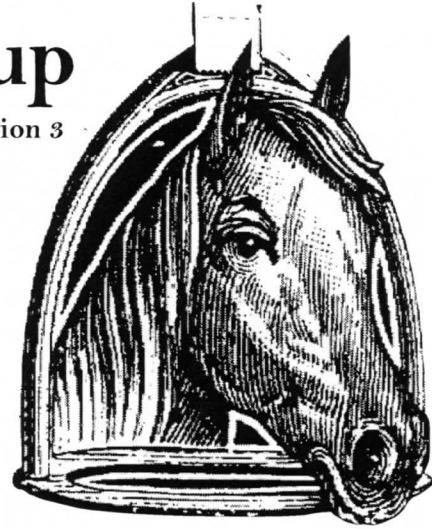




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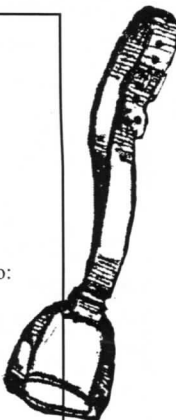
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## *President's Letter*

Dear Region III Members,

Happy New Year 2010 to all of you! Just a bit of trivia . . . are you saying "Two Thousand Ten" or "Twenty-Ten?" Whatever you're calling it, 2010 is the beginning of a new decade AND a new ride season.

Kicking off the season is the Region 3 convention on March 19-20 in Taos, NM. A full slate of wonderful speakers and activities has been planned by Convention Chair Chuck Smith and more members than ever are receiving awards not only for competing but for volunteering and serving. Special thanks also go to our Awards Chair Jenny Smith and our Worker Points Chair Beth Sims for the incredible job they do. If you've signed up, I'm really looking forward to seeing you there. If you haven't, please consider going. It's not too late and there is still room for more.

The Ride Book is coming and our ride managers have scheduled TEN rides for "twenty-ten." How terrific is that! If you are going to Taos you can pick up your ride book there. If you can't attend and can get a friend to pick yours up, it will save postage and you'll have the ride book even sooner.

I just returned from attending the National Convention in Reno, NV, as your new National Director and what a rewarding experience it was. Attendance at the convention by Region 3 members was fantastic! Jenny and Chuck Smith, the Quintana's, Kay Gunckel, Cristy Cumberworth, Doreen Portner, Laurie DiNatale, Carla Richardson, Pam Galchutt, Judy Mason, Jerry and Beth Sims, and Kathy Budd (I hope I didn't miss anyone; if so, I'm sorry).

At the Board meeting I was a bit nervous at first, but all the other board members welcomed my questions and were very helpful with providing the needed background to help me understand issues being discussed. The Board had a lot on its plate but I saw an incredible amount of progress made.



The big news of course is the proposed hoof protection rule (see details inside this issue). There are also proposed changes to the by-laws involving term limits for directors and balloting which I will discuss in detail in upcoming newsletters. Even with the recession, finances improved with overall revenues up a little bit and a deficit of approximately \$4,000 from over \$16,000 a year ago. The goals for 2010 are a modest 10% increase in revenue and the adoption of a breakeven budget, very doable.

Carla Richardson and I are here to represent you, so please feel free to e-mail and/or call us to ask questions and share your ideas and opinions.

As usual, I talk too much. Please forgive me, but I'm just so excited about all the potential of "twenty-ten." We horse owners are a tough lot, and we make great sacrifices to own, ride, and enjoy our beloved equine companions. Your Region 3 board's goal is to make sure that the sacrifices you make to participate in NATRC/Region 3 competitive trail rides, whether as management, volunteer, and/or rider are worthwhile and rewarding. May all your dreams come true in 2010!

Looking forward to seeing you on the trails,

Betty Wolgram

President, Region 3

## ***DON'T MISS THE FIRST RIDE OF THE SEASON!!!***

Pinon Mesa! April 16-18! The ride is open for entries on RMS (Ride Management System). You can also sign up at the Region 3 Convention. Dr. Boyd Emond, Region 3's newest vet judge, will be vetting the ride. Bring junk food and drinks to share and socialize Friday night and a potluck dish to share Saturday night. Complete ride information is on RMS and on the Region 3 website [www.natrc3.org](http://www.natrc3.org) (click on trail rides).

Let's **FILL** the ride and show our support for first-time ride manager Chuck Smith and the San Juan Valley Trail Riders, and let's show our judges Boyd Emond, DVM, and Pat Montgomery how we have a good time!

Submitted by:  
Betty Wolgram

## ***DONATIONS NEEDED!!***

Donations are needed (food, drinks, and/or cash) for the Region 3 Convention Hospitality Room. PLEASE contact Jenny Smith at [jennysmith1974@earthlink.net](mailto:jennysmith1974@earthlink.net) or (505) 334-6275.

Donation items are also still needed for the Convention's silent auction, proceeds of which go to benefit a number of regional programs. Please contact Betty Wolgram at [bkwranch@hughes.net](mailto:bkwranch@hughes.net) or (970) 824-8359 and let her know what you can either bring or send with someone to Convention.

Submitted by:  
Betty Wolgram

## **Spring Trail Trials Farmington, NM March 13th, '10**

The San Juan Valley Trail Riders are hosting a "Trail Trial" in March of this year, the date being Sat., March 13, 2010 in Farmington, NM. Bill and Judy Cumberworth have again generously offered their arena as the home site. Last year's ride will serve as a basis for this years, making it a bit easier on the volunteer help. Plans are finalized to host the trail trial in conjunction with ACTHA. Last years trials were a good beginning but the monies earned were small. ACTHA is the new "IN" trail trials organization, handing out lots of incentives to participate. They advertise that they are, "paying you to ride your horse" by handing out ACTHA bucks which are good at any sponsorship store. Sign up 30 days in advance earn \$50, 29-20 days in advance get \$25, place 1st thru 6th earn \$150 to \$25, etc. For more details visit the ACTHA website at: <http://www.actha.us/>

The purpose of working with ACTHA is manyfold. First and foremost, it would pull more riders from a more widely advertised base. Through increased participation we would raise more money to improve our NATRC rides, provide incentives for ride managers and volunteers, and to defray incidental expenses associated with ride managing. Second, it may prove to be a nice jumping off point for new members in NATRC. Both organizations could end up complimenting one another; increasing interest in developing a great trail horse; get people involved in keeping, developing our horse trail systems; and adding to the horse activities available in our region.

