

Region 3

1999 RIDE SEASON IS WINDING DOWN, BUT LOOK WHAT'S AHEAD...

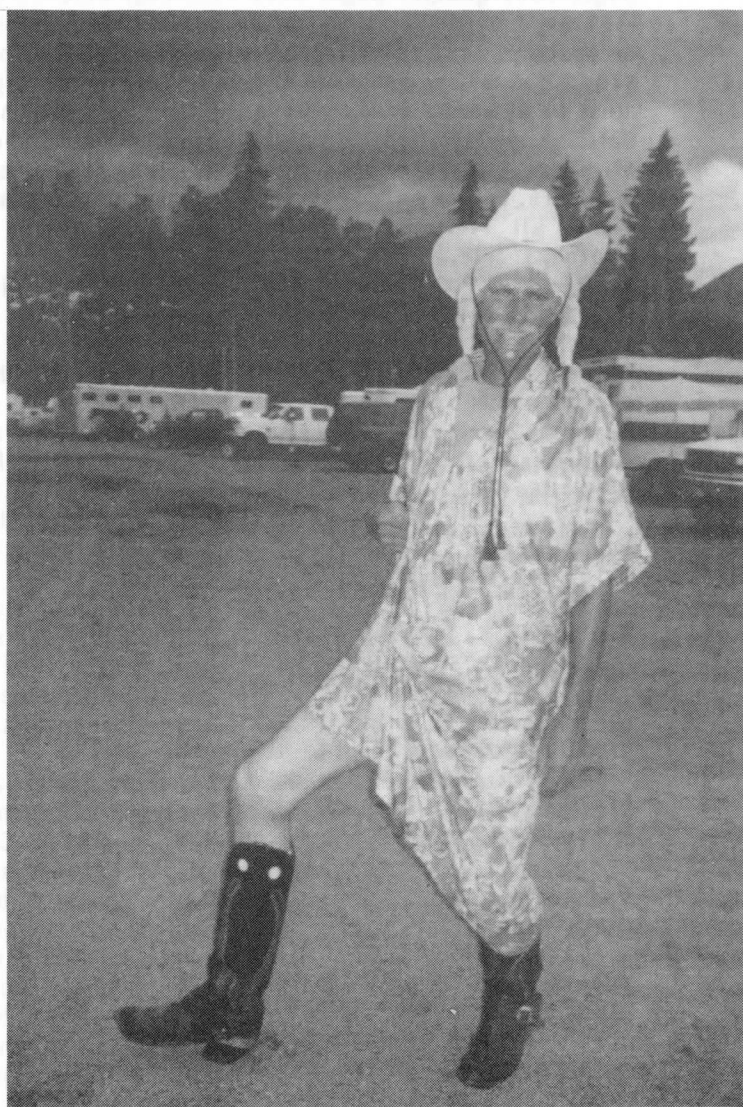
It's hard to believe, but only three rides remain on this year's schedule, Golden Gate on September 18-19; Chokecherry Canyon on October 2-3; and David B. Thomas on October 18. Let's finish up the season by supporting our wonderful ride managers and filling these rides! No excuses, just be there!!

Planning is already in progress for an incredible "post-season party" as Region 3 hosts Convention 2000, February 10-12, in Albuquerque, New Mexico (related article inside). Bill and Jenny Smith are working hard to put on the best convention ever, so let's help them have the best attendance ever!

And, believe it or not, planning is also underway behind the scenes for Ride Season 2000. This year we had twelve spectacular rides. I feel that Region 3 offers one of the best ride seasons in the country. Along with the incredible trails and management, the camaraderie and fun at our rides have created some of the best memories of my life. These memories would not be possible without the dedication of the groups and individuals who work so hard to put on the rides for us to enjoy. The best way to maintain our older, established rides and to retain our new rides is to attend them ourselves and to mentor new competitors to our sport. A brand-new mentor program is in the works for next year; look for more information in the next newsletter. Rider participation has increased this year. Let's make Ride Season 2000 even better!

See you on the trails,

Betty Wolgram, Newsletter Editor



GUESS WHO? IF YOU MISSED THE PREMIERE OF "GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS" AT THE BENEFIT RIDE, COME TO NATIONAL CONVENTION 2000 FOR THEIR COMMAND REPEAT PERFORMANCE.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I am so encouraged with all the good things that are happening in the Region this year. Most of the rides have been pretty near full and many have had a waiting list. Membership is up 24% from last year. Perhaps we can attribute some of it to the deal we were offering this year. If you sponsored two new members you would get next year's membership free. Only three people have so far qualified for the offer, but twenty people have sponsored at least one new member. Good work! The camps have all been fun and friendly; probably the spirit of the Tiki and good weather help, too.

Bill, Jenny, and Chuck Smith did an incredible job on the Benefit ride. They made an astonishing \$3,754.08 for the Region. Thank you again to the Smiths for all your efforts. Also thanks to Dr. Joe Quintana for the highly successful (\$700) silent auction for the Benefit ride and thanks to the many others who donated time, money, and awards. We are sure fortunate to have such fervent supporters.

For their next trial by fire, the Smiths will coordinate the National NATRC Convention and awards banquet as well as our Region's award banquet to be held in Albuquerque in February 2000. Volunteer to do something to help the Smiths put on the best National Convention of the millennium. This is a big job they have stepped up to.

This is also the time of year to consider running for the Board of Directors. The Board meets four times a year and we work on doing what we can to help the rides with the ridebook, mailing lists, junior rider programs, vests and supplies,

etc. We also support our National Board representatives and reward our riders and workers with year-end awards and a wonderful seminar. Please consider calling Sue Benjamin (970-242-1548) and volunteering to run for election to the Board. New blood and ideas are both needed and appreciated.

