

Ya-hoo! Our Competitive Trail Riding season has started and what fun times there have been so far! Going off to those beautiful ride locations and seeing our trail-riding friends is always greatly anticipated and renews our interest in this great sport. For those of you old and new members who have not yet ridden a Ride this year, below are the first few "Ride Write-ups" of the season. Read on . . . about the glorious scenery, good camaraderie and some hilarious times.

Rabbit Valley VII starts off season

"Not a cloud in the sky ... stormy weather," may best sum up the weather for the weekend, but it does not describe the spirits of the 48 competitors of the Rabbit Valley Ride April 26.

Eager faces were seen as they entered the camp site nestled in the historic area near the Colorado-Utah border. Meeting old and new friends at this first ride of the season, the stories flourished about the long winter and the travails of travel.

As riders settled in, the Region III board of directors

met in the familiar big tent, an almost "fixture" of the ride.

Check-in moved along quickly with judges, Dr. Paul Grych of Redding, Calif. (a former "hometown boy" of Mack, Colo.) and Kathy Morris of Colorado Springs, Colo.

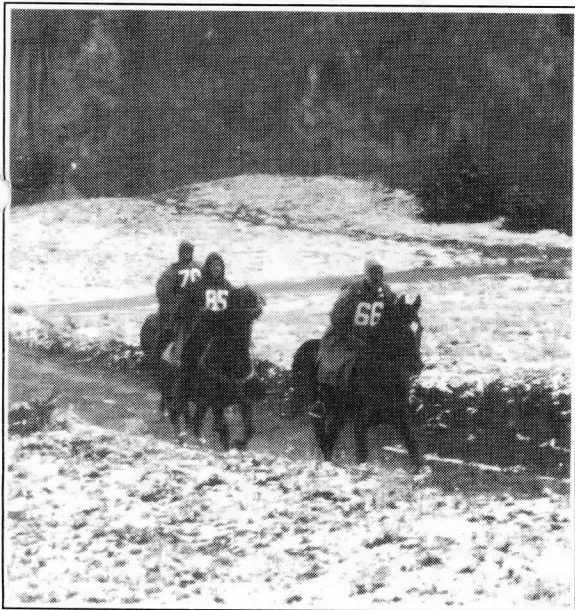
Friday night briefing found all gathered around a friendly campfire. Chairperson, Sharon Wright and co-chair/trailmaster, Dawn Treadway, welcomed, introduced and then told of Saturday's trail which entwined with the Kokopelli Trail. The trail would have changes from previous years - watch the ribbons, read the pie plates and look at your maps!

Saturday morning a long line of bundled-up competitors headed south. Most of the P&R teams had already loaded up and left on schedule. Other P&R teams would come later and ride horses into new P&R sites.

With scenic trail to explore within the bounds of a well-marked trail, the riders paced themselves throughout the day. This year they would water at the river several times ... most livestock ponds were avoided to leave drink for the sheep in the vicinity. Water was also hauled to several places for their use.

As the day progressed, the weather went through three seasons ... definitely excluding summer. Snow

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APRIL 1991 BLIZZARD . . . some survivors of the Rabbit Valley ride. From left, Sheryl Mease, Carrie Dunder and Terri Mease. (Photo by Nancy Pavetti)

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President's Message It's Miller Time!

The ride season is under way and it's great seeing each other again. The rides are full and I have noticed that there are a lot of first-time riders. Please take the time to say hello and welcome them to our rides. I am sure that all the clinics that were done in our region has something to do with all the new riders. Congratulations and thank you to all that put on or helped at any of our clinics.

Be sure and check out our new T-shirts we are selling to raise money for our national board members. They are \$12 and you can get them from Kathy Hayes (who designed them) at any of the rides.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you on the trail and meet all the new faces in our region.

Judy Miller
President, Region III
(719) 683-3310



WE ALWAYS LIKE to see our friends from other regions at our rides. Here Pat Seymour and her mule Spring Fever, enjoy the Cavalier 1991 ride.

Editor's Box

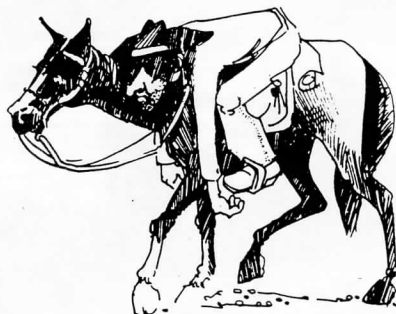
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Horsemanship Pointers



Be aware of over-heating yourself, AND your horse! Lots of water! Lots of electrolytes!

Rabbit Valley

bombarded them numerous times during the day making visibility poor and timing off. Alternating wet and dry, onward they rode among the red rims, the petroglyphs and other landmarks of this ancient, fragile and beautiful desert.

Back in camp after relaxing a bit, riders found hot grills for their own meat and a variety of tasty beans, salad, rolls and devilish desserts provided by the Colorado West Arabian Horse Club. A good feast and time to chat.

A special treat before briefing Saturday night, a speaker from BLM explained about the history of the area .. a "hot spot" of study. Dinosaurs and later the Fremont Indians had left the area very rich in finds.

Briefing time again found all gathered around the campfire. Before Sunday's trail was discussed, management first explained some hows and whys of Saturday's trail. Indeed the trail had been challenging and the weather hadn't helped. Also a matter of some unsportsmanlike conduct by a few riders during the day had caused some tension which needed to be alleviated. Sunday's trail was then explained and a forecast of better weather brought out smiles.

Sunday morning 42 riders rode out to explore new territory. Many were unconcerned where the judges might be, they were enjoying the company and riding among vast landmarks charting their way.

With the riders out of camp, the timers and ride secretary took the opportunity to do some exploring of their own. Across the highway (I-70) they hiked one and a half miles of "A Trail Through Time." (A dig area by the Dinosaur Valley Museum pros.) It was an educational hike with maps indicating points of interest such as dinosaur bones, flora and geology.

Returning to camp, waves of chatter floated as the riders visited about what they had seen, what they did, horses and other matter of the weekend. Sometimes the chatter would be interrupted by alto solos from Sparkey, the lovable little donkey in the CP Division.

Final vet check, turn in vests and halter tags, and then they sat back and relaxed while scores were tallied. More talk about obstacles and numerous tales flowed forth. It was also prime time to view those photographs by Alice Martin. Many wanted snow photos - evidence of their hardiness. "Wait 'till I show them back home!" was often heard, followed with big grins.

Awards at last! Over \$1,400 worth of prizes donated by various sponsors. Lovell Grych, awards chairman, had done a super job! Scores were close - though riders and tough horses. Smiles and excitement abundant.

As the ceremony came to a close, the atmosphere of trail ride camaraderie hung in the air ... hugs and waves ... we'll see you on the trail.

