

The Stirrup January/February 2004 Region III Newsletter

Year End Horse Mileage Awards

250 Miles: Knight Rebel ridden by Jan Adams
Ali Selene ridden by Bob Bulcock
Precious Moment ridden by Michelle Fink
Independence Dai ridden by Sena Fitzpatrick
Diamond ridden by Vonnie Frane
Mac ridden by Sherri Halligan
Top Gun ridden by Maralis Forest
Dancer ridden by Cindy Murray
Ezri ridden by Carol Safvage
Huck's Last Love ridden by Lin Ward
Say Hello Dolly ridden by Heather West
Kokopelli Moon ridden by Susan Peters

500 Miles: Bad News Chance ridden by Beumers
Amber Skip ridden by Kathy Brown
Warrior's Confederate Prince ridden by Lou Ann Colby
Sea Star Lady ridden by Kay Gunckel
Cloudrest Zephr ridden by Tracie Korthuis
Mountain Man's Dream Maker ridden by Sue McKelvy
NN Silver Streak ridden by Dean Sandvik
Panama Jack ridden by Terri Smith

Porter ridden by Jon and Jasmine Tanner
Huck's Last Love ridden by Lin Ward
Phantom's Masquerade ridden by Matt Baker
Brazos Blaze ridden by Jeff Brown
RV Dutch Chocolate ridden by Lois Hoth
Gold Rush ridden by Jill Talbot

1500 Miles: Foxton Bon Bon Belle ridden by Jessica Vose Sierra Blue ridden by Donna Johnson-Remington Steele ridden by Roxann Lane MKS Shamal Nejma ridden by the Shanors Rockn EZ Ruby ridden by Jenny Smith Summer ridden by Ken Wolgram

3000 Miles: Quickly ridden by Betty Wolgram 4500 Miles: Brown R Dawud ridden by Judy Mason 5000 Miles: Mahra Kahn ridden by Milne Parish June's Lucky Mac ridden by Bill Smith





Jeff and Kathy Brown were wonderful hosts of the Taos Seminar! Region III thanks them for their work and welcome!

Region III Seminar Reviewed

Jeff and Kathy Brown hosted an excellent seminar January 16-17 in Taos. Accolades to them for the hard work, informative speakers and programs and delicious banquet arranged with the Sagebrush Inn. The Hospitality Suite sponsored by Jim and Lin Ward and Bill and Jenny Smith was the place to meet and greet riding friends and make new acquaintances.

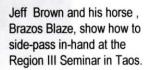
Doug Thal, DVM walked attendees through the "Glass Horse" explaining the mechanics of colic inside a horse complete with depictions of torsions, impactions and twists. Christina Fleming, Trainer and Judge, did hands-on presentation with the Brown's horses discussing and demonstrating saddle fit, ground manners and aids and how to use them. Mike Reigger, DVM covered issues and recommendations for using electrolytes with horses. Priscilla Lindsey and Susie Witter with the help of Larry, Curly and Moe (3 Stooges on horseback) provided opportunity for the rank and file to be the judge. They talked about how they judged the performance of the horses and riders doing the same obstacles. Enlightening trip into the minds of judges!

Door prizes at events including the General Meeting and a chance to get dressed up for the Awards Banquet wound up a great time for all!

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Region III Board Meeting Summary Taos, NM

January/February 2004

Members Present: Marc Shanor, Dee Overholt, Kathy Brown, Mike Mason, Judy Mason, Kay Gunckel, Mike Jubb, Susie Witter, Sue McKelvy, Jill Talbot, Olga Spanhoff, Jane Young, Lee Hoth, Kris Cummings, Susan Peters, Kathy Budd, Pat Jubb, Priscilla Lindsey, Laurie DiNatale.

Meeting was called to order by President Marc Shanor. Susan Peters was present to take meeting notes in lieu of Tracie Scarlett, Sec., who was absent. Minutes from the prior meeting were read and recalled by members and approved. Treasurer Steve Gordon was absent and his report as presented was not considered acceptable by the BOD members as information was thought to be missing.

Commitee Reports:

Membership- Regional numbers were 310 last year down from 316. BOD agreed on need to promote the sport and increase members in 2004.