We are trying to put together a family radio with repeater communication system to be used at the rides so that P&R teams, judges, safety riders, and camp can be tied together. My husband, Mike, is working on it, and it looks pretty good so far, but if you have any ideas, please call (970) 856-7022 or email Masonranch@aol.com.

We here on the Western Slope are beginning to put together a ride to be held on the Grand Mesa next year. We are getting quite enthused about sharing this beautiful area with you. There are over 300 lakes on the Mesa, so, of course, we will have to call it the Grand Mesa Lakes Ride. I hope we can get all the approvals and permits worked out. Anybody else thinking about putting on a new ride, please let me or Betty Wolgram (970) 824-8359 know so we can start scheduling them. Believe it or not, it's that time of year again. All of you ride management this year did a great job, and please do it again next year; we love you and your rides. Much of our success this year is directly attributable to our wonderful ride managers and their sales efforts for new riders. More rides will create more opportunities for fun and more riders, and thus we will continue to grow.

Keep having fun; it spreads!
Judy Mason, President

1999 REGION 3 MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

193 Mailings/50 Responses/26% Response Rate

While the response rate was lower than what the Board would have liked, it was pretty good considering that only a total of 152 surveys were returned of the 1,500 mailed to National members in the Aug/Sept 1998 Hoofprints newsletter, for a response rate of only 10%. We were able to gather some very useful information and comments from the survey, and we will be discussing and analyzing them at future Board meetings. In future issues of the newsletter, articles will appear that will directly address our members' concerns and suggestions from this survey. Our thanks for taking the time to respond.

How long have you been a member of Region 3?

Under a year 10% 1-5 yrs. 32% 8-10 yrs. 22%
Over 10 years 38%

Are you a National member? Yes 76% No 24%

How long? Under a year 5% 1-5 yrs. 32%
8-10 yrs. 21% Over 10 years 42%

How do you feel about the present dues structure?

	Individual	Family
No response	0%	34%
Too High	0%	0%
Too Low	10%	6%
Reasonable	84%	60%

** 64% of respondents would not object to an increase in dues if necessary.

How do you feel about the entry fees for Region 3

rides? No response 4% Too High 20%

Too Low 0% Reasonable 76%

Ride Satisfaction (Average number of rides in past two years per person responding - 6)

Category	Mean	Rating and % Satisfaction				
		5	4	3	2	1
Meals (when offered)	4.4	57%	27%	16%	0%	0%
Management/workers	4.3	54%	24%	22%	0%	0%
Campsite	4.2	47%	25%	28%	0%	0%
Trails	4.1	39%	33%	28%	0%	0%
Safety	4.1	42%	32%	21%	0%	0%
Speed/Timing	4.0	35%	34%	29%	2%	0%
Maps/Marking	3.9	30%	35%	32%	3%	0%
Vet Judging	3.9	29%	37%	24%	10%	0%
Enforcement of rules	3.8	39%	21%	29%	6%	5%
Horsemanship Judging	3.7	25%	36%	28%	8%	3%

ELECTIONS COMING UP...

It's that time of year again when we must be thinking of electing Board Members for Region 3 and choosing worthy persons for service awards. The Vice President, Sue Benjamin, is heading up the Nominating Committee which consists of all the District Representatives. The positions to be filled are: District 1, one 2-year term; District 2, one 2-year term, and District 3, one 2-year term and one 1-year term. Terms are normally two years, but District 3 needs to have alternating terms so one is shortened this time. An At-Large position also needs to be filled.

There are two worker awards that we need to think about. The Sue Bretag Service Award is given at the year-end awards to an individual, or two individuals working together, who made an outstanding contribution to Region 3 within the current year. The Region 3 Appreciation Recognition Award is presented at the National Convention and is given to an individual or two individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to both NATRC and Region 3 over a period of time. Sue needs nominations from anyone for the Board positions/Service awards by Oct.31. District reps. need to get busy and see who in their districts would like to run for the Board. It would be nice to have several choices for the open positions. Call Sue at (970) 242-1548.

GET READY FOR CONVENTION 2000!!!!

To be held February 10-13 in Albuquerque, NM, a real "Southwestern Fiesta." Informative and talented speakers. Vendors! The events schedule will be arranged so that there will be ample time to socialize, visit Old Town, shop, etc. Special guestroom rate of \$85.00 at Sheraton Old Town. Adult convention registration \$45; junior registration \$20.

Family entertainment Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Each Region will be allowed up to two skits maximum of eight minutes long each. Judging, nice prizes!! All attendees are encouraged to dress for the theme for individual judging also. Many "famous" personalities will be seen.

National Awards Banquet Saturday night at a very reasonable \$25 per person/ \$12 for children under 10 years old. Region 3 awards will be held Sunday morning breakfast. Vest auction Sat. afternoon.

Look for entry in Hoofprint or call the Smiths (505) 327-1933 or (505) 334-6275 or email ffire@cyberport.com.

BENEFIT RIDE A HUGE SUCCESS

By: Jenny Smith

The Region 3 Benefit planning actually started on our way home from the Championship Challenge ride in 1998. Bill, Chuck, and I discussed any and every idea to make this ride the most fun, the most profitable, and the most memorable Benefit ride ever. And thanks to all the wonderful help we had, the Benefit Ride was a great success. To all those who donated money and/or prizes, worked, planned, competed, judged, a big heartfelt thanks. A ride takes every one of us to make it happen and you all made it happen to the tune of \$3,754.06 profit to benefit Region 3.

