

REGION THREE NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1989



1989 RIDE SCHEDULE

*"Mark your calendars
right now!!"*

REGION III-NATRC 13th Annual Seminar November 4-5, 1989

Durango, Colorado

Contact: Linda Stevens at 303-588-2283.

April 29-30 Rabbit Valley V

GRAND JUNCTION, CO
Louie Pavetti, DVM, Chr.
Marj McKinstry, Sec.
(303-858-9042, Marj)

May 13-14 Navajo Lake XV

NAVAJO LAKE, NM
Bill Cumberworth, MD, Chr.
Susan Camrud, Sec.
(505-325-5409, Susan)

May 20-21 Turkey Track V

ALBUQUERQUE, NM
Carol Knauss, Chr.
Debbie Jablonski, Sec.
(505-281-1547)

June 3-4 Cavalier XVIII

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO
Larry & Judi Tobias, Chr.
Joyce Calhoun, Sec.
(719-547-3152, Joyce)

June 17-18 Taos Mountain VII

TAOS, NM
Bonnie Kaufman, Chr.
Vera Romero, Sec.
(505-748-9363, Vera)

June 24-25 Vedauwoo/Bridle Bit XI

CHUGWATER, WY
Patsy Tomb, Chr.
Phyllis Salzberg, Sec.
(307-634-0623, Phyllis)

July 1-2 RETURN TO COTTONWOOD CANYON

*this is a Region VI Ride!!

MAXWELL, NEBRASKA
Barbara Spahn, Sec.
(402-795-2495)

July 15-16 The Colorado Trail Ride

BUFFALO CREEK, CO
Terri Miller, Chr.
Leigh Richardson, Sec.
(303-838-2088, Leigh)

July 29-30 Region III Benefit Ride VI

SEDALIA, CO
Laurie Butterfield, Co-Chr.
Jeri Avila, Co-Chr.
Kris Ford, Sec.
(719-593-0450, Kris)

Aug. 12-13 Iron Horse I

EVANSTON, WY
Joan Flaherty, Chr.
Peggy Want, Sec.
(307-789-7365, Peggy)

Aug. 26-27 Virginia Dale III

VIRGINIA DALE, CO
Cindy McNamara, Chr.
Lynette Johnson, Sec.
(303-223-8045, Lynette)

Sept. 9-10 Top of the World

CONIFER, CO
Tom Noble, Chr.
Richard Arbour, Sec.
(303-838-4487, Richard)

Sept. 23-24 Van Vleet Memorial XVIII

GOLDEN GATE PARK, CO
Dean & Ariel Schrader, Chr.
Judi Tobias, Sec.
(719-593-7310, Judi)

Oct. 7-8 Chokecherry V

AZTEC, NM
Calvin & Cindy Reed, Chr.
Marie Weaver, Sec.
(505-632-9402, Marie)

EDITOR'S BOX

Please send all ads, articles, photos and other news items to the Editor no later than July 1st, 1989 for the Summer issue of the Newsletter. All articles must be typed and double-spaced, please! Send to:

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Boulder, CO 80303
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Words from Wise (President's Message)

Riding time is here at last! Whooppee! Beautiful weather we're having too, except for the growing grass. Hope you all are out enjoying it and preparing for your first Competitive Trail Ride, and the rest of the season. We're planning on having even MORE FUN this year!

As result of our big pitch about falling membership, lots of good things have happened and I'm quite jazzed. We've had enthusiastic support from numerous people volunteering to put on clinics, responding to the questionnaire and writing letters with great ideas and suggestions. Keep up the good work!

I would still like to have a few more clinics. I believe the Denver/Colorado Springs area could support additional clinics. Please think about getting involved. Contact Diane Zettlemoyer at 719-749-2148, who I might add is doing a great job organizing the clinic efforts. Diana will be a big help to you and your new clinic.

We presented our concern for falling membership at the National NATRC convention in San Diego. There was considerable support from other Regions and a Publicity committee was formed with our own Judi Tobias selected to be a member. Please make inputs to Judi on how National NATRC could help us.

We've had a member, Karen Laden, whose business is public relations, volunteer to help us with analyzing the questionnaires and come up with an organized program. So, we expect some real good ideas to come from that.

For youe part, please hang the clinic and Ride schedule in every feed store and tack shop in your area. Don't forget to be looking for new riders to introduce to Competitive Trail Riding...and bring them to a Ride! Kathy Morris and I are already fighting over new riders we have found.

I believe we are making good progress preparing to "get the word out". I am quite pleased with all the early activities, and we are just beginning.

Let me know if you have other ideas for improving new rider enrollment and remember we're going to have still MORE FUN.

Judy Wise
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Monument, CO 80132
719-488-2879

EDITOR'S CORRECTION:

1989 Committee Chairperson:

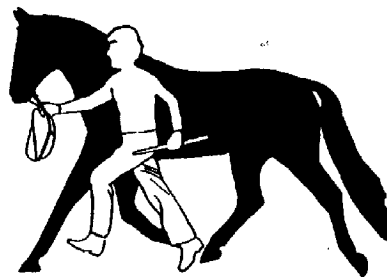
Awards, Worker Points - Jean McNeill

P.O. Box 57
Mack, CO 81525



SPRING CLINICS!

EDITOR'S NOTE: I want to apologize to all the people involved with putting on the Spring Clinics for Region III this year. Due to the fact that this Editor spent the month of April moving her publishing business, this Spring issue of the Region III Newsletter is being distributed quite late. We are back on track now!



1989 COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE CLINICS

- Sat. April 1st CLINIC, Foxton, Colorado
Tom & Barb Butterfield
303/838-7920
- Sat. April 15th CLINIC, Grand Junction, Colorado
Neal & Marj McKinstry
303/858-9042
- Sat. April 15th CLINIC, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Diana Zettlemoyer
719/749-2148
- Sat. April 15th CLINIC, Durango, Colorado
Patti Embree
303/563-4640
- Sat. May 6th CLINIC, Boulder, Colorado
Judd & Linda Adams
303/494-4241
- Sat. May 27th CLINIC, Ft. Collins, Colorado
Joan Greer
303/224-3122
- Sat. June 10th CLINIC, Evanston, Wyoming
Joan Flaherty
307/789-5136

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A NATRC
OR REGION III MEMBER TO ENTER ANY
OF THESE CLINICS!**

For more information regarding
REGION III & NATIONAL NATRC MEMBERSHIP
contact: Iris J. Mosgrove, 10590
Egerton Road, Colorado Springs, CO
80908...or, 719/495-2906.

A Note from Diana Zettlemoyer, Region III Clinic Coordinator....

We have had a very busy spring clinic schedule so far! These clinics can really benefit from that extra effort from all of us to "spread the word" about NATRC. Kathy Weigle of Greeley organized an evening presentation with Judd Adams as the speaker.

Don't forget that videos are available for promotional use simply by contacting Dean Schrader at 303/790-2558. Promotional brochures are available from Kathy Morris at 719/481-3609. It's still not too late to organize a clinic, and I can help you get started if you just get in touch with me. We certainly appreciate the efforts of the clinic organizers and those who have worked so hard to publicize NATRC. Our efforts will be rewarded with a healthier organization focusing on growth instead of cutting back. You can contact me at 719/749-2148, or write: Diana Zettlemoyer, 9050 McClelland Road, Calhan, CO 80808.

A Note from Audrey Burris, in Albuquerque, New Mexico....