The Trail Trial will consist of an 8-10 mile ride with 8 - 10 obstacles. To sign up visit [www.actha.com](http://www.actha.com)

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## **\*\*PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR 2011**

**\*\* At the National Board Meeting in Reno, NV, February 18, 2010, the Board of Directors approved the following proposed rule changes to be passed on to the NATRC membership for review. Board will discuss comments by membership at its July meeting as part of the rules adoption process, and at its November meeting will vote on the proposed rule changes. If approved, they will go into effect for the 2011 ride season. Please contact your regional directors Carla Richardson e-mail [richardson.carla@gmail.com](mailto:richardson.carla@gmail.com) (970) 986-2677 and/or Betty Wolgram e-mail [bkwranch@hughes.net](mailto:bkwranch@hughes.net) (970) 824-8359 with comments, questions, etc. that you wish presented at the July meeting.**

### **1. Page 2-1 Section 2.A.3.Add:**

- c. All participants, personnel, and equine owners must sign a NATRC liability release form.

**Purpose:** *The Rule Book requires participants in clinics to sign a release form, but does not require the same for rides.*

### **2. Page 5-2 Section 5.E. Reads: Shoeing**

- 1. There are no shoeing restrictions.

**Change to:** 5.E. Hoof Protection

- 1. There are no shoeing restrictions.
- 2. All types of hoof boots that provide sole protection are allowed. However, any attached strap, keeper, or gaiter must not extend above the pastern. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper, or gaiter.

**Page 5-2 Section 5.F.4. Reads:** Protective devices on the legs of the horse are not allowed. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet band.

**Change to :** Protective devices, such as bell boots or wraps, are not permissible on the legs of horses except for hoof sole protections as allowed under Section 5.E.2. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet band.

**Page 6-2 Section 6.B.2. Reads:** Soundness 45%: The evaluation of soundness shall include, but not be limited to, the following: lameness .....cinch sores, rubs, splints, ringbone, spavin, sidebone, etc.

**Change by adding:** The evaluation of soundness shall include, but not be limited to, the following: lameness.....cinch sores, rubs (including areas covered by any attached strap, keeper, or gaiter), splints, ringbone, spavin, sidebone, etc.

**Page 6-2 Section 6.C.1.c. Reads:** Tack and Equipment: The evaluation of tack and equipment.....proper fit, adjustment, repair; trail gear placement and security.

**Change by adding:** The evaluation of tack and equipment.....proper fit, adjustment, repair; adjustment, proper fit of any attached strap, keeper, or gaiter; trail gear placement and security.

**Purpose:** *From the Judges Committee; the new boot designs have given riders much more of a choice in how they would like to compete. This will also encourage and remind judges to check for rubs, fit, etc.*

**3. Page 5-4 Section 5 J2.e Reads:** Catastrophic circumstances or uncontrollable acts of God causing disruption of completion of time schedules will be adjudicated by management in consultation with judges and Rules Interpreter.

**Add:** Rides failing to meet the minimum mileage criteria may have sanction withdrawn by the Sanction Chairman with the approval of the BOD. (See Section 4A1b and A2c for minimum mileage requirements)



Purpose: *To clarify and remind management, judges and Rules Interpreter of the minimum mileage for a CTR. Also state the consequences if minimum mileage is not met.*

**4. Page 6-1 Section 6.A.5. Reads:** Final Examination: There must be a final examination (including condition, soundness, and manners) of all horses by the veterinary judge after the completion of the final day's ride..

**Change to read:** There must be a final examination (including condition, soundness, and manners) of all horses by the veterinary and horsemanship judges after the completion of the final day's ride.

Purpose: *To require both judges to be present at the final evaluation to increase communication, so both judges will know the status of the **team** at the end of competition. For example, if a horse gets "completion only", the horsemanship judge will know.*

Submitted for 1<sup>st</sup> publication in the *Stirrup* by:

Betty Wolgram

National Director, Region 3

### ***REMEMBER TO RENEW!***

Please try to renew your membership as soon as possible. Dues are technically delinquent by March 1, so please send in your 2010 dues by April 1 to avoid being removed from the mailing and e-mail lists for *Stirrup*, *Hoofprint*, and to avoid losing other benefits.

As of the last report from National (February updates), approximately 75% of our family memberships had renewed and approximately 66% of our single adult memberships had renewed. If you have renewed since January 31, your renewal will be reflected in the March updates which should be out by about the middle of the month.

We hope to have the Region 3 Member Directory out by early May this year. Membership cards which can also serve as rider weight cards this year are being sent to all members electronically or by regular mail if a request is made by contacting Betty Wolgram at (970) 824-8359. You may renew online at [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) through PayPal or you may renew by printing a membership form from the website and mailing it in.

Also, let's try to "reproduce ourselves" by sponsoring a new member. If even half our members brought in a new member, our growth would be phenomenal. Let's try, let's do it.

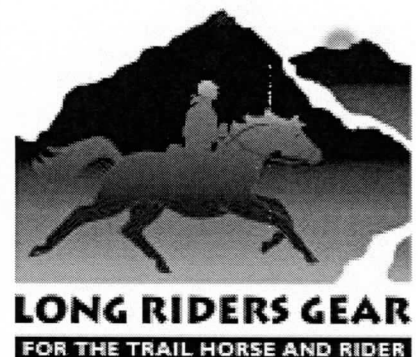
Last year we collected more payback money from National than any other region. Let's do it again!

Betty Wolgram

President, Region 3



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### Region 3 Members Honored at Nationals

Several Region 3 Members were honored at the National Convention in Reno last month. Doreen Portner won the Him Menefee Honorary Lifetime Membership Award (bottom left); Jeff & Kathy Brown, Beth Sims and Susan Peters received the Region 3 National Appreciation Award; Judy Mason received a National Championship for her horse Woody, and Jerry Sims won his first National Championship! Congratulations!



## A Girl Grows Up on a Horse!

Ashley started riding Sport, a grey polish Arabian gelding, after her first horse, Marshmallow, passed away unexpectedly. Sport was her mom's recently acquired Competitive Trail Ride (CTR) prospect, which was substituted as Ashley 4H show horse just 2 weeks before the county fair horse show. Ashley had only a few months riding experience under her belt when she climbed onto Sport. He took good care of her!

