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January & February, 2006

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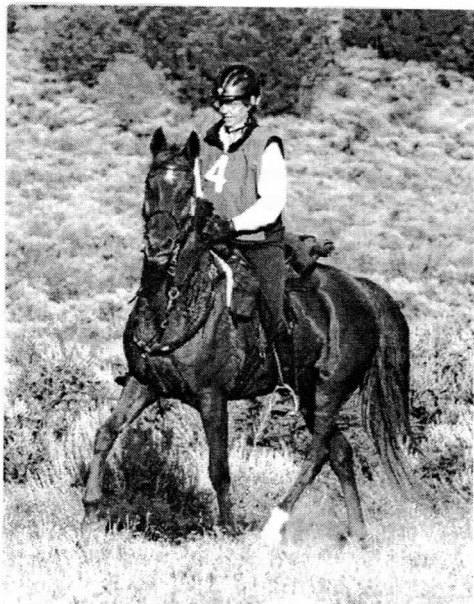
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Feb 2006

Happy New Year to All!

I am so happy to be re-elected as your President for another year. The convention in Farmington was excellent – the speakers were top notch. I can't remember the last time I saw so many participants so attentive all day! Please look in this issue for who to thank.

Your Region 3 BOD was very busy last year and we go into this year with an even longer "TO DO" list. I will be emailing you soon to take care of some of my "TO DO" items so please take a minute to read and respond.



I have a couple of things that I need your input on for the National Board meeting in San Antonio as well. If you don't have email please call me at 505-776-2575 and we can go over the 'list'. Following are few things we need your action on right away:

**** Vest Numbers!!** If you want to buy a vest for 2006, please email or call me – they are on sale until April 15th -- \$20.00 for Open, \$15.00 for CP, and \$10.00 for Novice

**** Help us get you the newsletter via email** – contact myself or Carla so your next issue can be delivered directly into your computer! Email me at equine@newmex.com or Carla at skyranch@fone.net

The **ride book** is going on our website as I write this! You will still receive a hard copy, but please check the website for updates and corrections, or refer others to it for info! There is already a new ride on there that is not in the ride book – check it out!

Please read on for lots of other great stuff – appreciation write ups and a help wanted ad – we need a FUNDRAISER for Region 3! In your next issue we will have a treasurer's report to bring everyone up to date on our income, expenses and balances. Thank you for your membership and here's to a great 2006!

Kathy Brown
Region 3 President

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

I have an apology to all Region 3 members – this newsletter is coming out late, and it's my fault. Part of it is that I'm new to this, and part of it is – well, there is just so much to cover. Back in December, I was thinking, what in the world am I going to put in the newsletter, I have so little "news." Well, let me tell you, now I have too much! Please forgive me for this coming out late -- I hope I will be redeemed, by having a lot of information for you.

First, I want to thank **Sue McKelvy**, the previous newsletter editor, for her dedication to our region and to NATRC, for her professional efforts in faithfully publishing the newsletter, and for her kindness to me. She was tremendously helpful in this transition, so that I could hope to follow in her footsteps. This Stirrup will not be very pretty, it will not be at the level of Sue's newsletters – please bear with me, all of you, I promise you it will get better! One change that will be made this year is to have the option for an e-mail newsletter rather than a "hard copy" mailed to the membership. This will undoubtedly save our region money, in paper, postage, and time. All of you who have e-mail addresses are urged to let me know if you would like to have the newsletter e-mailed to you. Please e-mail me – my address is carla.richardson@natrc3.org -- please send your articles, your information for clinics, rides, helpful hints, questions, advice!

This is the first Stirrup newsletter of the 2006 ride year, and it includes news and photos of the wonderfully successful Seminar and Awards Banquet held in Farmington, New Mexico, a special recognition of the people who helped put it all together, and loads of information for the new ride year. I don't know about you, but I am really anxious to hit the trail and to see all of you again!

I have a special thank you, a **heartfelt thank you**, to all the members of the **San Juan Valley Trail Riders**, who organized and sponsored the Region Three Seminar and Awards Banquet held in Farmington, NM on January 27-28. First of all, **Terri Roberts Smith**, thank you so much for making all the arrangements with Best Western Inns & Suites for the seminar and banquet, and for arranging for the speakers – WOW, I believe that everyone who attended the seminar and banquet was thrilled. It was an outstanding program, and I believe all who attended learned a lot and enjoyed themselves. Not only that, but we actually made a profit for the region! (Check out the itemized budget elsewhere in the newsletter)

More Comments and Thank you's!