The Albuquerque, New Mexico area has monthly clinics on Competitive Trail Riding through our T.R.A.I.L. w/Horses group. Each month we teach different skills of the sport from safety rigging your trailer to equitation on the hill. All free to club members and visitors. Once or twice a year, we have a formal paid clinic with one day intensive training session including rider packets, a speaker, on-trail instruction and sometimes a NATRC judge. Just recently we have put up on-going posters in a dozen or more stores with the Region III and NATRC CTR brochures as handouts. In the last few weeks, we have been receiving calls and have seven more people interested in getting involved in CTR.

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We send out approximately 40 T.R.A.I.L. w/Horses Newsletters each month and our participation at monthly clinics runs from 12 to 30 riders. As a sample of our monthly meeting/clinic...I will describe our February 12, 1989 Valentine's Celebration Clinic. We all met at 10:00 a.m. We headed out in teams of 3 or 4 riders...one more advanced rider with each group. Main instruction of the day is "off-side mounts" only...all day long! We followed the pink ribbons with red hearts on them, for a 4-mile jaunt while hunting for various scavenger items along the way (necessitating, of course, an off-side mount once the item is retrieved). At different points, we find large red hearts with instructions to "climb a hill", "back out of a blind lead", etc. The proper safe method is explained by the more advanced rider and equitation hints are also on the back of the large hearts. When we arrive at lunch, we explained "tying your horse safely" and chow down while we have our short meeting. Sometimes we have lunch in camp, and when we do we have a potluck. NATRC is alive, well and growing in Albuquerque!! For more information, contact Audrey at 505/877-2507.

A Note from Neal McKinstry, Grand Junction Clinic Coordinator....

Here is a quick write-up on our very successful Competitive Trail Ride Clinic held Saturday, April 15, 1989.

There were 30 riders entered and it went off quite well. The biggest problem was that they all hit the P&R spot at once, overwhelming the 4 teams. The P&R captain and helpers reported that some of the horses were quite stressed, even though there was only a mild climb up to the P&R spot. This could have been due to the fact that the temperature got up to 80 degrees, but basically it was a beautiful day. It seemed that 3½ miles of trail was enough. In the riders' packets that we handed out, we included: directions & time schedule, trail map, check list of items to take on the trail ride, rider number & halter tag, trailer number, dash plaque, and Region III & NATRC brochures. This clinic encouraged a lot of people to sign-up for the Rabbit Valley Ride on April 29-30, 1989.

Equine Research in Peril At Morris Animal Foundation Funds Hit Serious Low

The Morris Animal Foundation which has long been the horse industry's research partner in finding answers to horse disease and health care problems is having difficulty.

This year it has reached the bottom of its equine funding barrel.

J. P. Kinley, the Foundation's new President, says that, due to lack of funding "only one study is being done for horses this year."

This dismal picture is backed by 1986-87 figures which show that "dogs benefited from 23 Morris studies costing \$407,480. Horses had only \$177,000 for that period, which funded nine studies."

There are many horse health problems for which scientific research is still needed; colic, for example, is still the number one killer of horses and continuing research is vital. But research is expensive and without horse industry assistance equine studies could grind to a halt. The situation

is perilously close, now!

Kinley has asked The Horsemen's Voice and other horse publications to help launch a fund-raising campaign in which each reader would donate \$1 to the Morris Animal Foundation for equine research. Group efforts such as Benefit Shows or Rides for Research are also appropriate.

The Voice will take the project one step further. If every reader who sends in his 1989 Voice donation/subscription will add \$1, The Voice will send the accumulated funds to the Foundation for you. Just mark the donor form "Plus One" (or two) and the extra money will be sent.

Supporters who'd rather send a check on their own should address the donation to The Morris Animal Foundation, 45 Inverness Dr. East, Englewood, CO, 90012.

Just one, repeat one, equine research grant for 1989? Shocking!

Quit horsing around.



Your horse's health is no joking matter. Horses are subject to many debilitating or deadly illnesses — colic, founder, equine infectious anemia, foal immunodeficiencies. They have injuries and reproductive problems. Morris Animal Foundation, established in 1948, is a leader in the equine health field, funding studies of these and other equine health problems. Don't play games with your horse's health. Insure a healthier future for horses through a gift to Morris Animal Foundation.



MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION
45 Inverness Drive East, Englewood, CO 90012
Phone (303) 760-2346

QUICK TIPS ON PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE

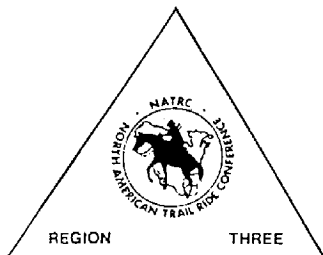
If you are thinking about entering your first competitive trail ride this summer, you might want to attend a trail ride clinic. The cost is minimal and you will be well prepared for your first ride. Check at the bottom of this year's current ride schedule for dates of clinics. If a clinic is not an option, 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 flat-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.

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- 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.
- JITTERS 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).
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 in AM and delivers them to lunch spot.

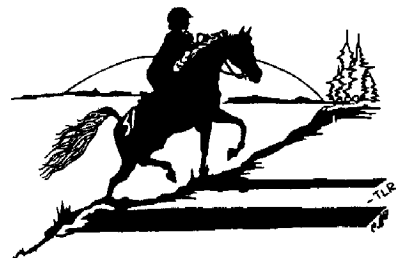
For more information write to: NATRC
P. O. Box 20315
El Cajon, CA 92021

Riders manual - \$4.00
Rulebook - \$2.00

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Colorado Springs, CO 80908
(719) 495-2906

"Preparing for Distance Riding" by Juli Smith Thorson

Submitted by Bonnie Kaufman

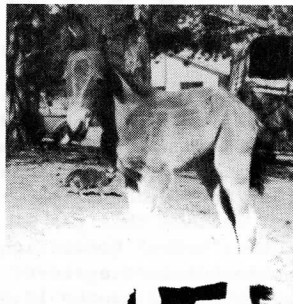


WE WANT BABY PICTURES

SEND IN YOUR
"FOALTOGRAPHS" TODAY

SOMETHING NEW !!! I would like to try starting a new column in the Region III Newsletter this winter, spring and summer of 1989. Please send me foal birth announcements and pictures if you have them...to publish in each issue to let your friends you have a new member to your equine family! Be sure you send me only black & white photos (I don't need the negatives) and include all the information on date of birth, name, parents, etc. This could be really a fun new part of the Newsletter, and we can watch all the future National Champions grow up!

A SPECIAL FOAL



Guess who I am?
Shadow Play owned by Judi Tobias...at 3 days old!
(1988 2nd-place horse in Open Lightweight Horse)



Jan Thomas has a new baby filly!!

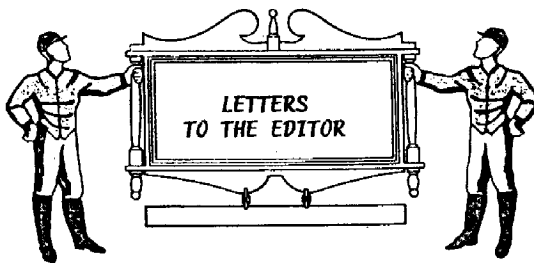
Meet ACES GRAN BRISA ("Brisa"), a beautiful Arabian filly that was born on February 6, 1989 at Virginia Cole's ranch, Five Wings Arabian Ranch.

Brisa's sire is ACERADA..."Sweepstakes" and grandson of GAI-PARADA+++.

Brisa's dam is NIGHT'S WINDDANCER... daughter of a past Region III champ, FIRST NIGTER.

This great picture was taken when Brisa was only 10 days old! Congratulations to Jan Thomas!





Letter to the Editor:

I have some comments on the Competitive Pleasure Division that was begun last year.

