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Stirrup

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**Upcoming Rides**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DREAM - SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2015 GRANBY, CO**

**RABBIT VALLEY - OCTOBER 10-11, 2015 NEAR GRAND JUNCTION, CO**

**Website**

<http://www.natrc3.org>

**Ride Management System (RMS)**

[www.natrc5.org/rms/logon.asp](http://www.natrc5.org/rms/logon.asp)

**President's Message**

Region 3 now has 6 rides under our belts for 2015 and unfortunately only 2 Competitive Trail Rides left in the 2015 Ride Season. I am so sorry Chokeycherry had to be canceled. Riding the varied terrain at Chokeycherry and hanging out with the San Juan Valley Trail Riders has always made the last ride in September so much fun. Ride Management made the right call with the VS outbreak in San Juan County, as NATRC's number one goal is to keep our horse healthy.

I looked over my message from the May/June Stirrup and had to chuckle about the cold rainy weather we had in our first 3 rides. We finally got what most all the competitors had been hoping for, a CTR that was warm at not raining. Highlands Ranch Backcountry delivered our request in spades. It was HOT, HOT, a note in my ride journal indicated the forecasted temperature for Sunday in the Denver area was 105! Bill Wingle, the Ride Manager, Trail Boss, Water Guy, Photographer, Pre-Rider and Parking Lot Field Mower, did a great job of getting us timed out early before the real heat of the day roasted us alive. This was a childhood dream for me to be able to ride a horse on this beautiful old ranch with a real Scottish Castle in the background. Thanks to Bill and Diane for working so hard to put this first time ride on.



Photo Credit: Cristy Cumberworth

After Highland Ranch Backcountry we had to wait over 34 days for Chicken Creek CTR. That was a ride definitely worth waiting for. Those of us who were lucky enough to be able to participate in that event were in for a TREAT! This was the benefit ride for Region 3. The generosity of our membership was remarkable. The list of people donating went on and on and on. The weather was perfect and riding in the San Juan National Forest was SWEET. Thanks so much to Chuck Smith, John Volkerding, Jenny Smith, the San Juan Valley Trail Riders and all who helped and donated to make the Region 3 benefit ride such a success. A little bird told me, Chuck is already planning on doing Chicken Creek again in 2016.

Right after Chicken Creek at least 4 competitors headed for the Tevis Cup. Ken Wolgram and Ice were competing with Betty being part of his support team. Cheryl Jarrett and Spartan were also competing with Wava O'Brien being a member of Cheryl's support team. We watched Ken and Cheryl's progress all day and night long on the Internet. Hats off to all of you who participated in this grueling event. All of you made Region 3 very proud.

Region 3 has just 2 rides left in the 2015 ride season, Rocky Mountain Dream Ride, and Rabbit Valley. These last two rides have totally different types of terrain and Ride Management is working very hard to make each ride special. Please come join us for the last rides of 2015.

Please remember to save March 18 and 19, 2016 for the Region 3 convention in Cripple Creek, Colorado. Also please remember to send any old photos and or write a tale about your favorite NATRC memory and send them to Chuck Smith so he can publish them in History Book he is creating.

Thanks again to all of the riders who have supported the first 6 rides for the season. A special thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible for all of us to compete and enjoy our horses and our NATRC family. I am always amazed and humbled at the amount of effort and donations our members devote to the sport we all love so much.

Happy Trails  
 Juleen Feazell and SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley  
 President Region 3



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**From the Editor...**

Recently a family member had their truck stolen from their house. For those who have experienced that or something similar it is scary. It is natural to feel fear and anger over the violation.



But...as Yoda said "Fear is the path of the dark side. Fear leads to anger, anger to hate, and hate to suffering"

As hard as it is, to remain happy and healthy a better path is faith, hope, and love.