Seventy-six riders started on Saturday morning. WOW!! The view up top looking down on the campground was awesome. We've never seen that many trailers, horses, or people at once! The ride drew riders not only from Region 3 but from Regions 2, 5, and 6. What a compliment to our Region that these folks came to our ride. We hope you met some new friends; they are great folks.

Ed Atkinson and Judi Tobias, our judges for Open, had way too much fun with their driver Steve Ancell getting them around to seven obstacles on Saturday alone. Cheri Jeffcoat, apprenticing for her horsemanship judge's card, was caught, let's say, with her pants down when Ed yelled BEAR! A little bear was standing on his hind feet just looking at them. I'll bet Cheri looks everywhere when in the Colorado mountains now! Open had a last obstacle on Sunday, and, as I was told, only Open riders would DO such a thing..."pin the tail on the bear." The riders

were told they would get plus points if they used a blindfold, but all along the obstacle was only for fun, not being judged. (Only Open riders would fall for this.)

Jerry Weil and Mike Colby were our judges for Novice and CP and had about 54 riders to have fun with. Bill Cumberworth is famous for getting judges around and quickly beat the riders from one obstacle to another.

A kind thank you to all our judges, as they either came for expenses or gave us a break for the Benefit ride. Our very own Judi Tobias totally donated both her time and expenses to come have fun with us. Thank you so much Judi!

Dave Smith and Martha Kunkle from Iowa brought their sound system and awakened the camp at 5:00 a.m. every morning, and on Saturday morning played the National Anthem. Now let me tell you, THAT got people going. Dave also helped by announcing happenings at the ride so folks knew what was going on and when. Good job, Dave and Martha.

Bill Smith and his gang of cooks kept great smiles on their faces as they fed their largest meal Saturday night to approximately 150 folks. What a great job and some outstanding food!

Saturday night brought the famous Tiki Lounge out to play with the Three Bears and Goldilocks. The stage was set by the Bad Bob Duo, starring Bill and Chuck Smith, who somehow took the Grand Prize in the bear contest, a big bear jar full of gummy bears. The bear contest was full of jokes, songs, pictures, poems,

anything of course to do with bears, and much laughter and fun. Our bear judges were Dick and Ike Mosgrove, Bill Cumberworth, and Steve Ancell, and, by the looks on their faces, they had too much fun! (Judy Benham, what DO bears DO in the woods?)

The weather cooperated with us until Sunday afternoon, but the rain stopped in time for awards. Chuck Smith was responsible for the Bear fetishes, made by him not only for the winners, but for every competitor and worker in camp. Remember, the bear symbolizes strength, introspection, and the power of the soul. Fetishes are a good luck charm. Almost all the prizes had something to do with a bear in keeping with the ride's theme. Chuck worked very hard to get things ready for the ride and we are very proud of him.

Neil and Marj McKinstry (Mr. and Mrs. Camp Sheriff) had a large and important job at the Benefit ...to make sure everyone was smiling and having fun! Thank you, Neil and Marj, as the smiles and laughter were quite a success.

Our own Dr. Joe Quintana held a silent auction that brought in \$700 to our Region. Joe does leatherwork and made some beautiful clocks and a billfold. On Friday night, Joe was put into "Court" by the Tiki Loungers. Joe, of course, was found guilty for ... Thirty-Second Obstacles. For his punishment, he was presented with a "thirty-second" T-Shirt. If I don't miss my guess, Dr. Joe will be watching and waiting for the Tiki Lounge members to JUDGE THEM AGAIN. Remember, though,

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By: Jenny Smith

Joe, we didn't ALL find you guilty.

Bob Santistevan was presented a plaque by Lee Hoth, "ALWAYS LOST." (Remember, Bob was an hour-and-a-half late coming in on Sunday at Great Western in Utah). Remember, folks, don't follow Bob!

Milne Parish was presented a handmade horse hanger made by Lonnie Smith. Milne's first ride was Cavalier in 1981, and the Benefit Ride made 118 rides that Milne has completed. What an accomplishment!

Steve and Priscilla Lindsey of Region 6 were presented a cooler from Bill and Jenny Smith. Steve bought a program for us that made the riders' lists and accounts receivable for our ride, and he even put it all on the computer for us. Priscilla was busy helping Chuck finish up and also answering any questions Jenny didn't know. How much better can it get?

Judy Benham was chosen by the workers for the Sportsmanship Award and was presented a large bear clock. I have always thought that this award was the best award to win at a trail ride. We aren't going to win \$10,000 here...we are going to win friends and have fun with our horses. Judy is always full of fun and we can't think of anybody who deserved it more. (We will forgive her for being a member of the Tiki Club!)

As a last note, three weeks before the ride we saw a big male bear galloping (if you will) across a large meadow. We had left our camera at the camper but watched the bear for about a minute or so. Chuck

asked me, "What do you think Dale McCoy would think?" I told him, "That's probably Dale's spirit."

Our second encounter was at the camper with a small black bear wanting to come all the way up to our horses, who were not thrilled at all, but we did get a picture that night.

The third bear was with our Open judges, and then on Sunday night a fourth bear came up to the camp. Judy Cumberworth and Russ Jones also said, "You know who that was, don't you? Dale McCoy."

After we got home from the ride I heard of a fifth bear. Our son Buddy was driving home with his grandmother, Harriet Smith, on Sunday after the ride, and in the sky they both saw a big, beautiful white bear in the clouds. Our dear friend Dale McCoy was with us!

Have YOU seen any bear?

