

# REGION THREE NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1988



## 1988 Region III Ride Schedule

#### Editor's Note:

Due to the preparation involved and the number of Region III members involved in putting together the National Convention in Colorado Springs this year...there will be no Competitive Clinics offered this Spring. If you are interested in putting

"Mark your calendars right now!!"

on a Clinic, the Board of Directors do have a Competitive Clinic packet that can be borrowed. For more information, call Ike Mosgrove at (303) 495-2906.

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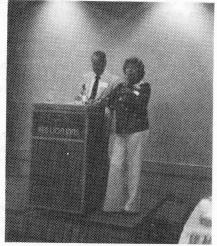
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A SUPER !

See these two people.......(Pat Jubb & Dr. Gene Naugle, DVM), these two brave souls undertook a monumental task of organizing and presenting the 1987 Annual NATRC National Convention on February 12, 13 & 14th, 1988 in Colorado Springs, CO. Along with their superior committee of other Region III members, not only was this Convention a grand success and a really fun experience......THIS Convention broke a few records in attendance and in profit.

As an attendee (and as your Newsletter Editor!), I want all of you people out there in Region III-NATRC and in all other Regions that DID NOT attend this great weekend of seminars, awards and hysterically funny events to realize just what they missed. Just read on, and take a look at the pictures...you will be sorry!



Friday's session started out with a long coffee hour where everybody from everywhere in the country could say "hello" and catch up with old friends and new acquaintances. By the time the Welcome & Introductions started, approximately 181 people had registered for that day's activities. Allene Mourne's discussion on "Bits & Bitting" was very informative and many questions were asked following her talk. (We hope she got her "portable horse jaw" home in one piece, and not too many questions were asked about it!). During the morning break, attendees got a chance to stroll through the exhibitors area. Over nine companies showed their wares in some impressive displays. I am sure a lot of business was drummed up with this horse-oriented group of folks! Next, Aubrey Thompson's presentation on the results and statistics from this past summer's survey at all the competitions helped all of us realize what really does make the winning horse. Not only did he surprise us with his findings, but some people in the audience just couldn't come to accept that the Arabian is not the absolute best horse for our sport! (Statistically-speaking, folks!) After lunch, Dr. Terry Swanson, DVM held our attention in a explicit discussion on "Myocitis". Many thanks to these wonderful speakers for their time and sharing their knowledge with us. Friday evening was open to everyone to do what they wanted...some people went out for dinners; some people went skiing; and, some people made good use of the Region III Hospitality Suite watching VCR tapes of various Rides from all Regions and socializing with their fellow competitors.

Saturday's session was a whole different format. Casually-dressed attendees boarded buses in the morning to drive out to the fabulous Bara Farms south of Colorado Springs. Pulling through the grand entrance to this farm, you feel like you have entered the world of the

"ultimate horse facilities"! Overwhelming, spotless, gorgeous horses, white fences, top security, best trainers, various tarining programs and Olympic Level...are some some of the things I can mention to describe Bara Farms. This day was the highlight of the Convention, with nationally recognized horse trainer, Pat Parelli, demonstrating to a crowd of over 300 attendees how to work with and train the young horse through the art of communication and understanding versus mechanics and fear. Those of us who were there, could hardly believe our eyes! Pat's methods not only were entertaining and educational...they really worked! Everyone walked away after that session with a lot more knowledge on the way a horse's mind really works. THANK YOU, PAT PARELLI! Also, thank you to the kind staff at Bara Farms for their hospitality and efforts to make us all feel welocomed. The lunchtime demonstrations of some of their stallions in both Western and English tack, as well as the Dressage exhibition, were breathtaking.

The Grand Finale of the Convention was, of course, the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. All those miles! All those bumps and bruises! All those points lost, and won! This is when it all comes to a close each year. Congratulations to everyone in all Regions who worked hard and got awarded for it! And to those who came to see what this crazy sport of Competitive Trail Riding is all about, you just might have been bitten by the "bug" viewing the tears of joy, the comraderie among friends/competitors, and the love of the horse for mule, in the case of this year's President's Cup winner, Angel!). Region III really did well this year. The Grand Champion Award went to our own, Kathy Morris and her "good boy", San Barrah ("Laddie" to all of us!). The Polly Bridges Memorial Award (High Average Horsemanship) went to Barbara Jagoda with a score of 99.43%! We are a tough bunch to beat! Congratulations! This year's President's Cup Winner was Angel, a mule, ridden by Pat Seymore scoring a total of 290 points. Pat's acceptance speech was truly an original, with megaphone and all! I must mention how truly wonderful it was of Dick Spenser, the Master of Ceremonies, to dress in a traditional Indian costume and do the Lord's Prayer in



Mr. Pat Parelli

Indian Sign language. It was these little touches, like the fashion show on western wear during a break in Friday's program (and like the hot tub in the Hospitality Suite!) that made this Convention one we will never forget.

## A "special thank you" must be offered to the people behind the scenes...it could not have happened without you! They are:

Pat Jubb, Chairperson Dr. Gene Naugle, DVM, Program Coordinator

Vel Naugle, Program Editor Bonnie Kaufman, Raffle Chairperson Judi Tobias, Publicity



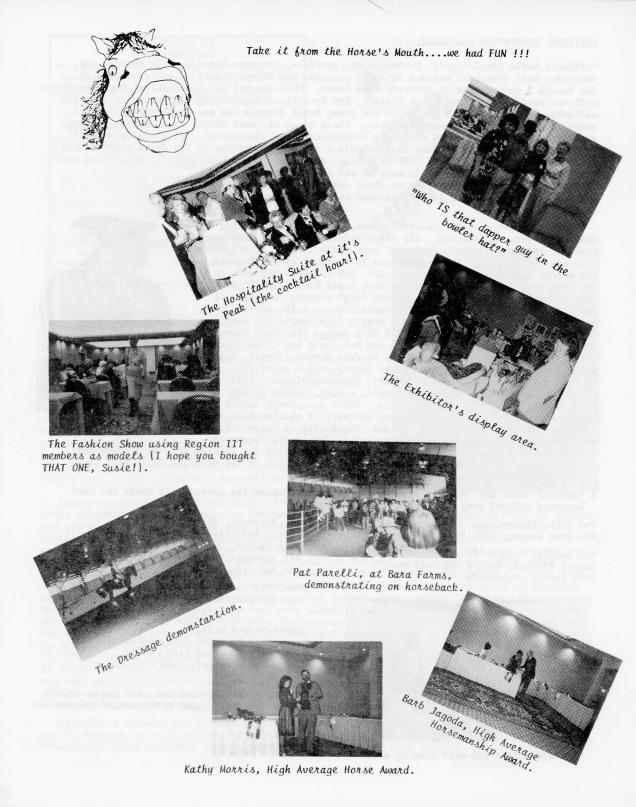
"A toast...to a job well done by all!"

Ike Mosgrove, Secretary Laurie Butterfield, Hospitality Anne Callin, Bara Farms Manager All sponsors and exhibitors. The Red Lion Inn

And, the number of people who came from our far-away Regions (thanks for coming!);

- 18 people from N.Carolina, S. Carolina and Georgia.
  - 2 people from Australia.
  - 1 person from Canada.
  - 20 people from California.

\*\*\*\*Turn the page and see what fun we really had during this super NATRC Annual Convention!



## QUICK TIPS ON PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE

If you are thinking about entering your first competitive trail ride this summer, you might want to attend a trail ride clinic. The cost is minimal and you will be well prepared for your first ride. Check at the bottom of this year's current ride schedule for dates of clinics. If a clinic is not an option, here are some general guidelines to get you started. Check sources for additional information listed on back.

While there are some Novice B one day rides offered, they are not common, so this is written for a Novice A two day ride (40 miles).