Sport is the kind of horse that will do what you ask, BUT the rider has to tell him exactly what you want. Ashley finally built the courage to canter on him. Now she is a confident rider who is precise in her cues. She loves doing gymkhana and is asking for more and more speed. Keyhole is a cinch for a 14.1 hand 900lb short coupled handy little horse.

Ashley followed in her bother, JJ's, footsteps in riding in competitive trail with her mom, Kay Gunckel DVM. She quickly learned keeping an Arabian in shape wasn't much work compared to the quarter horse and gaited horse the rest of the family rides.

Ashley and Sport learned to work together as a team this year when JJ and mom advanced onto Open. Ashley stepped up to the plate, keeping track of her timing on the trail as well as learning to work with her horse on obstacles when he was distracted by the other horses. It was a real learning experience.

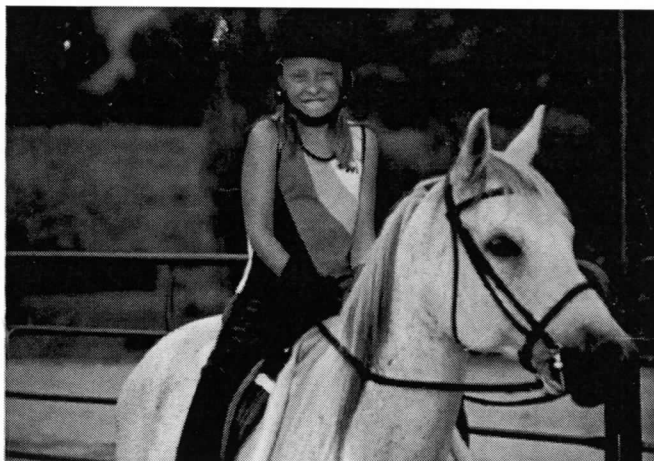
This little CTR horse has become very handy. He filled in again this year at county fair when Ashley's show horse was lame. Together they placed third in a very

competitive large class in western showmanship at halter. Ashley shows both western, English, and gymkhana.

Another of Ashley's favorite events is musical freestyle. Musical freestyle is where the 4Hers get to put an individual pattern together to music. Ashley and Sport have competed together for the last 3 years. The first year they did a song from the Lord of the Rings in full Arabian Costume. Last year they did a very cute routine called the "Ugly Bug Ball" where Sport was dressed as a green caterpillar and Ashley as his lady bug girlfriend. This year they did an elegant routine to the Taylor Swift song, "Our Song." As a CTR horse Sport doesn't mind any of the costumes or loud music while performing in the Budweiser Event Center in front of a large noisy crowd.

We love this neat little Arabian horse that a girl, named Ashley has grown up on!!

~submitted by Kay Gunckel



## Its Not Too Late!

### Come to the Region 3 Convention!

It's not just about awards. We're having great presentations and great hospitality. All-around education and fun for all who attend (See attached schedule and registration forms).

Vest numbers for 2010 ride season will be sold at convention. Open, \$30; Competitive Pleasure, \$20; Novice, \$10. If you wish to pre-purchase your vest, contact Chuck Smith: (home) 505-334-3373 (cell) 505-215-2625 E-mail: [chucksmith2020@earthlink.net](mailto:chucksmith2020@earthlink.net).

Our hospitality room is being hosted by Jenny Smith and she would really appreciate donations. (505) 215-9791 E-mail: [jennysmith1974@earthlink.net](mailto:jennysmith1974@earthlink.net).

Silent auction donations are needed. Please contact Betty Wolgram 970-824-8359 E-mail: [bkwranch@hughes.net](mailto:bkwranch@hughes.net).

Premier parking for each ride will again be auctioned and a brand new auction, Premier Check-In (successful bidder gets to go to the front of the line at all rides you attend. Single bidder, non-transferable).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.  
Looking forward to seeing you,

Chuck Smith  
Convention Chair

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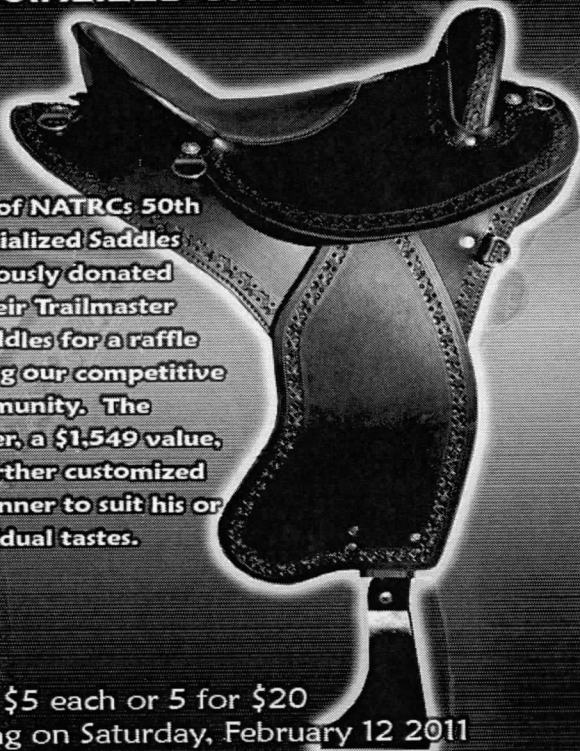
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To support NATRC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Specialized Saddles, a NATRC National Sponsor, has donated a saddle to be raffled off at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention to be held in Nashville, TN, in 2011. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Region 3 Convention and, if not sold out, at rides throughout the ride season. Let's be the first region to sell all our allocated tickets. Thank you for your support of NATRC and may a Region 3 member win this beautiful saddle.

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Following is an excellent quote from Jane Smiley's book "A Year at the Races"

Most horses pass from one human to another - some horsemen and women are patient and forgiving, others are rigorous and demanding, others are cruel, others are ignorant. Horses have to learn how to, at the minimum, walk, trot, canter, gallop, go on trails and maybe jump, to be treated by the vet, with sense and good manners. Talented Thoroughbreds must learn how to win races, and if they can't do that, they must learn how to negotiate courses and jump over strange obstacles without touching them, or do complicated dancelike movements or control cattle or accommodate severely handicapped children and adults in therapy stables.

