

Crunching Numbers in Region Six

The Editor's Perspective —Marsha Hayes

It's October.... Three rides this month in Region Six and I want to do all of them. Time to crunch some numbers. How many days can I be gone from home? Might need 12 at the most, 9 if I can get a night driver. Numbers tight. If my husband and I both go, I must look into his leave situation at work and his complex work schedule. This analysis involves something called PTO hours, annual leave hours and banked time and potential overtime lost analysis.

Then comes figuring the ever changing price of diesel fuel and figuring the miles driven, divided by the miles per gallon. From my location it looks like 150 gallons of fuel should do it. This could run about \$420 to \$500. Six entry fees should run about \$400 and then there will be camping fees and additional road food. We will throw in another \$75 per ride for another \$150. Realistically, attending the last three rides could easily cost \$1,050 in cash outlay in one month. Realistically, this will be very, very hard.

The number crunch that arrived at a figure slightly over \$1,000 does not include lost overtime, put any value on vacation days or factor in the exorbitant cost I am now spending to properly shoe two horses and the many gallons of fuel spent driving to conditioning rides with a first time rider I am training with.

What is the proverbial bottom line? Can I afford to do three rides in one month? Can I afford not to? I can honestly say I have never had a bad time at a ride. Some of the best memories of my life center on rides and the people I have ridden with and the time with my horse. There is also the temporal quality of my soundness and the ever present concern that the horses will stay healthy and sound. Life and NATRC offer no guarantees.

Conserving one's money is much like riding smart on a long ride. Do we splurge on every ride that comes along because "I might not be riding in the fall" or do we save our money for the stunningly beautiful October weather and finish strong? It all depends on knowing your horse and how strong a financial steed we are individually mounted on.

If you DON'T see me at all the rides in October, you can surmise any of several options: lame horse, sick horse (ditto for rider), or team pulled for being called slightly off on the right front checkbook. If you **do** see me at all the October rides you can surmise any of several options: horse sound, rider healthy, classes are being skipped and financial analysis determined electricity highly overrated as a necessity. Anyone got any spare candles?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where is the time flying to? It seems like only yesterday that we were at Big Hill and now we are looking at the last three rides of 2006!

In some ways this has been a difficult year in that with gas/fuel prices many riders were forced to cut back on the number of rides they were able to go to. Thankfully, in September prices began to drop and more folks are signing up for the last few rides.

Our ride managers have been very brave. In the face of potential dollar losses they have gone ahead and put on their rides. Please competitors don't forget that at most rides any losses come directly out of the ride manager's own pocket. I know some managers said they would go ahead this year but can not handle more than one year at their own expense.

Next year, one ride manager has made the decision to go ahead and sanction the ride and get started, BUT, if faced with another year of losses, the manager said they will make a decision about 2 to 3 weeks before the ride as to whether they will cancel. I understand that many folks were delaying getting ride entries in as they watched fuel prices. However, next year try to get your entry in at least a month in advance. Waiting until the last minute may cause a ride to be cancelled. We do not want rides cancelled!!

I am optimistic. Oil prices have gone down, no hurricanes to disrupt refining and hopefully no major world crisis to cause another major run-up. Let's cross our fingers!

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Overall, a good year. No major human or horse injuries. Few folks taking the scenic tours out on trail. Weather has been exceptional! Only one really, really Hot Ride!! New competitors. Dave Smith Fall Fiesta had 8 first-time competitors! Several folks that attended the Nebraska clinics have shown up to ride! Our new ride manager at the NE Forest ride was rated exceptionally professional by our visiting NATRC President and he was really impressed! Way to go Yvette.

Just an FYI, there will be a Region 6 Board Meeting on Sunday, November 19th. The meeting will be in the Kansas City area. If you have business to bring before the board, please e-mail Ruth or me and we will put it on the agenda. If you would like to attend, come on down!! We plan to meet between 10:30 am and 3 pm. If we can attend to business efficiently we will do our best to finish early. See ya on the trail!! Cheri J

Voracious Cattle Disrupt Nebraska CTR

From the internet account of Cheri Jeffcoat interpreted by Marsha Hayes

Although far from Roswell, New Mexico strange actions of Nebraska cattle caused speculation about possible alien involvement with the disappearing trail markers in the Nebraska National Forest. Unexpected bovines appeared in many parts of the trail and ate not only the ribbons, but clothes pins as well and left ride management scrambling to re-mark trail.