Cristy Cumberworth, thank you for the excellent job printing the seminar program. **Mariel Lynch**, thank you for handling all the entries and registration information. I want to thank ALL the presenters at the seminar, but especially **Dr. Joe Quintana, DVM** and **Jeff Brown**, our own Region 3 members, who did an outstanding job in their presentations. I know I am not alone in wishing we had had more time for all the presentations – the audience was spellbound.

Thank you to **Shirley Sandoval** for organizing the registration, and the seminar "welcome" packets. **Kerry Bingham** and **Judy Cumberworth** – thank you for setting up and monitoring the Hospitality Room, and for the behind-the-scenes shopping for supplies, food, and decorations. **Beth Sims**, and **Bill and Judy Cumberworth** were absolutely essential in conducting the Silent Auction, and gathering items for the door prizes and auction. **Jeff Brown's** technical expertise was invaluable in setting up equipment for the speakers. **Abby Hazlewood** and **Judy Cumberworth** thrilled us all with the beautiful decorations in the Banquet Room, using gorgeous Painted Ponies for table centerpieces, which were later raffled to benefit the Region! During the cocktail hour before the banquet, **Cristy Cumberworth** had all of us entranced with a slide show presentation of her beautiful photos of the rides of the past year. **Jim and Lin Ward** handled the auction for the reserved parking spaces and other special "perks" at the upcoming Rides. **Bill Cumberworth** was literally everywhere, helping us all with his calming presence, the checkbook (!), and his years of experience – thank you, Bill, you made it all SO much easier! **Kathy Brown** was our M.C., Mistress of Ceremonies! for the seminar and the banquet – and helped with the Door Prize drawings -- thank you, Kathy. **Kip and Tracey Korthuis** were our Host and Hostess for the Awards presentations – see their photo in this newsletter – what a gorgeous and glamorous couple! And last, but not certainly not least – thanks to all who came to the Banquet, you made it special by your presence.

I want to say how much I've enjoyed meeting all of you during the past year. As many of you know, I am very new to NATRC. (And too bad, I'm not leaving!!) At my first ride, last April at the Anasazi Ride, I was entranced by the concept of competitive trail riding, by the beautiful trail and the horses, but most of all -- **by the people who make NATRC happen**. As the year went by, so quickly, I began to realize how many people have been devoted to this sport, and this special region, for so many years. There are a lot of challenges that we all face, as individuals, and as an organization. **I know that we ALL must protect the legacy we have in this region, and continue the effort to put on the rides that we all enjoy, year to year.**

Thank you for the privilege of riding with you --
Enough talk -- see you on the trail! Carla Richardson

PINON MESA RIDE WEBSITE!

The first Region 3 Ride, Pinon Mesa, to be held near Farmington, NM, has its own website! This is so exciting – you must go check it out, at www.pinonmesa-ctr.org Shannon Lynch set this up for Jerry Sims' ride, and he did a great job. There are links to NATRC, helpful hints, directions to the ride, a downloadable entry form, lots of stuff to check out. *Thank you, Shannon!*

RIDE BOOK ERRORS - CORRECTIONS!

Oops! No matter how hard I tried to make the Ride Book for 2006 100% accurate, it just didn't happen. **I know of two mistakes** - first is that the Oklahoma Land Run ride is a **Region 4** ride (not Region 6). That's not a "biggie" and the Ride Secretary, Kate Kearby, told me they often call themselves Region "46" – so I guess I'm not the only one to make such a mistake!

The second error is in the **Ride Entry Form** – the **national non-member riders fee** is not \$15.00 – it is **\$20.00**, so the **TOTAL** riders fee for a non-member is actually **\$27.00**, not \$22.00, as stated.

Also, I'm happy to announce that we have **Steve and Janine Ancell** managing the **Purgatory Ride**. In the Ride Book, Purgatory is listed as "TBA" for management, but it's definitely a "GO" now, thanks to the Ancells for stepping up for Region III! Way to go, Steve & Janine!

