

# Gila Chapter

## Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time 3/9/2016 6:00 PM | Meeting location GRMC EMS Conference Room

Meeting called by Doug Dexter

Type of meeting Monthly business meeting

Note taker Cindi deCapiteau

### Attendees

Susan Austin, Joan Bacon, Cathy Brett, Dawn Byrum, Tom Conway, Cindi deCapiteau, Dixie Dexter, Doug Dexter, Mike Dowd, Vicki Dowd, Gerry Engel, Jean Hill, Mickey Lemon, Maureen McLeod, Kathy Murch, Susan Lee Perry, Fran Rawllins, Stan Rawllins, Cheryl Roth, Randy Roth, Donna Tillmann, Karla Watson, Mark Watson, Ilene Wignall, Pat Wolphe

## AGENDA TOPICS

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Agenda topic *Call to order* | Presenter Doug Dexter

Doug Dexter advised that this evening's meeting would report on and discuss where we are with the NAN Ranch Ride, coming up soon (April 2-3, 2013, with riders arriving at NAN Ranch on Friday, April 1). Normal business matters would be dealt with tonight only as needed.

Doug also noted that the Imler family and Laurie Wlosinski, who are members of Grant County Search-and-Rescue's mounted division, had been called out for a mission to help somebody who was stuck on a cliff in the area of the Gila Cliff Dwellings.

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Agenda topic *Recognize guests and new members* | Presenter Doug Dexter

Lee Perry, who has lived in Silver City for 20 years, has two horses, and is working on the NAN Ranch Ride, joined us this evening. Lee stated her intent to join the Gila chapter. Cindi deCapiteau will provide a hard-copy membership application for Lee when they both are present at NAN Ranch.

### Action items

### Person responsible

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Put a membership application or two in a saddle bag to make sure it gets out to NAN Ranch for Lee Perry	Cindi deCapiteau
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Agenda topic *Additions or changes to agenda & minutes* | Presenter Doug Dexter

Nobody requested changes to the agenda or the minutes from last month's meeting. Somebody moved to accept the documents as presented, somebody else seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a unanimous vote.

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Agenda topic *Financial & membership report* | Presenter Jean Hill

See attached financial report on page 7. After tonight, chapter membership will be 66.

Preparation is moving ahead for the NAN Ranch NATRC competitive trail ride. Vicki Dowd provided information and materials as follows:

- Important dates and events (also see the calendars that begin on page 19):
  - Thursday, March 17, 10:00 a.m., Vicki Dowd's house: trail marker and hospitality packet party.
  - Wednesday, March 23, NAN Ranch: Driver orientation.
  - Thursday, March 31, NAN Ranch: preparation for Friday and orientation to ranch for judges.
  - Friday, April 1, NAN Ranch, 11:30 a.m., orientation for riders.
  - Friday, April 1, NAN Ranch: competitors arrive; vet check of all horses 1:00 till dark; horsemanship judging begins when horses are presented for vet-check.
  - Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3, NAN Ranch: riders time out at 7:00 a.m. each morning.
- **Volunteers:** When volunteers arrive at the ranch, all must check in at the NAN Ranch office and sign all waivers (if they have not already done so) before doing any of their volunteer tasks.
- **Highway signs** to direct participants to the NAN Ranch were given to Fran and Stan Rawllins. The Rawllins's will post the signs at various ends of highways 180/ 61, and 152/61 so that participants can find their way to the ranch. Also a sign will be placed by the NAN Ranch driveway.
- **Communications and Safety:** Russ Imler was to report on communications and safety provisions for the ride, but was called out on a search-and-rescue mission. Vicki reported the following information on his behalf:
  - The communications and safety team has located points on the ranch where good radio reception exists and will position crewmembers accordingly. Communications equipment and procedures have been tested and the team is satisfied that good radio communication is possible.
  - There is no cell-phone reception at the NAN Ranch camp (it's situated down by the river, in the defilade of mountains to the east), but outside camp, especially in open country, on ridge tops, and on higher elevations, cell reception sometimes exists. Nevertheless, all riders must have fully charged cell phones when they are out of camp.
  - Ham radio operators will assist the communication and safety team.
  - NATRC is providing handheld two-way radios for use by safety riders and others.
  - Vicki noted that the trails on which riders will compete are not especially dangerous, but we need to be prepared for unexpected events.
  - Ride planners have developed strategies to rescue and transport horses if necessary.
- **Trail Matters:**
  - The trails have well-marked points, mostly at changes of direction on the trail. Riders' progress over the trails is timed point-to-point from "A" to "H."
  - Riders will receive maps that list the points, with distances and the median time needed to travel between each point. The maps will help both riders and judges; riders will be able to determine if they are proceeding too quickly or too slowly between points, which will help keep riders from getting too strung out.
  - The ranch has several gates through which riders must pass. Each of these gates will be numbered on a sign made from a green paper plate.
  - Several volunteers will serve as gatekeepers so that riders will not need to open and close gates except in a few places.
  - Signs on pink paper plates will be posted for judges so they can find their stations along the trail.
  - Ilene added that the trails are marked as well as they can be, given the presence of cows that apparently eat ribbons, wind that rips them up and blows them onto the ground, and birds and unknown creatures (a chupacabra perhaps) that carry the markers off.

