

VISTA PALOMAR RIDERS NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2019

PRESIDENT'S LETTER BY RUSS FICHTELMAN

Our new year is now well under way, our club has lots of new improvements and fun filled events well into the planning stages as of now.

“**Downtown**” **Julie Brown** is heading up our new kitchen remodel committee and has some great improvements planned. **Alisa Martin** attended the last board meeting and has volunteered to head up an “Emergency Equine Plan” for VPR and I believe some of the surrounding areas to help the equine community in the event of emergencies. So, if we have any members that would like to help her out I’m sure she would be more than willing to accept it.

Our wonderful **Teri Ardito** has posted her dates for the club’s yearly **Obstacle Challenge** series. She has planned a date for a beginner clinic with **Christie Switzer** as the head clinician. as well as an advanced class the same day in the back (check with Teri as for the maximum attendance).

Cindy Rota is still accepting members and non-members as well on this year’s Ultimate Adventure to the legendary **V-6 Ranch** and all the 1800’s experience it has to offer! Those of you that have reservations with Cindy please bring your payments to our monthly potluck on the 20th of this month.

The Board approved 7 new members this month and that means we have 7 more great minds for ideas to make this year that much more successful! Welcome to the club. We still have a few open weekends for events, so we need some of the 150+ members to step up and help us plan some fun!!

Lastly there are some new Driving laws out that we as members need to know when pulling horse trailers. We have included a copy of the new rules in this newsletter, be sure to read it carefully.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Potluck on the 20th of this month at 6:30PM,

Russ

IMPORTANT DATES

Potluck

February 20

Social time 6:30 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Board Meeting

March 13 6:00 pm

V6 Ranch Campout

March 7-10

Obstacle Challenges

May 5

June 2

July 7

Cuyamaca Campout

July 11-15

Dressage Shows

May 24 - 26

September 1 & 29

October 13

Wagon Wheel 2019

October 18-20



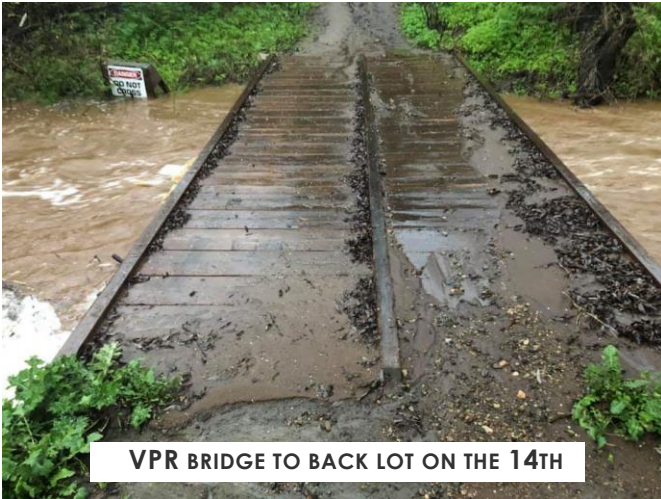
Please welcome our New Members:

Charmaine and Tim Davis

Carrie McGonigle, Dave Cave & Allison Cave (Youth)

Deon Paul

Cathleen Till



VPR BRIDGE TO BACK LOT ON THE 14TH



Later the 14th



Our Pepper tree didn't survive the wind and rain.

**VPR proudly presents
a V6 Ranch Member-Only Campout
on March 7 - 10, 2019**



**Arrival time is 1pm on Thursday 3/7
Checkout is 12pm on Sunday 3/10
Cost is \$550 with all meals included from
Dinner on Thursday to Breakfast on Sunday
Choose to trail ride with
a V6 Cowboy on their
20,000 acre working cattle ranch or
play with cows all day long.**

RSVP to Cindy Rota at
csrota@gmail.com for more information or
check out the website www.v6ranch.com

Here are the dates for the
2019 VPR Obstacle Challenge

Save these Dates: May 5th, June 2th and July 7th (Sundays)

Stay Tuned for Additional Information!!!



As well as the Challenges - we'd like to announce that on April 6th
VPR will be holding a beginners Obstacle Clinic for those of you that
have been waiting to get your feet wet. This is a fun event that has a purpose.
Learn how to maneuver obstacles that you might come upon while out on trail.

Price is reasonable - only \$35.00 (half day) 9:00 to 12:00 with
lunch and discussion to follow. Instructor: Christie Switzer

Contact: Teri teriardito@gmail.com

Lyn lynknits2@gmail.com



VISTA PALOMAR RIDERS 2019 DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

It's that time of year to renew your VPR Membership -
Your VPR Annual Membership Dues are due January 1, 2019 -
They will be late after January 31, 2019

If you pay after January 31st - add a \$10.00 Late Fee
Failure to pay dues within 2 months of dues date (March 1st)
shall result in termination of your membership.