This new division was established with young horses in mind as well as older horses and even older or less-conditioned riders in mind. Mainly Open riders starting new horses or those wanting to "gear down" because of one reason or another. Normally these riders would have to ride "hor do concur" in the Novice Division to keep riding in NATRC. At least the above is why I believe this was set up.

In view of the "young" horses in this Division, I can't see contradicting NATRC's desires of keeping the young horse on a slower shorter easier obstacle trail. Many have suggested that a faster pace than Novice should be adopted and have "Open" obstacles. Does an experienced rider make enough difference on a young horse to help him go that faster pace??? Possibly the "Open" obstacle, but a young body is a young body no matter who is doing the riding.

- Audrey Burris, Albuquerque, NM

Letter to the Editor:

I always enjoy receiving my HOOFPRIINT and Region III Newsletters. I try to find time to myself to read through and absorb some pointers. (I need all the help I can get!) One article caught my attention and prompted me to write this. A Vet judge wrote that our first priority as a Novice rider is to condition our horse. I wholeheartedly agree! The vet thought most Novice riders don't know what they are getting into, and get to entangled with horsemanship idiosyncrasies. The riders forget about their horses' well-being. I think he has forgotten what a first Ride is like. Do you remember how you turned your horse into yourself at the in-hand presentation? Do you remember nervously chatting so much you forgot to watch the vet as he checked your horse? Do you remember the lead-line at the trailer that was way too long? Did you remember not to sway as you rode up on your buddy's tail on the downhill? Do you remember looking at the judges on either side of you and asking "You want us to go down THAT?" And...atthe grand finale when neither horse nor rider has the energy to present anything....did you remember not to get run over by your horse as you both stumbled? Sound familiar? (I probably still do these things). So, don't sweat the small stuff, right? The small stuff can discourage many first-time riders. First off, get that horse in the best condition you can...hours in the saddle make a more responsive horse and rider. Secondly, talk to seasoned riders, watch how they prepare themselves.

- Patti Embree, Durango, CO

(Editor's Note: Patti and Kathy Hayes put on a very successful Clinic in Durango on April 15th...way to go, Patti!)

Letter to the Editor:

Some members of Region III were previously told that there would be an "official" work day to help build new trails for the **Region III Benefit Ride**. This has been cancelled! Jeri Avila and Laurie appreciate your offerings, but due to certain unexpected situations, they can not schedule an "official" day for this. If you want to volunteer any-old-time to go up to Laurie's place and help them....PLEASE FEEL FREE! Just call Laurie at 303-688-2510. Many thanks!

- Laurie Butterfield, Sedalia, CO

(LETTERS TO THE EDITOR continues on the next page.....)

Letter to the Editor:

At a recent meeting with Forest Service officials, representatives from T.R.A.I.L. w/Horses group learned of an Integrated Resource Management program being instituted by various ranger districts throughout New Mexico. This partnership program is Nationwide not just in New Mexico. (Contact your local ranger station for more information.) Partnership planning with local recreational groups to obtain a lasting commitment from an interested and involved public includes: input on forest and resource plans and alternatives; assistance in developing project concepts and reconnaissance; and, monitoring project action plans and implementing projects.

In 1988 a project was completed in Placitas, NM stopping motorized access to the Sandia Wilderness area and developing trailhead parking.

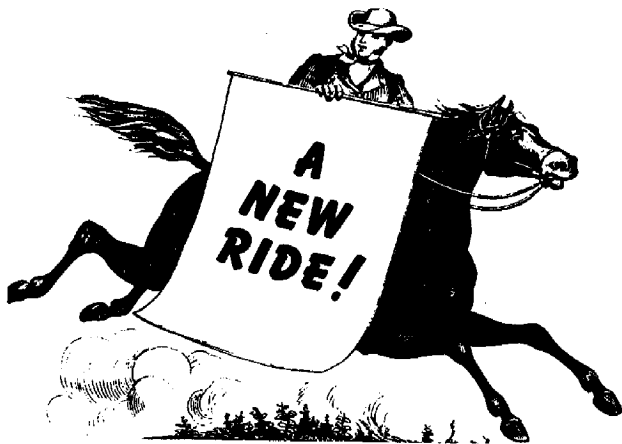
Promotion of this partnership plan is being forwarded by slide presentations and by TV and newspaper coverage. We, of the horse community, can stress our participation in this partnership via our publications and by co-operating with our local rangers, helping with clean-up, trail construction/maintenance and various volunteer projects.

The Magdalena Ranger District has over 60 miles of established trails in their area and would welcome recreational groups.

We have a good working relationship in our area comparatively as far as obtaining use permits and such. It has been our experience that the local rangers have been willing to listen to the horse community and extend considerable efforts on our behalf to facilitate the construction and use of trails in the Manzano mountains. We are working now to interest them in establishing wells at various points for the benefit of wildlife as well as trail users.

- Carol Knauss, Albuquerque, NM
Chairman Turkey Track V Ride

THE IRON HORSE RIDE



The IRON HORSE Competitive Trail Ride is scheduled for August 12 & 13, 1989 in Evanston, Wyoming (the far SW corner of the state of Wyoming). Evanston is an old Union Pacific railroad town.... segments of the trail will follow or overlook the UPRR. The Ride will go over terrain that is predominately high desert (7,000 feet) and rolling hills with sage and occasional aspen trees. The area is basically unfenced, and teeming with deer and antelope. Occasional beaver ponds dot spring-fed drainages.

We are trying to locate Ride headquarters at the Bear River Information Center (off of I-80 directly east of Evanston). The Bear River runs through camp providing horse water and irrigation for the natural meadow grass and many cottonwoods.

The Ride will include several good climbs to 360-degree panoramic viewpoints, with our "high quality" air permitting sight of the 20-30 mile distant Uinta Mountains on most days.

Good news! Our local Recreational Center...beautifully equiped and 5-10 minutes from Ride headquarters...will give a free pass with each Ride Entry. There, one can swim, shower, or hot tub, or "do weights" (if you have the energy), etc.

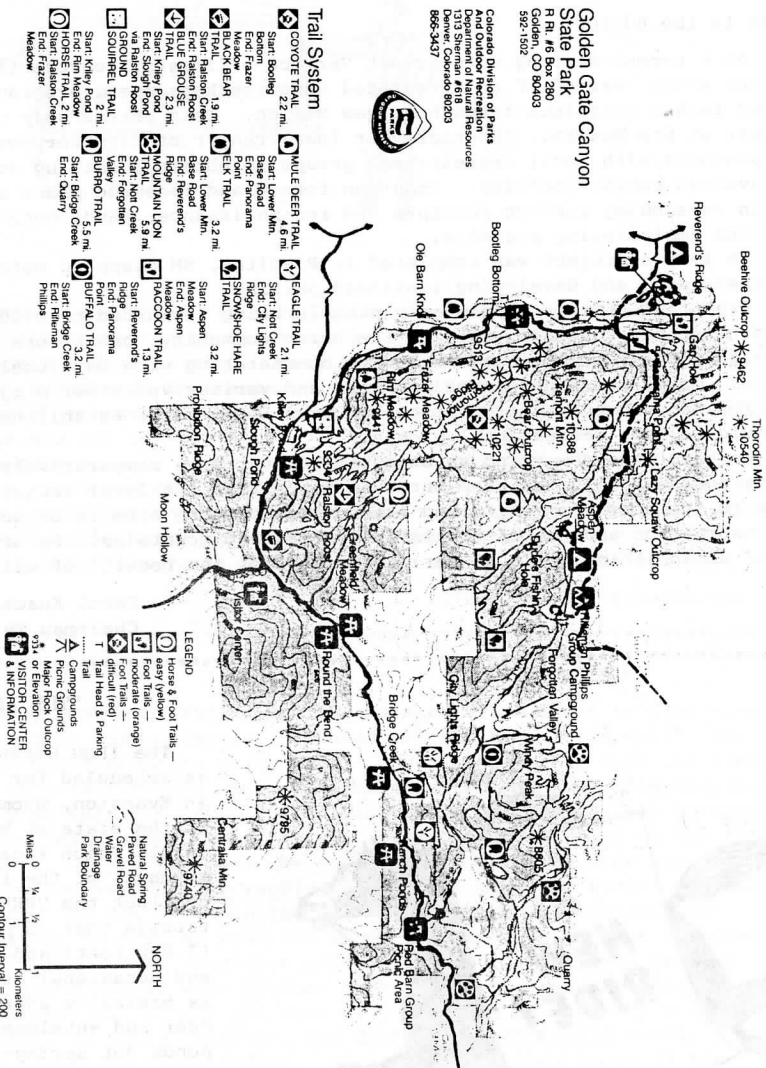
So....**COME JOIN US AND TRY OUT OUR NEW RIDE!!** We are looking forward to meeting many of our fellow Region III members! For more information, call Peggy Want at 307-789-7365.

