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Stirrup

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Upcoming Rides

HIGHLANDS RANCH BACK COUNTRY, JUNE 20-21 LITTLETON, CO - NEW!!

CHICKEN CREEK (REGION 3 BENEFIT), JULY 25-26 MANCOS, CO

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

CHOKECHERRY - SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2015 FARMINGTON, NM

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

President's Message

Region 3 now has 4 exciting Competitive Trail Rides completed. Greg and I have been fortunate enough to have been able to participate in ever ride in 2015 and it has been amazing. Each ride has been so different, the only common threads have been the wonderful volunteers, our beautiful horses, rain, rain, rain and more rain. We woke up to snow at Caballo Canyon, Navajo Lake was rain, hail wind and then a Hell of a Snow Storm traveling back to Colorado. Air Force was more rain, more hail and some really scary lightening with sloppy, slick footing. Colorado Trail was mostly dry during the day, but it poured rain, hailed and lightnined during briefings and awards, not to mention all the down pours every night. Like all good NATRC folks we mostly just soldiered on and made jokes about the crazy weather. More than once I heard competitors and volunteers say, maybe the Highlands Ranch Ride will be dry and hot. "Be careful what you wish for".



Photo Credit: Cristy Cumberworth

We have seen loads of new faces at our first rides with at least 14 new NATRC members and 20+ first time riders. With those new riders come new volunteers and new members to our NATRC family. Thank you to everyone who has "Reached Out" to bring some new folks to NATRC. Thank you to those first time riders and brand new members who are giving NATRC a try. We hope you love NATRC and will ride with us in the future. Thank you to all the volunteers, without your generous donations of time none of these rides would be possible. It has been wonderful to see so many of our old friends and returning members at the rides as well. The weather has got to improve, we have to have a dry ride eventually, don't we? Having lived in Colorado all my life, this is the first I can ever remember wanting Mother Nature to stop THE RAIN!

Colorado Trail was also the location of the Region 3 Board Meeting. Minutes can be found in this month's edition of the Stirrup. If you have any questions or concerns about changes, please give me a call or send me an email at GJFEAZELL@TDS.NET.

We could use everyone's help to make our Region 3, newsletter more interesting. A few examples might be a clinic you attended, something you learned at a NATRC ride, something dumb you did that would make us laugh, or anything you would like to share. Learning from each other is what helps us all become better caretakers of our beautiful horses. Please email articles to the Stirrup editor, John Volkerding at jvnatrc@aol.com.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make the first half of the 2015 ride season such a success. We have 5 rides left for the 2105 Ride Season and we hope to see more and more of you riding and volunteering.

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



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From the Editor...

Horses live very much in the moment. They don't think about the past or the future. Humans are almost the complete opposite, according to Julie Goodnight, a Certified Horsemanship Association master instructor. Where we hold grudges from the past and plot revenge for the future, horses are honest in the here and now.



We are both social beings who want and need the approval of others - to be part of the herd, so to speak. So to feel part of the group we sometimes listen to others we shouldn't. Like horses, we would probably do better to live in the moment and be honest in the here and now.

Linda Parelli teaches that, horses LOVE happy humans and you cannot fake that and to her the definition of 'happiness' is being content with the present. It's hard to do anything meaningful in the future if you're coming from a position of dissatisfaction in the present. Horses can help us learn to cherish every present moment.



Caballoa Canyon 4/18-19/2015

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 25

Chair: Kerry Bingham

Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Jerry Sims

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

Novice Sweepstakes: Pistolero/Wiltshire, Diane-88

Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken-99

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
- 2/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
- 3/3 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
- 4/4 Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen

Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
- 2/1 Mr. Cool/Smith, Terri
- 3/3 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
- 4/4 Tres Beau/Poulton, Jennifer

Open Junior

- 1/1 GT/Bingham, Sydney

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/2 Pistolero/Wiltshire, Diane
- 2/5 Legends Legacy Lena/Alley, Paula
- 3/1 Safara/Horne, John
- 4/3 Bos Miss Fancy Dial/Edwards, Ashley
- 5/4 Tabooli/Johns, Kate
- P Velma/Bechtolt, Phoebe

Novice Junior

- 1/1 MSA Chloe/Acevedo, Megan

Competitive/Pleasure

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

B-N Total Riders: 10

Chair: Kerry Bingham

Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Jerry Sims

Novice Sweepstakes: Dash of Quick Silver/Simons, Sandie-97.5

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/4 Dash of Quick Silver/Simons, Sandie
- 2/6 Drifter/Friis, Jeremy
- 3/3 Anna's Rhett Buttler/Grabbe, Susan
- 4/1 A Goodtime Cowboy Casanova/Daney, Devon
- 5/ Outlaw Jesse James/McClain, Marianne
- 6/2 Cats Flashy Feather/Hensley, Perry
- /5 Spaz/Friis, Mary

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Escalante/Larsen, Lynda
- 2/2 Solstice/MacBean, Amy

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Reno/Specht, Joshua



General Albert P. Clark Memorial Ride 5/23-24/2015

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 46

Chair: Pam Galchutt and Stephen Bishop

Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Kim Cowart

CP Combo: Summer/Wolgram, Betty

Novice Sweepstakes: Buffnugget G./Haltermann, Susan-98

Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken-97

Open Heavyweight

- 1/2 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
- 2/1 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
- 3/4 Scotch/Feinsod, Jesse
- 4/3 Mariah/Wingle, Bill
- P Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
- P Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen

Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana
- 2/1 BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl
- 3/3 Babylon/Anderson, Connor
- P Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin

Open Junior

- 1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Levi/Morgan, Dayna
- 2/2 Some'R Santana/Lohrenz, Nancy

