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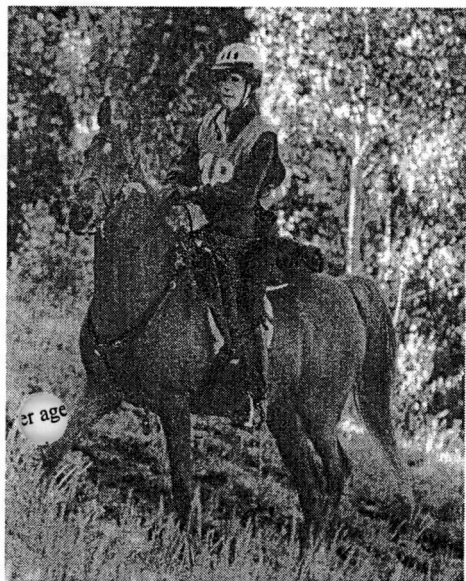
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Kathy & Annie at '04 El Jinete CTR
photo by Cristy Cumberworth

Greetings!

It seems like I was just writing the president's message for the beginning of the ride season, and here we are already at the end of the ride season! I want to thank everyone for a great year, Ride Managers, Volunteers, Sue McKelvy for the newsletter, Board Members, Judges, Land Owners, Forest Rangers, etc, etc. It takes more than a village to keep our sport vibrant.

Even though the competitive year is coming to a close, there is work to be done. We need to plan next year's rides, get the ride book ready, elect new Board Members (watch for your ballot in the mail!) and plan our convention in January. Please read my article about the increase in rider fees for 2006--we need your feedback about this no later than November 11th. Please feel free to come to the board meeting on Sunday November 13 at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver. The National NATRC Board meets the day before at the same location...so come out for both events!

Lastly, I have some good news, as of the last membership report, Region 3 has the most members! All Regions are down in numbers so we still need to think about recruitment and retention but we are doing a good job, now let's do a GREAT job!

Thanks again to all and to quote Terri Smith, CTR rider from New Mexico, "I'm proud to know ya!"

Kathy Brown, President

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Strawberry A Competitive Trail Ride

6/25-26/05 Region 3 - UT

A: O/N/CP Total Riders: 47

ChairStepanie Miller

Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Pat Montgomery

Open Sweepstakes: Brazos Blaze/Brown, Jeff 100

Novice Sweepstakes: Latigo's Oquirrh Chief/L. Lingle

Open Heavyweight:

- 1/1 Brazos Blaze/Brown, Jeff
- 2/2 BHR Hosans Polly Anna/Budd, Don
- 3/4 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
- 4/3 Sky/Dye, Darrell
- 5/5 Bobbi Soxx Too Go/Takle, Robert
- P Zeus Sujan/Parish, Milne
- P Comander's Easy Goer/Ward, Jim



Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- 2/5 Panama Jack/Smith, Terri
- 3/3 Cloudsrest Sephyr/Korthuis, Tracey
- 4/4 All the Rage/Brown, Kathy
- 5/1 Blue Skies Afyre/Johnson, Donna
- 6/1 Aassifah, Brault, Josette
- /6 CR Blaze of Glory/Frank, Nancy
- P Huck's Last Love/Ward, Lin

Novice Heavyweight:

- 1/2 Latigo's Oquirrh Chief/Lingle, Leslie
- 2/1 MT Top Gun/Richardson, Carla
- 3/3 Chico of Naszrence/Roberts, Gary
- 4/5 TF Shateza/Kovall, Sue
- 5/4 Sheba/St Louis, Terry
- P Swans Final Futurity/Piotraschke, E.
- P Jazzona/Densley, Ted
- P Rusty/Hill, Paula
- P MO Marque/Levasque, Gina
- P General/Sosa, Linda
- P Diamond/Thornton, Lynnette
- P Warrs Adventure/Barainca, John
- P Rock N EZ Riley/ingham, Kerry
- P WR Abilene Texan/Farrell, Daniel

Novice Lightweight:

- P Perfections Dusk Til Dawn/Morgan,
- P A Rare Affair/Densley, Katie
- P Curioso Jorge/Bradbury, Judi
- P Zaramora Del reino/Nudell, Carol
- P Olympic Rose/Baker, Sandi
- P Dennis the Menace/Wilson, Pat
- P Ceriva Gypsea/Molitor, Loretta
- P Laredo's Storm/Hamilton, Pete
- P Casy/McCarty, Cindy
- P Snip Black Ice/Fucigna, Isabel
- P Summer Breeze/Bagley, Ashley

Competitive Pleasure:

- 1/1 Prime Contender/Yates, Terry
- P RV Dutch Chocolate/ Hoth, Lois
- P Miss Shamrock MO Mack K, Jones,
- P Bopanza's Rebel G/Sims, Beth
- P Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy
- P Rock N EZ Rey/Sims, Jerry
- P Major Macks Princess/Hazelwood, A

Colorado Trails Symposium Report

by Doreen Portner

Several members from the NATRC Region 3 family were in attendance at the Colorado Trails Symposium over the weekend of September 16-17, 2005. Lisa Sowell, Doreen Portner, Jan Cook were present, as was NATRC Executive Director, Laurie DiNatale, who, incidentally, was one of the major players in organizing and promoting the seminar and introducing featured speakers. We can all be proud of her role, efforts and profile on this event. The major theme that was repeated throughout the meeting was the term "GRASSROOTS EFFORTS" which was being stated as the way of the future for maintenance and development of trails whether urban corridors or wilderness paths.

