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AUGUST 6-7, 2016
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CHICKEN CREEK REGION 3
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SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2016
 FARMINGTON, NM
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<http://www.natrc3.org/>

President's Message:

The month of May went by in a blur, June is almost gone, 4 Competitive Trails rides and 2 NATRC sanctioned clinic are in the history books. The Air Force Academy CTR will be behind us before most of you will get a chance to read the May/June Stirrup. Greg, Annie and me have been at every ride and helped with the NATRC clinic in Western, Colorado. We have all learned so much and had a grand time with our NATRC family.

Lin and Jim Ward have graciously hosted "Happy Hour" on Friday evening for all the rides and will continue for the entire ride season. This is such a great venue to meet new friends, new judges and of course get hugs from all our NATRC friends.

Chuck Smith has been the cook for every ride and done a fabulous job. The hours Chuck puts in to prepare the food before the rides, up at "zero dark thirty" to get breakfast started, always with a smile on his face, amazing! It was also a pleasure to see Jenny Smith with her big smile at Colorado Trail.

The first 3 New Mexico rides were so different for each other in both terrain, competitors, weather and even the judges. Colorado Trail was long and paced a bit to fast for Annie but the trail was marked very well, the weather was awesome and we had a great time.

The 2 new Ride management teams, Vicki Dowd - NAN Ranch, co-chairs Amelia Adair/Tammy Beyerle - Colorado Trail did a great job with advice from seasoned Ride Managers. It is wonderful to have some new members step up and put on these rides and I'm fairly certain the seasoned Ride Managers are happy to pass "The Torch". All the Ride Management teams have done a great job. I speak for all of us competitors when I say "Thanks A Million".

Kerry and Kenny Bingham made Caballo Canyon awesome once again with incredible trails and the timing was spot on. The weather could have been a bit warmer but the arena like footing and the well marked trails more than make up for a few snow showers or rain drops.

The Cumberworth family was out in force at Navajo Lake CTR. It was great to see Judy once again presenting her silly Mother's Days gifts. The trail was so well marked, but sometimes you just can't fix stupid. We missed a turn at that DJQ log on Saturday morning and ended up on the Sunday afternoon's trail and only went 2 miles out of our way. Dr. Cumberworth award me the sign I missed, thus the photo.

We have had a great time with The Outstanding Sportsmanship Award at the rides as well as the cool hats for riders who complete a NATRC event for the first time. Check out the pictures and stories inside.

The number of riders seems to be down slightly for 2016 and that has been disappointing. The number of Novice riders seems to be weaker in early rides. Hopefully rider numbers will improve as the season progresses. Perhaps we need to do our clinics earlier in the year so people have chance to condition their horses for NATRC events.

We still have some great rides left, MLazyC, Island In the Sky, Chicken Creek all three are The Rocky Mountain Hat Trick rides. We have some great Gift Certificates set up for the winners of this Triple Crown event. Chokecherry Canyon will be the last ride of the season. Please come on out have some laughs with your NATRC family, ride or volunteer at a ride in your area.

Juleen Feazell
 Region 3 President

Photo is from Navajo Lake, Pink Sign was the direction sign we missed. Cheri Westmoreland and Kerry Bingham are joining in on the fun, or where they photo bombing me?





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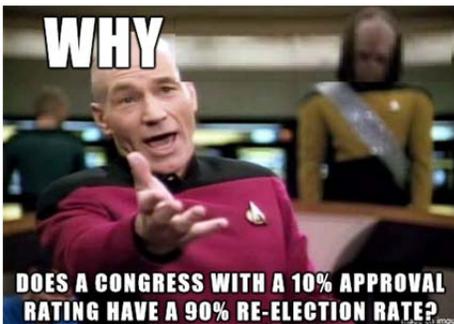
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From the Editor...



With this weirdest election season, we have seen almost every candidate talk about how the system is rigged. It probably is.

Lots of things in life are rigged.

That can be very discouraging, so how to deal with it?



