

Region 6 Rally

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Spotlight on Beth Aswegan

Our spotlight shines on Beth Aswegan and her husband Michael from Elkhart, Iowa. Beth has ridden in all 3 divisions as a competitor. Her first horse was a 31 year old Morgan, Sir Echo. When he retired, she then rode her husband's horse Poseidon, a 23 year old Morgan Percheron cross. After he retired and her daughter married and moved, she starting riding the 21 year old Skyline Red Bambi. She rides competitive pleasure on Bambi. She prefers the speed and distance. She is happy to report that all three of her horses earned sweepstakes awards!

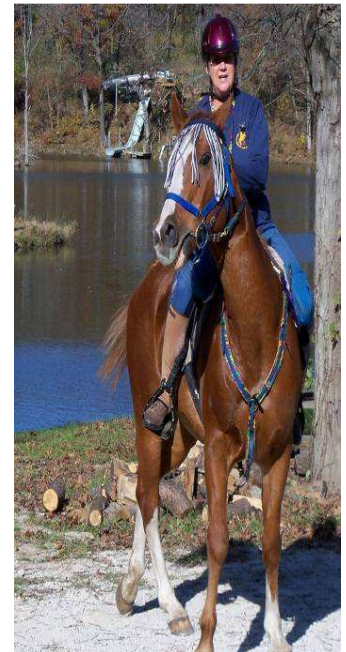
She learned about CTR from Martha Kunkle and Dave Smith back in 1988 when they were starting a group called the Iowa Trail Riders club. She has been a very enthusiastic member of both NATRC and the Iowa Trail Riders ever since. The Iowa Trail Riders club puts on a CTR every year, either at Stephens Forest or Brushy Creek, and does an awesome job

demonstrating Iowa hospitality!

Beth is centrally located in Iowa and is equally close to Brushy Creek and Stephens Forest as well as other private trail riding venues. She is a strong advocate for Bridle trails and she volunteers her time to support the trails, as well as our sport. Beth and Martha Kunkle are Co Chairing the Regional Convention which will be at the Drury Hotel, West Des Moines: March 2-3, 2012.

When she is not riding or volunteering she enjoys belly dancing, photography and art. Her current pastimes involve church choir, yoga and of course granddaughters! Her motto is to enjoy your ride, advocate for bridle trails and volunteer your time to support our trails!

Beth's must have item for CTR is a well fitting saddle and shoe strings for quick tack repairs! Her goal is to compete at more CTRs. She states that has been her intention for the last few years and she has been



disappointed for several different reasons. What's Beth's advice for a first time competitor? Find a riding partner that matches your horse's speed and stride, and temperament; a partner that encourages your horse and you, yet is someone you can relax with.

Submitted by ~ Sue Maiwald

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My goal has been to introduce other people to the sport of Competitive Trail Riding. They might accomplish something they never thought they could. What's your goal?

~V

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We adhere to an implied code of ethics. This code of ethics dictates that we behave professionally, courteously, and responsibly. This includes:

- Representing the sport on a professional manner
- Being respectful when giving an opinion
- Substantiating information before giving an opinion
- Being kind and courteous to others

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Management News

Most people never get there. They're afraid or unwilling to demand enough of themselves and take the easy road, the path of least resistance. But struggling and suffering, as I now saw it, were the essence of a life worth living. If you're not pushing yourself beyond the comfort zone, if you're not constantly demanding more from yourself—expanding and learning as you go—you're choosing a numb existence. You're denying yourself an extraordinary trip.

~Dean Karnazes

Some concerns have been expressed over the last few months regarding P&R protocol. The pulse and respiration counting techniques must be uniform and applied to all competitors equally.

To measure pulse recovery, a stethoscope is placed on the left side of the horse behind the elbow and in front of their girth region. The count is taken for 15 seconds and recorded on the P&R card.

