Support State Parks and Historic Sites

Texans voted overwhelmingly in support of Proposition 5.

Texas Proposition 5 constitutionally dedicates revenue from the sales tax of sporting goods to parks, wildlife, and historical agencies, so those dollars can only be used by the TPWD and the Texas Historical Commission on public parks and historic sites.

This amendment will ensure there will be funding to protect Texas water quality, natural areas, beaches, and wildlife for future generations. Proposition 5 will provide the funding to achieve these goals without raising taxes or requiring additional fees.

This article was written by Annie Sivilay and reprinted in part from starlocalmedia.com

Please join LRRETA, TETRA & CTETA LRRETA/TETRA Dual Members

Chuck Manning, TETRA Region 4 Director; Linda Moore; Carol Nichols; Tracy Matern, Michelle Ellis

CTETA/TETRA Dual Members

Diana Hobbs, Linda Moore; Vicki Fraser, Robyn Pucci, Michelle Ellis, Carol Nichols

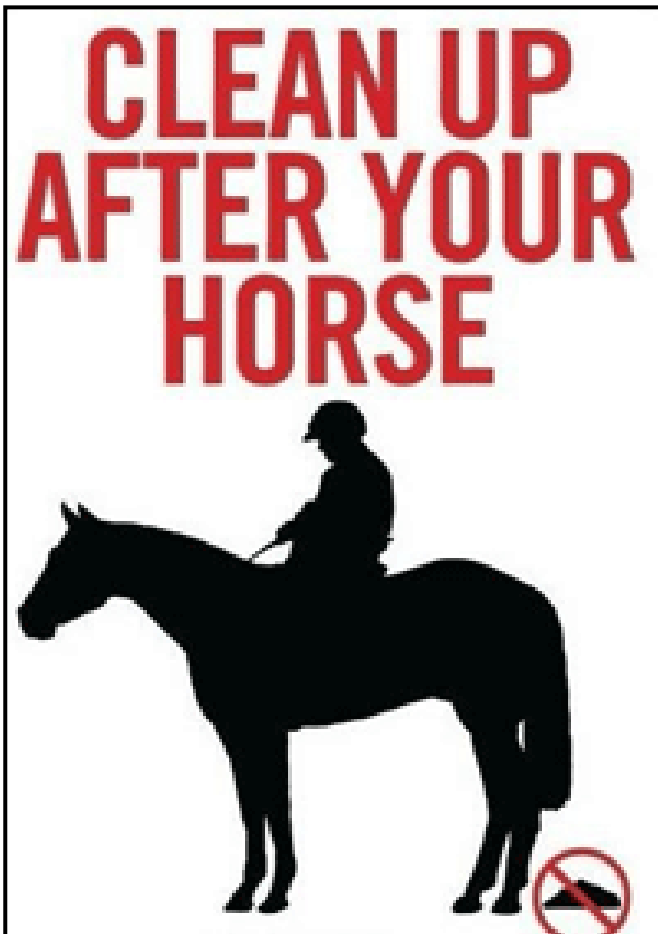
**We encourage LRRETA members to also join TETRA & CTETA
(see page 13)**

Outstanding Volunteer



Chuck Davis

Chuck is originally from DeQueen, Arkansas, and starting with a stint in the military, spent 27 years in Alaska, where he met his wife Valerie. He produced rodeos and showed for many years in Alaska, and ran a western store. In 2009 he and Valerie loaded up 4 horses and headed to Texas. After 5 years as Ranch Manager at Highpoint Performance Horses, he moved to The Ranch on Cole Road. Hoping to meet some new friends and use his military background, he joined the Pilot Point Mounted Posse. Chuck enjoys having the posse train at his facility. His dream horse, Prince, is a retired Canine Police horse. They look forward to many years with the Mounted Posse.



Meet the Ranger



Denice Hardy

Denice has 9 ½ years parks experience and more than 20 years management experience in a variety of settings. She has a diverse background in maintenance, construction, and non-profits. Though she considers herself a jack-of-all trades but master of none, her passion is working for parks. She and her family are relocating from Oregon where she managed 5 coastal parks.

