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# A testimonial to helmets

true experience from the Outlaw Trail ride at Craig, Colo., on the weekend of July 5, 1997.

Of all the rides I've ridden, this one has been the most challenging. Moeft (Moe, for short) and I timed out from camp not realizing what was in store for us. We followed a two mile track over a dusty trail to the top of a hill, then down a steep incline to the bottom of a draw. Up and out the steep bank we went, clawing and scrambling for a foothold until we reached the top. The trail leveled for a short distance and then the fun began.

Moe is a gutsy five-year-old Missouri Foxtrotter gelding, 14 hands, 800 pounds - and all heart. He packed my 240 pounds up and through one of the rockiest canyons I'd ever been in. He scrambled, jumped and stepped up ledges, over boulders and fallen tree trunks. Carefully he stepped, trying not to slip or fall into crevasses and holes in the rock, much like a ballet dancer. He studied the trail, but never balked or hesitated. Together we worked our way up the trail until we came to a very (and I mean very) steep, rocky stair step-type of bench about 6 feet high with three or four narrow footholds. As Moe started up, I let him do his own thing, giving him all the rein he

wanted. He was sliding on the narrow trail but managed to keep going. As we neared the top, I saw a wide crack in the rock. I almost knew my horse was going to end up with a broken leg.

The instinctiveness of a horse can be amazing. Moe missed the crack and made it to the edge of the ledge with me still aboard. It took only seconds with me thinking "Dear Lord, let us reach the top safely."

Now while all this was going on, I

tried to stay in the saddle and maintain my balance but as Moe reached the top, he lost his balance and off I went. I landed on a rock, hitting my head and ended up under the horse's hind feet (still holding onto the reins). Moe turned to me as if to say, "What are you doing down there, old man?" You should've seen the expression on his face with ears cocked forward.

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### Youth Sponsorship Program

New Mex., is a participant in this year's Region 3 Youth Sponsorship Program.

The Championship Challenge ride profit went to benefit this program

which gives junior rides a chance to participate in two rides at half-price as well as get their Region 3 membership dues paid for the year.

Terri Daugherty is running the program for the region. She also

donated a beautiful stainedglass artwork at the seminar last January to help fund the youth program.

Any juniors planning to ride in 1998 should take advantage of this great incentive. Terri can be reached at (719) 599-7038 for more information.

If you would like to make a contribution to this worth-

ontribution to this worthwhile effort to increase junior rider membership in our region, please give Terri a call.



# Region 3

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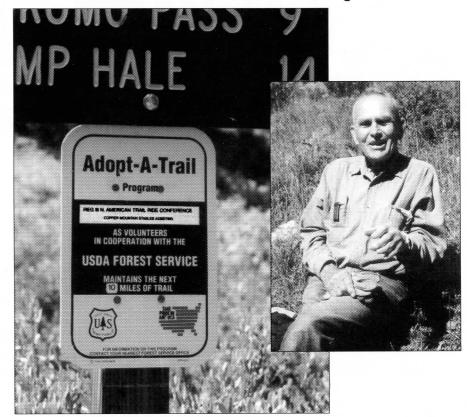
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# Another Colorado Trail success story



We lugged lots of rocks to shore up sections of the trail that had crumbled off on slopes from the heavy traffic – foot, bike and horse. We also built water bars and creek crossings to halt erosion.

**Neal McKinstry** (pictured above right) from Grand Junction, Colo., is such a grand man – he tried to lift and carry as much as he could, but his most valuable work was in acting as liaison with the young man who coordinated and directed our work on the trail and encouraging his "crew." – Sue McKelvy

#### **News from National**

ajor news coming out of the national board meeting on Nov. 8-9, 1997, is the rule change allowing electrolytes to be administered by oral syringe. The change passed by a narrow margin. One of the concerns voiced regarding this change is that people will now misuse or overuse electrolytes, thereby causing harm to their horses. NATRC will institute an educational effort to inform riders how to correctly use electrolytes. Region 3 will follow suit – this will be discussed at our seminar in Taos this January. Be prepared to come, listen and ask questions.