- On Saturday, March 5, eight riders participated in a timing ride for the novice-class trail. The timing riders were aboard three gaited horses, four Arabians, and one mule. The timing ride left everybody full of endorphins and thoroughly satisfied.
- Both judges are coming in on Thursday (May 30). Vicki will show the horsemanship judge and his secretary the whole trail that afternoon.
- In response to a question from Doug Dexter, Vicki noted that nothing remains for anybody present at tonight's meeting to do on the trails.
- During the week before the ride, a team of riders will go out to the ranch to make sure marker flags are all present.
- The NAN Ranch is huge, covering some 67,000 acres. The ranch vistas are of Cook's Peak and its surrounding mountain ranges. When you're out there you might see herds of pronghorns, turkeys, various birds, as well as the ubiquitous cattle.
- Marking trails has been challenging (you know, cows and wind and cheesy clothespins and stuff). One stretch of trail resembles the *Llano Estacado* in Texas and Oklahoma, where there's no shrubbery on which to post trail flags; such stretches will get marked with lime (you know—the caustic powder used to reduce unseemly odors in a wet-ish stable) and/or stakes to hold flags.
- Much of the trail traverses ranch road and is flagged accordingly; riders should simply stay on the road.
- The brutal New Mexico sun has made a mockery of the green flagging tape, so that flags intended to be green-and-white appear to be white-and-white. For that reason, on March 17, at 10:00 a.m., Vicki will host another flag-making party at her house, during which another 300 flags will be readied.
- **Drivers:**
  - An orientation for drivers will be held on Wednesday, March 23. An email notice of the schedule will be sent to those involved.
  - The HAM radio drivers will be stationed on ranch roadways.
  - Other drivers will transport P&R crews or judges from place to place as needed.
  - In response to another probing question from the skeptical Doug Dexter, Vicki advised that the ride will feature two sets of drivers—one to transport judges and another to transport pulse-and-respiration (P&R) crews to their designated points. These workers will be sent out in phases so that the trails, which sometimes are on ranch roads, won't be clogged with vehicles. To that end, on Saturday, April 2, judges will be transported to their positions before 7:00 a.m. when the first rider times out. P&R crews will go out at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2.)
  - Gatekeepers and HAM radio trucks need to leave camp well before the 7:00 a.m. rider time out.
- **Food** (as reported by the cuisine organizer, Mickey Lemon):
  - The Gila BCH chapter is putting on three meals during the ride—breakfast on Saturday, a barbecue dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.
  - Anybody present at the ranch on Friday, whether competitor or volunteer worker, is on your own for food.
  - Although Mickey said that she has not been in contact herself with the purveyor of the barbeque dinner (contact with this person, name of "Grant," is Rawlings' job). Nevertheless, she knows that the meal will feature pork roast, beans, coleslaw, rolls, and dessert.
  - The dessert is something called "bear sign," which consists of sweet dough deep-fried and sprinkled with berries.
  - Holes about 30" deep must be dug on Friday, April 1, to hold the barrels for the pit barbecue.
  - Ten people have volunteered to prepare breakfast casseroles and bread.
  - Ilene Wignall has disposable pans for the breakfast casseroles. Ilene advised that anybody who volunteered to prepare a casserole should pick up pans from her before leaving tonight.