And NOW, for something completely New and Different – Sue McKelvy has a great idea to help Ride Managers in Region III --

THE BAND-AIDS NEED YOU!

Are you experienced in Competitive Ride Management? Would you consider joining a group of former and current Ride Managers who would be an "insurance" pool of people who can be contacted in case of dire need? We believe that establishing such a group would ease concerns of CTR managers, secretaries, trail masters, and P&R Chairs who encounter difficulties prior to and during a CTR. We would love to have a listing of people from both sides of the Continental Divide in Region 3 who would be willing to step in, should a key player in a Ride management team suffer illness, injury, or other personal disasters that would divert them from their duties for the ride. Your name along with others would be listed on NATRC Region 3's website for immediate and easy access once the listing is compiled. If you can fill in during an emergency, please contact:

Sue McKelvy, 303-838-2890 or email sumac@idcomm.com

BUDGET FOR SEMINAR AND BANQUET FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO

TOTAL INCOME: \$4,082.75

Seminar and banquet \$3,470.00

Painted Pony raffle \$250.00

Half of proceeds for Silent Auction \$362.75

(other half went to the 4 Corners Equine Rescue Group)

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,783.79

Advertising \$184.72

Speakers (Dr. Friedly's travel expenses) \$350.00

Hospitality \$312.00

Banquet \$1,313.12

Gasoline (Carla's travel to/from Cortez several times) \$100.00

Refund (veggie meals which were paid by individuals) \$50.00

Decorations (including Painted Ponies) \$448.95

Supplies \$25.00

Total net income for Region 3: \$1,298.96

2006 NATRC Trail Riding Clinics

March 18, 2006

Albuquerque, NM - Speakers will be Dr. Joe Quintana, DVM, NATRC vet judge, and Judy Cumberworth, NATRC horsemanship judge; Contact Karen Belcheff for more information at 505-286-1341 or belcheff@ars.edu

March 18, 2006

Boulder Horse & Rider Store in Boulder, Colorado. 5-8 PM This will be a classroom clinic featuring videos, handouts and presentations by Jill Talbot, demonstrating the step-by-step fun of a typical day at a CTR event; Dr. Kay Gunckel, DVM, who will discuss what is expected from you and your horse during competition; and Cheryl and Randy Winter, local top endurance riders who will discuss their experiences in this sport.

Registration fee: \$25.00. Limited space - call 303-490-3466 to sign up!

Special Note: Participants in this clinic will receive a \$10.00 ride entry discount for the 2006 Rocky Mountain Dream Ride, September 16-17!

April 29, 2006

Loveland, Colorado - Dr. Kay Gunckel, DVM is presenting a mini-competitive trail ride, covering everything from Friday check-in to the completion of the ride. Come and bring a friend to get all your questions answered. Through CTR you will learn everything from nutrition, saddle fit, conditioning, and shoeing, just to mention a few things! It is a fun, relaxing sport, where you will really bond with your horse. The folks that do CTR are fun and very helpful to new competitors. Contact Dr. Kay Gunckel, DVM at 303-667-2877

WE'VE LOST A FRIEND

We send our sad condolences to Iris "Ike" Mosgrove, and to all the many friends of Dick Mosgrove, who passed away on December 3, 2005. Dick was a longtime member of the Cavalier Trail Riding Club.

In the 1970's, Dick's wife, Ike, was a major influence in the Region III area, and on the national scene of NATRC. Ike and her black Thoroughbred cross, Nightwind, competed and earned many awards. Ike spent several years as a regional and national board member, and was the driving force behind the Cavalier Competitive Trail Ride. But behind Ike, supporting her, and her efforts, was her husband, Dick.

Dick was always there, driving judges at the rides, helping with P&R's, or whatever else was needed to be done to make the ride work. As a retired Army Colonel, he knew how to get things done, and he did them. He also had a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. Even as he aged, he drove the couple around the country in their motor home. After a horse accident, he could no longer ride, but he still came to the Cavalier social functions, including the Cavalier Dinner this last November. All his friends in NATRC will miss him.

****Thank you, Judi Tobias, for your tribute to this fine man.**



REGION 3 MENTOR PROGRAM

By Jerry Sims

I think we have made a step in the right direction for first time competitors, although we can improve on this program. Lin Ward has undoubtedly put more into this new program than I, since she attended more rides, and what a great job, Lin!