Navajo Lake 5/9-10/2015

**A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 26**

**Chair:** Cathy Cumberworth, Kerry Bingham  
**Judges:** Carrie Porter DVM, Jerry Sims

**CP Combo:** Strawberry Shortcake/Wingle, Diane  
**Novice Sweepstakes:** Colorado's Wildrose/Baldwin, Sky-95  
**Open Sweepstakes:** Mr. Cool/Smith, Terri-95.5

**Open Heavyweight**

1/2 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim  
2/3 Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kenneth  
3/4 Mariah/Wingle, Bill  
4/1 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri

**Open Lightweight**

1/2 Mr. Cool/Smith, Terri  
2/1 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin  
3/4 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi  
4/5 BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl  
5/3 Tres Beau/Poulton, Jennifer

**Open Junior**

1/1 GT/Bingham, Sydney

**Novice Heavyweight**

1/3 Safara/Horne, John  
2/1 Dash of Quick Silver/Simons, Sandie  
3/2 Cats Flashy Feather/Hensley, Perry  
4/4 Legends Legacy Lena/Alley, Paula  
P Dude/Wommer, Kyle

**Novice Lightweight**

1/2 Colorado's Wildrose/Baldwin, Sky  
2/1 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen

**Novice Junior**

1/1 MSA Chloe/Acevedo, Megan

**Competitive Pleasure**

1/2 Strawberry Shortcake/Wingle, Diane  
2/1 Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell/Ferganchick, Brandy  
3/4 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty  
4/3 Winnie/Thearin, Dianna  
5/ Curiosa CR/O'Brien, Wava  
6/6 SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley/Feazell, Juleen  
/5 Cadence/Tucker, Nicole  
P Nightts Shaddo/Howell, Perran

**B-O/N Total Riders: 4**

**Chair:** Cathy Cumberworth, Kerry Bingham  
**Judges:** Carrie Porter DVM, Jerry Sims

**Novice Sweepstakes:** Anna's Rhett Buttler/Grabbe, Susan-98

**Open DO**

Not a Chance/Van Poolen, Kirt

**Novice Heavyweight**

1/2 Anna's Rhett Buttler/Grabbe, Susan  
2/1 A Goodtime Cowboy Casanova/Daney, Devon  
3/3 California Glory/Holland, Charlotte



## Colorado Trail Ride 6/6-7/2015

**A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 48****Chair:** Dee Overholt**Judges:** Donna Johnson DVM, Sarah Rinne**CP Combo:** Strawberry Shortcake/Wingle, Diane**Novice Sweepstakes:** Kiara/Clarke, Bri-97.5**Open Sweepstakes:** Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken-98**Open Heavyweight**

1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken  
 2/4 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri  
 3/6 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn  
 4/2 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim  
 5/5 Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kenneth  
 6/3 Mariah/Wingle, Bill

**Open Lightweight**

1/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish  
 2/5 Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda  
 3/4 Turner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin  
 4/3 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie  
 5/6 Mr. Cool/Smith, Terri  
 6/ Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana  
 /2 BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl

**Open Junior**

1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis  
 2/2 GT/Bingham, Sydney

**Novice Heavyweight**

1/1 Levi/Morgan, Dayna  
 2/2 Fannie/Bishop, Stephen  
 3/3 Safara/Horne, John

**Novice Lightweight**

1/ Buffnugget G./Halterman, Susan  
 2/1 Sunrise's Buenos Dias/Adair, Amelia  
 3/2 Solito/Strandquist, Jill  
 4/6 Carmel/Fetterhoff, Amy  
 5/ Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise  
 6/5 Lady Shenandoah/Whisler, Andrea  
 /3 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen  
 /4 Jasper/Kasper, Gwen  
 Liberty Belle/VanVelkinburgh, Alex  
 Authentic/Lagasse, Candice  
 P Mystic Memory HF/Matthews, Lindsay

**Novice Junior**

1/3 Kiara/Clarke, Bri  
 2/1 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie  
 3/4 Little Bit/Vanpoolen, Sydney  
 4/2 Kayenta/Brandt, Olivia  
 5/5 Versace's Fortune/Devino, Colleen  
 6/6 Yorktown Special/Jennings, Morgan

