

The Leadline

The Voice of NATRC Region 1 Competitive Trail Riding



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Cowboy Camp

By Donna Stidolph

My mare, Sunny, was having some back problems, so I went up to the Cowboy Camp Ride as a volunteer; Region 1's first "C" ride was going to be on Saturday and I wanted to be there. I had planned to work registration or whatever Linda told me and then go out on the trail and take some pictures, so I brought my mountain bike.

Plans changed, though. The crew who was supposed to ride safety on the first loop on Saturday had trailer problems, meaning we didn't have a safety rider for that loop. So, I blithely said, "No problem, I'll just do it on my bike." Angie, the Trail Master, gave me an "are you crazy?" look, which I ignored.

On Saturday morning I waited for the last of the Novice/CP riders to take off and started down the trail after them with the goal of keeping the last ones in sight. Within a hundred yards of the start, I ran into my first challenge: the whole area was covered by shoulder-high swamp grass. The horses had made a trail through it, but, (a) the grass wasn't smashed down, it was just sort of collapsed over the trail, and (b) the horse trail was in the shape of a half-pipe about 18 inches wide. I could see where to go because the grass was laid over, but I couldn't see the actual trail. So I had to ride it by feel, and I was constantly bouncing off the sides of the trail and running my pedals into the side if I got the angle wrong. It was about a half mile through the grass, and it slowed me down enough so that the last Novice rider was long gone by the time I got to the first Cache Creek crossing.

That first creek crossing was a non-issue; it was almost dry. The second one, however, was more interesting. On my side of the creek the water was running rapidly, and on the other side there was a quiet pool about 18" deep, full of big rocks. I couldn't ride my bike through the rocks, and I couldn't get around them, so I decided to walk my bike through them. It worked well until I flopped into the pool on top of my bike, -- which was how I discovered that the submerged rocks were all covered with slime and were **really slippery!** And it was deep enough that everything was soaked: bike, backpack, me, etc.

After I sorted myself out, I started down the trail again on my bike. I made it about 50 yards when there was another tiny creek crossing, full of large rocks where I had to get off my bike to cross. That pattern was repeated about 10 times in the next half mile, but I finally made it to the valley floor. Looking across the valley and up the trail a little bit, there were no riders in sight, so I took off pedaling as fast as I could.

After about a half mile, the route turned up. The trail alternated between moderately and really steep, with the occasional small creek crossing. I could ride the moderate parts, and the steep parts, too, IF I was riding strongly when I hit them. If I had to come off my bike to get across on the streams, though, getting back on when I was on one of the steep pitches was nearly impossible -- so I had to push my bike up lots of the hills that I should have been able to ride. It was really annoying in the "this is harder than it ought to be!" category.

The P&R was just downhill from the ridge top, so I was able to ride into it rather than pushing my bike in, for which I was grateful because it would have been pretty embarrassing to come in on foot. The P&R crew

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was goofy, sarcastic, and supportive, as usual. And there was good news: I could see the last of the Novice riders turning off the fire road we were on, about a quarter mile away. And it was downhill! Whoo hoo! I took off.

Downhill on a fire road, bikes go lots faster than horses, so I caught up with the tail end of the ride pretty quickly and was just moseying along, staying a couple of hundred yards off the back, feeling pretty smug. I got to the top of a hill and saw a rider splashing around in a huge mud puddle that covered the road we were on. She was mounting up as I reached her and said she'd lost her phone in the puddle. She continued on while I took off my shoes to cross the mud puddle. As long as I was in the puddle in bare feet, I sort of squished around in the mud, and I found the phone! Not only did I find the phone, it worked! This was the high point of my ride.

Actually, it **was** the high point because the ride was pretty much downhill from there – both literally and figuratively. There were a few climbs, but it trended down. We followed the fire road for awhile, then took off on a singletrack, which seems like it should have been a mountain biker's delight.

But it just wasn't biking territory.

A long section of it was in and along a dry, sandy creek bed. The trail went down the stream bed, then out to one side or another, then back to the stream bed. Several transitions from the stream to the trail were really steep and about 2 or 3 feet high. I could get up them myself, but I had to figure out how to pull or push my bike up the pitch. A few times I pushed the bike up to a protruding rock, hooked the handlebars over it, scrambled to the top, then pulled the bike up after me. Sheesh. The route continued to be untamed singletrack. (Or what's narrower than singletrack? Halftrack?)

Finally, though, I turned a corner and I could see ride camp, but it was still about a quarter mile in. The trail at that point followed the bottom of a canyon wall where rocks had been falling all winter. The canyon wall was to my left, Cache Creek was to the right, and there were multiple, large piles of rock on the trail. So I couldn't ride around the rocks, I had to either ride over them or hoist my bike over them. Either option, by this time, was painful. Progress was so slow, I almost thought camp was a mirage; it **never** got closer!

Finally, though, I made it back and immediately collapsed into a chair under a pop-up and started rehydrating. Or at least drinking liquids.

After a few minutes of feeling **really** sorry for myself because no one could understand how tough that 11.5-mile ride was, I had a sort of epiphany: Sunny, my mare who's done this ride four times, probably would have a clear idea of how hard it is.

- Going down the trail in the swamp grass? Sunny couldn't have seen the trail, either, and must have had the same uncertainty that I did about where her feet belonged.
- Crossing the creek where I fell in the pool? Sunny had to do that with her four slippery steel shoes **and** me bouncing around on her back as she slipped on the rocks.
- The endless climb up to the P&R? The hardest thing about that was being unable to establish a rhythm because of the changes in pitch and the creek crossings. Sunny is just as sensitive to those things as I am, I'm pretty sure.
- Going through the sand of the riverbed, then clawing my way out? Sunny had to do horse-pull-ups, with me clinging to her mane and getting thrown backwards, probably changing her center of gravity every millisecond!
- Stumbling in on the narrow trail cluttered with rocks? She would have had to find footing and stay in balance, too.