GOLDEN GATE STATE PARK (site of the up-coming Van Vleet Ride)

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Rt. 68 Box 200
Golden, CO 80403
592-1502

Colorado Division of Parks
and Outdoor Recreation
1313 Sherman Blvd.
Denver, Colorado 80203
866-3437



Share — A — Trail !

Once again, I am trying to start a new section of the Region III Newsletter! Do you have a favorite conditioning trail in your area that you would like to share with your fellow Region III members? Send it to the Editor, along with a good map and description of any important information we need to know.

The Reverend's Ridge campground is the base camp for the up-coming Van Vleet Memorial XVIII Ride on September 23-24, 1989. This Ride is definitely one of the prettiest Region III has to offer each season. The aspen trees are full in their glorious golden colors, the views of the Continental Divide are breath-taking! So, go ride the trail for practice/pleasure! It's a beauty!

PARK BACKGROUND

Golden Gate Canyon State Park, located 15 miles northwest of Golden, provides a wide variety of year 'round outdoor recreation experiences. The place names at the park are historical as are the park trails, which were once traveled by gold miners, lumberjacks and homesteaders. The incomparable beauty of the Rockies is visible from the Panorama Point Overlook, which gives visitors a view of nearly 100 miles of the Continental Divide. A full spectrum of vegetation and wildlife can be found at Golden Gate Canyon.

In addition to the sights and activities within its boundaries, Golden Gate Canyon SP is located near such attractions as the historic mining towns of Central City, Blackhawk and Georgetown, Mt. Evans and Rocky Mountain National Park are within a half day's drive.

Visitors can reach Golden Gate Canyon SP via three routes: From Denver take I-70 west to route 58 (Golden-Central City Exit). Go west on 58 to Route 6, then go 11 miles to Hwy 119. Follow 119 north 12 miles to Colorado Hwy 46 and turn right. From Boulder, take Hwy 119 for 35 miles west. From Golden take Hwy 93 two miles north to Golden Gate Canyon Rd. Turn left and continue for 14 miles.

Golden Gate Canyon SP has been open to the public since 1965, one of the areas administered by the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. If you have any questions or comments about the area, consult the park rangers or park manager at Golden Gate Canyon SP (862-1502) or the Colorado Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, 1313 Sherman Blvd., Denver, CO 80203-2284 (866-3437).

HELP US TO SERVE YOU . . .

1. Vehicles must be kept on authorized roads.
2. Parking and camping is allowed only in designated areas.
3. Fires must be contained within the facilities provided and fires must be completely extinguished when not attended.
4. Proper receptacles for trash, waste water and sewage must be used.
5. Pets must be kept on a 6 foot leash at all times.
6. Dead or downed firewood must not be taken out of the park boundaries.



Summary of the Questionnaire



The following is a summary of the replies received to the recent questionnaire sent out to all Region III members. We were quite please to receive 33 responses, which our Public Relations expert considered to be excellent. It was obvious that considerable thought had gone into the answers and ideas. Most of the replies were signed or had return names & addresses which hopefully means people were standing behind their comments. The following is a list of the top three replies to each question:

1. HOW DID YOU FIRST LEARN ABOUT NATRC?

Friends
Fellow members of saddle club
National magazines

2. HOW CAN WE BEST REACH OTHER POTENTIAL MEMBERS?

Word of mouth or talks at saddle clubs
Flyers in feed stores
Clinics

3. WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT NATRC?

People
Trail and Ride sites
The fun
Competition



4. WHAT IMPRESSED YOU MOST WHEN YOU WERE A NEW RIDER?

Friendliness
Unselfish advice from experienced riders
Fun

5. WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT NATRC? ESPECIALLY REG. III?

Contrived obstacles
Streamlining checkout
Offer 1-day Rides for Novice



6. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT REALLY MAKES YOU ANGRY?

Manners of Open riders
Judges (lots of varied responses here)
Slow score card tallying
Novice and CP riders feel second class

7. HOW MANY RIDES DO YOU PLAN ON COMPETING IN THIS YEAR?

1-2
3-4
4 or 5

8. WHAT WILL PREVENT YOU FROM GOING TO SOME OF THE RIDES?

Money
Time scheduling around work
Distance

9. HOW DO YOU CHOOSE ONE RIDE OVER ANOTHER?

Location
Distance
Past experience at that Ride

10. COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS?

Shorter 1-day Rides for Novices
Completion ribbons (for Novice)
Reduce new rider fees
Novice helped by experienced riders, especially Friday night
Combination horse/rider awards
Acquire and keep good, friendly judges

There were many lengthy comments that were really thought provoking and frequently inspirational to read. I was quite pleased to see that the people felt most of the experienced riders were friendly and helpful. This was a popular reply. Also mentioned a number of times, however, was the rudeness and excessive competitiveness of some of the experienced riders.

We have lots of ideas to work with. Many thanks to all those that replied!

We discussed the questionnaire at length with our volunteer professional Public Relations consultant, Karen Laden, and came up with some ideas to present at the BOD meeting at Rabbit Valley Ride in April.

Meanwhile, we need a volunteer to design a poster to use advertising the Clinics and Rides and NATRC in general. We also need a volunteer photographer to take pictures at Rides for use in magazines and newspaper articles. Please call Kathy Morris at 719/481-3609, or Judy Wise at 719/488-2879. Thank you!



"The NICEST people are on NATRC Rides!!"