Some of the featured speakers were Jan Hancock of Phoenix, AZ, who is the author of the *Guideline for Equestrian Trails, Trail Heads and Camps* which is being published under the auspices of the USFS. She said trails in the Steamboat Springs, CO area were becoming eroded due to heavy use and needed maintenance which should be done. She engaged the audience, as an example, to figure the space required by someone parking a trailer and tying horses to it during their stay at a trail head parking lot or at a horse camp area. It was determined that there was a need to consider the zone of safety required by horses. She said a horse can kick in a 6 foot range. This, Doreen Portner, who reported on the seminar via phone to the editor of *The Stirrup*, said "Was something competitors needed to think about when parking their rigs at ride camps to protect themselves and their mounts from others. The good news is that she strongly recommended re-application for a permit to hold the Estrella Mountain CTR near Phoenix as management of the park in which the ride has taken place in the past has changed to folks more attuned to be positive on horseback activities.

Physician Michael Suk spoke to attendees about the critical link between use of trails for walking, biking and horseback riding and the general health of the population who use them for recreational purposes. He said the importance of trails can not be discounted in promoting a healthy lifestyle. Dr. David Litchford addressed the audience regarding the importance not of the "bigwigs" in administration of Parks and Trails but the behind-the-scenes people who actually administer rules and regulations and maintain the facilities and trails. It is of note that according to Doreen, most of the people at the symposium seemed to be middle management and people actually doing the hands-on work in the forests and parks of Colorado. She said all were "approachable" and that a lot of networking seemed to be happening.

The "Rails to Trails" program was explained and it has an impressive 13,325 miles of trails nationwide of which 139 miles are located within the borders of Colorado. Only 27 miles are open in Colorado to horses. It does have 14,000 projects in the works which is wonderful for a program only 20 years since its inception! Doreen cautioned that much of the Rails to Trails mileage is actually part of a "rail bank" which means should demand for more train tracks become reality, some of the trails would revert to their original purpose.

Regional and national NATRC helped to defray the expenses for the representatives of NATRC who attended the conference. Doreen said a large number of the attendees were horsepeople who were becoming quite concerned about trail closures to their use! Next year's event will be a national symposium in Minneapolis-St. Paul probably in September, 2006. It is hoped that NATRC will be a visible presence at that event.



Barn Sales and News Bits

Home wanted for a sweet 14 year old Tennessee Walker gelding, Jay, who has hip problems that preclude riding him on anything but flat ground. He has excellent ground manners, is gentle and is a good companion. Call Pat Jacques 970-726-6830 or patj551@yahoo.com

Bill and Jenny Smith are making monthly trips to Houston, TX for cancer treatments on Bill. They welcome calls and notes from their riding partners of past years.

Regarding Rider Fees - Your Opinion is Wanted!!

Current: \$6 divided between \$3 to National NATRC and \$3 to Reg.3

Proposed: \$9 with \$3 to National NATRC and \$6 to Reg. 3 to help defray expenses of Nat. BOD Reg. 3 representatives.

Concern: Families who ride CTR, need for a "cap" for them.

Ideas?: Call President Kathy Brown at 505-776-2575 or e-mail: equine@newmex.com before Nov. 11th...last BOD meeting for Reg 3 is Nov. 13 in Denver.

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Dinner for 2 at the Old Blinking Light (famous for their margaritas!)...\$50.00 value

Total value: \$620 but helping out the Chile Line CTR is Priceless!

Limited number tickets to be sold...you do NOT need to be present to win!

Tickets: \$10/each or 3 for \$25
Contact: Kathy Brown 505-776-2575
Get 'em while supplies last!

