



The

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RED ROCK HOUNDS OPENING WEEKEND

Here are details of Opening Weekend -

NO HUNTING Friday - Sept 26

Saturday, Sept 27 - **HANG ON TO YOUR SUITCASE NEW EVENT** - 9 am at Ross Creek RRH Inaugural Hunter Trial (Flyer to Follow) with a **VERY SERIOUS** tailgating competition

6 pm - Chef Elizabeth Barry hosts a benefit **FARM TO TABLE** dinner at South Creek Ranch, **BYOB** - all proceeds go to the **RRH FOUNDATION**

Sun - Sept 28 - Opening Day and Blessing of the Hounds 9 am at Ross Creek



PACIFIC DISTRICT JOINT MEET

COME PLAY WITH US!

The Pacific District Joint Meet, October 14-19, is going to be sooooo much fun! There will be five days of hunting all over our beautiful territory, old friends to visit with and new people to meet, the RRH Hunt Ball on Friday night, and the Cowboys and Campfire event at the ranch on Saturday night. There will be lots of ways to participate in the hunting – first, second, and leisure fields every day as well as car-following for those who choose to have the fun without the horse. We'll also need volunteers throughout the event to help in many ways. Here's how to get in on the fun: Visit RRH's website for event information including schedules and how to sign up for events. Please get your registration in before Sept 30 to avoid a late fee. If you'd like to be on the volunteer list email Robin Keith at rl-keith@sbcglobal.net.



RED ROCK HOUNDS FOUNDATION CREATION



Red Rock Hounds proudly announces the establishment of the RRH Foundation, our associated organization which is a 501c3. The mission statement of this club is:

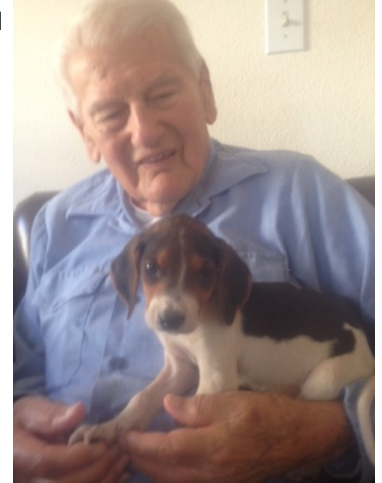
To establish ourselves as a community resource for people to interact with nature, animals, and the outdoors. The RRH Foundation preserves the art and science of mounted foxhunting, promotes conservation/ preservation of land and game, and helps with the maintenance of a viable pack of foxhounds in a fiscally responsible manner.



Puppies on Their Day Off contributed by Tamara Erickson



Tamara Erickson as a tribute to her late mother, continued her tradition of taking the puppies to a senior group home in Reno. Two of the "E" puppies Edie and Erickson visited a senior home in Lemmon Valley. The puppies found and gave love and affection to many seniors that held them in their arms with tenderness that only age can produce.



OLD FART HUNTING contributed by Paulette Schneider

Well, here I am about to start our 3rd season hunting the RRH "Old Farts", hounds that is. Several of our old hounds have been lucky enough to be adopted into homes to finish out their senior years on couches. Newton, Tammy and Trellis all have new homes and Lance will be moving to MT. They have all served us well and they deserve the best. Now I'll be looking to draft a few this fall so Lynn better keep the stragglers packed or they'll become part of my pack.



If you haven't taken the opportunity to hunt with my pack, I hope you'll take advantage this season. It's an excellent opportunity to take out your horses that are new to hunting or young horses that you're bringing along. But better yet, it's a great way to introduce a friend to our wonderful world of foxhunting. As members, we've all been tasked with adding to our membership this season. Hunting with my pack is an excellent opportunity for that introduction. The pace is slower, the distance is less, the hounds are much more biddable, the horses tend to be more relaxed and best of all, you can ride up close and see how our hounds do their job. I made a few converts last season and my field is growing each year.

I plan to start hunting my hounds in October and same as last year, we'll hunt on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, with the exception of conflicting RRH activities. I will reschedule so that we can still go out two Saturdays each month. However, if you have a special request, I will be glad to take them out for you. I will send out reminders in advance and like last season, our hunt breakfasts will all be "brown bag" in the club house.

I held a special FULL MOON HUNT on Monday, September 8. This took place of what should have been our 3rd annual full moon ride and campout that I usually host at Washoe Lake. We started out with a BBQ at the club house, followed by a great hunt. We put glowstick collars on the hounds so that we could see them in the sage. It was like watching fire flies dancing through the hillside. We even had the hounds hit on something to make it an exciting night for all the brave riders who came along. I plan to hunt on the next full moon, so get ready and get a glow stick to come along!