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Buffnugget G./Haltermann, Susan
- 2/3 Sunrise's Buenos Dias/Adair, Amelia
- 3/4 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
- 4/ Shea/Drach, Leah
- 5/ Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise
- 6/ Sir Casanova/Sistek, Joanne
- /2 Savannah/Hofkamp, Sarah
- /5 Sahara Summer/Conley, Gillian
- /6 Margie Lynx/Kissmann, Kimberly
- Mystic Memory HF/Matthews, Lindsay
- Solito/Strandquist, Jill
- Liberty Belle/VanVelkinburgh, Alex
- Jazz on Parade/Carleton, Lindsay
- P Deuce/Hummer, Leslie
- P Clover's Prize/Beyerle, Tammy
- P Ting Watson, Raina

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie
- 2/4 Kiara/Clarke, Bri
- 3/2 Countrys Lady Traveler WH/Jennings, Morgan
- 4/3 Cappuccino's Smokey Gold/Ware, Tori
- 5/6 Versace's Fortune/Devino, Colleen
- 6/5 Kayenta/Brandt, Olivia
- P Tsadye/Clarke, Ali

Novice DO

- P Topper/Wright, Michelle
- P Alejandro/Adam, Janice

Competitive/Pleasure

- 1/2 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- 2/4 Curiosa CR/O'Brien, Wava
- 3/1 Strawberry Shortcake/Wingle, Diane
- 4/6 RR Skye Robyn/Chaffee, Diane
- 5/5 LOMA Gladiator/Clark, Hannah
- 6/3 WWW Dot Hunk/Berry, Michele
- P BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki
- P SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley/Feazell, Juleen



2015 by Janna Combs

As you know, my lil' girl is growing up so fast. I was looking at Gary Wall's pictures on photopistol.com, and Bill Wingle's site nearbytrails.com. Whoa, I have been chasing Lexi and Red around the country for 4 years! My favorite photo is the one that Bill Wingle captured in Gunnison I think, we were riding side by side and holding hands, we used to do that a lot, and Bill snapped that picture. Thank you, Bill. This will always be in my heart, the one I guess when you get old, you remember the best. There are so many wonderful treasures, the first Air Force ride with Lexi and Sioux-z, their first NATRC ride. Holy Cow, I didn't know that horse could get so hot! And she lasted about 20 miles; I had to babysit her rest of the way. The next day she was right back at it. I also remember the first ride Lexi and I did together, we rode behind Gary Inman and Jerry Simms at AFA. And there are stories I could tell... but won't, also things that one takes to the grave, eh? I think we rode the whole ride at 3 miles an hour, it was pretty slow for Lex and I, when we got back, Lexi asked Jerry if she could lope little Red around because she wanted to ride some more, should've seen the look on his face, priceless

Susan Peters is the one person responsible for getting us involved in NATRC. I made a phone call, and she was so amazing to speak with, very knowledgeable and informative. Susan and I spoke for several hours before my first ride, she even had me call Betty Wolgram. If you haven't spoken with Betty about NATRC, then you absolutely must. That woman could sell NATRC to your brother-in-law. I had so much fun just listening to them expound the virtues of NATRC, how could I not get involved.

And the scenery...Another Holy Cow! Thank God for Bill Wingle, Gary Walls, and Ms. Cumberworth, thanks to them, I have some of the greatest memories. We must have five albums full of pictures, and some pretty awesome calendars, hint...hint...



Last year Lexi started her new horse Lincoln, poor Red was just not getting any taller and Lexi's legs were getting closer to the ground. A world class Appaloosa trainer friend of mine had told me about an arab gelding just sitting in this pasture for the past five years, no one had done anything with him and the owners wanted to get rid of him, would we come get him? Kate thought he'd be a great endurance horse, big girth, big legs, and really friendly. Guess she was right, Lexi got him riding in pretty short order, her first NATRC ride on him she won and has been doing pretty well ever since. And on that note, this story could be all about Ken Wolgram and the virtues of his tutelage of Lexi. Instead, I will save that for another story and suffice it to say, Ken Wolgram has been an exceptional ambassador for this sport sharing his knowledge with Lexi. And then again, if it weren't for him, I could probably still be riding with her...er, Not! I don't think I have enough horse to keep up with them. Thank you Ken Wolgram and Cheryl, I love you guys.

This year Alexis is on a mission to win the Junior National title, we have 9 rides planned, we have completed 2 as of writing this. Nebraska and Kansas are in our future as well as three endurance rides. Lexi is going to be busy starting another colt this year, not to replace Lincoln to but sell for college money. A half arab, quarter palomino gelding, he is doing pretty well, good minded and really bold, should be a great NATRC horse. She also has her three 4-h horses, vet science and her sheltie dog named 'Moses' she shows in 4-h.

Yes, we are busy, busy, busy but always have time to sit and drink a beer or a wine with my NATRC friends. There are some extraordinary memories I have of many of you that I call my family now, I can't wait for the next ride, the next season, the next time I see you. TTFN

**Reach Out by Juleen Feazell**

This year I challenged myself to Reach Out to get some new folks to join NATRC. The journey has been very interesting, rewarding, fun and even a bit scary. So far my efforts have helped get four new members. Two of those four new members have been to at least one ride. I still have hopes that the other two will make at least one ride in 2015.

Judy Wise Mason and the Women's Surface Creek Saddle Club did their annual NATRC clinic in April. However, like so many events this spring it was rainy and miserable. Judy and company gave the clinic a gallant try and had to settle for the back of a stock trailer, to discuss NATRC. The rain never let up so folks just gave up and went home. They tried to reschedule the clinic but no dates seemed to work. I decided to contact most of the clinic participants and offer to go riding with them. This way we could discuss NATRC as we rode along and work on obstacles at the same time.

Sky Baldwin took me up on my offer and we had a great day riding. Sky became a NATRC member and her horse Rosie took home Novice Sweepstake at Navajo Lake on their first ride. Way to go Rosie and Sky.

Syndi Scott and I rode with Sky and two other clinic participants on a lovely Sunday afternoon early in May. One of the ladies joined NATRC and one of the ladies realized her horse needed more training before she would feel comfortable in large groups. We recommended a good local trainer and both are taking lessons. I hope we will see them at a ride in 2016.