**Competitive Pleasure**

1/4 Strawberry Shortcake/Wingle, Diane  
 2/ RR Skye Robyn/Chaffee, Diane  
 3/6 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty  
 4/3 Summer/Wolgram, Betty  
 5/5 Winnie/Thearin, Dianna  
 6/ SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley/Feazell, Juleen  
 /1 BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki  
 /2 LOMA Gladiator/Clark, Hannah  
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 Curiosa CR/O'Brien, Wava  
 Travelin' Ziggy/Colby, Lou Ann



Highlands Ranch Backcountry Ride 6/20-21/2015

**A-O/N/CP Total Riders-39**

**Chair:** Bill Wingle

**Judges:** Natalie Morris DVM, Patsy Conner

**CP Combo:** Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell/Ferganchick, Brandy

**Novice Sweepstakes:** Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise-98

**Open Sweepstakes:** Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim-96.5

**Open Heavyweight**

- 1/3 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
- 2/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
- 3/1 Thunder/Lewis, Donna
- P Mikkor/Holder, Sharon
- P Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen

**Open Lightweight**

- 1/2 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
- 2/1 Tres Beau/Poulton, Jennifer
- 3/3 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
- 4/4 Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana
- P Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda

**Open Junior**

- 1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

**Novice Heavyweight**

- 1/2 Levi/Morgan, Dayna
- 2/3 Margie Lynx/Kissmann, Kimberly
- 3/4 Savannah/Hofkamp, Sarah
- 4/1 Safara/Horne, John

**Novice Lightweight**

- 1/5 Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise
- 2/1 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
- 3/2 Buffnugget G./Halterman, Susan
- 4/ Shea/Drach, Leah
- 5/4 Soda Creek/Fetterhoff, Amy
- 6/ Liberty Belle/VanVelkinburgh, Alex
- Tucker Two Spot/Lagasse, Candice
- /6 Mystic Memory HF/Matthews, Lindsay
- Sir Casanova/Sistek, Joanne
- /3 Solito/Strandquist, Jill
- P Porters Gold/Spencer, Lyla

**Novice Junior**

- 1/2 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie
- 2/3 Kiara/Clarke, Bri
- 3/1 Kayenta/Brandt, Olivia

**Competitive Pleasure**

- 1/5 BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki
- 2/2 Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell/Ferganchick, Brandy
- 3/DO Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- 4/ Curiosa CR/O'Brien, Wava
- 5/1 SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley/Feazell, Juleen
- 6/3 SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl
- /4 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty
- /6 RR Skye Robyn/Chaffee, Diane
- P LOMA Gladiator/Clark, Hannah



**Highland Ranch Back Country and the Cherokee Castle, by Juleen Feazell**

I was thrilled last winter when I learned there was going to be a CTR at Highland Ranch Backcountry. As a child when we made an occasional trek from Canon City to Denver we often took Highway 85 into the city. Just outside of Sedalia there was one certain spot where just for a second you would get a glimpse of this castle on a hill. I had dreamed of riding a horse on that enormous ranch. Thank You Bill and Diane Wingle for turning a childhood dream into an old lady's reality.

Those of you who were able to attend the Highland Ranch Backcountry CTR might have noticed the Castle High on the hill just South of where we were riding. I knew the castle was there somewhere, but being so focused on my GPS, I'm ashamed to admit I didn't see the castle on Saturday. Sunday when we were riding the same trail in the opposite direction it loomed out in front of us for miles. Following is a short history of the castle.

**CHEROKEE CASTLE**



Cherokee Castle was built between 1924 and 1926 by Denver Real estate tycoon Charles Alfred Johnson and his wife, Alice. Originally the house was planned to be very modest, but one thing led to another, and by the time the design was complete, the building contained 26 rooms, and sprawled to 10,000 square feet. The Johnson's owned the house for 30 years.

