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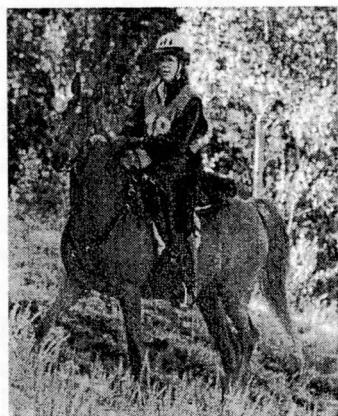
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Greetings!

Spring is in the air (at least now and then!) and the ride season officially started this past weekend at the Anasazi CTR. What a success it was--they offered a one-day ride for Novice and we had a lot of first time riders. Thanks to **Jerry Sims & Lin Ward** who did a fantastic job with the mentor program--we'll see many of the new folks again. The upcoming Chatfield CTR has 28 first time riders. The interest is there, it is everyone's job to make sure they have a fun and educational ride. It takes a whole ride camp to do that.

I know this is a busy time for all, and your Board of Directors is no exception. We met in early April for six hours and got a lot accomplished:

Jim and Lin Ward have hit the ground running and have many great ideas and plans for our publicity campaign like flyers (thanks to Cristy Cumberworth),



Kathy & Annie at El Jinete CTR
photo by Cristy Cumberworth

ads and discounts on ride entries for new riders. They have recruited great sponsors (look them up on our website www.natrc3.org) Support our sponsors as much as you can by purchasing products and sending "kew" notes thanking them for support. **Kathy Shanor** is Reg 3 Ride Coordinator and efficient secretary for BOD. **Linell Miller** ramrodded a successful horse expo booth for NATRC in March. **Doreen Portner** has two new volunteers as Trails Advocacy Coordinator - **Jan and Dave Cook**. **Susie Witter** strives to make the job easier for Ride Managers. **Kay Gunckel, DVM** is courting 4-H Groups and Pony Clubs to recruit junior riders. **Tracey Korthuis** has a new spreadsheet for tracking points accrued by horses and riders. **Jeff Brown** will have ride results posted on our website a.s.a.p. (unofficial, ofcourse!) **Sandy Hollis** has stepped up to take over our Safety Rider program. **Stephanie Miller** has been recruiting riders in Utah and helping with our new member committee. **Dee Overholt** is our Supply Chair and has distributed new weight cards to the first CTRs. **Priscilla Lindsey** is getting us financially organized...and we love that! If you are reading this, you know what a great job **Sue McKelvy** does! We welcome your input in these or any other issues that you feel are important to our Region. Please contact myself or any BOD member with your suggestions and recommendations and please, volunteer to help on one of our committees--it doesn't take too much time and you have a lot to offer our Region 3.

We are charging ahead on opening up channels of communication within our membership with the website, so check it out...you can e-mail BOD members from there. A Suggestion box will be at every ride for "spur-of-the-moment" ideas you want to share. Traditional modes of communication such as telephone and U.S. Postal Service work too.

Next meeting, July 10 in Denver...National BOD meets the prior day...come and join us! Thanks so much and I'll see you on the trail!

Kathy Brown, President

Contact me at: equine@newmex.com

Region 3 Board of Directors Meeting April 2 , 2005

Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Brown

Attendees: Tracey Korthuis, Kay Gunckel, Priscilla Lindsey, Jerry Sims, Lin Ward, Jim Ward, Susie Witter, Jeff Brown, Kathy Brown, Jan Cook, Doreen Portner, Sue McKelvy and Kathy Shanor.

Treasurer's Report: Concern over outflow versus inflow of funds. Priscilla presented a chart of known expenses. BOD discussed the return on start-up funds from Region rides with several rides funded that will not operate until 2006.

Secretary's Minutes were handed out and approved. Kathy Shanor, Secretary, will use a recorder for meeting and will transfer to disk and computer use.

Committee Reports:

1. Juniors - Kay Gunckel will contact Pony Clubs and 4-H Newsletters with info on CTR. Lucy Hirsch is National Pony Club liason. Contact Kay with people to contact.
2. Awards: Tracey Korthuis reported need to purchase more glasses and has developed a neat spread sheet to track points on horses and riders. Tracie Scarlett is keeping track of worker's points. A committee formed to research awards with Jim and Lin Ward and Tracey Korthuis working on ideas, costs, etc.
3. Website: Jeff Brown has Region 3's web site up and hopes to eventually permit on-line registrations for rides. Possibility of having the newsletter, The Stirrup, downloadable from the web site in the future. He needs ride experience-type stories to post for people to read as well as ride results.
4. Rides Coordinator Kathy Shanor said all rides are as listed in the Ride Book. She advised that the phone number and directions for Love of Horses CTR is not correct as listed in the Ride Book. Corrections will go out to entrants.
5. Publicity- Jim Ward reported on new National Sponsors and partners with NATRC. He passed out flyers developed by Cristy Cumberworth for posting in feed and saddle shops and stables as well as with horse clubs. Stateline Tack and PetSmart are partners, Skitzo Saddle pads, Purina (will donate certificates for feed products for each CTR applying), Specialist Saddles and E-Z Stirrups are also sponsors. Jim proposed and BOD agreed to offer half price ride entries to 2 first-time riders for each ride beginning with Strawberry CTR. Sue Bretag account funds will reimburse the rides for 1/2 rider fees and will cover costs of Advertising the sport in several different horse publications. We are a "secret" to many horsepeople.
6. By Laws and Standing Rules: Kathy Brown and Kay Gunckel reported that most changes were clarifications and updates. Rider fees are increased from \$4 to \$6 with an optional donation to the special funds for awards like Sue Bretag (which is used for awards and publicity). Ride entry forms will add boxes permitting people to donate if they wish.
7. Membership: Kathy Brown asked BOD members to contact members who have not re-upped for 2005 to remind them to do so. Sue McKelvy will put reminders on cover of newsletter to remind those whose membership expired the 31st of Dec.
8. Questionnaire: Priscilla is going to send examples and Kathy Brown will work on draft.
9. National Board: Hoofprint editor will interview and publish comments from a Ride manager, horsemanship judge and vet judge for future publications to give added insight to the sport. Work is ongoing to clarify Rule Book to make it "user friendly". Region 3 BOD asked that no changes be made to weight categories at this time. Jamie Dietrich will be working on a committee to educate people on NATRC. National NATRC is talking about increasing amounts for scholarships.

Region 3 BOD Meeting, continued:

Susie will suggest that rules changes be limited to every other year unless necessary for clarification. Honorary and Appreciation award nominations are due in November. July and November's National BOD meetings are to be held in Denver. Local folks are urged to come and attend the sessions. Ride Managers packets have increased in costs so the Sanction fees are going up from \$50 to \$75 next year.

Logos for NATRC: *More than a passenger, a partnership with your horse. NATRC is a learning experience...your ideas?* Contact Susie or Doreen. NATIONAL TRAILS DAY - jUNE 4TH! Help maintain trails in your area...it can be as simple as gathering trash or helping with erosion sites.

10. Mentor Program: Lin Ward and Jerry Sims said they will be at every ride this year and will have a sign posted in the window of mentor's trailers or trucks as well as green ribbons on antennas to alert people to newcomers/mentors. Green ribbons will be on riders and their horses so everyone knows who is trying CTR for the first time! First time high point riders will be awarded a Ride Information Book published by NATRC which are donated at \$15 each by Wards, Sims, Lindseys, Shanors, Browns, Korthius and Guncckels. Reminder to all riders, you don't have to be an open contestant to mentor effectively! Call Jerry or Lin and sign up!

11. Budget: Priscilla and Kathy will work up one to present at the next meeting.

12. Newsletter: Sue McKelvy suggested and it was approved: Ad rates for the Stirrup are raised to \$10/non-members effective for the May/June newsletter. National Sponsors will be given 1/2 page ad in each newsletter gratis in thanks for their support. Payment for ads should be sent to Sue rather than Priscilla so there is better tracking.

13. Manager Recognition: Doreen Portner reported some suggested awards and those were approved.

14. Ride Managers: Susie Witter sent out updates via e-mail to managers.

15. Historian: No report.

16. Safety: Sandy Hollis and Jane Young are taking over from Diana Marquardt.

17. Trails Advocacy: Region 3 received a thank you from Terry Yates for funds donated to improve Rabbit Valley site. Doreen urged Reg. 3 riders to dismount and help maintain trails. She has large magnet emblems with NATRC symbol for sale at \$15/magnet. She reported on the meeting with USFS Pike Nat. Forest.

18. Horse Expo: Linell Miller sent a report and said it was well-attended with ride books and flyers handed out to interested people. Remaining expenses associated with event will be paid from Sue Bretag account. Jim and Lin Ward were thanked for their donation of \$100 for the booth expenses.

Old/New Business:

1. Next Region 3 Seminar to be held in Farmington in January 2006.

2. New meeting of Region 3 BOD will be in conjunction with National BOD in Denver in July. Time and Place to be announced.

3. Next National Convention in Region 4 (San Antonio), then California and our region will be the host for 2008.

4. Past-due rider fees needed from CTRs held last year!

5. Nominations and re-elections upcoming...think about who should serve Region 3.

Meeting was adjourned. The BOD thanks our hosts, Jim and Lin Ward for the use of their beautiful home and the delicious lunch.