Denice is a native Texan that grew up in San Antonio and lived in Austin for 9 years. She left Texas to see what else was out there and is now ready to come home. She is very excited to be back in Texas and to work for Texas Parks and Wildlife.

New Member Highlight



Marsha Howard

Marsha, a nurse, was raised in Missouri until coming to Texas as a teen. About five years ago, she was given a horse named Baby but her mother became ill and she wasn't able to learn to ride. After her mother passed, she took riding lessons from Debbie Adcock, who persuaded her to join LRRETA and the posse group. "I lacked the confidence to join because I was afraid that we would not be able to do what was asked. I have found the group accepting, encouraging, and fun. Baby and I are growing in our relationship, and skills being a part of the LRRETA posse group." Marsha has five children and 11 grandchildren.

Don't miss the 2019 LRRETA

Christmas Party

Where: The Ranch, Chuck and Val (Nava) Davis, 9681 Cole Rd.

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019

10:30 Obstacles and Ride Around Property (if desired)

12:00 Lunch - Pot Luck (Meat provided)

What: \$15 new gift exchange

RSVP to Gail Cotton - gail.cotton@verison.net, 214-356-8523

Grant Update

by Tracy Matern

2017 TP&W Grant Update

Since our last newsletter, the monies from this grant have allowed LRRETA to purchase much-needed trail equipment including chainsaws, weed-eaters, generators, shovels, picks, axes, rakes, pry bars, machetes, hatchets, loppers, a DR trimmer and a UTV trailer.

We also been able to purchase items to help store these tools in our storage container and paint and supplies to make the trailer last a long time. Cliff Hemming has set up a maintenance schedule and log book for all the tools requiring regular tune-ups. Cliff and Laurie Hemming, Linda Moore and Margaret Rabbitt sealed and painted the storage container so it will last many, many years. We are grateful to the Recreational Trails Program through Texas Parks & Wildlife and have erected a sign acknowledging their contribution.

Our grant does not allow us to buy non-US Steel non-US manufactured UTVs and there are currently no manufacturers who fit the Federal criteria. We are allowed however to rent UTVs. We rented one from Kubota for one month and it was very expensive so we looked at alternatives. LRRETA has now been able to make arrangements to rent two UTV's from two members for a three year term each at a much lower cost than if we were renting from the dealerships. These are safely stored in our storage container under lock and key and accessible for use whenever needed.

We obtained approval from Park Management to start construction of the nine day-use stalls; seven in one area and two in our handicapped-accessible area. Members cleared the area. Sand has been brought in and leveled. We submitted our specifications to several bidders and have received three bids. We've submitted these with our recommendation to the Recreational Trails Program and are awaiting approval. Once we obtain approval, we are ready to start construction.

TNMP Grant

Cliff Hemming found this grant opportunity for us from Texas New Mexico Power for between \$2,000 and \$10,000. TNMP supplies the transformers in the Park.

We've made application for the installation of electricity to 7 sites. State Park procedures require the opening of a "project" and the project must go through several layers of approvals. We will be working with Superintendent Chris True as this proceeds through the approval process.

Volunteer Paperwork Clarification

When filling out a form for your volunteer work, remember that you:

- CAN put multiple people working one day on one sheet
- CANNOT put multiple days on one sheet
- Many helpers/one day/ sheet
- One sheet/day



**EQUINETRAIL
SPORTS**

LRRETA Fall ETS Obstacle and Trail Challenge Tournament
Nov.23-24, 2019

Field Obstacle Trail Challenge with 10 obstacles on Saturday morning
Saturday afternoon Trail Challenge from Elm Fork south towards FM 428 for a total of 6 miles
Sunday Trail Challenge from Elm Fork (north) to Little Blue Stem for a total of 6 miles (out and back).