First time ride manager and trailmaster Yvette Haeberle knew there was a problem Friday morning as she and Frank and Joyce Keeran were out checking on their markers. As they crested a rise, they were greeted by the sight of a yearling calf standing right in the middle of the trail where no cattle were to be. In the calf's mouth dangled the remains of a ribbon and a clothespin was stuck in his lips. Contacted at her home, weeks after the ride, Yvette said, "They ate everything. They seemed to just migrate to the trail."

Serious journalist investigation discovered Yvette had used soy based ribbon and that fact did raise serious support to the contention they were not aliens, but only "hungry Nebraska cattle" looking for interesting gastronomic supplement to the short forage. Yvette did note the cattle even ate the clothespins, including the metal springs. "I suppose you could X-ray the cattle and see if the metal was down there," she mused. No plans by the Nebraska Park personnel are in place to X-ray the cattle and park officials have been tight lipped about the ownership and origin of the bovine intruders.

Seriously, everyone attending felt this was a truly wonderful ride experience and very well organized and executed. Perfect weather helped, with highs in the 70s. Yvette had volunteers out early making sure the trail was marked... again, and CP riders Mary and Gary McCoy also acted as scouts and trail markers.

On Saturday, within a mile of camp was a big sand blow-out, a steep in and out type obstacle. The competitors found it interesting. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. Riders were very lucky that the pre-riders opened gates and the safety riders closed them. There were at least 15 gates. One steel gate was used as an obstacle on Sunday. The novice class was asked to lead their horses in hand to open, go through and close the gate. The CP and Open went through mounted.

The catered dinner was excellent, thanks to the 4-H camp cook. The judges, Vet Shannon Leska and Horsemanship Norma Newton made the ride fun. Even though it was cool, the sand helped separate the horses. It was lots of work for the horses.

"It was kind of a mystery all weekend, where the cattle would be," said Yvette. Anyone crossing Yvette's path should thank her promptly and sincerely for hosting this new ride. It was well done, enjoyed, and appreciated.

Welcome to the Following New Region 6 Members!

Illinois

Jeffrey Julian, Godfrey

Kansas

Marilyn Johnson, Topeka
Cali Parker, Riley

Iowa

Jennifer Mlocek, Urbandale

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NE National Forest - 36

September 2-3, 2006

Chairman: Yvette Haeberle

Judges: Shannon Leska DVM, Norma Newton

Open Sweepstakes: Summer/Betty Wolgram, Betty-95

Novice Sweepstakes: Miss X/Taylor Barnes-92

Open Heavyweight - 6

- 1/3 Rocky Top II/Jim Ward
- 2/4 Touch's Yeller Gold/Gary Inman
- 3/2 Gus/Dave Spilker
- 4/1 Royal Sunset/Ty McCullough
- 5/6 Prairie Country Traveler/Dick Webb
- 6/5 PS Twilight Mist/Martha Kunkle

Open Lightweight - 11

- 1/1 Summer/Betty Wolgram
- 2/6 Baskolisa/Maggie Spilker
- 3/ Rick To The Rescue/Maggie Childs
- 4/4 Cloudsrest Zephyr/Tracey Korthuis
- 5/2 Country Quietachick WH/Kristi Chapman
- 6/3 Hucks Last Love/Lin Ward
- /5 Elmer Bandit/Mary Anna Wood
Winchester Charm/Lucy Hirsch
Seranata/Cynthia Mettes
Cheyenne I/Debbie McCullough
- P Treble's Tempt Me/Elizabeth Kendall

Open Junior - 1

- 1/1 Carrots/Hannah Winemiller

Novice Heavyweight - 4

- 1/3 Tigger/Mary Vogel
- 2/2 SK Candy Nipin/Marilyn Marston
- 3/1 Blaze (5)/Tina Clapper
- P Traveler/Steve Vogel

