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Mark These 2020 Dates!

We only have a few Hope Ranch sponsored events a year, so you should think about attending all of them.

Here they are...

1. Wednesday, February 19, Annual Membership Meeting and Election Counting, Vieja Valley School. Refreshments start at 6
2. Beach Family Campout and Pancake Breakfast Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11
3. Beach Festival, Labor Day Sunday, September

Board of Directors Election

By the time of this reading all Hope Ranch Members will have received by first class mail at their declared place of mailing everything needed to vote anonymously for 4 directors seats coming up in 2020. Nominations were closed at the end of the day on January 1, 2020. We have six candidates running for four open positions. The candidates are, in alphabetical order last name:

Melissa Brooks
Karen Gellert
Wendy Gronsky
Susan McMillan (incumbent)
Russell Werner
David Zimmerman

The Ballots will be opened and counted at the Annual Meeting at Vieja Valley School by the League of Women Voters starting at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served at this time as well, and any Member of Hope Ranch may witness the counting and tabulation of the votes. The results will be announced later in the meeting. The four candidates receiving the most votes will serve on the Board for a two-year term. The Annual Meeting is a Membership meeting run by the board. The meeting will cover, at minimum, the following topics:

1. Accessory dwelling unit legislation and new rule discussion
2. Proposed view rules being considered
3. Brief review of the 2020 Budget and reserves
4. Open session for other topics of interest

Ramblings

New Year, 2020

We hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting February 19 at Vieja Valley School starting at 6 p.m.

Cave Fire provides good test run for new PhosChek equipment:

Most of you who were in town on Monday, November 25th will not soon forget the horror that began unfolding on the hills above Santa Barbara late in the afternoon and early evening. I started dinner at home at 5:30 feeling pretty confident that the small fire that started around 4 p.m. at the top of the range near Camino Cielo would not make its way very far down the grade before being contained. A half hour later I walked out on my driveway where I have a view of the mountains and could not believe how the flames had grown and progressed towards the City and towards Hope Ranch so quickly. When staff first noticed the fire near the end of the work day, Sergio began staging material and equipment that he would need, if necessary, to prepare our new PhosChek machine for dispersal of preventative fire retardant along East Vieja. Seeing the shocking progress of the fire, I contacted Sergio to confirm that we needed to go live with the PhosChek preparations that he had begun earlier. Fortunately Sergio was already filling the machine and had called four of his 5-man crew back to work to manage the machine and PhosChek mixing as quickly as possible. While the crew had trained twice on the machine (a number of Members observed the first test), the Cave Fire was the first real life event that we were confronted with. Things went very well with the mobilization, I feel—though we learned a few tips for next time. Sergio got the tank loaded onto the flatbed and filled the reservoir in about 40 minutes. At the same time, patrolman Frank Mendez and I notified, door to door, those handful of Hope Ranch Members living along E. Vieja road that clear PhosChek was going to be sprayed on the flammable fire fuel (trees, brush, and ground debris) on the north side of the dirt road E. Vieja. Because the flames had reached the "Bridge To Nowhere" that crosses 154 just a half mile north of the 101, the E. Vieja Members, some preparing to evacuate, were happy to hear the news.

The PhosChek fire pump with 200 feet of hose worked well with one crew member driving the truck carrying the machine, one managing the paying out of the fire hose off the spool, Sergio spraying product, and the patrol car advancing just behind the truck, shining headlights on the area that was being sprayed. Within about an hour all the lower Eucalyptus branches and ground fuel along the target area was adequately sprayed, proof being that several families of raccoons and a number of palm tree rats decided it was time to migrate to a better neighborhood. For the rest of the evening, until 4 a.m. Tuesday, Frank remained on ember watch on E. Vieja, for the purpose of notifying County Fire in the event a hot ember found dry fuel. The next day everything was rapidly changing for the better, and then the rains came. In the end, the Cave Fire should bode well for Hope Ranch as it eliminated a lot of fire fuel and created a huge fire break, all with little structural damage and no injuries. Which reminds me...