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LRRETA is hosting a fall Equine Trail Sports (ETS) Obstacle and Trail Challenge event Nov.23-24, 2019. This will entail a Field Obstacle Trail Challenge with 10 obstacles on Saturday morning at Elm Fork Trailhead Ray Roberts Lake State Park, Aubrey, TX 76227. There will be a practice day Saturday, November 16 at 8:30am at Elm Fork Trailhead.

Our Posse obstacle designer, Paula Peay, will design a challenging course. Saturday afternoon the trail challenge will go from Elm Fork south towards FM 428 for a total of 6 miles (out and back). Sunday, the trail challenge will be the trail leading from Elm Fork (north) to Little Blue Stem for a total of 6 miles (out and back). This is the major fund raiser for the fall. We encourage all LRRETA members to actively support the event by registering to participate or assisting in the event.

If you are interested in competing, click the link below. You can ride and also help. In order to be eligible for high point awards that will be given after the fall tournament; you must have ridden at least 2 of the 3 competitions for both the spring and fall weekends. Please indicate in the notes on the sign-up if you plan to ride and work the event.

How can you help? There are a variety of opportunities! Please read through the sign up list and help us. Proceeds will be used for trailhead enhancement projects and for Posse (PPMP) startup costs. We also need donations of cool, "horsey" prizes.

You will be receiving an email shortly with SignUp Genius link to volunteer to help. Go Equine Trail Sports to sign up to ride. <https://www.equinetrailsports.com/event>

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There was much to do before getting things under way, but Sam charged forth along with Chief Conner.

Obtaining LRRETA Board Approval and Modify the Mission Statement:

The first Posse meeting was held for the LRRETA board on Tuesday, May 14th at Ernesto's Mexican Restaurant where Chief Conner and Sam Noble presented the goals of the PPMP to support the Pilot Point Police and ultimately, the North Texas community with a posse color guard at special events, crowd control when requested, and search and rescue efforts. It was also confirmed that the PPMP would fall under the LRRETA umbrella and all Posse activities would be at the request of the Pilot Point Police or other surrounding communities. The LRRETA board made a motion to support having a POSSE as a division of the LRRETA Charter and to modify the mission statement to include community service.

The **revised Mission** is to 1) Preserve and maintain equestrian trails of Lake Ray Roberts and North Texas Region, 2) to make the Region a destination for Trail Riders, and 3) to provide community service through various equine related activities.

Obtaining Approval from the City of Pilot Point:

Chief Conner and Sam Noble presented the POSSE ByLaws to the City of Pilot Point at their City Council Meeting on July 22, 2019 whereby it was approved by the City Council members. The Posse will fall under the 501(c)3 Non-Profit status of the Greenbelt Alliance/LRRETA organization. The Posse will be engaged for community support and equine presence at parades, events and activities where requested. Additionally, where needed, the Posse will be used for search and rescue for situations such as a missing person. All parties agreed that this is a much needed and exciting program to help



further support and enhance the City of Pilot Point and surrounding area.

PPMP In the News!

The Post-Signal newspaper for Pilot Point, Aubrey, Providence Village, Cross Roads, Krugerville, and Tioga released an article, "Chief Rounds Up New Posse," written by Andres David Lopez, Staff Writer - <https://www.postsignal.com/single-post/2019/06/20/Chief-rounds-up-new-posse>. The article shares the news of the newly formed posse led by Chief

Conner's efforts and spearheaded by Sam Noble as brought forth via the Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trails Association (LRRETA).

The PPMP Practice Schedule

The first Posse group meeting was held at the Nazarene Church in Pilot Point on Tues., May 21st, and the first Posse practice was held at Wolfcamp Equine Center and Arena in Pilot Point on Mon., June 10th with the plan to practice every other Monday night at 6:30 p.m. and continued at Wolfcamp Equine Center throughout the months of June and July. Practice attendance has ranged from approximately 17 people to 4 people depending on the location, outside temperatures, planned summer vacations, etc.