It took me until May 26th to get over to New Castle to ride with Amy Fetterhoff and her big 1/2 draft, 1/2 quarter horse named Carmel. We had a great ride, Carmel really liked to move out and he fell in love with my little horse named Annie. Amy was a good sport, she asked great questions and really wanted to learn about NATRC. Of course we got rained on even though the forecast said otherwise. Amy joined NATRC and rode her 1st ride at Colorado Trail, Amy took 6th place and Carmel took home 4th place, in a very large Novice Lightweight class. Amy and Carmel are signed up for Highland Ranch and I'm fairly certain we see them at Rabbit Valley too.

The most interesting NATRC recruitment ride was in Montrose the first week of May. I met up with a young woman I shall refer to as, "Hell Bent For Leather Heather". I went to Heather's place and off we went. Heather was riding a 27 year old Arabian gelding in a web halter with loads of bling, I was riding Annie, a green broke, Tennessee Walker. We headed out of her front gate and onto a very busy road, lucky the shoulder was wide enough that we had a few feet as the cars whizzed past. (Annie lives near the end of a dead end road and I am fairly certain Annie has never seen this much traffic in her life). Up a steep hill and onto Sunset Mesa. The first thing I recognize is a Frisbee Golf Course that was active at the time. Three young men waited for us to pass before the frisbees flew past. We rode across a parking lot over to the edge of Sunset Mesa and overlooked the Uncompahgre River and a well maintained very active Montrose City Park. We traversed the steep hillside and finally found a way down. Next we rode on an extremely narrow trail directly adjacent to the ragging river to avoid climbing back up the steep for like the fifth time. Then we found ourselves bush whacking through some downed trees and brush next to the river, looking for a bridge, in the middle of nowhere, so we could cross the river? I haven't talked about NATRC yet because Annie and I are just trying to survive at this point.

We found the bridge, fairly certain this was a railroad track at one time and had now been converted to a bicycle path. Off we went at a gallop down the bike path and across the foot bridge. Then we are on South Rio Grande Road, which was loaded with more traffic. Stepped over a few railroad ties, then galloped across some very beautiful grass lawns in front of an office building. I am thinking someone is going to start shouting at us to stop running our horses across their manicured lawn. I voiced my concern so then we are riding against the traffic on the busy street, maybe the grass was better. We turn left into the busy City Park, past the active sprinkling system and trotted into the park. We rode past a crowded pickle ball court and onto the foot path with strollers, families on bicycles and loads of people out enjoying a sunny day. What if one of the horse has to poop? How many doggy poop bags would you have to use to pick up after a horse, I wondered? Annie still seems to be unfazed by all the madness, I'm starting to doubt my own sanity. Heather apparently does this quite often and thinks it's normal.

Now we are out of the park and heading through a very industrial area with lots of noisy heavy equipment, clanging and banging. Then we find ourselves in an older residential area and now she is riding across these people front yards. Good Lord, I don't want to get shot just trying to recruit people for NATRC.

We can't be heading for Highway 90 to get across the river, please NO! There was an 18 inch sidewalk right next to Highway 90 where cars were traveling at least 55 mph. I MUST dismount, if something spooks Annie we are both dead and so are four lanes of traffic. The walk was only a block or two but it felt like a mile, thankfully we were back at a trail head with a picnic table so I can mount safely. (Why am I now concerned about safety now?) Annie is still calm like she has done this 1,000 times before. Off we go at a run down another path and the Frisbees are whizzing past us this time. We find another foot bridge to cross the river, so why did we risk our lives on Highway 90?

We made it back to the top of Sunset Mesa and I hoped we were headed back home as the thunder clouds were started to build over the San Juan Mountain Range. Nope, not headed for home just yet, headed south towards a baseball field and a Cemetery. Next thing I know we are galloping through Grandview Cemetery. The 27 year old Arabian can run like a Thoroughbred. I'm worried about sprinkler heads and stopping since Annie doesn't really have much of a brake. Annie stops at the edge of Sunset Mesa with a few feet to spare. We caught our breath and then turned for home which included a flat out full gallop back across the cemetery. I wasn't worried about sprinkler heads or holes as I went faster on Annie than I ran on a horse in 50 years. My GPS said 19.6 mph.

Heather is probably not a good NATRC prospect, safety on a horse was not her concern. I must admit I was not a very good example. I just kinda gave up as Heather wanted to argue with everything I suggested. It was fun to act like a kid again and ride with reckless abandon. You can't win them all!



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Being a First Time Ride Manager, by Kerry Bingham



Well, I did it.....managed my first ride.....Caballo Canyon...in a whole new location no less.

Was it hard? Yes. Was it time consuming? Yes. Was it expensive? Yes. Was it worth it? YES!

The satisfaction of seeing riders and their horses enjoying themselves in my "back yard" was priceless! Could you also find this type of satisfaction? I think so! In my opinion, if you have ridden this sport for a few years (or more) it is your duty to give back to the sport and manage, or secretary a ride! Besides, riders make the BEST managers. They know how a trail should be timed and marked. They know what riders need and want. They know how a ride should ideally be managed. Managing a ride is a chance to get it exactly the way you envision it!

Managing a ride makes a person much more appreciative of everything that goes into putting on a ride and much more patient when things don't go the way they think they should. I go to rides to enjoy myself, to relax, to see old friends, to ride trails I don't always ride. I appreciate those things about rides way more than the actual competition (although winning is nice...its not at the top of my list...obviously!). I know that at times things don't go the way we want or the way we think they should. That's life. It's not perfect. And we all spend a lot of money to attend a ride, whether its managed the way we think it should be or not. We all need to remember that ride managers are volunteers. They are spending a lot of time and money to contribute to our wonderful sport. If we gripe and complain they won't want to manage rides anymore! I don't blame them. I'm happy to say that I have chosen to host Caballo Canyon again next year...but I received a lot of positive feedback about the ride, and very little, if any griping or complaining. Let's do it again!