The search for the NATRC slogan continues! None of the slogans submitted were chosen by the board, so you still have time to come up with a great slogan and win two ride entries of your choice anywhere in the U.S. in 1998. Put down a few words what NATRC is all about and send to your board member before Feb. 1, 1998, and you could be the big winner! – *Judi Tobias* 

## Let's Grow With Youth and **New Competitors**

#### by Bob Santistevan, seminar chairman

egion 3 members, you have probably received your seminar registration forms in the mail. In case you've misplaced the form you will find another one here in the newsletter. They are to be returned by mail to Bob Santistevan, Box 462, Aztec, NM 87410.

YOU, THE MEMBERS asked for an expanded seminar with knowledgable and inspiring speakers... we have them!

The seminar will take place in Taos, NM at the Sagebrush Inn. the Inn is located about halfway between Taos and Ranchos De Taos, headed toward Santa Fe. Our theme this year will be "Let's Grow With Youth and New Competitors." If you have any interested friends please bring them along - we need new members!

Our program features speakers Mike Riegger, DVM, and Marty Martin.

Dr. Riegger will speak on one of the following topics; 1.) No legs, no horse 2.) Horses need not die from colic, lessons from the surgery table 3.) Use and misuse of drugs 4.) Man isn't the horse's best friend, but he can be.

Then again, Dr. Riegger may speak on something totally different.

Following up will be Marty Martin's presentation. He hasn't settled on a topic yet

ONLY ONE RULE! You must be registered to attend the seminars and enjoy the Hospitality Room.

I would like to thank the following individuals who have helped me put this seminar together - Laurie Butterfield, Theda Crispin, Bill and Jenny Smith.

Room reservations must be made by Dec. 16, 1997 for best pricing and fireplace rooms Call the Sagebrush Inn at 1-800-428-3626. Don't forget to mention you're with NATRC.

Meal reservation deadline is Jan. 12, 1998

#### Friday, Jan. 16, 1998

1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Registration

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Board of directors meeting

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Hospitality Room open with "Meet the pro's

head safety protection."

#### Saturday, Jan. 17, 1998

7:30 a.m.

8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Mike Riegger, DVM

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Lunch

Marty Martin

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

General session

Late registration

7 p.m.

Banquet

8 p.m.

Awards presentation

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#### OFFICIAL RIDE RESULTS

#### Signal Butte August 16-17, 1997

Sweepstakes -

Open: Ellen Lovett/Prince Alla Ba Hatl Novice: Kary Woltman/Copy's Talk of Texas

**Open Heavyweight** 

1/3 Gdapper/H. Logan

2/1 Duster's Image/L. Keckler

3/2 Fox;s Charming Prince/M. Jubb

**Open Lightweight** 

1/3 Prince Alla Ba Hatl/E. Lovett

2/2 Harca/S. Beverly

3/4 Egyptian Gem Star/K. Shanor

4/5 Ra Amon/E. Chavanon

5/1 Sierra Blue/D. Schriefer

**Competitive Pleasure** 

1/4 CR Krystalette/P. Jubb

2/5 Major/D. Schlisler

3/2 Chico's Paintbrush/K. Cummings

4/1 Just A Thriller/A. Rubenstein

5/6 Chantilly Shamar/L. Hoth

6/3 Carol's Kopper Bar/M. Baker

**Novice Heavyweight** 

1/ Chester

2/1 Dale/A. Miller

3/5 Scinsational Lady/C. Rowe

4/6 Khal Kharisma

5/3 Ebony's Angel Design/T. Woltman

6/2 Flight's Gorgeous Son/J. Benham

/4 Kirk Fraser

/6 Linda Miller

**Novice Lightweight** 

1/1 Copy's Talk of Texas/K. Woltman

2/2 Quickly/K. Wolgram

3/4 KF Blizzard/J. Feldman

4/3 Poppy/B. Wolgram

5/6 Raiken/S. Hollis

Jill Talbot Hicks

Jeff Hicks

6/5 Ammoniet/S. Cornes

Apologies for any misspellings - I.