At most of these practices, Captain David Rogers of the Hunt County Sheriff's Posse helped lead several practices with drills, desensitizing and obstacles to help better prepare the horses and riders for the unexpected while in public environments. On August 12th, the Posse met at Grace Point Nazarene Church and members were informed that Posse practices would be moving to new facilities starting in September, and the August 26th practice would take place in the Pilot Point Town Square to prepare for the Pilot Point Car Show on August 31st.



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Starting on Thursday, September 5th, the PPMP began meeting weekly on Thursday evenings for practice at The Ranch, Pilot Point, TX. If you're interested in participating with the PPMP, please feel to come watch or join in a practice by checking out the schedule at <https://www.lrreta.com/copy-of-calendar-of-events>.



PPMP Leadership

LRRETA gives a big shout out to Sam Noble and Pilot Point's Chief Tim Conner for all the effort and hard work put into creating and launching the Pilot Point Mounted Posse! Sam chose to step down from this role, and as of Sept. 2019, Linda Moore has stepped in as the PPMP Captain to ensure a seamless alignment of the Posse as a division of LRRETA/Greenbelt Alliance 501(c)3 non-profit and partner of the City of Pilot Point. Other Posse leadership is Debbie Adcock, Lieutenant and Margaret Rabbitt, Treasurer. Positions yet to be assigned are the Secretary and Quartermaster. If you would like to volunteer or nominate someone for these positions, please let Linda Moore know.

PPMP Color Guard Events

The PPMP Color Guard debuted their first performance for the Pilot Point Car Show held on August 31st at the Pilot Point Square. Under Captain Sam Noble and training support of Captain David Rogers, the Color Guard flag bearers were LRRETA's Director, Linda Moore and Posse Treasurer, Margaret Rabbitt, followed by PPMP members, Sara Sydnam, Carol Nichols, and Valerie Davis. Also, a big thanks to

Chuck Davis for helping and cleaning up afterwards!

Other events that the Posse has provided Color Guard support for under the leadership of Linda Moore as the New Captain for the PPMP starting September 1st include...

- Peanut Festival – Aubrey Festival Grounds, 301 South Main St., Aubrey, TX 76227 on Sat., October 5th @ 9:00 am
- Pilot Point Homecoming Parade, Friday, October 11th starting at the Pilot Point High School's parking lot, ending at Massey Stadium.
- Pilot Point Bonnie & Clyde Days held on Saturday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the historic Pilot Point town square. The Posse presented for the National Anthem and opening prayer and members and horses represented the Posse throughout the day. LRRETA had a booth manned by volunteers throughout the day.
- Veterans Day Parade, Sherman, TX on Saturday, Nov. 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Fundraising Events

LRRETA and the North Texas Community values the level of sacrifice given by each of its Posse members. The amount of time and financial commitment has been substantial, so LRRETA sponsors fundraising events to help offset some of the costs and to raise funds

for additional equipment and other items needed.

Bombproof / Obstacle Course Clinic, Gregory Sokolowski - On Nov. 2-4th Greg Sokolowski, (Retired) Head of the Houston Mounted Police and Level 3 Certified Parelli Instructor and 25 registered

participants attended the 3-day event. LRRETA successfully raised \$3,175.34 to be applied towards additional POSSE needs. For more information on this event, see <https://www.facebook.com/events/361787244702935/>.

Practice Day - ETS Trail Challenge; Sat., Nov. 16th - To further practice the things learned from the Bombproof / Obstacle Course Clinic, and to better prepare horse and rider for the ETS Trail Challenge competition, LRRETA is hosting a obstacle course practice day where riders will receive instruction on proper maneuvering through obstacles, and share a lunch in the park at Elm Fork Trailhead. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/2630917953587975/> or <https://www.lrreta.com/trail-obstacle-course-practice-for->

ETS Trail Challenge Competition - Nov. 23 & 24th, LRRETA will be hosting an ETS (Equestrian Trail Sports) Obstacle Course Competition at the Elm Fork Trailhead. This is another fundraising event where proceeds will go towards POSSE equipment needs. *See page 6.*

For more information about the Pilot Point Mounted Posse, contact Captain Linda Moore @ moorelinda741@gmail.com or 940-206-9355.