National Board- Susie Witter stated that an update of the last meeting was published in Dec. Reg. III Newsletter. Next meeting is scheduled for NATRC Convention, Feb. 26-29, Reno, NV. Discussion on Judges and feedback to apprentice judges was held. Pat Jubb stated that usually if everything is okay, nothing is said!

Newsletter- Betty Wolgram resigned as editor of the Newsletter and Region III Ride book. A apprciation award was discussed and funded. Sue McKelvy was elected as new 2004 editor of the Newsletter and Ride book.

Ride Books: Judy Mason had the books and made them available following Region III Awards Banquet.

Historian: Janine Ancell will continue in this office and had scrapbooks available for seminar participants to review.

Junior Rider Program: Kay Gunckel asked the BOD to continue the program of paying 1/2 of a junior rider member's ride fees for a maximum of 5 rides. BOD approved funding the program for 2004.

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Lee and Lois Hoth were ready to enjoy the Awards Dinner



Put Your Best Foot in! Pat Jubb says she's the only "sound" one of the trio which also includes Dee Overholt and Ruth Tyree and Ken Burkdoll Award winner, Terri Roberts Smith, New Mexico.



coxann Lane (aka "Curly") was one of three Stooges who vied for best points riding obstacles when judged by Priscilla Lindsey, Susie Witter and the attendees of the Seminar! No report at press time as to who won!

Supplies: Susan Peters continues in this position and reported only one vest lost during '03 ride season. BOD discussion on vests revealed need to replace lower-numbered vests for CP. Kay Gunckel's mom can do repairs as needed. Old vests still with Sue McKelvy will be donated to handicapped rider programs via Olga Spanhoff.

Awards: Kris Cummings advised BOD of Worker Horse Mileage Program and has sign up sheets available by contacting her. Ribbons were not used this seminar for year-end awards...medals instead! She spent \$1700 on awards and has a stash of prizes valued at \$2500 for future awards.

Safety Riders: Lee Hoth said most of the safety packs and equipment was up to date. Discussion held concerning the adviseability of maintaining drugs to treat horses in kits at rides. Problems of liability and rider's responsibilities were issues discussed too. Jill Talbot reminded the BOD that she had produced a Safety Rider's Manual in the past. Some BOD members were concerned about riders having active 1st Aid cards and skills.

Mentoring Program: Good news on this program in that it works! BOD to continue with Olga Spanhoff and Doreen Portner as coordinators.

OLD BUSINESS: Novice Riders who have amassed five first place awards during the ride season will be permitted to complete the ride season as Novices rather than be forced to move to CP or Open.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Rules and Guidelines for the Seminar vest auction discussed and clarified.
- 2. BOD recommends limiting NATRC judges to working a maximum of 2 rides in region per season and not to judge back-to-back rides. Recommendation forwarded to National Judge's Committee.
- 3. BOD approved changing the qualifications for riders competing for the Ken Burkdoll and Ruth Tyree awards to requiring completion of 75% of Region III's rides during the season.
- 4. Competitive Pleasure riders will be required to complete 50% of Region III's rides during a season to qualify for High Point Award.
- 5. Jenny Smith donated a ride entry to Navajo Lake CTR for National NATRC's fund-raising auction. BOD thanked her.
- 6. BOD approved \$500 donation for National Awards Expenses.
- 7. NATRC Trail Symposium is a new committee with Doreen Portner as chairperson. Funding for Doreen or others who attend meetings significant to this directive was approved. Submission of request for funds to BOD is required first. BOD approved \$500 toward work on parking area for Rabbit Valley CTR.
- 8. BOD approved \$300 in support of annual 2004 Championship Challenge Ride. Location is not yet known.
- Navajo Lake CTR is the Benefit Ride 2004. The BOD thanked ride management for that action.

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Christy Cumberworth is lovely in her slim, dark gown for the Region III Awards Dinner. Christy is photographer on many of the Region's rides!