REGION III BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Rabbit Valley, CO

April 28, 1989

- Mtg. brought to order by Judy Wise, Pres. at 11:10 am.
- 12 BOD present.
- Past BOD mtg. minutes and current Treasurer's report were read & accepted.
- Membership - 121 renewals & new memberships (32) - special letters being sent out to new prospects.
- Public Relations - Kathy Morris sent out questionnaire - Judi Tobias will report to Nat. NATRC on it's results - we need more advertising in magazines, send stuff to Kathy for HORSES WEST August issue on trail horses - Karen Laden, a professional in PR volunteered to help Reg. III with PR work, she might also work with Nat'l. NATRC - a mailing list of publications to send material to will be sent to BOD by Kathy.
- Clinic Coordinator - letter from Diana Zettlemoyer read to BOD - discussion on her request to charge for clinic material, pros & cons on using just available material - upgrading clinic equipment - insurance coverage, good idea to have clinic sponsor use their insurance - discussion on use of funds for clinics - submit Worker Points to Diana.
- Clinic Resources Coordinators - Ariel Schrader says all is going real well.
- Supplies - Pat Jubb showed new halter tags numbering 45-60 to try out in CP Division this season (these are sheep clips!) - new vests made: 40-60 new lt. blue CP vests, 6 Safety (Drag) Rider vests (bright yellow w/blue lettering) - thinking about making vests to identify Point Riders - motion made & passed to reimburse Pat for vests & halter clips - First-Time-Rider ribbons are lt. green, identifies riders so we can welcome them and help them, 200 at 30¢@.
- Awards - Pat Jubb & Judy Miller lead discussion, motion made & passed on limit of \$25 to spend on Year-End Award for CP Division.
- Historian - Lovell Grych has received a lot of info., but needs more - there are 3 history books to date: 1970-74 dedicated to Ruth Tyree, 1975-84 no dedication yet, 1986-present dedicated to Sue Bretag - motion made & passed to replete Historian funds (\$100) and reimburse Lovel \$41.42 spent on expenses.
- Seminar - Linda Stevens will be chairperson - Reg. III Seminar will be held on November

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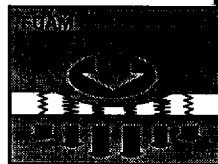
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4-5, 1989 at the Holiday Inn, Durango, CO - prospective speakers are Dr. Bill Fitzgerald, DVM on Nutrition, setting up an individual feeding program; a veterinarian from Cortez on Navicular Disease; suggestion: Robert Miller, DVM on video tape, Imprinting Foals. - prospective costs: rooms, \$40-45/night, lunch - \$7.00, dinner - \$11.00, n/c for banquet room, available a bar & dance area.

- Nominating Committee - Chuck Kiel not present.

- National Reports - Gene Naugle & Ike Mosgrove reported: the Buddy System is working; new Ride in Florida; suggestion of a Story Telling Time on Sun. during lull while score cards are being tallied, great suggestion for PR & comradery technique; potluck on Sat. pm for comradery; Judges' Synopsis, what to expect of each judge; Harry Housler, thoughts on CP; financial report for Nat'l. NATRC; riders must complete at least 3 Rides in their own Region to get regional awards at National; Nat'l. NATRC will not award CP awards, they do not award Novice Division either; HOOFPRINTS will keep the same editor; **NATIONAL BOARD MEETING July 8-9, 1989 Denver, CO** at the Rodeway Inn, Quebec & I-70 **ALL REGION III MEMBERS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND!!**

-OLD BUSINESS: Public Relations - Kathy said 1/3 of membership responded to the questionnaire (see result sheet elsewhere in Newsletter).

- Reg. III Business Cards - card tells who to contact and description of Comp. Trail Riding, to be used as PR material - further discussion later.

- Completion Certificates - competitors would like some form of completion award or memento from the rides they attend - dash plaques are good, if they are dated - Judy will encourage all Ride Chairmen to do this.

- Mandatory P&R on all Drag Riders' Horses - motion made & passed that all safety (drag) riders' horses must have their P&Rs taken and be treated with all the same precautions used on any competitors' horse...pulling horses, etc.

Safety kits for Drag Riders - Vel Naugle suggested that safety kits be carried by all drag riders - Dean Schrader will look into purchasing these kits.

- Discription of roster - membership lists will be sent to all members by Ike Mosgrove.

- National refunded on Reg. III Benefit Ride funds - motion made & passed to divide these funds up between the 3 Reg. III Regional National BOD to help with their expenses.

- Milegae Points discussion - Kathy Morris suggested that mileage points should be given to the horse no matter who is riding it - NATRC rule is already opposing this, but Gene Naugle will take the issue to the Nat'l. NATRC BOD mtg.

- Region I Cookbook - cookbook is composed of recipes shared by Reg. I members, dishes seen at potlucks, etc. - Ike suggested that Reg. III do this also.

- next BOD mtg. on Friday July 28, 1989, 10:00 am. at Region III Benefit Ride in Sedalia, CO.

- Meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.

SPECIAL MEETING

Reg. III BOD - April 29, 1989

A special meeting was called by President Judy Wise after the PM briefing at the Rabbit Valley Ride.

Jeri Avila made the BOD aware that the Reg. III Benefit Ride may need to be cancelled at the last minute due to possible forest burn-offs on their Ride date. Should the management of this Ride continue with plans and expenses (to be minimal until the last minute if the Ride goes) even though this is possible?

Board of Directors vote: YES

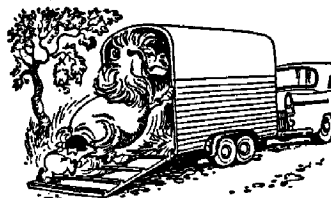


There are new laws in New York for horses and cars thanks to Assemblyman John Hasper. **Motorist**...must avoid sounding horn near the animal, reduce speed and pass so as not to frighten horse, ect. **Equestrians**...must ride near right-hand curb, travel in single file, keep at least one hand on reins, bring horse to full stop before entering road, and not ride on public road during night-time.
Good laws for us all to follow!



TRAILER SAFETY

Submitted by Judy Wise & Audrey Burris



NATRC Rides require that the horse be tied to the trailer overnight for several nights at rides. Horses and Murphey's law constantly interact, therefore, if it is at all possible for a horse to get hurt, it will. Part of the NATRC creed is safety for horse and rider. Therefore, the judges will look for unsafe conditions and reduce your horsemanship score accordingly. The following guidelines will hopefully reduce the possibility of injury and point loss.

1. The horse should be tied to the trailer above the level of the horses withers. One end of the tie should be a quick release knot or snap. The length of the tie should just be long enough to reach the ground with one end attached to the trailer. The quick release knot should be locked so the horse cannot untie himself.

2. The trailer should be fixed so that a pawing horse or one laying down to sleep cannot catch a foot anyplace. Typical dangerous spots would be the crevice between the fender and the back of the trailer, open braces, some axle arrangements. In general any hole a horse can get it's foot into, it probably will. These areas can be protected with blocks of wood, pieces of carpet, pieces of plywood, or similar padding and blocking.

3. The trailer should also be fixed so that the horse cannot catch his halter or rope under a door latch. A tennis ball, tape or roll of material can prevent the rope from getting under the latch.

4. The license plate is especially dangerous. The edges are quite sharp. If the horse can paw an edge it can be disastrous. Remove the plate or cover it if necessary.

5. Hay nets should be hung high enough to prevent a horse from pawing and getting a leg caught. Remember, the net becomes longer as it gets empty.

6. Water and feed buckets should be secured to the trailer so the horse cannot be tangled in the bail. Of course water should be available to the horse at all times (Unless he is hot).

7. Don't leave trailer doors open as a horse can easily get hung up on them or bang his head and eyes.

8. Park your trailer where your horse cannot get hung up in branches or cactus, or have to sleep on a bed of rocks, or ant hill. Remember, his area of danger is as large as he and his lead stretched out and heels flying can reach. Don't park too close to your neighbor and ask them to move if they come later and park too close to you.

9. Check your trailer wheels if you disconnect your tow vehicle from it. Horses can move a loose trailer, and does that scare them.

10. A yellow ribbon tied in a horse's tail means it is a stallion. Please keep your horse away from him. A red ribbon in a horse's tail means he has been known to kick, at least other horses, consider yourself warned.

***** ABOVE ALL, DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP OR ADVICE FROM OTHERS OR THE JUDGES. WE ARE FRIENDLY PEOPLE AND WOULD LOVE TO HELP.

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Is It Time for Your Horse's Spring Tuneup?

by Jim Heird, Ph.D.