Right-to-Ride Legislation

On February 2, 2005, Rep George Radanovich (CA-R) introduced HR 586, the Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2005. The leadership of the Back Country Horsemen of America has worked long and hard for the passage of legislation recognizing the legitimate use of pack and saddle stock on public lands.

The stated purpose of this bill is to preserve the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands including wilderness areas, national monuments and other specifically designated areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or the United States Forest Service where there is a historical tradition of such use, and for other purposes. It says that as a general rule, all trails, routes and areas used by such animals shall remain open and accessible for such use. A reduction in the use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on such lands could take place only after complying with the full review process required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture are to issue final rules to define the meaning of a historical tradition of use of pack and saddle stock animals on Federal lands.

HR 586 makes amendments to the laws regarding other public lands as follows: 1) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, with respect to the BLM lands; 2) the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, with respect to NWR lands; and 3) the Forest and Rangeland Renewal Resources Planning Act of 1974, with respect to National Forest System lands.

Horsemen across the country welcome the introduction of HR 586 in Congress. It has a long way to go before becoming law. This bill gives us the opportunity to express our support for equestrian use of public lands to our representatives in Washington, DC. A similar bill HR 2966, was introduced by Mr. Radanovich in 2003. Despite garnering twenty-one co-sponsors, it died in Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. If the Right-to-Ride bill is to become law in the 109th Congress, a wave of popular support must carry it through the House Resources and House Agriculture Committees as well as the U.S. Senate.

Contact your state's congressional representatives NOW! This is very important to all horseback trail riders. Colorado's Senators: Wayne Allard and Ken Salazar, Representatives: Diana DeGette, Mark Udall, John Salazar, Marilyn Musgrave, Joel Hefley, Tom Tancredo and Bob Beauprez. Congressional representative of other states in our region need to be contacted too. Let them know you back this legislation! As it used to be said, "Vote early and often!" Too many trails are closing already!

Region 3's Worker's Point Year End Awards

We congratulate and heartily thank the following volunteers who make Competitive Trail Riding a possibility!

250 Points: Shea Scarlett, Lynn Ward, Don Budd, Kim Downing, Kenny Irvin, Benedicke Whitman, Sally Sutton, Lou Ann Lundberg, Dan Thornton, Bruce Bertram, Bill Lundberg, Rich Garrett, Laura Vaughn, Betty Garrett

500 Points: Matthew Shanor, Olga Spanoff, Kip Korthius, Stephanie Miller, Nathan Cortez, Michelle Rowe, Sandy Bingham, Loir Molitor, Myrna Bertram, Mike Davis

1000 Points: Lou Ann Colby, Pricilla Lindsey, Rochelle Thompson, Jane Young, Kathy Brown, Melanie Son, Carolyn Anderson

1500 Points: Cathy Moore, Dan Fredal, Gary Inman, Doreen Portner, Jon Tanner, Theresa Ancell, Susan Peters, Mike Jubb

3000 Points: Marc Shanor

4000 Points: Kathy Shanor, Linda Jones

4500 Points: Judy Mason

5000 Points: Donna Johnson, Janine Ancell, Lee Hoth

5500 Points: Tracie Scarlett, Lonnie Smith

6000 Points: Jenny Smith

9000 Points: Steve Ancell

9500 Points: Bill Smith

10000 Points: Kris Cummings and Sue McKelvy

10,500 Points: Dee Overholt

17500 Points: Bill Cumberworth



Barn Sales and News bits

Correction to Ride Book:

Cavalier CTR will be over

May 21-22, 2005 so mark
your calendars and enter now!

Polish Arab Gelding, "Prince", offered for sale. 9 yr old, unpapered, 14.3 H, Bay with Blaze, 4 socks, quiet, gentle, excellent groomers, well built, good feet, good bone, smooth riding endurance/competitive prospect or pleasure. Call Joan at 303-647-0633 (No Sundays)....\$1500

Mike Hansen, Hitchcock, TX is raising funds for the Galveston Shriners Hospital where burn victims are treated. His son was severely burned and his treatments were free. To repay the benefits his son derived, Mike and another son, Justin, are trail riding with 3 horses from Texas to Cheyenne, WY. In New Mexico they will go from Clovis to Ft. Sumner along Hwy 84 and on I-40 to Albuquerque and up I-25 thru Colorado to Cheyenne. Donations of feed, overnight accommodations, or just to join them on their ride would be helpful. Cash donations for the Shriners Hospital are welcomed. Contact: Chad Hansen 409-457-1316. (Mike's brother) for information and dates of the ride.