We have all been first time riders, and most of us did not know a lot about NATRC, or what to expect. Some had mentors, some did not. But we all have some competitiveness in us, and wanted to try something different. Then, there were a lot of us that got hooked to the sport, and others who we let slip through our fingers.

The mentors program is to help the new rider become familiar with what the judges are looking for, and to buddy up with those people and be friendly, to encourage them to continue. The biggest complaint I have heard this past year concerns "**friendliness!**" Also, some judges are a bit too harsh, certainly not all judges, but some, are a bit rude and inconsiderate at the briefings. Since these new riders have paid money to come to the ride, and they're new and inexperienced, we need to be sure they're treated with kindness and friendliness, and not be turned away.

If we are losing potential members and want to do something about it, it's time we started making sure we treat new competitors as we treat long-time members, the people we hang out with. Go out of your way to be friendly, and to offer help as they set up camp. We will always lose members over time, but we can hopefully replace them with new competitors -- the first time competitors. One thing that would be helpful, I believe, is for judges to go over scorecards with first time competitors, on Saturday evening. All of us can remember what it was like to be new, so step up and introduce yourself, and make new, first time competitors feel welcome to NATRC.

NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER SUSPECTED OF HORSE RUSTLING!

Dateline: Farmington, New Mexico

Well known N.A.T.R.C. Region 3 National Board Member, Doreen Portner, is being sought in connection with possible horse rustling!

Doreen Porter was last seen leaving the Farmington, New Mexico, area in the possession of four painted ponies. The brand inspectors of both Colorado and Utah have been alerted, as Ms. Portner is suspected of heading north, and west, to the well known "Hole in the Wall Gang" area, near Moab, Utah.

Ms. Portner was attending the Region 3 Seminar and Awards Banquet in Farmington, New Mexico, and with her quiet and friendly demeanor, we believe she was able to fool all who were in attendance, with her booth for trails information and poisonous plants set up next to the seminar room. We now suspect her knowledge of trails and plants in the southwest and west are just a cover – she gained this knowledge so she could rustle these painted ponies out of the area and back to the Hole in the Wall Gang!

Wait! Hold the Presses -- THIS JUST IN!

Doreen Portner has now been cleared of suspicion of rustling -- turns out, she bought "quite a few" raffle tickets, and won (fair and square!) **FOUR** of the **TWELVE PAINTED PONIES** that were raffled off at the banquet as a fundraiser for the region! Well, this reporter has egg on her face, for sure. Sorry, Doreen! Looks like, once again, you've been showing your dedication to NATRC and Region 3!

A big thanks to Judy Cumberworth and Abby Hazlewood, both of Farmington, New Mexico, for creating the beautiful table centerpieces, each table featuring one of the gorgeous, collectible "Painted Ponies." I know that each person who was successful in winning one is very pleased to take home one of these beauties – and yes, Doreen **REALLY DID** win **FOUR**!

LIST OF 2006 REGION 3 RIDES

Pinon Mesa, April 22-23 – Farmington NM Chair: Jerry Sims
505-326-6797

High Prairie CTR, May 7, (B Ride, Novice and CP ONLY), Colorado Horse Park,
Parker. Secretary Susan Peters, 719-488-2267 or email to sapeter@us.ibm.com

Navajo Lake – Navajo Lake Park, NM May 13-14– Contact Secretary,
Judy Cumberworth, 505-327-2286

Willow Springs – Colo. June 10-11 Tracie Scarlett 303-273-9834 or
traciescarlett@hotmail.com

Poppy Jack Ride- Medicine Bow Nat'l Forest, WY- Sunday June 18th (B ride, all divisions)
Lois Deitrich 720-327-9759 or email ridin_lo@hotmail.com

Purgatory- Durango, CO –July 22-23 Steve and Janine Ancell, 970-247-9717

Colo. Trail – Buffalo Creek, CO- Aug. 5 & 6 Tracie Scarlett – see Willow Springs for
contact info

Island in The Sky- Near Grand Junction, CO – Aug. 19-20 Judy Wise Mason 970-856-7022
or masonranch@aol.com

Rocky Mtn Dream – Granby, CO – Sept. 16-17 – Jane Young 303-279-2817 or
jmilehi@aol.com

Chile Line Taos, NM – Sept 30-Oct. 1st (A&B ride)- Kathy Brown 505-776-2575 or
equine@newmex.com

Photos

Dr. Kay Gunckel presents
to Sue McKelvy
Sue's Certificate of
Recognition for 10,500
+11,000 + brown drop
worker points!!