Tweet Kimball bought the Castle in 1954, and also bought the adjoining land, which had been in the Blunt family since the homestead act of the 1860's. That land included Blunt Mountain, which Tweet renamed Cherokee Mountain. She then renamed the ranch "Cherokee Ranch," and lived here for 45 years, until her death in 1999. She was well known in the community for her lavish parties, and entertainment of distinguished people from all over the world.

When Tweet purchased the Blunt Property in 1954, she wanted to use the castle as the hub of her cattle breeding operations. Tweet brought Santa Gertrudis cattle from Texas to Colorado. This breed was developed to thrive on the native grasses of the South Texas brush country. Tweet wanted to breed them in the colder climate of Colorado, but her critics thought it couldn't be done. She proved them wrong – Santa Gertrudis are now bred all over the world, and Cherokee Ranch is recognized within cattle breeding circles for this legacy.

In 1996, Tweet Kimball worked to protect Cherokee Ranch through a Conservation Easement. Mrs. Kimball acted as president of the Board of Directors while she was living, and continued to live in the castle. Tweet died in 1999, the Board of Directors and her staff still run the foundation. The Foundation holds the deed to the land that is now protected as a wildlife sanctuary, and a small herd of Santa Gertrudis cattle are still bred on the land. The castle may be rented for weddings and parties.



Chicken Creek July 2015 by Juleen Fezell

All the rides this season have been wonderful for us (Greg, Annie and Juleen) and we have been so fortunate to have been able to volunteer (Greg) or ride at every ride so far. Each ride has been so different and unique, I could go on and on but I want to focus this article on Chicken Creek.

The Fezell Family had a very difficult July, losing my little sister to cancer on July 1, and Greg's father on July 13. When we arrived at the glorious camp ground at Chicken Creek we were greeted with flowers and other gifts of condolence. It was very humbling to know our special friends cared so much. The warmth and compassion from our NATRC family the entire weekend really helped both of us heal.

Chicken Creek had such positive energy and we were so lucky to be able to share this with our grandkids Hayden and Mckenzie. They had been visiting from the Phoenix area and had to share in aforementioned family matters so they too needed a break from sadness.

The weather was amazing, the food was the best ever served at any NATRC ride. Every meal was taken care of including breakfast, hamburgers grilled to perfection out on the trail were a real treat and then to top it off that a Thanksgiving Turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served on Saturday night. That really blew me away. Cooking a Thanksgiving style meal is arguably one of the most complicated meals to put together and then add to that the fact we were camping.

Hayden and Mckenzie Fezell proudly wearing their volunteer medallions



Chuck Smith did an amazing job with the prizes for competitors, volunteers and those who donated money for meals, or many of the other expenses associated with putting on a CTR. Friday evening was so very special, the energy around the camp that night was electric, I have never felt such positive vibes at any NATRC gathering. Chuck had a NATRC medallion on a Red, White and Blue Ribbon that he presented to each volunteer and each person who donated to make the benefit ride such a success. Several people kept their medals around their necks all weekend long.

The judges made many of the obstacles fun and interesting and once again I learned several new things that I can go home and practice. The trail was perfect with the Trail Master giving just enough clues as to where to be on the lookout for changes from Saturday's trail to Sundays.

Last but not least were the prizes, again the best ever. Trophies with a horse on them for anyone placing in all divisions and best of all Tablets to the Sweepstakes winners.

I'm sure I left out many other things that were special about Chicken Creek. Thank you Chuck and Jenny Smith, Thank You San Juan Trail Riders, Thank You volunteers and donators. Region 3's NATRC family should be so proud of themselves.



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Hope Held by a Horse Acquires Horses for Fundraising, by Diane Chaffee

A little over two years ago, I started a therapeutic horse program for women with breast cancer called **Hope Held by a Horse**. We provide emotional support for these women, in the company of horses, in order to help them deal with their diagnosis. You may be familiar with Winston Churchill's quote, "There's something about the outside of a horse, that is good for the inside of a man." Or in this case, a woman. The program has been very successful, and at this point we've helped over 100 women who always go back to their lives with a renewed outlook and a sense of more control over their situation.