- Mickey has sent to Doug Dexter a list of things such as coffee, tea, paper plates, cups, etc. that we need to buy. Although we are hoping to get grocery items donated, Mickey noted that some things would nevertheless need to be bought.
- Doug will meet with Darrell at Albertsons tomorrow, hat in hand, to beg for food and associated necessities.
- Mickey mentioned that she is working out lunch plans. Lunches will be provided to workers only and at no charge. (Competitors are responsible for their own lunches.)
- Cost of meals for riders has been include in the rider fee.
- Non-worker, non-riders need to pay \$12 for the barbecue dinner.
- Those who have done volunteer work on the ride may eat for free. Your meal tickets will be handed out when you check into the office on arrival and make sure all your waivers are signed.
- The NAN Ranch Ride will end early on Sunday following shorter rides, with everybody expected to be back at camp around 12:30. If any food is left over from previous meals, volunteers and riders can help themselves.
- Note that judges, gatekeepers, safety riders, and HAM operators need to eat breakfast at the same time as the riders—5:30-6:00.
  - P&R crew breakfast time is 6:00-6:30.
  - In-camp volunteers eat last after 6:30. There will be plenty of food. Do not despair.
- **NATRC Clinic:**
  - Cheryl Roth reported that one of the judges, Jerry Simms, would conduct an orientation clinic from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on Friday. The clinic provides safety demonstrations as well as information about NATRC rides and what judges like to see in competitors. The clinic is particularly useful for somebody who's interested in participating in a NATRC ride in the future.
  - Anybody, whether a ride competitor or not, can attend the clinic for free.
  - Pizza will be served at the clinic, at a cost of \$3 per person for those not entered in the NAN Ranch Ride. The pizza snack is included in fees paid by ride entrants.
  - Non-rider clinic attendees must sign the NAN Ranch waiver.
  - Contact Cheryl Roth at [sturgisroths@gmail.com](mailto:sturgisroths@gmail.com) for more information about the clinic.
- **Options for Non-Judged Riders:**
  - "Distance Only" riders are those to travel the trails during the competition, but who are not judged and do not receive awards.
  - Properly registered and fully paid non-judged riders can ride for Distance Only on Saturday and Sunday.
  - Non-judged riders must register, pay the same registration fees as judged riders, and submit all waivers.
- **Nature of the Ride:**
  - This ride is not a race. Its purpose is to demonstrate horsemanship and the partnership between rider and horse.
  - Riders must be mounted when moving forward on the trail.
  - This is not an endurance ride. Novice riders mostly walk and trot over the trail distance, but they have 45 minutes rest for lunch as well as at least two 15-minute rest stops for P&R checks.
  - Riders will be briefed to acquaint them with the trails. Once briefed, the riders will know everything except where the judges are.
- **Hospitality Packets:** If you have materials to include in the rider hospitality packets, get them to Vicki and/or Ilene ASAP. Following the March 16 flag-making party (described in "Trail Matters" above), the flag makers will be shanghai-ed to put together the hospitality packets that will be distributed to competitors.

- **How to get to Vicki Dowd's house:**
  - Drive east on 180 toward Arenas Valley.
  - Turn left onto Arenas Valley Road at *Mis Amigos*.
  - Follow the pavement around the big bend and head down the hill.
  - Turn left at the bottom of the hill onto Cow Trail Road.
  - Follow Cow Trail to the driveway (on left) at 119 Cow Trail.
  - Look for the Cow Trail Art Studio sign and the presence of Mike Dowd himself to guide you in.
- **Pulse and Respiration, Etc.:**
  - Training for P&R workers will occur at Vicki's house on Saturday, March 12.
  - Vicki has the cards that NATRC uses to record pulse and respiration.
  - Seven people have confirmed that they will be P&R checkers.
  - Other workers are coming in from afar: a veterinarian and other P&R people from Colorado.
- **Additional Equipment Needed:** Ilene reported that the ride needs some critical equipment:
  - Four-horse open stock trailer (bumper-pull) to be used as a rescue vehicle for horses.
  - Troughs or half-barrels for water.
  - High-capacity (100 gallons at least) water tank to transport water from the hydrant at one end of camp to troughs located at the other end of camp.
- **Camping Matters and Worker Arrival Times:**
  - Workers are invited to camp out at the ranch on Friday night.
  - Workers will set up camp (or park for non-camping workers) near the lodge (where restrooms, showers, and a big kitchen are available). See map on page 8.
  - Riders will park on south side of camp. See map on page 8.
  - Karla Watson asked if workers are required to camp at the ranch or if they can commute from home. Vicki responded that on Saturday, for riders, time-out-of-camp begins at 7:00 a.m.; camping isn't mandatory, as long as workers can get to their stations on time. For example, if you're a gatekeeper, you must arrive at the ranch by 6:30 a.m. If you're hauling a horse to the ride (as safety riders must), you need to arrive by 6:00 a.m.
- **Ride Timing:**
  - Doug Dexter will dispatch the riders and P&R crews.
  - HAM operators leave for their stations by 6:40
  - Gatekeepers and judges move out by 6:45.
  - Riders time out starting at 7:00.
  - P&R crews leave camp at 8:00
  - Timers record times for each rider at four points along the ride:
    - When leaving camp.
    - When arriving at the lunch stop.
    - When leaving the lunch stop (45 minutes after a given rider's arrival).
    - When a rider arrives back at camp.
  - Important timing procedure: **Everybody** must synchronize their watches and set them for **noon**, so that all times are recorded in the same way. **Watches are synchronized when the first rider times out.**
  - After the last rider has left camp at the start of the ride, the timers can go out to the lunch stop.
  - Vicki will have time to transport timers to lunch stop.
- **Vehicles Suitable for NAN Ranch:**
  - Drivers should use a 4-wheel drive vehicle to transport workers to their various locations.
  - NAN Ranch lies east of highway 61 on the east side of the Mimbres River. You have to cross the river to get to the camping areas, lodge, and other facilities. There are two river fords, one of which is shallower than the other and better suited to lower-clearance vehicles. See map on page 8.