Novice Lightweight - 4

- 1/1 MPS Peppodoconita/Shari Parys
- 2/4 Sky Star Junior/Robin Nore
- 3/3 Golden Mr. Jet Charge/Marla Stucky
- 4/2 Indiana Jones/Vonnie Frane

Novice Junior - 1

- 1/1 Miss X/Taylor Barnes

Competitive Pleasure - 9

- 1/8 Rushcreek Melady/Gary McCoy
- 2/6 Cito Mocha Raton/Trish Cleveland
- 3/8 Cayenne/Sherri Halligan
- 4/3 Ace of Hearts WDG/Linell Miller-Inman
- 5/4 FA Country Gold's Magic Mist/Cheryl Weber
- 6/1 Duwaa Didi/Mary McCoy
- /2 BHR Hosan China Moon/Vicki Heniser
- /5 Rock's Strolling Jim/Susan Maiwald
Regala de la Estrellas/Diana Marquardt

2006 National Trails Symposium

Denise Maxwell recently called to our attention that October 19-22 NATRC's own Doreen Portner, Chair for Trail Advocacy and Grants, will speak at the 2006 National Trails Symposium in the Quad Cities. This is the area near Davenport, Iowa on the Mississippi River.

The Symposium provides a meeting place for all trail advocates, managers, planners, users and outdoor product providers to meet with conservationist, private landowners and tourism and business interests to communicate and hopefully promote more trails and preserve the ones we now use.

There is no Region 6 ride that weekend, so look at your calendars and consider the possibility of attending this meeting. More detailed information can be found on the American Trails website, www.americantrails.org or contact Pam Gluck at 530-547-2060. This could be an excellent networking opportunity to let people know horses need trails, too.

Got News??? Submit your Region Six Rally new story idea to
Marsha Hayes, mhkansas@comgen.com or 620-331-3541.
Hot tips accepted day or night!

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NATRC Region Six Convention, January 19 - 21st, 2007 Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska

Friday: • Hospitality Suite 6:00 p.m. and Region 6 Board meeting

- Saturday:**
- “First Aid on the Trail” - Yvette Haeberle & Maggie Spilker
 - “Hoof Care for Distance” - Nate Allen, Master Farrier
 - “Saddle Fitting” - Karen Everhart
 - “Dr. Ty & Dr. Dave...Return” - Ty McCullough & Dave Spilker
 - Cash bar followed by Awards Banquet and Auction

Sunday: Election of Officers

Bring your Auction items!!!

Hotel Information: Rooms are available for \$85.00 plus tax for a Standard King or Two Queen Beds, limited suites for \$105.00 plus tax are also available. Amenities included are a continental breakfast plus, large indoor pool, fitness center, and wireless high speed internet. There are numerous restaurants and shopping opportunities nearby. To make your reservations, visit their website at www.countryinns.com/lincolne or call the Country Inn & Suites at 1-800-456-4000. Make sure to let them know you are with the NATRC Region 6 Convention to receive the convention rate. Reservations are required by December 19th, 2006 to receive the convention rate. Convention registration is \$25, additional family members are \$15 per person.

ATTENTION! Convention registration forms will be available on-line soon on the Region Six website, www.natrcregion6.org

Name: _____ **Phone #** (____) _____

Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Name(s) of family members attending: _____

Registration fees: -\$25 per person (1st family member is \$25)..... _____ x \$25=_____

-\$15 per additional family member attending _____ x \$15=_____

-\$20 per Awards Banquet meal..... _____ x \$20=_____

Total Amount: _____

(Make checks payable to Region 6 NATRC, Inc.)

Please select your meal choice(s): # of Meals

_____ -8 oz Sirloin Steak with baked potato and vegetable*

_____ -Chicken Cordon Bleu with garlic mashed potatoes and vegetable*

*Each meal comes with a salad, roll w/butter, and dessert. Drinks included in the price are tea, coffee, pop, and water.

-Please send your completed registration form and fees **by Friday, January 5th, 2007** to:
Sarah Garcia, 1132 Linden Avenue, Crete, NE 68333

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Garcia at sarah.garcia@doane.edu or phone (402) 826-0188.