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Total Riders: 76

**Open Sweepstakes: Brown-R Dawud/
Judy Mason (96)**

**Novice Sweepstakes: Crimson/
Chandra Thompson(98.5+++)**

**Hi-Point CP Horse: Flight's Gorgeous
Son/J.Benham (99)**

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT (11)

- 1/ MLA Raj Bahabas/J.Adams
- 2/1 Moonshiner Silver Mist/F.Keeran
- 3/2 J.J.Ala Echo/D.Crooks
- 4/ June's Lucky Mac/J.Quintana
- 5/5 Zarr Tan/M.Baker
- 6/6 PS Ganarmus/P.Lindsey
- 3 PS Trakara Bask/S.Lindsey
- IA Murphy B/D.Smith
- 4 CountryRoyalPrincess/
W.Hinkebein
- NI Raffon/M.Kunkle

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT (12)

- 1/2 Brown-R Dawud/J.Mason
- 2/4 Par Sundance/K.Hayes
- 3/3 Doc Talon/L.Sasser

- 4/ Mahra Khan/M.Parish
- 5/5 MKS Fancy's Folly/K.Shanor
- 6/1 Par Torpedo/P.Embree
- Roscoe/S.Hallford
- Que A Who/L.Greenhaus
- /6 J.D.sRajah/D.Cnary

OPEN JUNIOR (3)

- 1/2 Egyptian Gem Star/K.Shanor
- 2/1 Lonesome Dove/L.Norris
- 3/3 Dutchess Royal Duke/C.Smith

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT (11)

- 1/5 Buck/J.Urbin
- 2/ Cloud's Philly Flash/B.Heckelman
- 3/2 Haldme/M.Jubb
- 4/1 Squeawn John/S.Holder
- 5/ FS Martrez/O.Spanhoff
- 6/ Bailey/B.Thompson
- /4 Rlccercar/R.Thompson
- /3 Moeft Moe/R.Santistevan
- N.W.Silver Streak/D.Sandvik
- Galahad/J.Rekart
- /6 Smitty/T.Thompson

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT (12)

- 1/ Tims Black Cloud/S.Peters
- 2/5 Cat's Fury/L.Heckelman
- 3/2 D H Kastaspell/D.Thearin
- 4/3 Valadon/C.Wolfe
- 5/ Bonnie Sue/K.Thompson
- 6/6 KCK Jade/K.McKenzie
- /4 NASDAQ/D.Klarmann
- Anna/L.Schumack
- NA Justin Thyme/C.Anderson
- /1 Desert Harley/D.Mire

NOVICE JUNIOR (5)

- 1/1 Crimson/C.Thompson
- 2/2 Que Robinette/C.Atkinson
- 3/3 Sahhal/C.Roberts
- 4/4 Fantasia Sprite/A.Krull
- 5/5 Rusty/T.Thompson

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE (21)

- 1/ Flight's Gorgeous Son/J.Benham
- 2/ Scinsational Lady/C.Knauss
- 3/5 Blue Skys Afyre/D.Schriefer
- 4/1 FlickasTrueImage/P.Montgomery
- 5/ Dan I Lova/D.Atkinson
- 6/ WVA April Dawn/K.Wolgram
- Felix/G.Grimm
- April Celebrity/S.Benjamin
- /4 Petes Silver Boy/M.Berry
- KAI Callisto/S.McKelvy
- Tedolera/C.Fredal
- /6 Elegant Dream/V.Rinehart
- /3 Choco Boone/D.Overholt
- /2 Cougar/T.Scarlett
- Generator'sEternalFlame/S.Weber
- Rockin' E.Z.Ribbon/P.Hansford
- Miss Shamrock Missouri Mac/
L. Jones
- Brule/N.Rekart
- Rockin' E.Z.Rathe/J.Middlebrook
- Fireman'sSweetRevenge/
C.Beumer
- Golden Country Sunshine/
R.Beumer

"I SECOND THAT....."

By: Roxann Lane/Matt Baker

Bill and Jenny Smith promised riders that they would have "some of the most fun you could have on horseback" at the El Jinete Benefit Ride. There were many things that made this ride fun. I can't remember everything because my sides were aching from laughing so hard all weekend. But I did come away with some very special memories.

-- Enjoying the scenery. Most ride locations aren't ringed by 14,000' peaks or next to the largest wilderness area in the lower 48. Many times you would see people staring at the view, absolutely enraptured with the enormity of the landscape.

-- Roasting a Judge. Dr. Joe Quintana was put on trial Friday night for a variety of crimes committed: giving riders a time limit on obstacles, making junior riders cry, and associating with unsavory characters (Open riders). The prosecutor was eloquent in her arguments, the defense was more interested in preserving the head on his beer, and the assembled jury unanimously howled their verdict: "guilty!" Dr. Joe was sentenced to wearing a T-shirt with the following inscription: "I can do it in 30 seconds...Can you?"

-- Catered meals all weekend. The cook tent was busy constantly, with breakfast, lunch, and dinner served to all riders, judges, and workers. The Smiths even catered Saturday's lunch on the trail for all riders and workers. What a treat to ride into the lunch stop and have a great home-cooked meal served to you in the middle of the wilderness.

-- Telling bear stories. The ride was in memory of Dale McCoy, who passed away last year. Dale was a long-time helper for rides in Region 3, and had spent much time clearing trails for this particular ride. Whenever you would see him in the area, he'd quip, "Seen any bear?" and bears were definitely the theme of the weekend! There were funny bear stories, scary bear stories, real bear stories, not-so-real bear stories, and bear songs. An old mountain man, complete with leathers and coonskin hat, and his bear enthralled the crowd with his tale of fierce grizzlies. And Goldilocks (though not any Goldie remembered from any of OUR childhood fairy tales!) and the Three Bears ended the evening with their antics and eyelashes. (Did anyone else notice that Goldie had more hair on her legs than the three bears combined had on their bodies?)