Purgatory CTR

(Formerly El Jinete)

7/16-17/05 Region 3, Colorado

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 31

Chairman: Lonnie Smith

Judges: Ron Stuber DVM, Frank Keeran

Open Sweepstakes: Panama Jack/Smith, Terri 100

Novice Sweepstakes: Quiero/Belcheff, Karen 98



OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT

- 1/2 BHR Hosan's Polly Anna/Budd, Don
- 2/3 Commander's Easy Goer/Ward, Jim
- 3/5 Sky/ Dye, Darrell
- 4/1 Brazos Blaze, Brown, Jeff
- 5/4 Rockin EZ Royal/Ancell, Steve

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT

- 1/1 Panama Jack/Smith, Terri
- 2/2 Huck's Last Love/Ward, Lin
- 3/3 All the Rage/Brown, Kathy
- P Cloudsrest Zephyr/Korthius, Tracey

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT

- 1/2 Quiero/Belcheff, Karen
- 2/1 April/Snip, Virginia
- 3/4 Hank/Kremer, Trudy
- 4/3 Chico of Naszrence/Roberts, Gary
- 5/6 MT Top Gun/Richardson, Carla
- 6/5 Lightfoot/Nelson, Tish
- Patch/Saunders, Lynn
- P June's Lucky Mac/Bingham, Kerry

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT

- 1/6 Sable/Kelly, Sheryl
- 2/4 Diamond Lil/Frane, Vonnice
- 3/5 Josie/Cook, Teresa
- 4/3 Colt 45/Courtney, Carole
- 5/1 Snip Black Ice/Fucigna, Isabel
- 6/2 Lena II/Ferganchick, Brandy
- Notah/Mauney, Jennifer
- P Ceriva Gypsea/Molitor, Loretta

NOVICE JUNIOR

- P Darby/Kelly, Katie

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE

- 1/2 RMR Nahr Amir/McFadden, Sherri
- 2/1 Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy
- 3/3 Rockin EZ Rey/Sims, Jerry
- 4/4 C R Blaze of Glory/Frank, Nancy
- 5/5 W A Cimation/Schumack, Laura

Colorado Trail

CTR

8/6-7/05 Region 3, Colorado

A-O/N/CP Total Riders 58

Chairman: Tracie Scarlett

Judges: Donna Johnson DVM, Kathy Shanor

Open Sweepstakes: SR Sir Bask/Wolgram, Ken- 99

Novice Sweepstakes: Perfection's Dusk Til

Dawn/Morgan, Ole -98



OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT

- 1/1 SR Sir Bask/Wolgram, Ken
- 2/2 Sky/Dye Darrell
- 3/4 Commander's Easy Goer/Ward, Jim
- 4/3 Touch of Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
- 5/5 Jamaican Me Crazy/Smith, Lonnie
- P BHR Hosan's Polly Anna/Budd, Don

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT

- 1/1 Cloudsrest Zephyr/Korthuis, Tracey
- 2/3 Panama Jack/Smith, Terri
- 3/2 All the Rage/Brown, Kathy
- 4/4 Obiewon/Spanhoff, Olga
- 5/5 CR Blaze of Glory/Frank, Nancy
- P Huck's Last Love/Ward, Lin

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT

- 1/4 RS Malbec Bar/Bart, Elora
- 2/ Willie/Barton, David
- 3/3 June's Lucky Mac/Bingham, Kerry
- 4/ GF Centarus/Dietrich, Lois
- 5/1 Pride's Lawyer/Sinnett, Jim
- 6/ TTM Bey Javu/Stake, Matt
- /2 Rocky Top II/Cristman, Eric
- /5 Thunder/Auer, Beth
- /6 Ebony's Spirit Walker/Jacques, Pat
- Swan's Finale Futurity/Piotraschke, Emily
- Ima Playmates Doll/Bolesla, Pam
- Smart Little Alexa/Vrobel, Jeanne
- TMM Acey Ducey/Kurtz, Judy
- Harley/Shelton, Ron
- Pixy/Skinner, David
- MT Top Gun/Richardson, Carla
- Scout/DiRienzo, Marsha
- P Theo/Gibbs, Susan
- P Beau/Herwehe, Martha
- P Warriors Blue Sky/Reinhardt, Nancy

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT

- 1/1 Perfection's Dusk Til Dawn/Morgan, Ole
- 2/2 Aladdin/Beardsley, Cat
- 3/6 Eduardo El Nigrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
- 4/3 RV Sparkler/Marquardt, Diana
- 5/5 Bos Mystic Rebel/Dye, Susan
- 6/ Red Cloud/Walls, Sharyl
- /4 Classica Arco Iris/Pernell, Meg
- Bowie/Yoder, Kathryn
- P Geronimo/Birchler, Cindy
- P P O2/Birchler, Keith
- P Poco/Grossman, Nathalie
- P Porsha/Kissman, Kimberly
- P Hobi/Van Cott, Deborah

NOVICE JUNIOR

- 1/1 Duncan's Victory/Kurtz, Miranda

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE

- 1/1 Cappucino's Minnie Pearl/Rubenstein, Angie
- 2/4 Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy
- 3/6 Zeus Suján/Budd, Kathy
- 4/5 Dichoso/Harder, Cindy
- 5/2 Poppy/Wolgram, Betty
- 6/ LD Dixie Lee/Vasquez, ouise
- /3 Ladendaah/Witter, Susie
- Baby Dolls Spotted Man/Young, J
- Gungslinger T/Jubb, Mike
- WA Cimatation/Shumack, Laura
- P Post Rock Starry Night/Fredal, C
- P Saku/Jeffcoat, Cheri

Letters and E-mails from Region Three

from Susan Peters: Front Range CTRs - Should we form a Coalition???

