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A Message from our President:

Dear Region III,

I hope all is well, with all in Region 3. Lonnie Smith has improved and then tried to over achieve. His spirits are high and his determination is the key to recovery. We all hope he gets well soon.

Safety; it is all our responsibility to make sure everyone is safe and if help is needed we stay until help arrives. We all are responsible to make sure everyone gets back to camp safely.

I was very surprised at Purgatory CTR to see all the bunching at the start of the ride. Judy Cumberworth, one of the horsemanship judges was hiding in the creek right at the start. A lot of points were taken from competitors.

I am just as guilty. A lot of people were kneeling in front of their horse at p&r's. I wonder which way the horse would go if they were spooked? Other possible dangerous situations many of us do from time to time: saddles laying in front of the horse, sounds like a big wreck waiting to happen; Reins on the ground, and you're behind your horse; Competitors riding off with someone on the ground trying to mount; That long line of checking in and checking out of horses from head to tail. It's a wonder more people don't get hurt and they have. Being safe on the trail is easy, just use a little common sense and do not take chances and be very helpful to others.

Region 3 needs directors for 2009 and alternate directors. We also need a National Director. If you are interested please contact any director in your district. Check the Stirrup for email address.

Region 3 has not lost any members this year and we are on the plus side. We are the only region in the nation according to the National report of NATRC to accomplish this. All other regions have lost members. I think there are a lot of good reasons and a lot of great members who made this happen even in the crisis of fuel cost and the continual cost of everything. We had lots of clinics and B rides and everyone joined in trying to find new members. You all do things that work, so pat yourself on the back! Believe you me, it is a lot of work. The ctr ride season for Region 3 is coming to a close with Chokecherry, we have had a great year and I thank everyone for our success. I know plans are already in the making for 2009 ride season and let's make it even more successful. We have to keep on keeping on.

On a final note, I have heard some concern in the Denver area that no one is planning on managing a ride in that area for next year. At this moment in time I know I am planning Pinon Mesa ctr. That the only ride I know of that is planned for next year. I am sure there will be more, but we do not plan the ride season until our Halloween party. We are the number one region in the Nation for members. That being, I know we all want to keep the number one spot. I am asking each of you to come up with any ideas and talk to everyone you know in your area that may possibly manage a ride next year.

I appreciate all the hard work. Hope to see all my friends soon.

Jerry



Letter from the Editor;

Hi everyone! It seems like it have been FOREVER since I have put a newsletter together. Well, it has been three months, which is a long time in the summer when there is so much news to get out! One thing is for sure, it makes for a pretty informative newsletter! This issue has some GREAT stories from some of our members. Two are about the Colorado Trail ctr....I guess adverse weather makes for a good story! There are several horses and horse trailers in the want ads and RIDE RESULTS!

I think everyone is pretty aware that rider numbers are down at all rides across the nation. This makes it harder on our ride managers who wonder if they will even break even on the rides. To top it off, for some reason most of us are waiting until the last minute to send in our entries. Let's all try hard to be courteous and send our entries in at least 30 days before the ride. Its also getting harder and harder to find people who are willing to manage rides....maybe this is part of the reason why. Do your part to support our region and send your entries in at least 30 days in advance!!!

Hope everyone is healthy and happy and is getting plenty of saddle time! Keep those stories, announcements and want ads coming in!

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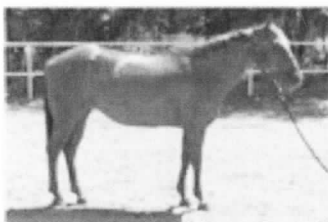


Barn Sales & News Bits

CHOKECHERRY CTR UPDATE

ALOHA! Please come to our Hawaiian them ctr! Saturday lunch provided on the trail. Meat is being provided on Saturday night so bring a sidedish or dessert to share. Meet and greet Friday evening at the Sim's trailer. Our usual camp spot is not available but we will be camping 1 mile closer to town at the Cumberworth's barn. Just look for the pink ribbons. Also, the secretary has changed. Please mail entries to: Tammy Cumberworth
2101 Coyote Dr. Farmington, NM 87401 505-564-8675

Interested in long term Lease-for-care horse? 11 year old, 14.3 grade mare. Varied experience as a hunter and trail horse. Some ctr experience. Spicy and would require a rider with experience (not a buckner, just quick sometimes) but is also very sensitive and sweet. Has had a lot of work put into her and needs more of a job than her owner can give her at this point. Please contact Sarah (505)804-1923 in Corrales, NM



Registered Racking Horse

16 hands, 9 yrs. old; Pride's Lawyer, 2nd in region and national 2007; 6th in 2006 as CP horse; 1st Novice horse 2005. Regretably must be sold; asking \$5500. Call Jim Sinnett 719-489-2504. His health A+; Personality A+; Looks A+; Disposition A+; all else A+



DONKEY DERBY DAYS HAS OFFICIALLY BEEN CANCELLED

2002 Trails West 3h Sierra LQ

\$24,000 located in Taos, NM
575-741-0607

8x8 LQ, drop down windows, insulated horse compartment, double rear doors with collapsible rear tack, mangers w.outside storage, stud divider, 2 way pop up vents, swing out saddle rack, load lights, stove w/vented hood, sink, (2) 5 ga. propane tanks, 7'6" tall and 7' wide, drop down feed bars, dual batteries, 3 cu ft. fridge, 6 gal. hot water heater, propane force air furnace, tv antenna, large mid tack with pass thru to LQ and stalls, smoke detector and LP detector, toilet/shower combo, queen bed, couch makes into bed, removable dinette table.



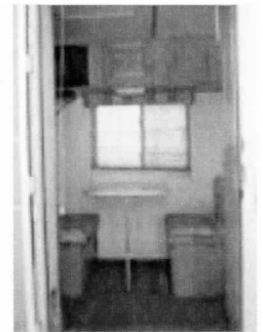
...More Barn Sales & News Bits

1999 Sierra Trails West

3 horse slant, 4600 lbs., 3/4 LQ, Y2 bath, microwave, full bed, dinette/bed, satellite dish, hay rack, holding tanks, canopy, AC/heater, lots of storage, self watering in each stall, tack area with water tank, pull out saddle racks, bucket holders outside, storage under each stall, very clean and in excellent condition.

\$20,000 obo

Contact Mary Vaughan @
505-793-6471 or email
mvaughan80@msn.com



Registered TB gelding,

5 years old, not trained to ride. Halter broke, will stand tied, hooves trimmed, can be difficult to load in trailer but does ride in trailer well once he's in.