Our lovely President,
Kathy Brown,
winner of the
Ruth Tyree and
Ken Burkdoll
awards for 2005

CP Winners!
Judy Mason, Louise
Vasquez, Terry Yates,
Kathy Budd, Beth Sims,
and Kay Gunckel, DVM



from the Awards Banquet



Broke-Leg Mountain Crew?
Oh—it's the Open Heavyweight Winners!
Darrell Dye, Don Budd, Gary Inman,
Jim Ward (with broken leg) and Jeff Brown



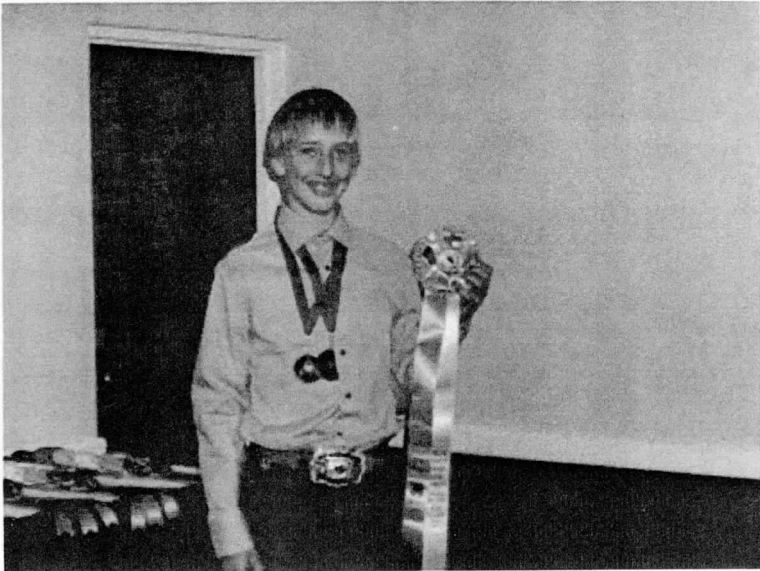
Bill Smith receives his 5500 Mileage Award
from Kip and Tracie

CONGRATULATIONS, JJ!

Our own **JJ Gunckel**, Region 3 highest scoring Junior rider, is the highest scoring 4H rider **in the entire nation!** Way to go, JJ! JJ started riding in NATRC when he was 10 years old on a paint mare named "Marshmallow". He has been in 4H for five years. Other projects he has taken on include horse, dog, cat, swine, shooting sports, and vet science. And this year he is raising a catch-it-calf. JJ has done very well in 4H winning horse show classes, record books, and showmanship.

He also completed more than 250 miles in NATRC rides, winning First Place in Novice Junior Horsemanship, and his beautiful mare, Dot, was First Place Novice Junior Horse. Together, they won the Novice Junior Team Award in Region 3 for 2005. Besides all of his awards, JJ is always a pleasure to ride with; he's always smiling, always courteous, and as a tough competitor, he's fun to watch!

Next year JJ plans on competing in the **CP class** so he will be able to ride with other riders. ***So watch out!***



NATIONAL APPRECIATION AWARD

Jim and Lin Ward

If you have not met Jim & Lin Ward, you need to. If you have met them you already know that in the treasure chest of NATRC members, they are sparkling gems. Jim always has a joke on his lips and a laugh in his eye, and Lin plays a perfect 'straight man' to his comic. Neither of them has ever met a stranger, and you feel instantly as if you have known them for years. Their enthusiasm for life and our sport is contagious. They give and give without asking for much in return – all they seem to want is to have a good time with their friends and horses and share NATRC with anyone who shows the least bit of interest. For all their fun and humor, they are very serious about the present & future success of NATRC.