Ex-members (dues paid after March 1st) may reapply for membership by
submitting a new member application which is subject to Board approval.

Dues will not be prorated and you will owe for the full year.

There is no access to the club or facility
while a non-member except for Public Events.

Eligibility for Director/Officer Position: Members shall have been a member
in good standing for the previous 12 full months
in order to run for a board position. (By-Laws pg.5)

Please don't let this happen.

GET YOUR DUES IN ON TIME!!!!

You can now pay your dues via Pay Pal

Go to the VPR Website then Go to "Members Only"

If you don't remember how to get into the "Members Only" link or need the passcode,
please contact Cindy Rota (760) 581-8536 or Lyn Lynch (760) 638-0252 and
they will walk you through the process.

Once @ Members Only - Go to Membership Renewal 2019

A chart of Dues amount will come up.

You will see the PayPal button click on the button
and follow the prompts.

	Check	PayPal
Social Membership	\$ 75.00	\$77.64
Individual Membership	\$110.00	\$113.87
Family Membership	\$165.00	\$170.81
Extended Family (adding a child)	\$ 50.00	\$ 51.76

If you'd would like to add grandchild, niece or nephew you may do so
by adding \$50.00 to your annual dues.

If paying by check, mail your dues to: P.O.Box 1145, Bonsall, CA 92003

Volunteer Opportunities

Alisa Martin has volunteered to chair an **Emergency Equine Plan** for our club. If you are interested in helping, please contact her directly. Her information can be found on the current Roster in the Members Only section of our website.

Your **VPR Board** is always looking for volunteers to Chair or assist with events. If you would like to suggest or help with an event, just let any Board member know. We will help you make it happen. vistapalomarriders@gmail.com



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Bulletin Board

Anyone having an area on their property that Letha & I would be able to park our 40 foot 5th wheel trailer to live in. Sold our Home & we decided to Travel. Still Looking at area to go live on.

Jim & Letha Lowery (760) 519-3770

Specialized Saddle for Sale



Trailmaster 15" seat
Tree: wide
Color: brown
Seat: Black, texture is suede
Seat Style: Trail seat
Cantle style: Cheyenne Roll
Fenders: Endurance style
Fender length: short (under 52)
Stirrups: leather covered endurance

3 years old. Paid \$2,238.

Asking \$1,000

Contact: Debbie Christensen

debbiechristense@earthlink.net

Specialized Saddles representative

Although I don't advertise or hound you at meetings, I have been a Specialized Saddles rep for many years. If you want to discuss features, accessories, or general considerations about these lightweight, strong, infinitely-adjustable, durable and good-looking saddles, I'll be glad to help. You might want to see my Specialized Saddle which now has over 13,000 miles on it!

Thanks!!

Bob McClendon 760-231-8530 macmgmtinc@aol.com

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INFORMATION BULLETIN



February 5, 2019

DRIVER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR TOWING HORSE OR STOCK TRAILERS

This Information Bulletin (IB) provides clarification regarding the operation of specified horse and stock trailers, and other vehicles which are subject to the requirement of holding a Class A commercial driver license (CDL) or a restricted Class A driver license (DL). Questions have arisen as to the applicability for a California licensed driver, who operates a vehicle when towing horse or stock trailers with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of more than 10,000 pounds, to meet the requirement of obtaining or holding a Class A CDL.

The following California Vehicle Code (CVC) sections classify DL and CDL requirements for California residents when towing horse or stock trailers in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR or GVW.

Class A CDL: Section 12804.9(b)(1)(A) CVC allows the operation of a combination of vehicles when the vehicle being towed has a GVWR or GVW of more than 10,000 pounds. Most horse, stock, and other trailers may be operated using this class of license.

Class A Restricted (noncommercial) DL: Section 12804.12(a) CVC allows the operation of combinations of vehicles with a *restricted* Class A DL, also known as a noncommercial Class A DL, when towing a **trailer coach** exceeding 10,000 pounds GVWR, and a **fifth-wheel travel trailer** exceeding 15,000 pounds GVWR, when the towing of the trailer is not for compensation (**not for-hire or commercial use**). This DL is **not applicable** to horse and stock trailers. Additionally, Section 12804.14(a) CVC allows the operation of combinations of vehicles with a *restricted* Class A DL when towing a livestock trailer exceeding 10,000 pounds, but **not exceeding 15,000 pounds** GVWR or GVW, if **all of the following conditions are met:** the vehicle is controlled and operated by a **farmer**; the vehicle is used to transport livestock **to or from a farm**; the vehicle is not used in the operations of a common or contract carrier (**not for-hire or commercial use**); and the vehicle is used **within 150 miles of the person's farm**. This DL is **not applicable for recreational use**.