Dark bay, blaze face with two white socks (both hind). At least 16 hands, maybe 16.1, a big rangey boy. Grandson of Cormorant, grandson of Seattle Slew. \$1,100 e-mail richardson.carla@gmail.com or call 970 986-2677

RIDERS and WORKERS!

A note from a ride manager:

Please PRINT your name in the appropriate spot on the liability waivers! Some of your signatures are IMPOSSIBLE to read! It is also hard to tell who the volunteers were so they can get credit for volunteering! Thank you!

Available for Adoption - one 9 year old chestnut TB mare just back from 45 days of refresher training. Excellent trail prospect. Cutie Pie can be seen on our website at www.fourcornersequinerescue.org or call 505-334-7220.

Synergist round pommel endurance saddle, padded seat, 15 inch seat, wide tree. Excellent saddle, in very good shape. \$1100
Wintec all purpose 2000, only used a few times, exchangeable gullet system, currently a wide tree. 17 inch seat. Excellent shape, and a nice synthetic saddle. \$300. Both are too wide for my current horse.
Debbie Bulcock 505-239-1435 or debbie.bulcock@wymb.com

1996 Purebred Arabian Gelding, grey, 15.1 hands.
Ricochet Danari, Ricky

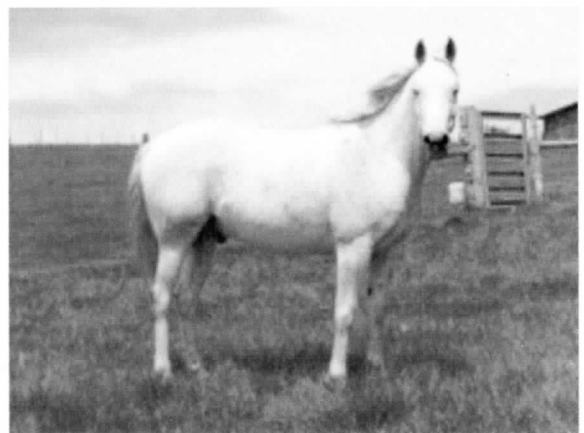
Ricky has been ridden extensively on trail and does all of his obstacles. He is very willing and always wants to please when he knows what you want. He has done some light packing. He has had Clinton Anderson round pen training. He is very smart and sensitive and therefore needs an intermediate to experienced rider. I am no longer competing therefore would like to find a competition home for this beautiful, wonderful horse. Ricky would make a great NATRC or Endurance prospect. He is sound and has no health issues. Easy keeper and good feet. Current shots and Coggins.

\$3500, includes an Abercrombie Endurance Saddle!

Kathe Hayes

970-882-5422 or 970-385-1310 or

kathahayes@frontier.net



...and MORE Barn Sales & News Bits

FOR SALE: 2007 Featherlite 3 horse slant trailer. Used 1 season, drop down windows, int/ext. lighting, x-lrg. tackroom, screen door, rear tack, corner water tank, spare tire. \$17,900. Tracey Korthuis 970-613-9455.

Four Corners Equine Rescue is having our annual Open House on October 11th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations of yard sale items and tack are still needed. The Open House will feature a yard sale, tack sale, silent auction (Chris Cox tickets are just one item for this), buggy rides, horse rides, General Store, burgers, face painting, and training demonstrations by Mary Beth & Jake Attaway. Call 505-334-7220 for information

A Note From Doreen:

If anyone wants to order the "Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads and Campgrounds" to order it for no cost from the internet the order online address is <http://.fhwa.gov/environment/fspubs/07232816/index.htm>. This is an excellent handbook and it comes within a week if they have any left.

Also a thought about trail work. Since we may not be having as many rides, maybe some of us could get together and help with one of the many trail projects in Colorado. There are 317,000 trail projects alone in Colorado. Just Google State, and Trail Projects, and there will be

For sale: Thermo Master blanket 68" \$75; Synergist Saddle, 17.5", flocked, 3 yrs. old, \$1400; Freeform SB treeless saddle with HAF pad, \$1600. Contact Nancy B Frank 970-728-6544 or email nbf7@qwest.net



Like line-back duns? This one is a gem! He'll be two in April. Loads, clips, ties, ponies. I didn't teach him any of it....he just does it! Will mature to 16 hands. Registered Buckskin. Looks like a million bucks but a bargain at \$1800.00. Contact Marcia mschick@comcast.net or 505-249-2230

Four Corners Classic

3/22/08 Region Three-NM

B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 21

Chairman: Jerry Sims

Judges: Joe Quintana DVM, Judy Cumberworth

Open Sweepstakes: Fraidy Cat/Smith, Terri-99

Novice Sweepstakes: Bert/Headrick, John-92

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Cedar Mesa Rushon/Budd, Kathy
- 2/3 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheryl
- 3/2 Rock'n E.Z. Rey/Hazelwood, Abbie

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Fraidy Cat/Smith, Terri
- 2/2 Bonanza's Rebel G/Sims, Beth

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/3 Bert/Headrick, John
- 2/2 Cookie 3/Elsisie, Kee
- 3/6 Cha Keenah/Koerschner, Robyn
- 4/ Rex's Montana Hannah/Westmoreland, Edward
- 5/1 Windwalker/Foutz, Ann
- 6/4 Red Sienna/Green, Shelley
- /5 Fergie/Kelly, Robin
- Shadow Dancer/Marion, Roseann
- Cheyenne 8/Hatfield, Lorraine
- Rocky 4/Cramer, Jean

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Rose 2/Elsisie, Patty
- 2/3 Serene/Carmen, Jody
- 3/2 SS Kharady Khid/Richardson, Carla
- 4/4 Scamper/Bates, Elizabeth

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Independence Dai/Fitzpatrick, Sena
- 2/2 Hungarian Caliber/Budd, Don

Pinon Mesa

4/19-20/08 Region Three-NM

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 37

Chairman: Abbie Hazelwood

Judges: Joe Quintana DVM, Janine Ancell

Novice Sweepstakes: Rex's Montana Hannah/Westmoreland, Edward-92

Open Sweepstakes: Fraidy Cat/Smith, Terri-96

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
- 2/3 MLA Raj Bahabas/Adams, Judd
- 3/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheryl
- 4/4 Rock'n E.Z. Rey/Sims, Jerry
- P Ace of Hearts WDG/Miller-Inman, Linell
- P Rock'n E.Z. Ruby/Smith, Chuck
- DO Chelsea Costar/Redmon, Jennifer

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Fraidy Cat/Smith, Terri
- 2/4 Bonanza's Rebel G/Sims, Beth
- 3/5 Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy Wise
- 4/2 Phantom's Masquerade/Lane, Roxann
- 5/3 NL Tshai/Wilson, Patricia
- 6/6 Halifaxx/Adams, Linda
- Perfection's Dusk Til Dawn/Morgan, Ole
- DO 1 All the Rage/Brown, Kathy