For Sale: MFT gelding 6yr, flashy Bay with solid gaits, quiet, gentle and prof. trained for round pen or versatility work. Put Prince in your trailer for competitive riding. \$5900 Call Sandy at 928-684-7512

Kay Gunckel, DVM is Chair of our Junior Rider Program and is looking for youth ages 10-18 to give CTR a try! She has junior rider packets available and she'll visit pony clubs and 4-H meetings for presentations. Call her at 970-667-2877 or e-mail: drkaydvm@msn.com

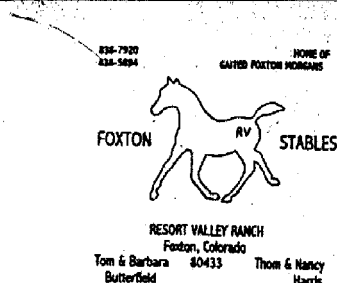
Two Saddles Offered for Sale:

Free 'n' Easy 15.5" endurance style, ex. condition with large knee rolls, wide and comfortable for horse and rider \$699

Tucker - brand new, ridden only 5 times with pad, 15.5", wide and very comfortable \$900



Call Sandy or Steve at 928-684-7512



Look back at our struggle for freedom,
Trace our present day's strength to its
source,
And you'll find that man's pathway to
glory,
Is strewn with the bones of a horse.

* anonymous

Message Board

Susan McKelvy, Editor

We had 2 1/2 feet of heavy wet snow one Sunday and I was able to ride 20 miles conditioning myself and Baron the next weekend in shirtsleeves! It's springtime in our Rockies. We are eagerly awaiting a foal in our barn and as we've not had one of our horses involved prenatally for over 20 years, we're a wee bit nervous however our mare is placid and that encourages us. Let us know if you have some blessed events happening in your horse herd this spring and send me some baby pix as we all enjoy seeing potential trail horses from the get-go!

We had a good BOD meeting several weeks ago hosted by Jim and Lin Ward. This BOD is eager and able to tackle projects and Region 3 riders will begin to see the results of their efforts. Our major push is to increase our membership and to provide better support to our wonderful ride managers. Jan and Dave Cook (Kay Gunckel's parents) have stepped up to the bar as our co-chairs for Trail Advocacy for our Region. Dave has 30 years experience with the USFS which should help us understand and meet and deal with the Service as well as other governmental agencies encountered in managing a CTR. We welcome their ideas and commitment.

Jan Cook joined Doreen Portner, myself, Laurie DiNatale and Tracie Scarlett in a meeting with the Ranger for one area of the Pike National Forest. We began our meeting by showing an old film (but still accurate) which described our sport from beginning to end of a CTR. The Ranger, Randy Higgenbottom, watched intently. He was "on guard" initially but after give-and-take conversation where we expressed our concerns and he stated the USFS's policies, he relaxed and better understandings resulted. Basically, our permits for CTR's are a *privilege* and we need to provide the initial ride request, information, maps and insurance paperwork timely and in return the USFS has stated they will provide permit issuance sooner (if possible--permits need approval of different people). New trails are a problem for the USFS as various people must do research and approve issues of potential damage to environmental and/or archeological sites which may be impacted. Because of this, the USFS is now requiring even commercial outfitters to GPS their trails. We brought up the mixed messages we've received from the USFS regarding the use of trails which are "official" versus those which are not so heavily used. Now the trend seems to be "keeping the users on the approved trails" rather than any which have not been listed as official. We explained our need for trails which connect and are circular to bring riders back to camp at the end of the day. That requirement means we often access and use "unofficial" trails or old two-track roads. All in all, it helps to walk a mile in another's moccasins.

Consider joining Back Country Horsemen, a National organization with individual chapters, they advocate for recreational rider and horse use on public lands and work on projects for trail enhancements.

Carla Richardson (New Region 3 Member) Praises our Mentors!

I feel it is my moral obligation to send an urgent warning to all First-Time Riders about the people of NATRC! This is a group of people who will do anything, and everything in their power to lure you, entice you and get you hooked into this sport! If you are susceptible to addictions, especially those of the horse variety, you are forewarned! You will not have a chance to escape. If you go to a NATRC ride, be prepared to spend all your future weekends riding, training, ordering equipment on-line, and entering competitive trail rides. Don't say you were not warned!

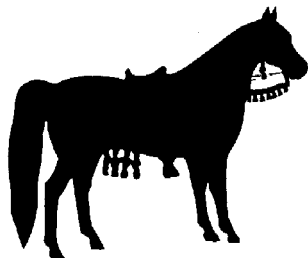
I realized this was going to happen as soon as I pulled into the camp of the Anasazi CTR, my very first NATRC ride. No sooner had I arrived than Jerry Sims approached my truck, welcoming me and showing me where to park. When I parked, I found Lin Ward, who proceeded to help me get set up and told me where and how to go check in with my horse. All evening long, people were encouraging, friendly, and offering me food, drink and VERY helpful advice. After the "official" briefing meeting, we had the first riders meeting (which was great, lots of info and advice). After that, we all went to our trucks and trailers and...silence. I never saw a place shut down to quiet so quickly, and peacefully. These people and their horses are serious!