Something I have long considered - the 4 Corners does just a great job of putting on any rides year after year. I have often marvelled at how they do that and do not burn out people. I wonder if a part of the answer lies in the fact that they 1) pool talent/develop talent and 2) rotate ride responsibilities so no one burns out.

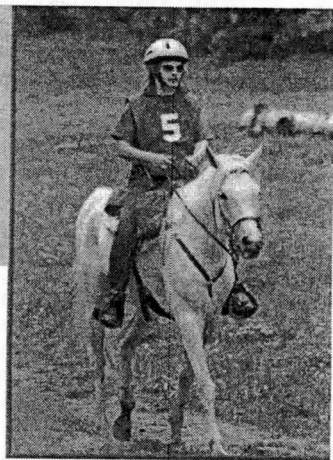
Think about whether we could or should do something similar with Front Range Rides such as Colorado Trail, Willow Springs, Chatfield, and Cavalier. Benefits could come from 1) pooling workers, 2) registration, 3) having back up ride managers and secretaries (think about what problems occur should a disaster befall a Ride Manager just before the CTR takes place!), 4) sharing resources (are there benefits to sharing tents and other physical items necessary to setting up a ride site?) and 5) letting people actually complete a ride they've managed for years.

We can talk over the remainder of the ride season and decide if we want to do anything for next year (2006). Contact: Susan Peters sapeter@us.ibm.com

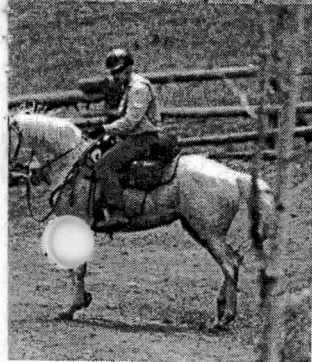


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Left: Jerry and Beth Sims on Rock N EZ and Bonanza's Rebel G. enjoying the trail at Strawberry CTR in Utah



Donna Johnson on Blue Skies Afyre



Perhaps this is Gary Roberts on Chico of dressage backing nicely.



Open Riders: Jeff and Kathy Brown, Nancy Frank & Josette Brault amble in to camp from the trail on Saturday.

Tevis Diary by Betty Wolgram

Friday, July 15: On the road to the Tevis (Endurance Ride in California). Arrived at Wells, NV where a campground and its managers welcomed us and our horses. It really blew their minds when we told them we were going to attempt to ride our horses 100 miles over the Sierra Nevadas in one day!

Saturday, July 16: After carefully cleaning our camp site of manure and hay so we'd be welcomed back on our return trip, we left about 8 AM arriving in Wells, CA about 3:30 PM. Diesel prices have not been as bad as we'd expected ranging between \$2.43-2.61/gallon. It's hot, though, 108 degrees in Auburn and it was 102 degrees when we went to bed at 9:30 PM! Thank goodness for air conditioning.

Sunday, July 17: Hot, again with 92 degrees in the morning when we walked our horses before turning them out in a corral for free play. We were joined by 4 other riders and their crew. It was our Chihuahua's 1st birthday, and "spoiled rotten" Chloe got a dog food "cake" complete with a candle. At 9 PM I rode out over No Hands Bridge on Summer and tried the red-filtered head lamp. It worked well and we trotted most of the 9 miles of the trail.

Monday, July 18: Ken and Sir were dropped off at Foresthill section of the trail for some conditioning there and Summer and I drove on to Poverty Bar river crossing where we'd had a problem last year. I did not cross the river but did study the trail as I rode it because we'd gotten lost in the dark when the glow sticks went out the prior year. Returned to meet Ken and Sir about 12:30 PM and it was 106 degrees with both Summer and Sir panting. Ken said he'd met a rattlesnake but that Sir behaved well and ran away when Ken asked him to "move out!" We have some major concerns about the heat here as most of our conditioning rides near Craig have not been that warm.

Tuesday, July 19 After bacon and eggs for breakfast, we went to a local library to check e-mail and weather forecast for the weekend. Not good as it is predicted hot but that evening I again returned to No Hands Bridge and rode with building confidence in the glow of my red-light. Had I ridden with a light like this last year I might have made the end of the trail in time despite the painful saddle problems. My thanks to Specialized Saddles for fitting both me and my mount as well as Ken and Sir (previously impossible to find a good fitting saddle for) as I was able to ride comfortably and balanced.

Wednesday, July 20: Ken left mid-morning to pick up his mom at the Sacramento airport. She crewed for us last year and is back again...glutton for punishment. We clipped our horses to better handle the heat predicted for the weekend. We drove up to Robie Park where the race begins.