Many horses learn all of these things in the course of a single lifetime. Besides this, they learn to understand and fit into the successive social systems of other horses they meet along the way. A horse's life is rather like twenty years in foster care, in and out of prison, while at the same time changing schools over and over and discovering that not only do the other students already have their own social groups, but that what you learned at the old school hasn't much application at the new one.

We do not require as much of any other species, including humans. That horses frequently excel, that they exceed the expectations of their owners and trainers in such circumstances, is as much a testament to their intelligence and adaptability as to their relationship skills or their natural generosity or their inborn nature.

That they sometimes manifest the same symptoms as Romanian orphans - distress, strange behaviors, anger, fear - is less surprising than that they usually don't.

No one expects a child, or even a dog to develop its intellectual capacities living in a box 23 hours a day and then doing controlled exercises the remaining one. Mammal minds develop through social interaction and stimulation. A horse that seems stupid might just have not gotten the chance to learn!

Take care of your horses in 2010

Subject: Potential Danger of Horse Hair

This is a public service announcement!!!

Urgent Notice: Potential Danger of Horse Hair

In a press release today, the National Institute of Health has announced the discovery of a potentially dangerous substance in the hair of horses. This substance, called "amobacter equuii" has been linked with the following symptoms in females:


- \* Reluctance to cook, clean or do housework.
- \* Reluctance to wear make-up, good clothes or heels.
- \* Reluctance to spend money on home or car repairs until after "baby has new shoes, pad, blanket, tack, grain, hay & supplements".

"Amobacter equuii" usually results in long hours away from home and exhaustion which may lead to a loss of physical contact with other humans (especially husbands).

"Amobacter equuii" is thought to be addictive, driving the need for additional sources - this may lead to a "herd mentality" or like the potato chip commercial, "you can't have just one". (Especially potent if infected from miniature equines)

Beware! If you come in contact with a female human infected by this substance, be prepared to talk about horses for hours.

Surgeon General's Warning: Horses are expensive, addictive, and may impair the ability to use common sense.



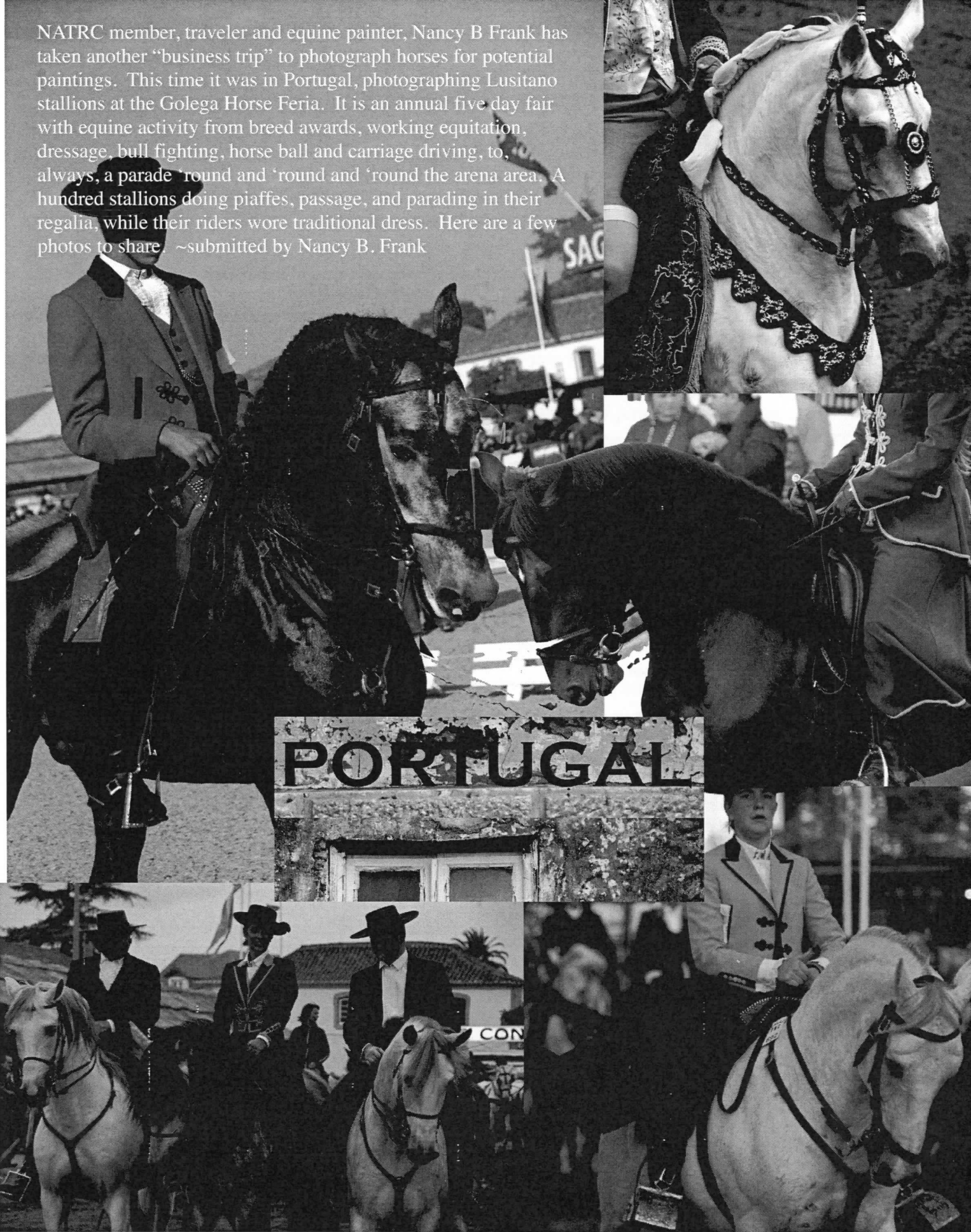
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NATRC member, traveler and equine painter, Nancy B Frank has taken another "business trip" to photograph horses for potential paintings. This time it was in Portugal, photographing Lusitano stallions at the Golega Horse Feria. It is an annual five day fair with equine activity from breed awards, working equitation, dressage, bull fighting, horse ball and carriage driving, to, always, a parade 'round and 'round the arena area. A hundred stallions doing piaffes, passage, and parading in their regalia, while their riders wore traditional dress. Here are a few photos to share. ~submitted by Nancy B. Frank



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BOD Meeting September 25, 2009  
Chokecherry Canyon Competitive Trail Ride

**Members Present:**

Betty Wolgram (Dist.1-President)  
Linell Miller (Dist.2-Vice President)  
Jim Sinnett (Dist. 2)  
Chuck Smith (Dist.3-Treasurer)  
Jenny Smith (Dist.3-Alternate)

Beth Sims (At-Large)  
Cheri Westmoreland (At-Large)  
Carla Richardson (National Board Rep.)  
Doreen Portner (National Board Rep.)