- **Entries and Money:**
  - Somebody asked about the number of entries received so far. Vicki said she doesn't consider a rider to be registered for the ride until the registration fee is received. Vicki made phone calls to the 25 people who have registered, but have not paid, all of whom promised that their checks would be in the mail "tomorrow."
  - The registration money trail goes like this:
    - Vicki, Jean Hill, and the ride secretary (lives up in Farmington, NM) have a long-distance relationship.
    - Registration fee checks go to Vicki, who gives them to Jean, who contacts ride secretary in Farmington to advise that a given rider is, er, officially registered.
  - The ride has taken in about \$1100 in donations, thanks to the work of Judy Lawson, Ilene Wignall, Doug Dexter, and Rawlings Lemon.
  - Judy Lawson expressed thanks to First American Bank for its donation of \$500. The bank has asked us to put up their banner at the ranch. Bank representatives, who are personal friends of the Langs (owners of NAN Ranch), will attend the barbeque on Saturday, April 2.
  - Vicki noted that we can always use more money, so if anybody feels inclined to hit up a friend or relative for a donation, \$20 per person goes a long way and is an amount most people are happy to contribute.
  - If you or somebody you know has a business and wants some cheap advertising, business cards can go into the hospitality packets.
  - A copy of the donation acknowledgment letter, which should be given to anybody who makes a contribution, appears on page 9.
  - Vicki noted that she was able to cut deals on the cost of insurance and awards and therefore the ride is still under budget.
- **Next Year (2017):**
  - The Langs have expressed their hope that this ride will spawn many other events at the ranch.
  - The Langs have volunteered the ranch for another ride in 2017 and have agreed to the ride dates established by NATRC (middle of April 2017) (for which NATRC does not offer alternative dates).
- **Information for Riders:**
  - A detailed information packet (different from the hospitality packets) has been available at veterinary offices and feed stores for a couple of weeks. See page 10 for a copy of the multi-page document.
  - The information packet will be posted shortly on the GBCH web site.
  - Ilene advised that each rider would wear a bib that shows his or her rider number on the front and back. Bibs are furnished by NATRC Region 3, of which NM is a part.
- **Promotion:** Everybody in the Gila BCH chapter should feel free to advertise the "famous NAN Ranch" and hype up the ride.
- **Awards for Riders:**
  - For ride awards, we have secured ribbons, a fleece cooler (blanket)—one each for Novice and Open Sweepstakes awards. The coolers are embroidered with the NAN brand. We also have ceramic tiles designed by Donna Tillmann and produced with the assistance of SYZYGY Tile in Silver City.
  - SYZYGE has volunteered time and materials to produce only 25 tiles. The tiles will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>-place-in-class winners. A set of eight tiles will be given to the Langs as a gift to recognize their hospitality.
- **Photographer:**
  - We have a photographer, Tom Maxfeldt, who will take photos to distribute to the media after the ride is over.
  - Non-media people can buy photos from the photographer's website, [www.cowtrailphotography.com](http://www.cowtrailphotography.com).

- **Post-Ride Critique:** When the ride is complete, Vicki wants to have a five-or-six-person critique to determine and analyze factors that prevented people from entering.
- **Post-ride cleanup:**
  - After the ride is finished, competitors will clean up after themselves, but a cleanup crew will detail the campsites and take down trail markers.
  - There will also be cleanup of kitchen, shower, and bathroom facilities used by volunteer workers in the lodge.
  - The barbecue pits must be filled in, which is a task that will fall to the cleanup crew.
  - NAN Ranch wants everybody to simply scatter manure; they do not require that manure be hauled away.
- Vicki commented that even though the hard work for 2016 has been done, we still need to get more entries and donations.

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**Agenda topic** *State Summary Report* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

Doug Dexter reported that he has read the minutes from the last state BCH meeting. He promised to get together with Mickey and Rawlings to go over the minutes and devise a strategy for resolving various issues.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>
Meet with Mickey and Rawlings Lemon about state BCH meeting minutes	Doug Dexter

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**Agenda topic** *May 11 Potluck Picnic* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

The Gila BCH chapter will hold a potluck picnic on Wednesday, May 11, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Doug Dexter has reserved the Gomez Peak Pavilion (up Little Walnut Road a ways). Forest Service representatives will be present to update us on whatever we need to be updated on.

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**Agenda topic** *Rodeo Parking* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

Doug reported that he has committed the chapter to coordinate parking at the 2016 professional rodeo held every year in early June at the Southwest Horsemen's Association arena. Doug will distribute more information shortly.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>
Distribute rodeo parking information; round up volunteers	Doug Dexter

(bank statements available at meeting)

**Bank Balance January 19, 2016 \$2,796.61****Deposits**

\$1,715.41	Jan 50/50, memberships, interest & Natrc riders & donations.
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**Withdrawals**

\$ 139.23	Room reimbursement, Natrc expenses
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**Bank Balance February 15, 2015 \$4,372.79**Transactions after Feb 15, 2016:

## Deposits

three	\$ 291.00
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## Withdrawals

2/18 #1299	rmbrs \$ 31.83
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Bank Balance 3/9/2016	<b>\$ 4,631.96</b>
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Membership:

2016 membership We received one single membership renewal at PO Box in February.