As the days become longer and warmer and the snow begins to melt, horsemen anticipate the joy of riding horses. A little planning before beginning to ride may save a lot of trouble later. In other words, a few simple procedures may make your horse's return to work much easier.

First, remember that your horse has probably had the winter off. Arrange for your veterinarian to give your horse a general check-up. At this time, the veterinarian can check teeth, give any vaccinations that might be needed for the coming year, and assess the horse's general physical condition. Next, make sure that your horse's feet are ready for exercise. Have the farrier do whatever needs to be done to prepare your horse for activity.

Finally, you are ready to begin conditioning your horse for a year of exciting riding. Remember, if you haven't ridden

during the winter your horse is probably out of shape just as you would be if you took four to five months off from your exercise program. Thus, a 30-day conditioning program is important to both the physical and mental well-being of your horse. Yes, mental. If you overexert a horse until he is sore, he will become sour and unwilling and begin to dread exercise.

A 30-day conditioning program should start with about 15 minutes a day of slow exercise for about a week. Long trotting and jogging are good gaits to start the horse's exercise program.

Progress during the following week to the canter along with lots of intermittent long trotting and walking. Continue to keep the exercise periods to 15 to 20 minutes.

During the subsequent two weeks, the goals should be to increase muscle tone,

cardiovascular fitness, and stamina.

During the conditioning program, the goal is to improve the horse's fitness. Therefore, strenuous exercise should be kept to a minimum. Concentrated work should also be kept to a minimum. This conditioning period is not the time to work on maneuvers requiring the horse to exhibit a great deal of physical strength or coordination.

Because most horses will still have winter hair coats during this conditioning period, it is important to cool out the horse properly before putting him up each day. There will still be cool nights during this time of year. A horse must be dry to retain body warmth.

By performing this simple 30-day conditioning, your horse should be ready to perform up to your expectations and its ability this summer.

NATRC National Board Mtg.

DENVER, COLORADO

July 8-9, 1989



Please plan to attend this summer's NATRC National Board of Directors' meeting being held on Saturday & Sunday July 8 & 9, 1989 at the Rodeway Inn in Denver (I-70 & Quebec, near the Airport).

Friday evening, July 7, there will be a tour of the Arabian Horse Trust...everyone is invited!

All Region III members and other interested groups are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Reservations can be made by calling the Rodeway Inn (303-320-0260) and letting them know that you are with the NATRC group. DEADLINE is July 1st, 1989. Rooms will be \$39 @ night.

Next Nat'l. BOD Mtg. will be on November 11-12 in Albuquerque, NM.

TREASURER'S REPORT NATRC REGION III April 10, 1989

PREVIOUS BALANCE (1-9-89) \$ 2,087.50

INCOME:

Dividend	\$ 42.52
For Ruth Tyree Account	30.50
For Ken Burkdoll Account	45.50
Memberships	519.00
Repay for Appreciation Awards	
from Ken Burkdoll Account	110.28
from Ruth Tyree Account	110.28
Repay for Clinic Coordinator Expenses	
from Sue Br-etag Account	133.99
Newsletter Ads	126.00
Region III Benefit Ride Rider Fees Refund (NATRC)	150.00
Mailing Labels	15.00
Supplies Deposits	129.10

\$ 1,412.17

EXPENSES:

Clinic Coordinator Expenses (Schrader)	\$ 133.99
Stock Show Booth (Morris)	29.50
CO Horse Rescue Donation	100.00
PIP Printing (Newsletter)	333.70
Newsletter (Postage) (Talbot)	46.83
Membership Expenses (Nogrove)	381.23
Clinic Mailing (Zettlemoyer)	40.55
Newsletter Mailings (Talbot)	10.00
Supplies Expenses (Jubb)	99.83
Clinic Expenses (Zettlemoyer)	41.84
Treasurer's Expenses (Witter)	5.00
Ruth Tyree Account	23.50
Ken Burkdoll Account	38.50
All American Awards (First Timer Ribbons)	66.04

\$ 1,352.51

Balance in Checking Account (4-18-89) \$ 2,147.16

Balance in Sue Br-etag Account (3-31-89)	\$ 6,451.14
Balance in Ruth Tyree Account (4-10-89)	\$ 711.53
Balance in Ken Burkdoll Account (4-10-89)	\$ 790.68



DO YOU
KNOW....

I was born in Trinidad, Colorado and was raised in Jansen, Colorado...a very small community west of Trinidad.

I am a science teacher at Roncalli Middle School, and before that I was a chemist for CF&I Steel. I have lived in Pueblo for sixteen years, married a Pueblo girl and have no children. I have always liked horses, especially Arabian horses...and that is how I met Marj & Neal McKinstry. I had been interested in the bloodlines owned by the McKinstry's, and I bought one of their mares.

I have been interested in Endurance riding, but since then I have been overwhelmed by the NATRC/Region III people.

My first Ride was on September 10-11, 1988 at the Top of the World Ride. The people were very friendly, helpful and the hospitality was excellent. The Ride was very well organized and I had lots of fun and enjoyed the scenery. I plan to make that Ride again in 1989.

Thanks to Marj & Neal McKinstry...if it was not for them, I would not have known about Competitive Trail Riding and I would not have had the excellent trail ride experience.

(Frank A. Roybal, Region III 1st-time rider)

Cee Wolf, where have you been?

One of the beauties of NATRC is it's appeal to horsemen of all ages. Cee Wolf is ready again to hit the trails at the age of 81!

She likes the new Competitive Pleasure Division because she enjoys the challenge of conditioning new mounts for NATRC. After all, an animal that does well in NATRC is a desirable trail horse. Some of the animals that she has started and passed on, are some of her toughest competition today.

Her 3480 miles in competition do not set any records, but the number of different animals she has competed...23 since 1971...may! Especially if all those she has supplied for her numerous friends are included. Although she is a seasoned rider, her animals are frequently new to the sport. They include all shapes and sizes: Arabs, Appys, Walkers, Trotters. Pasos, ponies and her latest....mules!

Cee first really noticed mules when she went for a 120-mile, 5-day pack trip, about 4 years ago, and there were several nice mules along. Of course, she just had to try one! They have proven to be worthy competitors, but are a little tricky to saddle. A slipping saddle resulted in a sore back for Cee last year. That coupled with her husband's poor health and her frequent companion Peggy Link's broken arm...made for a short season. Cee is looking forward to seeing her NATRC friends on the trail this year, and to introducing her daughter-in-law, Mary Wolf, to the sport.

"What Do You Do With A Kinkajou?" You might want to ask Cee that question...as it is the title of a beautifully written book by Alice Gilborn, about her mother, Cee Wolf. It has just been re-issued and updated. To order, send \$12 to: The Blueline Press, Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812 with your name & your address.



Cee Wolf on Becky - Cavalier Ride in 1988

THE REGION'S PLEA

*Our sport is one of the best,
But, supporting it is the real test.
We need new riders to join Reg. III,
And old members to pay-up, you see?
So before you hit the trail,
Send your RENEWAL in the mail!*

Thanx!

-Ed.

***** REMEMBER ...THE RULE!

The Region III BOD 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 for that year. National members (but not yet Region III members) that our in our Region, will get two complimentary Newsletters then no more unless they join Region III. Do not forget that applicants for Region III membership must be National NATRC members, first!

***** VERIFYING POINTS & MILEAGE

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 Secretary.

Please send your calculated Rider & Horse points, and your calculated Rider & Horse mileage at the end of each ride season to:

Pat Jubb
3455 Hartsock Lane
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
(719) 574-8522

ADDITION: Past Region III/NATRC members who have not renewed their memberships 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.