I do have a few hints for folks considering managing a ride: I found that the biggest contributing factor in putting on a ride is having a circle of close riding companions. You need to ride those trails and ride them again! Time them and time them again! You need to know those trails inside and out. What if there were an accident or the weather was uncooperative? You need to know how to get help out there and or how to re route the trail to keep the riders safe. Of course, a good trail master can always do that for you, but it is the most enjoyable part of putting on a ride!

Another helpful hint is to read the Managers Guide inside and out. Our national website has TONS of useful and necessary documents. Use the time lines. Read the rule book. And once again, have a good circle of friends to help. Learn how to delegate! Find your key people early, trailmaster, ride secretary, cooks, judges, P&R captain, awards person. Be organized! Write down EVERYTHING!

There are many more important details in managing a ride but the one unwritten piece of advice is to have a good attitude! This is suppose to be fun! If the ride manager is stressed and unhappy the whole camp is stressed and unhappy! I think its also nice if the ride manager makes a personal connection with NEW competitors and checks on them several times throughout the weekend to make sure they're doing okay. Actually, the ride manager should be going around with a big smile and great attitude with everyone....it's contagious!

Do you have a favorite place in your area to ride? We did. And we decided to share it with our NATRC family. What about you? Could you be a ride manager? Sure you could! Give it a try!



Added by John Volkerding, for a neat write up in the local paper on the ride.

http://www.daily-times.com/four_corners-news/ci_27966794/san-juan-valley-trail-riders-host-first-ever



New Best Managed Ride Trophy by Juleen Feazell

The Best Managed Ride Trophy for Region 3 has been around since 2007. This award is voted on by members at the end of each ride season. A traveling trophy is presented at the awards banquet each year to the Ride Manager who's ride was voted on as the Best Managed Ride. The ride name and ride manager's names were engraved on the trophy.

The old trophy had to be retired because all the spaces were used and there was no longer room to add the winner for 2014. The old trophy was presented to Pam Galchutt at the Air Force ride in May as Pam and Susan Peters had won the award 3 times in the past 7 years.



The new trophy for 2014 was not available at the time of the Awards Banquet in Taos last March.

Tim Hodges from Hotchkiss, Colorado created the new trophy. A golden stirrup and the NATRC logo are in the center surrounded on three sides with tags of past winners and space for future winners for the next 13 years.

The award was presented on June 2, 2015, at the Women's Surface Creek Saddle Club monthly meeting, in Cedaredge, Colorado. The women's club is always the sponsor for Island In The Sky CTR. Island In The Sky was the winner of Best Managed Ride in 2014. Judy Wise Mason and Juleen Feazell were the ride managers.



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





A Unique Ending to Colorado Trail by Juleen Feazell

The last rigs had just pulled out of camp on Sunday evening. There were six rigs left in camp those left planned to spend Sunday night and head home on Monday morning. The rain had stopped, the sun was out, Lin and Jim Ward, Dianna Therarin, had just set down with Greg and me to have a adult beverage and talk about the great weekend.

Two small cars came roaring into camp. A couple of young men jumped out and were very upset and shouting something about a horse who had tired to jump out of a horse trailer window and it was now stuck. Apparently the young women driving the horse trailer, had directed them to our camp so we could help. Dee Overholt, Ride Manager came back into camp almost at the same time. Jim Ward and John Horne jumped in with Dee and headed out. Greg and I grabbed Lin's Vet Kit and I grabbed my Vet Kit too, we headed out as well.

The accident was only about a mile from camp and when we arrived on the scene, I asked Greg if he had a gun? The situation was grim, I couldn't image this was going to end well. The horse had managed to break out the glass portion of the closed window and then forced the window open and bent the entire window frame. Both front legs and his head were out and he was flaying away with his front feet on the side of the trailer. He was stuck BIG time.

The young women driving the trailer was fairly calm and trying to get 911 help. Cell service was very dodgy in this area but she was on a slight hill and had a weak signal at best. Greg dropped the Vet bags by the side of the road and headed back to the volunteer fire station a few miles down the road. Jim, John, Dee and I headed over to have a better look. The poor horse was panic struck. He was sweating profusely and was trying his best to get the rest of his body out of that trailer window. The rescue team was all standing around throwing out different ideas about what we could do to get this horse out. Help was not on the way, we were the help.

I ran back to the Vet kits, looking for a sedative or something to calm the horse down. Lin's Vet bag didn't have a sedative and I thought I might have had an old outdated sedative but I didn't either. Then I remembered the amazing calming factors in a tiny bottle of Rescue Remedy. I grabbed the vial and filled the dropper, John Horne was the only one tall enough to reach the head of the horse. We needed to get the Rescue Remedy into the horse's mouth. John quickly found an opening between striking front hooves and stuck the dropper in the horses mouth and emptied it. It didn't take long and the horse was calm enough that I was able to climb up the side of the trailer and give him a few more doses of Rescue Remedy.

Jim was able to attach a rope to the halter and back through the side of the adjacent stall. My job was now to keep the rope tight. John was in the back of the trailer, pulling on the horse's tail, Jim was on the horses head trying to get him to get his head back inside, hoping the legs would follow.

John pulled his tale, Jim pushed on his head and I held the rope taunt. It took several minutes of coaxing and he finally was able to get his head and legs back inside the trailer. Success, we closed the panel inside the trailer and tied the window about half closed with a lead rope. Now what?

While we were discussing what to do, I was now putting Rescue Remedy on a horse cookie and the "Window Smashing Horse" was slurping then down and now very relaxed. I even managed to give the trailer driver a few droppers full of Rescue Remedy and may have taken one or two for myself.