In April of this year, we officially obtained tax free status and became a 501c3 non profit organization. Be careful what you ask for! Now, I am learning a whole new aspect of this passion which is fundraising. I've had lots of help with the process. Janna Combs has put on 2 benefit rides for us in the last 2 years! The Wingles and Jane Young came to the last one in April. And we had a speaker inspire about 100 people at a program entitled "Where is There" this summer. Dayna Morgan was there! All of these endeavors have been successful. But we offer our programs for free and it costs us almost \$500 per person just to put a program on. Recently, the program has been given another incredible fundraising opportunity. **Two, yes two, beautiful Arabians have been donated to the program!** They are much too gifted to be just therapy horses.

The idea is to promote and sell them to infuse money into the program. I've trimmed their feet and given them vaccinations. They are continuing in training at this moment. I would like to find homes for them before mid-October. So let me tell you about them! BeBe, registered as RSK Bey Berry Express, is an 11 yr. bay stallion. He has a very strong pedigree. IXL Nobel Express is his sire and he has Huckleberry Bey, and Bask in his lineage. He is sweepstakes nominated and has competed in English pleasure events and placed well, both regionally and nationally. He is VERY gentle and does amazingly well on the trail. He even opens gates! I've ridden him several times and feel very relaxed and comfortable on him. He has the conformation to do CTR or endurance. He could be ridden by a junior easily. He has a big beautiful trot and is very smooth. His tail drags 2 feet on the ground! Romeo, registered as Bolder TRGR, is a 6 yr. old bay gelding. He is also sweepstakes nominated and has great lines with Afires Heir being his sire thru Huckleberry Bey and Bask and Witraz also present. He is 3/4ths finished and is ready for the trail. He's 16hh. He's talented and athletic and learns quickly. He has an incredible ground covering stride.





The family that donated them had to give them up because of issues within the family. They were going to try and sell BeBe for \$15,000 for and Romeo for \$10,000. I would gladly take that for each of them but since we are just trying to raise funds and I can't board them longterm, I am putting them up for auction, E-bay style. Of course you can have one of them instantly at full price, if you want to make sure you get one of them up front. Otherwise, I am planning on taking the highest bidder by mid-October. Bring it on!

I'd be happy to show them to you, send you video of them, and or send their registration forms to you. I encourage you to call, even if you're just curious or if you may know of someone else who's interested. **They are 2 really fine horses!** I want to make sure they get a good home and a good career! Please give me a call at **720-635-3223** or email me at [info@hopeheldbyahorse.org](mailto:info@hopeheldbyahorse.org) Thank you! Diane



## Rule Maker for a Day by Juleen Feazell

I thought it might be fun and maybe we will would be opening up a Giant Old Can of Worms but I want to start a column in Region 3's Stirrup called "If I Were The Rule Maker For A Day." This could be serious or fun or a combination of both. I have thought and thought about this and of course had to make some rules for everyone who would like to contribute to "If I Were The Rule Maker For A Day" column. NATRC related rules only.

- Rule Makers For They Day must stay positive.
- No Personal Attacks.
- No anonymous rule makers. (This is actually in Regions 3's Standing rules for the Stirrup).
- Provide examples of why you believe this should be a new rule or a change to an existing rule.

Here is an example of what I would do I if were the Rule Maker for the Day.

If I were the Ruler Maker for the Day - I would make all riders wear helmets. This would include competitors as well as safety riders and pre-riders.