Diamond of the Year Nominations

Be thinking of your nomination choices for 2006. It is an honor to be nominated and the act of stopping to reflect on all those who give to our sport makes us better Region 6 members. Send your nominations to Elizabeth Kendall, chairperson, 227 W Mulberry Avenue, Beatrice, NE 68310

ATTENTION ALL RIDE MANAGERS

From Michael Wallis

Although it seems 2006 is still our focus, I am starting to work on the 2007 Ride Book. If anyone out there is planning on managing a ride, please let me know as soon as possible so I can look at getting the rides properly scheduled. I definitely need this information by the end of October and mid-November at the very latest.

I am working on the ride book and need ride write-ups and anything other information that would enhance our books. I can be reached at mwallis@coin.org or 573-387-4859.

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- Don Rubley of Region Four

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NATRC RIDERS----COME OUT OF THE CLOSET

It's that time of year again. Whispering Pines will again offer the opportunity to come out of your tights and get into REAL costume. Kim Weil has announced the return of the costume contest for this years check-in. Let your inner vampire run free. Take the plunge into the realm of fantasy and show us the outfit you always wanted to parade around in.

Details will be announced at the ride. Plan early, be creative, and help end the Region Six ride year in style. Any style, or lack thereof.

Dave Smith Fall Fiesta Report

Pulled from the internet, a report by Vanessa White

Well, Flash and I finally have 35 miles of official NATRC mileage in the books. And we had a great time to boot! The weather was lovely (aside from the torrential downpour Sat night, at least it wasn't tornadoes), the trails beautiful and exceptionally well-marked, the company excellent as always, and the food delicious and warming. Horsemanship judge Cheri Jeffcoat and vet judge Pat Rieger did a fabulous job and were incredibly friendly and helpful. Jerry and Cheryl Weber did a wonderful job organizing everything, and trailmaster Charlotte Henderson did an excellent job putting together the routes. This park seems to be difficult to route and time without getting bunched riders, but I was for the most part able to find nice pockets and only had to contend with a few Open riders (love you guys, but it sure drives my horse nuts to get passed up by you all the time!). We had a great P&R crew (including my fiancé and mom, thanks guys!), super camp cooks (ok, you all know how good food tastes when you

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don't have to make it yourself), fabulous safety riders, and a ton more great volunteers who I'm probably forgetting. A HUGE thank you to all who helped organize and run this ride, you all did a FANTASTIC job.

The trip down went pretty smoothly, Flash loaded like a pro for a change and we were able to get on the road fairly early (with an 8 hour trip ahead of us). All went well until the back route into the campsite I thought I'd planned out nicely turned out to be a dead end at a bridge out, so we had to back the trailer several hundred feet to get turned around and detoured to a lovely rutted, muddy road (thank god for 4-wheel drive) followed by a rather exciting creek ford. I'm starting to think this is a forewarning. That adventure over, we made it safely into camp, checked in and had a superb chili dinner. Then as I'm standing around chit-chatting, I look over to see a horse grazing not 20 feet from the management tent. I had to look a little closer before I realized it was MY horse. He managed to Houdini himself right out of his halter and all. So I did the neck rope stallion-eske double tie for the night and that seemed to do the trick.

Flash, living up to his name, was quite a pistol Saturday morning and couldn't stand still at the start, so we ended up being very last out of the gate. Then he apparently convinced himself he was part Irish (all that red hair, who could blame him), and jigged his way on down the trail. I don't think we walked more than five steps in a row until at least 15 miles into the day. I started singing "walk, walk walk" in tune to his teeth grinding. Just did my best to keep my cool, breathe, and have a sense of humor about it all. Everyone else seemed to just want to get out of our way :-). I'm not sure if I said "thank you" or "sorry" more often throughout the day, and probably not often enough of either. Somewhere in the blur, there was a trot pole obstacle; backing; a mount from the ground; a dry creek bed crossing where we had to halt just before, back five steps, and then proceed across; a side-pass across two logs positioned in an L shape; and a couple of P&Rs and metabolic checks. Flash got left at a couple of obstacles and had an absolute fit, then Cheri had to remind me to wait for the next rider as I was so frustrated and flustered by that point, and Flash just wanting to go on down the trail that I darn near forgot myself! So, we didn't do terribly well on any of the obstacles, but he was pulsing down remarkably well at the P&Rs for how high he was coming in (no points lost!), and only lost a single point for hydration even though he wouldn't drink on the trail at all. Back at camp, Cheri had us "rescue" our horse from mortal danger by finding our knives and cutting a rope.