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.

***** MEMBERSHIP COMPUTER LABELS NOW 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. These 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 you \$8.00 to subscribe to the Newsletter alone. If interested, please contact Ike Mosgrove at (719) 495-2906.

***** THE HORSE'S PLEA

*Up the hill push me not
Down the hill rush me not
On the flat, spare me not
In the stable, forget me not.*

- Anon.



(shared from Reg. 5)

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WELCOME!



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many new people who have recently joined NATRC/Region III !!

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!

A Memo from Iris Mosgrove, 1989 Membership Chairperson:

THANK YOU to all that responded to the "renewal letter". As you know our first Region III Ride was Rabbit Valley on April 29-30, followed by Navajo Lake on May 13-14, and then Turkey Track on May 20-21. Ride reports and placings on these Rides will be sent to Pat Jubb for computing Annual Region III points and Region III mileage for Region III members. Those 1988 members who have not renewed their membership by June 1, 1989, and want to be included in year-end points and mileage, will have to remit \$15.00 in addition to their renewal fee. SO PLEASE RENEW!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST REGION III MEMBERS:

Tom Klumker from Glenwood, New Mexico (D-1) Margaret & Carl Kelley from Elbert, CO (D-2)

WELCOME BACK TO REGION III:

Ruth & Tom Stevens Bonnie Trafford Virginia Cole

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NATIONAL NATRC MEMBERS:

(Not yet Region III Members)

Mary Grace Morris from Colorado Sprgs., CO Pierre Thompson from Aztec, New Mexico

WELCOME TO OUR NEW REGION III & NATIONAL NATRC MEMBERS:

Kristen Ford from Colo. Sprgs., CO	Mary & Rick Batt from Franktown, CO
Kathryn Hayes from Ignacio, CO	Barb Stockem from Colo. Sprgs., CO
Karen Moe from Colo. Sprgs., CO	Teri Kesterson from Fruita, CO
Teresa Finley from Grand Junction, CO	Tracy Bowman from Santa Fe, NM

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN REGION III TO DATE = 98.....70-1988 MEMBERS STILL NEED TO RENEW!

MEMO TO REGION III RIDE MANAGERMENTS: From Ike Mosgrove, NATRC Ride Sanction Chairman

It has been suggested by the Reg. III BOD that perhaps Reg. III Ride Managers might offer a \$20 discount to a rider who brings a first-time rider to that Ride (strictly optional). This could possibly encourage new riders, and fill more rides. If your Ride decides to do this, you should have a space on your Entry Form for the rider to indicate the name of the first-time rider he is sponsoring or bringing to the Ride.

Also, Kathy Morris, Reg. III Publicity Chairman, would like to have each Ride Management designate a Publicity/Public Relations person for their Ride. Please let me know who that person is, perhaps at the same time you send your Ride Entry and Info. sheet to me for approval prior to general mailing.

Also, the Reg. III BOD would like to promote the BUDDY SYSTEM again. An experienced Open or CP rider helping/assisting, answering questions for a first-time rider. The first-time rider would be identified by a "green ribbon" on their rider vest. Management should have a space on the Entry Form for a first-time rider to indicate that this IS THEIR FIRST RIDE. You might also have a space on the Entry Form for an experienced rider to indicate that they would be willing to help a first-time rider.

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Pat Jubb, Point & Mileage Chairman, has had trouble in the past years getting RIDE REPORT SHEETS (Rider name/address/horse's name/Horse and Horsemanship scores & placings) within (7) seven days of the Ride. The \$4 Reg. III Rider Fee (accountable for each rider that goes through the timer on Saturday a.m.) should accompany the Ride Report.

Also, a complete WORKER LIST (please include full name), correctly spelled and legible should be included at this time. (Many workers feel that they are entitled to more points than they have been credited with...Jean McNeill, Worker Points Chairman, can only compute those that she receives from Ride Management.

I still have not received a Sanction Application for the Bridle Bit Ride, Region III Benefit Ride, Colorado Trail Ride, and Chokecherry Ride. Dates and management have been ascertained and confirmed,...and given to the NATRC Newsletter Editor.

ELIGIBILITY FOR REGION III YEAR-END AWARDS



All National NATRC members who are dues paying members to Region III NATRC are eligible for Region placings and awards.

Open horses and riders must enter three (3) rides per season and accumulate a minimum of 30 points to be eligible for year end placings.

Open riders will be eligible for the Ruth Tyree Hi Average Horsemanship and Ken Burkdol Combined Hi Average Horse/Rider awards. All rides started must be counted. (A minimum of 6 regional rides).

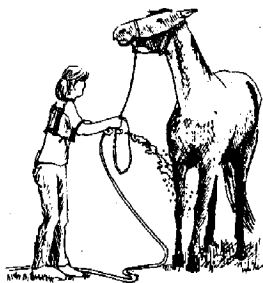
Competitive Pleasure horse and riders must enter four (4) rides per season and accumulate a minimum of 20 points to be eligible for year end placings.

Novice horses and riders must enter two (2) rides per season and accumulate a minimum of 12 points to be eligible for year end awards.

A leased horse may be used but we must be notified according to the National NATRC By-Laws.

All horses and riders receive 4 points for ride completion.

Sweepstakes horse receives 2 point for sweepstakes (18).



*"Show them that you care,
and you will be rewarded!"*



NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

NATRC --REGION III MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR 1989

NAME: _____ District 1 2 3 4 5 6 (See below for your District; please circle)
(List both adults if a Family Membership)

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (include Area Code) _____ OFFICE PHONE (include Area Code) _____ DATE NAT'L. MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES _____

MEMBERS APPLYING FOR REGION III/NATRC MEMBERSHIP MUST BE NATIONAL MEMBERS ALSO!

List Juniors if a Family Membership (age 10-17). If 17 at the beginning of 1989 Ride Year, you will ride as a Junior for the rest of that 1989 Ride Year. Juniors may ride upon reaching 10 anytime during the Ride Year.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Husband and/or wife and children under the age of 18.

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP: Any person 18 years of age or older.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: Any person 10 and under the age of 18.

JUNIOR MEMBERS IN THE FAMILY



BIRTHDATES OF JUNIORS

LIST HORSE(S) YOU OR YOUR FAMILY INTEND TO RIDE IN THE 1989 RIDE SEASON. (This information will help the Point Secretary) Please do not use nick names! Be sure you use the same correct name on all Ride Entries. PRINT CLEARLY!

HORSE	BREED	AGE	REGISTRATION #
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$8.00 (2 votes)

SINGLE SENIOR MEMBERSHIP: \$5.00 (1 vote)

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: \$3.00 (no vote)

OPTIONAL.....

KEN BURKDOLL MEMORIAL FUND: \$ _____

RUTH TYREE MEMORIAL FUND: \$ _____

Total amount: \$ _____

Amount due from above: \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NATRC/REGION III

***** YOU MAY KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS IF YOU WISH *****

REGION III DUES PAID \$ _____
KEN BURKDOLL MEMORIAL FUND \$ _____
RUTH TYREE MEMORIAL FUND \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

MAIL TO: Iris Mosgrove, 10590 Egerton Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80908. You will receive a Region III/ NATRC membership card upon payment. If not, please check to be sure we received your Membership Application form and Membership fees. Call Iris at (719) 495-2906.

Please send any comments or suggestions you may have for NATRC/Region III to any Board member or to the address above.