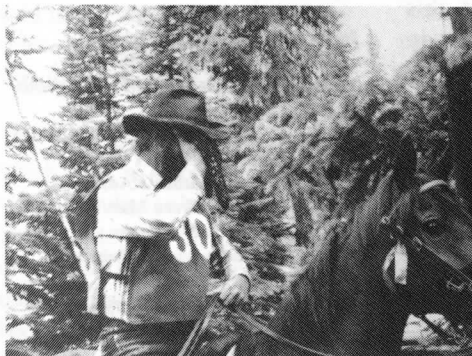
-- Tiki Lounge. The infamous Tiki Lounge was open all weekend long, with gaily-colored umbrellas over the tables, Polynesian decor,

and the tiki torches lighting the way. The "Tiki" was the place to be.

The Tiki girls in their grass skirts would welcome you with a smile and a cool refreshing drink, complete with tiny umbrella. Our own Region 3 "singing cowboy" brought his guitar and lounge act, entertaining the patrons with bawdy ballads and dirty ditties. There also were many pink flamingo sightings!

--Squirt gun fights on horseback. Some "desperado" open riders came armed to the teeth with water pistols and laid in ambush for the "pack." Once the shooting started, out came the canteens and other heavy artillery. The good guys must have won, because most of the outlaws were so wet, they had to stop and wring out their socks.

-- It was a weekend that will long be remembered as one of the best in Region 3. The Smiths are to be commended on a job well done. Their tremendous efforts and commitment to this sport are much appreciated by the Region and are an inspiration to those planning future rides!



Dave Kunkle tries his luck at "Pin the Tail On the Bear."

DanFredal, Judge Secretary, Judi Tobias, Horsemanship Judge, and Cheri Jeffcoat, Apprentice Horsemanship Judge, take a break while waiting for the riders.



THE "PHOENIX" RISES AGAIN! The Phoenix Colorado Trail Ride truly did emerge from the ashes on August 14-15, and it was definitely worth the long wait thanks to the hard work of Sue McKelvy, Ride Chair; Kris Cummings, Ride Secretary; Terri Miller, Trailmaster; and all their wonderful workers and volunteers.

Riders were treated to perfectly marked and timed trails and some of the most spectacular views of the season. The weather was also perfect. Dinner Sat. night and lunch on Sunday were catered by the North Park Volunteer Auxiliary, allowing everyone to relax and socialize.

Thanks to all who had a part in sponsoring this terrific ride. If you weren't there, you really missed something special!

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!

We have been fortunate this year to have not only our experienced ride management doing their usual expert job of running the established rides as well as bringing some former rides back to our schedule, but also have two brand-new NATRC and Region 3 members, Bruce Heckelman and Dr. Mike Riegger, taking on the monumental job of hosting the new rides, Great Western and Coyote Creek. These gentlemen and their sponsors, The Missouri Fox Trotter Association and the Arabian Horse Association of New Mexico, along with all their hard working volunteers, did a wonderful job. We can't wait to ride all these wonderful trails again next year.

The season's not over yet, but it's getting short, so come on out and ride with us!

Almost 1,000 Region 3 Ridebooks were distributed this year. The Ridebook not only helps our members plan their ride calendars; it also is a great publicity tool for our Region.

Last year, ads that were sold almost completely defrayed the book's printing cost, but we need more help this year. It would be great if we could have our Ridebook ready for distribution at the National Convention, and it can be done if Region 3 ride managers and members work together.

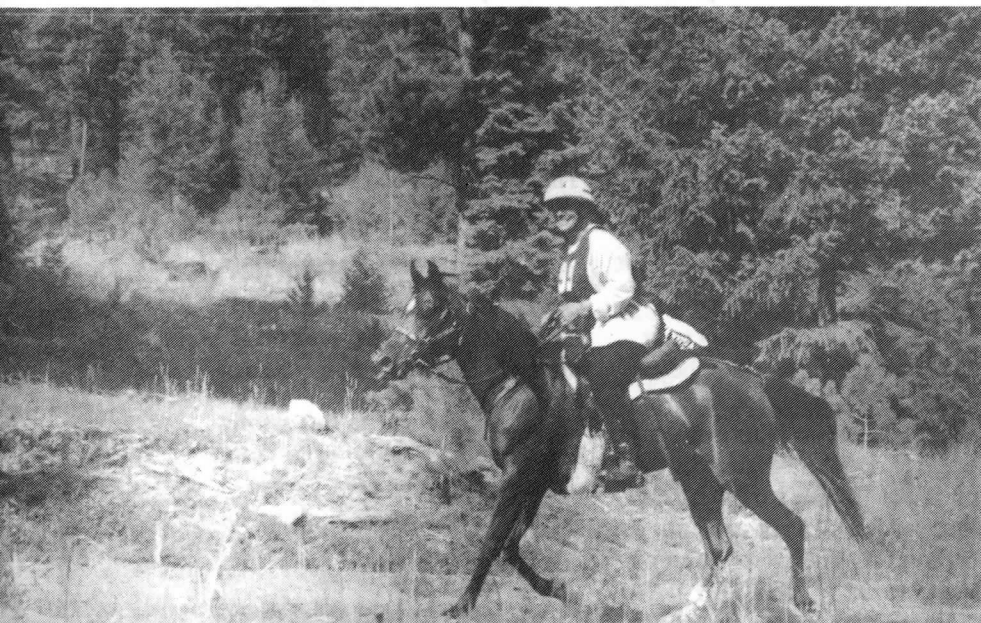
Please help sell ads. Ads should be black and white and camera ready. Please send ads and checks payable to Region 3-NATRC to Betty Wolgram, PO Box 340, Craig, CO 81626, by January 5 deadline.