#### Chokecherry Canyon September 27-28, 1997

Sweepstakes -

**Open:** Janine Ancell/Lady's Charlie B **Novice:** Susan Cornes/Ammoniet

**Open Heavyweight** 

1/3 Lady's Charlie B/ J. Ancell

2/5 Egyptian Gem Star/M. Shanor

3/4 Wood's Rawhide Ace/J. Smith

4/2 June's Lucky Mac/B. Smith

5/1 Max-A-Million/S. Ancell

#### **Open Lightweight**

1/2 Par Sundance/K. Hayes

2/1 SA Boomer/T. Smith

3/4 Zarr-Tan/K. Shanor

4/3 Mahra Khan/M. Parish

#### **Open Junior**

1/1 Dutchess Royal Duke/C. Smith

**Competitive Pleasure** 

1/2 WSA Desert Wind/A. Taylor

2/6 Ms Khema Marie/S. White

3/1 Just-A-Thriller/A. Rubenstein

4/4 Chico's Paintbrush/K. Cummings

5/3 Go Boy's Grand Finale/F. Hudson 6/5 Rock'n EZ Rhythm/G. Daves

**Novice Heavyweight** 

1/1 Khal Kharisma/J. Lear

2/3 Scinsational Lady/C. Rowe

3/2 Moeft/B. Santistevan

4/4 Mack's Ozark Dude/M. Webb

#### **Novice Lightweight**

1/1 Ammoniet/S. Cornes

2/2 Ginger/L. Greenhaus

3/3 DeLaida/T. Ray

4/4 Angel's Half Moon/C. Campbell

#### **Novice Junior**

1/1 Taffy/L. Daves

2/2 Mandy/M. Jones

Apologies for any misspellings - I.

#### David B. Thomas October 11, 1997

Sweepstakes -

Open: Jenny Smith/Wood's Rawhide

Ace

Novice: Debbie Morris/Kristabar CP Combined – Nola Rekart/Brule

**Open Heavyweight** 

1/2 Wood's Rawhide Ace/J. Smith

2/1 Max-A-Million/L. Ancell

3/5 Lady's Charlie B/W. Ancell

4/3 June's Lucky Mac/b. Smith

5/4 Mack's Ozark Dude/M. Webb

#### **Open Lightweight**

1/1 Par Sundance/K. Hayes

2/2 Par Torpedo/P. Embree

3/4 Zirconia/J. Fanelli

4/3 Ammoniet/S. Cornes

5/5 Scooter/P. Davis

#### **Open Junior**

1/1 Dutchess Royal Duke/C. Smith

#### **Competitive Pleasure**

1/ Ms Khema Marie

2/3 Brule/N. Reckart

3/4 Peaches/J. Quintana

4/ Go Boy Grand Finale

5/1 WSA Desert Wind/A. Taylor

6/6 Midge Ridge/S. Moreland

/2 Donna Brooks

/5 Georgia Daves

#### **Novice Heavyweight**

1/1 HA Petala/C. Knauss

2/6 Khemo's Rhalif/J. White

3/ Scinsational Lady

4/3 Gallahad/J. Rekart

5/ Moeft/B. Santistevan

6/2 Romeo/B. Jones /4 Ben O'Neal

/5 Curtis Burnett

#### **Novice Lightweight**

1/2 Kristabar/D. Morris

2/1 Ginger/L. Greenhaus

3/3 Montoya Summerane/A.

Hazelwood

4/5 LK Mr. Black/K. Bowman

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# Outlaw Trail experience

I was wearing a riding helmet. I know if I hadn't been for my helmet I would have suffered a very severe injury. I also got a bruise about the size of my hand on my left hip and it's still a little tender in that spot, though the color is gone.

I can't thank Carol and Dan
Fredal enough for staying with me
and making certain that Moe and I
were able to continue the ride.
They witnessed the accident and
made me lay quietly to see if I was
able to see and speak. I told them I
was okay though my ears were ringing more than usual.

My concern was for Moe. We checked him over and he appeared to be fine. I mounted and off we went on our merry way. We finished the trail that day and were able to go on Sunday.

I have also had two other experiences where I know my helmet protected me and possibly kept me from having serious injuries. Thank you to Steve Ancell for insisting I wear my helmet when riding. My advice is to wear your helmet at all times when riding your horse even just around the corral or pasture.

I "Thank God" for riding with me on all of my rides. You never know what can happen! – *Bob Santistevan* 

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