Jim & Lin have been members of NATRC for 9 years. They relocated from Region 6 to Region 3 a few years ago, much to Region 6's loss and Region 3's gain. Jim & Lin aren't region minded though, they think of the big picture, which brings us to their most recent contribution. Over the last two years, Jim & Lin have taken it upon themselves to acquire sponsors for our organization. Although the Board of Directors approved an operating budget for them, they never used it. Instead, they attended horse expos, conventions and fairs at their own expense, going booth to booth selling NATRC to potential supporters. What did these efforts produce? A great deal – thanks to them we have the following sponsors:

Long Riders Gear - \$2,000

Skito Pads – \$1,000

Cliff Bars - \$1,000

EZ-Up Stirrups - \$1,000

Specialized Saddles – a saddle will be presented to the winner of the President's Cup!

As much time and energy this task must have taken, Jim & Lin have both served on the Region 3 board, managed a very successful ride and, run their own thriving business, all while maintaining a full ride season. We all owe them a big thank you for sharing themselves with us and using their talents and generosity to help our organization stay strong. Who knows what they will do next!

REGION THREE APPRECIATION AWARD

KATHY SHANOR & DONNA JOHNSON

Kathy Shanor and Donna Johnson were selected to receive individual Region Three Appreciation Awards. The problem is they do *everything* together! Donna Johnson is a NATRC veterinary judge and Kathy Shanor is a Horsemanship judge. They both are active competitors as well which adds to their credibility as judges. But our appreciation of them goes far beyond their skills as judges and riders.

Just a year or two ago, Region Three was faced with drought conditions and forest fires. Donna and Kathy decided to put on two rides in one year – the one day Chatfield ride and the two day Willow Springs ride. Riders that made it to the Chatfield ride did it in 6 inches of snow. That is not unusual in April but when it snowed the day before the Willow Springs ride in June, they earned the title 'Drought Busters.' Both rides were very successful. This dynamic duo did a repeat performance this year with the Chatfield ride and had an unprecedented 28 first time competitors! Some repeat customers showed up in ski suits!

Kathy and Donna stick together when they judge, teaming up both in Region Three and venturing out into other Regions as our ambassadors. When they are at rides as competitors, they are ready, willing and able to help out a fellow rider whether it is with veterinary or horsemanship assistance. Kathy stepped up to fill a vacancy in the Region board of Directors on top of her huge job of acting as our Regional ride coordinator. Donna found time in her busy schedule to give an awesome presentation on lameness at our Regional seminar.

Region three owes these two friends huge thanks – not just for busting our drought but for being who they are – genuine, generous and giving people who love horses and NATRC. Thanks Drought Busters!

Region III National Appreciation Award for Kip Korthuis

Kip is a horsewoman's dream. His wife, Tracey, has been competing for the last four years and Kip has been there, supporting her to achieve her goals. This year she earned her first National Championship on her Arabian mare, Zephyr. Kip took time off from his busy job as Fire Captain of the Boulder Fire Department to go with Tracey to the rides.

Kip is not a competitor, but he is always there to lend a helping hand. With his First Aid Certification he is perfect for the job of P & R chairman. He has fulfilled this position in three of this year's region III rides, as well as worked on P & R teams at four other rides. Kip is very good working with a group of volunteers to get the task preformed well, with everyone having a good time. Workers at the rides love doing P & R's under Kip's guidance. Riders also very much appreciate Kip because he strives to have the P & R be set up advantageously for all the horses and riders, from where it is placed, to limiting noise, to training volunteers to be rider friendly. Ride managers can count on Kip to do the job and do it well!

Kip also has been horsemanship judge's secretary at three rides this year. Like all judge's secretaries know, this is no easy task. It is hard on the penmanship, but does give you an excellent opportunity to learn, as well as see riders and horses working together as a team.

Lastly, Kip is also right by his wife, Tracey's, side helping to tabulate year-end awards. Tracey took on the huge task last year and again this year as award chairman. This task has definitely been an easier job working as a team. Kip helps Tracey tally scores from each ride, order and arrange awards, and then present them at the Region III awards ceremony.

We would just like to say, "Thank You Kip for all you do."

Written by Kay Gunckel, DVM

The glamorous Kip and Tracie Korthuis!