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 64 members 21 families 20 singles.

March 9<sup>th</sup> 65 members 21 families 21 singles.

We will be paying dues to State & National for 21 families = \$588; and for 21 singles = \$420,

total = **\$1,008.00** to be sent with Lemons to state meeting March 19.

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**NATRC Income/Expenses Totals through March 9, 2016.**

various	\$ 725.00	Natrc income Ride Fees (5 riders to date)
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various	\$ 430.00	Natrc income Donations (9)
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various	\$ 301.78	Natrc expenses paid
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Net:	\$ 853.22
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NAN Ranch facilities and camping areas



## GILA CHAPTER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

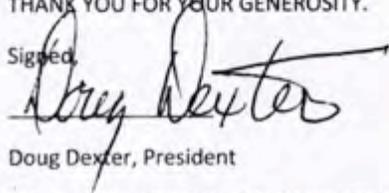
The Gila Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen, a chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of America, thanks you for your donation of \_\_\_\_\_

Your sponsorship of the 2016 NAN Ranch Competitive Trail Ride will help BCH continue its volunteer work keeping trails maintained in the Gila National Forest through the purchase of equipment and transportation of volunteer workers into the forest. This is important to all users of forest land - hikers, hunters, cyclists, horsemen, and firefighters. The communities nearby also benefit from a trail system that attracts visitors to the area. The Gila Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen clears approximately 100 miles of trail each year.

Sponsors will be listed in the hospitality packet each entry receives. If you would like to have your advertising flyer included in the hospitality packet and displayed at the Ride Office, we will need 60 copies. Please call \_\_\_\_\_ before March 15<sup>th</sup>, and we will send someone to pick them up.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

Signed



Doug Dexter, President

Gila Chapter, Back Country Horsemen of America

### NAN Ranch Ride

A Ride- Two Days - NATRC Region3 – Near Silver City, NM – April 1,2,3, 2015

Horsemanship Judge – Jerry Sims

Veterinary Judge – Jerry Weil DVM

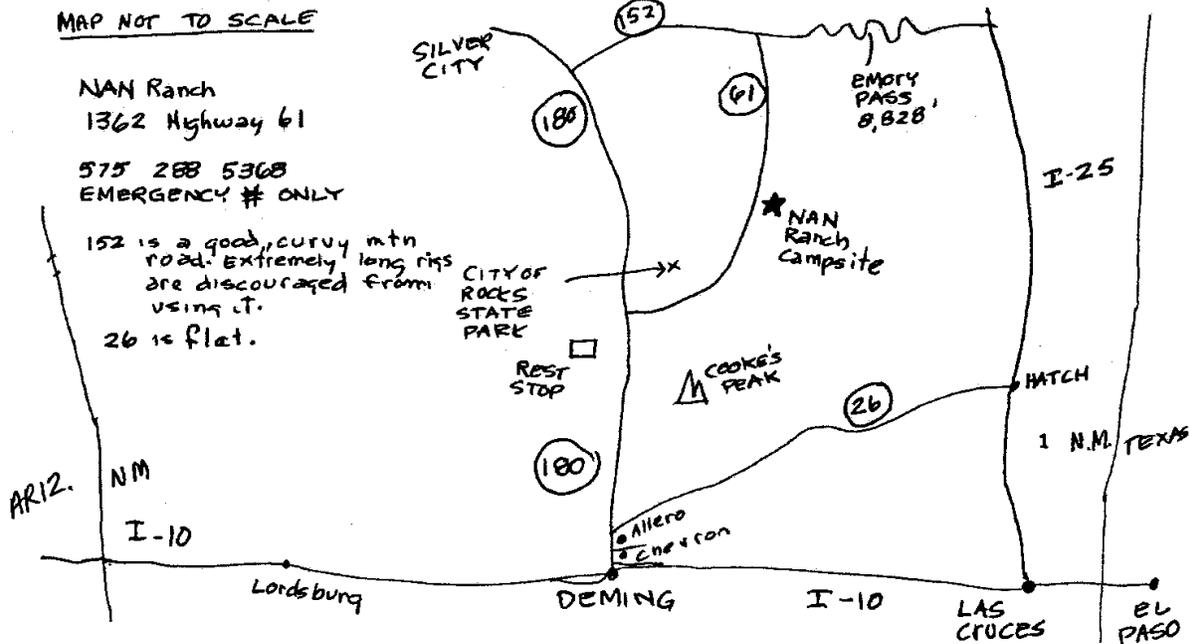
Ride the historic 67,000 acre NAN Ranch. Private since 1867, few outsiders have been privileged to ride the ranch. We are grateful to owners, Betty and John Lang, for the gracious use of their unique property.

The trails run from 5100' in elevation to about 6400' The ride is sponsored by the Gila Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen, a volunteer group whose purpose is to keep trails clear and maintained within the Gila National Forest, so that horseback riders, packers, cyclists, hikers, outfitters, and hunters can enjoy the beauty of the forest as well as providing forest access for firefighters in their dangerous job.