A Sheriff's deputy showed up and helped get the traffic to slow down and Greg found a volunteer Fireman to come to the scene as well. The emergency on-call vet for Jefferson County was working on another emergency call and was probably an hour away.

There were numerous ideas of the best way to proceed. The horse was still in the trailer, however the window could not be closed and transporting the horse for over two hours didn't seem like safest option. The horse was usually hauled in a straight load box type of trailer. The consensus was to unload the horse and lead him back to camp for the night. The owner would drive 2+ hours to her home and switch trailers and return on Monday morning.

Jim led the only slightly injured horse back to camp. It was surprising that the horse only had a few small cuts on his right front pastern and one back leg. The big horse wasn't anxious to trot, but at a walk he seemed fine.

We tied the horse to John's trailer and came up with some hay and a water bucket. We even found a blanket and a rain coat for him and he spent a restful, wet night back at camp. The next morning his other trailer arrived and with the help of a few Rescue Remedy laced horse cookies he walked calmly into the new trailer. We put him in cross ties and tied his head down so he would have a difficult time getting his front feet up if he tried to escape again. They made it safely home, but he really pawed at the inside of the trailer and was a sweaty mess by the end of his trip.

It was a courageous team effort. Everyone remained calm, respected each other's suggestions, kept an open mind and found the best solution. The ending was much better than any of us thought possible when we first arrived on the scene. Thanks to Dee, Jim, Lin, Greg, Dianna, John and Linda Johnson Conne. A special thanks to the young women who owned the horse, she showed such maturity when things looked horrible. I would like all of you on my rescue team should I ever find myself in a similar situation.

Note about Rescue Remedy: I have been using it on my horses, dogs, cats, husband, children, grandchildren and myself for over 20 years. Rescue Remedy was created by Dr. Bach over 80 years ago. This homeopathic remedy was created to deal with emergencies and crises. It can be used to help us get through any stressful situations, especially the aftermath of an accident. It helps us relax, get focused and get the needed calmness. To learn more about Rescue Remedy go to www.bachflower.com. You can find Rescue Remedy in a health food store or on-line. I always carry a spray bottle with me in my saddle bag, it has come in handy many times.





Colorado Trail Photos from Travis Brink





Barn News

REGION 3 HISTORY BOOK

For sale

As your historian, I have been brainstorming on ideas to preserve our Region's history. I have decided to write a book. After researching several book printing companies, I found a great company to work with to accomplish this task. This will be an actual bound printed book.

I am planning on hosting our annual convention in March of 2016. In the next couple months I will have more tentative information on convention details. Everyone that attends the convention in 2016 will receive a history book included in their convention packet. If you do not attend the convention, you still have the option of purchasing a history book and I will be sending that info out later in the year.

Preserving our history is very important! Region 3 would not exist without all our competitors, ride managers, and all the many other jobs that go into a ride and our Region. Let's get everyone involved in this. Whether you are a current or past rider/worker, all are welcome and encouraged to get involved!

If you know the families of previous riders and workers that have since passed, please forward this onto their families and encourage them to contribute a story of their loved one and their journey in Region 3. Please also consider forwarding this to other NATRC members that once participated in Region 3 that may now reside in another Region.

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.

This is going to be a large project to accomplish. Please send your information and pictures as soon as possible. It is going to take some time gathering everyone's information, formatting, and getting this off to print.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Chuck Smith

Stonewall "classic" trail saddle in very good condition. Includes 2 Stonewall-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 cantle 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.

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: very nice 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.



Region 3 Board Meeting Minutes by Kerry Bingham, June 5, 2015

Place: Colorado Trail Competitive Trail Ride - Buffalo Creek, Colorado

Call to Order: by Juleen Feazell, 2:00 pm

Board Members Present:

Juleen Feazell, President; Kerry Bingham, Secretary, District 2 Representative; John Horne, National Board Member; Dianna Thearin, Alternate Board Member; Diana Marquardt, At-Large; Betty Wolgram, Vice President, Membership Chair and Nominating Committee Chair; Kay Gunckel, District 1 Representative; Alexis Combs, Junior Representative

Secretaries Report: There was one correction from the Convention Meeting Minutes in March: Dianna Thearin was present at the meeting. A motion was made to approve the Convention Meeting minutes by Kay Gunckel and seconded by Dianna Thearin

Treasurers Report: Chuck Smith was unable to attend, but did send his Report (see below) which Juleen Feazell read to the committee. Members were also sent the report ahead of time via email. A motion was made to accept Chuck's report as written by Kerry Bingham and seconded by John Horne

REGION 3 Board of Director's Meeting Colorado Trail June - 2015

Dear Board of Directors,

Attached is the Treasury Report details and grouped Income and Expenses as of 6/1/2015.

I apologize for not attending the meeting, but I have been very busy with my grandmother who broke her hip a few weeks ago...

All regional dues from National are in except for May. I normally receive those around the 10th of the next month. I have received Caballo and Navajo Lake Ride fees. Waiting on AFA.

On Convention Profit - The total profit was \$1,376.10. However, I split that amount up from the cost of the saddle raffle (\$650.00), so we can all see what our actual profit was and if the saddle benefited to the convention attendance.

Vest Sales are up \$120.00 from 2015. I have 2 more competitors sending checks for their numbers that are not included in this figure yet.

We received a \$500.00 donation from an anonymous member & the BOD decided on how to use those funds at Caballo Canyon.

As we look at the reports, remember that we do not get \$500.00 every year, so our overall profit as of June 1st, should be taken into consideration from that donation.

Ride Auctions are up \$117.00 from 2014 and I have one more person sending a check for their purchases of \$130.00

Silent Auction income is also up \$196.00 from 2014. Thank you Syndi and Juleen!!

CD'S and SAVINGS ACCOUNTS as of April 30, 2015. (Have not received May's statement yet).