AT RIDE:

Your horse should be able to cover 20 miles in approximately 6 hours on two consecutive days. Your total time out on the trail will be about 8 hours on the 1st day because of four 15 minute pulse & respiration (P&R) stops, and a 1 hour lunch. Horse tied to tree during lunch, so bring halter and lead rope. Day 2, your time out will be right around 6 hours including P&R stops; no lunch on trail. The pace is predominantly at a walk with some trotting. Average MPH is 3.7. Your horse should have experience in climbing and descending hills, crossing water, walking over logs, and backing up.

AT HOME:

Conditioning a horse is a complex issue involving many variables such as horse's age, general activity, weight; and the amount of time rider has to train. Some references are listed on back page concerning conditioning. Consult with your vet about conditioning and an adequate nutritional program for your horse. There are many differing theories on conditioning, but in general you should start slowly and gradually increase stress by increasing time out on the trail; introducing some trotting and some hill work. Try to get your horse to walk quietly up and down hills, across streams, and over logs. You should sit lightly in saddle taking more weight in stirrups when going over obstacles. On hill climbs, you should be slightly up out of the saddle and forward over horse's center of gravity. If hill is very steep, you may want to grab horse's mane to help balance yourself. When you dismount and mount out on trail, try to get your horse to stand quietly. Encourage horse to drink whenever you pass water. If temperature is high, and your horse is really hot, you might sponge him down with cold water on underside of neck, and inside of legs, front and back; never put cold water on back as large muscles might cramp. Eventually you should work up to mileage and time requirement you'll face on ride.

AT RIDE:

There will be between 4 to 7 P&R stops on trail over the two day ride. P&R stops occur after a period of stress for the horse. Usually half are climbs and half are trots; lengths of trots vary but may be as long as .8 mile. You will dismount, the P&R team take incoming P&R each for 15 seconds, then retake 10 minutes later. If pulse is 12 for 15 seconds or below and respiration is 6 for 15 seconds or below, no points lost: if P&R are both under 18; you may continue ride: If P or R is 18 or above; you will be held an additional 10 minutes: if it's still 18 or above on second retake; horse may be pulled from ride.

AT HOME:

Stop horse for P&R check after hill climb or trot. Dismount, loosen girth slightly, use watch with second hand. Put ear on horse's left side (just in front of girth behind horse's elbow) and count heart beats for 15 seconds. Then count respiration for 15 seconds by watching flank. Wait 10 minutes. You and horse should cultivate habit of relaxation during this time as it helps lower P&R. Retake pulse and respiration. If it's 12 and 6, your horse is in good cardio-vascular shape: between 12 & 6 and 17 & 17, needs improvement: 18 and above, wait additional 10 minutes: if it's still 18 or above, walk home slowly. Talk to your vet about revising conditioning program.

AT RIDE:

Horses are tied to horse trailer overnight and fed and watered there. They should always be tied with a "quick release" knot. During the night horse is tied with enough slack to lie down if he chooses.

AT HOME:

Start by tying horse to horse trailer instead of hitching post when you groom and saddle him. Make sure trailer wheels are chocked; check for sharp edges or protruding handles horse could get caught on. Gradually leave horse there a bit longer with some hay or grain to munch on while you do other chores. (Put haynet up far enough so horse won't catch his foot in it when it's empty). Add water bucket (A rlat-sided bucket placed on fender and secured so it can't tip over, works fine). If you tie your horse to trailer with food and water available on a regular basis, he should be very comfortable there during the trail ride.

AT RIDE: Horse should stand quietly while being examined by vet judge and horsemanship judge. Horse should be well groomed, especially in tack areas. Your horse should trot out willingly in hand in figure eight pattern.

AT HOME:

Get friend to act as judge and thoroughly examine your horse while you hold him. Horse should get used to having mouth opened and gum pressed, back and girth area palpated, and feet picked up. Get into good grooming habits. Teach horse to trot freely in hand in figure eight pattern.

AT RIDE:
Other than a saddle and some sort of headgear, no special tack is required.
Though horse shoes are not required, most horses are shod (see rule book for type of shoe allowed). Though not required, a breast collar comes in handy on those hill climbs. A horse blanket is not required, but if you already own one, it's nice to blanket a horse overnight as he can't get out of the weather.

AT HOME:

Tack should fit horse!! Use all equipment at home you plan to use on ride. Check condition of stitching on tack. After a training ride check horse for hair rubs in breast collar and girth area; check back and withers for soreness. If you find a problem, adjust your tack. Plan to bring extra tack to ride in case something breaks (lead rope, girth, etc).

JUDGES: An ideal NATRC picture of horse and rider is:

A rider who: is effective with his aides, light in the saddle, balanced over the horse's center of gravity and conscious of his and his horse's safety in camp as well as on the trail.

A horse that: is calm, confident, responsive to his rider, attentive to the trail, and well conditioned for the ride.

Both horse and rider tend to be nervous the day of their first ride. Chances are your horse will be more excited at the ride than he is at home, and, at least initially, less responsive to you. At home your horse may stand sleepily while you mount; at the ride, he may take off down the road before you get one foot in the stirrup. First day nervousness may also result in higher P&R's than you were getting during training. Expect that there will be some anxiety reflected in your horse's performance. Stay as calm and relaxed as you can and eventually your horse should follow your example.

WHAT TO PACK: Horse: feed, buckets, haynet, rake, chocks for trailer wheels, grooming equipment, and tack (don't forget flyspray).

in AM and delivers them to lunch spot.

Rider: Camping equipment & food (most rides provide some meals, check your ride entry). Most riders carry a small pack out on the trail either on themselves (fanny pack) or their horse (saddle bag) containing rain gear, hoof pick, sponge, small canteen, jackknife, sunscreen, and bug repellent. Ride management usually collects riders' lunches

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Riders manual - \$4.00 Rulebook - \$2.00

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# New Marketing Techniques for Promoting Horse Sales

## Developed by Well-Known Computer Luminary

Mancos, Colorado—The man who helped revolutionize the computer industry plans to change the way Americans think about horses. Wilton H. Jones, whom the Wall Street Journal calls a "prominent high-tech luminary," developed the first business word-processing program for the IBM PC. The power of that program, and the use of innovative marketing, made Multimate software a best seller. Jones sold Multimate for \$22 million, and has headed west to make an impact on the equine industry—selling pleasure horses.

"We see a tremendous untapped potential for horse ownership in this country," says Jones. "The pleasure horse has appeal for the novice owner as well as the performance horse owner. It's a horse for fun—as a family pet, an outdoor companion, and a source of relaxation and recreation." Jones has chosen a special breed, the Paso Fino, for his initial product. With its jolt-fire gait, calm temperament, and sturdy constitution, this horse is ideal for pleasure riding, especially for the first-time owner.

From Mesa View Ranches, Inc., in Colorado, Wilton Jones is masterminding a strategy to sell pleasure horses on a scale never before attempted in the non-racing horse world. Jones' approach is different. By applying modern business and marketing methods to the ancient art of horsetrading, he will promote the horse as the next "recreations," in the second of the sec

tional vehicle" for Americans seeking fun, fitness, and relaxation.

Among the marketing techniques developed by Mesa View Ranches, Inc. are breeding and selling cooperatives, regionally-based promotions with exhibitions and sales, equestrian communities, and cooperative horse ownership.

Throughout 1988, Mesa View will be conducting Paso Fino demonstrations in selected locations all over the country. Prospective buyers, whether experienced horse people or novices, will have the opportunity to try this unique horse. Mesa View Paso Finos are trained on varied terrain for trail riding, where their gait provides the ultimate confiont for long hours in the saddle. They are sold with a money-back guarantee, and an ongoing program of customer service from the Ranch.

"We want to make the experience of horse ownership as pleasurable and riskfree as possible," comments Jones. "As more people become aware of the joy of horses, I think we are going to make a wonderful impact on the quality of life in this country.

For more information, contact: Kate Kruschwitz Associates at (617) 731-0617.