Fire insurance policies changing in California. It's a good season to establish defensible space around your home. We can help!

Due to the increased incidences of fire in California, some Hope Ranch residence are having their fire insurance cancelled, or they are receiving notices demanding that they clear fire fuel from their properties (the latter of which is good news). To help reduce fire fuel, this year we began partnering with a defensible space consultant and contractor, *Firesafe Solutions*, who has worked well and affordably with Hope Ranch in the past and has contracted with us to meet personally with Hope Ranch members seeking defensible space advice and/or clearing. Because the consultant is a fire mitigation contractor, he will provide specific defensible space suggestions to mitigate fire hazards on any Hope Ranch property. He will also, upon request by the property owner, provide a bid for doing the clearing work to Santa Barbara County defensible space compliance standards. All consultations will be provided free of charge. After these consultations, Ranch Members can use their own landscaper or contractor to bring their property into compliance, or they can accept the bid provided by Firesafe.

We ask all Hope Ranch Members to take proactive measures and minimize the fire fuels on their property. For help, contact Marc Russo of

Firesafe Solutions at 805-689-3430 to arrange a no-charge Defensible Space consultation of your property.

Beware...gopher poison can kill your pets:

Recently a new Member had the tragic experience of losing two pet dogs after they ingested gopher poison that was used by the property landscape worker. Dogs can smell rodent bait and can dig it up! If you suspect that your dog may have eaten rat or other poisons, call Pet Poison Helpline at 855-764-7661. If you have questions on ways to eliminate the use of Rodenticides, contact Ruth Birdt at ruthbirdt@gmail.com

Experimental Gopher Control:

Hope Ranch does not use rodenticides to manage gophers, but we do use physical traps. We recently heard of a machine called Gopher Heaven that kills gophers without poison and does so underground. We are not sure if the machine can be used on a large scale, but it might be very useful for homeowners. We will keep you posted as to how successful it is.

Use of Roundup to be discussed at the January 29 open Board meeting:

We recently emailed to all Members with email a report on the limited use of Roundup on select Hope Ranch common areas, and an explanation of some of the financial and labor challenges presented by the continued shift from chemical to mechanical and hand weed methods for controlling weeds. The high points of that distribution are as follows:

Hope Ranch is committed to good stewardship of the environment, and has established OSHA compliant procedures for the safe handling and application of Roundup.

According to 2019 EPA studies, Roundup used responsibly is safe for weed control.

Hope Ranch crews apply Roundup almost exclusively to the non-bridle trail sides of our private roadways, difficult to access areas, or areas that hold poison oak.

We have not used any Roundup since late April. Last year we used only about 12 gallons of concentrate. This is down from about 70 gallons six years ago and about 30 gallons three years ago.

Local schools, the city of Santa Barbara, the airport, La Cumbre Country Club, and most Hope Ranch

the weed season in areas less likely to be visited by humans and animals.

Alternative Glyphosate-free herbicides will continue to be tested.

The weed season is approaching, and Members are reminded that the economic and cosmetic realities of using less Roundup, or using none at all, need to be met head on, so that the possibility of less than desired results is not attributed to poor staff performance. To address this urgency, the issue will be discussed at the January 29, 2020 Board meeting. At this time we are asking for references to proven alternative products that can be used frequently and that present a systemic control of weeds.

Reckless Drivers: Most people don't know that you can call 911 when you observe a DUI suspect or when you witness reckless driving or racing in Hope Ranch and elsewhere. Another strategy...drive the speed limit and don't yield to pressure to speed

Drain maintenance policy: Hope Ranch crews maintain natural and historic or road drainage on Hope Ranch. We do not maintain drainage pipes that were installed in the middle of properties, as such drainage was installed by property owners to improve their properties or to allow structure development.