**Members Absent:**

Jill Talbot (Dist.1-excused)  
Ginger Snip (Dist. 3-excused)

Olga Spanhoff (At-Large-excused)  
Jerry Sims (past president-present but working at ride)

**Guests:**

Susan Peters – acting secretary for Ginger  
Diane Wingle  
Judy Wise-Mason  
Kerry Bingham

The meeting was called to order by president Betty Wolgram at 12:10 p.m. Cheri Westmoreland made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22 board meeting as written; seconded by Jim Sinnett; motion carried by a vote of the Board.

**Treasurer's Report (Chuck Smith)**

The report is in the email dated 9/22/09 that includes the agenda for this meeting. Checking account balance as of 9/22/09 is \$19,999.00. Board approved treasurer's report. *A discussion on the current savings balances was tabled to the next meeting.*

Discussion led by the various committee heads follows:

**National Board Report – Doreen Portner**

- 1) The National Board has worked on two versions of the revision to the stabling guidelines – a long and a short version. The short version was selected with a request for the regional boards to approve. **Doreen Portner moved that R3 Board approve the short version of the stabling guidelines; Jim Sinnett seconded; and the motion carried by a vote of the board.**
- 2) Doreen Portner asked that people who have complaints/suggestions should put in their issue writing (email is fine) and send it to Laurie DiNatale (and copy Doreen). Betty Wolgram suggested copying the entire National Board. *Betty Wolgram also asked Doreen Portner to research the suggestion/complaint process and report back at the next meeting. The assumption is that Laurie DiNatale forwards on the comments to the appropriate committee – Question: does the committee have to respond/take some action on the comment or can it “die in committee”.*

**Membership and Stirrup – Kerry Bingham**

A clarification was made that the number of “members” in the report really referred to the number of “memberships” (a family membership includes multiple memberships. There are actually about 215 members. Discussion was held on whether to send emails/postcards for upcoming annual renewals. **Cheri Westmoreland made a motion that we send renewal invoices via email to the list of email addresses we have and send a postcard to those members where we have no email. Beth Sims seconded the motion; the motion carried by a vote of the Board.**

Discussion was held on whether articles should be published in the Stirrup if the author wished to remain anonymous. Cheri Westmoreland made a motion that **the Stirrup should not publish anonymous articles; Doreen Portner seconded; and the motion passed by a vote of the board.**

### **Publicity/Advertising – Cheri Westmoreland**

Cheri Westmoreland reported that there has been little activity in the publicity/advertising area because members have not provided her with sources/ publicity articles, etc. *This is a topic to be discussed in more depth at the first board meeting of 2010. Board members need to find someone from the Front Range area to work with Cheri Westmoreland on publicity and advertising.*

### **Awards – Jenny Smith**

*Much discussion occurred regarding this Board's desire to use our strong financial position to "beef up" awards in many areas: possibly purchase Open National Championship blankets for the recipients after the first year (National buys them the first time - then only provides a small patch for successive championships); consider additional classes in the CP division to make CP more comparable to Open/Novice; more recognition for novice division; purchase awards in all divisions. This topic was tabled to the first meeting of 2010.*

A second topic was whether we should provide awards to non-member juniors. The consensus was to provide awards only to member juniors (this topic is specifically addressed in the by laws of Region 3 and if we did want to make a change; the by laws would have to be changed).

### **Workers Report – Beth Sims**

Beth still needs the worker reports for Greenland Clinic (per Susan Peters emailed on 9/26) and AFA Benefit.

### **Year End Convention Report – Chuck Smith**

Ideas for topics were solicited – ideas suggested included homeopathic care and TTouch. Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico are already secured as keynote speakers and Betty Wolgram is in the process of contacting Garrett Ford, CEO of EasyCare, Inc., as a possible speaker.

### **National Board Meeting – Denver – November 14**

There was discussion about whether members could get on the agenda; and Carla Richardson confirmed from Laurie DiNatale that members could still get on the agenda.

### **Nominating Committee Chair Report – Linell Miller**

We now have a full slate of nominees – i.e. all positions have someone running for them.

There was no objection to emailing ballots – there is no requirement in our by-laws for anonymity so email is an appropriate vehicle for voting. Ballots will be e-mailed to all e-mail contact groups and ballots will be sent by regular mail to those few members for whom we still lack e-mail addresses on or before November 10. Ballots will include nominations by the Board for the Sue Bretag Award and for the best managed ride for 2009.

### **Old Business:**

- 1) Region 3 e-membership cards (This year Betty Wolgram e-mailed Region 3 membership cards to all members who have an e-mail address and will do so again next year.) We need to decide whether we wish to snail mail membership cards next year to those members who do not have an e-mail address. National no longer sends annual membership cards and our region members seem to appreciate getting them. We could print the membership cards on the back of a USPS postcard so they could be cut out and save postage and envelopes that way if you wish. After discussion, the decision was to email membership cards to members who have supplied email addresses and provide cards to others via another avenue (snail mail; via friend's email) upon written request. *Note to include a place for weight on the membership card – at the first ride the weigh master can fill in the weight – and this would give the membership card another useful purpose.*
- 2) Horse & Rider Awards (tabled from May meeting) – regarding increasing or leaving the same the attendance requirement for CP riders to be eligible for combined high average horse and horsemanship. **Cheri Westmoreland**

made a motion to increase the participation to 75% beginning with the 2010 ride season; Carla Richardson seconded; and by a vote of the board – the motion passed.