- **WHY:** Because I want to keep my NATRC family as healthy as possible to keep on riding the trails. I have had a couple of close calls and witnessed a couple of bad accidents that could have been much worse had the riders not been wearing helmets.
- **EXPERIENCE:** My horse stumbled at Chicken Creek and fell, I was able to roll free but in the roll my helmet cracked a rock. Had my noggin not been protected by a helmet I wouldn't have been able to climb back on and continue the competition.
- **EXPERIENCE:** Several weeks later my BFF was riding in front of me down a very steep single trail in the West Elk Wilderness. Her horse put it's head down to scratch it's nose, just before a deep step down. My friend came off over the horse's neck and head and landed on her hands, then hit her head. She was wearing a helmet and still got her "bell rung". Her saddle, cinch, breast collar and reins were wrapped around the horse's right front foot. Once she shook the "cob webs" out she was able to get to her horse and get her mare untangled. We were able to proceed down the steep single track and made it back to camp. The horrible things that could have happened had she been knocked unconscious, and not been able to attend to her horse as quickly as she did could have been catastrophic.
- **EXPERIENCE:** While riding Colorado Trail last June the young woman I was riding with got hung up in her stirrup when her horse started bucking. She looked like a rag doll being flung around in circles for several spins when her foot finally dislodged from her stirrup. She flew through the air, then smacked the ground pretty hard. Thankfully she too was wearing a helmet and she was able to remount her horse and continue the competition.

I know when we are out riding we run into problems and experience something good or bad and the Light Bulb comes on in our heads that says "What If"? This is a chance for members to provide input that may help everyone learn and who knows maybe your ideas could be turned in to rules to improve NATRC.



NATRC Region 3 Convention 2016

Our 2016 convention will be held in Cripple Creek, Colorado, March 18-19 at the Double Eagle Hotel, Casino, and Conference Center.



Theme: Past, Present, & Future

**PROGRAM:**

**Outdoor medical care and first aid.** This speaker can give great advice on what anyone could do in this situation before paramedics can get there.

**Marketing/Motivational Speaker.** How to get new members and to retain new members. This person is educated in marketing and will give us some great ideas on how we can best market NATRC and move into the future?!

**Horsemanship Speaker.** Michele Skerl from Freedom Equine located in Crawford , Colorado will be another of the Speakers at the convention in Cripple Creek in 2016. Michele and her wonderful husband Joe, own and operate Freedom Equine LLC. Michele specializes in a new an inventive way to create Partnership with your horse and ways to make your horse solid and confident no matter who is riding them or what crazy situation you may encounter. To find out more about Michele and Freedom Equine, go to Michele's web site at FreedomEquineLLC.com.

Depending on schedule of speakers,we hope there will be room for a judges panel.

Possibly another specialized saddle raffle?

The Region 3 History Book is going to be the coolest item ever given away at a Region 3 convention. ONLY those who come to the convention will receive a book Included in their registration. For those who do not come, they will have the option to purchase a history book at a price to be determined.

Awards Banquet, Silent Auction and the Crazy Ride Auction will be held on the evening of March 19th.

Please, set aside the date and plan to attend the Region 3 convention in Beautiful Cripple Creek, Colorado, March 18 -19, 2016. More information will be provided in the July/August Stirrup.

Convention Chair, Chuck Smith





**Barn News**

**REGION 3 CONVENTION HISTORY BOOK NEEDS YOUR STORIES**

Several months ago, Chuck Smith announced that, for the 2016 Region 3 Convention to be held in Cripple Creek, Colorado, his goal was to put together a printed book containing stories and photos of Region 3 members, past and present.

Chuck sent an e-mail to all Region 3 members asking for submissions, including answers to the following general questions:

- What year did you become a NATRC member?
- How did you become involved with NATRC?
- Why do you, or a loved one, (current or previous) compete or work within NATRC?
- What is your favorite or most memorable memory?

As of this date, Chuck has not received many stories. He and I talked recently about ways to encourage members to submit their stories. Having been a high school teacher for many years, I remember how often it was difficult getting students to write even when their grades were at stake. Why?

I used to tell my students (who invariably would tell me that they "didn't have anything of importance to say" when I would give them an assignment that was autobiographical), "Just start writing and describing, don't worry about organizing, about the words you are using, or anything else." Just go for it! And then I would actually get some pretty good stuff. Next to public speaking, people usually feel that writing is one of the hardest things to do, and when you write something and then let it out of your hands and "into the public realm" where other people can read what you have said, it can be a bit scary. And the older we get, the worse it is.