ABR Items—(more than average due to bi monthly newsletter and heavy ABR demand)

CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

4441 VIA ESPERANZA GARAGE CONVERSION, NEW GARAGE & SHOP

4475 VIA ABRIGADA REMODEL, ADDITION & LANDSCAPE WALL

4055 CUERVO AVE REMODEL

4520 VIA VISTOSA REMODEL & ADDITION

524 VIA SINUOSA REMODEL

1170 ESTRELLA DRIVE NEW STRUCTURE, STORAGE AND OFFICE

4545 VIA VISTOSA REMODEL, ADDITION & GUEST HOUSE

PRELIMINARY REVIEW

4477 VIA ALEGRE REMODEL, ADDITION, GUEST HOUSE & POOL

4000 VIA DICHOSA REMODEL & ADDITION

FINAL REVIEW

4345 VIA GLORIETA NEW GUEST HOUSE

4677 VIA ROBLADA 5 NEW STRUCTURES, ENTRY GATE & DRIVEWAY

3990 CUERVO AVE. NEW RESIDENCE

4219 CRESTA AVE REMODEL & ADDITION

652 VIA TREPADORA NEW RESIDENCE

4066 VIA LAGUNA NEW RESIDENCE

4184 CRESTA AVE. REMODEL & ADDITION

4182 CRESTA AVE. NEW GARAGE & MASTER SUITE

4642 VIA ROBLADA ADDITION, REMODEL & GUEST HOUSE

1124 ESTRELLA DRIVE REMODEL & ADDITION

691 VIA TREPADORA NEW RESIDENCE

767 LAS PALMAS DR. REMODEL & NEW RESIDENCE

4167 CRESTA AVE. REMODEL, POOL, GUEST HOUSE, ETC.

4640 VIA BENDITA NEW RESIDENCE

4170 LA LADERA ROAD POOL, POOL CABANA, TRELLISES & LANDSCAPE

4606 VIA CAYENTE REMODEL & ADDITION

4090 CUERVO AVE. POOL, POOL CABANA & POOL EQUIPMENT

4653 VIA ROBLADA NEW GARAGE, BARN, TENNIS COURT & NEW STRUCTURES

4145 CRECIENTE DRIVE EXTERIOR CHANGES, HARDSCAPE, PLAY AREA & LANDSCAPING

4517 VEIJA DRIVE NEW GARAGE & GUEST HOUSE

4131 CRESTA AVE. REMODEL & REPAIR

4565 VIA HUERTO ADDITION

4403 VIA ABRIGADA NEW WALL, ENTRY GATES & LANDSCAPING

4171 MARIPOSA DRIVE REMODEL, ADDITION, POOL & LANDSCAPING

4444 VIA BENDITA REMODEL, ADDITION, LANDSCAPE & SPORT COURT

4566 VIA HUERTO 4 NEW WATER TANKS

4654 VIA BENDITA HORSE TRAINING AREA

1117 LAS PALMAS DRIVE REMODEL, ADDITION, STUCCO, ROOF

VARIANCES

4116 CRECIENTE DR. NEW SPA

Closing Jokes that, while not very funny, survive because they offend few

Why are so many people looking forward to the year 2021? Because hindsight is 2020.

PATROL REPORT (New Year 2020)

Not all log entries are included

Some entries are edited for brevity or "to protect the innocent"

Not all readers are emotionally prepared to read the Patrol Report

August 14 4:46PM – Patrol received a report of a homeless man with a backpack walking on Marina towards Roble Dr. Patrol monitored the male's progress as he left the Ranch.

August 15 5:30PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Las Palmas who reported an injured duck that was unable to stand on its own. Patrol secured the duck in a box and coordinated with the SB Wildlife Care Network to drop it off at their facility. SBWCN # is 805-681-1080

August 17 9:40AM – Patrol noticed an unapproved Saturday construction project along the 700-blk. of Via Tranquila. Patrol issued a construction violation notice and the work stopped. Patrol forwarded a report to the Ranch bldg. admin. and Ranch GM for further review.