All the fighting Saturday left Flash with a little bit of a sore back and a tender girth area, but Sunday morning the back seemed fine, and though he still seemed ouchy to the touch in the girth, when I cinched up the saddle, his only complaint seemed to be that I wasn't going fast enough. I had half considered pulling him, but I'm really glad I gave him the chance because he would have been *really* mad to get left in camp. He was again a handful, and we timed out last once more. He started jiggy-jogging along again, only this time the trails were quite wet and slick from the overnight rains, and he was all over the place. I got very worried he was going to slip and really hurt himself. But then we bumped into Rhonda and Angela, who held my hand through a large portion of our very first ride last year, and their incredible mares worked their magic on Flash who finally decided to chill out. However, that monstrous walk of his proved to be too much for poor Rhonda's mare, we totally wrecked her P&R, and we had to split off. I went off ahead and found a nice pocket just behind the front-runners where he could walk his little heart out. At one point we got to be nearly 40 minutes ahead of our optimum time, even with the mud, and all at the WALK. Holy cow can this horse move! Obstacles for the day were a simple observation of a wooden bridge crossing, an observation of us walking up a hill to the P&R, then back down, and then just watching and a metabolic check at the second P&R. Flash did really well for me once he'd settled, and we had a great day. He still wouldn't drink on the trail, but by the second P&R he'd finally figured out how to drink from a water bottle, albeit sloppily, so I got a little water into him at least. Coming into the 2-mile marker, we'd passed up everyone else and were in the very front of the pack, so had to wait awhile to get back on time. He started to wig out a little again when the whole pack came over the hill to the marker, so we just hung out there with the safety riders until they'd all gone. At checkout he was feeling really good, and just couldn't wait for the trot-out. If I can get his brain in gear and get a little more control, he might just be ready for Open next year, though it feels a bit soon, with only 2.5 rides under our belt. He's definitely physically capable, what I worry about is that mental aspect.

Anyway, thanks to everyone who helped out, and let me pass on the trail :-). Hope we didn't mess anyone else up too badly, I know ya'll just wanted to get away from us all day and I don't blame you. We had a great time and went home with a ton of stuff to work on. Maybe someday we'll get good at this whole thing ;) Wish I'd had a

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little more time to hang out and chat with some of my new friends; it all seemed to go by very quickly. Hope to see you all on the trail again soon!

Dave Smith Fall Fiesta – 42

September 16-17, 2006

Chairman: Jerry Weber

Judges: Pat Rieger, DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Open Sweepstakes: Prime Sensation/Bill Hinkebein

Novice Sweepstakes: Donnas Ministar(Noor)/ Jennifer Mlocek*

CP High Point Combo: Razonn Trail Dancer/Mary Colby

(Unofficial until published in Hoof Print) Horse/Horsemanship, * 1st Time Competitor

