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Jill Talbot
Hicks watches
over the
NATRC booth
at the Rocky
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Horse Expo in
Denver on
Mar. 29-31.
The display
attracted many
individuals
interested in
competitive
trail riding.

NATRC booth draws interest at Horse Expo

So many people are interested in our sport... and what fun we had!

any thanks to all the Region III members that spent time volunteering at the NATRC Region III exhibit at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo. The Expo was

held at the National Western Events Center in Denver, Mar. 29-31, 1996.

We all enjoyed chatting with many interested horse people about competitive trail riding.

Lots of Region III ride books, ride schedules and newsletters were given out. Many folks were interested in attending clinics being offered this season.

The Horse Expo is great for not only advertising our sport, but for learning about the many different breeds of horses and horse disciplines. If you have never attended this event before, be sure to mark your calendars for next March and come check it out.

Thanks again to all who helped out! – *Jill Talbot Hicks, chairperson*



Region III needs nominees to the NATRC national board

he region is looking for one new Region III member to be our representative on the national NATRC national board of directors beginning in January 1997.

This person would have to commit to a three-year term, and would be attending three meetings a year in various cities across the country. Travel expenses are reimbursed by the region, plus the transportation costs

are split equally among all members of the board who are attending the meeting. This person would also be going to the regional board meetings.

The deadline for nominations is Sept. 1, 1996. Contact either Judi Tobias (719) 593-7310 or Jill Hicks (303) 494-2531 for more information and to receive an application/resume for this rewarding position. Support NATRC! Give back some time and effort!

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Ride/clinic schedule

- •May 25-26 **Turkey Track Competitive Trail Ride**; Albuquerque, NM Contact: Georgia Daves (505) 869-3553
- •Jun. 8-9 **Cavaliers Competitive Trail Ride;** Colorado Springs, CO Contact: Judy Wise Mason (719) 495-4437
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- Jul. 6 **Willow Springs "B" Competitive Trail Ride;** Jefferson, CO Contact: Sue McKelvy (303) 838-2531
- •Jul. 27-28 **El Jinete Solitario Competitive Trail Ride;** Durango, CO Contact: Steve Ancell (970) 247-9717
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- Aug. 31-Sep. 1 **Top of the World Competitive Trail Ride**; Foxton, CO Contact: Thom Harris (303) 838-5894
- Sep. 14-15 **Golden Gate Competitive Trail Ride;** Blackhawk, CO Contact: Judd Adams (303) 494-4241
- •Oct. 5-6 **Chokecherry Canyon Competitive Trail Ride**; Farmington, NM Contact: Russ Jones (505) 334-3156
- •Oct. 19 **David B. Thomas "B" Competitive Trail Ride;** Farmington, NM Contact: Chris Barns (505) 325-1171

Santa Fe Trail celebrates 175th anniversary

rearly 175 years ago William Becknel set out on a journey looking for wild adventure and enormous wealth. He got both. Becknell and his small band of men opened America's first and most exotic trans-Mississippi pathway to the West – the Santa Fe Trail.

1996 marks the 175th anniversary of the opening of the Trail and you'll still find adventure and a wealth of rich history in exploring the Santa Fe Trail. Communities along the Trail in the five Santa Fe states – Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico – are celebrating this anniversary and ask you to join the celebration and re-blaze a portion of this historic trail.

The anniversary celebration will take many forms but from July 19-21, 1996, Springer, New Mex., a small and friendly community in northeast New Mexico, will be conducting their celebration. They cordially invite you to help re-create the spirit of the western frontier and become a part of the huge three day festival.

Let your imagination come to life and enjoy the adventure and romance of the Santa Fe Trail. A 20-mile trail ride will take place which will take you on a portion of the Trail, over the Rock Crossing on the Canadian River and past historic grave sites. You will ride through working cattle ranches in the shadows of the Sangre De Cristo mountains. Enjoy chuck wagon dinners, country western dancing and an arts and crafts festival. There will also be a ranch rodeo, play day, team roping and fun events for the entire family.

A brochure and information are available through the Springer Chamber of Commerce at (505) 483-2998, P.O. Box 323, Springer, NM 87747.

T.R.A.I.L. With Horses clinic a big success this year

he T.R.A.I.L. With Horses Competitive Trail Ride Clinic, held Feb. 24, 1996, was a huge success. Even though the day was cloudy, cold and blustery, everyone who signed up, showed up. The participants already showed what it takes to be a competitive trail rider – perseverance and determination to ride no matter what the weather.

The group was broken up into three sections to keep the number of horses on each trail to a minimum, and because smaller groups tend to be safer. One horse was kicked, but no injuries to people occurred – which is wonderful considering the fact that 12 TRAIL members with nine horses and 21 clinic participants with 19 horses attended.