Another concern is the 10-minute recovery time. All horses have recovery checks at 10 minutes even if a horse has recovered within that time, e.g., 6 minutes. There are several reasons for the 10-minute recovery period. First, the 10-minute period protects our horses. All horses get the same break period and have an equal chance to recover. This uniformity further promotes a level playing field. Second, from a logistical point-of-view the 10-minute recovery allows for an orderly P&R stop. Can you imagine a P&R line-up with horses leap-frogging one another because of different (out of order) recovery times? What a mess! Finally, rides are timed with a planned 15 minutes for P&R stops. Sticking to a 10-minute recovery period keeps riders from using the P&R stop as a way to

gain time.

Respiration is counted at the flank on the left side of the horse. The number that is recorded on the P&R card is the number of breaths (inspiration/expiration cycles) counted in one 15-second interval. There are no exemptions for any reason including breed of horse, weather factors, or rate of respiration, e.g. "panting". Specifically, if a horse is "panting", the 15 second count is not divided by 4 (or any other number) to find the recordable respiration rate. It is critical at this point, especially involving a potential "hold", that the count be true and accurate.

Competitive trail riding is a small sport where everyone knows each other and often sees one another at many rides during the year. It is human nature to want to help riders and/or friends while out on the trail. However, for the protection of our horses, it is imperative that pulse and respiration be taken and recorded accurately. At no time shall a P&R captain make a judgment call as to the ability of a horse to leave a P&R stop when the pulse or

respiration count is elevated. ***Do not fall to the temptation of giving a lower reading when the actual count may result in a "hold" or point deduction.*** To let a poorly recovered horse leave the stop is dangerous and reckless. Metabolic problems may occur down the trail. In addition, the intentional recording of incorrect P&Rs is a form of cheating and is a huge disservice to those honest competitors who spend time and money preparing for our rides.

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Region 6 2012 Convention

Des Moines, IA on March 3, 2012.

Drury Inn
5005 Mills Civic Pkwy
West Des Moines, IA
(515) 457-9500

Reservations can be made by reserving online, go to www.druryhotels.com, and enter group number 2129588.

Reservations may also be made by calling 1-800-325-0720 and refer to the group number 2129588.

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Treasurer's Report

	<u>Jan - Oct 2011</u>	<u>Jan - Oct 2010</u>
Assets		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Checking Account	5,807.83	6,181.24
Money Market	7,320.89	7,190.82
CD's	9,000.00	9,000.00
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Total Current Assets	<u>22,128.72</u>	<u>22,372.06</u>

Submitted by Ruth Mesimer

*Every time I go out
there, I win. Every time
I finish the task that
I've set before myself, I
win again.*

~David James Elliott

*I enjoy the sensory
aspects of riding as
much as the ride itself.
The sun, the weather,
the scenery - all the
sensations of being
outside.*

~V

NECTRA Clinic at Turkey Creek

Wow! I've never seen this much excitement about a CTR clinic before! After reaching our 20-rider limit so quickly, we upped it to 25 and still had many on the waiting list. Turkey Creek Ranch is an amazing place, with great beauty, challenging terrain, and excellent camping facilities. From the feedback, I think we pulled off a great clinic and expect to see many of these riders join us in competition!

THANK YOU to the dedicated clinic volunteers that helped pre-ride and map the route, mark and unmark trail, find obstacles to use, teach about the basics of the sport, mentor small groups on the trail, and do P&R's: Sue Maiwald, Gary & Mary McCoy, Brenda & Tom Messick, David & Robin Nore, and Sandy Ries.

It has been a very rewarding experience introducing CTR to another state in Region 6, as the clinic site was only a few miles from the South Dakota border, just across the Missouri River from Vermillion. We also had a booth earlier in the year at the South Dakota Horse Fair in Sioux Falls to advertise our sport and the clinic.

Turkey Creek Ranch has much to offer, including electrical hookups, horse pens, shower house, and covered pavilion for the camping aspect, as well as many miles of incredible trail. Building on the enthusiasm from the clinic, there will be a sanctioned ride there in September 2012, so we hope many competitors, new and existing, will come support this new ride!

Feedback from the clinic included:

"Thanks much for the clinic. I have been thinking about doing this for about 4 years now. Didn't want to drive the long distance to just help to learn, and didn't want to go and make a fool out of myself on a first ride either. Now I feel more confident about going. I appreciate that."