Submitted by Nancy Pavetti

Rabbit Valley 1991

SWEEPSTAKES:

Open: Kristabar/Terri Roberts

Novice: Tarouz/Terri Mease

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT:

1/1 Raf's Rainbow/Dean Schrader

2/6 Brown-R Ned/Tom Kedrowski

3/2 Lark/ Jill Talbot

4/4 Spanish Spook/Don French

5/3 MLA Raj Bahabas/Judd Adams

6/5 Wildfire Ibn Rayi/Jeff Wagner

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT:

1/1 Kristabar/Terri Roberts

2/3 KA Kolob/Kim Alsop

3/4 Par Sundance/Kathy Hayes

4/5 Win-Tivaan/Judy Wise

5/ Par Sualani/Rosemary Hansen

6/2 Tameron LaCE/Pat McCoy

/6 Stacy Bowman

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT:

1/ Prestigious/Judith Stanley

2/4 Threat's Dot's Star/Deborah Locke

3/2 Whiskey/Lonnie Smith

4/ Sour Mash/Randy Peterson

5/ Ladies Rose Oh/Sheryl Mease

6/ Tiffany Cebeau/Chris Beauperthuy

/1 Lynette Gallegos

/3 Lorri Kraft

/5 T.C. Dabbs

/6 Leon Mellow

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT:

1/4 Tarouz/Terri Mease

2/ SA Boomer/Jennifer Smith

3/ Boushar/Denise Kahler

4/2 Tom McNeil/Susie Lyons

5/ Sundance Zeus/Elizabeth Greenhaus

6/5 SJ Reba/Carolyn Martin

/1 Judy Eggemeyer

/3 Carol Thompson

/6 Joanie Feldman

NOVICE JUNIOR:

1/1 Snip's Fireflash/Carrie Dunder

2/3 Buck/ Josh Lyons

3/2 Kat Ballou/Lea Alsop

CP:

1/1 Aftamia/Ariel Schrader

2/2 DH Celebration/Susan Benjamin

More ride write-ups on page 4 . . .

Navajo Lake 1991

SWEEPSTAKES:

Open: Raf's Rainbow/Dean Schrader

Novice: Angel's Sunny/Julie Jones

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT:

1/4 Raf's Rainbow/Dean Schrader

2/6 Mahra Khan/Milne Parish

3/ MA Nicole/Dexter Savage

4/1 Pesky Native/Susie Huffman

5/2 Foxfire's Crimson Slipper/Steve Ancell

6/5 MLA Raj Bahabas/ Judd Adams

/3 Jill Talbot

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT:

1/3 Five Wings Aliza/Linda Adams

2/5 Tiquila (Con Asil)/Chris Hoden

3/4 Kristabar/Terri Roberts

4/2 PAR Sundance/Kathy Hayes

5/1 Tamaron LaCE/Pat McCoy

6/6 Zane's Cisco Kid/Stacy Bowman

OPEN JUNIOR:

1/1 Lady's Charlie B/Elizabeth Ancell

2/3 Lady E's Fancy/Theresa Ancell

3/2 Grabeau/Jason White

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT:

1/6 Black Sammy/Russ Jones

2/1 Prestigious/Judith Stanley

3/2 N.T. Silverhawk/Rick Willard

4/ Eco/Mettie Swift

5/ Skipper's Snip HB/Linda Jones

6/4 Chaz/Karen Moore

/3 Pam Lunt

/5 Philip Hassinger

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT:

1/3 Sundance Zeus/Elizabeth Greenhaus

2/ Moonshine/Sandra Claypool

3/1 SA Boomer/Jenny Smith

4/ Toni Nez/Bonnie Eicher

5/ Cambridge Tannalynn/Jim Wixom

6/5 Saf Faisal/Loretta Maez

/2 Judith Bengfort

/4 Carol Thompson

/6 Femke Alkema

NOVICE JUNIOR:

1/2 Angel's Sunny/Julie Jones

2/4 Painty/Cathy Jones

3/1 Whiskey/Megan Schilthues

4/3 My Boogie Shoes/Shanna Reed

CP:

1/6 Fariq UL Sahara/Gorden Haines

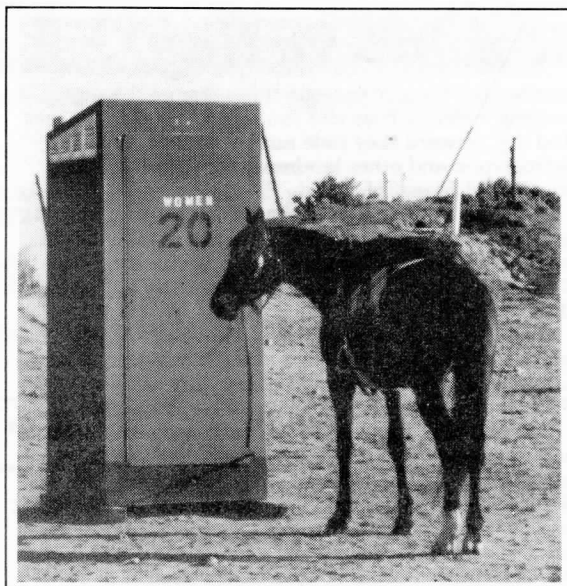
2/5 Montoya Olympian/Pamela Seward

3/2 Aftamia/Ariel Schrader

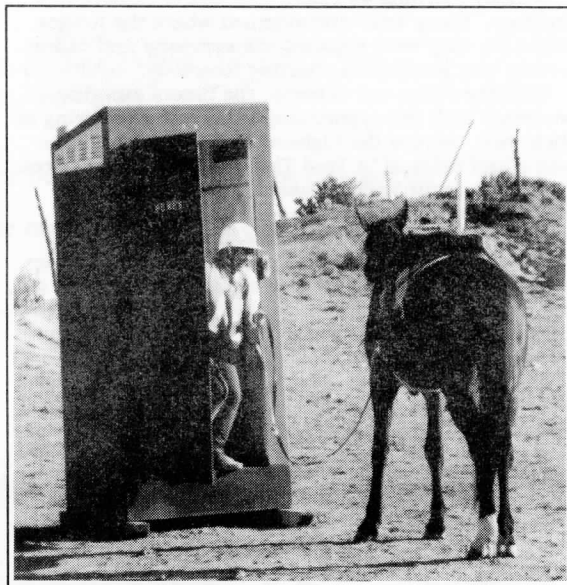
4/1 San Bailador Oscuro/Linda Watson

5/3 Riferat/Susan LaRu

6/4 Fire's Bravo/Pat Hansford



STEP NO. 1...



STEP NO. 2...

Sena Fitzpatrick and WB Auspicious. We were sorry to hear Sena's horse had an untimely death soon after the Navajo Lake ride. Our sympathies to you Sena.

**More ride write-ups
on page 5 . . .**

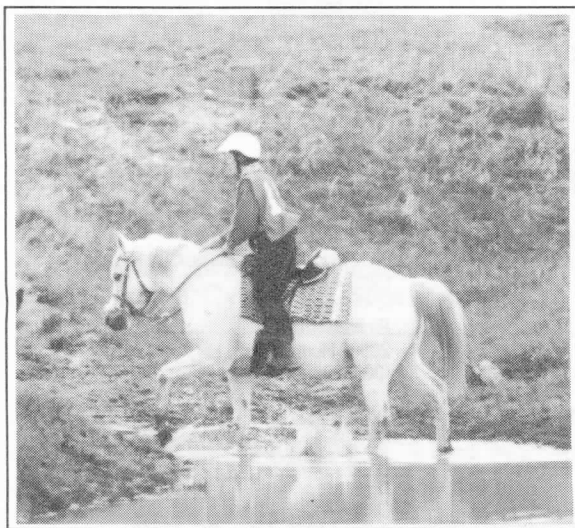
Cavalier ride held at Bijou Springs

Echoes of an English hunt horn drifted over the rolling hills of Colorado's high plains as scarlet-coated riders sped after a pack of foxhounds streaking along following the scent of a coyote. Not the typical beginning of a competitive trail ride – but this ride was held on the 20,000 acre Bijou Springs Ranch which is the home of the Bijou Springs Hunt. Hunt members demonstrated their sport while joint master Martha Love narrated and answered questions.

