

President's Report

Fellow Members & Honored Guests.

April found us back in the saddle after having to cancel the March ride. What a beautiful ranch Pamo Valley Ranch is. Our ride committee dialed up the best weather we could ask for.

After we all had time to saddle up and socialize a bit it was time to head out. We had over twenty in the saddle when trail boss Steve Vaughn led us out. We rode up and out of the valley to our first water trough where some of us got to witness the agility of a 12-year-old. As quick as Trevor landed on the ground he bounced back up. Thanks to Chris Castillio for catching up his mount. After dusting off a bit the cowboy was back in the saddle.

The trail took us up and over some hills where we rode past some of the original ranch houses, then continued down into what was once a river bed, (dry now), to our bar break under the shade of cottonwoods and oaks. Adam was there with the bar trailer where he served up ice cold refreshment. After some relaxing it was time to mount back up and head back. The trail back followed the river bed and was a very nice, enjoyable ride.

Dinner (as always) was held under the trees in the much-needed shade. We had numerous members join us for dinner who were unable to make the ride and I just want to say Thank You for taking the time to support the club!! He prepared tri-tip, chicken and all the fixings, followed by dessert. Adam kept everyone hydrated with refreshments. To say it was relaxing is an understatement.

A huge thank you to Bobby Neal for the privilege of being able to ride on that ranch. I don't know of any other club that had this opportunity.

Thank you to Steve Vaughn (monthly ride chairman), Tim Dirkes, Bill Cuddeback, Chuck Gallant and Dennis Ince (ride committee). Their hard work is evidenced by the outcome of the ride.

Thank you also to Tuck Arnold for all the great photos, Rick White for stocking and hauling the bar trailer, Adam for his bartending skills and our chef Billy Butter (Dinner Bell Catering).

I want to say a special thank you to Chris Castillo. Luis Prez and Ted Van Arsdale had truck issues on Sunday morning and Chris was right there to pick them and their horses up, and get them to the ride on time.



Upcoming Events:

Upcoming Ride:

Tim Dirkes and Gordon Garewal have been hard at work putting the finishing touches on our Members Only Ride scheduled for May 12th to the 15th. You should be able to RSVP on the website shortly. If you won't make the whole ride, please let Tim Dirkes and/ or Gordon Garewal know how many days you plan to be there for. The itinerary is posted on the website and the looks of it you won't want to miss it.

Work Party:

A work party is scheduled for May 7th at 8:30 am. Weed whackers and hand tools are needed. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you all there.

Thank you to all of you who continue to support our club and help make it what it is.

Happy Trails Tom Laff