The next morning, I was nervous and excited, and in between getting myself and my horse ready, I was watching all the beautiful people and horses milling around. Lin came over again and told me what to do at the P&R checks. Everyone I saw asked how I was doing, was my horse doing well, and told me to have a great day. The ride started, I set my watch to 12:00 as instructed, and off we went. We did fairly well, although at every obstacle where the judges were, ofcourse, we flubbed something (ha!). My horse was excited in the beginning and wasn't paying a lot of attention to me--my fault, we need more schooling at home. But I didn't care, I was enjoying the scenery, the ride, my horse, and meeting new people. At the first P & R my horse checked out really well, he was relaxed and his P&R was 11/3. I was happy especially since he and I had not been riding for about 2 months until last week, when we took 3 short rides to "get ready" for the CTR. His second P&R was 12/3, which was after a short trot-in of 1/2 mile. Again, pretty good!

The only real problem I had was right before lunch stop, when Top Gun (my horse) had a "meltdown" and I had to get off and walk for about 10 minutes with him to calm him down. Yes, I told the judges that I dismounted and walked my horse which is a penalty...oh well! Top Gun did not want to be left behind and I wanted to slow down, so we had a slight attitude problem of him being suddenly totally drenched in sweat, prancing sideways, head tossing, etc. At any rate, after I walked for a while, leading him, he was much better and I got back on, and rode into the lunch break. After lunch, he was SO much better, he was back to his usual self and I had a GREAT rest of the day. We were able to stay on our schedule and made up time. The mile and 1/2 trot into the last P&R went well! I was SO pleased with Top Gun on this trot--he went well, eagerly, but was totally in control--how nice! His last P&R was 13/6 which was okay...especially, did I mention, My total weight is 230 lbs and he's an Arabian weighing 850 lbs. He carries quite a load...hmmmm...time for me to lose weight and get lighter equipment...yeah! (shopping).

We made it back to camp in the right time, and checked-in uneventfully. Whew! My horse and I survived the ride. We even won 5th place novice heavyweight, received two nice certificates, one for my horse and one for me (there probably were only 5 novice heavyweight contenders!) I can strive to do better at the next ride, and hopefully, we will. I had a great time and look forward with anticipation for the next time I can ride. By the way, I have to mention how courteous everyone was on the trail, always approaching and passing safely, and again, encouraging everyone along.

Thank you so much to everyone, you were all so helpful and friendly and a special THANKS to the crew who put on this ride, you did an excellent job. Especially nice the water provided for the horses and riders at several stops along the way, which was a lifesaver as it was hot and dry out there. I enjoyed meeting so many people from all over and hope to see you all again soon.



Horse Expo Report by Linell Miller

The Horse Expo was great this year. With the theme of *Trail Riding* what more could we want! There was a lot of good stuff to see and purchase. This year I was glad to make some needed improvements to the NATRC Region 3 Booth. I asked Jane Young to help me with the remodel and together we started. We asked Cristy Cumberworth for some professional photos from our CTRs and she donated twelve 8x10's and a 11x14. They made a great display! A big thanks to Cristy!

Lumber was purchased to construct a "U" shaped structure which would be more open to the public and we dressed up our tables with red kerchief fabric to catch their eyes. We added plastic display holders for printed materials which we handed out (we ran out of some things so our next expenditure will be a copier!) Jill Talbot donated a free entry to her clinic which was raffled off. Other clinics were advertised as well.

The names and addresses of new member possibilities were forwarded to our Membership Committee. Jim and Lin Ward donated \$100 toward the booth expenses which is greatly appreciated! We'll re-use this booth and add more copies of informative literature for Horse Expos scheduled in the fall in Durango and Grand Junction. Perhaps we can research doing some refrigerator magnets with our logo and website listing which could also be handed out in the future.

I believe we need to re-educate our members and new members that almost all the information needed is found on our web site. Even the IRS doesn't mail out tax forms anymore and relies on most folks to download the forms needed. Who knows, maybe in a few years we won't have the chunk of change going into printing Ride Books with all necessary information on our Competitive Rides being listed and downloadable from our website!

A big thanks to all who stopped by to say "howdy" and especially to those who answered the call and helped meet and greet and answer questions of visitors to our booth.