- 10. Colorado Horse Expo event discussed and decision made to fund NATRC booth for \$300. Possibilities and problems of doing live demos with horses and riders was discussed.
- 11. BOD voted to have 2 meetings annually at rides and 2 meetings at locations and times other than at rides. Issues of internet use for discussion and decisions by the BOD between meeting discussed. Some problems with communications in '03 noted. Executive committee of BOD having ability to make decisions in lieu of whole BOD input discussed..especially important for issues needing immediate decisions/action. Bylaws and standing rules to be reviewed to determine

Next BOD meeting at Kay Gunckel's home on April 3 with a potluck at noon and meeting at 1

12. Election of BOD officers was held and the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Smith, Milne Parish and Judy Mason show off their plates noting significant mileages for their horses!



Riders whose horses won Competitive Pleasure High Point awards are all grins and giggles. Left to Right, Heather West, Lou Ann Colby, Linell Miller and Gary Inman.

Year End Worker Doints Awarded

250 Points: Melissa Anderson, Chris Clark, Mark Cortez, Mike Davis, Michille Fink, Jean Fromm DVM, Jon Gartz, Liz Greenhouse, Sandy Hollis, Kip Korthuis, Tom Marquardt, Kathy Minkner, Jeff Mott, Tami Roberts, Heather Smith, Olga Spanhoff, Doug Tate.

500 Points: Todd Blevins, Jeff Brown, Kathy Brown, Jeff Fink, Steve Gordon, Priscilla Lindsey, Shannon Lynch, Diana Marquardt, Christina Mott, Shirley Sandoval, Jane Young.

1000 Points: Christy Cumberworth, Steve Lindsey, Doreen Portner, Jon Tanner, Peggy Tanner, Ken Wolgram.

1500 Points: Jan Cook, Lois Hoth, Linell Miller, Terry Yates.

2000 Points: Mike Mason

2500 Points: Laura Chessmore, Mariel Lynch (Webb) Erv Perelstein, Mark Shanor, Susie

Witter.

4000 Points: Tracie Scarlett

4500 Points: Lee Hoth

5000 Points: Lonnie Smith, Terri Roberts Smith.

* Janine Ancell was awarded 500 Points bringing her

total to 4725.

5500 Points: Betty Wolgram

8500 Points: Kris Cummings, Sue McKelvy

10,000 Points: Dee Overholt

17,000 Points: Bill Cumberworth

** Worker points for '03 Waterboy CTR, Cavalier and El Jinete are not included but will be next year if lists for those rides are turned in to Kris Cummings!

Working Horse Mileage Program

This program begins this year, although an award for 2000 miles was given to Lee Hoth's safety mount, Cinco. Horses carrying riders who are working as safety or pre-riders for Region III rides are eligible. Forms to record mileages are available from Kris Cumings (303) 838-6589. Mileage can be retroactive on horses still working at rides in 2004. Open Mileage equates to 60 miles for 2 days, 30 miles for 1 day. Novice/CP Mileage will be 40 miles for 2 days and 20 miles for 1 day.

Three most common reasons not to wear a Helmet:

- 1. It's too hot! (and bandages on your head are cooler?)
- 2. It'll ruin my hair-do (shaving head for surgery and stitches solves that problem!)
- 3. Sissies wear helmets! (so why do NFL linemen and pro hockey players wear them?)

Novice Junion Horsemanship:

Sophie Chavanon



Deal with it and let it go! by Susie Witter

Region III Year End Awards for 2003

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The ride managers' meeting in Taos during the Seminar was led by Susie Witter, Horsemanship Judge and ride manager. Following are some nuggets of wisdom offered during the session.

Dealing with conflict was scheduled as a major portion of the program because IT HAPPENS at rides and most people will do almost anything NOT to have to deal with it. The main reason for addressing the issue of conflict is STRESS and that causes dedicated, enthusiastic and hard-working people to leave NATRC, never to return, because they had to deal with it too often.