Each group had a leader, a rider in the middle and one to bring up the rear (all from TRAIL) to assist. The groups went on a short trail ride complete with a pulse and respiration check on their horses. The riders learned how to do their own P&R checks, as well as tips on teaching body position on uphills and downhills, backing, mounting and backing in hand. After returning to camp, they had lunch and listened to a talk by Audrey Taylor. Then, they watched a demonstration of a correct check-in procedure. The participants were given mountains of information on horse conditioning, pacing and horsemanship judging. They also received completion ribbons, door prizes and a \$10 coupon to be used toward their first competitive trail ride.

A big thank you is due the *Horseman's Voice* for promotion of the clinic and to the city of Albuquerque, New Mex., Open Space for allowing us to use the Elena Gallegos picnic area. We also wish to thank all those

hikers and mountain bikers we met on the trail for being so courteous and friendly.

Thanks, thanks, thanks!

Georgia and I wish to personally thank the following people for showing up on such a cold, windy, blustery day to help put on the T.R.A.I.L. With Horses Competitive Trail Ride Clinic. To Jackie, Lynelle, Ann, Lydia, Susan, Paul, Laura, Carol, Walt and Gary. Every one of you worked very hard to make this clinic the very best for all the participants. The clinic took in over \$300 to go toward the 1996 Turkey Track Ride, plus we have 20 more horse people interested in either riding or helping out at the ride - and possibly joining T.R.A.I.L. Good work, great fun. Thanks! - Audrey Taylor

National takes positive steps

several very positive actions were taken by the NATRC national board at the February meeting in Dallas, Tex. First the board voted to have the national office acquire an Internet hookup. So as you read this, NATRC is going on line. Watch for further details.

Second, the board agreed to give recognition to the the high point horses in Competitive Pleasure and each Novice division in each region, beginning with this ride year. The regions will be responsible for getting the results to the national office. This is a recognition only, and details are to be worked out at the July board meeting – but it is a major breakthrough. If you have any feelings on the subject, let Jill

Hicks or Judi Tobias know before the July meeting.

Next, the board gave Judi, who is national publicity director, a budget of \$500 to pay for articles about competitive trail riding to be forwarded to horse publications. If you have an article you'd like to write, contact Judi for details. Be prepared to give her an outline of your story.

Finally, the board is starting a way to encourage Junior riders financially. Juniors can ask for contributions from businesses or individuals to help fund their membership or ride entries. National will give recognition to the donor and the Junior rider. Watch *Hoof Print* for more information. – *Judi Tobias*

Changes to ride and membership books

- The date of the Chokecherry ride has been changed to Sept. 28-29, 1996.
- The date of the David B. Thomas ride has been changed to Oct. 12, 1996.
- In the membership directory: Dee Overholt's phone numbers are reversed on page 1. Home phone is (303) 838-3954 and work is (303) 838-7507.

Dan Fredal's phone number on inside front cover should be (719) 481-3071 and the home number on page 1 should also be (719) 481-3071.

Bill Smith's home state is New Mexico (not Colorado) on pages 1 and 5. The zip code is correct.

Please note these changes in your respective books. Thanks, Joyce and Lisa.

Continental Divide Trail Alliance seeking members

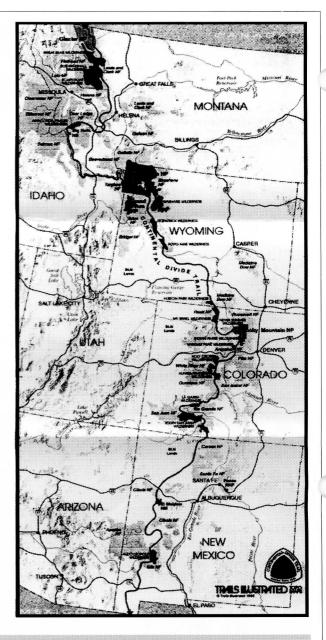
Become a member of the Continental Divide Trail Alliance (CDTA) and be among the first to help support the efforts to build, maintain, manage and protect the trail. When you join, your contribution will support volunteer efforts, construction and maintenance projects, educational and informational materials and programs, management and protection of the Trail and advocation for policy issues related to the CDT.

A trail whose time has come.

As a member, you will receive the quarterly newsletter, *The Continental Divide Trail News*. This newsletter will cover topics such as volunteer opportunities, projects in the works, trail status information, safety and low impact trail tips, agency perspectives, news and updates on the CDTA.

The CDT spans 3,100 miles from Canada to Mexico, encompassing a wealth of cultural and historical significance against a backdrop of our nation's most dramatic scenery, abundant wildlife and precious natural resources. It is estimated that 70 percent of the Trail is complete. Many refer to the CDT as "a trail whose time has come," but many others ask if it is not perhaps "a trail that is long over-due."