Novice Junior - 1

1/1 Cookie/Elizabeth Lee*

Novice Lightweight - 9

1/1 Donnas Ministar/Jennifer Mlocek*

2/- Rebel/ Molly Havercamp*

3/2 Khemo Talakahlil/Angela Gambill

4/4 FA Country Gold's Magic Mist/ Barb Schmidt

5/6 Sky's Cocoa/Kim Shelquist*

6/- Sky Star Junior/ Robin Nore

-/3 MPS Peppodoconita/Shari Parys

-/5 Flash 3/Vanessa White

-/- Scorch/Sue Williams*

Novice Heavyweight - 9

1/- Major/David Nore

2/5 Leggs/Marilyn Snow

3/3 Cisco Bey/ Erin Harles

4/6 Big N Bad Bullwinkle/Kim Pillard*

5/2 Country's Magic Fox WH/Ellen Hiskett

6/1 Arnold Edward/Carol Kutz

-/4 Grace/Karen White

-/- Lucky Rapidash WH/Jeremy Glazier*

P- Chief/ John White

2/2 Razonn Cody/Mike Colby

3/3 JGC Maximum Overdrive/Rhonda Levinson

4/4 Dakota/Erin Partlow

P- Razon Jon/Robin Oswald

P- Tag/Katie Elder

Open Heavyweight - 6

1/1 Prime SensationWH/Bill Hinkebein

2/3 My Knightmare/Vickie White

3/4 Prairie Country Traveler/Dick Webb

4/2 Problem Joan/Yvette Haeberle

5/5 Domino Scout/Barry Cotham

P- PS Twilight Mist/Martha Kunkle

Open Lightweight - 9

1/2 Jac Natalie/Jackie Hatthorn

2/1 Country Quietachick/Kristy Chapman

3/- Spot Me Wild/Karen Sylvara

4/5 Rick to the Rescue/Maggie Childs

5/3 Snickers/Janis Elder

6/6 SS Hopalong Kary/Betsy O'Shea

-/4 Elmer Bandit/Mary Anna Wood

-/- Strike the Gold/Mary Davis

-/- Lucky's Black Gold/Matt Hiskett

Competitive Pleasure - 6

1/1 Razonn Trail Dancer/ Mary Colby

Distance Only - 2

P- Ali/Sherri Betz*

P- John/Scott Betz*

Region Six Board Meeting November 19

The Region Six board will hold a meeting Sunday, November 19, 2006 at the Pleasant Valley Community Building, lower lever, in Pleasant Valley, Missouri. The building is located at 6805 Sobbie Road. All members are welcome to attend.

As of this date, the two items on the agenda are: the request for \$500 in start up money for the Kanopolis Trail Ride in 2007 by Ty and Debbie McCulloug, and a request for funds to help put on an advanced CTR clinic to be hosted by Betsy O'Shea and Janice Elder in April of 2007 at Hillsdale State Park.

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NATRC Clinic Held at Rainbow Meadows

By Marsha Hayes

Labor Day weekend Karen Everhart held a sanctioned clinic at Rainbow Meadows, her ranch near Sedan, Kansas for the express purposes of introducing competitive trail to interested newcomers. Eleven riders took advantage of this opportunity and expressed unanimous approval for the clinic.

With an agenda that covered check-in, stabling, the NATRC mission and philosophy, the clinic quickly moved to conditioning, nutrition, tack, and riding rules. The afternoon was devoted to a five mile mock ride complete with ribbons, obstacles or observation, judges, and timers. The combination made for an extremely well received experience with participants still paying attention and asking questions past the long day's ending time of 5:30 PM.

Congratulations to all in Region Six for working together to sanction, volunteer, and bring the clinic together. If you meet any of the following attendees, welcome them to our sport. Should you cross paths with the volunteers, thank them for their gift of time and effort to put worth such a quality introduction to our organization.

Participants in the September 2006 Clinic

Denise Nelson, Goodard, Ks
Julie Fowler, Wichita, Ks
Patsy Faber, Wichita, Ks
Beth Loos, Wichita, Ks
Robbie Loos, Wichita, Ks
MacKenzie White, Bonner Springs, Ks

Gayle Ruckman, Fredonia, Ks
Jason Ruckman, Fredonia, Ks
Robert Roundtree, Pleasant Hill, Mo
Janie Steckline, De Soto, Ks
Melanie Hoover, Rose Hill, Ks

Volunteers

Karen Everhart, Coordinator, Sedan, Kansas
David Everhart, Sedan, Ks
Kira Everhart-Valentin, Manhattan, Ks
Luc Valentin, Manhattan, Ks
Christine Abbott, Lenexa, Ks
Hope White, Bonner Springs, Ks

Kay Stich, Chanute, Ks
Donna Keller, Independence, Ks
Marsha Hayes, Independence, Ks
Vickie White, Bonner Springs, Ks
Jan Swalley, Chanute, Ks