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# Drag Riders: Don't Start the Parade Without 'em

Drag: to more horsely or with effort; to precent or may with telious a: slovo. laborious

Anyone out there who has ever ridden "drag" on a competitive event knows only too well just how right-on Mr Webster is with that definition But for every ride that goes smoothly, with all riders and horses behaving themselves, there are probably two in which the unexpected happens and the unimerinable comes to

As one hair-raising example, a now-seasoned rider tells this story: On his first competitive nde he struggled alone at the rear with a horse that had not taken time to read the rule book. Suddenly he found the both very much "off trail" when the mare shied over the side of a mountain and landed astraddle a tree. He managed to scramble back up to the trail. but it looked like the untimely end of a budding NATRC ca reer for his horse in the rocks ravine below. In the midst of this impending tragedy, along moneyed the drag riders, two burly, matter-of-fact fellows who seemed to expect the worst from anyone sally enough to be riding around in the forest with a number plastered across his chest. Unruffled by the mare's predicament, they set about the job of retneving her from the tree-top. Both carried lanats on their powerful Quarter Horses. One man skinned down the mountain, wrapped up the mare with both ropes like an early Christmas present, and returned with the ends of the ropes. The Quarter Horses did what they did best, and so did the cowboys, and together this team pulled the horse to safety and sent our weak-kneed novice on his way. All in a day's work for them, apparently

If you had been the drag rider that day, would you have been as well prepared to handle such an unusual emergency? If you had been in management, vouid vou have carefully selected a horse and rider team capable and clear-headed enough to have saved the mare's life? If you had been hat competitor, would you have prayed to God that the drag team was close behind and equipped to give immediate istance?

It just may be that the drag rider is an afterthought whose procurement is the last item on ranagement's list of "things to do"...("oops, now who can we finagle into doing this crummy job?") And perhaps it's even nore of an afterthought for the finagiee...(that green horse of mine could use the experience or, old Dan hasn't been out of the corral all year, [1] take him out for a spin.") If this type of horse and rider end up out there as drag, you'd better send somebody else out to drag thrm!

The drag, or Safety Rider (which sounds a back of a los better and is actually more acurate) must be someone willing to take the job seriously, with horse prepared to do the same. In the actual heat of comp titon, it will be this duo out there picking up the pieces when things go wrong. He/sh may be called upon to round up a horse gone AWOL, retrace the trail for miles in search of lost riders, treat wounds, carry double, cope a variety of stress induced ailments, pull objects from the saddle, and assist with the repair of equipment, as well as soothing ride-worn emotions. Safety riders and horses must be physically and mentally prepared for a much longer day in the saddle than any of the competitors, must carry several pounds of medical supplies and equipment, and all the while woing that they are both fit enough and experienced enough to be out there win-ning the whole shootin' match.

The very best this intrepid team can hope for is a uneveniful ride in which then only function is retrieving loss sponges and inhaling the dust.

How you ride managers coerce such stalwart, altruistic folks into draggin your event, I leave to your generosity and imagination. Money could certainly do the trick. A free ride entry for next year might be sufficient inducement, or one of the completion awards you are offering your competitors, or a special ribbion, appropriately stamped. Most definitely, and without exception, drag/safety riders deserve a free dinner as thanks for an all too thankless job. For dusteating duties alose they have earned the best award you can afford to give them. Jimmie Basset of Fremont,

California is a competitor as well as manager of the Mission Peak NATRC ride. She has come up with a detailed list of articles which she personnaly assembles in her saddlebass and sends out with her safety riders. She feels very strongly that management is respons for making sure these medical and repair supplies are out there on the trail for her entrants in the event they are needed. "Why leave it to chance that the one item most needed will be the one you've forgot-ten?" I have added a few items to her excellent list of suggestions, and I'm sure everyone reading this can think of at least one more item that should be added.

Here's our list, and our fervent hope that drag riders across the land will never have to use a single item on it. But if you ride out unprepared, you're bound to have the Law of Averages, and Murphy's, too, working against youl

Rawhide ties

A must. These can be used to repair a fender, replace a chin strap or throat latch, or

reion two ends of a stirrup leather. Or to strangle the problem competitor

Tie Rose You must have to tie up the problem horse

Comes in handy with those rawhide nes

> Several tools in one. Use as pliers when pulling rawhide ties through tight spots: use as wirecutters when abandoned wire beaps from its hiding place and wraps itself around a horse's leg. use as a hammer on the head of that problem

Leather gloves

To prevent rope burns during a rescue effort; necessary when working with that damnable wire For above rescue effort

To mark the trail back

to an injured horse or

rider so that they can

Lariat Flagging ribbon (different color)

Tiacture of

Bennoin

Asprin

be found quickly. 4" Ace for wrapping strains, wounds, raw knees: also useful for making

rider.

slings or splints Hydrogen For cleaning superficial wounds on both horse

For cleaning deep wounds on both horse and rider.

Tincture To disinfect and begin Iodine 7% immediate healing of wounds. Temporary sutures

Plastic strips which, when placed across a wound, pull it together. Can be purchased in any

drug store. A sticky substance

to aid wound closure in conjunction with temporary sutures.

For Excedrin headache

#89-"Off Trail".



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Fetra water

Knife

2" gauze

Kotes and

4" gauze pads (pre-packaged) How else would you take that aspirin? Also use to flush wounds, and keep snake bite injuries cool

Anyone who rides without a knife should turn in his saddle. Survival knives \$10 at sporting goods stores, contain many items you might need in an emergency, including suture materials, nylon line, a saw: luse the saw on that problem rider and kiss your blues goodbye!). To tie off a bandage.

can also be used as a tourniquet Yep! Sanitary napkins make an excellent compress for stopping blood flow Carry

or two in a plastic bag

To sponge wounds or

Extra bandana

E-Z Boot Bee-sting good

1 latigoi 1 string girth Hobbles

First Aid Kit

Tennier

Just when you thought it was safe to get back out on the trail...don't forget the humble band-aid, medicated cream, and surgical tape. Wrap all these in a clean hand towel, which you may also find useful.

Soaked with that extra water and wrapped around the neck, it will help revive the

over-heated rider

You already know

breaking up

why

To save a hoof from

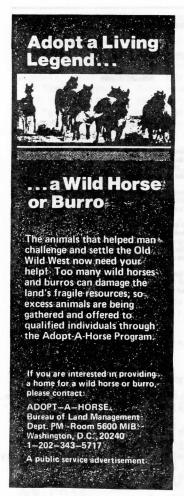
Somebody, sometime

You may need to park

is gonna break one

tending to other's.

Optional, but you'll be glad you have 'em if you end up with any walking to do.



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Kathy Morris and San Barrah

## 

Training Horses Through the Art of Communication and Understanding vs. Mechanics and Fear

Pat's insight and methods are useful to all those who ride or interact with horses, regardless of riding style or experience

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\* Contact the host in your area for more information on <u>your clinic</u> and ask about our new 7-Day Format (including: Colt Starting, Clinic I, and Clinic II)

Here's what renowned horseman Dr. R.M. Miller says about Pat, as quoted in Western Harseman Magazine, "...for those who prefer finesse to force, for those who like horses enough to be liked by the horse, for those who want to out-smart rather than out-fight him, this young trainer's techniques will hold a lot of appeal." R.M. Miller, D.V.M.

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#### A SPECIAL HONOR

On Sunday, March 6, 1988, our very own Region III member, Kathy Morris, was honored by the Colorado Sportswoman Association at their 14th Annual Sports Banquet held in Denver, Colorado.

Kathy won this award in the division of Horsemanship...a division never before recognized by this Association.

The judges for this event were various members of the state's media. And, on hand to watch Kathy receive her award were Region III members: Jeri Avila, Laurie Butterfield, Judy Wise, and Vern Vobejda.

Congratulations, Kathy!