"We had a really good time, even with the downpour. I thought the facility and the instruction were just right. I was gung ho to try an event, but my schedule won't permit this fall... All in all, a really worthwhile event."

"Had a WONDERFUL time at the clinic... what a great bunch of people... I've told lots of people about it... some people that are trail riders as a family.... I think they are interested too if Turkey Creek hosts a ride... Thanks for all the help and hospitality!"

"The CTR clinic was fun at many levels - organized, good food, great location, perfect weather (except Sunday am), and nice people."

"It was a great weekend & a great learning experience. ALL OF THE CTR CREW did a great job."

Submitted by Shari Parys, Clinic Chairman



Rendezvous

9/3-4/2011 Region Six-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 29

Chair: Rhonda Levinson

Judges: Patrick Regier, DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

Novice Sweepstakes: RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary-99

Open Sweepstakes: Countrys Touch WH/Hinkebein, William-99

Open Heavyweight	Open Lightweight
1/1 Countrys Touch WH/Hinkebein, William	1/4 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy
2/2 My Nightmare/White, Vickie	2/3 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna
3/3 Steppin'Out Annie D/Prey, Virginia	3/1 Sangria Ice/Weil, Kim
	4/2 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
	5/5 Twister's Irish Lad/Louthan, Stacie
	CO DJ Maverick/Lysinger, Patricia
	CO RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti

Novice Heavyweight	Novice Lightweight
1/1 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary	1/2 Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/Stucky, Marla
2/3 Sun Rock Glory Blaze/Bouska, Alan	2/4 BRA Leonardo/Norris, Troy
3/4 LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn	3/1 Brandy Sioux Addis/Copple, Kyla
4/5 Hytone Tenase Whiskey J/S/Norris, Jerry	4/3 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie
5/2 DM'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen	P Bella 9/Kester, Krista

Competitive Pleasure	Competitive Pleasure DO
1/2 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay	Jac Natalie/Hathhorn, Jackie
2/4 Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary	Wineglass Rouge/Leif, Stefanie
3/3 Country Star Jet WH/Keller, Donna	Grace Hungarian Tiszta 4/Nelson, Eric
4/6 Razonn Cody/Colby, Michael	
5/5 Skya/Abbott, Christine	
6/1 Sir Timothy Gold/Andre, Tamara	

Random Thoughts -

Birds of a feather flock together and then shit on your car.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.

Riding to the Rescue

Riding to the Rescue

10/1-2/2011 Region Six-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 26

Chair: Karen Everhart

Judges: Pat Regier, DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

Novice Sweepstakes: LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn-100

Open Sweepstakes: Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna-98

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Shazam/Hilligoss, Gerald

Open DO

PS Sabres Sun/Everhart-Valentin, Kira

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn

2/3 DM'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

3/4 Sun Rock Glory Blaze/Bouska, Alan

4/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary

5/5 Hytone Tenase Whiskey J/S/Norris, Jerry

6/6 Jada/Royle, Gracie

Novice DO

Thunder 9/Loos, Robert

Open Lightweight

1/1 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna

2/2 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

3/3 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy

Novice Lightweight

1/4 BRA Leonardo/Norris, Troy

2/1 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin

3/5 Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/Stucky, Marla

4/3 Rannah's Jubilee/Sirridge, Althea

5/2 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie

6/6 SC Akil Gassur/Brinck, Travis

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Sir Timothy Gold APJ/Andre, Tamara