Thursday, July 21: We talked with Jeff and Kathy Brown to let them know we were at Robie Park as they were on their way to crew for us too. Bless their hearts, they drove straight through from Taos to meet us. Our horses were eating and drinking well, hardly lifting their heads from their hay and beet pulp mashes. Of the two neighboring rigs, one man keeps blowing his elk call whistle and was still sounding off at 9:30 PM when we were ready to pack it in for sleep. Ken said if he kept it up past 10 PM, he'd help him "digest" the mechanism! I took a Tylenol PM and went blissfully to sleep. It is cooler there than Auburn and our horses love it.

Friday, July 22: This is "Tevis" eve. Kathy and Jeff arrived about 9:30 AM. Ken and I went to the vendor booths to purchase souvenir T-shirts and caps for our crew. Kathy and Jeff looked incredibly bright-eyed after so many miles of overnight driving. I bought a pair of Iridion tights and Cool Medic vest that would later prove a lifesaver in the hot canyons. We picked up our rider packets and returned to the trailer to get our horses for the tack and vet-in. Horses were vetted in but Summer did not like having chalk applied to her butt...she is number 225 and Sir is 226. We visited with Sue Flagg, ate burgers with Christy and Judy Cumberworth who were in camp too and Kathy lent me a beautiful silver angel locket to wear for luck on the ride. Ken's mom and Judy wrote special notes to be placed inside it. Jeff and Kathy left for Robinson Flats to set up crew camp there. Greg Fellers, DVM, who judged the Island in the Sky CTR last year, is head vet for Tevis 2005. He announced new criteria for pulses on horses at the vet check points due to the extreme heat. Now it has been lowered from 64 beats per minute to 60 at Red Star Ridge (28 miles), from 68 to 64 at Deadwood (56 miles), and from 64 to 60 at Foresthill (69 miles) the crowd of riders got very quiet. However, they knew he was making the changes in the best interests of the competing horses. Briefing was closed with "see you in Auburn" I sure hope so! Returned to our trailer at 8 PM, showered, took 2 Tylenol PM's and slept for 7 hours without concern for our nearby elk caller.

Saturday July 23: RIDE DAY! Awoke at 3:30 AM, dressed and ate breakfast. A bear had visited our elk callers camp next door and all their food was eaten! The mighty hunters did not take the precaution of stowing their food and lost it! I was glad the bear was happy with their food and did not bother our horses. At 4:45 AM we left for the starting line and were timed out about 5:20 AM with the second group of riders at a steady trot. Our long day into night had begun.



Tevis Experience (continued)

July 23 -Ride Day Thoughts: In 2004 I attempted the Tevis for the first time with high hopes. I had inherited Summer to ride at the last minute and I grateful that Ken had given her to me for the ride when Quickly was injured. Summer valiantly carried me the entire 100 miles but I failed to earn the completion awards because I arrived "overtime" at the finish, dehydration, pain from the saddle that fit Summer but not me, and fear of the dark overcame me, and I sent Ken on ahead with six miles to finish in time. I felt that I had let Ken and Summer down until I read what Julie Suhr had said of her own ride (I passed her at Robie Point where she had pulled herself 1 1/2 miles from the finish). Julie said, "I failed to finish but I did not fail to try!" Those words became my lifeline when we entered the 2005 Tevis. We were fortunate to have three wonderful people volunteer to crew for us, Rita Gamble (Ken's mom), Jeff and Kathy Brown. The Browns took a day or two from their jobs to drive straight through in a rented car, crewed all day and then returned to Taos Sunday to be at their desks on Monday. It is my only regret that they were not present at the presentation of the coveted buckles for people who finished to share my joy.

Quite a few people have asked me how I felt when I finished. Maybe they expected to hear "terrific, excited, I beat the mountain this year...and so on". But all I can say is "I feel so humble". Last year I was just trying to put all the miles behind me, and this year, every step my horse and I took together was a miracle. I was awed by every point on the trail: Granite Chief Wilderness, which reminded me of the beauty and reggedness of our own Mt. Zirkel Wilderness near where we live, Cougar Rock, where the volunteer at the top cheered me on and said "That's how it's supposed to be done!" Elephant's Tr... where Summer's surefootedness gave me even more confidence. Robinson Flat, where a wonderful guy from Phu... tried to cheer his girl friend on by yelling "good job, honey, you're a third of the way!" He and all the crews and the volunteers making the dust and pain of the first 36 miles disappear as they clapped and yelled "good Luck, Keep going!" It was where our crew, the Browns, secured the coveted spot near the bathroom by winning a sprint contest for crew sites. Even the canyons were not just something to overcome but places to marvel at our horses' strength as they steadily carried us down to Dusty Corners and Last Change and up and up through all the seemingly endless switchbacks, past Devils Thumb and into Deadwood.