Full page 7"x 8-1/2" \$100.00
1/2 page 7" x 4-1/4" 50.00
1/4 page 3-1/2"x4-1/4" 25.00
Ride managers, please check the information in this year's Ridebook, make any necessary changes (i.e. date, judges, ride site, etc.) and mail them to me by January 5. New rides should use the format in the book. Any information note available by the deadline, just insert "To Be Announced" or "Contact Ride Management."

The advantage of an earlier mailout is that we can more than likely attract even more riders both in and out of Region by having the book available to convention-goers, as well as Horse Expo visitors, and our own members, many of whom have to plan vacation months in advance.

Thanks for your help and cooperation.

Betty Wolgram, Editor



Novice Rider Linell Miller and her horse Ariel enjoy the trails at The Phoenix Colorado Trail Ride.

COYOTE CREEK FROM A NEWBIE'S POINT OF VIEW

Hi, My name is Michelle Rowe, and I've had my horse three months now and a horse trailer for one month. We got to the ride OK, got set up, and checked in. I learned that trotting on longe is not enough; he has to trot in hand, too. Didn't realize that he had to do both. Anyway, we got past the check-in in fine shape. I found out that the hay I bought (supposed to be grass) was alfalfa, and I had to wonder how my horse would be after a day of standing by the trailer eating it. I think in the end it was a good thing; he needed the steam.

I saddled up the morning of the ride and headed out. Right at the start we had to walk down a bank to a creek crossing. Coyote Creek was only six inches to a foot deep, but it was really wide. Wider than anything near home. As a result, I had the first (but not the last) horse to refuse the crossing. So we went nearby to a better spot to cross (where there was no bank). Rhythm still didn't want to cross. He'd stand by the water, but wouldn't go in. The horsemanship judge told me to get off and lead him across. OK. Brrr, it was a cold creek. I led my horse across, and he went just fine. He later crossed every creek we came to without incident and happily stood in the water to drink.

The next obstacle was backing about 7 steps between two trees (very narrow opening). My horse backed up well (we work on that a lot), but we missed the trees by a long shot. I've got to learn to "steer" him backwards. I don't have the knack of that yet.

The next obstacle was a mount up which we performed flawlessly. I think that surprised the judge, too. Hey, my horse does know "something." Tip: For those of you learning, the judge wanted to see people put their left hand on the mane of the horse and their right hand on the front of the saddle, not the back. The judge said when you put your hand on the back of the saddle, you are more likely to pull your saddle sideways.

The names of the points on the map were things like "Mud Hill," "Rock Hill," etc. Then, before lunch came "Snake Hill." Snake Hill was soooo tough. It was very steep, it was muddy, it was rocky, and it zigzagged back and forth in short switchbacks. I thought my horse was going to fall down Snake Hill and kill us both, so about halfway down I dismounted and led my horse down behind the drag rider. He'd never been on terrain like that even without a rider on his back, and I believe it was asking too much for him to learn to negotiate the trail with me on him. I told the judge, and he said that since I was a first-time rider on a first-time horse, it was forgiven. Yea for that!

The next obstacle right before lunch was a sidepass to a log which I haven't trained my horse to do (I started groundwork on it but haven't tried it from the saddle). I passed on it because I knew we weren't ready to do it; next year we'll sidepass like pros. So -2 for that obstacle. The other thing he had us do was a trot out

doing a circle in both directions after lunch and my horse did that just fine. The horsemanship judge hid in the woods and observed uphill travel and downhill travel. I did good downhill, but got a note on my card about "heavy in the saddle" uphill.

After our last p&r (we had two that day and my horse did fine on both of them), we had three miles to go. There were a few people behind me who had been detained at the p&r. I rode the last two miles with one of the drag riders, while the other drag rider waited with the others. My horse was exhausted but he was walking along OK.

We vetted out in great shape and the next day after the ride he looked good as new (no galling, sore spots, or anything). We took 3rd in our division though I am not sure if there were only three of us :-)) I was so happy just to finish and to have a very healthy horse at the end. We did this ride for experience and for training and I feel like we came out winners. Thanks to everyone who helped us along the way.

There are two more rides in this Region in October which I will try to ride in, and next year maybe we'll go from being "pretenders" to being "contenders."

why did the judge make me do.....?

THE IN-HAND PRESENTATION

By: Jim Jeffers, Horsemanship Judge

Why is In-Hand Presentation Important? With all competitive events, i.e., NATRC, AERC, IAHA, etc. (in NATRC you and your horse are judged) you must present your horse to the judge the day of the event at check-in. Keep in mind this is an introduction to the judge or judges. So why make a good impression?

As this introduction is executed on the ground (in-hand), every action you take with your horse affects the way you and your horse show. If you check in not paying attention to what your horse is doing, not paying attention to the safety of you and your horse, let alone the vet judge who is bent over checking your horse's legs, etc., then chances are an accident could happen. So safety is very important.

Stand on the same side as the vet judge during the examination. If the horse bolts, you and the vet are on the same side. Most horses will move away when both you and the vet are on the same side. You can imagine if you and the vet were on opposite sides what would happen if the horse decided to flee! That also is true if you are standing directly in front of your horse. Do not stand in front of your horse during the exam. Horses can run over you.