2/4 MPS Peppodoconita/Parys, Shari

3/5 Truly A Gift/Elder, Janis

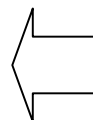
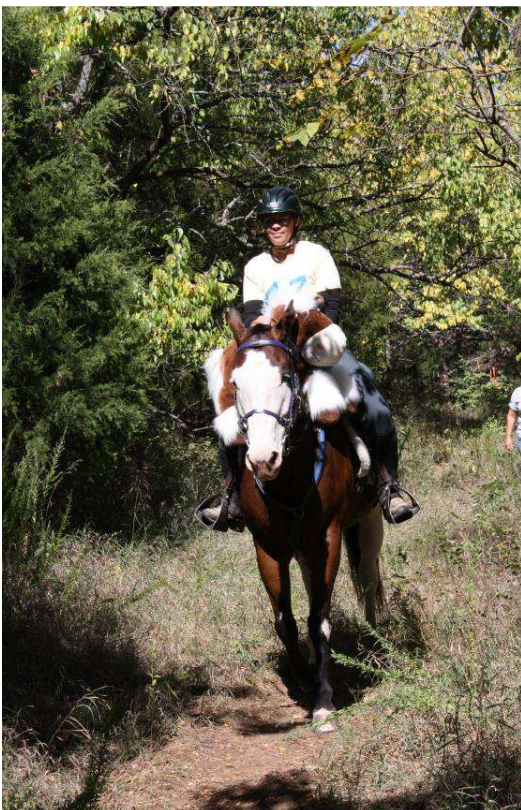
4/2 Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary

5/3 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie

6/ Cinder/McDevitt, Mary

/6 Skya/Abbott, Christine

P Razonn Cody/Colby, Michael



Shari Parys and Wiley rescue the baby foal at an obstacle.

Dave Smith Fall Fiesta

9/17-18/11 Region Six-IA

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 41

Chair: Alycia Carlsborg

Judges: Kay Gunkel, DVM, Jackie Coleman

Novice Sweepstakes: DM'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen-97

Open Sweepstakes: Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish-97

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Countrys Touch WH/Hinkebein, William
- 2/2 My Nightmare/White, Vickie
- 3/3 Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen
- P Diamond Rio/Blue, Erica

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
- 2/2 Hasty's Blossom/Peters, Susan
- 3/4 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna
- 4/3 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy
- 5/5 Vistas Rascal/Updyke, Lauren
- P Susans Classichik/Johansen, Kristen
- P Sir Lancelot/Armstrong, Margaret

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/3 DM'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
- 2/4 Artemis/Doyle, Mary
- 3/1 Sheik 3/Winkelmann, Karen
- 4/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
- 5/5 Sequoyah/Hall, Scott
- 6/6 Sun Rock Glory Blaze/Bouska, Alan
- Jordan 3/Beckham, Diane
- P Con Alagnia/Duke, Judith
- P Sambo Willy/Roetlin, Diane

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne
- 2/3 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie
- 3/2 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin
- P Gabe 3/McCulloch, Dena
- P AZ Soloman/Chamberlain, Debbie

Novice Junior

- 1/2 Vikens Bear A Cuda/Kimmen, Katlyn
- 2/1 SF LA Traviesa/Hildebrand, Sydney

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Sir Timothy Gold/Andre, Tamara
- 2/3 Skya/Abbott, Christine
- 3/5 Steppin'Out Annie D/Prey, Virginia
- 4/2 MPS Peppodoconita/Parys, Shari
- 5/ Country Star Jet WH/Keller, Donna
- 6/6 Gold Dust Summer of Stars/Messick, Brenda
- /4 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
- AK Magma/Levinson, Rhonda
- Diamond Reo/Caskey, Bethany
- Lil Bit o' Bask/Caskey, Echo
- P Truly A Gift/Elder, Janis
- P Flames/Bergez, Brittney
- P Justa Hercules/Bennet, Ann
- P Calypso De Tiempo/Hall, Erin

"To these animals, the ability to intuit fear in a distant herd member and act on this feeling without hesitation is a lifesaving skill. Their innate aptitude for resonating with another being's trust, joy, or confidence is a life enhancing skill."