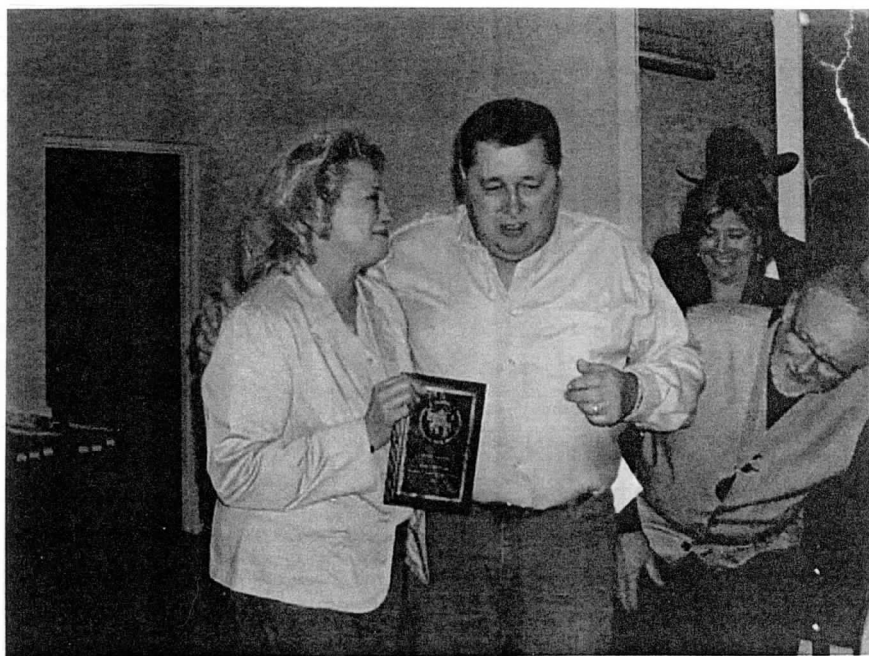


A VERY SPECIAL AWARD

At the Awards Banquet, many awards were given out, all deserving, all to wonderful people in Region III. However, there was one VERY special award, given to a very special person.

Lin Ward presented this award, to Bill Smith. Bill received the National Worker Hall of Fame Award, for his many years of giving to our sport. We can't thank you enough, Bill, for all you have done, and all you continue to do, for all of us in Region III, and NATRC!

Thank You, Bill!



Jenny and Bill Smith as Bill receives his
National Worker Hall of Fame Award

REGION 3 SPECIAL YEAR END AWARDS

CP High Average – Cedar Mesa Rushai and Judy Mason

Ruth Tyree Award – Kathy Brown

Ken Burkdoll – All the Rage and Kathy Brown

NATIONAL CHAMPION HORSES - 2005

The following horses earned their National Championships for 2005 –

Panama Jack / Terri Roberts Smith

Brazos Blaze / Jeff Brown

BHR Hosans Polly Anna / Don Budd

Sky / Darrell Dye

All the Rage / Kathy Brown

Summer / Betty Wolgram

Cloudsrest Zephyr / Tracey Korthuis

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED:

Meadowbrook style cart for 15 hand horse, must be "hard wheel!" Contact Sherri at S_halligan@algxmail.com or call 303-903-6138

WANTED:

I'm looking for a small stock-type horse trailer, in other words, "open" plan, bumper pull. Please call 970-739-6014 or email me at skyranch@fone.net Carla Richardson

FOR SALE:

Sharon Saare endurance saddle, 15' seat, A tree (narrow), great condition, well cared for saddle. A very comfortable ride. No horn, and lots of rings, snaps, and strings to hang your gear. MUST SELL, need to buy a trailer (see above!). Contact me at 970-739-6014 or email me at skyranch@fone.net (I can email photos to you!) Carla Richardson

FOR LEASE:

Arab Gelding for lease. 12 years old, 15.1 hands. Has been trail ridden, but never competed. Nancy Anderson, 303-908-2420

Trail Trotters' Day – June 3, 2006

Here's an important message from:

Rhonda Hooker, Administration Assistant

Equestrian Land Conservation Resource

126B N. Main St., Elizabeth, IL 61028

tel: 815-858-3501; fax: 815-858-3508; www.elcr.org

As Equestrian Partners, we hope members of the North American Trail Ride Conference will help spread the word, and participate in **Trail Trotters' Day June 3, 2006**. According to the American Horse Council equestrians from all venues - Eventing, Dressage, Endurance and many more - enjoy trail riding for relaxation. However, as available open space is either sold off or is no longer accessible to horses, horseback riders are finding fewer and fewer places to ride.