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/6 Rex's Montana Hannah/Westmoreland, Edward
- 2/4 Dancey's Painted Lady/Levesque, Gina
- 3/1 Golden Ambition/Bingham, Kerry
- 4/3 Maze/Stephenson, Julie
- 5/5 Red Sierra/Green, Shelly
- 6/2 Bert/Headrick, John
- P Cha Keenah/Koerschner, Robyn
- DO 1 Hot Coco/Treka, Linda
- DO 1, P Cheyenne 8/Hatfield, Lorraine

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Serene Carmen, Jody
- 2/1 Emily Te/Brown, Gwen
- 3/3 Camberttazi/Saunders, Wrenne
- P Scamper/Bates, Elizabeth
- P Smoke 2/Powell, Gretchen
- P Jessie 2/Diesel, Deborah

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Notah/Clements, Mickenzie

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Fawn Creek Thor/Ferganchick, Brandy
- 2/2 Peanut 2/Baker, Matt
- 3/4 Punk-n-Patch/Saunders, Lynn
- 4/3 RMR Nahr Amir/Andersen, Carolyn
- P Independence Dai/Fitzpatrick, Sena
- DO 1 Brazos Blaze/Brown, Jeff

Navajo Lake

5/10-11/08 Region Three-NM

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 36

Chairman: Bill Cumberworth

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Judy Cumberworth and Janine Ancell

Novice Sweepstakes: Nell 3/Horton, Mary-96.5

Open Sweepstakes: Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary-98.5

Open Heavyweight

- 1/2 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
- 2/3 Peanut 2/Baker, Matt
- 3/5 Ace of Hearts WDG/Miller-Inman, Linell
- 4/1 MLA Raj Bahabas/Adams, Judd
- 5/6 Obie Won/Spanhoff, Olga
- 6/4 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheryl
- Rock'n E.Z. Rey Sims, Jerry

Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy Wise
- 2/1 Phantom's Masquerade/Lane, Roxann
- 3/3 Halifaxx/Adams, Linda

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Rex's Montana Hannah/Westmoreland, Edward
- 2/5 Shine on Playgirl/Horton, Drew
- 3/2 Golden Ambition/Bingham, Kerry
- 4/6 Chama/Bingham, Kenny

- 5/3 Mariah 3/Wingle, Bill
- 6/4 Thunder Express/Minion, Diane
- 1/1 Notah/Clements, Mickenzie

Novice Lightweight

- 1/3 Nell 3/Horton, Mary
- 2/1 Eduardo el Nigrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
- 3/5 Emily Te/Brown, Gwen
- 4/2 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
- 5/6 Bandit 5/Feazell, Juleen
- 6/4 Serene/Carmen, Jody
- DO-2 Incandescent/Blevins, Todd

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 Bonanza's Rebel G/Sims, Beth
- 2/5 Pride's Lawyer/Sinnett, James
- 3/3 RMR Nahr Amir/Anderson, Carolyn
- 4/1 Fawn Creek Thor/Ferganchick, Brandy
- 5/6 Perfection's Dusk Til Dawn/Morgan, Ole
- 6/4 Slicks 90/Saunders, Lynn
- DO-1 Independence Dai/Fitzpatrick, Sena
- DO-1 SW Windwalker/Whitman, Benedikte
- DO-2 Rocky Top II/Ward, Jim
- DO-2 Frank's Proud Prince/Ward, Lin
- DO-2 Brazos Blaze/Brown, Jeff
- DO-2 All the Rage/Brown, Kathy

FYI: Worker Points

Let's be sure to recognize our volunteers!

Ride Managers and Secretaries:

PLEASE SEND LIST OF WORKERS AND THEIR JOB TO ME SO THAT WE CAN RECOGNIZE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers:

It is actually your ultimate responsibility to get your worker hours submitted to Beth. It would help her greatly if you could contact her with your hours.

Submitting is easy - email or snail mail:

BETH SIMS jsims@acnet.com

or mail to

#11 Rd 1948, Farmington, NM

Willow Springs

6/14-15/08 Region 3-CO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 50

Chairman: Sherri Halligan

Judges: Carter Hounsel DVM, Doreen Portner

Novice Sweepstakes: Esport/Gunckel, Ashley-97

Open Sweepstakes: Prime Sensation WH/Jeffcoat, Cheri-97

Open Heavyweight

- 1/5 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheryl
- 2/ Rock'n E.Z. Rey/Sims, Jerry
- 3/1 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
- 4/2 Peanut 2/Baker, Matt
- 5/3 Obie Won/Spanhoff, Olga
- 6/4 Ace of Hearts WDG/Miller-Inman, Linell
- /6 MLA Raj Bahabas/Adams, Judd
- P Gunslinger T/Jubb, Mike

Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Prime Sensation WH/Jeffcoat, Cheri
- 2/3 Phantom's Masquerade/Lane, Roxann
- 3/6 Halifaxx/Adams, Linda
- 4/5 Kenlyn Flare/Young, Jane
- 5/1 Fraidy Cat/Shanor, Kathy
- 6/4 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
- DO-2 Sierra Blue/Johnson, Donna
- P Cedar Mesa Rushon/Budd, Kathy
- DO-P Hasty's Blossom/Peters, Susan

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/4 ESA Pro Temp/Chamberlain, Alden
- 2/3 Mariah 3/Wingle, Bill
- 3/1 Christine/Von Tilius, Fay
- 4/5 Sparky 2/Horton, Drew
- 5/2 Golden Ambition/Bingham, Kerry
- 6/6 Rex's Montana Hannah/Westmoreland, Edward
- CO Animo de Vega/Gagas, Trudy

- P J.D. 2/Meyers, Jeff
- P Dollar 2/Eirish, Greg
- DO-P Slim/Hodge, Stan

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
- 2/3 Nell 3/Horton, Mary
- 4/1 BB Keynote/VanPoolen, Kirt
- 3/4 Incandescent/Blevins, Todd
- CO Country Patches/Milewski, Teresa
- CO Gotta Impress You/Quevillon, Corisa
- DO-1 Kiowa 2/Birchler, Keith
- DO-1 Stormy 8/Sedam, Sheri
- DO-P Geronimo/Birchler, Cindy

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Esport/Gunckel, Ashley
- DO Cayenne 5/Lopez, Brandy

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/ Emma/Gunckel, Kay
- 2/5 Baby Doll's Spotted Man/Marquardt, Diana
- 3/1 BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki
- 4/4 Bonanza's Rebel G/Sims, Beth
- 5/ LD Dixie Lee/Vasquez, Louise
- 6/3 Dillon 2/Gunckel, JJ
- /2 Gizmo 2/Talbot, Jill
- /6 Pride's Lawyer/Sinnett, James
- P Quiet Riot/Beardsley, Cat
- P Cisco 7/Streweler, Shanan
- DO-1 My Favorite Harley/Shelton, Ron
- DO-P Scooter/Haeberle, Yvette



Ride for the Mind

This was a ride of firsts for me. It was the first time in many years that the Cavalier Trail Riding Club did not sponsor the ride and the first time that I had not helped. The trail was quite different, especially to the north--no Hospital or Telegraph Hill--and beautiful overlooks of the cadet area. It was well timed and the Saturday night dinner catered by Marigold's was as good as remembered. While Saturday was very hot, Sunday was cool and pleasant and my 22-year old gelding was on his game, scoring a perfect hundred--another first for me! Here are some comments made by the ride chair Susan Peters.