Tally Ho! Paulette, RRH Kennel Huntsman



Hounds wearing glow stick collars for the Full Moon Hunt. Thanks Georges Schneider for the photos.

PUPPIES ON PARADE contributed by Tamara Erickson

It's not uncommon to have puppies in the spring, but to have three litters born in early June certainly is! Staff scrambled to find shelter for all the pups and mothers. Whippersnaps were whispering nightmares about hunts of puppies running on everything and everywhere. The tack room bustled with conversations on training methods of so many pups.

Like so many things that could be tough to deal with, RRH grabbed the unique situation and made it a special time and event! After all who can resist the joy of so many puppies! On June 18, RRH celebrated it's first (not likely only) Puppies On Parade Party! Lynn and Angela's front lawn was turned into a puppy fest! C, D and E puppies wowed friends, neighbors, staff of St. Mary's, club member and friends. Challenges such as how to get the right litter back to mom, how to transport the puppies (Nancy and Bill's puppy limo was fantastic!) and providing signage to get strangers to the ranch were handled brilliantly by Tamara, Juan and volunteers. Thanks as well for all of the food brought for the party.

The results of the party were fantastic. As people played and loved on the pups conversations about names relating to favorite stories, friends and family began. All the puppies were named and some offered homes for retired hounds. A RRH neighbor and gifted photographer took photos of all the



new sponsors and their pups. In addition to raising money, the pups were ambassadors, laying the seeds of goodwill and inspiring people to learn about the sporting life we foxhunters love.

The party was about the puppies but also about their lives as foxhunters. Lynn and members gave a demonstration to show what the pups would become. Tours of the barn gave folks the opportunity to feed carrots to the horses. Children experienced the joy of touching the warm muzzles of the horses in the stable. A good day was had by all and we plan to do it again next year.

RRH on Parade at Virginia City



Red Rock Hounds was a crowd favorite again this year at the Virginia City 4th of July Parade. John Schafer pulled out the (almost) trusty Mark Twain Saloon truck to take all of the non-riders who wanted to come making the RRH presence over 40 people. The hounds made friends everywhere along the way and stopped with great pleasure at the houses that set out water for them. Amidst loving on new friends, they only liberated a few snacks with Nascar taking the prize with a huge rib from the BBQ restaurant. After the success of the event, an outstanding party and feast was hosted by John at his house after the parade.



Many thanks to Jennifer Langer for sharing her wonderful photos!



WHEN THE FUN STOPS contributed by Robin Keith with help from slightly drunk fox hunters sober and tolerant family

"In the beginning I horsed around because it was fun. It was magical the way fox hunting freed me from the worries, fear (well, maybe not the fear), and frustration of everyday living. When the problems began, I convinced myself that one more horse would solve everything. But one led to another, leaving me with the pain of lost time and money, and the shamelessness that comes with just one more horse." - Anon



The Hidden Illness

For most people, fox hunting is entertainment – a fun activity that can be enjoyed without harmful effects. But for some, it's not just a sport – it's a serious problem that continues, even after the fun is gone. Just as some people can become addicted to alcohol or drugs it is possible for a person to become obsessed with an uncontrollable urge to hunt.

This is problem hunting – an emotional illness that often remains hidden until the consequences of repeated hunting begin to affect the financial and emotional security of the hunter and the hunter's family. As the stress of these consequences increases, the problem hunter finds he/she must seek relief through even more hunting. The result is a progressive financial and emotional deterioration which can destroy both the hunter and his/her family.

Problem hunting can affect men and women of any age, race, or religion, regardless of financial or social status. Although financial status may not be an issue in the beginning, ultimately we all know that in the end fox hunters will be reduced to a low and level playing field, and it won't be pretty. It is not possible to predict who will develop a hunting problem, but once identified, the prob-

lem can be successfully treated.

The Warning Signs

Problem hunting is not easily detected. The person with a hunting problem often will go to great lengths to maintain a normal appearance and to cover up the consequences of his/her illness. Within the hunting community, problem hunters lurk everywhere. Look around you. Study those riding beside you. Very likely you are looking at a problem. Avoid mirrors.