#### New Business:

- 1) Date for verifying points & mileage with the points secretary is now October 15, is this enough time? Cheri Westmoreland made a motion that the deadline for verifying points & mileage be changed to 30 days after the last ride of the season; Jim Sinnett seconded, motion passed.
- 2) Jim Sinnett made a motion to eliminate vest deposit charges; Cheri Westmoreland seconded; the motion passed. *Remove from the generic ride entry in the ride book and website, notify ride managers, and remove from RMS.*
- 3) Discussion on National Board Member Reimbursement Revised Guidelines submitted by Betty Wolgram and Chuck Smith. **Jim Sinnett made a motion to change the meal per diem to state - \$40 per day; receipts not required and to approve the remainder of the revised guidelines as presented. By unanimous consent, motion was approved.**
- 4) Use of evaluations vs. members voting for the best managed ride of the year. Consensus of board supported voting via ballot with management feedback an optional tool. If ride managers want ride evaluations, they should furnish their own in their rider packets.
- 5) Final approval of balloting for Region 3 2009 Board of Directors election and nominations for Sue Bretag Award.
- 6) Nominations approved to be submitted to National for year-end Appreciation awards.
- 7) Outline of schedule for year-end Region 3 convention and seminar to be held March 19/20, 2010, in Taos, NM, was presented by Chuck Smith.
- 8) Discussion of 2010 ride schedule, 2010 benefit ride, etc. Betty Wolgram is working with an owner of a ranch in Gunnison, CO, for a possible new ride. The benefit ride will be at Purgatory.
- 9) Consideration of Region 3 membership in Back Country Horsemen of NM and/or Colorado. They will be the keynote speaker for the convention. We can join Colorado and New Mexico chapters for \$25 each per year. **Doreen Portner made a motion that we join; Jim Sinnett seconded; the motion passed.**

#### Other New Business:

Proposal for special year-end award for CP - Linell Miller proposed a CP Regional Championship Horse award similar to the Open National Championship with the same requirements - two first place placings (one out of state) or one first and two second place placings (one out of state) ; 75 points total. Region would provide a \$50-\$60 blanket.

*Note – suggestion from Jim Sinnett to auction off ride checkout priority in all rides. Both proposals and any other proposals for awards to be added for the 2010 Region 3 ride season will be discussed and voted upon at the next meeting.*

#### Next Board Meeting:

Date: Friday, March 19

Location: Region 3 Convention, Taos, NM, hotel TBA

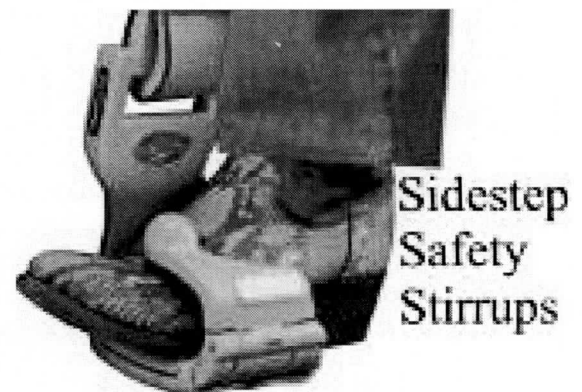
Time: 5:00 P.M. to approximately 7:00 P.M.

#### Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn at 2:11 p.m., seconded, and all voted in favor.

#### Submitted by:

Susan Peters, substituting for Region 3 Secretary – Ginger Snip



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SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010 (SNOW DATE SUNDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2010)

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**Agenda:**

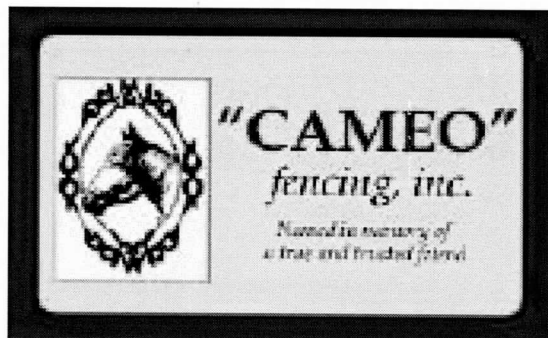
- 8-9 am Check in and Continental Breakfast
- 9-10 am Welcome by Susan Peters and Susie Witter, NATRC Horsemanship Judge  
Overview of CTR  
Rider Packets  
What the veterinary and horsemanship judges look for  
Obstacles are everywhere  
Timing out – setting watches  
Goal – continual improvement (Riders Manual)
- 10:00-11:30 Obstacles on the Obstacle Course
- 11:30-12 Lunch
- 12-12:30 Tack up and Tack Check
- 12:30-1:15 Practice Trail Ride with a Pulse and Respiration Check – 4 miles
- 1:15-1:45 Receive Score Cards  
Questions and Answers

**Price** - \$35 which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Audit (no horse – just rider ) - \$25. Refunds less \$10 admin fee if cancelled before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

**Trail** - We will be doing 4 miles of the Greenland Open Space Trails.

**Directions** - Take the Greenland exit off I25 (exit 167) – go west ¼ mile then south ½ mile. At the Greenland Open Space we will have directed parking (plenty of parking).

**Registration** - 25 rider limit and 5 auditor limit - and this clinic always fills so register soon by sending a **check made out to CTR** to Susan Peters, 17215 Saddlewood Road, Monument, CO 80132. Email is [sapeters@pcisys.net](mailto:sapeters@pcisys.net), 719-439-5669. Include your email address, phone numbers, name.



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# I HAAAAAD AN ADDDVENTTTTURRE IN AFFFFRICCCCCAAAAA!!!

(MY POOR RENDITION OF Meryl Streep FROM OUT OF AFRICA)

by Cheri Westmoreland

It was exciting, fantastic, and the most excruciatingly painful adventure I have ever been on.....wish I had done it 10 or even 5 years ago.

Just got back from an equestrian safari in South Africa and Boswanna. It was worth every penny and I don't say that often. We rode 4 1/2-5 hours in the morning and 1 1/2-2 hours in the evening for four days and then changed the evening horse ride for evening Landrover rides for the last four days--hallaloya.

It wouldn't have been so bad if the horses traveled in a manner to which I am accustomed....I thought I was a fairly good rider going into this thing, but before it was over I had doubts about my

skill level (don't you just hate humbling experiences). Every night I was sure I would not be able to ride the next day but when the next day came, I was back in the saddle again.

The saving grace was that all the horse prep and care was done for us, all we had to do was climb on and ride.

Ride, did I say ride? Oh my Gosh, they have two gaits in Africa, walk and canter.

The canters are canters from hell. When I think of cantering, its 100 maybe 200 yards but their idea of a canter goes on and on and on and on, pass the unbearable pain in your calves into numbness, past numbness into sickness and ends just before you throwup. Of course, no one in the group wants to be the first to holler "Uncle", so we all shutup and putup.