The 55 riders from five states who participated in the ride found miles of grassy meadows liberally dotted with spring wildflowers, pine-covered ridges and frequent stock ponds. They also found some challenging obstacles concocted by judges Joe Quintana and Judi Tobias. To make up for the lack of hills, a couple of the P&Rs were "killer trots". Other obstacles were the longhorn cattle and resident horses and mules that paced the riders.

First time ride manager, Joyce Calhoun, and trailmaster, Berne Schmidkofer, did a great job of keeping things on track, and all the riders agreed they had an outstanding weekend.

Judy Tobias



OPEN SWEEPSTAKES winner Aspen Butterfield and her horse *Aba Daar*.



Cavalier 1991

SWEEPSTAKES:

Open: Aba Daar/Aspen Butterfield

Novice: PAR Jim Dandy/Marguerite Porter

OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT:

1/2 Raf's Rainbow/Dean Schrader

2/ Mi Champagne/Dee Overholt

3/6 Sir Love/Matt Baker

4/1 Lark/Jill Talbot

5/5 Scharlotta/Frank Roybal

6/3 Vanity Fair/Frank Bowman

/4 Neil Spahn

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT:

1/ PAR Sundance/Kathy Hayes

2/5 Silver Rose/Jeri Avila

3/1 Kristabar/Terri Roberts

4/4 Tamaron LaCE/Pat McCoy

5/3 C.R. Krystalette/Pat Jubb

6/2 Spring Fever/Pat Seymour

/6 Stacy Bowman

OPEN JUNIOR:

1/2 Aba Daar/Aspen Butterfield

2/1 Sunkist Sierra Sue/Candice Avila

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT:

1/3 Jabal Musahib/James Porter, Jr.

2/6 Magee/Ben Farmer

3/1 Double Tuff Squaw/Alice May

4/4 Mtn. View Echo Star/Nancy Reinhardt

5/5 Silly/Mary Ellen Zager

6/2 Rose/Larry Keckler

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT:

1/ PAR Jim Dandy/Marguerite Porter

2/6 Magee/Ben Farmer

3/3 DDA Asma Sama/Mary Buser

4/ Boudhar/Carol Hall

5/ Fad Beau Jur/Kathy Weigle

6/5 Missouri Red/Abby Bohley

/1 Judy Eggemeyer

/2 Relda Sterkx

/4 Mary Carew

NOVICE JUNIOR:

1/1 Phantom/Ann Boller

2/2 BLM Sherman/Cara Cook

CP:

1/1 Aftamia/Ariel Schrader

2/4 La-Nask/Karen Moe

3/3 BF Windo Prestige/Tom Stevens

4/2 Damaaskazon/Gerda Pascucci

Region III 1991 Ride Schedule

Rabbit Valley VII	April 27-28	GRAND JUNCTION, CO	Shaon Wright 237 Arroyo Drive, Grand Junction, CO 80153 (303) 243-7089
Navajo Lake XVII	May 11-12	NAVAJO LAKE, NM	Bill Cumberworth 1908 Glade Road, Farmington, NM 87401 (505) 327-2286
Cavalier XX	June 1-2	PEYTON, CO	Joyce Calhoun 761 W. El Portal, Pueblo West, CO 81007 (719) 547-3152
The Foothills Ride	June 15-16	PERRY PARK, CO	Dean Schrader 9755 Bay Lane, Castle Rock, CO 80104 (303) 790-2558
Region III Benefit VIII	June 29-30	SEDALIA, CO	Laurie Butterfield 1599 N. Hwy. 67, Sedalia, CO 80135 (303) 688-2510
Colorado Trail	July 13-14	BUFFALO CREEK, CO	Dee Overholt P.O. Box 2, Bailey, CO 80421 (303) 838-7507
El Jinete Solitario XIII	July 27-28	DURANGO, CO	Patti Embree 3507 County Rd. 311, Ignacio, CO 81137 (303) 563-4640
Singing Hills I "B" Ride	August 17-18	PERRY PARK, CO	Judy Tobias 3020 Shrider Rd., Colo. Springs, CO 80920 (719) 593-7310
Horsetooth Mtn. I "B" Ride	August 25	FT. COLLINS, CO	Cindy McNamara 3312 Buckskin, La Porte, CO 80535 (303) 493-0022
Top of the World	September 7-8	FOXTON, CO	Richard Arbor 28502 Hummingbird Hill, Conifer, CO 80433 (303) 838-4487
Van Vleet Memorial XX	September 21-22	GOLDEN GATE STATE PARK	Dean Schrader 9755 Bay Lane, Castle Rock, CO 80104 (303) 790-2558
Chokecherry Canyon VIII	October 5-6	FARMINGTON, NM	Calvin & Cindy Reed 2 Road 3063, Aztec, CO 87410 (505) 334-3015





Dear Editor,

Judd and I deeply shared the grief that overshadowed the Navajo Lake ride last Mother's Day weekend.

We first met Ginger Cole in June of 1981, when she was moving from Conifer to Dexter, NM. She had a young mare for sale named Tinaja who was blind in one eye from birth. Our daughter had recently lost her mare in a freak accident resulting in a broken neck and a traumatic euthanasia. Julie unjustifiably blamed herself and wanted to make up to "horsedom" for her self-reported carelessness. First, she picked Tabour who was so neglected and thin that she led him the several miles from where he was being boarded to our house and it was weeks before he was strong enough to carry a rider. Then she decided she really wanted another mare to replace Heather and settled on Ginger's untrained, blind in one eye, Finagin. Finagin wouldn't get in the trailer that day but Ginger got her loaded and brought her down to our house the next day. Ginger spent a lot of time with us giving advice on how to train Finagin, including how to use a snaffle bit, teaching us about wormer rotation and how to select a used horse trailer.

Ginger moved to New Mexico and the next we heard of her, she had been in a bad fall with her stallion, First Nighter, and had broken her neck. To our amazement and undying admiration, Ginger not only recovered from her broken neck but overcame abdominal cancer and before we knew it, was riding NATRC trails again. We marvelled at her spunk but worried about the risks she was taking.

She told us in no uncertain terms that the quality of her life was more important to her than the quantity and continued to compete on her flashy chestnut gelding Five Wings Saint.

Finagin never suitably overcame her handicap and eventually succumbed to ovarian cancer.

Tabour became my horse after Julie moved away and gave me 2,500 miles of mostly wonderful NATRC competition including a national championship. At the Navajo Lake ride in 1990, I realized I had to retire him and began thinking about a replacement.

Ginger had ridden Five Wings Aliza at Chokecherry the fall before and again at Rabbit Valley and Navajo. They had passed us on each ride and Ginger had muttered to us as she went by things like "this mare is in my way over her head," and "if she doesn't kill me

before this ride is over, I'm going to kill her."