Some of the indicators that a person may be suffering the debilitating consequences of foxhuntingitis include:

- Preferring the smell of a horse to any other aroma.
- Happily, joyously, and irresponsibly stealing time from work, school, or family.
- Repeatedly trying, and utterly failing, to stop or control the purchase of hunting horses, clothes and tack. Borrowing money to pay for all that stuff and then hunting to escape the worry and trouble associated with debt.
- Constructing elaborate and devious speeches to one's partner or spouse that actually contain a hint another horse has been or will be purchased, without actually saying so, and then later saying "Oh honey, I told you about that last month. Don't you remember?"
- Lying about the amount of time and money spent on hunting. Selling or pawning personal possessions and/or relatives in order to get money to hunt.
- Neglecting the care of one's self or family in order to ride, or, more bluntly put, preferring the company of horses and horse people to the company of one's family. For example, getting drunk on the clubhouse porch while your very own Mother was neglected, Amy.
- Spending whatever non-hunting time is

left thinking about hunting.

- Experiencing feelings of withdrawal such as the shakes and hallucinations when deprived of hunting. Or maybe those are just DTs and can be ignored.
- Firmly holding a psychotic belief that just one more horse will solve all your problems.

Help Is Available

If you or someone you know is experiencing fear, frustration, or anger due to foxhunting-itis,

YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

By reaching out to those who understand, you can find the help you need – without fear of judgment or further pain. The FOX HUNTERS HELPLINE is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer your questions and offer confidential assistance. Caring and knowledgeable counselors will provide support for both the hunter and those affected by the hunter's problem(s). The helpline is staffed by qualified professionals such as Jim Beam, Jose Cuervo, somebody named Jameson, and somebody else named Benefactoroh, no, it's not Benefactor, it's Patron.

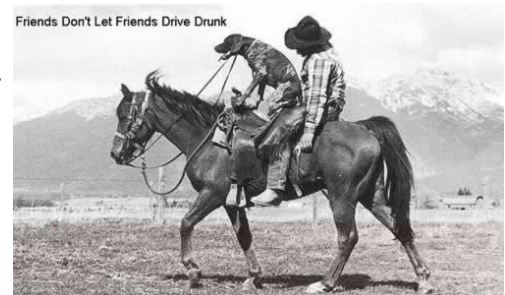
Just pick up the phone and dial

1-800-IMA-MESS

It's that simple.

When the fun stops, help is just a flask away.

Red Rock Council on Problem Hunting



Bits 'n Pieces

- HUGE thank you to Suzie and John Kirch for all they do for the hunt. Especially to Suzie for running the Rioteer with panache for the last couple years. Also, a fun "Then and Now" photo of John from his military days.
- Cottonwood Hunting proved that weather in Nevada is never a given and snowed on the crew in May. Roger Merriam shows off the snow and sunglasses look necessary to the ever changing weather.
- RRH is applying for an MFHA conservation grant. Please contact Angela if you would like to help with the grant writing.
- Thanks to the great group that helped with the Hound Washing project before the Virginia City 4th of July Parade
- Red Rock had a great summer show including the two hunter derby rounds.
- Lynn also taught a great Adult Summer Camp session with jumping and riding twice a day for a week.





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**SUMMER MIGHT
BE ENDIN', BUT
THAT JUST MEANS
HUNTIN' SEASON
IS COMIN'.**

NASCAR — Forward Recon & Social Ambassador

My name is Nascar! When in doubt look for the hound in front, that's me. I am easily identified by friendly disposition and ranging style. Virginia City's 4th of July Parade is one of my favorite opportunities to be a social ambassador for Red Rock Hounds. We got to meet and greet all the wonderful people on the route stopping especially at the houses that put out water for us. This year I made a point of visiting each and every bar and restaurant along the parade route to make sure that everyone knew the Red Rock Hounds were out in full force. A lovely side benefit of the visiting was some great tidbits of food. Including my favorite, the tasty rib that I managed to sneak, er um, finagle out of the BBQ restaurant. See you hunting!



New Column Next Time — For Sale

Next time in the Rioteer we will be adding a FOR SALE Column. The items listed will only be hunt or horse related. Please submit all For Sale items to Elizabeth Kelly at lizkelley515@gmail.com.

Writing for the Rioteer

The Rioteer welcomes articles from members and supporters of the hunt! A few guidelines for submitting:

- 1) Keep it short! Articles should be no more than 150-200 words (and even then, we may have to edit to fit.)
- 2) Pictures are worth 1,000 words – it's true! We'd like 2-3 pictures submitted with articles if possible.
- 3) Hit the highlights and mention names – everyone enjoys a little who's who.
- 4) **Just do it!** If you're asked to write an article about a specific event, do it ASAP—it's fresher in your mind and there's no chance to procrastinate.
- 5) If you don't want to write the article yourself, simply send us the main points. We'll draft something and check back with you to 'flesh out' the article.
- 6) We have deadlines: we try to have each newsletter in final form 15 days prior to the end of the quarter, i.e. March 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Dec. 15. After that, there's still final proofing and printing before it can be addressed and mailed, so you don't want to hold things up!