~Linda Kobanov

Indian Cave

10/8-9/2011 Region Six-NE

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 18

Chair: Sarah Rinne

Judges: Pat Regier, DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Novice Sweepstakes: LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn-97

Open Sweepstakes: Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy-96

Open Heavyweight

P Royal Sunset/McCullough, Ty

Open Lightweight

1/2 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy

2/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

P Fantasy Moon Dancer/Wood, Mary Anna

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn

2/2 Baskolisa/Orth, Jason

3/3 Lobo's Travelin Miss Wendy B/Kendall, Larry

Novice Junior

1/2 Vikens Bear A Cuda/Kimmen, Katlyn

2/1 Cheyenne 1/Robbins, Courtney

Competitive Pleasure

1/4 Sir Timothy Gold/Andre, Tamara

2/5 Steppin'Out Annie D/Prey, Virginia

3/1 MPS Peppodoconita/Parys, Shari

4/2 The Tanks a Blazin'/Clapper, Tina

5/3 Country's Lonesome Dove/McCullough,
Debbie

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne

2/1 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin

3/3 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie

CO Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/Stucky, Marla

Whispering Pines B

10/22/2011 Region Six-MO

B-N Total Riders: 4

Chair: Kim Weil

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Kathy Shanor

Novice Sweepstakes: Princess Kumar/German, Kaiya-88

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Princess 6/Adams, Jesse

Novice Lightweight

1/2 SR Stingers Kat Trina/McLauren, Jessica

2/1 Virinda Ain't I Magik/Adams, Sally

Novice Junior

1/1 Princess Kumar/German, Kaiya

*There is no better way to
experience a place than
to ride it. You get to
experience the deep
crevices of an area, the
senses beyond the visual,
something you would
never do if you didn't
ride.*

~V

R6 Horsemanship Placings

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Whispering Pines A

10/22-23/2011 Region Six-MO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 25

Chair: Kim Weil

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Kathy Shanor

Novice Sweepstakes: Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie-91

Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken-100

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
2/2 My Nightmare/White, Vickie
CO Take -A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie
P Royal Sunset/McCullough, Ty

Open Lightweight

1/3 Jac Natalie/Wood, Mary Anna
2/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
3/2 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Dixie 6/Grabill, Alvin

Novice Lightweight

1/3 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie
2/1 Superlady Teton/Vernon, Katie
3/2 Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne
4/4 SC Akil Gassur/Brinck, Travis


Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
2/ Rocky Top II/Ward, Jim
3/3 Sir Timothy Gold APJ/Andre, Tamara
4/2 Steppin'Out Annie D/Prey, Virginia
5/ Country's Lonesome Dove/McCullough, Debbie
6/6 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Liz
/4 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie
/5 Spanish Rose/Esbensen, Dana
Gold Dust Summer of Stars/Messick, Brenda
Frank's Proud Prince/Ward, Lin
Truly A Gift/Abbott, Christine
/DO PS Trakara Bask/Lindsey, Priscilla

Novice Junior

1/1 PS Sabres Shadow/Jackson, Bailey

Division	Plc	Pts	Rider
Open Heavyweight	1	34	Hinkebein, William
Open Heavyweight	2	28	White, Vickie
Open Lightweight	1	58	Cleveland, Trish
Open Lightweight	2	56	Hirsch, Lucy
Open Lightweight	3	44	Wood, Mary Anna
CP All	1	80	Andre, Tamara
CP All	2	42	Prey, Virginia
CP All	3	40	Stich, Kay
CP All	4	38	Parys, Shari
CP All	5	30	Abbott, Christine
CP All	6	26	Keller, Donna
Novice Heavyweight	1	56	Ginn, Mary
Novice Heavyweight	2	36	Altwegg, Noreen
Novice Heavyweight	3	34	Marston, Marilyn
Novice Heavyweight	4	26	Bouska, Alan
Novice Lightweight	1	50	Childs, Maggie
Novice Lightweight	2	40	Nore, Robin
Novice Lightweight	2	40	Smith, Yvonne
Novice Lightweight	3	24	Stucky, Marla
Novice Junior	1	18	Kimmen, Katlyn