For more information, call or write the CDTA. The address is P.O. Box 628, Pine, CO 80470. Phone (303) 838-3760.



Sudan grass hay - not the feed of choice

note to horse owners intending to feed their horses sudan grass hay. Sudan grass is actually a sorghum and is the "choice from hell" due to cyanide poisoning.

Any interruption in the growth of sudan – freezing, insufficient water or sudden growth, sprays or heavy nitrite fertilization – may cause it to yield free hydrocyanic acid (cyanide) which is released into the horse's system by chopping or chewing. It only takes 15-

20 minutes before your unlucky horse will begin to show signs of illness – excitement, rapid pulse, spasms, etc.

Adding grass to an alfalfa diet can sometimes improve P&Rs.

Death can take place within 30-45 minutes, but if the animal can survive for two hours with speedy veterinary assistance, it will usually recover.

Stick with oat or barley hay, timothy, bermuda or fescue (although fescue shouldn't be fed to pregnant mares, but is fine for working horses). Adding grass to an alfalfa diet can sometimes improve P&Rs, reduce excessive sweating and give your horse more chewing time — giving him something to do. — This article was borrowed from Region II, contributed by Liz Grogan—source: MERCK VETERINARY MANUAL.

Upgraded insurance offered to NATRC managers

new event liability and accident program developed exclusively for NATRC-sanctioned events is being offered by Equisure, Inc.

Legal liability of insureds is covered with respect to claims or judgements brought against insureds by spectators, participants or others arising from the use fo grounds or operations necessary to the event.

The event itself, the sponsoring organization, show committee members, officials and landowners are covered. Coverage applies for the days of practice and actual event as well as set-up and take-down days

which have been contracted with the event landowner.

Optional accident and medical coverage for volunteers and officials (over the age of 12 and under the age of 75) is offered in addition to the liability coverage.

The cost of insurance to ride managers for the liability insurance only is \$65/day + 10% tax and fee, equaling \$71.50 per event day. Combination liability and accident and medical coverage will run \$85/day + 10% tax and fee totaling \$93.50 per event day.

Contact Laurie Butterfield P.O. Box 2136, Ranchos de Taos, NM 87557-2136 – (505) 751-4198 for more info.

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Suggestions for your horse's first aid kit

question I am often asked by my horse clients while out on veterinary appointments is, "What items do you recommend for a horse first aid kit for trail riding or the barn?" Since many minor injuries and problems can be adequately handled by the horse owner, at least until veterinary help arrives, I would like to share some ideas for a basic first aid kit. Most of the following items can be found at a drug or feed store or can be purchased from your veterinarian. The complete list of items is recommended for your stable or barn, while the items in **bold** type can usually fit into a saddlebag for trail rides.

- stethoscope normal heart rate is approximately 36-44 beats per minute
- thermometer normal temperature is approximately 100°F
- scissors
- electric or hand clippers
- **tweezers** to pull cactus or thorns
- hair comb for cactus removal

- hoofpick
- pocketknife multiple uses
- bandana emergency use to stop bleeding, cover tack to prevent galls, etc.
- gloves plastic or latex exam gloves
- pliers/wire cutter for unexpected fence entanglements or nail puncture
- Betadine/iodine solution dilute with water to clean wounds
- · rubbing alcohol
- liniment
- · antibiotic ointment
- ophthalmic ointment
- vaseline to prevent further tack galls due to friction rubs (girth area)
- telfa pads/gauze squares to apply as a first layer over a wound
- roll or sheet cotton to pad or cushion legs when bandaging
- **Vetrap or polo bandage** to apply as a final layer when bandaging legs
- "Bute" (phenylbutazone) used for pain, swelling, fever; can be purchased from your veterinarian and is given orally

(bute paste tube is handy for saddlebag)

• ice packs - available commercially, or can make your own with 1 part rubbing alcohol and 3 parts water; freeze in a ziplock bag to a "slush"; use to decrease heat, pain or swelling on limbs

Many other first aid items can be included. Use your own human first aid kit for additional ideas. Practice bandaging, monitoring temperature and pulse, etc. at home so you feel comfortable doing it before you need to. Prevention is always the best treatment.

Wishing you healthy horses and happy trails. – Borrowed from Pima Trails Assoc., written by Jodie Petersen, DVM



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Roberts and Smith finally do the deed

The whisper of a mountain breeze caressed the embrace of two bearts joined in love on Cinco de Mayo, Sunday, May 5, 1996

riends and relatives certainly felt this way as they witnessed the marriage of two very special people - Lonnie Smith and Terri Roberts (aka light'n butt and now T-Rob-Smith).