Helmet Awards were donated by the following members of Region 3 to further the safety message and practice of Competitive Trail Riding:

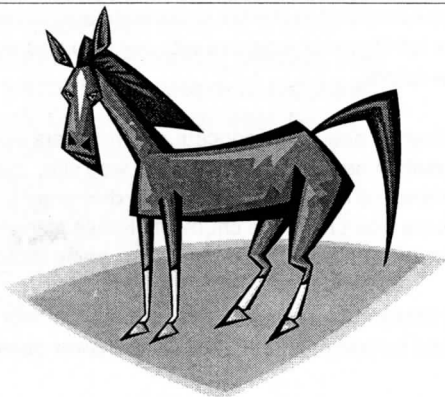
Anasazi CTR	Jim and Lin Ward
Chatfield CTR	Long Rider's Gear
Navajo Lake CTR	Olga Spanoff
Cavalier CTR	Jeff and Kathy Brown
Strawberry CTR	Steve and Priscilla Lindsey
Purgatory CTR	Long Rider's Gear
Colorado Trail CTR	Don and Kathy Budd
For Love of Horses CTR	Darrell and Susan Dye
Rocky Mountain Dream CTR	Susan McKelvy
Chokecherry Canyon CTR	Kay Gunkel, DVM
The Chile Line CTR	Lin and Jim Ward

We thank you all and urge everyone to ride safely with their heads tucked into a helmet!

Susie Witter passed on some info regarding Horse Trailering which warrents our consideration:

- *There are no regulations on horse trailer manufacturing.
- * In a fire, aluminum trailers will melt!
- * Aluminum trailer flooring will corrode so keep it cleaned.
- * Ride in the horse area of your trailer to check out venilation, noise, exhaust fumes and anything you consider important to the safety and comfort of your horse.
- * Keep a list of people to contact in case of an emergency in your truck and horse trailer.

Harmony Horseworks (Horse Rescue Organization) presents **Frank Bell** and a 7-step safety system gentle solutions natural horsemanship clinic on May 14-15, Bridlewood Stables, Evergreen, CO
Contact: Barbara Wright
303-816-0766 for information



Strawberry CTR is hosting an Auction!

Stephanie Miller, Ride Manager of Strawberry CTR is putting on an auction to raise funds to repay the Region 3 loan of \$500 which helped her make up unforeseen financial shortfalls from last year's competitive ride. Auction will be held between Sunday's check-out and the awards presentation. This promises to be a lot of fun with sponsors donating awards to be bid upon as well as riders contributing new and used tack, items from the barn or horse trailers which are surplus, useable and would be wonderful for someone to have! A Potluck lunch/supper will happen coincident with the auction...so come and eat and bid. Raising your fork may do a lot more than put food in your mouth!

Call Stephanie at 435-454-3958 or e-mail: smiller@ubtanet.com or her aide, Gayla Reinhardt at 435-738-5903 or e-mail: gayla@ubtanet.com to get answers to any questions on the upcoming auction...plan to donate something to help them out!

Lasso a good Deal!



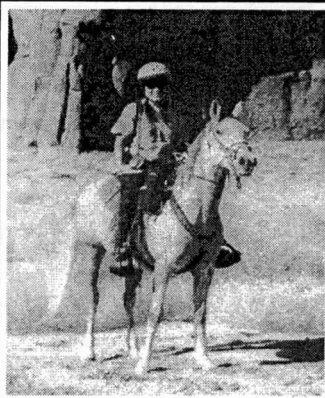
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Ricochet Danari is 15.1, grey, 1996 registered Arab. Well trained trail horse, worked on mountain and canyon trails, opens gates, side passes and willing to learn new tricks. Has been packed, high lines and hobbles, well-balanced, smooth, great open horse. Current owner no longer competing. \$3500 Call Kathe Hayes 970-882-522 or e-mail: kathayes@frontier.net

We Are Moving!!! Need to Sell some Horses!!!

Huge discounts on Arabs and 1/2 Arabs bred for Trail Riding and Distance Sports: 4 Mares - one with NATRC Experience, two green broke, one untrained (do your thing) Priced from \$1000-\$4500 (negotiable)

Call 970-354-7422 or e-mail for info
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5 Year Old Dapple Grey Reg. Arabian

Mare, athletic, sound, excellent endurance/competitive prospect ready to train the way you please for \$2500 obo, also **1 year old dapple grey Reg. 3/4 Arab/Mustang** mare who will grow up to be an excellent trail prospect, very sweet and willing to please \$1000.