August 24 4:05PM – Patrol received a call from Mariposa Dr. reporting that a female driving a Mercedes pulled up to her mailbox and now the Resident was missing mail. The Resident also contacted the Sheriff's department who ran the plate # on the vehicle. The vehicle had left the area and after a further check by the Resident, he determined his mail was not missing. The vehicle was not seen again.

August 26 1:30PM – While on routine patrol, patrol noticed 4 males soliciting work for a local construction company at a Residence on Vieja Dr. Patrol contacted the group and advised them of the No-Soliciting rule. The group was unaware of the rule.

August 27 11:40AM – While monitoring the Sheriff's radio frequency, patrol heard a medical call at HR beach for a possible stabbing victim. Patrol opened the beach gates for emergency responders and noted the beach was quiet and no one in distress was observed. The victim updated the Sheriff's by clarifying via phone that he realized he had not been stabbed but rather stung by a sting ray in approximately 3 feet of water. The victim said he was bleeding and could not walk. The victim's cell phone was traced to an area along the beach to the east and well beyond the HR beach area. Sheriff's deputies and AMR ambulance personnel walked the beach in search for the victim, who when contacted declined medical assistance and now wanted to be left alone. A county fire engine and additional deputies had also responded to the scene and were staged at the beach turnaround. Emergency personnel cleared the scene.

August 29 10:43AM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on the 4000-blk. of Lago who reported a vehicle parked in an unsafe location. Patrol learned that the occupant was a Census Bureau employee. The vehicle was moved to a safer location and Patrol followed up with the Resident.

August 30 7:00PM – Patrol found paint-related items on the road along the Via Esperanza. Patrol picked an empty paint can, an empty bucket, trash and some chalking paste. The items were properly disposed of.

August 31 2:14PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on the 1400-blk. of Estrella who reported an alarm activation on her property from what was believed to be an unlatched back patio door. The Resident advised patrol that the daughter may have left the door unlocked. At the request of the Resident, patrol checked the property and found the motioned unlocked door standing open. No additional activations (interior sensors) were activated, which would have signaled any entry into the home. Patrol was able to secure the door without incident. No activity was observed on any of the cameras located on the property.

September 1 5:20PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on the 4600-blk. of Via Bendita who reported an elderly male with a straw hat on the Resident's driveway carrying a laptop. The male was contacted and found to be a Census Bureau employee working in the Ranch.

September 2 7:03AM – While on routine patrol, patrol noticed a transient sleeping at the map area along Las Palmas Dr. Patrol contacted the male and advised him that he was on private property owned by the association. The male quickly gathered his belongings and left the Ranch on Las Palmas Dr.

September 2 11:00AM – Patrol received a call from an alarm co. who reported a smoke alarm activation at a residence on the 4200-blk. of Cresta. The county fire dept. was responding as well. Patrol checked and found no sign(s) of smoke and/or fire. No further assistance was needed.

September 4 11:02AM – Patrol received a call reporting someone filming on Las Palmas. Patrol responded and located a dark SUV parked along the 500-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. Patrol contacted 2 males who had out a tripod and a large video camera. Patrol learned the males were from Inside Edition and were in the area doing a story on a recent boat fire and to do a quick segment on another story. The males left a few minutes later.

September 5 12:40PM – Patrol noticed an older grey ford parked along the side of the road on the 1100-blk. of Las Palmas Dr. with a lone male laying back in the front seat who appeared to either be asleep or passed out. Patrol pulled up to make sure he was okay and while doing so, the male quickly sat up as did a female who was laying over his lap. The couple were embarrassed, apologized and the left soon after.

September 7 7:45PM – Patrol received a call from an anonymous Resident on Vieja Dr. who reported a tree down on Via Tranquila and Via Presada. Patrol and CHP moved the tree branch and cleared the road.