The end result may be rigged but the process is our own. Take a horse ride: the time spent on your horse, the time spent in nature, the bonds created with your horse, the lessons learned, the memories made - all of those small moments will be yours forever and no one can take them away, regardless of the outcome.

We may not have as much control over the end result or the decisions of others and that may not be fair, but we can appreciate our own journey, what we learn on the way, and what we give to and receive from others.

John



NATRC Clinic Sponsored by The Women's Surface Creek Saddle Club, by Juleen Feazell

The NATRC Clinic, sponsored by The Women's Surface Creek Saddle Club held at Jennifer's Mountain Horse Farm in Eckert, Colorado on May 14, 2016 was very well attended with 20 participants.

The clinic gates opened at 8am with clinic secretaries, Syndi Scott and Ole Morgan greeting everyone and making them sign more than a few waivers. Once all the paper work was taken care of, Judy Mason, Brandy Ferganchick, Betty Garrett or Carolynn Andersen escorted participants to their trailers and made sure their horses were set up safely.

Jennifer's covered arena was where introductions, NATRC Overview and Initial Check In were demonstrated. All 20 participants and 10 NATRC experienced volunteers participated in the Introductions. Juleen Feazell gave an overview of NATRC and reviewed the folder full of information each clinic goer received. This was a very interactive session with Judy, Brandy and Betty chiming in to add examples or answer questions.



The Women's Saddle Club invited Dr. Boyd Emond, DVM to help explain the different metabolic indicators veterinarians look for during the initial check in. Brandy played the part of the Horsemanship judge explaining how to perform various tasks to best present your horse for the initial examination.



The group then moved to an obstacle course where Judy, Betty and Carolynn demonstrated how to navigate a variety of obstacles while Dr. Emond and Brady explained what the judges were looking for. It was very helpful for the participants to see the different ways to perform the same obstacle and why some riders or horses would be scored higher than others.



Lunch was provided and then participants saddled up and moved to The Horse Play-ground at the adjoining farm of Bud and Estella Holmes. Participants had a chance to perform the obstacles on their own while being recorded with IPADS. The participants then reviewed their recordings and tried the obstacle again.



New NATRC members Michele Skerl and April Walker from Freedom Equine were also available to help participants with naughty horses and help with lunging or side passing. Feedback from attendees indicated Dr. Boyd Emond was a great asset and the handouts gave them something to refer to when they returned home. Other NATRC members assisting with the clinic not previously mentioned were Krisite LaValley, Mike Mason, Rich Garrett and Greg Feazell.



Caballo Canyon CTR 4/16-17/2016

Caballo Canyon A
4/16-17/2016 R3-NM
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 20
Chair: Kerry Bingham
Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Priscilla Lindsey
CP Combo: Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty
Novice Sweepstakes: Senteney's Spirit/LaValley, Kristie-97.5
Open Sweepstakes: Hot Saki/Smith, Terri-100

Open Heavyweight
1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
2/2 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
P Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri

Open Lightweight
1/2 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
2/4 Tres Beau/Poulton, Jennifer
3/1 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
4/5 SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley/Feazell, Juleen
5/3 BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 Precious Easy Aces/Bravo, Eric
P McIntoc/Walker, April

Novice Lightweight
1/3 Senteney's Spirit/LaValley, Kristie
2/2 Fergie Duchess of York/Kelly, Robin
3/1 Curiosa CR/Adair, Amelia
P Shuzam/Skerl, Michele

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty
2/4 Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda
3/2 The Missouri Reverend/Wingle, Diane
4/3 Cadence/Tucker, Nicole
5/5 My Favorite Harley/Shelton, Ron
P Mariah/Wingle, Bill

Caballo Canyon B
4/16/2016 R3-NM
B-N/CP Total Riders: 5
Chair: Kerry Bingham
Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Priscilla Lindsey
Novice Sweepstakes: Riggs/Canada, Marlee-97.5

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 Riggs/Canada, Marlee
2/2 Anna's Rhett Buttler/Grabbe, Susan

Novice Lightweight
1/2 Solstice/MacBean, Amy
2/1 Twenty X Cowboy/Guillet, Sheri

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Summer/Wolgram, Betty



From left to right...
Dr Boyd Emond – Vet Judge
Lonnie Smith
Ed Westmoreland
Paula Alley
Terri Smith
Bill Cumberworth
Wayne Tolbert – Horsemanship Judge
Sandy Simkns
Jerry Sims.