Must sell! Call Debbie Carney 970-737-1047 or e-mail: bmvf@juno.com

Report of USFS (Pike National Forest) Meeting April 1, 2005
by Doreen Portner

A function of the National Trail Advocacy Committee is to assist ride managers with difficulties they may have in obtaining trails and permits for their rides. Ride managers in Region 3 working in the Pike N.F. near Denver have encountered several hang-ups over the past few years and it was decided to become pro-active and meet directly with USFS personnel involved in the permitting process. An ad hoc committee of Doreen Portner, Nat. Trails Advocacy Chair, Tracie Scarlett, Experienced Ride Manager, Sue McKelvy, Newsletter editor and former ride manager, Jan Cook, Reg. 3 Trails Advocacy Chair and Laurie DiNatale, NATRC Executive Director met with Pike NF District Ranger, Randy Higgenbottom. We (Region 3 committee) had agreed beforehand that this meeting was not going to be anything but friendly and open and thus we began by presenting the Memo of Understanding between American Horse Council and USFS and presented a visual overview of our sport with a video. After the show, a lively discussion ensued with Randy Higgenbottom explaining the hierarchy of the USFS and who was responsible for what. Some points he made are:

1. Rides staged close to major population centers compete with increased demand for permits and it is harder to get a permit.
2. Permits are issued on "first come, first serve" basis so CTR managers need to get paperwork in as soon as possible. We were advised it could come in as early as December of the prior year!
3. CTR's using approved USFS trails will facilitate an early issuance of a permit as non-system trails must meet approval of appropriate scientists (botanists, ecologists, archeologists, etc.) This slows the permit process. It often takes more than a year to designate a trail as approved system trail.
4. Managers were urged to contact the person handling their permit application to follow up as often this person has many permit applications. It is clear that the responsibility for communication is OURS!
5. Be certain all required and completed papers with maps, etc. are submitted with the permit application.
6. There can't be a standard permit fee for all rides as fees are based on fair market value of the actual public land used which varies from forest to forest.
7. Often USFS personnel are required to work projects as funding dictates which limits time allotted to Recreational Permit Processing.

We can assist the USFS by notifying the front desk person of potential problems we may encounter while conditioning or pleasure riding trails near us. We often see things before the thin green line of the USFS does. Issues needing attention of USFS personnel will be brought to their attention in that way. We can do trail maintenance work if we first discuss a proposed project with USFS to get their input on our plans, procedures, etc.

We can pick up trash while riding...especially glass and cans which can potentially injure others. We can learn to identify invasive and noxious weeds and GPS their location and turn in information to USFS office nearest us so they can proceed with eradication programs.

Each of our Regions can identify activities specific to their areas for which they can provide service. The important thing is to maintain an ongoing spirit of cooperation and remember there is always more than one side to the issue.

We felt the meeting was successful even though we did not get the answers we initially thought we wanted. This was the first of what we hope will be several meetings to discuss issues involving CTRs.



Region 3's Committees

Contact the chair person listed to volunteer and as we would love your skills and input!

Juniors: Kay Gunckel 970-667-2877

Mentors: Lin Ward 719-783-9645

Jerry Sims 505-326-6797

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Reg. Trail advocate: Dave & Jan Cook (no phone at press)

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Reg 3 Convent:ion:: Terri Smith 970-325-8813

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National BOD Updates: Susie Witter & Doreen Portner
719-495-4725

Budget: Priscilla Lindsey & Kathy Brown
970-396-9173 (cell)

Region 3 Members with winning bids for Prime Parking Spots at our CTRs



Anasazi
Chatfield
Navajo Lake
Cavalier
Strawberry
Purgatory
Colorado Trail
For Love of Horses
Rocky Mtn Dream
Chokecherry
Chile Line
Pine Ridge

Bill Cumberworth
Kay Gunckel
Donna Johnson
Sherri Halligan
Lin Ward
Kathy Brown
Lin Ward
Kay Gunckel
Diana Marquardt
Jeff Brown
Marc Shanor
Priscilla Lindsey

We thank these folks for donating to Region 3 above and beyond the call of duty!

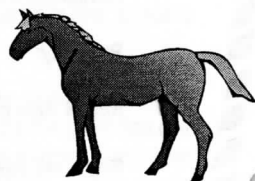
Entries bid and won for 2005 CTR's:

Anasazi
Chatfield
Navajo Lake
Purgatory
Colorado Trail

Laura Schumack
Tracey Korthius
Lin Ward
Carolynn Anderson
Cindy Meyer

Rocky Mtn Dream
Chokecherry
Chile Line
D. Marquardt
Jeff Brown
Terri Smith

So You Want to be a CTR or Endurance Rider by Randy Winter



Thud, crud.
Hard ground beats a dent.
Body once supple,
Now torqued and bent.

Darkness harkens.
Eyes grimace with pain
White lightning like streaks
Thoughts try to remain.

Prone, groan.
Mixed colors now flash.
The silver of shoes
Miss doing the mash.

Aware of a tear,
Veins throbbing, not right.
There's salty red slime,
Movin' feels tight.

Now, how
First four, then on two
Senses all rusty
Horse not in view.

Breathe deep, no weep.
Smile to the day.
Helmet askew
Just another conditioning day.

Quench thirst first.
Blue sky you know.
Horse grazes easy,
No signs of the blow.