No one has all the answers but here are some suggestions:

- FOCUS ON YOURSELF We can only hope to control ourselves, we can't control the reactions of others. Through your **body language** and actions (80-90% of communication) and **self-control** you will INVITE RATIONAL and CALM BEHAVIOR in another person.
- 2. ACT ASSERTIVELY not aggressively. Start sentences with "I, we, the situation" (trail or obstacle), not with "You".
- 3. ASSUME NOTHING but ask lots of questions from as many people as necessary to get a clear, objective picture of the situation.
- VALIDATE THE FEELINGS or CONCERNS of OTHERS Do it by araphrasing what the other person said without agreeing or disagreeing with it. It will make for UNDERSTANDING.
- 5. DO NOT TAKE IT PERSONALLY. Anyone in your position as ride manager or judge would probably get the same reaction.
- 6. YOU ARE NOT ALONE Rule VII.B.6 (NATRC) states :in the event of a dispute, the rule's interpreter will confer with both judges and ride management to enable them to arrive at a decision.
- 7. USE THE RULE BOOK and NATRC MANUALS by taking them with you during the ride.

Once the information has been gathered (be discreet!) as a team, make a decision and make a PLAN.

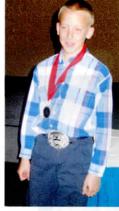
- Decide on what will be said, state the facts, state the decision, stay focused and don't permit sidetracking, embellishing or excuses...stay on topic.
- 2. Decide who will state the decision but have another person along as silent backup for the speaker.
- If the situation deteriorates into disrespect by either party take a TIME OUT and leave and then return later and try again.
- 4. If communications become a problem again, or the decision is not accepted, refer the argumentive party to the process of Complaint and Protest with NATRC National Organization..
- 5. PRACTICE before the situation arises..do it in small steps just like you work with your horse on new skills...don't expect miracles but ACHIEVE PROGRESS WITH INCREASED CONFIDENCE.

Basically....DEAL WITH IT AND LET IT GO SO YOU CAN GIVE OTHERS YOUR TIME, ENERGIES AND THOUGHTS IN A POSITIVE MANNER.

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	2nd	JJ Gunckel
	3rd	Daniel Vasquez
Novice Lightweight Horsemanship:	lst	Tracie Korthuis
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	3rd	Carolynn Anderson
	4th	Jan Adams
	5th	Beth Sims
	6th	Louise Vasquez
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Novice Heavyweight Horsemanship:	lst	Lois Hoth
	2nd	Forest Maralis
	3rd	Jerry Sims
	4th	Bob Bulcock
	5th	Sherri Halligan
Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship:	lst	Tracie Scarlett
	2nd	Gary Inman
	3rd	Sandra Hollis
	4th	Linnell Miller
	5th	Sena Fitzpatrick
	6th	Roger Beumer
Open Junior Horsemanship;	lst	Kymberlie Shanor
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	3rd	Jessica Vose
	4th	Jasmine Tanner
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Open Lightweight Horsemanship:	lst	Kathy Shanor
	2nd	Terri Smith
	3rd	Judy Mason
	4th	Roxann Lane
	5th	Kathy Brown
	6th	Milne Parish
Open Heavyweight Horsemanship:	lst	Jenny Smith
	2nd	Bill Smith
	3rd	Ken Wolgram
	4th	Matt Baker
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Jim Ward



JJ Gunckel proudly wears his medal for horsemanship!

Lois Hoth Jerry Sims **Bob Bulcock**

Sherri Halligan Leona Arnett

Chuck Vaughn Pamela Bolesta Tom Thompson

Debbie Bulcock



Novice Junior :

Region III High Point Year End Awards for Horses

Cookies & Cream

Region III's National Appreciation Award

Novice Junior:	1st	Cookies & Cream	Sophie Chavanon
	2nd	Santa Fe Sunshine	Daniel Vasquez
Novice Lightweight:	1st	RMRNahr Amir	Carolynn Anderson
	2nd	Cloudsrest Zephyr	Tracie Korthuis
	3rd	l Cross Smartplan	Elaine Chavanon
	3th	Samson's Diamond Lil	Vonnie Frane
	4th	Ezri	Carol Savage
	5th	Lady Anne's Wind Dancer	Beth Sims
	6th	Knight Rebel	Jan Adams