Navajo Lake 5/7-8/2016

Navajo Lake A
5/7-8/2016 R3-NM
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 22
Chair: Bill Cumberworth
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Wayne Tolbert
CP Combo: The Missouri Reverend/Wingle, Diane
Novice Sweepstakes: Raven/Bravo, Eric-92
Open Sweepstakes: Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri-93

Open Heavyweight
1/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
2/3 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
3/1 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
4/4 Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kenneth

Open Lightweight
1/3 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
2/2 Tres Beau/Poulton, Jennifer
3/1 Turner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
4/5 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
5/6 BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl
6/4 SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley/Fezell, Juleen

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 Raven/Bravo, Eric
2/3 Anna's Rhett Buttler/Grabbe, Susan
3/2 Pistolero/Wiltshire, Diane

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Rock/Farmer, Jane

Novice DO
Precious Easy Aces/Bingham, Kerry

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 The Missouri Reverend/Wingle, Diane
2/6 Nightts Shaddo/Howell, Perran
3/ Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda
4/2 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty
5/3 Mariah/Wingle, Bill
6/5 Curiosa CR/O'Brien, Wava
/4 Cadence/Tucker, Nicole

Navajo Lake B
5/7/2016 R3-NM
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 2
Chair: Bill Cumberworth
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Wayne Tolbert

Novice DO
Princess Tru Lena/Jones, Hugh
Bee Bees Touch/Jones, Jayne



OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS - NEW FOR 2016 by Juleen Feazell

Ride Managers have been very gracious in helping recognize Outstanding Sportsman-ship at their rides. This was one of the items discussed at March board meeting and with the Ride Managers at the R3 convention. Ride Managers get to decide how they will determine which rider displayed Outstanding Sportsmanship. Some have used the P&R crew to help them decide, others have asked for input from fellow competitors and some Ride Management Teams made the determination through observations.

1. At the NAN Ranch Ride the volunteers always mentioned the same two vest numbers #5 and #33 as riders displaying excellent Sportsmanship, although they were quick to add that all the riders were gracious. It was determined the award for Outstanding Sportsmanship should go to Terri Smith.
2. Caballo Canyon had several folks who displayed Outstanding Sportsmanship. Cheryl Jarrett and Ken Wolgram helped catch a loose horse out on the trail and took the horse back to the Novice rider who had made an unscheduled dismount. Wava O'Brien took home the Outstanding Sportsmanship award because she brought one of her horses for a Novice rider to compete on. Unfortunately Wava had to pull from competition so she volunteered for the P&R crew for both days and helped with the CRI and other activities in camp.
3. Navajo Lake, the riders were on their best behavior but management thought no-one really stood out. Ride Management decided to give the award to Kyle Wommer, who was riding safety. Kyle had to do some hard riding to catch a horse out on the trail when another safety rider took an unscheduled dismount.
4. Colorado Trail's Ride Management Team of Amelia Adair and Tammy Beyerle decid-ed to get input from the riders. They had riders submit on index cards random acts of Good Sportsmanship and gave prizes away at Saturday nights briefing and Sunday before awards. They had numerous wonderful examples of Good Sportsmanship. such as, Lin and Jim Ward. When Lin and Jim realized they were off trail on Satur-day, they had to hurry to catch Roxanne Lane and Matt Baker to let them know they were also off trail. Amelia and Tammy decided the competitor who was most deserv-ing of the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, an embroidered blanket, was Gary In-man. Gary helped mentor a first time rider and made the ride educational and fun for the new competitor.

Thanks to all the competitors and volunteers for making 2016 such a GREAT Ride sea-son. We should have been taking photos of the winners of the Outstanding Sportsman-ship for the Stirrup. We will try to do a better job at future rides. Below is a photo of Gay Inman lovingly surround by Tammy, Amelia and Juleen. Gary is the handsome one in the cowboy hat and sun glasses.