- first time in 5 years to be able to be at this special place
- first time we have had over 70 riders start a ride with a single set of judges (thanks, Doc Pat and Kathy - know it stretched you to the limit).
- first time to ever do a clinic, a two day ride, and a one day ride (the turnout suggests that was a good idea - but, boy, talk about a challenge!)
- first time to do a B ride on Sunday (they are usually on Saturday with awards for the B ride on Saturday night)

I also wanted to share a compliment - after you had all timed out Sunday morning, I had several people mention what a really nice group of riders and horses - usually with this many horses, time out can be pretty exciting and chaotic and we saw a relatively calm departure. Susan and her crew did a great job and the ride benefitted a very worthy cause, NARHA, which helps the families of people with mental illnesses. What a great weekend!

~submitted by Judi Tobias



Island in the Sky

8/2-3/08 Region Three-CO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 51

Chairman: Judy Mason

Judges: Shannon Leska DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Novice Sweepstakes: Centalla/Todd, Tori-96

Open Sweepstakes: Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary-98

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
- 2/4 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheryl
- 3/3 Obie Won/Spanhoff, Olga
- 4/2 Ace of Hearts WDG/Miller-Inman, Linell
- 5/5 Rock'n E.Z. Rey/Sims, Jerry
- P Pride's Clever Fox/Barnes, Jane

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 LD Dixie Lee/Vasquez, Louise

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Colorado Ranger/Roberts, Gary
- 2/ Maize/Stephenson, Julie
- 3/3 Lite Foot Slow Poke/Arnett, Leona
- 4/5 Kota/Levesque, Gina
- 5/6 Rex's Montana Hannah/Westmoreland, Edward
- 6/2 Lefty/Guthrie, Jan
- /4 Animo de Vega/Gagas, Trudy
- DO-2 Lucy 6/Campbell, Kristin
- P Windwalker/Foutz, Ann
- P French Violin/Hicks, John
- P Thor 2/Mottern, Julie
- DO 1-P Julee's Dream Ride/Kirkpatrick, Julee
- DO 1-P SWF Silver Pivot/McDaniel, Gaylon

Novice Lightweight

- 1/3 Centalla/Todd, Tori
- 2/5 Moose 4/Dunkelberger, Donna
- 3/2 Shiloh Sphinx/Roper, Sharon
- 4/1 Bryanna/Andrews, Jill
- 5/ J Bar Sonny/Busey, Barbara
- 6/ Cora/Denison, Helen
- /4 Dandi/Clark, Patti
- /6 Boone's Whimpy Bar/Boardman, Lori
- Incandescent/Blevins, Todd
- Doc's Golden Smoke/Feazell, Juleen
- Midnight Dancer/Molitor, Lindsay
- BB Keynote/Vanpoolen, Kirsten
- P Desert Bay-Be/Dashner, Dave
- DO 2-P Cha Cha/Martinez, Deb
- DO 1-P Justin 2/McDaniel, Linda

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Gipper/Denison, Lindsey
- 2/3 Joy/Campbell, Tory
- 3/2 Hope 3/Campbell, Diandra

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Fawn Creek Thor/Ferganchick, Brandy
- 2/3 Magical Serenade/Halligan, Sherri
- 3/2 Cedar Mesa Rushon/Budd, Kathy
- 4/ KA Miss Cloud/Roberts, Christine
- 5/6 Hungarian Caliber/Budd, Don
- 6/ King's Sceptre/Yates, Terry
- /4 Bonanza's Rebel G/Sims, Beth
- /5 Pearl/Brooks, Wendy
- CR Blaze of Glory/Frank, Nancy
- Blue Spruce Shanta/Howell, Perran
- Resort Valley Sparkler/Marquardt, Diana
- Pride's Lawyer/Sinnett, James
- April's Harmony/Snip, Virginia

Ride for the Mind A

6/7-8/08 Region Three-CO

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Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Kathy Budd

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- 1/1 Prime Sensation WH/Jeffcoat, Cheri
- 2/3 Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy Wise
- 3/2 Fraidy Cat/Shanor, Kathy
- P Halifax/Adams, Linda

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Mariah 3/Wingle, Bill
- P Finny/Olson, Bonnie
- P Bandit 5/Feazell, Juleen

Novice Lightweight

- 1/3 Moose 4/Dunkelberger, Donna

- 2/2 Eduardo el Nigrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
- 3/5 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
- 4/6 BB Keynote/VanPoolen, Kirt
- 5/1 Boone's Whimpy Bar/Boardman, Lori
- 6/4 French Saber/Massa, Barbara
- DO Azad/Meyer, Laura

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Ruthie/Kafka, Andy
- 2/2 Esport/Gunckel, Ashley

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/ Rocky Top II/Ward, Jim
- 2/6 Liz/Kafka, Karen
- 3/3 Baby Doll's Spotted Man/Marquardt, Diana
- 4/ Emma/Gunckel, Kay
- 5/5 RMR Nahr Amir/Andersen, Carolynn
- 6/4 Quiet Riot/Beardsley, Cat
- /1 BHR Hosan China Moon/Heniser, Vicki
- /2 Pride's Lawyer/Sinnett, James
- Cedardell Ambush/Hallford, Sandra
- Perfection's Dusk til Dawn/Morgan, Ole
- Cisco 7/Streweler, Shanana
- Gizmo/Talbot, Jill
- Frank's Proud Prince/Ward, Lin
- Kenlyn Flare/Young, Jane
- Dillon 2/Gunckel, JJ
- P Pearl/Brooks, Wendy
- P Slicks 90/Saunders, Lynn