Are Clinics Necessary? A Big Yes From Robert Roundtree

Pulled from Ridecamp and NATRC Chat

Edited by Marsha Hayes

I had the opportunity yesterday (editor's note: September 2, 2006) to go to a clinic on CTR. As someone who has absolutely no experience in much of anything outside the show pen and working horses in harness, I must say that I was astonished at how little of my "equitation" skills for proper riding in the ring are transferable to proper riding on the trail. I was also more than a little embarrassed at how little of my equitation skills which aren't half bad if I do say so myself are present when the ground isn't level and my horse is trying to step around rocks!!

Anyway, mostly as a shameless plug for Miss Karen (Everhart) and her Region 6 clinic and as a thank you to all the volunteers that were there, I wanted to let everyone know (and especially other beginner lurkers out there) that it was money well spent. I had no idea what to expect before arriving, but can honestly say that all of my expectations were exceeded. I learned I have a whole lot more to learn but that it will be an enjoyable journey with helpful and friendly folks.

I had a blast. I am indebted far more than the measly 50 bucks and not so measly 500 miles on the road, but it was worth every penny and minute. Thank you Karen. Thank you volunteers.

Are You an AERC Member?

Some NATRC members are also members of the American Endurance Ride Council. The two groups share many traits, passions, and members. In 2007 AERC will be electing directors and Deirdre Monroe of Santa Fe, New Mexico will be running for the position of director at large.

Since Deirdre is running with a platform that includes “promoting stronger ties, respect, and corporation with NATRC” consider helping her be elected. Deirdre competes in NATRC as well as AERC rides and one of her goals is the Tevis in 2007. Deirdre helped photograph the Region Six members riding in the 2006 Tevis. She can be contacted for your comments or questions at deirdre@swcp.com.

Centered Riding® Workshop for Trail Riders

Presented by Priscilla Lindsey and Karen Everhart

A two-day workshop will be offered **November 11 and 12, 2006** at **Rainbow Meadows Ranch**, near Sedan, KS.

The instructors: **Priscilla Lindsey and Karen Everhart** are trained Centered Riding® instructors. They are also active in N.A.T.R.C. (North American Trail Ride Conference) competitive trail riding and management of rides. Priscilla is an approved N.A.T.R.C. horsemanship judge.

Centered Riding® techniques help promote suppleness, stability and clearer aids, making riding more comfortable for both horse and rider. These techniques can increase confidence and enjoyment and release tension in horse and rider. Using bodywork and both riding and ground exercises, this training will help you and your horse become safe and cooperative partners.

The workshop will focus on personal instruction, as our workshops are limited to 12 riders. Starting time is 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and 9:00 on Sunday. Saturday’s exercises are designed to help you become better balanced, grounded and centered in your riding. Sunday we will focus more on trail riding and how Centered Riding can help your confidence and comfort and improve the partnership with your horse. Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast and lunch are available by reservation for an additional \$15.00.

To participate in this workshop your horse should be able to be ridden at the walk and trot in an arena and over open, natural terrain. **You are required to wear an approved equestrian helmet. A negative Coggins test certificate must be presented.**

The cost of the workshop is: \$150.00 for both days, \$100.00 for Saturday only, \$40.00 to audit per day. \$15.00 for Saturday AM and Sunday AM and Noon meals, if desired.

Camping: Horses must be trailer-tied or safely corralled at your trailer. Water is available. **Please bring your own feed and hay.** You may arrive anytime after 4:00 p.m. on Friday. We will finish by 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

If you prefer to use one of our school horses there is an additional charge of \$20.00 per day. Call us to discuss your needs. Phone Priscilla at 785-259-1687 or Karen at 620-725-3402.

Please return the registration form on the next page with applicable fees.

Make checks payable to Priscilla Lindsey.

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Entries will not be accepted after November 8, 2006 without the express permission of Priscilla Lindsey or Karen Everhart
NO STALLIONS, PLEASE!!!