## Region III BOD Meeting January 9, 1988 Lafayette, Colorado

- mtg. opened by Marty Marten, 17 BOD and members present.
- Treasurer's report was accepted (no copy avaiable to print) - extra money from Ruth Tyree & Ken Burkdoll funds suggested to be out in savings acct.
- Membership 4 renewals, 3 new members and rem nders to be sent out in Feb.
- Computer Lists Pat M. made list of "non-renewals" for Dist. Reps. to
- contact to find out why they are not re-joining Reg. III. Computer lists need to be used more. - Newsletter - Winter issue just went out - Trail Blazer & Hoofprints received comp. copies and motion was made for "non-renewals" to receive a copy too.
- Publicity Kathy M. reported a Reg. III booth will be at Stock Show w/ our video Kathy paid our COHOCO dues - motion passed for Reg. III to be represented at American Youth Horse Council Conference in Ft. Collins on Jan. 23rd - discussion ensued on how to best use Publicity money, Kathy will set goals and will advertise in Newsletter for volunteer P?R person to help.
- Historian motion was passed for Lovell Grych to take on position of Historian and for BOD to give her \$100 for portfolio and supplies.
- Awards Letter from Pat Jubb said she will continue to hold this position Gene N. will head a committee to review nominations & criteria for Sue Bretag Award & Nat'l. Appreciation. - 1988 Annual Reg. III Seminar - Jill Talbot volunteered to chair this, possible Dude Ranch sites discussed - date will be Nov. 5-6, 1988 - 1987 Seminar made profit of \$32.14 - motion was passed to let Jill make decisions about '88 Seminar & report back to the BOD.
- Ride Management/Clinic Coordinator Judd Adams handed out his packet for BOD review Pat McCoy also had one for BOD critique - decision on these will be made at next BOD mtg.
- Supply Pat Jubb agreed to keep this position for 1988.
- Nominating Committee Dean & Ariel Schrader agreed to chair this committee for 1988.
- Nat'l. Convention Planning for Feb. 1988 motion passed to give the Naugles a free banquet dinner for all their help with the Convention - motion passed to advertise Region III Benefit Ride in program for \$25 - motion passed to advertise Reg. III Ride Scedule on back of program.
- By Laws Louie P. made corrections & passed by BOD: Art. 1 Sec. 1 ...if no district nomination is available the district position will become an At Large position on the BOD; Art.1 Sec. 5...a majority vote of the BOD at such meeting, a quorum being present shall be required for the appointment of said candidate; Art.2 Sec.2...the election of officers shall take place at this meeting, a quorum of seven members both incoming and outgoing being present; Art.2 Sec.6 the second sentence the word "for" will change to "from" - motion also passed

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE **REGION III** Competitive Trail Riding

w Mexico, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Alberta, & Saskatchewan, Canada

February 28 1988

Pat Jubb 3455 Hartsock Lane Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Dear Pat

The 1988 NATRC National Convention was my first, and I cannot imagine there has ever been one better. You did an superb job as National Convention Committee Chairman. The organization, scheduling, accommodations, programming, and speakers were all excellent.

Your committe members, Bonnie Kaufman, Gene Naugle, Ike Mosgrove, Vel Naugle, Susie Witter, and Laurie Butterfield obviously worked very hard along side you to make this a great success.

You mentioned to me several time that you had a "tiger by the tail", and after experiencing the weekend, I would have to say you had the tiger well under your full control. Everyone I talked with or overheard discussing the weekend agreed, this was an exceptional Convention. They won't soon forget what a good time they had.

Pat, from start to finish, the Convention was a quality, class event. I feel I speak for everyone in Region III in saying congratulation and thank you for the exceptional job you and your committe performed.

Sincerely.

Marty Marten President

cc: Board of Directors

## (Region III BOD Meeting minutes continued...)

that current officers shall preside at the last BOD meeting of the year. Other rule changes: Region III Management, Rule 1 will read "Riders fee shall be \$4 (\$3 for Nat'l. Board expenses & \$1 for annual Reg. III awards) per rider for each ride, Rule 7 the 6th sentence the word "shall" will change to "may". Horse & Rider Awards, Rule 1 the word "horse" will change to "horsemanship", Rule 2 add to the end of the sentence "...with a minimum of four Reg. III rides", Rule 7 change "od" to "of". Worker awards, Rule 3 change the word "points" to "glass". - motion passed to award an Awards Chairman of any Ride 25 Worker Points - motion passed to accept as corrected all above Standing Rules - motion was passed that Louie P. send copies of By Laws and Standing Rules to all new members.

- Colorado Trail Jan T. presented all possibilities for adoption of sections of the Trail-motion was passed to have Reg. III adopt-for-lifetime-maintenance section 9-A Jefferson Creek to Georgia Pass off Hwy. 285 to Jefferson, a 6-mile loop Jan will coordinate time to ride & work this trail, and maintenance will need to be done only once a year.
- National Board Member Report Gene N. gave report motion was passed that the Competitive/ Pleasure mileage horse & rider be counted for year-end awards.
- Region III Benefit Ride Laurie & Jeri thanked all BOD who helped with last year's Ride motion was passed that the BOD make it a policy to work the Reg. III Benefit Ride each year. motion was passed to hold the Spring BOD mtg. Friday, April 22, 1988 at 9:00 am at the campsite of the Rabbit Valley Ride (\*\*\*this has been currently changed to the same site
- tentative ride dates were set for 1988 season.
- -motuon was passed to use Sue Bretag funds to buy traveling plaques for the National Apprecation and Sue Bretag Awards Patsy donated a silver buckle and Louie a belt to the blind auction at the Convention for money for the scholarship fund.

- meeting adjourned.

but on 4/30/88 Saturday).



## REGION 111 HISTORIAN'S REQUEST

Any and all information needed on Region III's history! As Historian, I can only out into our records whatever you, the members, provide.

Right now I am specifically requesting information from 1970 through 1974. I need pictures, NATRC Newsletter articles and anything you might have stashed away. If you put on a Ride, how about an old entry blank? General Ride pictures? Especially pictures and remembrances of Ruth Tyree and Dolly.

If you do not want to give me these items, please either have copies made or send the items to me and I will have copies made and return the originals to you. Be sure each item is marked and packed carefully, I will do the same.

If you have any pictures of the horses that competed during these years, I would like them and a brief story - how old they are now, etc.

1 will of course welcome any information, but to start - remember 1970-1974!

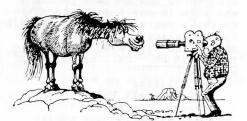
- Lovell Grych

## Subject: Region III Judges & their history.

Who convinced and/or twisted your arm to become a judge? When and why did you become a judge? Do you or have you ever competed yourself? Have you ever put on a Ride? Why do you like NATRC?

Let me know and send pictures so others can know you better. Let's make our history the BEST!

If you would please send any pictures, news items and articles concerning the above stated topics to: Lovell Grych, Box 243-647 'R' Road, Mack, CO 81525



"Don't forget to send us any old photos!"

## MORE NATRO CLINICS ALWAYS NEEDED!

Let's get even more people involved in Competitive Trail Riding!  $\frac{NOW}{\&}$  is the time to start thinking  $\frac{\&}{\&}$  organizing trail ride clinics for the Fall 1988 and the Winter & Spring of 1988.

Region III has available trail ride videos and a slide show to loan to your clinic. We have also put together a TRAIL RIDE CLINIC PACKET to assist you.

Trail Ride Clinics are an excellent way to help Novice riders and to stimulate more interest in our sport. For more information and to get the packet, please contact our Region III Clinic Chairpersons:

Pat McCoy in Durango, CO at  $(30\overline{3})$   $259-4\overline{3}86$  or,

Judd Adams in Boulder, CO at  $(30\overline{3})$  494-4241.