September 7 10:35PM – While on routine patrol on the 4500-blk. of Via Esperanza, patrol found a large tree down and blocking the entire roadway. Patrol used traffic triangles, barricades and caution tape to mark the tree. The Hope Ranch maintenance dept. was summoned from off duty to clear the tree.

September 8 1:57PM – While on routine patrol on Marina and Creciente, patrol noticed a male with a hoodie and jeans standing on the corner talking on his cell phone. Patrol monitored the male's activity and then made contact to see if the male needed any assistance. The male advised that he is a long-time employee at a residence on Creciente (info was verified) and was waiting for a friend to pick him up as he had hurt his back. The male said he had slipped on a log. Patrol asked the male if he needed an ambulance, but he declined. No further assistance was needed.

September 10 6:50PM – While on patrol on the 4100-blk. of Marina Dr., patrol came across a 2-vehicle traffic collision. Patrol noted an orange dune buggy was on the eastbound lane and a white Subaru STI sedan had ran off the road facing westbound. Patrol checked in with the involved parties, a Ranch Resident (driver of the buggy) and a 19-yr. old non-Ranch Goleta Resident (driver of the Subaru), and both advised they were driving alone and did not have any injuries. CHP had been contacted. Patrol conducted traffic control as on lane was being blocked. The teenager advised patrol that prior to the collision, directly behind the buggy, he pulled to the side as several motorcycles were passing by both vehicles. The teenager said that his phone slid down from his lap and when reaching for it, he looked up and it was then he struck the buggy, colliding with the front-left corner and causing the tire/wheel to come completely off. The buggy's fender was also damaged. As a result, the Subaru sustained major front-end damage and possible undercarriage damage. CHP handled the collision investigation and both vehicles were towed with flatbed tow trucks and the road was re-opened.

September 13 7:20PM – Patrol received an anonymous call reporting that a Toyota Prius broke the beach gate arm when gaining access into the beach. Patrol responded and located the mentioned vehicle at the beach parking lot. The Toyota had some scratches/marks and white paint transfers along the roofline on the driver's side. Patrol heard the male driver of the Toyota make a comment to some of his friends that "I'm not paying for (expletive) – S word" as he drove away. Patrol followed up and checked the beach card activity report and video footage from the gate cameras and was able to trace the activity to a Hope Ranch Member. It was discovered that the Toyota (a guest vehicle) had tailgated in behind the Member's vehicle when gaining access into the beach with one beach card. The gate arm came down on the Toyota, causing the reported damage. Patrol forwarded a report to the Ranch GM for further review and compensation for the gate arm repair.

September 18 7:00PM – While on routine patrol of the 4500-blk. of Via Esperanza, patrol found several credit cards, documents and a wallet scattered on the roadway. Patrol noticed the ID inside the wallet belonged to a nearby Resident. Patrol contacted the Resident and the wallet and items were returned to him.

September 20 12:30PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on Marina who reported that his son's package that was delivered the day before was not located. The Resident suspected the package has been stolen. The Resident said that his son had seen a female walking across the street when he was leaving the property. There were no witness(es) to the suspected theft. Patrol suggested for the Resident to invest in a camera system, and that the office could provide recommended systems and installation contractors.

September 23 9:12PM – Patrol assisted the Sheriff's department by checking the school play field on Las Palmas as a passing aircraft advised the SB airport tower that a laser pointer came from that area. Patrol

checked the area and was soon cancelled as the location of the laser pointer was further south (not in the Ranch). The SB airport tower had received a similar call earlier in the evening.

September 25 10:00PM – While conducting HR beach, patrol was contacted by a male backpacker who was walking west on the beach. The male asked for directions to Goleta and also asked for some water. Patrol allowed him to get water from the water fountain nearby and soon departed towards Goleta along the beach. The male was not seen again.