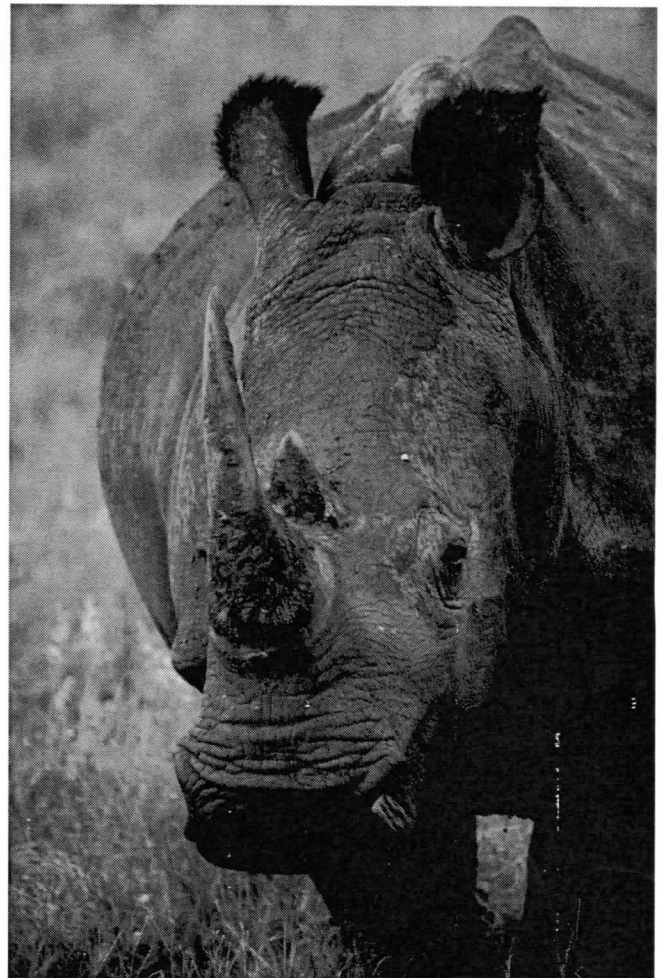
We saw so many animals up close and personal that I lost count including all the Big Five. We were charged by elephants, scolded by zebras, cantered with antelope herds, and came within three feet of lions.

These were all "Wild Animals" not to be taken lightly, it was amazing, disconcerting, and sometimes just plain scary.

I experienced 4 occasions under which, circumstances could have easily turned for the worse but for the grace of God or the good luck of a fool.

I will relate one here in the hopes of entertaining you:

There where three other people in my group, I could not have picked three better companions. We were on our evening ride when the head guide called for one of the infamous canters. Everyone started out but I had to hesitate so I could put my camera in its holster. the group got about 50 yards ahead of me and the back guide. We were in a controlled canter when all of a sudden a one ton baby rhino and his 2-2 1/2 ton mama shot out from behind a large bush right off to my right not 12 feet away from me. In a canter themselves they paralleled my horse. The baby seemed confused and would start to turn away from us and then on the next stride would fiend as if he wanted to cross right in front of us. The Mama was by his side, a half a body length behind.



My first thought was "this can't be good". I felt sure that at any moment the mama would stop, wheel, and charge me. My next thought was

"okay, I'll just sit down on this horse and scoot on past them", then "No, fool, you'll get up even with them and then they could just turn into you and run you over flat, that wouldn't be pretty". Common sense then kicked in and I decided to slow down and let them pass. Just then, they cut right in front of us and thank the heavens just kept going on their merry way.

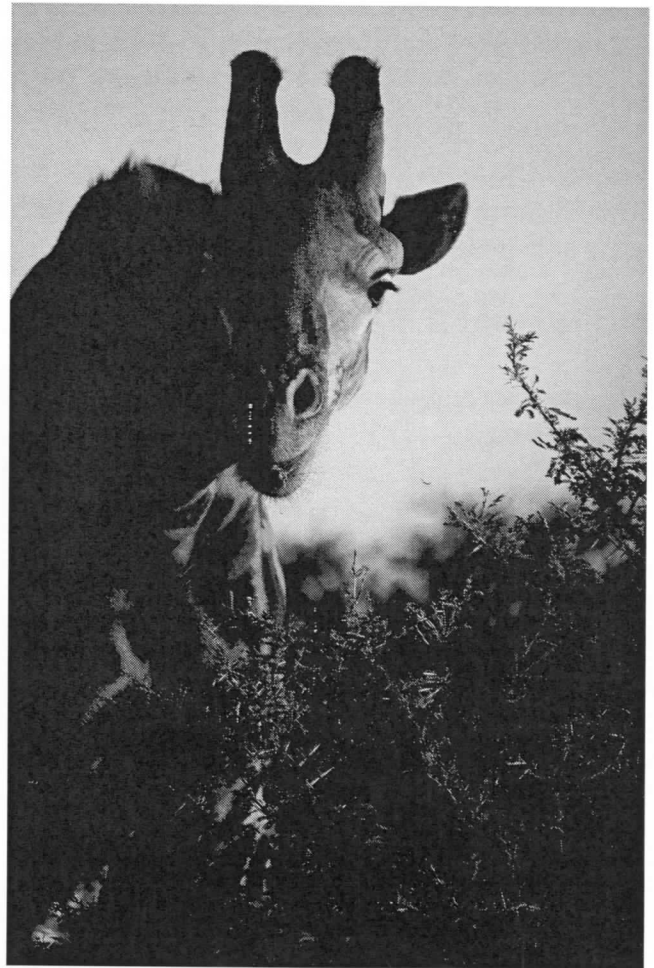
All this time the back guide was whistling to the front guide who was out of hearing distance (they whistle instead of talk as talking or yelling could force the animals to flee or charge)..I was whistling or I should say my lips where puckered and I was blowing but no sound was coming out.

We got stopped just in time and had a good laugh. I was referred to as the rhino wrangler thereafter.

I will refrain from retelling the other three experiences for fear of boring you.

I'd go back for a repeat in a heart beat, if anyone is up for it next year, let me know, I would consider putting together a group event.

Time is short, quit dreaming and do what you want to do. You may wake up one day and realize the time has past and left you wanting.