Cross Timbers Equestrian Trails Association Annual Camp Clinic 2019

by Lisa Broughton, Treasurer CTETA

The camp clinic for CTETA is now an annual thing!

We met up on Friday the 27th of September mid-day. It was a beautiful day, the sky was wide open, still a tad on the warmer side though.

Our riders traveled from as far away as Garland to attend our event. We had a total of 20 campers, all horse pens were full, and on Saturday the 28th, we counted 27 trailers in the campground total.

All our spots filled up within a few days, so if you are interested in camping next year, let us know in advance.

We had informative guest speakers. Carol Nichols discussed how to field dress a horse that may have an open wound. Misty Valdez shared her beautiful tales of trails and travels with Rita Lynn, her mule. We had many questions about proper documents, transport papers, Coggins, and where she stays and what are the deciding factors of where she camps with Rita Lynn. Misty told great stories, including a run-in with a bear, a potential intruder, and the

like. It was a fantastic discussion! Zack, from the Denton County Ag office, shared his expertise on the use of compasses. We had compasses for sale and sold all 10! Dr. Susie Weisser discussed the importance of an equine medical first aid kit, a toolbox that is a tackle box, filled with bandages, tape, stethoscope, scissors, and thermometer.

CTETA commissioned a couple of cute little give away for attendees. We wanted people to have a small knapsack for their medical supplies, and we raffled off two custom made Dawn Bailey original saddlebags. LRRETA supplied several emergency flashlights that were a big hit!

We thank our friends from LRRETA for such an excellent job in making the horse pens and facilities available to the horse community. We are already gearing up for our next fall camp out adventure! We thank all those who attended and welcome new folks for next year!



Online UTV and Chain Saw Safety Training for trail work!

ROHVA Safety E-Course: UTV training <https://cbt.rohva.org>

Chain Saw Safety <https://www.stihlusa.com> <https://www.stihlusa.com/information/videos>



Where have you ridden lately?

Medicine Bow National Forest Ride by Carol Nichols



In early September, I embarked on an expedition to the “Medicine Bow National Forest,” in Southeastern Wyoming. Traveling with my two thoroughbreds, Annie Up and Hawker, and dachshund, Reagan, I began my journey in Pilot Point. The steeds were prepared for altitude

change with “Red Cell” supplement and electrolytes. The first stop was a layover at the “Big Texan Horse Hotel and Steakhouse” in Amarillo. Then on “Stuart’s Horse Camp” in Colorado City, CO where I met up with fellow endurance rider, Heloise Lynn. From there, on to the Happy Jack Trail head in Medicine Bow - just West of Cheyenne, WY. We had to buy “weed free hay” certified by the US Agricultural Department for camp in National Forest.

The Happy Jack endurance ride was 25 miles through boulder rocks, Aspen groves, and prairies of the Medicine Bow National Forest, WY. Temps were 40s at night and 60s during the day. We were challenged with storms and rain two nights in camp - active shuffling of horses in and out of trailers throughout the night. No cell service to track weather - Mother Nature was on the prowl - not fun to be blind on weather. But Mother Nature made up for sleepless nights with spectacular sunny and cool weather by day!

Heloise’s Arabian Hurrah and Annie Up were a good pair, completing the 25 mile ride in just under 6 hours with lunch break and vet check in the middle and vet check at the end. Ground-covering 8 mph steady trots and some canters up hills and across open prairie. What a ride! <http://coloradohightail.com/happy-jack-hightail/>



Trailer Tips

by Tracy Matern

To help you back your truck up to your gooseneck, get two bungee cords of the proper length. Rubber straps work well. Hook them above your wheels and position where they connect right over your ball. Center where they connect with your trailer hitch. When they meet the hitch in the middle, the hitch is right over your ball.

To access things in your truck bed from the side, buy a step at Northern Tool which fits over your tire. Carry it in your bed where you can reach it from the side.