Rocky Mountain Hat Trick

Rocky Mountain "Hat Trick"

New for the 2016 Ride Season In Region 3!!!



The Women's Surface Creek Saddle Club organized a Triple Crown type of event new for 2016, The Rocky Mountain Hat Trick. A "Hat Trick" is usually associated with hockey but it can also be "3" consecutive sporting events. The 3 Colorado rides comprising the "The Rocky Mountain Hat Trick" are:

M Lazy C (July 9-10 2016)

Island in the Sky (August 6-7 2016)

Chicken Creek (August 20-21 2016)

Eligibility

- Rider must ride the same horse and participate in all 3 rides.
- Points for Horse and Rider will be combined in all 3 rides.
- Horse & Rider must participate in the same division & class.

1st Place Prizes in each Division & Class!!!!!!

- Open Heavyweight
- Open Lightweight
- Open Junior
- Competitive Pleasure
- Novice Heavyweight
- Novice Lightweight
- Novice Junior

Gift Certificates will be awarded at the Region 3 Convention in 2017. Please join us for all the Rocky Mountain Hat Trick Rides. More information contact Juleen Feazell, 970 965-1162 or gjfeazell@rds.net.



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For Sale and Other Barn News

For Sale

Purple Nylon Harness and American Cart and Horse metal two seater easy entry training cart.

Two seater metal training cart made by American Cart and Harness. Two sets of shafts (cob and horse size).

\$200.00

Purple nylon harness (adjustable for cob or horse).

\$75.00

Contact Susan Peters sapeters@pcisys.net 719-439-5669



For Sale: Stonewall "classic" trail saddle in very good condition. Includes girth, leather covered stirrups, and custom mounted water bottle holders in the front of the saddle. Weighs 12.5 pounds. Approx 14"-15" seat – fits a medium sized woman comfortably and a narrow/regular horse back (plenty of room especially for high withered horses).

See more detail and pictures at

www.stonewallsaddles.com/classicsaddle.html

\$500 Susan Peters sapeters@pcisys.net or 719-439-5669

**Versatile NATRC 2011 National Champion
Mare For Sale**

Regretfully, due to major lifestyle changes, I am selling my wonderful competition horse.

Hasty's Blossom is a beautiful, 14 year old, 14.2 hand, bay, registered half arab mare. Her sire was Hasty's Flyer, a "Legion of Supreme Honor" Arabian endurance stallion. Kathy Budd, former R3 horsemanship judge, raised and trained Blossom.

Since 2012 Blossom has been ridden on mountain trails in Colorado and Wyoming for pleasure – in 2015 she was ridden in the mountains by a junior rider. Blossom is also trained to drive. Asking price is \$3800.

You can find additional information on

www.equinenow.com

(AD # 1061792 – search half arab Colorado Springs)

For additional information, please contact my niece, Natalie Brooker

at yellowfang9@comcast.net 719-493-0922





For Sale and Other Barn News

For Sale

Stonewall "classic" trail saddle in very good condition. Includes 2 Woolback-type saddle pads (one wool, one synthetic), 3 girths, nylon web trail-type breast collar, spare ring covers, leather-covered stirrups, and mounted water bottle holders.

No-charge extras: 11' Parelli lead rope and Lovell-of-Mack cantele bag and horseman's raincoat. Approx 14" seat; fits a medium-sized woman nicely. See www.stonewallsaddles.com/classicsaddle.html for saddle photo & description.

Today this saddle sells new for \$1620 without inclusions. Whole trail-ready package for \$1000. Colorado Springs area; contact Karen Moe at (719) 661-7058 or winkieboots@q.com

For Sale

Lightweight (18 lb.) Western trail saddle (Big Horn #102), cordura and leather, in very good condition. Ideal for Competitive Trail Riding in Western saddle. Rounded rear skirt accommodates a shorter-backed horse. Includes woven string Western breast collar and girth and leather flank strap. See www.horsesaddleshop.com/15bighorcorr.html for saddle photo & description. Approx 15" seat.