## MANDATORY REGISTRATION PAPERS

REMINDER: In order to be eligible for Breed Awards at each Ride, you must send in with your Ride Entry a copy of your horse's registration papers. These copies will be returned to you the day of the Ride.

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#### OFFERED

Pat Militzer is now in charge of all computerization of membership for Region III. She is also now doing membership labels for the Newsletter, and she can also make labels for Ride Chairmen and Clinic organizers. Lists can offer much information and can be categorized by Districts, zip codes, and include people who rode in any Rides within the past two years. This can be helpful to solicit participants for all Region III/NATRC events. The fee is \$5.00. Call or write Pat at:

Pat Militzer 1190 Marshall Road Boulder, CO 80303 (303) 494-8219

## SPECIAL NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

Anyone interested in receiving just the Region III Newsletter, without becoming a Region III or National NATRC member, may do so. It will cost \$8.00 to subscribe to the Newsletter alone. Please contact Ike Mosgrove at 303-495-2906.

#### VERIFYING POINTS & MILEAGE

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REMINDER: It is the responsibility of the rider to verify their points and mileage with the appropriate Point Secretary prior to October 15th of each year. Otherwise, you must accept the points and mileage as calculated by the Point Secretaries.

Please send your calculated Rider & Horse points, and your calculated Rider & Horse mileage at the end of the 1987 ride season just for Region III to:

> Pat Jubb 3455 Hartsock Lane Colorado Springs, CO 80907 (303) 574-8522

ADDITION: Past members who do not renew their Region III membership by June 1st of each year will have to pay an additional \$15 secretarial fee if they wish to have either their horse's or rider's points & mileage recorded.

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The Region III 1987 Board of Directors voted on a new rule as of January 1987:

June 1st of each year will be the cut-off date for the Newsletter to be sent out to Region III members who have not yet rejoined. National members (but not yet Region III members) that are in our Region, will get two complimentary Newsletters then no more unless they join Region III.

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## WELCOME!



We would like to thank all the many new people who have recently joined NATRC/Region 111!!

We appreciate your interest in our sport, and we hope to see you all on the trails!

ALSO....a special thanks goes out to all the present members that have been diligently renewing their memberships!

We would not exist without you!

#### FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:

As of this date we have a total of 154 Region III members. Of these, 18 are new to NATRC/Region III in 1988. As of this date, only 26 have renewed their membership for 1988! PLEASE RENEW NOW! As stated previously, those who have not renewed by June 1st, 1988 are subject to a \$15 late charge before the 1988 Horse and Rider Points and Mileage will be tabulated and counted for year-end Region III awards. We urge all members to renew in order to continue receiving this Newsletter and the Ride Entry forms for this year's Rides! Remember, Region III members must be NATRC National members too.

All NATRC National members should join Region III before the last Ride of the season to be eligible for year-end awards. This month (March 1988), membership forms and a 1988 Region III Ride Schedule have been sent out to those of you who have not renewed. Members who have renewed, will receive their 1988 Membership Card. It is important to keep both memberships updated to be eligible for year-end awards each year! Please check your address label on this issue of the Region III Newsletter to see if it is correct for District and National membership/Region III membership expiration dates.

A complimentary copy of this spring issue of the Region III Newsletter is being sent out to those living in Region III, that are not yet members, who attended the 1988 National NATRC Convention in Colorado Springs this February. We would like to welcome you to the sport of Competitive Trail Riding, and to Region III.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST REGION 111 AND NATRC NATIONAL MEMBERS SINCE THE WINTER NEWSLETTER:

Iiesel, Kolbe Colorado Springs, CO
Van Valin, Judy Monument, CO
Zinn, Sheila Colorado Springs, CO

## WELCOME MEMBERS TO JUST REGION 111:

Hill, Cherry Livermore, CO Siemans, Paul Aurora, CO Rothermel, Margaret Boulder, CO

## WELCOME MEMBERS TO JUST NATRO NATIONAL:

Alexander, Jim LaPorte, CO Dummerfeldt, Patricia & Family Livermore, CO

#### WELCOME BACK:

Kathy Swarcara-Stuerke, Bailey, CO Berne Schmidlkofer, Peyton, CO Peggy Pfaltzgraff/Julie Jackson, Corrales, NM Freddy Lincoln, Evergreen, CO Colleen Wills, Sedalia, CO

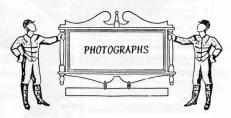


Dunlap, Melinda Elizabeth, CO May, Alice Peyton, CO Weigle, Kathy Greely, CO

Carmody, Kelly Albuquerque, New Mexico Bruce, Lorelei & Matthew Kirtland, N. Mex.

It's nice to see many new (and old) familiar names! Welcome to you all, and we hope to see you riding our friendly Region III trails this summer!

"Ike" Mosgrove, Membership Chairman



Those "winners" who attended the 1987 NATRC NATIONAL CONVENTION and had their pictures taken, and did not place an order that evening ...may order the pictures by contacting:

PALMER PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES 3215 S. Academy Colorado Springs, CO 80916 719/392-3500



- The horse will not eat, pawing at the food, but not willing to eat either on the trail or at a vet check.
- The horse will not drink, always pawing or playing with the water, but not willing to drink either on the trail or at a vet check.
- The horse will look worried, showing this expression in his eyes by wrinkling his brow, and by wrinkling or "snarling" his mouth or nostrils.
- The horse will act restless, acting like he wants something, but refusing anything you offer him.
- ▶ The horse will stop for water on the trail, and when he reaches down and relaxes his leg, that leg will begin to quiver, which indicates that his muscles are being over stressed.
- The horse will put his head down as if he wants to eat or drink (but doesn't) every time you ask to leave after a break on the trail.
- The horse will be reluctant to go at speed when the rider is jogging on the ground (because it is easier to enforce the "go" while in the saddle).
- The horse will be unwilling to take the lead on the trail, wanting to slip in right behind a horse instead of passing or riding alongside the other horse.
- The horse will be unwilling to go downhill at speed.
- The horse will wag his head side to side while under saddle when asked to maintain speed.
- The horse will sweat excessively in proportion to his work load and/or weather conditions.
- The horse will not sweat adequately in proportion to his work load and/or weather conditions.
- The horse will show no interest in keeping up when another horse passes.
- The horse will change his tail carriage.
- The horse will shorten his stride and take more steps to keep the same speed.
- The horse's posture will "flatten out" under saddle.
- The horse will shift his weight to the front end to compensate for muscle fatigue.
- The horse will travel at an angle when jogged for the vet inspection because he is trying to shift his weight away from tired muscles.
- The horse will begin stumbling and/or drag ging his toes, both while under saddle or when being lead or jogged for exams.
- The horse will show signs of "looking for some thing" on the trail i.e. water, food, etc.
- ➤ The horse will not stand comfortably on all four feet, either pointing a foot, shifting weight from foot to foot, or standing "strung out" because he isuncomfortable.
- The horse is unable to urinate, or when he does, it is strained or a lot of effort for a small amount.
- The urine is a dark yellow to brown in color.