Tick Removal

from Gail Cotton

A nurse discovered a safe, easy way to remove ticks where they automatically withdraw themselves when you follow her simple instructions.

"I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc."

"Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20); the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me."

"Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"



Submitted by Carol Nichols

On October 23rd, 2019, the Western Environmental Law Center (WELC) filed a lawsuit with the Eastern California Federal District Court on behalf of BCHA, BCH California and its Mother Lode Unit, The Wilderness Society and two local organizations over the Tahoe National Forest's stealth authorization of electric bike (e-Bike) use on 132 miles of non-motorized trails. The authorization happened without any opportunity for public review, comment, and environmental analyses.

BCHA has never been quick to support litigation. But in this case, members of our co-plaintiff team were consistently rebuffed by personnel from the Tahoe National Forest when we inquired about this (unannounced) change in policy. In addition, our joint "demand letter" to the Forest Supervisor, which we submitted on September 9, 2019, went unanswered. Given the magnitude of pressure being exerted by e-Bike proponents on federal land management agencies, we felt compelled to take a stand.

Our primary objectives for filing this lawsuit were to compel the Tahoe National Forest to rescind its approval of e-Bike use on non-motorized trails, close these trails to e-Bike use, and to cease advertising the new system of trails via the forest's website. If the agency still felt compelled to re-designate trails for e-Bike use, we would insist on a public process where all stakeholders could review and provide formal comment. We further hope the lawsuit will act to place a "freeze"

on any national forest that might be poised to authorize e-Bikes on non-motorized trails in the absence of a transparent and public process.

WELC has yet to be notified about which judge the District Court will assign to this case. Importantly, the filing of the lawsuit should not affect your day-to-day interactions with the US Forest Service. If anything, it might serve as a feather in our cap that demonstrates to agency personnel BCHA's commitment to, and support of, the need for a full public process when decisions are made that affect trail classification standards and trail management objectives.

By taking this action, BCHA is being proactive on behalf of our membership in order "to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses (and mules!) in America's backcountry and wilderness." I believe this is yet another valuable role that BCHA serves our 31 states and nearly 200 chapters. Moreover, BCHA's exploration and implementation of this lawsuit was done in close coordination with, and with the unanimous support of, BCH California and its Mother Lode Unit. As Chairman, it's another example of the incredible value that is realized when all three elements—BCHA national, BCH state, and the local BCH chapter—work in unison to advance the interests of our membership.

Reprinted in part from an email communication from BCHA Chairman Darrell Wallace to its membership.

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Many thanks for loaning LRRETA two 4-seater UTVs to get workers down the trail!

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LRRETA has paid to have our logo digitized. Supply your own clothing items and member Robyn Pucci will do embroidery for \$8 per item, or you can order shirts from the Norman Roscoe catalog available online or from Linda Moore.

Items can be brought to our meetings, held the first Tuesday of each month at Ernesto's in Pilot Point at 6:30.

Call Linda with questions (940) 206-9355.



Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trails Association (LRRETA) Patron Application Form

MEMBERSHIP and PATRONS - Membership in LRRETTA and Greenfest is complimentary. Supporters of the equestrian/hiking trail are PATRONS. Please support your trail by becoming a PATRON and attending the annual Greenfest events!

- Single Patron \$25 annual
- Household Patron (max 4 people) \$75 annual
- Lifetime single Patron \$250 (one time)
- Lifetime Household \$750 (one time)
- Business \$100*

FULL NAME _____

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PLEASE MAIL CHECK WITH PATRON DUES OR DONATIONS TO:

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State and Federal grants for our trails require 20% to 50% private funds as a "match."

We need your dues and donations to access grant money!

*Business Membership includes a static ad each quarter in newsletter. Please provide a business card.

LRRETA does not share member information.

Please also consider joining our sister trail groups:

Join Texas Equestrian Trail Riders Association (TETRA) <http://tetra.memberlodge.org/page-201911>

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