During the examination the judge's secretary records all the nicks, bites, and bumps. The judge is going to ask you to trot straight away to some point in the distance, then trot your horse in a right circle, then a left circle, and trot straight back. Why is a good presentation here important? The vet wants to see your horse's "way of going," as well as the soundness of your horse. When you ask your horse to trot, stand at the point of the horse's shoulder on the left side of the horse with your right hand on the lead rope approximately 18 inches below the halter snap and the remainder of the rope figure 8'd held in your left hand. Use a 16' lead rope. With your left hand, flick the end of the rope behind you at the rear of the horse to help push the horse into a trot. Hopefully you and your horse will start together. If your horse does not trot you will be ahead of the horse at this point. Do not turn around and look at the horse. His immediate reaction to that is to stop. You are pulling on the lead rope and looking at him and he is pulling against your weight trying to stop, which is natural for the horse to do. So don't do that!! When you start to trot, be at the point of the shoulder. That way you won't have to turn around and look at the horse. Trot straight away from the vet judge and STOP. Ask your horse to circle either left or right, then STOP. Ask your horse to circle in the opposite direction. At the end of that circle, STOP. Trot straight back to the vet.

It does not matter if you trot in hand or longe; however, longeing shows your horse better. You can longe very well with a 16' lead rope with both hands on the rope. (Always think safety.) I would not use any rope shorter than 15 or 16 feet. You may use a longe line, but do not drop the remainder on the ground. Trotting away from the vet into a right or left circle without stopping and collecting your horse puts a great deal of stress on the legs, knees, and fetlock joints of the horse. So don't do that. Think of trotting your horse out in four separate actions: (1) trot straight away; (2) trot right; (3) trot left; (4) trot straight back to the judge, putting a stop in at each number. You and your horse will look organized and the horse will show better.

If you longe your horse, remember, push the horse from the rear quarters and rotate in a nice relaxed circle with the horse. Do not stand in the same spot and pivot; your circle will be too small. Remember, if your horse is "slightly off," a small circle will show this off more than a nice large circle.

Take notice of the ground your horse is trotting over. Make sure you take advantage of the smoothness of the ground. Terrain is very important when trotting the horse out for the judge. Uneven ground, rocks, or holes can make it appear that your horse is off, or lame. Also, if your horse checks in slightly off or lame, do not excuse this, commenting back to the vet, "That is his natural way of going."

In closing, if they don't have horses in heaven, I ain't going!

Happy Trails,

Jim Jeffers

A HEARTFELT THANKS

Those of you who were at the Great Western Ride in Utah in June were most probably aware of the accident that Foxy and I had on Saturday after the first p & r. I am writing this letter to let everyone in this Region know what a wonderful and dedicated bunch of riders we have. My heartfelt thanks, first of all, go out to Matt Baker, Steve Ancell, and Frank Keeran, without whom I would not have a horse. Those three guys definitely went above and beyond to rescue my horse who was in serious trouble having ended up cast upside down at the bottom of a 150-foot ravine. They didn't hesitate in the least to risk themselves in order to get her out of there. To Dr. Joe Quintana and our own "1/4 vet" Donna Schriefer, thank you for taking such good care of my horse on the trail and when we finally got her safely back to camp. Thanks to Janine Ancell and the biggest horse I have ever had to sit on -- Charlie -- who got me safely down the mountain.

While Donna and Joe were working on Foxy back in camp, and I was quietly zoning out trying to get my legs to stop shaking, we received the news that my mother had apparently suffered a major stroke (in fact, she'd had a massive cerebral hemorrhage), and I needed to get home as quickly as possible, as they weren't sure she was going to make it through the night. Kathy, Judy, Donna, and Matt, you are truly some of the best friends one could ever ask for. I'd don't know how I made it through that night and the next day. What this group had to endure that weekend is unbelievable, but they stuck right with me the whole way and probably shed as many tears as I did.

I don't remember most of what happened that day, but I will never



Roxann Lane and Foxy back on the trail.

forget the kindness from people I hardly even know or recall. I cannot think of a sport in which there can be so much fun, yet when the need rises, people bank together and are totally awesome!

To all of you who sent cards and called, you have no idea how much it meant to be to be in your thoughts. My mother did die shortly after I arrived in Canada, having hung on for two full days waiting for me to get home.

The riders in this Region are truly a remarkable group of people, and you all have no idea how much your kind words and support helped me through the most traumatic few days I've ever experienced. This region has the best members in the country, and you can rest assured that if anything ever happens, they will be there for you and will do everything possible to assist you. I am proud to be a member of this region.

Sincerely,
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OFFICIAL RIDE RESULTS

GREAT WESTERN CELEBRATION

June 25-26 Total Riders: 41

Open Sweepstakes: Brown R Dawud/
Judy Mason (100)

Novice Sweepstakes: Cat's Fury/
Lori Heckelman (95)

High Point CP Horse: Miss Shamrock
Missouri/Linda Jones (95)

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT (10)

- 1/4 Lady's Charlie B/J.Ancell
- 2/5 June's Lucky Mac/B.Smith
- 3/6 Wood's Rawhide Ace/J.Smith
- 4/3 Rock'n EZ Royal/S.Ancell
- 5/2 Moonshiner Silver Mist/F.Keeran
- 6/ Zarr Tan/Matt Baker
Tara Shameel/J.Wagner
MLA Raj Bahabas/J.Adams
Country Royal Princess/W.Hinkebein
- /1 Poppy/Ken Wolgram