**CAUTION:** You will have to drive across an old NARROW concrete bridge to get to camp. Side to side clearance is 10 feet. Most trailers are 8.5 feet wide. Be sure you don't have anything projecting from your rig that can catch on the sides of the bridge.

Camp will be at the main ranch headquarters along the spring-fed Mimbres River. The campground is flat and surrounded by tall trees. You will ford the river to reach camp – the water is shallow at the ford and the bottom is solid and stony. Ride headquarters, with the check-in office, kitchen, bathrooms with flush toilets and showers, and a covered patio, is located in the NAN Ranch Lodge building.

The NAN Ranch Ride is sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference and operated under NATRC rules. Rulebooks are available online and are downloadable at [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) A Riders Manual is also available. The judges will give a 90 minute clinic with Q&A afterwards beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday April 1, (No foolin') This clinic is appropriate for anyone who has not ridden an NATRC ride before and is included at no cost. There is plenty of time to participate, as check-in will not start until 1:30 p.m.



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In addition to the NATRC Waiver and NM Waiver which must be signed, the NAN Ranch requires a signed waiver (included in this entry material ). NAN Ranch welcomes dogs but they must be on a leash or in your trailer.

NAN Ranch Ride is open to all breeds of horses and mules, registered or unregistered. Open Division equines must be 5 years of age or older. Novice and Competitive Pleasure equines must be not younger than 4 Years old. If unregistered, the veterinary judge will determine age by checking the teeth. Judge's decision is final. Competition begins from the time you present your equine for the Friday preliminary vet exam until awards are presented on Sunday afternoon.

All entries must use a saddle of their choice (No bareback pads) Headgear with reins and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship. No inhumane method of restraint is to be used. No protective gear, such as splint boots, can be used above the pastern. There are no shoeing restrictions. All types of hoof boots that provide sole protection are allowed. However, attached straps, gaiters, and keepers must not extend above the pastern. Hoof protection is recommended as you will encounter loose rock and and deep sand on portions of the trail.

Riders who abuse or drug their horses or engage in conduct unbecoming a competitive trail rider will be disqualified by the Ride Chair, or Trailmaster, or Judges, and asked to leave the Ride and dismissed from further consideration in judging. See Rule Book for prohibited substances.

During competition riders are required to care for their own mounts except in the following cases: **a.** attending to a sick horse, **b.** having a horse held during a rest break, **c.** handicapped riders needing assistance (permission at the judge's discretion). Other assistance in the care and grooming of mounts prohibited both in camp and on the trail.

Stallions must have a yellow ribbon attached to their tails at all times. Any equine known to be a "kicker" should have a red ribbon tied to its tail.

Equines must be tied to trailers at night with safety and comfort of the animals in mind. Stallions must be double tied with ropes going to different attachment points. Portable corrals are OK but must be anchored to trailers and not restrict judge's ability to check the stable set up.

Riders are responsible for providing all feed for their horses both in camp and on the trail. The use and choice of feed is at the discretion of the rider. No feed will be for sale in camp.

Helmets are recommended but not required for adults. Junior riders **MUST** wear an ASTM/SEI, Snell, or other approved equestrian helmet at all times while mounted.

There is no cell service in camp because of surrounding mountains. Cell service is available on most of the trail. Emergency service is being provided by HAM Radio Operators. **Emergency only** phone in camp is: 575-288-5368.

If you have not ridden an NATRC Ride before, remember to wear a watch that you can set to 12 when you time out each morning to keep track of your elapsed time and pace on the trail.

**This is not a race. Minimum and maximum ride times are established. Novice equines mostly walk with some trotting. Open equines will need to do a lot of extended trotting to finish within the times allotted.**

**JUNIOR RIDERS PLEASE NOTE, if you have ridden fewer than 4 Region 3 rides you can deduct 30.00 from your entry fee making it 115.00. Note on your Entry Form if this is Ride number 1, 2, or 3.**

Novices, or others that want to take advantage of the judge's free pre-competition clinic, should arrive by 9:30 a.m. Friday. Check – in at the Ride Office in the Lodge. The clinic will begin about 10 and be over about 11:30. Snacks will be provided. Please indicate on page 4 if you will be here for the Friday clinic so we can have enough snacks for everyone.

**OUT OF STATE HORSES NEED PROOF OF NEGATIVE COGGINS AND N.M. ENTRIES REMEMBER TO CARRY YOUR HORSE TRANSPORTATION PERMITS.**

Breakfast Saturday and Sunday, a catered BBQ Saturday night, and leftovers after the ride Sunday are covered in your entry fee. Friday meals are on your own.

If you are arriving after dark and need an early Saturday morning preliminary vet exam, please let us know in advance at the number or email on the bottom of page 4.

Two real bathrooms with three private, flush toilets each and three private showers each are available for our use in the Lodge. You must provide your own soap and towel for the showers.