  The borse will leave the yet check with dread re-
- The horse will leave the vet check with great reluctance.
- ➤ The horse will lose control of his hindquarters.
- The horse will have muscle tremors, which you can feel while in the saddle.
- The horse's tail will tremble when you tail up a hill.
- ► There is a fat deposit behind the eye that is largely fluid, and when the horse begins to lose a significant amount of water, the eye will look slightly sunk, causing the horse to look a little "sleepy" instead of holding his eye wide open.
- The horse will require an increase in the frequency and degree of reminders to keep to
- A tired horse will respond slowly, i.e. when you pick up the lead to move, the horse will wait till he reached the end of the rope before he moves or he will follow the lead with his head and nerk before moving his body.

t is within reason to assume that a horse will exhibit a loss of brilliance throughout the course of the competition since he is expending energy for many miles and hours. This is normal. There are some very obvious signs when a horse is "hitting the wall" that are pretty hard to miss - the horse stops dead in his tracks and refuses to move, his pulse stays critically elevated for long periods of time, his body temperature is excessive, he is severly dehydrated, he is very lame and so on. It is my belief that an educated rider need never drive the horse off the cliff if he will heed the "subtle signs" which is the horse's way of communicating to his rider that he is unable to maintain the current pace. When a horse is enjoying his work and competing within his capabilities, his actions will say "I want to". When the horse is working beyond his ability, his attitude changes to "Do I have to", and this attitude change will be obvious in every physical and mental action of the horse. The fatigued horse will show obvious metabolic failures such as deteriorated hydration, muscle control, attitude, etc. The purpose of this article is to bring to light additional ways that the horse communicates that he has "the wall" in sight. The following fifty "subtle signs" are only some of the possible indicators that you have a problem, and it is important that you notice what is normal for your horse so that you can evaluate what is a deviate behavior and react accordingly. The "rider" sees only the obvious, but the true "horseman" sees the subtle, almost invisible signs. The horse talks to the "horseman", and he listens.

# SUSATLE

by Susan Brannon



- The horse will either refuse food or take only small bites and chew slowly.
- The horse stays in the same position after you dismount without moving or showing interest in what is going on around him.
- The horse will stand "tucked-up" in his flank area.
- The horse will be unwilling to change leads at the canter, or will try to "bounce" you to a different diagonal at the trot.
- The horse will be unwilling to change gaits when asked i.e. only wanting to canter or refusing to leave the trot.
- The horse will "sag" in his body posture, lowering his head and neck, both while under saddle and when in a vet check.
- While traveling down the trail, the horse will "stretch" his neck out and down because of muscle fatigue.
- The horse will be unable to (or with great difficulty) pass manure.
- When the tail is lifted, the anal sphincter muscle will be relaxed due to fatigue.
- When you press the gum of your horse, if it takes more than two seconds to return to color the horse is showing stress.
- When you pinch the skin on the horses shoulder, if it takes more than two seconds to go back into place (i.e. stays "tented"), the horse is showing significant dehydration.
- When you lift the horses tail, it will feel like a "limp noodle" because of loss of muscle control in the hindquarters do to fatigue.
- The horse will snard or try to hite you when you taddle and cinch up.
  - leg contact to maintain speed, but when they begin to tired, the rider must maintain constant leg pressure to keep the horse at speed, and the minute the leg pressure lets up, the tired horse will decrease his speed.
- ➤ A horse with energy will be attentive with constant ear movement, movement of the head for viewing, and will have quick skin response to insects. A tired horse will stare straight ahead, will not move his ears much, and will allow insects to light on him without trying to 'bwitch.'
- When the horse has been resting and eating or drinking for ten minutes or more, you should be able to listen to his flank area and hear active gut mobility.
- ► The horse should have a steady decline in his respiration from the minute you stop and dismount.
- ➤ The horse should not work at a temperature greater than 103 degrees, and with proper cooling should have a steady decline in his body temperature until he nears his normal temperature.
- ► From the time you stop your horse, there should be a steady decline in the heart rate until he nears his resting pulse. There is a problem if the pulse jumps around, or hangs at a rate for more than one minute.
- One of the most effective ways that you can test your horse's condition is to use the "secovery index", which you can do while in the saddle. There is an artery that runs across the horse's shoulder hade, parallel to and about four to six inches below the withers (it would not be the withers) of the white he horse is working, not at reserving can sit on your horse and take his putse and the your are giving him a drink or food, and the while you are giving him a drink or food, and the while you are giving him a drink or food, and the while you are giving him a drink or food, and the while you are giving him a drink or food, and the while you are giving him a drink or food, and the while you are giving him a drink or food and the while you may be the young the youn

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## News from your SANCTION CHAIRMAN (Ike Mosgrove)

It looks like a real full year of good Rides coming up for the 1988 NATRCRIDE YEAR. The following list is of scheduled, applied for and approved Rides as of the date of March 9, 1988:

REGION I (N.California, Washington, Canada, etc.)

10 Scheduled Rides

REGION II (S.California and Arizona)

9 Scheduled Rides

REGION III (Colorado, N. Mex., Wyo., Utah, Montana)

12 Scheduled Rides (\*We should do real well on Nat'l. Championships and Nat'l. Standings this year!)

REGION IV (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana)

12 Scheduled Rides

REGION V (Georgia, N.Carolina, S.Carolina, Tenn., Vir., Flor.) 10 Scheduled Rides

REGION VI (Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, etc.)

10 Schedlued Rides

Members of NATIONAL NATRC receive the National Newsletter, HOOFPRINTS, which lists all the Rides in all the Regions, with addresses and telephone numbers of each Ride Manager. Anyone desiring more information on these Rides in other Regions, may contact me (Ike, 719-495-2906).

Anyone interested in sponsoring another REGION III Ride, the date of July 30/31st is still open. This would be 2 weeks after the new COLORADO TRAIL RIDE, and 2 weeks before the VIRGINIA DALE RIDE. As you can see, REGION III has tried to space their Rides two weeks apart, with the exception of TAOS MOUNTAIN RIDE, in New Mexico, and the BRIDLE BIT/VEDAVWOO RIDE, in Wyoming. Sanction applications to put on a Ride, should be received as close to 120 days prior to the Ride date as possible...with the \$35 sanction fee. The date must appear in at least one issue of the National Newsletter, HOOFPRINTS. Upon request, I will be glad to send anyone interested in managing a Ride, the sanction application form.

As of this date, I have not received word of any RIDE CLINICS being scheduled. If anyone

is planning on hosting a clinic, perhaps they can let me know and those wanting to find out about clinics could call me. I could inform them of any that I have been notified about.

RULE CHANGES/ADDITIONS

CTION I - GENERAL - B.1. Regions
Region 1:All California counties north of and including San Luis
Obispo, Kern and Inyo, all Nevada counties with the exception of
Clark, and Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Mashington, British Columbia

and Yukon.

Region 2:All California counties south of and including Santa
Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and San Bernardino, and Clark
county of Newada, Arizona, Hawaii and Hesico.

SECTION III - DIVISIONS, CLASSTS & ELICIBILITY

A.3. Competitive/Pleasure

a. Age of Morses:Morses entered in the Competitive/Pleasure

Division must be at least 48 months of age. Registered horses

on registration papers. Unregistered horses will be considered
of eligible age when the central and intermediate permanent
incisors have erupted and are in wear as determined by the
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maintained to ride in the Semior Class.

SECTION III - Eligibility of Riders - D. Lb. No member of the immediate family, by blood, adoption or marriage (to include parents, siblings, grandchildren and in-laws) or any member of the household of the judges or steward, nor any horse owned by person is acting in an efficient of a ride for which said person is acting in a efficient of a ride for which said section of a ride of the control of the section of a ride of the control of the c

c. Tack and Equipment....... 56%: Trail Equitation.....



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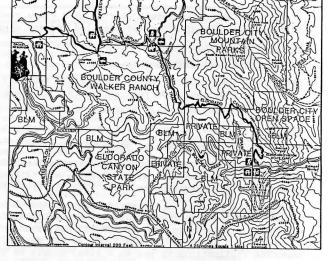
## Share-a-Trail!

Do you have a favorite conditioning trail you would like to share with your fellow Region III members? Send it to the Editor, along with a good map and similiar description as below. I'll start with one of mine!

-Ed.

## BOULDER COUNTY WALKER RANCH

This ranch was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. The ranch SW of Boulder is the largest Colorado property ever to be named to the Registry. The ranch is 2,028 acres and is 7½ miles from Boulder up Falfstaff Road. Boulder County began buying the land in 1977 from Mt. Valley Associates, a Denver real estate partnership, after learning of plans to divide the ranch into 40-acre homesites. The County paid \$2.5 million over 8 years.