Procrastination can be another factor. Everybody procrastinates for one reason or another (taxes for example?) It just puts unpleasant things off until we have to do them, but it can also put things off (like the stories for the history book) until it becomes TOO late, and then they may not be included in the book, or, even worse, Chuck may not get enough stories even to have a history book which would be a real shame.

So let's get those stories and photos to Chuck and help him create a treasure of a memory book. If you have any questions, you can contact him at chuck-smith@earthlink.net or me at bkwranch@hughes.net.

Betty Wolgram  
Region 3 Membership Chair

**Only Two Rides Remaining and  
The Road Runs Both Ways**

Several years ago when John Crandell of Virginia won both the Tevis Cup 100 and Best Condition and the Old Dominion 100 and Best Condition on Heraldic in the same summer, he challenged other riders to ride the Old Dominion by saying, "We brought our best to the West; now bring your beasts to the East." (What a poet!)

So how does this relate to the global economy? Not at all. But I see a similarity with our final rides for the Region 3 2015 season. One is on the east side of Colorado, and one is on the west side of Colorado. The Rocky Mountain Dream CTR near Granby, Colorado, (Sept. 19-20) is coming up in about three weeks. The aspens should be in full color, and the trails are gorgeous. The last ride of the season, Rabbit Valley, west of Grand Junction, will be held three weeks later, (Oct. 10-11) allowing plenty of time to "rest up" if you or your equine needs it.

The ride managers and volunteers for both rides are working very hard. Let's show them how much we appreciate them.

If you have already signed up for these rides, thank you! If you haven't, what are you waiting for? The 2016 ride season is over SEVEN months away.

Submitted by Betty Wolgram  
Region 3 Membership Chair



Honorary and Appreciation Report, submitted by John Horne

## NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

### Honorary and Appreciation Committee

It is time for NATRC regions to nominate and prepare write-ups for the following awards:

- Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award
- Workers Hall of Fame
- National Appreciation Awards
- Regional Appreciation Awards for National Recognition

#### Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award

At the final National Board meeting of the year, each Region may nominate one member of NATRC for the Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award. The Board selects one. A plaque is presented at the following National Convention and accepted by the recipient with a brief speech. The award honors Jim Menefee, a favorite judge who was especially encouraging to Novices and first-time riders.

For clarification, the competitive award titled the "Jim Menefee Memorial Combined Horse/Horsemanship" whose trophy was donated by Jim's son, Jack Menefee is not related in its purpose to this award.

*Nomination limited to 400 words.*

#### Workers Hall of Fame

At the final National Board meeting of the year, each Region may nominate one member of NATRC for the Workers Hall of Fame. The Board selects one or more at their discretion. Recipients may be individual or pairs. The award is presented at the following National Convention.

*Nomination limited to 400 words.*

#### National Appreciation Awards

At the final National Board meeting of the year, each Region may nominate one member for a National Appreciation Award. The Board selects three to be presented at the following National Convention. A recipient can be eligible only once every three years.

*Nomination limited to 200 words*

#### Regional Appreciation Awards for National Recognition

At the final National Board meeting of the year, each Region may select up to three recipients for recognition and presentation of appreciation certificates at the following National Convention. Recipients may be individuals or pairs or groups such as ride sponsors or clubs.

*Nomination limited to 200 words.*

Nominations and write-ups are due **October 15**. Send your nomination via email in Word format to: Ruth Mesimer at [r\\_mesi@att.net](mailto:r_mesi@att.net). **PLEASE**, keep in mind the word limit on each nomination.

The Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award can be awarded one time only to an individual.

The Workers Hall of Fame can be awarded one time only to an individual or pair.

3 charts are attached: Workers Hall of Fame, Appreciation awards, Jim Menefee. Please refer to these during your respective region discussions.



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