Sue Bretag	\$ 5,818.01
Reserve Savings	\$ 3,458.98
Ken Burkdoll	\$ 1,093.76
Ruth Tyree	\$ 951.31
Checking	\$ 63.61
CD	\$ 4,057.84
CD	\$ 2,939.62
TOTAL	\$18,383.13

IMPORTANT! On the report details page, you will see a difference in total income vs. the grouped income in the amount of \$310.00 Reason - Rabbit Valley and Willow Springs ride fees were given to me in March of 2015. Those checks went into our account in 2015. I grouped that \$310.00 in 2014 ride fee income. Since my printer overheated at the last board meeting, you all may or may not remember me speaking about this and all I could show was my computer screen. I felt it was better to group those two rides in 2014's income, so it gives the best picture of how we did for the year. Please call me Friday with any questions you have. 505-215-2625 Respectfully, Chuck Smith

National Board: John Horne reported that the next meeting is July 10th. Jerry Sims will be leaving the board at the end of his term in December and there will be a vacancy. The July meeting will concentrate on rule changes. If you have questions or comments about rule changes please discuss with John or Jerry before the July meeting. A discussion ensued concerning a possible rule change concerning the minimum age of competitors. Betty Wolgram said that rule changes needed to be submitted at convention. John Horne suggested that maybe the rule change could be "minimum age 10 with exceptions to be determined by some type of Committee, perhaps judges. John was to consult with Roxann Lane and Matt Baker to see if they could come up with a good proposal.

Stirrup News: John Volkerding still need articles! Every board member agreed that they should write an article and encourage others to write also. John Horne suggested that if we have new members or visitors we can interview them!

Ride Book: Diane had nothing to report

Publicity: Syndi Scott sent the following report:

Branding with logo hats got off to a bit of a slow start. Didn't get the order in on time for the first 2 rides so hats were not available until the AFA ride and the original yellow ball caps were back ordered and may not be available at Colorado Trail. 7 of the sage green caps sold at



AFA and 5 of the pink caps.

Problem with the pink caps is there is a barrel racer on the side which was not noticed until after they were embroidered. 3 of the pink caps were given to 1st time NATRC members at AFA.

I hope to be able to pay for the original purchase of the hats with the profits from the sales of the hats. However, I may have to use the \$200.00 amount approved to be used 3 times of year for advertisement if necessary.

I decided to hold off purchasing the LOGO jackets to see how the hat sales were going.

Respectfully Submitted, Syndi Scott

Publicity Chair: Lexi Combs is going to work on sharing our NATRC FB, Instagram and Snap Chat with Dianna Thearin!

History Report: Chuck is working on his history book for the convention. He has asked for people to send pictures, etc., and he has only received one. The board agreed that they need to send in something!!! Gary Walls website, photopistol.com has billions of pictures and we think Cristy Cumberworth and Bill Wingle (trailphotos.com?) all have websites.

Supplies Safety Report: Jana Coombs reported the Safety equipment that is available to use is actually pretty good. Most of it is within the dates, we do have newer packs that are good enough for our interests. We might want to invest in something that would be available to trained personnel in camp that could treat perhaps a serious injury God forbid something ever happens. As for aspirin, Benadryl, etc. Yes, we might want to replace this yearly, the band aids, ointments, gauze and wraps should last a season or two. If each safety rider would be accountable for the items in their pack, and if we had the items available to update them before each rider took off on Saturday, that would be a good thing. I think this could be implemented at the time the Safety rider checks in and is given their pack and vest. I would also like to make sure that each Safety rider is aware of what is expected of them on these rides. It is not just a free ride, it is a huge responsibility and each rider is accountable for the safety of my child, my friend or my mom.

I realize this is a Safety report, I would also like to take this time to ask from each of you any ideas or suggestions that might make me a better spokesman for and be able to pass the torch to the next person so that they have an itemized list of things that are required of being the Safety Chair.

1. I would have liked to have been given a notebook of what was expected of the Safety Chair. So far, I have not had to do much and it has been okay. I would like better. I want the next guy to be able to say, Oh, we need this and this ordered, I need to get this in line for the next ride.

2. Being the Safety Chair, I also LOVE riding safety. I get to follow my daughter, I know where she has been and I can pick up her map, water bottle, hoof pick, etc, that has been dropped on the trail. I know, they aren't always hers but I make it a point to treat it all as hers. There are common courtesies that need to be followed when trailing your charges and I feel these need to be expanded on and discussed with each safety rider before each ride.

3. Items needed in each pack could include but not limited to:

- 2 absorbent compress dressings (5x9 inches)
- 25 adhesive bandages (assorted sizes)
- 1 adhesive cloth tape (10 yards x 1 inch)
- 5 antibiotic ointment packets (approx. 1 gram)
- 5 antiseptic wipe packets
- 2 packets of tylenol
- 2 hydrocortisone ointment packets (approx. 1 gram)
- Scissors
- 1 gauze bandage (3 inches wide)
- 5 sterile gauze pads (4x4 inches)
- Tweezers

4. Any ideas any of you may have are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by Janna Combs

A discussion ensued about safety riders. Do we want more stringent guidelines (making it harder on management)..... we discussed creating a sub committee to come up with guidelines and discuss them with ride management). Betty Wolgram thinks National needs to come up with more stringent guidelines and follow through. Kay Gunkel, Diane Thearin and Janna Combs will be the committee. Kay will chair the committee.

Award Report:

Best Managed Ride Trophy: The new Best Managed ride, traveling trophy was presented to Judy Mason on June 2, 2015. The old one which had all the positions filled was presented to Pam Galchutt at the AFA ride as she and Susan Peters had won it more times than anyone else.

2015 New Novice Awards: A written explanation of what Novice Special Awards were available was placed in the novice rider packets at the 2 New Mexico rides and Colorado Trail. AFA some we handed out at briefing. Others were mailed to Non-members and some 1st time riders with a note welcoming them and asking them to join us.

Branding and 100% Club Jackets: We added the large logo to the back of the 100% Club Jackets for 2014's winners with no additional cost to the region. Currently 9 jackets have had the logo added to them at a cost of \$7.00 to each member.