No-charge extras: Toklat thick wool-and-fleece saddle pad, works perfectly with saddle, and leather bridle with rolled reins.

Today this saddle sells new for \$600 to \$730 without inclusions. Whole trail-ready package for \$300. Colorado Springs area; contact Karen Moe at (719) 661-7058 or winkieboots@q.com

One of the beautiful things about Facebook is connecting with other horse people. Mark and Karen Plumlee have created the "Hellhat"..... a creative mix of a helmet and a cowboy hat. If you are on Facebook you can find many more pictures if you search for "Karen's Hellcat Posse".

They are so easy to make and the sky is the limit! To get started, get an old palm cowboy hat, or go buy a new one if you have the nerve to cut it up!

The first thing you do is cut off the crown of the hat. It is suggested to use Palm or Pressed Palm with a 4 1/2 inch brim. After cutting off the crown you will make "pie" cuts along the inside of the brim. You can always make them longer later if it is too small. Spray the brim with water and while wet, stretch it down over your helmet so your cowboy brim sits on the helmet's visor. Make the cuts longer if necessary, and attach the brim to the helmet.

They suggest duct tape, but I used a hot glue gun. You can then attach an old belt, scarf or anything for a hat band!

Ride smart! Ride safe! Ride lookin' good!





Region 3 History Book, Part Deux by Chuck Smith

Dear Region 3 Members,

As many of you know, I have been asking for stories for the history book. I did not receive as many as I had hoped. Actually to date, I have received 19 stories. I do want to continue this thru 2016. However, If we cannot produce a good sized book, approximately 50 stories, we are going to have to forgo the book. It is not worth the cost of printing for a small number. PLEASE consider writing a story. The guidelines are below. And please pass this on to anyone who may not receive email, or someone who used to be a Region 3 Member. I have heard from several people that they are intimidated to write a story, don't be! You can write this on your own view, the view of your horse, however you want to. I want you ALL to be a part of this book and to help preserve Region 3's history!

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Chuck Smith

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For each person, please follow this guide to submitting your information. This book will consist of four parts per person.

1. What year did you become a NATRC member?
2. How did you become involved with NATRC?
3. Why do you, or a loved one, (current or previous) compete or work within NATRC?
4. Your favorite or most memorable memory?

Please try to limit your information to (1) page. If you go over a page, I will include everything you submit, but please try and keep it limited to (1). Last, consider looking through old pictures and submitting them for the history book. You are welcome to email pictures. If you do not have a scanner, you can also send me your pictures and I will scan them and send back to you. To save time, email your information to me and if needed, only send a hard copy of your pictures.



1st Time Riders

The R3 Board of Directors also voted to purchase embroidered hats to help celebrate new riders when they complete their first NATRC ride. We originally thought we would celebrate this accomplishment as riders crossed the finish line. The plan was to Hoot and Holler and present the rider with the new hat and get a photo with horse and rider. We attempted to do this for the first time at Caballo Canyon. The celebration fell a bit flat as only the Ride Timer, the photographer, one volunteer and two lovely competitors were there to cheer at the finish line.

At Navajo Lake and Colorado Trail we moved the celebration to the very end of checkout on Sunday. Currently just as the competitor is done and starts to pull off their Ride Vest, the crowd begins to Hoot and Holler and the celebration begins. We then get a photo of the rider and horse with their new hat.

Here are the list and photos of 1st times riders from Navajo Lake and Colorado Trail.

Navajo Lake B Ride: Hugh and Jayne Jones from Ignacio, Colorado without their horses



Navajo Lake A Ride: Jane Framer and her horse Rock from San Antonio,





Colorado Trail A Ride - Dave Terpstra and Ty One On from Molina, Colorado. Ty One On was also the Novice Sweepstakes horse. Congratulations Dave! What a nice horse!



Colorado Trail - Kevin Schoenecker and Moonshine Blues from Lakewood, Colorado.
Kevin also took home 1st place horsemanship in Novice Heavyweight! WAY TO GO KEVIN!





Pictures from Colorado Trail







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