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## ELMER BANDIT – Marsha Hayes and Gloria Becker

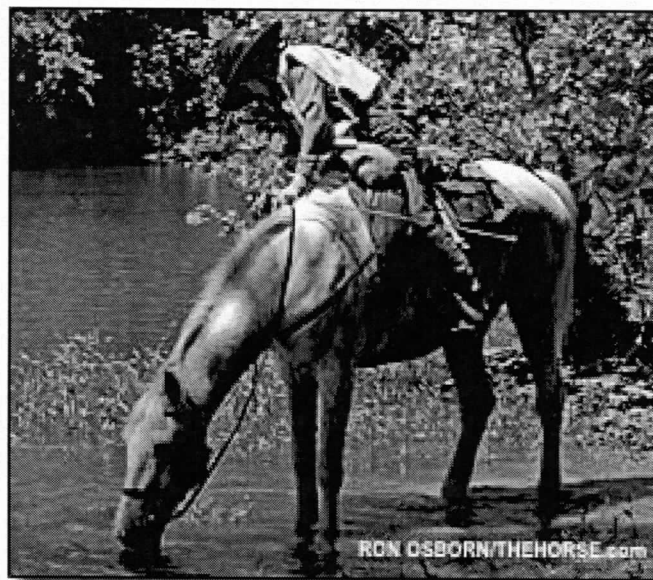
According to the text at THEHORSE.COM, Elmer had a 34-year NATRC career, which indicates he began that career in 1974. In 1978 when record keeping began, he won the first of 25 National Champion Awards before his retirement in 2008.

In 1980 Elmer won the Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion High Average Horse award which is a most prestigious award. Elmer Bandit was the first horse inducted into the NATRC Horse Hall of Fame in 1986.

When Elmer Bandit died February 14 at the age of 38, his NATRC mileage total stood at 20,780 miles, the NATRC record. Less than five months before his death, he finished both days of the Stephens Forest CTR in the DO Division of Competitive Pleasure.

All these statistic and numbers are impressive, but the special thing about Elmer was more elusive than miles and awards. He was an interesting horse. He was a pleasant horse. He was a horse we could relate to because he was Everyhorse, an approachable horse we could identify and talk to. He was blue collar, down to earth, unpretentious. And he made us feel hopeful that we, too, could excel. Many would look at Elmer and think, "I can do this, too." Elmer had the knack of being able to inspire without intimidating. He made it look easy, although, of course, it wasn't.

Elmer shared his knowledge as did his life-long owner/rider Mary Anna Wood. They enjoyed taking new riders under care. Many of the condolences that have been pouring in begin with, "I remember how Elmer and you mentored me at..." Many writers confessed they had never actually met Elmer, but had been inspired by his tenacity and longevity. The stories of Wood and Elmer made people reconsider what we used to think was the useful life of a horse. They told of how they saw Wood as an example of the type of owner they wanted to be: one who did not discard a partner for a "younger" "fresher" mount.



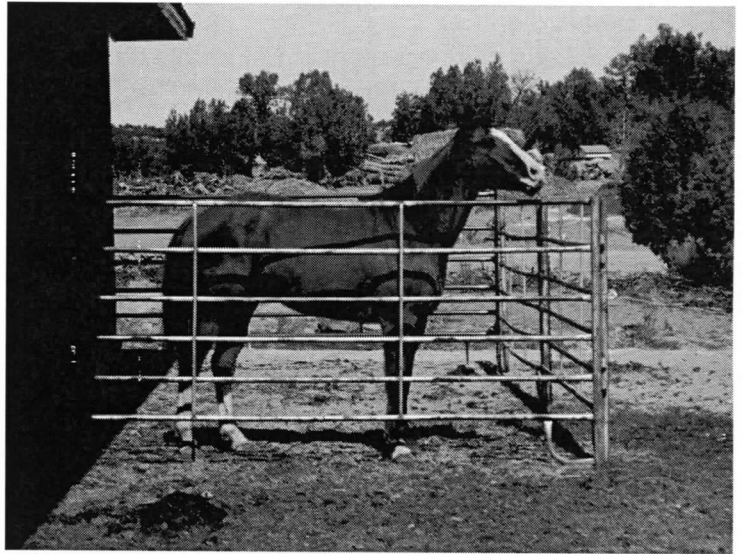
Many of you in this room can recall being passed by Elmer on the trail. You recall his Turbo Trot. You recall the birthday parties Mary Anna had for Elmer at rides where she passed out carrots for all the other horses.

The trails supported Elmer's passion in life... moving down the trail.... Mary Anna requested remembrances go to NATRC's trail fund. Even 20 years ago, Mary Anna would charge a quarter to have Elmer perform his "Jump in the Back of a Pick-Up trick" and she would count the quarters and mail a check to the trail fund.

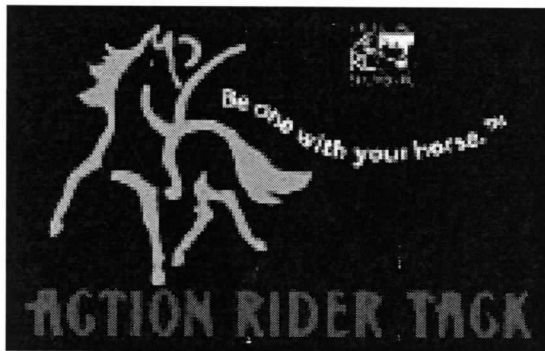
Elmer Bandit and Wing Tempo represent an era of 20,000 mile plus horses. Will NATRC see more 20,000 mile horses? The future is unknown, but this much is true. NATRC should be proud of our sport which gives honest work and challenge to horses. Our members are like family and our family has lost its patriarch. We were privileged to know and ride with Elmer Bandit.

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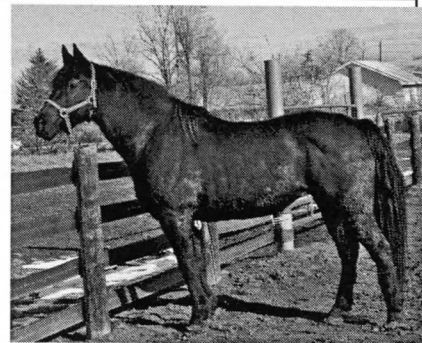
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Quartz Creek  
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April 24  
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May 29 & 30  
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