We marvelled again at how Ginger was able to stay with this fast, competitive, spirited horse and how they flew around the course.

Judd was just starting our first baby, MLA Raj Bahabas out of Tabour's grandsire Aba Bahabas, brought to Colorado by Ken Crooks and then owned by Gordy Prall, who was in a wheelchair from a rock climbing accident. Raj was strong, full of himself and tired of waiting for Tabour whose tendency to azoturia or myositis caused him to cramp on climbs and mince his way up hills.

On the plane to Washington DC the day after Navajo 1990, I kept seeing Aliza floating down the trail with Ginger and thinking she was the only horse I knew of who was ready to compete and keep up with Raji. I called Ginger several times from DC and when I got home that Friday night, Ginger was preparing to leave New Mexico at 3 a.m. to deliver Aliza to Boulder on Saturday.

I had never ever laid a hand on Aliza until she came out of Ginger's trailer at our house, but I liked her right away. Ginger wanted me to have her and I appreciated her confidence that we would give her first Five Wings baby a good home. Ginger spent the night with us and we talked horse stories, laughed and cried together late into the night. I read her Robert Varva's "Stallion of a Dream," we cried some more and confessed our deep love and appreciation of our faithful steeds who carry us over miles of rough trail in heat and sleet and whinny every time we appear in their view.

We saw Ginger a few more times on NATRC trails, though I was distracted by the challenge of trying to train Liza to mind with a light hackamore and wean her from the heavy headgear Ginger had used to manage her. Ginger had her doubts about what I was trying to do, but I hoped by Navajo 1991, she would be proud of the progress we'd made.

We learned about Ginger's tragic accident only days before the departing for Navajo Lake. We and all the other riders dedicated that ride to the memory of Ginger and the inspiration she had been to us all.

When Aliza won that ride - after I had thought of pulling her at the end of Saturday - I felt she had

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settled on Sunday for Ginger. We all rode that ride for Ginger, but 'Liza seemed to be hearing a special message and she responded. Ginger, we thank you, we all thank you for what you gave us, taught us and inspired in us and for your love of good horses and the best use of which they can be put - NATRC.

We know you're watching and taking some pleasure in our happy hours on the trail - and Ginger, 'Liza and I dedicate every ride to you. Thank you so much and I hope some day we can make you proud because we're trying very hard you.

*We love you,
Linda and 'Liza*

(Note: the above letter was written by Linda Adams, Region III member/rider in dedication to the tragic death of Virginia Cole. Ginger died riding the horses she so loved. - Ed.)

Dear Editor,

It has been suggested by a few people that perhaps the time has arrived for Region IV to consider the practice of using two vet judges at all our rides, be they limited to 60 or open. The reasons for this are many any valid. Sixty horses to judge by one vet is very difficult. That is 240 legs that must be examined usually 4 or 5 times . . . 960 to 1200 legs total. It is also very time consuming. The vet feels obligated and riders demand a thorough examination of each and every horse. As riders, we lament the delay of Sunday mornings start and evening check-outs, but the vet has to look at each horse and spend an equal amount of time and concentration on each horse. Many vets are just worn out after a weekend of NATRC competition. They certainly don't do it for monetary gain, as most lose money by missing their practice for two or three days. We have to wonder if they are having fun when we work them so hard. So they have to be doing this because they love the sport and horses.



Okay, now you are saying vet judges are too expensive to have two at each ride. Maybe. But being a rider and in management, I know I prefer to have my horse examined and observed as many times as possible. With only one vet for 60 horses, we are lucky to be seen on the trails three times each day. If that could be limited to 30 horses (for the sake of argument) those horses could be seen maybe 10 times during the weekend. I would think I was getting more for my money knowing I was observed more often, more closely and by a vet who was not worn out and tired from looking at so many horses. Therefore, I would be willing to pay a little more, say \$5 or \$10 more (\$300-\$600 extra at a full 60 ride) on an entry knowing I would be getting a better evaluation of my horse at the ride.

So far, I've just talked about vet judges. In talking with others, they feel that the horsemanship judge is better able to cope with 60 horses than the vet. Over 60 entries and you would probably need an additional judge. But at 60 riders, one horsemanship judge should be sufficient.

Therefore, riders of Region IV and management of Region IV, think about this and talk to your peers. Is this something we need to try? Is this too expensive for the rides? Are the riders worth getting more judging? Are the vets worth having the stress and strain of 60 horses reduced? Your comments would be appreciated. Write to your directors, newsletter or tell local clubs and/or ride management how you feel. Our sport is a great one and our goal is to make it even better!

Well Region III members . . . what do you think? -Ed.

Dear Friends:

This letter is to ask for your help ... URGENTLY!! Later this month Senator Metzenbaum of Ohio is going to offer an amendment in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to STRIKE the National Recreational Trails Fund Act. His argument? "It isn't needed - if we need money for trails, we can get it through the Forest Service."

The flaws in his arguments are too many to list in full, but let me share a few: (1) some states have little or no Forest Service present; (2) the Forest Service is historically underfunded for even its own trail needs; and (3) Forest Service trails are funded through annual appropriations and not through a dedicated trust, and as a result the funds are inconsistent, fluctuating with budgetary whims of Congress. The National Recreational Trails Fund Act would supply a stable and consistent source of funding that could be used to meet long-term trail planning needs.

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The members of the Senate Environment Committee are listed below:

The Honorable Quentin Burdick (D-ND)
The Honorable Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH)
The Honorable Patrick Moynihan (D-NY)
The Honorable John Chafee (R-RI)
The Honorable George Mitchell (D-ME)
The Honorable Alan Simpson (R-WY)
The Honorable Max Baucus (D-MT)
The Honorable Steve Symms (R-ID)
The Honorable Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)
The Honorable Dave Durenberger (R-MN)
The Honorable Harry Reid (D-NV)
The Honorable John Warner (R-VA)
The Honorable Bob Graham (D-FL)
The Honorable Jim Jeffords (R-VT)
The Honorable Joe Lieberman (D-CT)
The Honorable Bob Smith (D-NH)

A letter to members of the Committee (name, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510) urging them to (1) support the National Recreational Trails Fund Act; and (2) oppose the Metzenbaum amendment could be critical to ensuring that this important recreation initiative becomes law. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Steve Symms
United States Senate*

Fifteenth Colorado Horseman's Seminar

September 14 & 15, 1991

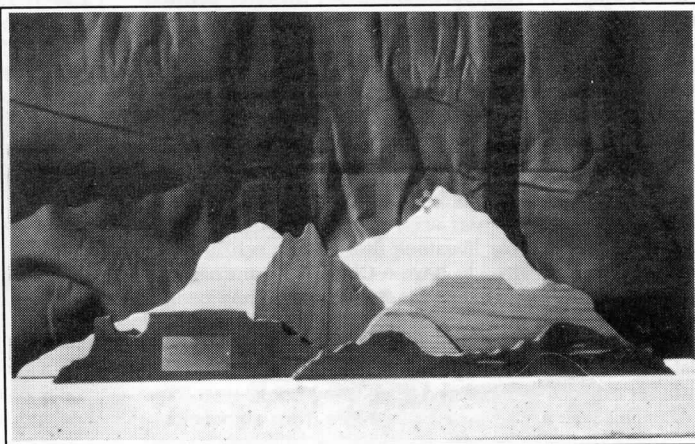
You are invited to attend this seminar at Colorado State University. This year's seminar is a unique opportunity that combines lectures, demonstrations, art exhibits and a Western-style and tack show to provide you with a wealth of up-to-date equine information.