ELCR launched Trail Trotters' Day to promote access to land for horseback riding. Trail Trotters' Day will show our communities how strong the bond is between a horse and rider by becoming stewards of the very land we enjoy.

Trail Trotters' Day is a free program with no fees or membership requirement. For more details and registration is simple on ELCR's website, www.elcr.org just look for the Trail Trotter link. Of course, please do not hesitate to contact the national office if you have any questions at all about Trail Trotters' Day.

Why should NATRC join Trail Trotters' Day, 2006?

1. Trail Trotters' Day is about a group of individuals working together for something they enjoy. It is also likely they will involve their friends and neighbors - who may not be members of the North American Trail Ride Conference. Trail Trotters' Day will provide you with an opportunity to increase your membership.

2. Part of the Trail Trotters' Day program involves publicity in the local press. This may also provide increased visibility for this positive community action project for the North American Trail Ride Conference.

3. Trail Trotters' Day is about the involvement of horseback riders in their own community, but it also demonstrates the scope and potential involvement of horse owners across the country. The North American Trail Ride Conference understands this because they are already working with ELCR and the Equestrian Partner community.

Trail Trotters' Day is being funded with the help of ELCR's major sponsors including the National Forest Foundation and Tread Lightly!®. Land and stewardship materials are being provided by Tread Lightly!®, one of ELCR's Alliance partners.

All Trail Trotters' Day projects will be completed on June 3, 2006, National Trails Day. Since this is a one-day annual event, your time commitment will be brief. Although participants may volunteer for projects on any type of land, due to a backlog of maintenance, ELCR hoping you will consider projects on or near national forest land. A map of the locations of our national forest land is available through ELCR's office.

It is quick and easy to become a Trail Trotter by registering for an existing project or to register a new project on ELCR's website, www.elcr.org, or by calling the national office at (815) 858-3501. Please help us make Trail Trotters' Day a success not only for the North American Trail Ride Conference, but also for our riding land across the country.

As an Equestrian Partner, please add this information to your website, your newsletter, and any other means of contact with your membership to help ELCR get the word out on this important one day event.

THANK YOU, DOREEN PORTNER, FOR GETTING THIS INFORMATION TO US!

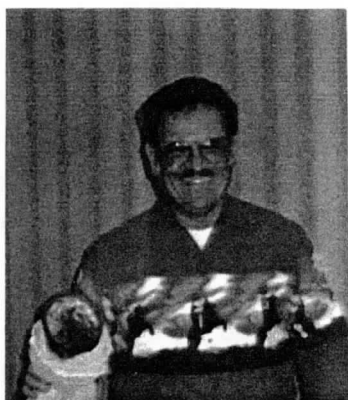
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The Lovely Melaney Sreenan, PhD., Seminar speaker "Motivating the Rider"



Open Lightweight Ladies
Kathy Brown,
Tracie Korthuis,
Lin Ward and Nancy Frank



The Equally Lovely Joe Quintana, DVM and Steve Matthews, Farrier presenting "Shoeing The Whole Horse." with only part of a horse , , ,



Jeff Brown,
presenting
"How to Read
Topo Maps and
Using GPS" at
seminar



Judy Wise Mason

NATRC MEMBERSHIP FORM

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- ☐ FAMILY membership..... \$60.00 per year Household of 1 or 2 adults and children under the age of 18 as of Jan. 1 (2 votes)
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- ☐ JUNIOR membership..... \$35.00 per year Single Junior member under age 18 (no vote)
- ☐ ASSOCIATE membership..... \$50.00 per year Equine-related groups or businesses only (no vote)
- ☐ SINGLE LIFETIME membership... \$600.00 Any person of any age (one vote)
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All NATRC memberships include: Rule Book (upon request), newsletter, eligibility to compete for NATRC annual high score awards and championships, rider and horse mileage awards, and reduced ride entry fees. New members also get a club patch. Rulebook can be downloaded at www.natrc.org

NOTE: All membership fees include both national and regional dues - when you join NATRC you are automatically a member of your respective region.

Memberships run from January 1-December 31.

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Name(s) _____ How did you find out about us? _____

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(For which horse and/or rider)

☐ Trail Fund ☐ Publicity