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Novice Heavyweight:	1st	RV Dutch Chocolate
	2nd	Zane's Bell Ringer
	3rd	Ali Selene
	3rd	Mac
	3rd	Tamigo-Khonibb
	4th	Justin
	4th	Shapango
	5th	Rusty T

6th

Competitive Pleasure:	1st	GS Jokers Are Wild	Tracie Scarlett
	2nd	Touch's Yeller Gold	Gary Inman
	3rd	Johnny Danger	Linnell Miller
	4th	Say Hello Dolly	Heather West
	5th	Becky	Sandra Hollis
	5th	Misty Sunrise	Carol Beumer
	6th	Warrior's Confederate Prince	Lou Ann Colby

Open Junior:	1st	MKS Shamal Nejma	Kymberlie Shano	
	2nd	Egyptian Gem Star	Matthew Shanor	
	3rd	Foxton Bon Bon Bel	le Jessica Vose	
	4th	Porter	Jasmine Tanner	
Open Lightweight:	1st	Brown-R Dawud Judy Mason		
	2nd	Panama Jack	Terri Smith	
	3rd	Remington Steele	Roxann Lane	
	4th	MKS Fancy's Folly	Kathy Shanor	
	5th	Mahra khan	Milne Parish	

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	6th	Quickly	Betty	Wolgram
Open Heavyweight:	1st	Phantom's Masquerad	le	Matt Baker
	2nd	Rock'n EZ Ruby		Jenny Smith
	3rd	June's Lucky Mac		Bill Smith
	4th	Brazos Blaze		Jeff Brown
	5th	Summer		Ken Wolgram



Milne Parish and Lee Hoth accept their National Appreciation Awards

Lee Hoth - Safety Rider and Milne Parish and Mahra Khan

Susan Bretag Service Award

"Waterboys" - Paul Cortez & Billy Smith



Lou Ann Colby accepts her award from Kris Cummings Lou Ann Colby & Warrior's Confederate Prince

Competitive Pleasure

Award

Ruth Tyree's Award Given to Open Rider with highest average score for ride year.

Terri Smith

High Point Average of 98.25%

Ken Burkdoll Combined High Average Horse and Rider Award

Terri R. Smith and Panama Jack



Terri Smith, Judy Mason, Roxann Lane, Kathy Brown and Milne Parish celebrate their Open Lightweight horsemanship medals of honor.

Terri Smith was the year's Big Winner of both the Ruth Tyree and Ken Burkdoll Awards! Congratulations to All!



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Classified Advertising - Barn Sale

For Sale: 2003 Titan Avalanche Trailer 2 horse slant, BP, Drop-down windows, Walk-in Tack, Many Extras.(lightly used)..\$5300 Call Dee (CO) 303-838-7510

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Out of Mr. Big Mack V and Tom's Complicated Lady, he has 2 white socks and built very well. Dam won grand chmpshps and has place 1st in Competitive Trail Competions while being ridden by 10 yr-old owner. Sire known in Utah for producing champions in show ring and on the trail! Owner selling to raise funds for saddle purchase...\$1000 or trade for saddle that fits her and the horse she rides. Call Savana Miller at 435-454-3958

RESORT VALLEY RANCH Foxton, Colorado Tom & Barbara 80433 Thom & Nancy Butterfield Harris

Active Trail Advocacy

by Doreen Portner

Our national NATRC organization has identified situations involving trails on both private and public lands that have been or will be adversely affected by closures to use by horseback riders and others.

In response to this real threat, a National Trails Advocacy Committee has been instituted by the National Board of Directors. We are urging all Regions to develop active trails advocacy committees within their regions. Their purpose is to identify potential threats to trails usage by horseback riders and activities which may include contacting local, state or national legislators regarding such endangered trails or attending symposiums and seminars addressing issues with trails in cooperation with other users. It could also include active work on trails maintenance to ensure that trails remain viable and open to riders' use.

Anyone interested in actively participating in their Regional Trails Committee, please inform your Regional Board of Directors and Doreen Portner, Chair of the National Trails Committee at (435) 259-6980 or deportner@hotmail.com.

Together, We can make a difference!