Experts from across the country will discuss equine behavior (and misbehavior), horse psychology through resistance-free training, exercise physiology, sport horse breeding, semen transport, and nutritional needs and special management of the older horse.

*For more information contact Scharee Atchinson (303) 491-8373 or Ann Swinker (303) 491-6271.
Make time to attend this exciting event!*

Land of Enchantment trophy

This handmade award has been donated by Bill Cumberworth beginning in 1990, to represent the highest combined horse/rider score attending the following rides: Navajo Lake, El Jinete, Turkey Track and Chokecherry Canyon. Its name is "Best Horse in New Mexico" and is made of several kinds of woods representing different landmarks in New Mexico. The landmarks include Sandia Peak, Taos Mtn., Shiprock and Navajo Lake mesas. Each winning rider is given a small plaque to keep since the award is a travelling trophy and there are two awards given, one for open and one for novice. In 1990, the open winner was Kathryn Hayes on PAR Sundance and for novice, KA Kolob ridden by Dawn Treadway. Thank you Bill Cumberworth for such a beautiful award!



New federal highway laws affect horsemen

By Don Randle

The Federal Highway Administration Department of Motor Carrier Safety (formerly the Department of Transportation) recently enacted some new policies that are going to directly affect many participants in the horse industry.

This year will be for the most part a period of education and time for conformity to the laws; this is not to say you cannot get a ticket or have horses impounded. Some patrolmen are still looking at this as a situation where "ignorance of the law is no excuse," but most are giving warnings and explaining the law so that you will be able to comply in the future.

The new laws are:

1. If your truck or truck-trailer combination weight is 10,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) or greater (this is marked on a metal plate somewhere on your vehicle and trailer by the manufacturer) and you are either traveling over 150 miles from your point of origin or crossing state lines, you are required to have a Department of Transportation (DOT) number printed on the side of your vehicle. This number is obtained at no cost by application to the DOT. The applications can be obtained at any Port-of-Entry or highway patrol office. If you are on the road frequently, traveling to shows or events, you will also be required to carry a driver's log book (kept up to date!). These books can be purchased at any truck stop for about \$5.

2. If your truck or truck-trailer combination weighs 25,001 pounds or greater and/or you are actively selling and marketing livestock (horses) on a full-time basis you are required to have a Class "A" commercial drivers license. This license is \$40 (this fee has been repealed and will probably be \$20 after the first of July) and requires both a written and practical drivers test. You will still be required to have the DOT number on your vehicle and keep a log book.

The DOT license applications takes from six weeks to three months to be processed so the highway patrol recommends that you make immediate application and carry a Xerox copy of the application in your vehicle until the actual number is assigned to you. You will now be required to stop at all Ports-of-Entry and



present your animals brand inspection and health papers, Coggins test results (in most states), vehicle and trailer registrations, DOT number (or copy of application) and your log book.

For more information, Wyoming residents can call the Wyoming Trucking Association in Casper at (307) 234-1579 or the Federal Highway Administration Department of Motor Carrier Safety in Cheyenne at (307) 772-2305. Residents of other states in the MSCTA should contact their local highway patrol or state drivers licensing office.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A FEDERAL LAW AND AFFECTS ALL HORSEPEOPLE THAT MEET THE ABOVE CRITERIA!

Back by popular demand . . .

Soft Fly Spray

1 cup Avon Skin-So-Soft
2 cups white vinegar
1 tablespoon eucalyptus oil or oil of citronella.

Mix and place in fly sprayer

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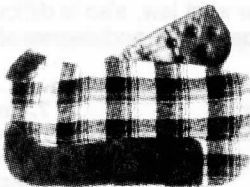
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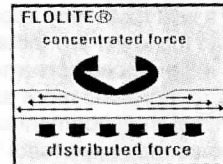
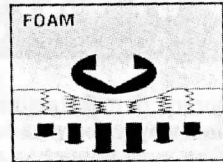
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IAHA Sweepstakes upped on regional rides

The IAHA Sweepstakes has upped the payoff to regional competitive trail ride champions to a whopping \$1,500. Reserve champion will get \$500 and remainder of top five, \$300. Purebreds and half-Arabians will be lumped together in determining winners. There will be no Sweepstakes payout in the Championship (formerly known as National Championship) Ride.

These actions taken by the sweepstakes commission were based on the desire to encourage greater participation in regional rides and on the fact that half-Arabian entries have been too few to warrant separate awards. Championship ride payout will be discontinued as these "National" (really International) rides have usually had only limited entries from outside the region.

Of course, in order to compete for these awards, the horses must be properly entered in the Sweepstakes program.

Neal McKinstry
NATRC's IAHA Liaison

HERE'S A Great Idea!

From our endurance friends . . .

When marking trail,
DON'T tie the ribbons . . .
pre-attach the ribbons
ahead of time to clothes-
pins!!! This way you can
have your different col-
ored ribbons all bagged
up and ready to tie onto
your saddle for easy trail
marking. Also, you can
use them again next year.
What an environmentally
sound idea!



Determining age . . .

Straight from the horse

Temporary, or milk, teeth are easily distinguishable from permanent ones because they are smaller and whiter.

The best way to learn to determine age in horses is by examining teeth of individual horses of known ages.

A mature male horse has 40 teeth, a mature mare has 36 and a foal of either sex has 24. The mare does not have known as a wolf tooth may appear in front of each molar tooth in the upper jaw, thus increasing the total number to 42. Wolf teeth in the lower jaw increase the total to 44 and 40 in the male and female, respectively.

Even experienced horsemen cannot determine the age of an animal accurately after it is 12 years old. After this age, teeth slant forward more and more as the horse becomes older.

An animal's environment can affect wear on teeth dramatically. Teeth of horses raised in dry, sandy areas, for example, western horse may have teeth that would be normal in a six - eight-year-old horse raised elsewhere. The teeth of cribbiters determine the age of such animals. The age of a horse with a parrot mouth, or under-shot jaw, also is difficult.

The approximate age of a horse can be determined by noting time of appearance, shape and degree of wear of teeth. In the illustrations, you can learn to do it yourself.

1. Temporary incisors to 10 days of age: First or central upper and lower temporary incisors appear.



2. Temporary incisors at four to six weeks of age: Second or intermediate upper and lower temporary incisors appear.



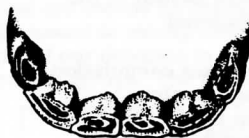
3. Temporary incisors at six to 10 months: Third or corner upper and lower temporary incisors appear.