More wonderful volunteers there, people who held our horses, gave us water and food, fed Summer and Sir hay dunked in water tanks, carrots, and sponged them with cool water...these stops were an oasis. Before I knew it, we were through Michigan Bluff and in to Foresthill where the townspeople again cheered us on and where our crew took excellent care of us and our horses. I changed my clothes and Rita forced food down my throat and with my red-filtered light attached to my helmet, I bravely set out to face the hours of night riding. The Angel locket tucked under my shirt which contained notes of encouragement: "You can do it" and "You have wind beneath your wings". Ken led Sir through the downhill switchbacks, slowing down his 5-6 mph pace when ever I told him I needed a break. There are two points on the Tevis I feel most riders think they will never reach...one is Fancisco's (17 miles downhill from Foresthill) and the 5 miles from the Rier Crossing to Lower Quarry is the other. That road just goes on and on! Near Lower Quarry is where I'd hit the wall last year unable to maintain the pace necessary to finish in time. Not this year, though, when we cleared the vet check, Summer picked up a trot and I stayed with her.

Up to the Highway Crossing I confidently led the way, up and trotting over No Hands Bridge, trotting to Robie Point where we caught up with 5 or 6 riders walking in. I was wanting to pass them but Ken cautioned me and held me back saying "Just relax, no reason to take a chance on the horses stumbling and hurting themselves this close to the end." It seemed like we walked forever behind those riders but we finally reached the Staging Area, the timed finish. I had been singing, praying, talking to myself and crying tears of joy for the past mile, knowing I was going to make it. But I was also fighting off motion sickness from following the other riders and as Kathy and Ken's mom patted my leg and congratulated me, I leaned over Summer's mane and barfed my guts out. If I hadn't been so sick, I would have been mortified, but I'm certain I'm not the only rider in 51 years of the Tevis who threw up at the end of the trail.

Ken said he would never forgive me if I didn't ride the Victory Lap with him after the horses trotted out "sound", so I did. Summer was spooking (where did she find the energy?!!) and I was too tired, grumpy and dizzy to hold Ken's hand. I hope he forgives me for that. He was my rock and support during the ride, he gave me confidence when I needed it, making me feel I could do it.

And... a few hours later, the proof that the miracle had really happened, the privilege of crossing the stage and receiving that buckle. At home now, I am still counting the miracles, my husband, family and friends, our incredible horses, and those hundreds of people who have dedicated themselves to keeping the Tevis ride going year after year. This humble rider thanks you!

Betty Wolgram, Craig, Colorado

NATRC National Convention

"Riders At a Mission"

Vendors

Speakers

Awards

February 24-26, 2006

San Antonio, Texas

Speakers Beginning Friday Through Church on Sunday

Accommodations:

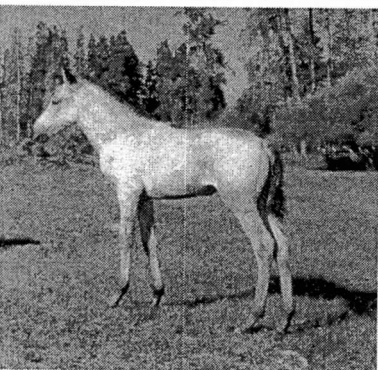
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Sue Singletary sent this ad for the upcoming NATRC convention next February....not too soon to begin planning to attend!

From the Suggestion Box: *"I do not think that a judge needs to lecture first time riders and all other riders at a ride for 15 minutes on what they all did incorrectly, and then proceed to tell everyone that no one had a clean card. This long, drawn out criticism is unnecessary. A judge can keep things simple and tell the riders some of the problems observed and then how to correct them but he or she needs to emphasize positive actions seen too. Negative judging has potential to curb entries in CTRs in the future."*

Carolynn Anderson suggests that all maps have both trails, Open and Novice/CP shown on them.

Another suggestion: *"When doing a map briefing, please do ALL of the Novice/CP trail first and then go back and pick up the addition loops significant to Open riders. Switching back and forth is very confusing to the newer competitors."*



Diana Marquardt's new Paso Fino filly, Estrella de Yanqui aka Carmella born in June. Quite a buckskin beauty!



Region 3's Committees

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

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The Message Board

Susan McKelvy, Editor

Ah! the best laid plans of horses and riders aft gang astray! Despite my hopes of participating the final two rides of the season I've been sandbagged by a weather-delayed hay delivery on the first weekend of October which is Chokecherry CTR and by a sister's visit on the mid-October weekend of the Taos ride. However, don't let my bad luck deter you from entering the rides and having one final fling at competition over beautiful trails and visiting with your CTR friends before winter clamps down. I'll be envious when thinking of you riding those trails!