Please indicate the applicable fees:

_____ Rider \$150.00 for both days

_____ Rider \$100.00 for Saturday only

_____ Auditor \$40.00 per day _____ Sat _____ Sun _____ Both days

_____ Saturday lunch Sunday breakfast and lunch \$15.00

_____ Total enclosed (all fees less a \$30.00 administrative fee will be returned if you cancel no later than November 8, 2006)

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ I would like the use of a lesson horse for the clinic

Please describe your riding experience?

Any special needs we should know about?

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Region 6 Rally

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Region Six Horse Points through NE National Forest

Open Heavyweight

- 86 Gus
- 56 Royal Sunset
- 44 Prairie Country Traveler
- 42 PS Silver Gem
- 26 PS Twilight Mist
- 20 Country Lee Summit Express

Open Lightweight

- 86 Elmer Bandit
- 68 Country Quietachick WH
- 56 Jac Natalie
- 52 Cheyenne 1
- 46 Baskolisa
- 38 Saku

Open Junior

- 12 Carrots

Novice Heavyweight

- 46 Ribbon Ridge Moon Shadow
- 44 Blaze 5
- 42 Lluvia Dulce De La Sierra
- 34 Sir Timothy Gold
- 34 SK Candy Nipin
- 32 The Bossman's Pride
- 32 X-D Mutasim
- 31 Cisco Bey

Novice Lightweight

- 53 Snickers 5
- 46 Golden Mr Jet Charge
- 34 Country Star Jet
- 28 Sky Star Junior
- 26 Khemo Tala Kahill
- 24 Ranger 2

Novice Junior

- 32 Kerry Bleu
- 23 XD Michaela
- 18 Winchester Charm

- 18 Scooter
- 16 Tag
- 14 Magic 2
- 14 Miss X
- 14 Thunder 7
- 12 Dazzlin Bay
- 12 Country Gold's Magic Mist

Competitive Pleasure

- 61 Cito Mocha Raton
- 48 Bart's Top Gun
- 46 Touch of Prince
- 38 Star Santina
- 36 My Nightmare
- 36 Fox's Kings River Ransom
- 34 Razonn Cody

R6 Horsemanship Points through NE National Forest

Open Heavyweight

- 78 McCullough, Ty
- 74 Spilker, David
- 50 Everhart, Karen
- 42 Webb, Richard
- 36 Kunkle, Martha
- 22 Powell, Todd

Open Lightweight

- 101 Wood, Mary Anna
- 70 Chapman, Kristi
- 58 McCullough, Debbie
- 56 Kendall, Elizabeth
- 46 Hathorn, Jackie
- 42 Spilker, Maggie

Open Junior

- 12 Winemiller, Hannah

Novice Heavyweight

- 64 Clapper, Tina
- 42 Swalley, Jan
- 41 Harles, Erin
- 38 Hartsock, Howard
- 38 Hayes, David
- 29 Marston, Marilyn
- 28 Young, Adam

Novice Lightweight

- 54 Elder, Janis
- 36 Keller, Donna
- 35 Stucky, Marla
- 34 Gambill, Angela
- 16 Johns, Diane
- 16 Nore, Robin
- 16 Stanford, Mary
- 16 Thompson, Betty
- 15 Riddle, Yvette

Novice Junior

- 19 White, Mackenzie
- 18 Elder, Katie
- 16 Haeberle, Joe
- 14 Mueller, Erich
- 14 Cotton, Ashley
- 14 Hildebrand, Cierra
- 12 Amelong, Whitney
- 8 Peterson, Samantha
- 8 White, Brittany
- 8 Champion, Kristin

Competitive Pleasure

- 67 Cleveland, Trish
- 42 Sapp, Mary
- 42 White, Vickie
- 42 Eberlin, Sharon
- 38 Colby, Mary
- 34 Jackson, Becki
- 32 White, Hope
- 28 Hayes, Marsha

WHAT IS THE POINT?

Above are the running point totals for Region 6. Throughout the year a point tracking sheet has been published for riders to track their own points. Look at the totals in this issue and if you feel there is a discrepancy, please contact Laurie DiNatale, PO Box 224, Sedalia, CO, 80135. You can also call her at 303-688-1677 or e-mail her at natrc@natrc.org.