4. Temporary incisors at one year: Crowns of central temporary incisors show wear.



5. Temporary incisors at one and one-half years: Intermediate temporary incisors show wear.



6. Temporary incisors at two years: All show wear.



7. Incisors at three years: Permanent incisors appear; temporary central intermediates; incisors remain.



8. Incisors at four years: Permanent incisors appear; temporary central intermediates; incisors remain.



9. Incisors at five years: Permanent incisors appear; temporary central intermediates; incisors remain.



se's mouth

by Raymond Schuessler

ishes as a rule. Quite commonly, a small, pointed tooth, the male and 38 in the female. Less frequently, two more the teeth change from oval to triangular and they project or ple, will show more than normal wear; a five-year-old s also show more than normal wear. It is difficult to oratory and permanent teeth. Using the following



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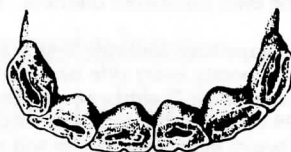
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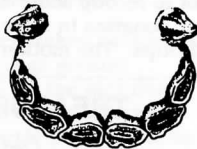
years: Cups
central



10. Incisors at seven years: Cups also worn out of lower intermediate incisors.



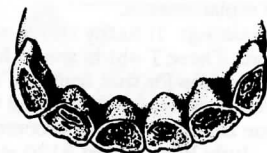
11. Incisors at eight years: Cups worn out of all lower incisors and dental star (dark line in front of cup) appears on lower central and intermediate pairs.



12. Incisors at nine years: Cups worn out of upper central incisors: dental star on upper central and intermediate pairs.



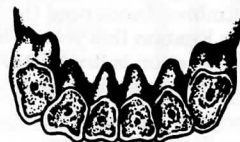
13. Incisors at 10 years: Cups also worn out of upper intermediate incisors, and dental star is present in all incisors.



14. Incisors at 11 or 12 years: Cups worn in all incisors (smooth mouthed), and dental star approaches center of cups.



15. Characteristic shape of lower incisors at 18 years.





Minutes of April 27, 1991 Rabbit Valley Trail Ride Rabbit Valley, Colo.

The meeting was called to order by Region III president, Judy Miller at 12:30 p.m. There was a quorum present to conduct business.

Present: Judy Miller, Kathy Morris, Judy Wise, Jerry Miller, Patty Embree, Kathy Hayes, Pat Jubb, Dr. Louie Pavetti, Chris Beaupertthey and Sharon Wright

Minutes: There were no additions or corrections to the minutes received by the members of the board.

Annual seminar: Patty Embree contacted Ghost Horse Ranch which offers their facility for educational seminars only. In light of this, the seminar will most likely take place in Durango. Patty will do further checking. Some of the choices discussed were for speakers and presenters including Lynn Brown of Ortho Flex and to include confirmation, Lynda Tellington-Jones on TEAM and Jack Mayer who identifies muscle groups and does massage.

Ride clinics: Patty and Kathy recently had a well-attended clinic.

Supplies: Pat Jubb reminded ride managers to send in the deposit when requesting supplies. She wondered if it was appropriate for her to go ahead and send out the supplies when the deposit was not received. We further discussed the penalty for late reports. Some felt that since national does not penalize for late reports, Region III should not either. It is also felt by some management that to add a penalty is strictly a punitive measure.

It was suggested that reminder cards be sent instead of assessing a monetary penalty. However, this has been done and without results. Kathy Hayes moved we drop the penalty and give a year's trial to see if this works and to review the outcome in one year to see if national and regional have received results in a timely fashion. The motion was seconded and carried.

Benefit ride: All board members are responsible for helping and/or working this ride. Region III will give money for getting this ride underway. Sanction application has been sent with the \$35 check. Jerry suggested we make this automatic so the management does not have to worry about getting things started each year. Kathy Morris moved we make available \$500 each year for this start-up money. The motion was seconded and passed.

Region III board members term expiration is coming up for the even numbered districts. Please be considering some possible replacements.

Fund raising: 1) Kathy Hayes suggested we have Region III competitive trail ride T-shirts to sell at all the rides in the region. These T-shirts would have a picture which could incorporate every ride name into it and be appropriate for each of the rides for that trail ride season. Kathy will organize sale of the T-shirts at all rides. Possible cost for these shirts would run about \$5.98 and would then be sold for \$10.98 or there about. It was further suggested we use some of the Sue Bretag fund and proceeds would go for our national board members. Kathy will need about \$110 to get started. Judy Wise moved \$120 start-up money be given to Kathy for this project. The motion was seconded and carried. 2) Cookbook - it was suggested someone start collecting recipes for an eventual cookbook. If we pursue this idea, we will need a chairman. Judy Wise volunteered as chairman and suggested she will get collection of ride-type recipes. She will report on the progress of this project at the next meeting.

Ride book: Consensus of the members - VERY IMPRESSED!!! The book almost paid for itself. Sena Fitzpatrick needs money for mailings. We should think about changes that are needed for the next printing. Discussion followed and it was further thought the book could be sold for a small amount to recoup some of the expenses.

New business: Colorado Horse Rescue was very appreciative of our donation in their support. Judy Wise moved we again donate \$100 to both the Front Range and West Slope rescue groups. The motion was seconded and passed.

Vacant committees:

Ride coordinator

Publicity (ongoing at present without a chairman)
Public Relations

Historian (suggested Neal McKinstry)

Our next board meeting will be at the Region III Benefit Ride beginning at noon. Please plan to attend.

Patty Embree announced the El Jinete Ride camp will be moving location this year. We will be notified of this change as location is firmed up.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Wright, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 26, 1991

Previous Balance (1-19-91)	\$2,680.12
Income	1,080.71
Expenses	756.49
New Balance	3,004.34
Sue Bretag	7,018.71
Ken Burkdoll	804.17
Ruth Tyree	735.70

Safety riders a welcome innovation in Region III

The Van Vleet NATRC Ride was first managed by Dean and Ariel Schrader in the fall of 1989. Dean was discussing his concerns with Jerry Davis about the remoteness of the Mountain Lion Loop of this ride. Jerry had participated as a drag rider for several years for numerous Region III competitive trail rides.

Jerry suggested a new concept he had been thinking about. His belief is that rather than drag riders, "Safety" riders are actually in the best interest of not only NATRC competitors but ride management. He outlined his plan to have safety riders strategically placed in among the competitors as well as behind each class. The goal is to have assistance readily available to a horse or rider in need of help.

Requirements for a safety rider include: 1, their horses must be in condition to move at the pace set by the competitors; 2, they must have competed a NATRC ride to fully understand the concerns of the competitors and/or be totally familiar with the rules of the ride; and 3, they should have basic knowledge of first aid for horse and rider.

Dean was enthusiastic about this concept and felt it

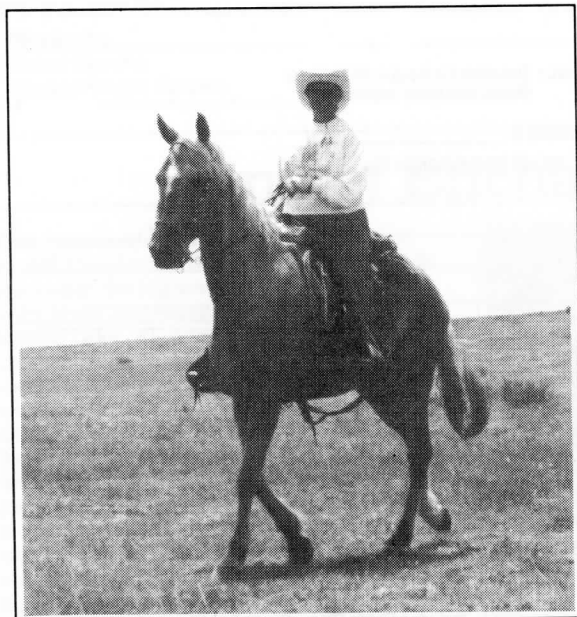
offered added advantages and versatility to deal with situations as they occurred on the trail. He agreed to pilot Jerry's new concept at the 1989 Van Vleet Ride.