The setting was picturesque and "Polly Perfect" in a canyon next to the Dolores River, with the mountains as backdrop. The couple serpentined around their guests mounted on their horses Boomer and Dennis. followed by friends and relatives also on horseback.

Lonnie and Terri both looked elegant in their wedding attire. Terri was in her best riding outfit by far. She looked beautiful in her long white gown that cascaded down her horse. Lonnie was quite handsome in his black tuxedo and maverick hat. Best man Bill Smith looked very dapper in his tux also and maid of honor Judy Bengfort was a pretty sight in her long flowing pink dress. The horses in the wedding parade were decorated with flowers, ribbons and strings of pearls. It was truly a royal day.

> "A Joy shared is a Joy doubled" - Goethe

It was hard to believe for all of us in attendance to finally hear the words "I Do" from the two of them, after all these years. But, there it was - spoamidst clapping, whistling hoorahs and yipees from those in attendance. There was no backing out as Steve Ancell, shotgun in tow, made sure the

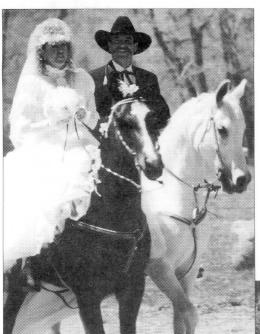
couple signed the license.

Of course, everyone celebrated afterward with a feast, champagne, beer and country music. Toasts were offered to wish the couple good cheer and the best of luck on their continued happy trails together.

A honeymoon? The last time anyone saw them, they were galloping off in a Porsche to soak in the hot springs of Ouray, Colo. We will be seeing you on the trail, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smith! Congratulations from all of us!!!

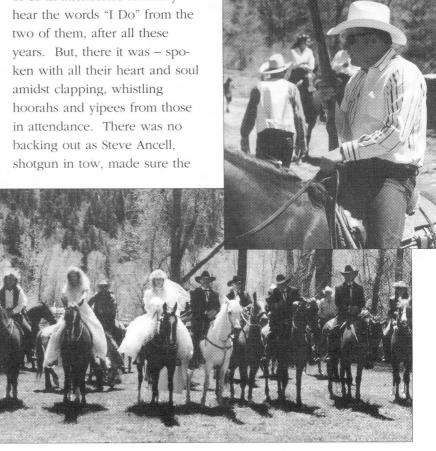
- Patti Embree and Kathe Hayes

Steve Ancell, shotgun in hand, makes darn sure nobody gits in the way of Terri and Lonnie bein' hitched.



Best wishes to Terri Roberts and Lonnie Smith (above) as they ride off into the sunset together on their horses Dennis and Boomer. They were wed May 5, 1996 in a beautiful mountain setting next to the Dolores River.

At left, mounted well-wishers make sure the happy couple gets off to even happier trails together.



Freeze marking an effective theft deterrent

t some time or another you've probably seen the cryptic markings of a freeze brand on a horse's neck. Ever wonder why it's there or how on earth anyone can figure out what it says?

Freeze marking, using the International Angle System, was developed in the late 1960's by Dr. Keith Farrell. It is exclusively available from Kryo Kinetics Associates, Inc. for any equine, registered or grade, including burros, mules – even llamas! It is the only identification method that qualifies an animal to be entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer. NCIC information is available to law enforcement officials nationwide.

Very few horses marked in this way are stolen, as they are easily identifiable as stolen property by the owner and the NCIC. Slaughter-houses must check for freeze marks

due to regulations regarding horses from the BLM Adopt-A-Horse program and the award offered by Kryo Kinetics Associates, Inc.

After a horse is properly verified and paperwork is complete, the marking iron is set with the proper breed or state symbol, year of birth and registration or state-assigned number. The neck is clipped and cleaned. The iron is chilled in liquid nitrogen and put in place. Length of time applied depends on animal's color, age, sex, thickness of skin, time of year and amount of pressure. The intense cold of the iron painlessly alters the colorproducing chemicals in the hair follicle causing the coat to grow back white around a bald center. A gray or white horse will have a bald mark. Also in a gray, the pigment will return to the skin, enhancing the mark.

- Information supplied by the Flying Walker Ranch, Aurora, Colo.

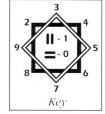
How to read a freeze mark

The first symbol shows the registering organization or state, the next two smaller symbols - one above the other - note the year of birth and the underlined symbols show the registration or state-assigned number of the animal. The example below shows a Quarter Horse registered under 1 million, born in 1972, registration number 869404:

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The symbols below are used for each listed registry. State symbols are used for grade or those from other registries:

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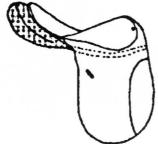
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