If you would like to see the some of the NAN Ranch in advance go to:

<http://nanranch.com/index.html>

NAN Ranch history can also be found on Wikipedia.

**The Gila Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen looks forward to hosting you at the NAN Ranch Ride.**

# Nan Ranch Ride Entry Form

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## Sanctioned Ride NATRC – April 2-3, 2016 (60 Rider Limit)

Name of Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Bib # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Equine Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Equine \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Equines will be listed as Grade unless a **COPY** of their registration papers accompanies your entry.

Indicate Class and/or Weight	Novice Division	Competitive Pleasure Division	Open Division	TOTAL
Heavyweight (190 lbs and over) with tack	\$145 <input type="checkbox"/>		\$145 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Lightweight (100 lbs – 189 lbs) with tack	\$145 <input type="checkbox"/>		\$145 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Competitive Pleasure (No weight limit)		\$145 <input type="checkbox"/>		
Juniors Ages 10-17 (No weight limit)	\$115 <input type="checkbox"/>		\$115 <input type="checkbox"/>	
NATRC Non-Member Fee			\$20	
Refundable Bib Deposit				\$5.00
NonRider /Guest Saturday Dinner		Quantity:	@\$12 each	
Your Check & Signed Waivers <b>MUST</b> accompany your entry			<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	\$

Fee includes NATRC fees, drug testing fees, judges' fees, insurance fees, entrant's Breakfast Saturday & Sunday, Dinner Saturday, First Time Rider Clinic April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**POLICIES:** Entries must be received by March 25<sup>th</sup> 2016. No Post Entries. Refunds are NOT given for "No Shows". A cancellation notice **MUST** be given prior to Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> to qualify for a refund. A \$20.00 administrative fee will be subtracted from the refunded amount. **Signatures of rider, owner of horse (if different from rider), and both parents of Junior riders are required on all release of liability forms.** Complete entry form, sign release of liability forms, and include copy of equine registration papers if applicable. Make check payable to **Gila Chapter BCH** and mail to **Vicki Dowd 119 Cow Trail Arenas Valley, NM 88022.** YES  I will attend the FREE pre-ride clinic on Friday APRIL 1, AT 10:00 A.M.

Is this your first NATRC ride? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a NATRC member? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Is anyone accompanying you that will volunteer if needed?

Name & Email \_\_\_\_\_

victoriadchick@gmail.com  
 Questions? Email [victoriachick@gmail.com](mailto:victoriachick@gmail.com)  
 or call 760-533-1897 (no text messages please)

**Admin Use Only**

Payment Rec'd   
 Waivers Signed   
 # Meal tickets \_\_\_\_\_

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## LIABILITY WAIVER

### NEW MEXICO Article 13, §42-13-1 (1993)

I have noted the warning sign posted at the ride sign-in location and acknowledge the following:

I waive all liability of NATRC and its affiliates which arises from the "inherent risks" of an equine activity.

"Inherent risk of an equine activity" also means a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(a) Propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;

(b) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, person, or other animals;

(c) Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;

(d) A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;

(e) The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

Name of Rider/Participant (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Rider/Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) who consent to Junior Rider/participant working and/or riding in Competition. Signature of at least one parent or legal guardian is required while the signature of both parents or legal guardians is preferred.

Parent/Legal Guardian 1 (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian 2 (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Junior Rider/ Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Name of adult responsible for Junior \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of Equine, if different from rider (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the equine owner \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

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www.natrc.org, natrc@natrc.org



## RIDER LIABILITY WAIVER

The following must be signed and dated for entry to be valid:

"I WISH to enter and participate in the NAN RANCH RIDE Competitive Trail Ride, to be held at 1362 HIGHWAY 61, PAYUDD, NM on Ap. 1-2-3, 2016 (date)". I HAVE READ the rules, conditions, and regulations of the event and will comply with them. I AGREE to abide by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference and the aforementioned ride. I UNDERSTAND that competitive riding is a high risk activity, which involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and/or man made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; that personal belongings can be damaged, lost, or stolen, and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time.

I AGREE to assume all risks associated with my participation in this activity, and I accept full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. As a condition precedent to my being allowed to participate in this activity, I agree that I WILL NOT SUE OR BRING ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE, ITS DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS, RIDE MANAGEMENT, RIDE PERSONNEL, VOLUNTEERS, PROPERTY OWNERS WHERE EVENT TAKES PLACE, AND/OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS THEREOF, (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE RELEASED PARTIES") FOR ANY INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH AND/OR LOSS OF ANY KIND WHICH ARISES OUT OF THIS EVENT, AND WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR SUCH INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH OR LOSS, EVEN IF SUCH INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH AND/OR LOSS ARISES FROM THE ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS STATE'S EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING (IF APPLICABLE), A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY HORSE IS NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MEDICATION AND WILL NOT BE TREATED WITH OR GIVEN ANY MEDICATION PROHIBITED BY NATRC RULES. I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION TO THE NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE OR THEIR DULY APPOINTED AGENT, TO TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY TO CHECK FOR POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS TO MY HORSE."