Class C DL: Section 12804.9(b)(3)(F)(ii) CVC allows the operation of combinations of vehicles with an endorsement (shown as a restriction 41) when towing a **trailer coach** exceeding 10,000 pounds GVWR, and a **fifth-wheel travel trailer** not exceeding 15,000



pounds GVWR, when the towing of the trailer is not for compensation (**not for-hire or commercial use**). This endorsed (restricted) DL is **not applicable** to horse and stock trailers. Additionally, Section 12804.9(b)(3)(G) CVC allows the operation of vehicles, weighing less than 26,000 pounds in combination, by **farmers or ranchers**, including their employees, or instructors credentialed in agriculture as part of an instructional program **exclusively** in the conduct of **not for-hire agricultural** operations, with a Class C DL. This DL is **not applicable for recreational use**.

Operators of horse or stock trailer combinations with a trailer over 10,000 pounds GVWR or GVW used in a recreational capacity do not meet the provisions of Sections 12804.9(b)(3)(G), 12804.9(b)(3)(F)(ii), or 12804.14(a) CVC, and **will be required to hold a valid Class A CDL**. A restricted (noncommercial) Class A or Class C DL will not be sufficient.

The Department of Motor Vehicles considers a horse or stock trailer originally equipped with, or with the later addition of, a "living quarters" configuration as a property-carrying vehicle. The addition of "living quarters" does **not** permanently alter that vehicle for human habitation. A "living quarters" configuration is secondary and incidental to the primary function of a vehicle which is designed for transporting property, in this case -- animals. These **"living quarters"** trailers **do not qualify as a travel trailer for the purpose of driver's licensing requirements** or trailer registration.

Horse trailers and stock trailers are usually configured with a bumper pull or a gooseneck hitch, which utilize a ball-type connection and, therefore, are **not included** in the definition of a fifth-wheel travel trailer (Section 324 CVC). Conversions to a fifth-wheel type configuration may not alter these trailers to meet the design criteria for a "recreational vehicle" or a travel trailer under Section 18010 of the California Health and Safety Code. Therefore, using a restricted Class A DL to operate noncommercial "living quarters" horse or stock trailer combination vehicles, as provided by Section 12804.12(a) CVC, does not apply, even after a fifth-wheel conversion kit is fitted.

A trailer coach (Section 635 CVC) is **designed for human habitation or human occupancy for industrial, professional, or commercial purposes**, for carrying property on its own structure. These trailers are not considered recreational and require a Class A CDL when the GVWR or GVW exceeds 10,000 pounds.

Information widely available from Internet sources and, anecdotally, from out-of-state drivers, who are allowed to drive these specified combinations with "regular" noncommercial DLs issued by a state other than California, has resulted in confusion and misunderstanding. Nonresident drivers may be able to operate these combination vehicles legally under their home state and federal law. Federal law allows states to set their own standards for noncommercial DL requirements and exempts them from CDL requirements contained in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 383.

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The CFR allows individual states to regulate resident DL requirements more strictly than the federal requirements, at the state's discretion. **California has chosen to exercise this option for horse and stock trailers, as well as for recreational trailers.** In these cases, out-of-state drivers are allowed to operate certain vehicle combinations, weighing 26,000 pounds or less, in California with a noncommercial DL due to reciprocity agreements or DL compacts between states. In contrast, resident California DL holders are required to meet more stringent requirements under state statute.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has provided additional specific information related to the interstate operation of both commercial and nonbusiness transportation of horses on the FMCSA Web site. The FMCSA provides exceptions to certain federal regulations for nonbusiness use of these vehicle combinations; however, it should be noted that the information refers to interstate operations and the California Highway Patrol will enforce state CDL requirements for California residents regardless of operation in an interstate capacity.

Using these types of vehicle combinations for any commercial purpose, such as having sponsorship or other use for the furtherance of a commercial enterprise or business (with exceptions for **exclusive** agricultural use), or for use in a for-hire capacity, may cause these vehicles to be subject to commercial regulations at any time. It is imperative for enforcement officials to conduct thorough and comprehensive field interviews to determine the status of these carriers.

Additional questions involving medical exam certificates; specific vehicle configurations; scale or roadside inspection requirements; log books (hours-of-service and electronic logging devices); for-hire and private carrier information related to motor carrier of property permits; and display of California carrier assigned (CA) or Department of Transportation (DOT) numbers and company name or trademark may be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Questions regarding the contents of this IB should be directed to Commercial Vehicle Section, at (916) 843-3400.

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