Region 6
Horsemanship
Placings

Region6 Horse Placings

Division	Plc	Pts	Horse	Owner	Rider
Open Heavyweight	1	38	Countrys Touch WH	Hinkebein, William	
Open Heavyweight	2	26	My Nightmare	White, Vickie	
Open Lightweight	1	58	Hungarian Jade	Hirsch, Lucy	
Open Lightweight	2	56	Winchester Charm	Hirsch, Lucy	Wood, M
Open Lightweight	3	52	Cito Mocha Raton	Cleveland, Trish	
CP All	1	68	Sir Timothy Gold APJ	Andre, Tamara	
CP All	2	46	Steppin'Out Annie D	Prey, Virginia	
CP All	3	34	MPS Peppodoconita	Parys, Shari	
CP All	3	34	Country Star Jet WH	Keller, Donna	
CP All	4	30	Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man	Stich, Kay	
CP All	5	26	Skya	Abbott, Christine	
Novice Heavyweight	1	50	RW Braveheart	Ginn, Mary	
Novice Heavyweight	2	42	LL Remington	Marston, Marilyn	
Novice Heavyweight	3	38	DM'S Eye of The Tiger	Altwegg, Noreen	
Novice Heavyweight	4	30	Sun Rock Glory Blaze	Bouska, Alan	
Novice Lightweight	1	50	Goodness Gracious	Childs, Maggie	
Novice Lightweight	1	50	Mr. Chico Lindo	Smith, Yvonne	
Novice Lightweight	2	34	Shadow's Dancer C.	Nore, Robin	
Novice Lightweight	3	30	Nikita's Chillli Sensation WH	Stucky, Marla	
Novice Junior	1	24	Vikens Bear A Cuda	Prey, Kenneth/Virginia	Kimmen, Katlyn

Message from the President

As the 2011 ride season ends, a collective *sigh* can be heard from quite a few Region 6 members. *Sigh!* *What a strange ride season it was.*

With three cancelled rides due to viruses, algae, and low rider attendance, Region 6 struggled on many levels last year. We didn't have a benefit ride which greatly impacted our region financially and many of the rides were not very well attended due to various reasons.

However, the ride season for 2012 has begun and there are a lot of great things to look forward to.

At the present time, we have 6 confirmed rides and 4 possible rides. The new rides promise to be great opportunities to ride new trail in new locations.

We also have new ride managers who will be receiving mentoring from "old" ride managers in an effort to insure quality rides. Our Region 6 2011 convention will be held the first weekend in March in Des Moines, Iowa, and the following week, the national convention will be held in Reno in conjunction with AERC. The Region 6 Board of Directors is working on improving communication

within the board with the introduction of webinars (on line) which will be used for board meetings. So here we go into the 2012 ride season! I hope you all are excited to see what the year brings. There will always be challenges as well as opportunities for growth, not only at the national level but at our regional level. So let's all get energized! And I hope to hear a collective *onward* from everyone in Region 6.

Christine Abbott
Region 6 President

If I couldn't ride, I'd go crazy. Riding cleanses me. It cures me. Well cures some of me.

~V

2012 Region 6 Ride Schedule Tentative – as of 11.29.11

May 5-6	CEDAR CREEK, Mark Twain National Forest, Fulton, MO	confirmed
May 19-20	EKAHA HILL & DALE, Hillsdale Lake, Hillsdale, KS	confirmed
June 2-3	**** , West Plains, MO, Flying-R-Ranch	confirmed
June 16-17	RENDEZVOUS, LaCygne, KS	tentative
July 21-22	open	
July 28-29	open	
Sept 1-2	PERRY LAKE	tentative
Sept 15-16	DAVE SMITH FALL FIESTA, Brushy Creek, near Lehigh, IA	confirmed
Sept 29-30	**** NE-KOTA TURKEY TROT, Turkey Creek Ranch, Newcastle, NE	confirmed
Oct 13-14	INDIAN CAVE, Indian Cave State Park, Shubert, NE	confirmed
Oct 27-28	KANOPOLIS CANYONS, -- R6 Benefit -- ,Marquette, KS	confirmed

*** = new ride

Erin Glassman will host the Region 6 Benefit ride at Kanopolis Canyons IF no one else is interested in designating their ride as the Region 6 Benefit ride. Interested in putting on a ride? Contact Kim Weil at 816-781-2218 or jkweil@sbcglobal.net by December 15 to work out a ride date.

SPONSOR CLEARANCE (Retirement) SALE!

After ten years on the road providing innovative products for the distance rider, Susan Farvo, and husband John, have decided that it's time to get back in the saddle instead of behind the wheel.