The For Love of Horses CTR in Westcliffe, CO on the weekend of August 20-21 was a first for Region 3 and its management team of Jim and Lin Ward. One would believe, however, that they were old hands at the management of a trail ride as the trails were well marked, in the beautiful landscape of the Wet Mountains and they held to the stringent guidelines required by the USFS. The camp site was lovely and having a large covered riding arena for briefings and meals was wonderful. I slept behind the seat of my truck but was able to beg that all-important "cuppa java" to get me started each morning. Lonnie Smith's culinary abilities were great and no one left the tables hungry! Next year the Wards will rotate with the Grand Mesa CTR but if you missed this ride, be sure to make the next one scheduled for 2007! Thanks to the Wards and all their volunteers for a fine time.

As I write this I'm girding myself and my long-suffering non-horsey husband, Jack, for the annual semi load of hay for our horses. We make it an "event" sharing the load with neighbors and inviting friends and relatives to help unload and stack the bales in our barn. We always offer a hearty home-cooked lunch after the job is completed and later that evening, as I feed our horses and the extra gelding who boards with us part of the year, I pause in the full-to-bursting barn and breathe in the scent of fresh mown grass and feel thankful that I'm prepared to answer the hunger of my horses for another year to come. Blessing!

Region 3 is fortunate to have on dock a new editor, Carla Richardson, from Cortez, Colorado. The next issue will my final one and she'll be helping me with it to "learn the ropes". We welcome her! Before I hand over the reins of the *Stirrup*, we will be putting the Ride Book together for 2006. Many rides this year have been less than full. Please remember that without your support and attendance, NATRC competition suffers. A full class insures the maximum points to those riders and horses who place and guarantees that the management who go out on the limb financially and who work hard to make the ride a success are not hurt. Region 3 does offer \$500 start-up funding (which has to be repaid to our treasury once the ride receives the final fees from riders) and that is a good thing. But if rides do not get riders, and too many rides request funding and are unable to pay back the loaned funds it could be trouble.

Look at the advertisement section of this newsletter...the Chile Line ride in Taos managed by Kathy and Jeff Brown is offering some wonderful prizes from a raffle that you don't have to be present to win! If you can't make the ride, at least, send a check and take a chance on winning a hot air balloon ride...a new, thrilling and unique experience! Better yet, join forces with another CTR rider and travel together to Taos and ride that mystical, magical country of the conquistadors.

Hope to see you at the seminar and awards ceremonies in Farmington, NM hosted by Lonnie and Terri Smith in the third weekend of January, 2006!

Strawberry B CTR

6/25-26/05 Region 3 - UT

B-N/CP Total Riders: 20

Chairman: Stephanie Miller

Judges: Kay Gunkel, DVM, Patricia Montgomery

Novice Sweepstakes: Dennis the Menace/Wilson, Pat - 99

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT

- 1/1 MO Marque/Levesque, Gina
- 2/6 General/Sosa, Linda
- 3/ WR Abilene Texan/Farrell, Daniel
- 4/2 Jassona/Densley, Ted
- 5/4 Diamond/Thornton, Lynnette
- 6/3 Rock N EZ Riley/Bingham, Kerry
- /6 Warrs Adventure/Barainca, John

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT

- 1/2 Dennis the Menace/Wilson, Pat
- 2/1 Snip Black ice/Fucigna, Isabel
- 3/ Perfections Dusk Til Dawn/Morgan Ole
- 4/3 Summer Breeze/Bagley, Ashley
- 5/6 Ceriva Gypsea/Molitor, Loretta
- 6/5 Olympic Rose/Baker, sandi
- /4 A Rare Affair/Densley, Katie
- Casy/McCarty, Cindy

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE

- 1/3 Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy
- 2/1 Miss Shamrock Missouri Mack K/ Jones, Linda
- 3/5 Major Macks Princess/Hazwlwood, Abbie
- 4/2 Rock N EZ Rey/Sims, Jerry
- 5/4 Bonanza's Rebel G/Sims, Beth

For Love of Horses CTR

8/20-21/05 Region 3 Colorado

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 44

Chair: Lin and Jim Ward

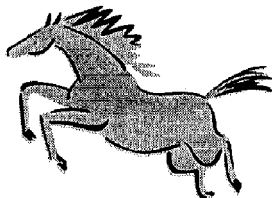
Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Open Sweepstakes: Baskolisa/spilker, Maggie - 99.5

Novice Sweepstakes: Prids Lawyer/Sinnett, James 97.5

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT

- 1/2 Sky/Dye, Darrell
- 2/ Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
- 3/4 BHR Hosan's Polly Anna/Budd, Don
- 4/6 NC Elbey Elegance/Spilker, Dave
- 5/5 Brazos Blaze/Brown, Jeff
- 6/3 Phontoms Masquerade/Baker, Matt
- /1 Royal Sunset/McCullough, Ty



OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT

- 1/4 Baskolisa/Spilker, Maggie
- 2/5 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- 3/1 All the Rage/Brown, Kathy
- 4/2 Panama Jack/Smith, Terri
- 5/6 Raven's Shadoe/Spanhoff, Olga
- 6/3 Cheyenne/ McCullough, Debbie
- P Raven Cloud/Arthur, Denise

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT (CONT.)