Ride for the Mind B

6/8/08 Region Three-CO

B-N/CP Total Riders: 33

Chairman: Susan Peters

Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Kathy Budd

Novice Sweepstakes: Faye 2/Ely, Jana-100

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/3 Duke/Easom, Laura
- 2/4 Christine/Von Tilius, Fay
- 3/2 Spot's Night Charger/Hummel, Denise
- 4/1 Bandit 7/Newton, Vickie
- P Jacson/Donaldson, Susie
- P Dallas 2/Eirish, Greg
- P Sully/Foster, Cyndi
- P Wyatt 3/Haynie, Duane

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Faye 2/Ely, Jana
- 2/ Paco/Hanson, Carol
- 3/6 Chief 9/Machanic, Vicki
- 4/4 Gold Centurion/Hilderbrand, Susan
- 5/1 Jeb Stuart 2/Noel, Shelly
- 6/5 Smokey 8/Mitchell, Kim

- /3 Holloway's Misty/Knoll, Silja
- DaryanHeathershaw, Lyn
- The Guardian/Hubing, Shelly
- Polly/Inman, Laurie
- Dusty 5/Lawrence, Jacky
- Durango 2/Opdahl, Annie
- Mirage 2/Seidl, Sharlene
- Cash Poor/Trude, Jane
- CO Glenormiston Rossleague/Wich, Alyce
- P Josie 3/Cristello, Ali
- P Johnny 2/Markle, Maryann
- P Koko/Montgomery, Margaret
- P Sabrina/Pugh, Christine
- P TF Legacy/Pugliano, Debbie
- P Sunny 7/Tweedy, Amy
- P Simpliirrestibl/Willis, Caroline

Novice Junior

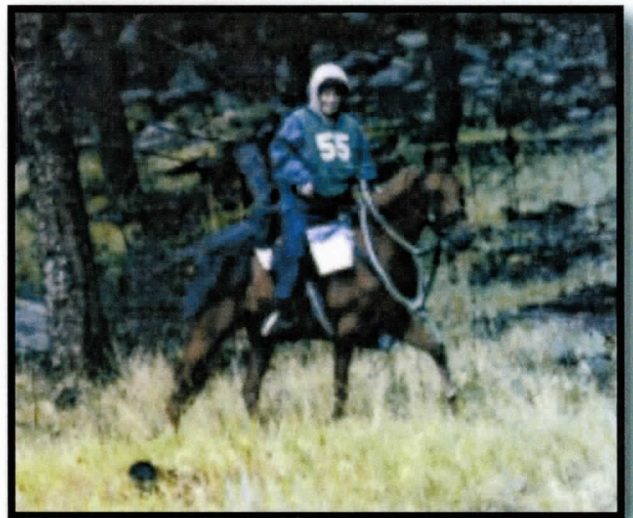
- 1/1 Egyptian Gem Star/Rewald, Holly
- 2/2 Tinkerbelle/Miller, Heidi

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Teddee/Tobias, Judith

COLORADO TRAIL 2008

Colorado Trail CTR has always been one of my favorite rides. It is close to home, it's a relatively easy ride, and it is very scenic. Usually the weather in August consists of afternoon scattered thunderstorms. This weekend was calling for rain—all day, all night, most of the weekend rain. We don't get rains that come in and stay very often. While it was much needed as the Front Range of Colorado had a several inch deficit for the summer, I was really hoping the weather report would be wrong. It wasn't. I got home early enough Thursday before the ride to clip and bathe the two horses I was taking. My 14 year old neighbor, Brandy, was coming with me and riding my mare Cayenne. I got the horses done, sheeted them, and put them in stalls for the night to stay clean—and dry as it turned out. The rain started Thursday night and there were showers off and on all day Friday. I had the truck, trailer, and camper mostly loaded before all the rain started so Brandy and I got on the road pretty early on Friday. We got to camp and got everything all set up and horses checked in before it got to bad. I had "water proof" sheets for the horses as well as their heavy winter blankets. The sheets didn't work too well and the winter blankets went on. Thankfully, they kept the horses dry for the night. I had started out with Nate tied on one side of the trailer and Cayenne on the other but you'd have thought both were being tortured by the screams that were coming out of both because they couldn't see each other. I knew no one in camp was going to get any sleep with this going on so I moved Nate, water bucket, and hay bag to the same side as Cayenne. Talk about instant silence! Saturday morning was just as bleak and grey as it can get and rain was imminent. I just put on my rain pants and jacket and made Brandy do the same to start out. I don't think we were out of camp 5 minutes when the rain started. I pretty much knew where our first obstacle would be and sure enough, Kathy and Jerry were at the "spot". They asked for a back up-hill, turn on the haunches, then keep the ribbons on your right as you crossed a log, went around a bush back down the hill. That was easy enough though not totally perfect in score for Nate and me. Something about better leg aids on the turn. One of these years I'm going to get serious about competition and stop riding just to have a good time. (NOT!!) The novice group just had to walk up the hill and follow the ribbons down. Brandy and Cayenne aced that one. We rode on and the rain along with thunder and lightning was getting pretty bad. Thankfully we made it down to an area that was a lot lower than the open ridge we had been on and off to our first P&R stop. By that time I was starting to feel damp and just a little chilled so I pulled on a second rain jacket and rain pants that were in my saddle bag. I felt like the Michelin tire woman by now. The poor P&R team were all cold and trying their best to keep our cards dry. That was impossible so I think instead of writing our numbers in; they just had to bunch holes on the appropriate number. At least the cool, wet weather was keeping horse's P&R's down. Management had also decided that since our ride time that day was pretty short and the weather so bad that our lunch break would be eliminated so we could get back to camp faster. That was sure agreeable with me! I had a snack in the bag and they did meet us at the lunch stop with our lunches so anyone that was hungry could grab their sandwich and keep on going. I was getting so wet and cold that I wanted BADLY to quit! I just kept telling myself to keep on going-- we'd be back to camp soon. Brandy had on a nice rain suit issued by the railroad dept her Uncle works for and she was warm and dry. My TWO rain suits were a double failure! My boots were also full of water and I had no feeling in my feet. We did make it back to camp—finally—and dry clothes never felt so good. One girl was taken out of the ride with hypothermia and I don't know how most of us weren't in the same condition. What a sad, sorry looking bunch of riders we were. That night, Jerry Weil became our auctioneer and instead of doing the silent auction as all the bid sheets were ruined by water, all the items that had been donated as a fund raiser for Lonny Smith were sold. Briefing went pretty fast that night and we were all glad to get to bed. My biggest problem is that I don't usually sleep very well when I'm on these rides. I guess my mind is too busy so during the wee hours of the night I started hearing a strange sound coming from around my horses. I finally resigned myself to crawl out of a warm bed, pull on a rain jacket, get my head lantern and go see what was going on. My husband had made me plywood cut-outs to cover the tire well of the trailers with and they fasten on to the tire fender. Somehow, and I will assume it was Nate, the board had been pulled off of the brackets that hold it and it was lying on the ground and the horses were stepping on it. I pulled it out of the way and went back to bed. It was about an hour later and I'm still not really asleep but in a light doze, I hear Nate just start screaming his head off. I knew that Cayenne had to be loose and out of sight and he was telling the world on her. So, I had to get out of bed again, on with the jacket and headlamp, and outside again. Sure enough, Cayenne was loose and had gotten out of Nate's sight. She had stepped on her lead rope so was standing there and I easily caught her and tied her back up. I had meant to check Brandy's knot tying earlier and had forgotten to do so, so this was my fault. I went back to bed again for the hour and a half before I was supposed to get up at 5:30. (And we do this for fun??!!) Sunday morning was gray but blue sky was trying to show itself. The weather was supposed to clear up for the day! We had to do a trot by for Jerry and a mount for Kathy before timing out on Sunday morning and that went well. The remaining riders timed out and off we went again. We had a really short day—only 3.5 hours for Novice/CP and the cool weather and no rain was great for the horses. Our first obstacle of the day was a V side-pass which we managed to do fairly well. Later we had a down hill, over logs, keep the ribbon on your right again and turn and follow the ribbons back up the hill. Not to bad an obstacle and Nate has really learned to look at logs, rocks, whatever we're going around/over and be careful with his feet. That is most of the time! The sun was trying to break through that morning and we were beginning to see some of the scenery that this ride has. The fog/mist was hanging low in some spots, and then a break in the middle with clouds up higher made for some very pretty views. On some of the higher rock faces I could see water pouring down from the accumulation of the night and day before. The trails weren't in that bad a shape for the amount of water they'd gotten so footing wasn't treacherous. We got back into camp before noon and check out went pretty fast. Since this ride is close to home I definitely wanted to stay for awards for Brandy as well as myself. I knew she and Cayenne had done well together and for the first time in several years we had a large Junior class! Brandy and Cayenne got 2nd and 1st place!! Nate and I got 3rd and 2nd which I'm plenty proud of since we are in a large, tough class. We were able to get home by early evening which gave me lots of time to unload wet everything. My clothesline was full of blankets, sheets, pads, and laundry. I had to strip my saddles down of pommel and cantle bags, as well as my fleece seats to dry all of it out. Now to clean and oil both saddles and re-spray all blankets and sheets to try and re-water proof them. I'm glad I finished the ride and we did have a good time but I sure don't want to ride in weather like this again anytime soon. ~submitted by Sherri Halligan