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT (7)

- 1/1 Brown R.Dawud/J. Mason
- 2/5 Que A Who/L.Greenhaus
- 3/3 Lonesome Dove/B.Wolgram
- 4/2 MKS Fancy's Folly/K.Shanor
- 5/4 Par Tor Peto/P.Embree

OPEN JUNIOR (2)

- 1/1 Egyptian Gem Star/Kim.Shanor
- 2/2 Dutchess Royal Duke/C. Smith

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT (6)

- 1/4 Ara Bay Sherazade/C.Lien
- 2/3 Black Gold's Sheik/R.Smith
- 3/2 Raiken/S.Gordon
- 4/5 Kinnja/Y. Jelberg
- 5/1 Ali Jasmine/L. Miller

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT (3)

- 1/1 Cat's Fury/L. Heckelman
- 2/2 Rambo/E.Camp
- 3/3 Kai Callisto/A.Smith

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE (12)

- 1/ Miss Shamrock Missouri/L.Jones
- 2/ Choco Boone/S. McKelvy
- 3/ Fireman's Sweet Revenge/C.Beumer
- 4/2 Flight's Gorgeous Son/J.Benham
- 5/3 Cougar/T. Scarlett
- 6/ Blue Skies Afyre/D.Schriefer
- /1 Pepsi Fire/S.Hollis
- /5 Rockin E.Z.Ribbon/P.Hansford
- /6 Rockin E.Z.Rusty/S.Wheeldon
- /4 Elegant Dream/V.Rinehart
- Golden Country Sunshine/R.Beumer
- Singers Profit/L.Hoth

"THE PHOENIX" COLORADO TRAIL

August 14-15 Total Riders: 61

Open Sweepstakes: MLA Raj Bahabas/
Judd Adams

Novice Sweepstakes: Jedadiah/Cheryl
Swanson

High Point CP Horse: Pepsi's Fire/
Sandra Hollis (98.5)

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT (11)

- 1/ MLA Raj Bahabas/J.Adams
- 2/3 Poppy/K.Wolgram
- 3/1 Moonshiner Silver Mist/F.Keeran
- 4/ PS Trakara Bask/S.Lindsey
- 5/2 Fox's Charming Prince/L.Keckler
- 6/4 Wood's Rawhide Ace/J.Smith
- /6 PS Ganarmus/P.Lindsey
- /5 Sir Love/M.Baker
Kasetka/S.Dorr

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT (12)

- 1/1 Par Sundance/K.Hayes
- 2/2 Brown-R Dawud/J.Mason
- 3/ Mahra Khan/M.Parish
- 4/3 MKS Fancy's Folly/K.Shanor
- 5/4 Sky/K.Morris
- 6/5 Quickly/B.Wolgram
- /6 Mist Tique/S.Shade
Mi Nazarath/T.McSherry

OPEN JUNIOR (2)

- 1/1 Egyptian Gem Star/Kim.Shanor
- 2/2 Dutchess Royal Duke/C.Smith

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT (9)

- 1/ Riccer Car/R.Thompson
- 2/2 Cliffwood's Hakime/M.Jubb
- 3/4 Ubiquitous Alacrity/T.Nash
- 4/6 Zarr Tan/S.Gordon
- 5/ Ali Jasmine/L.Miller
- 6/1 BHR Hosans Polly Anna/D.Budd
- /3 Moeft/R.Santistevan
Jasper/T.Swanson
- /5 Shilo/C.Schumaker

"THE PHOENIX" COLORADO TRAIL (CONTINUED)

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT (9)

- 1/ Jedadiah/C.Swanson
- 2/3 Kai Callisto/A.Smith
- 3/4 Pasa Dena MRV/L.Vasquez
- 4/HDC GM El Paso/D. Zinkl
- 5/5 Sea Hello Dolly/H.West
- 6/2 Tim's Black Cloud/S.Peters
- /1 Contessa Finale/T.Mease
- /6 Fantasy/D.Harper
Mi Mara/B.Tupa

HDC/HDC SA Laribou/C.Frei

NOVICE JUNIOR (6)

- 1/1 Crimson/C.Thompson
- 2/4 Society Bey/A.Haug
- 3/5 Rusty/T.Thompson
- 4/3 Brown-R Foxy/J. Snyder
- 5/2 Aadieu Gypsy/C.Brueckman
- 6/6 Oakie/T. Martini

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE

- 1/6 Pepsi's Fire/S. Hollis
- 2/5 Tedolera/C.Fredal
- 3/2 Cougar/T.Scarlett
- 4/1 Blue Sky Afyre/D.Schriefer
- 5/ Invincible/D.Zettlemoyer
- 6/4 Jabal Musahib/K.Moe
- /3 Flicka's Truelmage/P.Montgomery
Kasta Shadow/R.Harper
Flight's Gorgeous Son/J.Benham

CORRECTION TO HOOFFRINT ANASAZI RESULTS

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT

- 1/4 June's Lucky Mac/B.Smith
- 2/1 Egyptian GemStar/M.Shanor
- 3/2 Wood's Rawhide Ace/J.Smith

(All other Open Heavyweight placings
were correct.)

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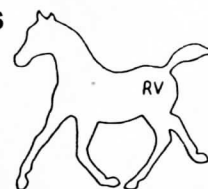
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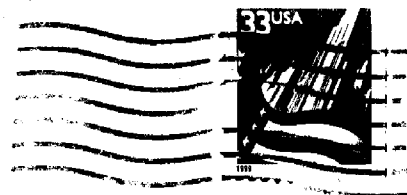
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