October 15 8:24PM – Patrol received a request by the Sheriff's department to assist with a domestic dispute call on Mariposa. Patrol responded to the scene and the call developed into a major family tragedy – a homicide. Patrol assisted the Sheriff's with family contact info as the case was developing. Multiple deputies and other officials responded to the scene, which then involved an officer-involved shooting situation as the suspect (a family member of the homicide victim), was located on the property by deputies checking the perimeter of the house. A local news media camera crew captured gunshots that rang out and the residence was a crime scene that was covered by various camera crews the following day. *Note: The Sheriff's department issued a reverse 911 to the area and patrol notified the Ranch GM who then made the Ranch Board Membership of the situation. The above-mentioned incident was contained to the above location.*

October 17 10:40PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on the 500-blk. of Via Sinuosa who reported that all the unlocked mailboxes (approx. 5-6), were found open in the morning and some junk mail was found scattered on the ground. In addition, some Amazon boxes were missing. The Resident wanted to make patrol aware of the reported mail theft. Patrol checked to see if any camera(s) cover the mentioned area, but the Resident said there were none in that area. Patrol recommended installation of cameras.

October 21 11:25AM – Patrol received a call from the Ranch GM about a delivery truck involved in an accident at a private residence on the 4600-blk. of Via Vistosa. Patrol responded and noted a small delivery cargo truck that had apparently stuck a branch from a tree on the property. No injuries were reported, and a manager of the delivery business responded to the scene. Patrol took a few photos for documentation purposes and advised the Resident that he would have to handle the issue with the delivery business.

October 21 8:15PM – Patrol met with the Ranch maintenance supervisor to pick up a found cell phone that a Ranch employee found at HR beach. The phone was in a brown leather case that also had a driver's license and a gold credit card. The license was a teenager who lived on Calle Real just outside the Ranch. Patrol contacted the teenager via telephone, and he drove to the Ranch to pick up his property. The teenager had been a visitor at HR beach earlier that day.

October 22 10:05PM – While on routine patrol along Roble Dr., patrol came across a male with a backpack riding his skateboard in the dark. Patrol contacted the male and learned he lives in Goleta and was navigating via his cell phone. Patrol provided the male transportation to the Hollister @ Nogal to prevent the male from riding his skateboard through the Ranch in the dark.

October 22 10:23PM – While on routine patrol of the 1500-blk. of Cantera, patrol noticed a red w/ black top Audi convertible parked along the edge of the road, directly in front of a posted "private road" sign. Patrol illuminated the Audi, which initially looked unoccupied but then noticed a shirtless young male (late teens) appear from the rear seat area. Patrol then realized the male as accompanied by a female who was laying down in the back seat. Patrol asked the couple to get dressed. Patrol learned the male was 17 years old (initially said he was 18 yrs. old) and the female was 18 yrs. old. Both teens were non-Ranch Residents and had no legal business in the Ranch. Since the male was a juvenile, patrol spoke to his mother to explain the contact. Patrol advised the teens that they could not return to the Ranch unless they had legitimate business, or they would be trespassing. The teens left the Ranch without incident.

October 23 09:17AM – While on routine patrol on Via Tranquila, patrol noticed a county fire engine entering the Ranch w/ emergency lights activated. Patrol checked active calls in the areas and noted the fire dept. was responding to the 1500-blk. of Roble for a report of "wires down". Patrol alerted the Ranch GM and maintenance supervisor who also responded to the scene. No sign(s) of fire and/or smoke was observed. It was learned that a tree had split and came down on some wires. No further assistance was needed, and employees cleared from the scene.

October 26 9:32AM – Saturday. Patrol received a call from a Resident who reported demolition work going on at a construction site on the 4100-blk. of Mariposa Dr. Patrol checked and found 3 workers at the site using a backhoe to load broken up concrete into a dumpster. The work was stopped, and patrol issued a construction violation notice for the Saturday construction being done without prior authorization. Patrol forwarded a report to the HR bldg. admin. and the Ranch GM for further review.