NEWS FROM THE NBOD

July 12, 2008

MEMBERSHIP

National is down about 95 members since last July.

Regional memberships are all down EXCEPT Region 3. We are up by one member.

R1 down by 13

R2 down by 33

R4 down by 17

R5 down by 10

R6 down by 25

Laurie asked if the regions could make even a small DONATION to the national awards. A topic for the upcoming meeting.

HOOF PRINT will start to be published on a quarterly basic. This should start with the July/August/September issue. The reason for this is to cut back on national expenses. The treasury is doing better but the economy is hitting everyone.

National will now pay partial expenses for Patsy Conner, Sanction Chair and Co-Chair of the Judges Committee, to attend the NBOD meetings.

There will be a HIATUS ON RULE CHANGES FOR 2009!!!! The only exception is for any possible change that was not resolved in 2008.

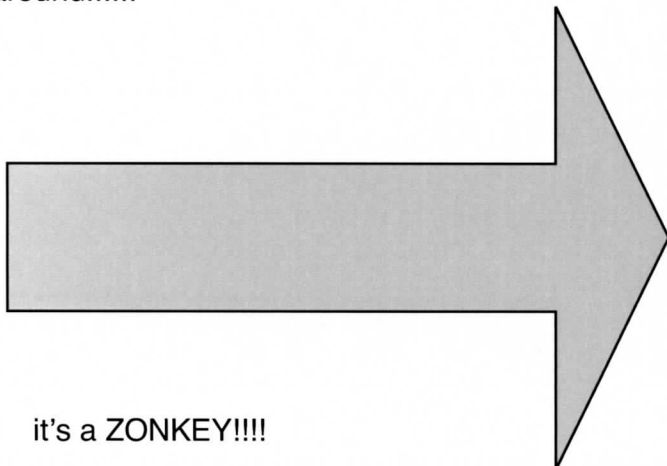
ATTENTION RIDE MANAGERS—Ride management cannot prevent non-competitors from following the marked trail on a CTR IF the ride is on public land. BUT, if the CTR crosses any private land, the non-involved riders can be prevented from following the ride since they are not covered by the insurance.

NOMINATIONS FOR NBOD MEMBERS, including the personal write-ups, from the regions are DUE SEPTEMBER 1st. Send to Lynne Hutnik, lloa@infostations.net. Ballots will be mailed out October 6th and due to be received by November 1st.

The next NBOD meeting will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on Friday evening and Saturday, November 14-15th. This meeting is scheduled at the same place and date as the National Trails Symposium.

Susie Witter

What can happen if you sleep
around.....



it's a ZONKEY!!!!

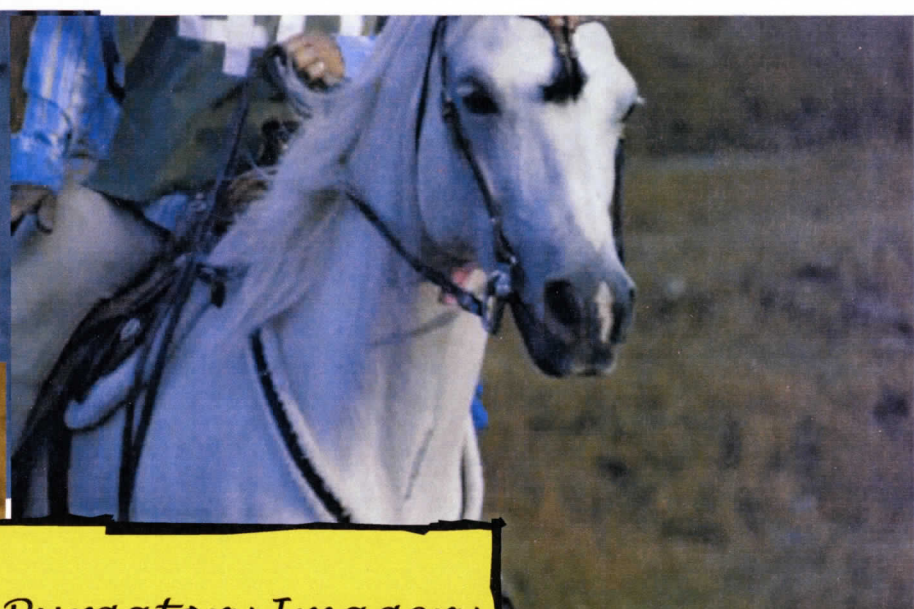
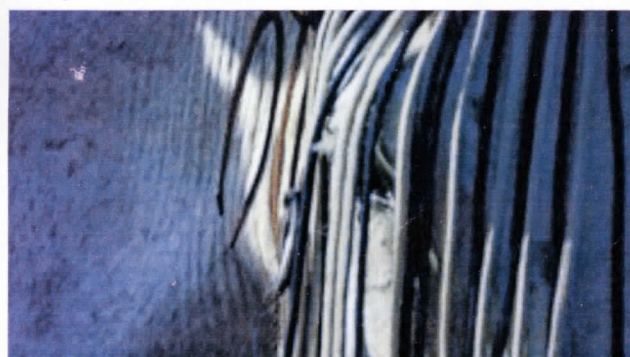