Blue and Black Coffee Mugs: \$65.00 in sales of the mugs so far. Several mugs were given away to 1st time members at the New Mexico rides. We gave 9 mugs away to 1st time riders at AFA. There are approx. 30 mugs left, which we plan to sell and give out to 1st time riders while supplies last. Respectfully Submitted, Juleen Feazell Awards Chair

Worker Points: Beth Sims gave Dianna Thearin all of her boxes of "stuff" to take on the Worker Points. Thanks you Dianna! Dianna will email the spreadsheet to ride managers. It was suggested that ride managers collect volunteers addresses so that we can later deliver their award. Juleen will work on getting an address line added to the volunteer waiver.



Nominating Committee: Region 3 needs to elect the following board positions:

District 1 Jerry Sims' term on National Board of Directors expires Dec. 31. I contacted him by email but he has not let me know as of this date whether he wishes to run for reelection. Kay Gunckel, who is presently serving as a District 1 Region 3 director, has expressed interest in running for National Director and, if elected, would automatically be a member of the Region 3 Board.) I have suggested to her that she consider nomination for National and, if not elected, serve as a 2015 alternate to avoid creating an "empty" position on the regional board. Kay said that Sharon Roper also might be interested in running for the National Board position but I have not received confirmation of that yet.

District 2 Kerry Bingham is not running for reelection.

At-Large Janna Combs – term limited

Diana Marquardt – term limited

Respectfully submitted: Betty Wolgram, Region 3 Vice President

Kerry Bingham stated that she will service as the District 2 Representative after all. Juleen Feazell reported that Sharon Roper was on her way to the Board Meeting when her truck broke down in Georgetown, Sharon Roper would like to run for the National Board. Chuck Smith had also told Juleen Feazell her wanted to run for the National Board.

Membership Report: The non-competitive membership is not to National's attention yet. Betty will bring it to National's attention next February. Kerry and Juleen mentioned how nothing works like personal communication! We all need to make sure new riders know that if they do three rides they get their membership free! This report was submitted by Betty Wolgram:

Membership Chair Report for Region 3 June 2015 Board Meeting- (compare to last report for March 2015 Board meeting)

Life Members:

Steve & Janine Ancell (family) Jene Moseley Don & Kathy Budd (family) Doreen Portner Bill & Judy Cumberworth (family) Barbara Remy Sherry & Ross Eckel (family) Robert Sanristevan Thom Harris (family) Lovell Sasser Donna Johnson (family) Jenny Smith (family)	Mitzy Kennaugh Barbara Taylor Judy Wise Mason Alice Wich Carol McCoy Ken & Betty Wolgram (family) Eugenie & Kenyon McGuire (family) Susan Moreland, DVM (family) Daniel Moseley
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New/rejoining members as of June 1, 2015:

Hannah Clark (new-single adult) Lindsay Matthews (rejoined-single adult) Janice Adam (new-single adult) Colleen DeVino (new-junior) Leah Drach (new-single adult) Mary Beth Friis (new-family) Sandra Grover (new-family) Paula Alley (new-single adult) Phoebe Bechtolt (rejoined – single adult)	Amy Fetterhoff (new –single adult) Kristie LaValley (new-single adult) Johnnie Lyons (new single adult) Angie Rubenstein (rejoined-family)) Joanne Sistek (new- single adult) Alex VanVelkinburgh (new single adult) Sarah Hofkamp (rejoined-single adult) Sky Baldwin (new single adult) Jill Standquist (new single adult)
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Members renewed as of June 1, 2015:

Family Memberships:

Wendy Brooks (renewed until 1/1/17) Janna, Ross, and Alexis Combs Kerry & Kenny Bingham Sue & Alyssa Fusco Jerry & Beth Sims Single Adult Memberships: Jennifer Poulton Julie Sanford Susie Sumner Leona Arnett Sally Beck	Diane Chaffee Devon Daney Betsy Dumph Louise Ehrich Brandy Ferganchick Mike Kaufman Jane Young
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Junior Memberships:

Natalie Brooker Gillian Conley	Tori Ware
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2014 Members not yet renewed for 2015:

Name District

Tammy Beyerle 1	Merry Lester 2
Annette Campbell & Raina Watson (family) 1	Heloise Lynn 2
Alden & Elaine Chamberlain (family) 2	Pat Montgomery 2
Lee Ann Clarke 2	Gene Naugle, DVM 1
Gennie Colazio 1	Rebecca Noland 1
Caroline Coles 2	Elizabeth Pinkston 1
Laurie & Joe DiNatale (family) 1	Debbie Pugliano 1
Wende Gist 1	Cynthia Ramsey 2
Tia Harris 2	Barbara Schwan 2
Diana & Robert Hastings (family) 2	Cindy Simmers 2
Liza Jane Hein 1	Nancy Bob Smith 2
Perran Howell 2	Olga Spanhoff & Todd Blevins (family) 2
Nancy James 2	Ingrid Spikker 1
Mike Jubb 1	Larry & Judi Tobias (family) 1
David Judson 1	Fay VonTilius 1
Gwen & Pete Kasper (family) 1	Suzannah Vowel 1
Larry & Mary Ellen Keckler (family) 1	Gail West 2
Sharon Kettwich 2	Morgan Winter 1
Tom King 2	James Wright, DVM 1
DaNae & Madison Kramer (family) 1	Terry Yates 2
Sheryl Larue 2	

41 memberships not yet renewed for 2015

District 1 - 21

District 2 - 20

Additional Information:

Summary 2015 Memberships: (Family memberships are counted by National as two members)

Life:

Single Adult 11

Family 10 x 2 = 20

Total Members 31

New/Rejoining:

Single Adult 18

Family 5 x 2 = 10

Junior 2

Total Members 30

Renewals:

Single Adult 66

Family 22 x 2 = 44

Junior 3

Total Members 113

Total as of June 1 = 174**

Need 26 more (new, rejoin, and/or renewals) to reach 2015 goal of 200 members**

**Note: Above figures are "close approximation" because total membership numbers by region are not reported by National until November of each year. Region 3 National Goals & Measurements for 2015:

rides 8 (9 rides on schedule for 2015)

average riders per ride 40

members 200

Respectfully submitted: Betty Wolgram, Membership Chair

OLD BUSINES:

Proposal for Honoring Deceased Members

Back Ground: In the fall of 2013, at the passing of a Dr. Joe Quintana several emails circulated between the board members trying to conclude what would be appropriate for the Region 3 Board to do to honor Dr. Joe's memory. No decision could be reached via email and this item has been carried on the Board Meeting Agenda until the March 2015 meeting in Taos, NM. Chuck Smith and Juleen Feazell were assigned the task of working on a proposal to be presented at the June 2015 Board Meeting. Emails and Telephone Calls between Chuck and Juleen started at very different ends of the spectrum of how to approach this delicate topic. Following is the proposal we agreed upon.

PROPOSAL: If a member of Region 3 or someone in the member's immediate family passes away, The Region 3 Board will send flowers or a donation not to exceed \$100.00 to the family or the charity designated by the family. A sympathy card should also be sent on behalf Region 3, NATRC. Chuck Smith has volunteered to take this assignment as he would be involved writing the check. It will be the job of Board Members to notify Chuck when a member passes. Prior to notifying Chuck the Board Member should research and find out if flowers or a donation is in order. Provide Chuck with details about where to send flowers or where to send the donation.

Respectfully Submitted, Juleen Feazell in Agreement with Chuck Smith



Kerry made a motion that we accept the proposal and Kay seconded it. The only change we made to the proposal is that the family or concerned individual (not the board member) should notify the treasurer so that flowers or a donation may be made. Immediate family is spouse and/or children. A motion was made to accept it with changes by Diana M. and seconded by Kerry Bingham.

Novice Ribbons - Janna Combs Greeting; Ross, my wonderful husband who you have spoken with if you need ribbons is the guy who should be doing this. Alas, I can not get him to come as he feels he needs to take care of the farm and will not leave, so you are going to hear second hand what I know about ribbons. First off, Ross cannot understand how an organization as large as ours is able to have so many ribbons in so many places and no one knows what anyone has. Ha! Cause we can! So, he has tried to find out where all the ribbons are, get them all used up and have on photo type of ribbon for all of Novice. Cp and Open when needed. And I know that he is working on getting all of un used ribbons back to him so he can distribute them as needed, this would save a lot of time and money for our Region as we would have a base to go by, eliminating all confusion when Novice ribbons are needed and ride managers will know they are covered....

My job has been to deliver what was ordered and pick up all unused Novice and old ribbons at the end of each ride. Here in lies the problem. If I am unable to attend a ride or have to leave early for some unexpected reason, the ribbons not used are once again in ribbon limbo and sit around gathering wrinkles until called up for service, which has been years in many cases, We can eliminate this waste and mistreatment of the ribbons by returning all unused ribbons which technically are the property and mistreatment of the ribbons by returning all unused ribbons which technically are the property of NATRC, if they are Novice. If the ride managers want do donate back unused Open and CP Ribbons, there isn't currently a credit available but Ross is working on something as there seems to be an awful lot of Open green and white ribbons at the end of each ride, along with green, yellowed white at the end of the year. Donating ribbons back is great, just makes for an inventory nightmare.

"Putting back into stock". If ordering generic Open ad CP ribbons, which match the Novice ribbons, Ross is more than happy to order them also but each manager needs to be aware of the costs involved, especially if ordering different ribbons. There is a whole new process involved in ribbon making I had no idea, it could bea TV show actually. I'm sure Ross could give us all a a tutorial as he has been enlightened by the ladies in ribbon making.

In conclusion , This ribbon making and ordering has been a lot of fun for me, I get to watch Ross in action as he emails all of you ladies, sometimes guys, and order ribbons for you, gets them packaged and sent off with a smile. He hopes he is doing okay by all of you, any recommendations once again are greatly appreciated and he hopes to have everything in order so that everyone knows that is expected of them, and what is expected of the ribbon orderer, an easier method of ordering and supply and availability so things go smoothly for the next Awards guy. Respectfully submitted, Janna Combs

Walkie Talkies: In addition, the club has purchased new walkie talkies for the rides. Thanks Bill!

Convention Location: Chuck and Juleen have it all lined out for Cripple Creek at the Double Eagle Hotel and Conference Center March 18 and 19th.

Caballo Canyon Board Meeting: -The meeting was called so that we didn't use up our one email meeting. We came up with how to spend the \$500 and increase membership and riders. After much discussion, Kerry Bingham made a motion that the Region refund 100% of the cost of a single adult, junior, or family membership to any first time NATRC member joining NATRC in 2015 who then starts at least 3 rides in 2015.

New Business

Donations to Ute Indian Gathering Martha Stender would like to sponsor a youth Ute Indian from the Cortez area. A \$250 to a Ute Prayer Tree Cultural Gathering 2015.... a motion wasn't made.

How to use the RMS to send info to upcoming rides to non members. Juleen will talk to Diane Wingle (RMS manager).

Partial refund for Ride Book Advertisement. Janna read request and Kay made a motion that we refund her \$75. Kerry seconded the motion.

Auction at Convention A suggestion was made that we need to have something in the standing rules about if you win an auction for a ride entry fee, premier parking, or premier check in and what happens in the case if you won't be using it. After some discussion the board decided that members should be able to transfer their premier parking, ride entry fee or premiere check in to another person, but not to another ride. If the ride is cancelled the Region will refund their auction money upon request. Kerry made the motion, Janna seconded. All in favor.

The next meeting is at Chokecherry, Sept. 25, 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Kerry Bingham



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