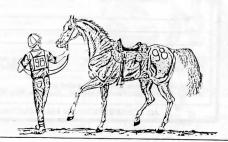


The land adjoins Boulder's mountain park system, Eldorado Canyon State Park, and land owned by the Denver Water Board, Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service. The ranch is open to horseback riders, hikers and anglers.

## THE ELDORADO CANYON/WALKER RANCH TRAIL

This trail is fairly new to us folks here in Boulder County, and I want you to know that the majority of the trail was built by the very successful Junior Rangers program here in Boulder (and, believe me, once you've ridden this trail, you will see that building it was no easy task!). The trail has been widen to about 4 feet on most parts, and the actual trail is 3.3 (hard miles!) from trail head to trail head. There is parking at Walker Ranch (go up Flagstaff Road, turn on Pika Road), or on the south end you can park at the Mesa Trail south entry parking lot and then ride into the town of Eldorado Springs (it is about 1½ miles to the trail head from there). If you get the chance, take a ride or hike on this great trail! The views of the Divide are really incredible! If you take your horse, be sure you have good shoes on him. The trail is steep in

FOR SALE: LISHAM - 10 year old, 15H, purebred Chestnut Arabian gelding out of a Van Vleet mare. Widely experienced in trail & competitive riding. Perfectly sound, wonderful gaits and disposition. Looking for experienced light to middle weight rider. \$3400. Call 303-530-3018 Boulder, CO.



some places with lots of switchbacks, but if your horse is in good shape he will do just fine. The Rangers have requested that a limit of 6-8 horses only per group.

Be sure to call either Jill Talbot (303-494-2531) or Pat Militzer (303-494-8219) before you go on this trail. We want to tell you about the "best" spots to stop for lunch and other tidbits! Happy trails!



"It's best not to ride alone!"

## Horsemen's exch

If you are a professional Public Relations person and be willing to volunteer some time to Region III, the Board of Directors for Region III is seeking advice. Please call Kathy Morris at 303-481-3609, or leave a message at 303-481-3292. Thank you.



FOR SALE: Athletic, 8 year old Reg. Arabian grey gelding. Large, quiet eye - excellent temperment and willing character. By \*Rezonans, out of a Raffles mare. Successfully raced at Delaware Park. Call 303-688-3258.

FOR SALE: Finally an English Saddle Cantle Bag. Fits any Forward Seat or Dressage Saddle. Made from Mountain Cloth in grey, green or blue for \$29.95 ppd. or Cordura in rust, for \$34.95 ppd. Kodel is next to the horse, won't bounce or rub, washable. Take seconds to attach or remove. Allow 2-3 weeks delivery. Send check or money order to Lovell of Mack, 647 'R' Road, Mack, CO 81525-9724.

FOR SALE: Jaranez 3/4 Reg. Arabian gelding. Twelve years old, bay, 15 hands, very athletic, very handsome. He has been successful in competitive trail, endurance, with limited miles. Healthy, sound and LOVES TO GO! \$1000. Call Beth Gingold at 303-243-0061.

FOR SALE: 8 year old Quarter Horse mare, 14.2 Hands, ecellent legs, well-mannered, hauls easy, good P&Rs, leo bred on top. Placed in 2 of 3 Novice rides. \$1100. Call Sarah Wither at 303-879-4050, P.O. Box 772364, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477.

FOR SALE: A horse a mother can ride! 11 year old Reg. Half-Arabian gelding, 15.3 hands, liver chestnut. Enjoys walks through the yucca, has performance potential. Kaliffia is a goodnatured, kind friend with smooth gaits you will enjoy riding. \$2500. Call 303-841-8879.

I would like to talk or correspond with anyone who has had a total laminectomy of L5 vertebra within the last five years and is now riding. Call Johanna Harden at 303-841-8879 or write 9202 E. Parker Dr., Parker, CO 80134.

THIS CLASSIFIED SECTION OF THE REGION III NEWSLETTER IS PRESENTED AS A SERVICE TO OUR MEMBERS. THE COST FOR ADVERTISING IN EACH ISSUE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS LISTED BELOW. ANYONE INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING MAY SEND A TYPE WRITTEN AD OR FLYERS TO THE EDITOR BY THE DEADLINE OF JUNE 1ST, 1988.

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#### CIRCULATION: 375

to put together an ad for Summer Issue - July 1st will be charged an additional \$10 graphic arts fee. \*If you wish to use a photograph in your ad, it must come to us camera-ready and only in black & white.

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\*8-10 typed words per line.

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## NATRC - A Negative Experience?

## by Dean F. Schrader

In the Fall issue of the Region III Newsletter a very respected and knowledgeable friend wrote an excellent article entitled "NATRC - A Positive Experience?". Patsy Tomb thoroughly stated an often written theme: Riders Do Not Appreciate Management, the Judges or the Workers. She made some excellent points that we should take very seriously. Riders should be polite, they should be appreciative, they should give our sport the most positive image to everyone - especially potential new participants.

I'm writing to represent the viewpoint of riders, especially this rider. Hopefully I don't need to prove I qualify as an experienced rider.



"We buy trucks and motor homes and and trailers ... ".

There is no arguing that we need all the pieces, that when put together, create a successful competitive trail ride. In my opinion, no one comes out without fault. It seems to me that sometimes the Management and the Judges should consider the rider and his comfort, convenience, safety, dignity and money.

we know the hard work and great expense each rider outs into this sport. After finding that special horse, we spend months training and

conditioning. We buy trucks and motor homes and trailers and endless tack. We arrange to take off from work (expensive!) and travel many miles -- sometimes days to many Rides. We buy gasoline and food. We pay substantial ride fees (consider the cost for a family!), vet bills, farrier bills, maintenance for vehicles and the cost of aspirin!



"....and, we spend months training and conditioning!"

To me it then follows that the riders have contributed substantially to the success of the Ride. They deserve all the things they are expected to give Management and the workers.

It is not unusual for people to not know what they do not know. Many Managements are not competitive riders and they need experienced support. There was a time when Region III offered expert assistance for management, laying out the trail, timing trail, etc., but to my knowledge no ride management asked for help. There are many rides that do not need help, but some others surely could use lots of help. It goes back to Management not knowing what they don't know.

Riders are told they discourage new riders from participating because of their rude behavior. I submit that might be true occasionally, but let's consider the many other improvement opportunities that would help us to attract new participants and help us to keep those people who are already participating.

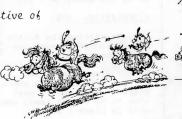
There is no final truth. There is no easy answer. There are immediate things that we all could do to positively affect our great sport. a beginning, I submit the following:

1. Riders should be courteous and appreciative of everyone's efforts to create a good Ride.

2. Ride management and judges should treat

the riders courteously and respectfully. 3. Management should thoughtfully lay out the trail keeping in mind proper

stress and safety. 4. Riders should be properly briefed before each day's Ride. Someone familiar with the trail should do the briefing.





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"It is good that we can discuss our problems and misunderstandings freely."

Reasonable maps should be prepared that would help the rider stay on the trail and know where he is on the trail.

6. Trails should be timed in the same manner as they will be ridden. If this is not possible, experienced riders should time parts of the trail and an experienced person should properly adjust the timing.

7. Trails should be well marked. Management should supervise this.

8. If there is a doubt the trail might not be well marked for any reason, I suggest pre-riders should be sent out well ahead of the riders with plenty of ribbons.

9. Management also manages the judges. Weak Management allows some aggressive judges to run

their ride. This is a fundamental mistake.

10. Horsemanship judges should judge on the basis of trail and not show ring. I can't think of anything that has caused more controversy than horsemanship, so these dedicated judges must be extremely careful to be fair and reasonable. Horsemanship judges can be the best or worst public relations people for our sport.