Junior riders must wear an ASTM/SEI, Snell, or approved equestrian riding helmet at all times while mounted.

To the extent any dispute arises out of this agreement, the parties agree to submit said dispute to binding arbitration before a neutral arbitrator mutually selected by the parties, said arbitration to be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. All such arbitrations shall be held in the county or district where NATRC National headquarters are located. If the prevailing party, NATRC shall be allowed to recover all costs and expenses incurred, including attorney's fees and costs. "MY SIGNATURE BELOW CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION CLAUSE."

Name of Rider/Participant (print)	Signature of Rider/Participant	Date
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*Signature of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) who consent to Junior Rider/participant working and/or riding in Competition. Signature of at least one parent or legal guardian is required while the signature of both parents or legal guardians is preferred.*

Parent/Legal Guardian 1 (print)	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 1	Date
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Parent/Legal Guardian 2 (print)	Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian 2	Date
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Name of Junior Rider/ Participant	Birthdate
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Name of adult responsible for Junior	Phone
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Owner of Equine, if different from rider (print)	Signature of the equine owner	Phone
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NAN Ranch Waiver

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**USE AGREEMENT, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

Please read this document carefully before signing it. Part of it is an acknowledgment of risk, a release of liability and waiver of certain legal rights. By signing it, you will be giving up your right to sue for any property damage or personal injury (including death and disability) you or other members in your group suffer as a result of the negligence of the parties being released, or the acts or omissions of others.

A.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**

I hereby acknowledge, on behalf of myself, and my heirs, personal representatives and assigns, that the occupancy of accommodations at the Ranch, use of the Ranch or surrounding area, and/or engaging in activities at the Ranch or the surrounding area, exposes me (and members of my family or group) to a wide variety of risks, and potential for harm to property, health, and even life that I or others may not be exposed to in the normal course of everyday life in an urban or suburban setting. These risks include, but are not limited to, -long response times by law enforcement and emergency medical services; -lack of immediate access to medical care and state of the art medical care; -exposure to environmental factors such as high wind, dusts, smoke, sudden and extreme changes of weather, heavy rain, flood, lightning, sunburn, heat stroke, dehydration, hypothermia, wildfire, any of which could result in potential injury and death; -exposure to wild and potentially dangerous animals, including mammals (including bears, mountain lions, coyotes, and javelina), reptiles (including rattlesnakes), insects (including bees and wasps) and arachnids (including scorpions, black widow spiders and brown recluse spiders), the bites or stings, of which can cause serious injury or death to humans and animals, predatory birds (including owls and hawks); -exposure to rough roads, barbed wire fences and gates; -exposure to agricultural machinery, equipment, stored materials, chemicals, or devices that may not be secured and may be dangerous if handled; -exposure to rough terrain which could result in loss of balance and falls; -exposure to poisonous or prickly plants (such as poison ivy and cactus); -exposure to buildings and improvements that may not meet applicable codes; -exposure to livestock and horses (which may behave in an unpredictable and erratic fashion); -loss of bearings (sense of direction) such that you or others become "lost"; Any of these risks could result in loss of or damage to property, or personal injury (including disability or death). I assume the foregoing risks, and the risk of harm to myself and my children and our property that may result from exposure to such risks.

B.

**RELEASE**

**[READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING]**

In exchange for the Ranch allowing me, other members in my group (including family and children), to be present on the Ranch, I, on behalf of myself, and my heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, hereby release and discharge H&B Properties, Inc. and NAN Ranch Cattle Company, LLC, and each of their members, shareholders, owners, officers, directors, employees, agents, and independent contractors, and each of them, and their 2 respective heirs, successors, personal representatives and assigns (the "Released Parties") from any and all claims and liability for property loss or damage and personal injury (including disability and death) resulting from the negligence of the Released Parties (or any of them), or the acts or omissions of others, and agree not to sue (on behalf of myself or others) any of the Released Parties for any property loss or personal injury (including personal injury or death) suffered by me or others as a result of the negligence of any of the Released Parties, or the acts or omissions of others.

**C. WAIVER OF RIGHTS RE MEDIA**

I understand that the Ranch reserves the right to take photographic or video records of any or all of the activities conducted within its premises and I hereby agree that the H&B Properties, Inc. may use such records for promotional and/or commercial purposes without any remuneration to me. Presence at the Ranch constitutes my consent for this.

I hereby assign all right, title and interest I may have in or to any and all media in which my Name or likeness might be used by the H&B Properties, Inc.

D. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OCCUPANCY AND USE

The "Terms and Conditions Of Occupancy and Use" (the "Terms and Conditions") posted on or about the premises and available for review at [website address] are incorporated herein by reference. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read such Terms and Conditions, agree to abide by them, and agree that I will ensure that all minors with me abide by the them.

Guest's Signature

Print Name and sign \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by

Print Name and sign \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_