

*BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CENTRAL ARIZONA*

**BCHCAZ E.NEWS**

May 2008

**BCHCAZ MEMBERS:** May is underway and following are the upcoming activities!

**Website:** The board has found a group that will be able to redo and upgrade our website and keep it maintained for a very reasonable price. Until we grow large enough to get a volunteer webmaster, this will keep our website not only current and functional but with some enhancements. More news about this when it is ready and still need a webmaster!

**June 4-6, 2008;** Trail work on KA Hill, out of Williams. We will be working with the Kaibab NF and local BCHCAZ members to clear dead fall from the trail up there with a projected ride later in the year! Call Cathy @ 925.9523 if you are willing and available during that week.

**June 7, 2008:** EQUIFEST and call for volunteers on Saturday, 9am to 4pm. BCH involvement includes manning a booth with display of BCH and telling people about BCH etc. Also we are doing a one hour packing demonstration, plan to have the big plastic horse there with pack equipment, and Dutch oven cooking demo all day. We will try to have 2 - 3 pots going with different things and talk about cooking in Dutch ovens etc Call Jim @ 713.8911 if you can help.

**June 14, 2008;** Quarterly Membership meeting. The meeting will be at Walnut Creek Education Center – the old ranger station. We are planning a ride up to Juniper Mesa Wilderness / Juniper Spring. This will have some ‘climbing’ areas and most of the upper terrain is rocky and all for about 4 hours. The meeting will be around 2 pm. I will send out a later note with directions, timing, and whether, with the fire restrictions, if it will be straight potluck or combined with some Dutch oven. Cathy @ 925.9523 or Jim @ 445.3809 if you plan to ride / attend.

**June 27-29, 2008;** Trail and trailhead work at NEW Trail 3 and Trail 100 Trailhead. There will be heavy equipment at the trailhead for its construction but there is still work that needs to be done to complete the trail that the PNF members have flagged. This is a chance to meet some of your co-members, walk a new trail while working on it, getting some good food, and planning a new ride! Call Jim @ 713.8911 for information.

**June 21, 2008;** First Annual Mapping of the Aqua Fria River, in conjunction with the BLM and U of Az.! We will be doing some pre-rides to determine access points for both riders and hikers before the 21<sup>st</sup>. There is an additional mapping ‘class’ on the 19<sup>th</sup> for those interested in participating in the mapping. Call Cathy @ 925.9523 if you are interested in the pre-rides or the mapping.

**JULY 4, 2008:** Parade!!!

We gave a Get Well card to Wayne Pitrat following his surgery & he’ll be ‘off horses’ for 6 mos.

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