Member's Suggestions from the Seminar for Improvements for NATRC:

- Positive reinforcement for helmet use by all competitive riders, not just juniors, by offering a special award for helmets worn at each Regional CTR.
 Donations for each of the 13 rides planned this coming season are being solicited.
 - Riders are urged to send "kew" notes to ride managers to let them know their sacrafices of time, energy and money is appreciated.
 - Region III needs to be more diligent in checking rider's weight cards.
 - 4. Concerns about how to minimize markings (ribbons, pie plates, etc) on trails to satisfy USFS, BLM and other's worries about them but still have enough to keep riders on trail. Mike Mason continues to push for GPS training and use!
 - Need for a small, compact sound system to be moved from ride to ride for briefings, announcements, etc.
 - 6. Need for more Clincs to encourage participation of new riders in the sport.





The Message Board

From the Editor:

I'm new to the job and I solicit your help in the form of comments, emails, phone calls and letters in order to make this newsletter truly a forum for Region III. Our region is divided along state lines and the spine of the continental divide. We need to communicate with each other and the newsletter is a powerful tool for uniting our region and supporting everyone who works to participate in our sport.

Let me know if you like this format, or prefer something else. Constructive criticism is welcomed! It's tough to operate in a vacuum. What's on your minds as you plan for the summer's ride season? Do you have a special experience to share about one of the CTR's you rode or worked? Do you think a certain individual or a certain horse needs accolades?

In future newsletters, we plan to feature articles on safety riders requirements and perhaps some stories of their experiences, the results of the questionnaire circulated at the Regional Seminar in January, how to catch and keep volunteers for rides, reports of rides held including placings of horses and riders, and letters from you!

Thanks, in advance, for your input!

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Yo! Clinics!

March 20: At the Boulder Horse & Rider Store hosted by Jill Talbot. Hours: 5-8 PM for classroom only for \$25 with sign-up and pre-registration required. Jill reports that 8 have signed up already and she promises a very comprehensive session with NATRC judges Kay Gunckel, DVM, vet judge and Kathy Shanor, horsemanship judge, videos, handouts and \$10 discount coupons for the one day Chatfield CTR. Call her at 303-440-3466 for information.

March 27: Beth Ann Sims and the San Juan Riders will host a clinic in AZtec, NM from 7:45 AM to 3:15 PM with lunch provided to participants at a cost of \$20/person. Maximum of 30 riders permitted. Judges will give pointers, experienced riders will demonstrate and a saddle-fit demo to be given with video of NATRC. Call Beth Ann at 505-326-6797.

May 20-23: NATRC trail riding clinic for 3 days hosted by Olga Spanoff near Ridgeway, CO. Contact Olga at 970-526-3018 for information.

Our President's Prescription

by Kay Gunckel DVM

For those of you who missed this year's Region 3 convention, you missed a good one. Jeff and Kathy Brown did a fabulous job. We had some very interesting and informative lectures. With the indoor arena so close to the convention center, we popped over for some hands-on demonstrations and judging that was fun and educational.

At the Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, I allowed myself to be elected president of Region 3. I told the board I was only willing to take on this responsibility if I could have everyone's help. We can get so much more accomplished if everyone works together. If I, or another Board member asks for your assistance on a project, please try to help or find someone else who can help with the job.

As your new Region 3 president, I want to help you make this your best year ever with Competitive Trail Riding (CTR). I encourage you to talk with your BOD members with any comments, concerns, or suggestions you might have. We are always looking for ways to make this sport better.

I would personally like to thank all the members who volunteered to be committee chair-people this year. I look forward to working closely with them. We have a great schedule of rides for the season, including three new rides! I am personally very excited about a new "B" ride in our region. If you're like me, you probably have all kinds of friends that say they would like to try CTR but just haven't got the courage or the time to try a full 2-day ride. The Chatfield ride is a perfect opportunity to encourage these people to give it a try. Being located on the Front Range makes it close and convenient and Chatfield is a nice easy ride to start with. It will also be a good training ride to get the season started for the rest of us.

I look forward to seeing everyone out on the trails. "Ride High With Us" in Region 3!!!!

No date at press time! Clinic hosted by Judy Mason...call her at 970-856-7022 for information.