October 26 11:59AM – Patrol noticed a county fire engine making its way down to the HR beach turnaround, where an AMR ambulance was parked. Patrol learned that emergency personnel were responding to More Mesa beach for a patient that had been stung by a stingray. The fire department also deployed an ATV, which was used to transport the patient the Ambulance. The patient was transported to the hospital.

November 02 10:36AM – Patrol received a call about a homeless person with no shirt laying down by the tennis courts on Las Palmas. Patrol checked the courts and located a male laying down on a blanket that was spread out on the school field by the newer tennis courts. Patrol advised the male he was on private property (a private school) and he would have to leave as he was trespassing. The male was polite and cooperative and left without incident. The male, a Kansas native, was last seen exiting out the Ranch on Las Palmas.

November 03 5:12PM – Patrol received a call from a Resident on the 600-blk. of Via Trepadora who reported that a couple of males in a blue Kia (or similar hatchback) were about to take some planters from an empty lot and they did not take anything when the Resident, a neighbor, told them the planters were not for the taking. The Resident passed on a partial plate # to patrol. Patrol responded to the area, but the vehicle was gone.

Note: Update and ultimate arrest – see entry on 11/05 @ 11:36 pm.

November 05 5:12PM – While on patrol of Las Palmas and Las Olas, patrol came across a motorcycle that was down along the northbound Las Palmas Dr. On scene were 2 males in motorcycle riding attire. Patrol learned the collision was a hit & run incident. Patrol also requested for CHP to also respond to the scene. Patrol conducted traffic control at the scene and contacted the rider who advised he was fine and declined medical attention. The rider said he had been struck head-on by a white SUV that had been traveling on Las Palmas Dr. and crossed into his lane. The SUV continued south on Las Palmas. Due to the mentioned collision, patrol requested for an ambulance to respond as a precautionary measure. Patrol learned the SUV was a friend of the motorcycle rider and when asked to go back to the scene by another rider, SUV driver chose not to and fled. Several CHP units responded to the scene and the SUV was located just outside the Ranch with a flat tire. The driver of the SUV was not located at the scene, but CHP would follow up at his Residence. The rider at the scene had visible road rash on his left knee, which was also swollen. The rider declined medical attention and was transported by private vehicle from the scene. The motorcycle was loaded up to the bed a friend's truck. CHP handled the hit & run investigation.

November 05 11:36PM – While parking at the office for the evening, patrol noticed a vehicle stop at a vacant lot on the 600-blk. of Via Trepadora. Patrol drove out to investigate further. *Note: On 11/03, patrol had received a call about a blue Kia (partial plate) on Via Trepadora and males trying to take a planter.* This evening, patrol came across a grey Kia SUV parked along the edge of the vacant lot. Inside were 2 males in the front seats. Patrol contacted the Sheriff's department to investigate further. Patrol made a contact on foot and the driver, a 54-yr. old non-Ranch Resident (an Uber driver) said they were there with intention to take the planter. The male said that a female (believed to be a neighbor) had advised them that it was okay to take the planter. However, the passenger in the Kia, a 64-year-old non-Ranch Resident, said that another person had advised them not to take the planter. Patrol noticed a rope had been tied to the tailgate latch and stretched out to a makeshift sled that appeared to be a black container lid. The plan was to drag out the planter. The 54-year-old said he noticed the planter when driving for Uber. The 54-yr. old consensually provided his ID. 3 deputies responded to the scene and began their investigation. Both males were placed under arrest and during a pat-down search of the 64-year-old by a deputy, marijuana and meth were found on his person. Additional meth was also located in the center console of the Kia. Patrol attempted to contact the owner of the lot / planter and left a voice mail. The Kia was towed away, and the males were transported and booked in county jail for the following charges: Prowling, Conspiracy, Attempted Theft and Possession of a controlled substance. Update: The following morning the owner of the lot/planter advised patrol that the planter had a value of \$1000 and due to the heaviness of it, he did not expect anyone to try and take it. The owner said he would relocate the planter.

End of Report