Jerry outlined his plan at the Friday evening briefing. Following the ride, comments from the competitors were very positive. The safety concept proved to be very beneficial the first time in affect. Jerry was asked to take charge of the safety riders for the 1990 and 1991 Van Vleet rides.

June 1990, the Foothills Ride was held near Larkspur, Colo. Again, very remote and challenging trails lead Dean Schrader to call on Jerry for his experienced safety ride group. By now the advantages of this safety measure had spread and other Region III management teams are utilizing it.

Neil Spahn, Cottonwood Canyon Ride, Region VI, shared that he plans to implement this procedure in Nebraska.

A big THANKS to Dean and Jerry for the innovation and willingness to try something different which makes our sport safer onell



NOW IS A GOOD TIME to thank all of our wonderful safety riders including one of our favorite and most reliable riders Lois Arbour (pictured). We don't know what we would do without you all!

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NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

NATRC - Region III Membership Application form for 1991

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 Code

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 1991 Ride Year, you will ride as a Junior for the rest of the Ride Year. Juniors may ride upon reaching 10 any time 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 age 10 and under the age of 18

Junior Members in the Family

Birthdates of Juniors



List horses you or your family intend to ride in the 1991 Ride Season. This information will help the Point Secretary. Please do not use nicknames! Be sure you use the same correct name on all Ride Entries. PRINT CLEARLY!

Horse	Breed	Age	Registration #

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$13.00 (2 votes)
SINGLE SENIOR MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 (1 vote)
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: \$8.00 (no vote)

OPTIONAL: Donation for Region III National Board Members' expenses: \$

Amount due from above \$ Total amount: \$

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NATRC/REGION III

How/where/when did you find out about Competitive Trail Riding?

Which was your first Ride? Year

What do you like best about NATRC?

How would you improve NATRC Rides?

YOU MAY KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS IF YOU WISH

Region III dues paid: \$ Mail to: Iris Mosgrove, 10590 Egerton Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80908. You will receive a Region III/NATRC membership card upon receipt. If not, please check to be sure we received your Membership Application form and Membership fees.
 Donation: \$ Call Iris at: (719) 495-2906
 Total amount \$

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 each year or there will be an additional \$15.00 charge. We would like all renewals by that date if possible so we can have our 1991 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.

Be sure to carry your National NATRC Membership Card to each Ride to present in case any question regarding National NATRC Membership arises. NATRC National Members pay \$7.00 less than non-members.

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

What about two vet judges?

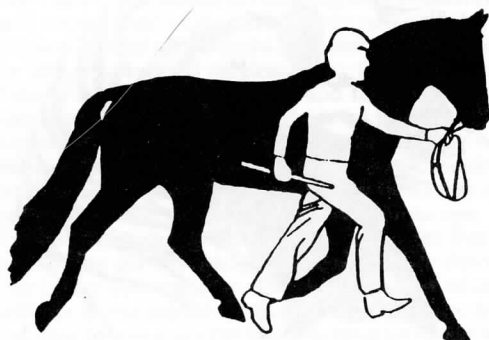
Something to think about from Region IV . . .

It has been suggested by a few people that perhaps the time has arrived for Region IV to consider the practice of using two vet judges at all our rides, by they limited to 60 or open. The reasons for this are many and valid. Sixty horses to judge by one vet is very difficult. That is 240 legs that the vet must examine usually four or five times ... 960 to 1,200 legs total. It is also very time-consuming. The vet feels obligated, and riders demand, a thorough examination of each and every horse. As riders, we lament the delay of Sunday mornings start and evening check-outs, but the vet has to look at each horse, and spend

So far I've just talked about vet judges. In talking with others, they feel that the horsemanship judge is better able to cope with 60 horses than the vet. Over 60 entries and you would probably need an additional judge. But at 60 riders, one horsemanship judge should be sufficient.

Therefore, management and riders of Region IV, think about this and talk among your peers. Is this something we need to try? Is this too expensive for the rides? Are the riders worth getting more judging? Are the vets worth having the stress and strain of 60 horses reduced?

Your comments would be appreciated. Write to your directors, newsletter or tell local clubs and/or ride management how you feel. Our sport is a great one and our goal is to make it even better!! - Shared from Region IV Newsletter



an equal amount of time and concentration on each horse. Many vets are just worn out after a weekend of NATRC competition. They certainly don't do it for the monetary gain, as most lose money by missing their practice for two or three days. We have to wonder if they are having fun when we work them so hard. So they have to be doing this because they love our sport and horses.

OK, now you are saying vet judges are too expensive to have two at each ride. Maybe. But being a rider and in management, I know I prefer to have my horse examined and observed as many times as possible. With only one vet for 60 horses, you are lucky to be seen on the trail three times each day. If you could limit that to 30 horses (for the sake of argument), you could see those horses maybe 10 times during the weekend. I would think I was getting more for my money knowing I was observed more often, more closely and by a vet who was not worn out and tired from looking at so many horses. Therefore, I would be willing to pay a little more, say \$5 - \$10 more (\$300 extra at a full 60 ride), on an entry knowing I would be getting a better evaluation of my horse at the ride.



**Groucho's
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Scott Marx

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Here's a little information about the many breeds of horses we use in our sport of competitive trail riding.

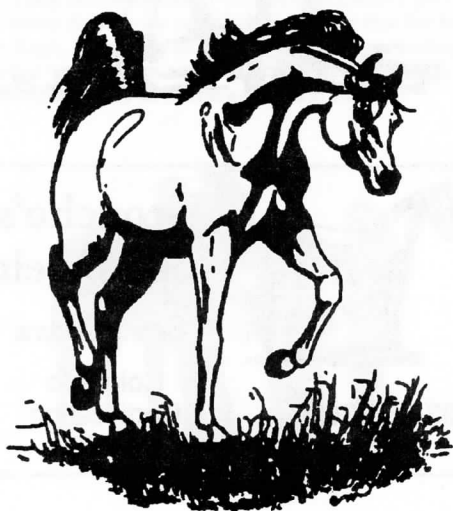
This issue ...

Arabians

Arabians are bred for speed and endurance under harsh desert conditions, and their colors the rich chestnut brown and the soft dapple gray reflect the diversity that is characteristic of this great horse.

The oldest and purest breed of horse known, the Arabian was developed for use in the desert thousands of years ago - so long ago, in fact, that its origins are shrouded in mystery and legend. It is certain, however, that the Arabian is the product of generations of selective breeding for outstanding performance under conditions other breeds can barely tolerate. The story is told of a 90-mile race between an Arabian and an English thoroughbred from the city of Cairo to Suez and back. The Arabian completed the distance in eight hours, finishing in good condition, but the thoroughbred collapsed along the way.