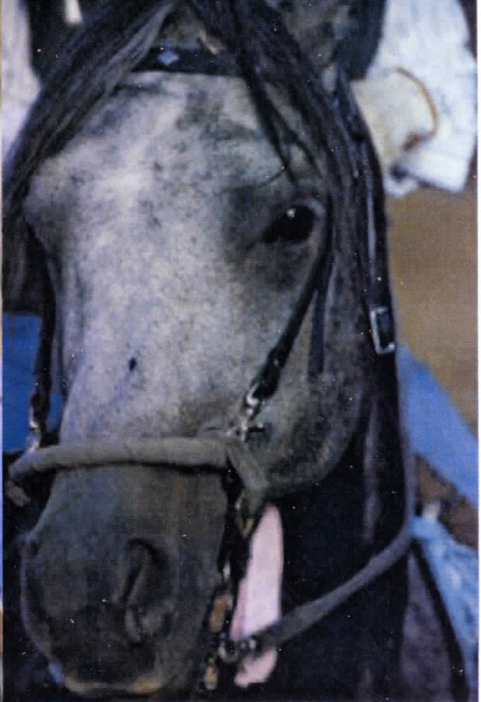
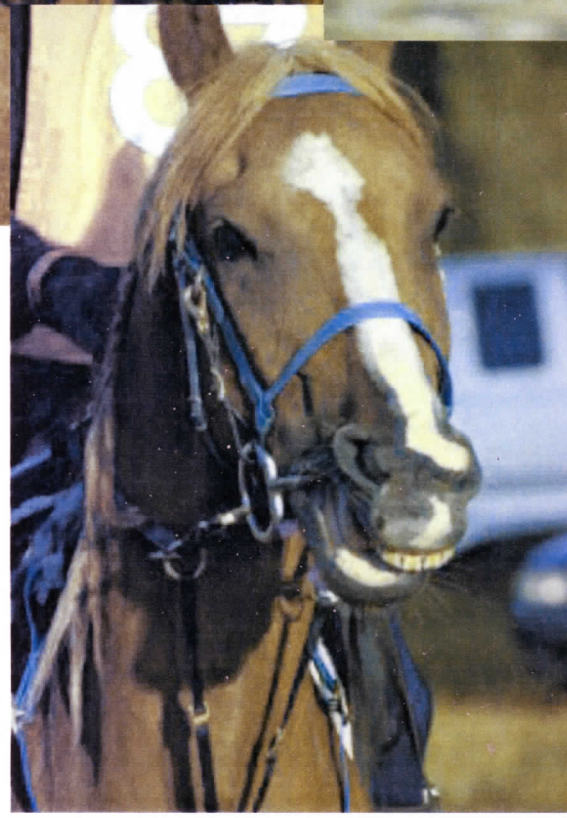
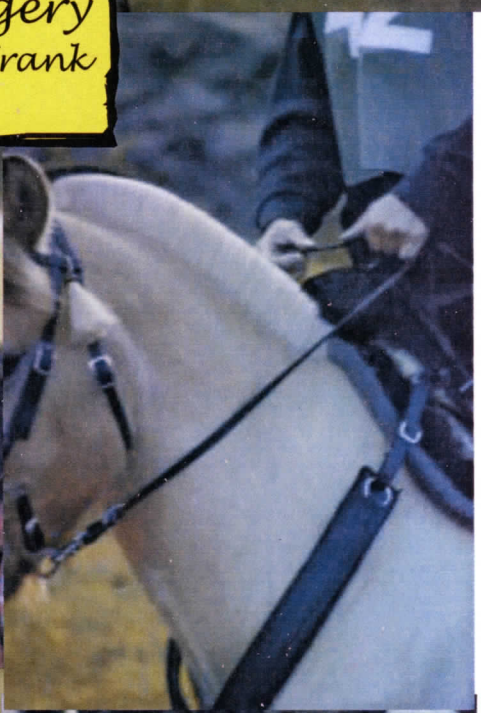
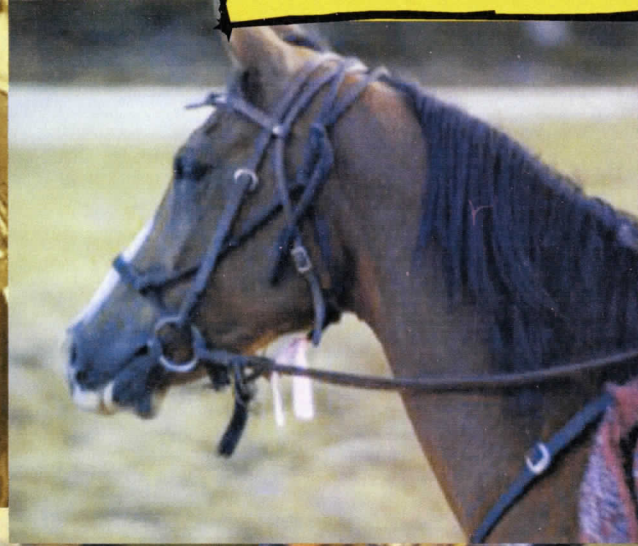
Purgatory

Hats off to Steve and Janine Ancell for hosting yet another wonderful Purgatory trail ride. This year was particularly difficult after a very wet winter downed multitudes of trees over the trails. Their Shetland Pony became the official chainsaw carrier! The weather was good, the trails wonderfully marked and scenic, the food was plentiful and wonderful! The cowboy prom had everyone in their western finest. A picture is worth a thousand words.....
~submitted by Kerry Bingham





Purgatory Imagery
photos by Nancy B. Frank



COLORADO TRAIL COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE

It's 8:00AM Friday, Aug. 15, and we (my husband and I) are on our way to the Colo. Trail CTR. The view before us deserves description. The hues of green are vivid and varied, the clouds are obscuring the mountains and are drifting down into the beautiful little valley we are driving through. It's a chilly 43*, the mist is building up on the windshield and the road before us is shining like a silver ribbon seemingly leading us into a state of the unknown. I can feel the excitement building, another CTR, another chance to do it right, another chance to make new friends, and see old ones. Moments like this are to live for.