11. Award ceremonies should be as soon after the Ride as possible. Many riders must return home and be back to work the next day. I have been on rides that did not have the awards program for more than eight hours after the Sunday trail was completed! This is the complete

responsibility of the Judges and Management.

Enough of these improvement opportunities. It is clear that the riders, the Management and the judges can all improve our sport if we all keep the proper attitude. If we all keep our hearts in the right place, most of our problems will surely disappear.

Hopefully, it is clearly understood that competitive trail riding is my special love -- as it is with many of you. It is good that we can discuss our problems and misunderstandings freely. I hope we all want to view our sport objectively to look for the improvement opportunities that will always be there.

After many, many years of riding, it is clear to me that competitive trail riding offers all riders of all ages, and experience and breed preference, a healthy, competitive and beautiful sport. To spend quality time with great people and great horses is the best of all possible worlds.

The riders, the Management, the judges and the volunteer workers must know that they are part of the same body. The loss of one member, or the malfunctions of another member, keeps the whole body from being its best.

Let's join together to make 1988 our very best ride year ever. We are family.

(NOTE: Dean Schrader has been an active competitor since 1975. He has been President of NATRC/Region III twice. He has won six National Championships on three different horses.)

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"A special toast to all of our ever-faithful volunteer workers!"



"Well....do you know your fellow competitor?"

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR FELLOW COMPETITOR (and, his trusty companion)?

I wouldn't say that the first years of my life were the best they could be. I grew up in a home that was pretty dedicated to show business and it was decided early on that I wasn't going to cut it in that world. Because of my lack of show ability I was shunted off to many different homes and pretty well neglected.

About two years ago I found myself living in Black Forest at the Laurel Arabian Ranch. The owner, Marge Bowling, had many friends who were interested in Competitive Trail Riding. Some of these friends showed an interest in me as a possible competitive trail horse. Through these friends I was introduced to two people who were real new to horses. In fact, they were looking for their first horse, and they were interested in Competitive Trail and Dressage. The night we first met was one of those great late

summer nights when everything is alive and cool after the evening thunderstorm. Marge showed these folks some of her stallions and youngsters before I heard her apologize for only having one horse that might fit their bill, if they didn't mind a grey. Well, when I was lead out of my stall I was greeted by two beaming faces. Yes sir, I sure know how to strut and work that light off my eyes!

That first night my soon-to-be owners rode me a little, I could tell they weren't use to "green horses", but I took my time with them. The little lady with the big guy couldn't stop petting me so I thanked her for the attention with a kiss on the cheek... what a pushover!

A couple of weeks after that first night, they were having me poked and probed by Dr. Naugle, while they asked his opinion about me as a potential competitive trail horse. This wasn't the first time I was going to hear him say, "he's a little fat but he'll do OK".

My new friends started me on a conditioning program which started with plenty of ground work. Those hours on the ground were good for the both of us as we learned about each other and continued the training for Competitive Trail work. I trained them both pretty good, I think.

We started Competitive Trail Riding at the Air Force Academy Cavaliers Ride this last summer. I had been over that trail so many times with Jim that I watched the ribbons for him. Later, at the Taos Mt. Ride, when it was Jim's turn to watch he blew it and we ended up taking a long walk. By the end of the season, I completed 5 Rides with my two friends riding.

I've been shown some ribbons that Jim and Gerda say are mine, but that's not why I do this sport. I do it to be out in our Mother Nature's world with other horses, who were maybe not good enough to show (hah! I've seen them strut for the judges!), and to be with human friends who love horses. OK, I also like to be complimented on my looks and listen to Jim say, "Yeah, thanks!". As a matter of fact, I'd trade those ribbons for more treat apples and less singing by Gerda...Jingle Bells is driving me nuts...and, better jokes from Jim. That reminds me, have you heard the one about the meat packer who......

(Damaaskazon aka "Dani", ridden by Jim Pascucci)

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## Spirit of NATRC Competition

The Region III Benefit Ride was the third NATRC Ride for mtself and the fourth for our horse. The first ride we attended was on our home court which allowed us the opportunity to ride the course many times. The second ride was in Taos where we ended up lost the first day. So, even though this was my third ride, I wasn't seasoned in rating my horse and watching for ribbons.

After check-in on Friday, I joined Vern Vobejda and Chuck Keil on a "short" ribbon-checking ride. Soon after we started it began to rain and Dani, my horse, decided he didn't like my rain gear and he needed to be near Ray and Derek, the other two horses. Thinking it best not to let him "buddy" we soon lost sight of the others, not to worry we could track them in the mud. By the way, we hadn't received ride maps yet. Well, tracking in the gravel is different than tracking in the mud and we were soon real confused about where Vern and Chuck had lost themselves. Visions of Taos...Dani remembered seeing Bonnie at check-in... we're doomed. Luckily, we found the Sunday two mile point and followed the ribbons into camp.

Saturday we continued in the mud left from the night before. The trail wandered through beautiful woods with great views. The trail in the morning didn't leave much room for passing and I kept Dani at a flat walk expecting a P&R stop around each corner. The first P&R wasn't till lunch and by now I was becoming concerned about time. I let Dani take his time warming back up after lunch and let a number of riders pass me. We warmed up right into a mandatory trot, a judged bump and another P&R.

Cleaning feet at this P&R, I let more riders ahead of me. The trail from the P&R lead us across Rampart Range Road and into the woods paralleling it. A number of the young, Acts 19:11 riders were ahead of me on a single file path. Since they were well within their time, they were taking it pretty easy. I started to become pretty frustrated about being on a trail where I couldn't pass, which ran along side a road where we could trot.

The trail came up onto the road and went through a turnout for cars. Up ahead of me one of the riders, Danny Morris, has stopped his horse. When Dani and I came up along side he turned to us and asked, "You want some licorice?", with a great smile. I'm not sure if I gave him the most pleasant response at that time. We finally made it onto a service road and I passed the other riders. Back at camp, I was greeted by cheers from Ike Mosgrove, my wife Gerda and others who were worried we repeated the Taos episode. Later, as I sat in camp I realized that these people embodied the spirit of NATRC competition. That is the competition with ourselves to improve our horse skills and that includes knowing how to rate your horse. Not competition against each other.

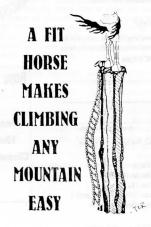
Jim Pascucci
 Novice Heavyweight, 1987 Ride Season



## NOTICE



During the National NATRC Convention held in February, we had a drawing for FREE REGION 111 RIDES. In the excitement of the moment, no one remembered to write down the names of each of the persons who won each free ride offered. If you won a free ride, please contact the Ride Chairman of that Ride...and let him know you won it and show him your drawing receipt. Any further questions concerning this matter, please call Ike Mosgrove at 303-495-2906. Thank you!



# give SO they live

Yesterday you rode your horse through the woods admiring the changing of the leaves and listening to the dried fallen leaves snap under her step. Today that same confident animal is stumbling, falling to the ground in pain, thrashing to stand only to fall again; tomorrow she will probably be dead. The killer? COLICI

Horses dying from an infractured bowel caused by the parasitic damage of blood worms have to endure a torturing pain for many long hours before they die. Regardless of the countless analgesies, fluids, and oils that you try, the outcome is inevitable. She will die and colic is the offender.

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A helpless feeling overwhelms you as you watch her eyes frantically grasping for life, you realize the only thing left for you to do. She has to be put down.

As you watch the veterinarian reach down into his bag for the shot that will remove her from pain forevermore, guilt overcomes you. Why haven't you known about the horror a colicky horse suffers and not done something to help horse suffers and not done something to help horse suffers and not done something to help horse sight the colic battle. They have to depend on you.

It is too late for your horse, but what about the thousands more who will be attacked by colic only to suffer the same unbearable death?

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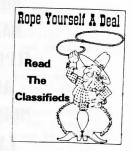
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