They have just started lowering prices on their website - time to save!

Look for the "Clearance (Retirement) Sale!" category on www.HealthyAsAHorse.NET.

Most items are in limited quantities so don't hesitate to snap up the savings! More items will be added to that page and prices adjusted (downward!) as the weeks go by.

Says Susan, "It's been an incredible and wonderful experience getting to go to so many distance rides. I've learned so much through volunteering, or talking with folks (riders, vets, crew, etc.), or crewing, or just from just hanging out at ride camp. We've logged lots of driving miles and I've also logged a few riding miles but now, I'm ready to ride. John's even talking about signing up for a ride on his TWH.

"I would like to express our heartfelt thank you to the distance riding and recreational trail riding community. Both John and I sincerely appreciate your patronage and friendship over the years. We're looking forward to riding with you next season."

THANK YOU, Susan, for supporting NATRC. We will see you on the NATRC trails!

Report from November 2011 National Board Meeting

This board meeting was fairly uneventful. The major developments were the election of your 2012 officers. Gary Clayton from region 5 will be president. Lory Walls from region 2 is vice-president and Elaine Swiss from region 4 is treasurer.

Rules and by-laws changes included a change in the rule so that for your horse, head gear with attached reins are required. This was a serious liability issue for NATRC. This is a good and necessary rule change. The rule to stop accepting lifetime memberships was defeated, since that wording is contained in our by-laws. However, the fee for a single lifetime membership was set at \$5,000 and for a family lifetime membership at \$10,000. The reasoning behind these decisions were that our income basically comes from membership renewals and rider fees. Over ½ of our memberships are lifetime so no income is generated from this source. Rider numbers are down so income is very limited in that area as well. The rule to change family membership wording to household membership was defeated because it would require a by-laws change.

The Hoofprint will become totally electronic for the spring issue of 2012. If you want a hard copy you will have to request it on your membership renewal form for 2012. There will be no added fee to receive the hard copy issue in 2012 but a subscription fee for the hard copy is expected in 2013. Two reasons exist for the change to electronic delivery. We will save the printing cost which is substantial, and we will move into the new electronic age along with everyone else.

Our financial issues are totally revenue driven and not expense driven. We have controlled spending extremely well. The National Board would like to encourage members to make tax deductible donations to the National organization in an effort to stop the financial hemorrhaging. Please consider us in your year end tax planning. We would like to encourage our membership to consider including NATRC in their estate planning as well. Preferably the estate proceeds would not be directed to any special programs such as loans or scholarships. It would be best if estate proceeds were directed undesignated so that they could be used were needed. This may sound mercenary but we all receive similar requests from our colleges and churches. Until our economy reverses we will be in a deficit financial situation which cannot be sustained forever.

Many reports were received and reviewed at the board meeting especially budget and finance reports. All the financial information will be included in your next Hoof Print issue. Please go on-line and read the electronic Hoof Print. We are able to attract sponsors much easier because we are electronic. Sponsors love the ability of our membership to go to the web and click on their ad and go straight to their web page. This is worth way more to them than a hard cover magazine. You will also be able to e-mail the Hoof Print to your friends and potential new members. Please keep an open mind and accept that the National Board has the best interest of all the membership in mind.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry D. Weil

2012 Raffle – An Adventure of a Lifetime

We are excited to announce that at the 2012 Convention in Reno, NV, some very lucky person is going to win a 2012 7-day lodge-to-lodge horseback ride to Machu Picchu! Yes, that is in Peru! The winner could be YOU.

You will have a day to acclimate and to visit historical sites in Cusco, learn about Inca culture and intermix with the welcoming and courteous folks of Peru. Did we mention you could also go shopping?

Even though you will be in a very remote area, you will have modern conveniences and access to medicine and medical care, if needed. The lodges are earth friendly and the company has many programs that give back to the local community.

The raffle includes not only the horseback ride to Machu Picchu donated by our sponsor, Mountain Lodges of Peru, but also a \$1,000 voucher to be redeemed from NATRC to apply toward your air fare or to help pay for someone to accompany you. Total prize value is \$4,000. There are nineteen dates from the beginning of April through October from which to choose.