Archaeological evidence indicates that the Arabian existed at least 3,000 years before the birth of Christ. Any history reveals that the horse played a major role in the success of Muslim armies when they invaded Africa and Europe during the 7th and 8th centuries. Hundreds of years later, ENGLISH crusaders mounted on their ponderous chargers encountered the nimble, surefooted Arabian in the Holy Land. They were so impressed that they took several fine specimens back to Europe and bred them as parade horses.



Modern breeding programs began during the early 19th century in Poland and Spain. At the same time the Russians recognized the superiority of the Arabian when the Tartars suffered losses to the Turks, who were mounted on the desert horse. As a result, the Russians started a breeding program of their own with captured Arabians.

Meanwhile, the British had been importing Arabian stallions to breed with the English thoroughbred since the late 17th century. By the time wealthy American colonists began importing English thoroughbreds during the middle of the following century, much breeding had already taken place. As a result, all American thoroughbreds can be traced back to three Arabian stallions imported into England during the late 17th and early 18th centuries: Byerly Turk, Darley Arabian and Godolphin Arabian.

Would you like to see your favorite breed featured in the Region III Newsletter? If so, please send your information (*typed please*) to Jill Talbot, 858 Marshall Road, Boulder, CO 80303.

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!

Welcome to our newest National NATRC and Region III members:

Margaret Redle; Aurora, CO
Bonnie Eicher; Durango, CO
Thurman Dabbs; Farmington, NM
Dale Smith; Englewood, CO
Philip Hassinger; Crestone, CO
Lynette Irby; Greeley, CO
Paula Wills; Sedalia, CO

James & Marguerite Porter; Peyton, CO
Christine Beauperthuy; Colo. Spgs., CO
Kate Main; Penrose, CO
Pamela Gerten; Crestone, CO
Mai Wisdom; Sterling, CO
Bill & Jenny Smith; Flora Vista, CO

Welcome to our newest National members (Not yet Region III members:)

Warner Wells family; Las Cruces, NM
Richard Leone, DVM; Colo. Spgs., CO

Clifton Brooks; Farmington, NM
Betty Squire; Longmont, CO

Pat Parelli **Natural Horse-Man-Ship Course** Longmont, Colorado Boulder County Fairgrounds

Fri., Aug. 30, 7-9 p.m. – Horse Psychology demonstration/course preview
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Bits and Pieces

The Region's Plea

*Our sport is one of the best,
But, supporting it is the real test.*

*We need new riders to join Region III,
And old members to pay-up, you see?*

*So before you hit the trail,
Send your RENEWAL in the mail!*

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 are 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!

Ride critiques discontinued

As of a recent National Board of Directors meeting it was voted that there will no longer be any ride critiques.

Any comments can and should be directed to Region III Board members, National Board members or Gloria Becker at (619) 58-TRAIL

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.

Eligibility requirements:

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 horses and riders will be eligible for the Ruth Tyree High Average Horsemanship and Ken Burkdoll Combined High Average Horse/Rider awards if they enter a minimum of six (6) regional rides. All rides started will be counted.

Competitive Pleasure horses and riders must enter two (2) rides per season and accumulate a minimum of 20 points to be eligible for year-end placings.

Competitive Pleasure horses and riders will be eligible to compete for the High Average Combined Horse/Rider award but must enter a minimum of four (4) rides per season.

Top horse in competitive pleasure shall be considered as a sweepstakes horse within the class and shall receive 2 additional points as done in novice and open divisions.

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 points for sweepstakes (18).

Special 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.

Memo from Supply Chairman

1. Rides are requested to send the results of a Ride to National within two weeks after the Ride. Ride results and Region III rider fees should be sent at the same time to the Supply Chairman.

2. If the Rides do not accomplish the above, they will be penalized as follows:

a. After 3 weeks, management will forfeit their supply deposit and be fined \$25 (total being \$40).

b. After 8 weeks, management will be fined an additional \$50 (cumulative fine \$75).

c. No supplies will be shipped to Ride Management the following year unless all fees and fines have been paid.

Verifying points and mileage

The Point Secretary keeps all Region III members' points and mileage each year. You are welcome to verify your points with the Chairman by Oct. 15 of the current year, otherwise you must accept the points as calculated by the Point Secretary.

Contact:

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 1 of each year will have to pay an additional \$15 secretarial fee if they wish to have either their horse or rider points and 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.

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Bits and Pieces

Membership computer labels now offered

Pat Militzer is in charge of all computerization of membership for Region III. She also does membership labels for the Newsletter and makes labels for Ride Chairs and Clinic organizers. These lists offer much information and can be categorized by Districts, zip codes and include people who rode within the past two years. This can be helpful to solicit participants for all Region III/NATRC events. The fee is \$5.

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Horse classics calendar

Arabians are featured on the cover of the 1991 Horse Classics desk appointment calendar.

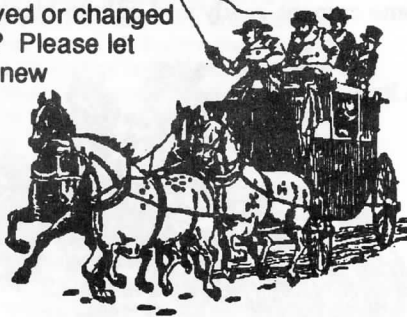
The appointment calendar has more than 50 full-color horse photos, one for each week, representing more than a dozen breeds.

The 112-page calendar also contains a special riding vacation directory and important dates of equestrian events.

For prices and more information, write Horse Classics, 4799 Lower Mountain Rd., Dept. AHE, New Hope, PA 18938 or call (215) 794-5878. - October 1990 Arabian Horse Express

New address?

Have you moved or changed your address? Please let us know your new address as soon as possible so you will continue to receive the Region III Newsletter.



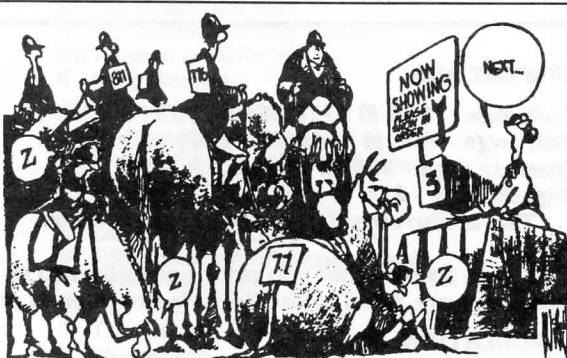
Horse nutrition tape

Horse nutrition is the topic of the latest VHS video tape from Virginia Tech.

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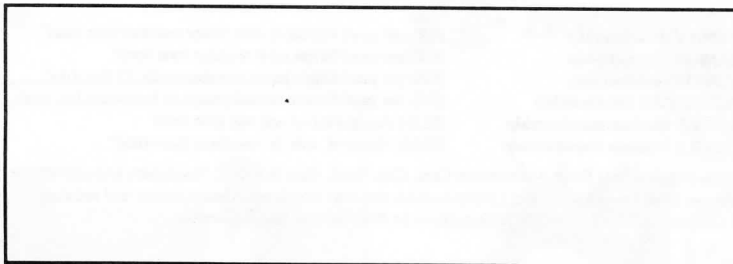
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