I'm one of the odd ducks that love to ride in adverse conditions, rain and snow thrill me, and that proved to be a good thing on this ride! The "Gods that be", allowed us to park and set up before the rains began in earnest. Most of us were trailer bound waiting for check in. The walls started to close in on me; so, I decided to go down to meet and greet all the new comers waiting in line. I believe Linell had 54-55 entries lined up including 6 juniors, and a number of 1st timers. We were all excited to see so many new faces.

It rained continually all Friday and Friday night. The weather did not break for Sat. and for those brave enough to ride, it proved to be a challenging day as it continued to rain, sleet and hail steadily, chilling competitors to the bone. Everyone involved "cowboyed up" did what had to be done and actually kept a sense of humor through it all, despite one young lady with a fractious horse ending up in a Denver hospital and another fainting from hypothermia.

The saving graces were many. The trails remained solid and safe, the route was very well marked, the supporting personnel were top notch and did their best to smile and keep our spirits up, constantly making adjustments. Not only did everyone come together in a surprisingly strong focus of surviving the day, but surviving with class and humor. What a great group of people—they were all making do--volunteering equipment, time, and effort to help out the ride and each other. I'm proud to be a part of such a generous, tough, fun loving, totally CRAZY bunch of people. Through all the hardships encountered they remained, to a person, a positive, humorous group.

It was certainly my first learning experience on how to keep both me and my mule warm and somewhat dry. I'm usually obsessed with keeping both of us cool and wet. All that rain gear I possess didn't do much good at home; and when I realized I could be much more comfortable if I had access to all that gortex, those extra boots, and other equipment, it was twice as miserable. My mule required three blankets to stop shivering.

Linell dedicated this years' ride to benefit Lonny Smith. Lonny came off an otherwise calm horse at the Purgatory CTR, incurring a fractured pelvis; an injury that the doctors claim 80% of people do not survive due to internal bleeding. He will be unable to work for approximately two months. The plan was to have a silent auction to raise money to help defray expenses. However, due to the wet weather, it was decided a live auction overseen by vet judge, Jerry Weil was the way to go. Everyone was generous; bidding, donating and having fun. I don't know how much was raised but I do remember coming away with the distinct feeling it was a tidy sum.

There was no better group of "Long Riders" I'd have chosen to share the announcement of my mule finally earning her qualifying points for her first National Championship; no better ride than Linell Inman's first on which to earn those points; and no better judges than Jerry Weil and Kathy Shanor under which to be judged.

All in all it was a ride on which memories were made. ~submitted by Cheri Westmoreland

Willow Springs OR This is FUN....right?

It's Saturday night at the Willow Springs trail ride near Jefferson, CO. It has been a glorious day in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. There are numerous natural springs here and lots and lots of grass to eat along the trail, a nice change for this desert dweller. The day started off very chilly....it has been a late spring here. But anyway, we all managed to be ready to ride out at 7 this morning. The trail wound through aspen groves, up and over draws and along two track trails. My horse thought she had died and gone to heaven with all of that grass! The snow covered peaks made a beautiful contrast to the blue, blue sky, new aspen leaves and the green grass blowing in the wind. My horse clipped along at a nice forward walk, as happy as I am to be here. This is fun....this is what every competitive trail rider loves about this sport.

BUT.....it takes a LOT of work to get to that fun point!

This ride I did all by myself...no husband in tow as he was out of town on business. The amount of physical labor required to attend and participate in a ctr is phenomenal... especially if you are doing it by yourself. Dr. Phil once said that the only one getting exercise while horse back riding is the horse. I beg to differ! There are clothes to be packed, coolers and camping gear, horse gear and feed, a big long list that has been checked and rechecked....then you have a difficult time sleeping before the morning of your departure so worried that you have forgotten something important. This particular ride I brought along my 7 year old daughter and her 12 year old cousin, so there were also kid items to pack and bring along. (they made GREAT water girls by the way!) Then there was the 8 hour drive to the ride. Once you get to the ride you have to quickly get your horse comfortable, check in with management, don your number for the weekend, groom your horse, warm her up a bit before check in....and then do you vet checkin. THEN comes the task of setting up camp, cooking dinner, and preparing for an early morning ride....not to mention the ride briefing. The next morning you are up before the light of day shoveling horse manure. Then comes the 20 or so miles of riding during which you are stressing (hopefully not too much!) over obstacles and whether or not you are on the right trail. Back at camp....check in your horse, clean your self and your camp up a bit, cook dinner, have a cocktail with a neighbor, go to the briefing, feed, walk and blanket your horse for the night. Then its up before the break of dawn again to repeat Saturdays ride in reverse (pretty tricky, eh?). Get back to camp, clean your horse up, check him in, make sure he's comfortable before you do anything like wash your face. Then you start cleaning up and packing up for the ride home. Then another long drive home....get the horse out and make him comfy, pull your rig up by your house as close as comfortable and start cleaning out the trailer...the coolers, the clothes, the camping equipment, the pillows and blankets.....pretty much everything because of course your trailer is a filthy mess. Then it takes a good 30 minutes to back the trailer back into its spot since hubby isn't there to do it as usual....well, I am getting a little better at maneuvering that gooseneck. Then you walk in the house and it is not a pretty site.....a mountain of laundry and duffel bags block the back entry way as they try to fit into the laundry room. The kitchen counters are covered with coolers, food, baskets of junk out of the trailer....the den has a huge pile of sleeping bags and pillows in the middle....there is a checkbook to balance (pretty scary), a lawn to water, a field to irrigate.....and I feel like I just ran the 40 mile trail ride on my own two feet....totally exhausted, sun burned and a body that aches from head to toe.....and I AM SO HAPPY AND GLAD TO BE ALIVE!!!!

Hey, it may be a lot of work, but the rewards.....aaahhhhh! I feel very blessed to be able to compete in NATRC....it's not something that your average Jane does. It takes commitment, and a slightly special can-do attitude that you don't see much of in the real world. What a group of fun, interesting and special people they are.....makes all of the labor definitely worth it. Thanks Sherri Halligan and everyone else who made this ride possible. It was mahvelous dahling! ~submitted by Kerry Bingham