- /4 Perfections Dusk til Dawn, Morgan, Ole
- P Missy/Christman, Marsha
- P Hoss/Houck, Barbara
- P Resort Valley Sparkler/Marquardt, Diana
- P Suavecieto/Camarillo, Angela
- P GF Majestic Force/Lane, Roxanne

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT

- 1/1 Prides Lawyer/Sinnett, James
- 2/5 GF Centaurus/Deitrich, Lois
- 3/3 MT Top Gun/Richardson, Carla
- 4/6 Thunder/Auer, Beth
- 5/ TTM Bey Javu./Stake, Matt
- 6/2 Rocky Top II/Christman, Eric
- /4 Quiero/Belcheff, Karen
- Willie/Barton, David
- April/Snip, Virginia
- P TMM Acey Ducey/Kurtz, Judy
- P latigo's Oquirrh Chief/Lingle, Leslie

NOVICE JUNIOR

- 1/1 Dot, Gunckel, JJ

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE

- 1/3 RMR Nahr Amir/McFadden, Sherri
- 2/2 Zeus/Budd, Kathy
- 3/4 LD Dixie Lee/Vasquez, Louise
- 4/1 Esport/Gunckel, Kay
- 5/5 Mountain Man's Dreammaker, McKelvy, Sue
- 6/6 Babydoll's Spotted Man/Young, Jane

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT

- 1/2 Eduardo el Negrilo Knight/Wingle, Diane
- 2/6 Bos Mystic Reel/Dye, Susan
- 3/3 Aladdin/Beardsley, Cat
- 4/ Whitey/Norland, Becky
- 5/1 Snip Black Ice/Fucigna, Isabel
- 6/5 Elegante/Silfco, LaDonna

CTR Rider Cynthia "Cee" Wolf Passes Away

Cynthia "Cee" Wolf, of Littleton, CO, long time CTR competitor, died July 30, 2005 at the age of 97. "Cee" was a longtime member of NATRC and a promoter of competitive trail riding and a fierce and determined competitor. She was very active in the sport in the 1970's and 1980's and spent a great deal of time looking for the "perfect" trail horse. The records show that her first CTR was the Colorado West Ride in April, 1971. In the 1950's she introduced a small, spirited, chestnut Arabiasn mare from Texas, said to be the first of thousands of Arabian horses in Colorado. She established the Willowcroft Pony Show for the backyard ponies in the Denver area.

Cee would arrive at a competitive trail ride with an entourage of lady friends with whom she rode, and a large contingent of dogs (mostly small ones) which she rescued. She loved all animals and was always willing to provide a home for animals in need.

Cee eventually decided the "perfect trail mounts" were mules and rode several including Miss Minnie and Bint Squeeky. She amassed nearly 4000 miles in her years of competition. Her good friend and fellow trail rider, Peggy Link, says that Cee completed 120 miles in 1989 at the age of 81. At age 80 she was presented with the Master of Horsemanship Lifetime Achievement Award by the Colorado Sportswoman of the Year committee. After receiving the award and a standing ovation she remarked, typically, "It was because I was so damn old!"

Obituary provided by Judi Tobias



Cee Wolf and
Miss Minnie,
Photo taken
1985 or 1986

Colorado Trail CTR Touted by Rider!

Hi everyone...thought I'd quit lurking and write about the Colorado Trail CTR I went to last weekend near Bufalo Creek, CO (just west of Denver). It was marvelous! The trails were well-marked (even I did not get lost!) and were soft and not rocky...a nice change from the New Mexico terrain I usually ride. Beautiful mountain views, wonderful weather and NO BUGS! We had a great potluck dinner Friday night, a great Italian meal on Saturday and hotdogs on Sunday. They took such good care of us!

We helped Kathy Brown celebrate her, um, I believe it said "27th Birthday" on the banner across the front of her trailer and I got to see a video of Ken and Betty Wolgram completing the grueling 100 mile Tevis Ride in July in California. Betty shared her Tevis experience, which was one of the best stories I have ever heard. Brought a little tear to my eye, she was so inspirational!

We shared the Colorado Trail with hikers and courteous mountain bikers. We meandered through beautiful Ponderosa forest and even the scarred remnants of a forest fire 3 years ago and one section that was burned 9 years ago. The trail was timed perfectly and obstacles were sufficiently challenging. What a great way to spend the last week of vacation before going back to work (I'm a teacher).

The ride manager, Tracie Scarlett did a great job and I really enjoyed the vet judge, Donna Johnson, DVM and the horsemanship judge, Kathy Shanor. Both were informative, friendly and had great attitudes. Made some new friends too...if I had the money to go anywhere in the world, I don't think I'd have chosen to be anywhere else! Thanks Region Three.

Yahoo! Kerry Bingham, CTR Rider