Feel, it's real.
It's what we do.
Look ahead, not behind,
More miles wait for you.

Stand Tall, call.
Horse coming to me
Stirrup, then seat,
It's our legacy.

Again with a friend
Let's be on our way.
It's walk, trot and canter,
Just another conditioning day.

Thanks to Jill Talbot and her
friend, Randy Winter, a poet
and endurance rider.

New Member Committee Report

March 2005

We continue to mail information to prospective new members. Most of them seem to be in Utah....thanks to Stephanie Miller's efforts! We'll have information at our booths for NATRC at the Horse Expo's in Utah and Colorado scheduled for weekend of March 12.

Upcoming events: Stephanie Miller will host a non-riding clinic for the Utah Missouri Fox trotting Assn. She'll also be booth rep at Utah's Horse Expo and will have information available at the MFT and Arab booths as well. Linell Miller and several NATRC members will represent us at our booth at the Colo Horse Expo and we are funding two members to attend the Trails Symposium seminar at that event.

I'll be attending a clinic for the NM Arab Horse Club on 3/20 in Albuquerque and should find out about a week-long youth camp so I can be there to promote NATRC. Applause to Kay Gunckel's outreach efforts including her offer to present our program to 4-H and Pony Clubs.

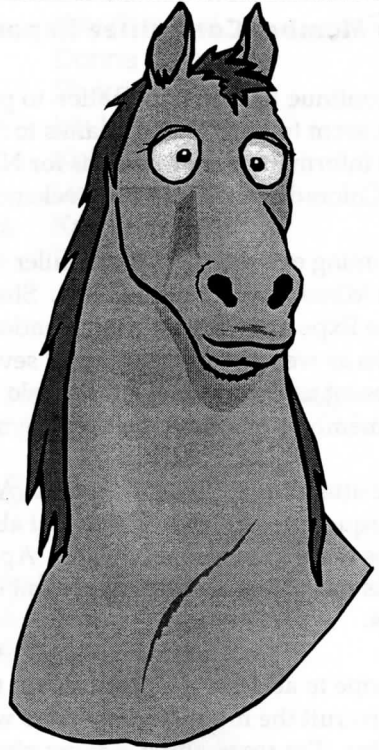
We hope to address the proposal for funds to award prizes to members who recruit the most new members which was tabled at the last BOD meeting. I'm researching making posters for Region 3 with help from Cristy Cumberworth and another local friend/businessman which could be posted with tear-offs directing interested people to our website. Maybe bigger posters can be produced to hang at booths such as the os.

Common goals:

1. Modify the membership form to include a blank to be checked for new or first time members including how they heard of us.
2. Get membership information on the Nat. website too along with committee contacts specific for our region.

All I know in life I learned from my HORSE!

1. When in doubt, run far, far away.
2. You can never have too many treats.
3. Passing gas in public is nothing to be ashamed of.
4. New shoes are an absolute necessity every 6-8 weeks (more often if your rider is crazy about CTR).
5. Ignore cues. They're just a prompt to do more work.
6. Everyone loves a good, wet, slobbery kiss or snort.
7. Never run when you can jog. Never jog when you can walk. Never walk when you can stand still. (Reverse that if you are of Arabian descent).
8. Heaven is eating for at least 10 hours a day and sleeping the rest!
9. Eat plenty of roughage.
10. Great legs and a nice rear end will get you anywhere. Big brown eyes help too.
11. When you want your way, stomp hard on the nearest foot.
12. In times of crisis, take a poop.
13. Act dumb when faced with a task you don't want to do.
14. Follow the herd. That way, you can't be singled out for blame.
15. A swift kick in the butt will get anyone's attention.
16. Love those who love you back, especially if they have something good to eat



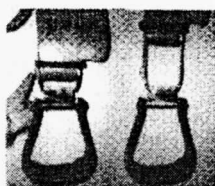
Rider Numbers bid and won at auction at Seminar

Open:	1	Matt Baker	10	Judy Mason
	2	Roxann Lane	11	Tracie Scarlett
	3	Jeff Brown	12	Milne Parish
	4	Kathy Brown	14	Don Budd
	5	Donna Johnson	15	Darryl Dye
	6	Tracey Korthuis	18	Kay Gunckel
	7	Terri Smith	19	Jim Ward
	8	Laura Shumack	20	Gary Inman
	9	Lin Ward	21	Linell Miller

Competitive Pleasure:	40	Cindy Meyer	49	Linda Jones
	41	Heather West	54	Diana Marquardt
	45	Lou Ann Colby	55	Sherri Halligan
	48	Russ Jones		

Novice:	80	Sherri Halligan	84	Diana Marquardt	88	JJ Gunckel
	100	Sue Benjamin				

"Sometimes there just isn't a stump around"



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