This raffle is open to everyone – members, non-members, friends, relatives, strangers.....On our website (www.natrc.org) is a treasure trove of information about the trip. There is even a flyer that you can download, print and post at feed, tack, western wear, convenience stores and so on. And tickets can be purchased online! So if you know a bunch of folks who would love to win this raffle, contact your region's National Directors to get tickets to sell.

Ticket donations will be \$10 each or 3 for \$25, 7 for \$50, 15 for \$100. All people who sell raffle tickets will be in the running for a secret Top Seller Award (tickets purchased online with PayPal will not count). Remember, people buying raffle tickets need not be present to win. The drawing will be held Saturday, March 10, 2012 at our convention awards banquet.

Let's get selling! Help raise funds for NATRC and help some lucky person to win the trip of a lifetime. That person could be you!

Your contact people for tickets in each region are:

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Your contact for questions about the ride itself, Mark and Theresa Smith, North American MLP Representative, equestriantrekking@gmail.com, 916.769.7701, www.mountainlodgesofperu.com.

Region 6 National Placings

Division	Plc	Pts	Rider	Horse
Open Lightweight	1	114	Hirsch, Lucy	Hungarian Jade
Open Lightweight	2	110	Cleveland, Trish	Cito Mocha Raton
Open Lightweight	3	94	Wood, Mary Anna	Winchester Charm
CP All	1	148	Andre, Tamara	Sir Timothy Gold APJ
CP All	2	88	Prey, Virginia	Steppin'Out Annie D
CP All	3	72	Parys, Shari	MPS Peppodoconita
CP All	4	70	Stich, Kay	Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man
CP All	5	60	Keller, Donna	Country Star Jet WH
CP All	6	52	Abbott, Christine	Skya
Novice Heavyweight	1	106	Ginn, Mary	RW Braveheart
Novice Heavyweight	2	76	Marston, Marilyn	LL Remington
Novice Heavyweight	3	74	Altwegg, Noreen	DM'S Eye of The Tiger
Novice Heavyweight	4	56	Bouska, Alan	Sun Rock Glory Blaze
Novice Lightweight	1	100	Childs, Maggie	Goodness Gracious
Novice Lightweight	2	90	Smith, Yvonne	Mr. Chico Lindo
Novice Lightweight	3	74	Nore, Robin	Shadow's Dancer C.
Novice Lightweight	4	54	Stucky, Marla	Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH
Novice Junior	1	42	Kimmen, Katlyn	Vikens Bear A Cuda

Rose dressed up as "My Princess Pony" for the costume contest at Whispering Pines.

Dana Esbensen is Rose's wardrobe manager



Riding is my addiction. It's always present. I'm constantly thinking about my next ride. ~V

With the proper motivation, that is, a good reason for wanting to do it, your mind can overcome any sort of adversity.

~Franz Stampfl

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From the Nov, 2011 NBOD Approved Rule Changes for 2012

1. Page 5-2, Section 5.F.1. Reads: 1. Riders must use a saddle. The type of saddle and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship.

Change to read: Riders must use a saddle and headgear with attached reins. The type of saddle, headgear with reins and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship.

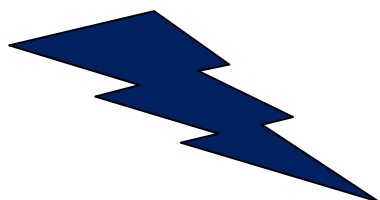
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2. Add to Section 7. E. Violations and Enforcement Procedures:

1. Any rider/owner violating these rules at an NATRC ride shall forfeit any completion or placing for the ride. NATRC may impose additional penalties for violation of these rules on any person responsible for the violation. Normally, the rider and owner shall be considered the persons responsible for the custody and care at a ride. Accordingly, the rider and owner shall avoid liability for additional penalties for violation of this rule only by showing by clear and convincing evidence that:
 - (a) Some other person outside of the rider or owner's control was responsible for the violation and
 - (b) The rider or owner bore no fault for the violation.

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When I finish a ride, every part of me is smiling.