Membership in Region III is from January through December (the Calendar year). PLEASE NOTE, if you wish to be eligible for year-end horse and rider points, and horse and rider mileage, you must renew by June 1st @ year or there will be a \$15 charge. We would like all renewals by that date if possible so we can have our 1988 Membership list complete by June. New members of NATRC who wish to become members of Region III must pay Region III Membership fees by the weekend of the last Ride of the Ride season to be eligible for Regional Awards. Applicants for Region III Membership must be National NATRC Members. The rules and by-laws of the National NATRC will be followed.

- DISTRICT I:** (New Mexico) except Northwest corner, east of the Continental Divide. Includes Raton, Taos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Chama, etc.
- DISTRICT II:** (Colorado) east of Continental Divide, south of I-70. Includes Colorado Springs, Littleton, Englewood, Evergreen, Sedalia and Conifer, etc.
- DISTRICT III:** (Colorado) east of Continental Divide, north of I-70. Includes Golden, Ft. Collins, Boulder, Longmont and Loveland, etc.
- DISTRICT IV:** (Wyoming, Montana and Canada)
- DISTRICT V:** (Colorado, San Juan Basin Area) west of the Continental Divide, south of Red Mtn. Pass. (New Mexico side) west of the Continental Divide, north of Hwy. 60. Farmington, Cortez, Mancos, Durango and Pagosa Springs, etc.
- DISTRICT VI:** (Colorado) west of the Continental Divide, north of Red Mtn Pass. (Utah) includes Grand Junction, Craig, Meeker and Montrose, etc.

How/Where/When did you find out about Competitive Trail Riding? _____

Which was your first Ride? _____

Year _____

REGION III 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.

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

-Lovell Grych

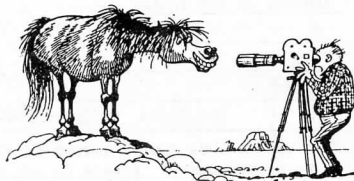
Subject: Region III Judges & their history.

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!"

13th Colorado Horsemen's Seminar

Colorado State University's 13th Annual Colorado Horsemen's Seminar, one of the oldest events of its kind, will take place September 16-17, 1989. Each year, more than 300 people attend the seminar. Over the years, it has presented a variety of topics to inform, educate, and entertain horse owners in this region. The 1989 offerings will be no different.

Saturday morning's program will feature Dr. Jim Heird, professor in the department of animal sciences and teaching coordinator of the equine sciences program at Colorado State University. Heird will discuss equine behavior.

Saturday afternoon features Dr. Robert Shideler, professor in the department of clinical sciences at Colorado State speaking on first aid and general disease control. Mr. Tom Capps, a Fort Collins certified public accountant, will discuss taxes and how they affect the horse owner.

At Saturday evening's program, Dr. Bill Donawick of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine will speak on a problem facing all horse owners — the causes, prevention, and treatment of colic.

On Sunday, September 17, the seminar will move from the lecture room to the Equine Teaching and Research Center for live demonstrations. Tad Coffin of Westmoreland Davis Equestrian Institute in Leesburg, Virginia will take the morning session to discuss jumping, rider position, exercises, and teaching techniques.

The seminar will conclude with a presentation on cutting and team penning on Sunday afternoon.

The equine sciences program looks forward to another successful seminar and invites all horse enthusiasts to attend. Brochures and registration forms will be available by June. For further information contact: Short Course Coordinator, Equine Sciences Program, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523, (303) 491-8373.

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Change of Address

Have you moved or changed your address? Please let us know your new address as soon as possible to insure you receiving the Region III Newsletter.

People Working for
You in Washington

For information contact



1700 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
Telephone 202/296-4031

NEW! NATRC/Region III PAMPHLETS

NOW AVAILABLE...new NATRC/Region III pamphlets that can be distributed in local tack & feed stores, at horse events or to new interested people concerning our sport of competitive trail riding. These handouts are offered free-of-charge to Region III members wishing to help the interest and growth of NATRC/Region III. For more information and to get some pamphlets, contact: Jill Talbot, JET Arabian Ranch, 858 Marshall Road, Boulder, Colorado 80303 or call 303/494-2531.



NATRC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NATRC offers four membership plans (Check Membership plan desired):

- ☐ 1. **FAMILY membership** (\$30 per year) Husband, wife, junior member (one vote)*
- ☐ 2. **SENIOR membership** (\$25 per year) Single adult member (one vote)*
- ☐ 3. **JUNIOR membership** (\$15 per year) Single junior member under 18 (no vote)*
- ☐ 4. **ASSOCIATE membership** (\$40 per year) Equine related groups or business (no vote)
- ☐ 5. **SINGLE Lifetime membership** (\$250) Any person of any age (one vote)*
- ☐ 6. **FAMILY Lifetime membership** (\$350) Husband, wife, jr. members (two votes)*

*Membership includes: Rule Book, Membership Card, Club Patch, Ride Schedule, Newsletters and eligibility to compete for NATRC Annual High Score Awards and Championships plus rider and horse mileage awards, and reduced ride entry fees. (PLEASE LIST ALL FAMILY MEMBERS) DONATIONS TO NATRC ARE A TAX DEDUCTION.



Name _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Telephone _____ Birthdate of Junior(s) _____ Amount Enclosed (\$) _____

Interests: ☐ Competing ☐ Judging ☐ Ride Management ☐ Helping on rides

NATRC MANUALS - \$4.00 each, plus \$1.00 postage & handling (1-3 manuals)

PLEASE CHECK: ☐ All three manuals

☐ Judges Manual

☐ Riders Manual

☐ Management Manual

☐ NATRC PINS (\$3.00 ea.)

☐ Rule Books (\$2.00 ea.)

☐ 4" Decals (2 for \$1.25)

☐ Hats \$4.50 (plus \$2.00 postage & handling, 1-5 hats)

NATRC SPECIALITIES

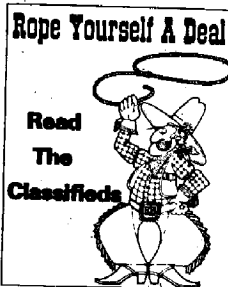
☐ 10" Decals (\$2.00 ea.)

☐ Patches (\$1.75)

☐ Jackets (\$25.00, \$3.00 post.)

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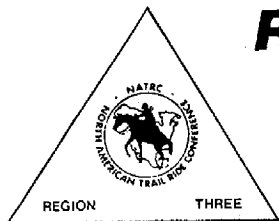
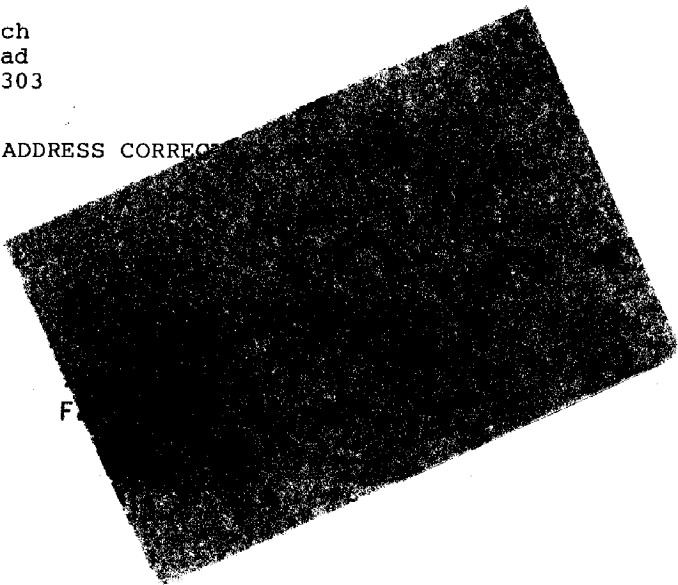
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