After I got going making these comparisons, I was even more impressed with my mare's trail ability. And I was even more depressed as I realized how much my imbalances and poor timing can make her job even tougher.

That bike ride really made me feel for my horse, but it also made me realize another one of the reasons I ride NATRC. Someone (every judge who's ever watched me, I think) is always reminding me to "stay light" and "watch my balance." It would be so easy to figure that Sunny's a horse – of course she can do that trail! But it's my job to make it as easy as possible for her, and my NATRC judges keep reminding me of how I can do that.

Thanks, you guys!

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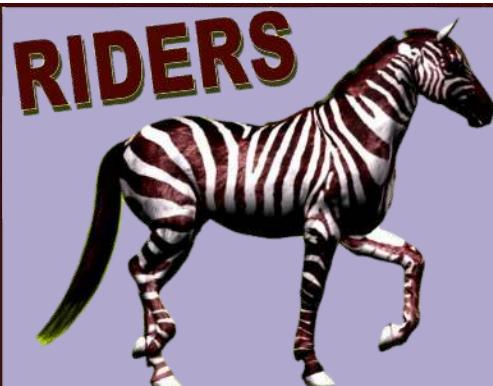
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Is there NO year-end high point breed award for your equine's breed?

Are you a member of your breed association?

Are you an NATRC member?

If you answered YES to all three questions, please initiate contact with your horse's breed association and hook them up with our Executive Director, Sarah Rinne, natrc@nartc.org!

Junior Rider Rebate

Junior riders who are NATRC members by the second Sunday in November of a ride year and complete 3 or more rides in that same ride year are eligible to receive a rebate of \$30 per completed ride for up to 3 rides. The deadline to apply is December 1. Please contact [Linda Thomason](#), R1 Treasurer, for more details.

2018 NATRC Region 1 Ride Schedule

<http://www.natrcregion1.org/>

Sept. 29-30	Round Valley Regional Park Gene Boicelli Sec: Linda Thomason	Brentwood, CA (925) 672-6491 (510) 708-1439	"A" O/CP; "B" N LIMIT 45 geneboicelli@gmail.com linda.thomason0610@gmail.com
Oct. 13-14	Fall Fiesta – Cache Creek Co-chair: Steve Meroshnekoff Co-chair: Jean Armer Sec: Angie Meroshnekoff	Williams, CA (707) 743-9973 (530) 755-8301 (707) 391-3408	"A" O/N/CP; "B" N/CP; "B" N iambrewing@aol.com armer@citlink.net awhitedog@aol.com

Region 1 Board of Directors Vacancies

Two 3-year terms and one 2-year term on the Region 1 Board of Directors are up for election. Any member wishing to be nominated to run for one of these seats needs to submit a short résumé to the R1 Recording Secretary, **Stephanie Swain, prior to January 1**. The Résumé Form can be found elsewhere in this issue,

and it includes Stephanie's contact information.

The health of our organization requires the regular addition of new faces to the BOD to get new energy and ideas. If you would like to give back to our sport and could consider devoting some time and energy to participating in its management (there are only four regular meetings each year),

please consider submitting your résumé for consideration.

Votes will be cast and counted at our annual meeting in the Spring at the awards breakfast after the National Convention in Reno. If you cannot attend, you may request a ballot from Stephanie Swain. She must receive it back before the meeting.

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"MY JOURNEY TO NATRC" TRAIL TALES #1: RENTAL HORSES

By Sheila Christiansen

Trail riding is what I wanted to do. I figured since I was getting back into horses at age 47, it would behoove me (no pun intended) to choose a more docile discipline than,...oh,...barrel-racing, for instance. Not that I had ever barrel-raced, mind you, but even I knew that would have been a bad idea.

So, sure, trail riding should work out just fine, I thought to myself, as I envisioned a quiet, plodding, no-nonsense type horse meandering through fields of wildflowers and sunshine while I chatted with my friends...

Then I tried it.

Let's just say trail riding is not like I had imagined. Or remembered.

When I mentioned to my horse-owning sister that I was planning to get a trail horse, she said something like, "You know, trail riding is one of the most dangerous things you can do on a horse." Oh pshaw! I thought she was just jerking my chain, dumping cold water on my vision, being dismissive of my chosen discipline, since she herself was into dressage. Hoity-toity Two Shoes. How hard could it possibly be? It was not until years later that a light-bulb finally came on and I began to see what she had meant by that comment.

This whole idea started when I met my now best friend, Deb, at a church function. It was Vacation Bible School with a Western theme. Don't ask me to connect the dots on that one for you; I didn't realize Jesus was a cowboy, ... but, anyway, Deb had brought a saddle and bridle --- real ones--- for props, which immediately caught my attention. So we got to talking and discovered we both had inherited "The Horse Gene", that thing some people are born with that attracts us to horses and anything related to horses, like iron to a magnet. Even looking at pictures of horses, or smelling the leather of tack or horse sweat would cause an actual visceral response in my gut. If you have The Gene, you know what I mean.

The horse connection was the starting point of a friendship between Deb and me, and for the next months and years we spent a lot of time talking about horses, reminiscing about hors-

es from our younger years, and wishing we had horses. Our non-horsey husbands eventually set a limit on how many minutes would be spent on horse talk when the four of us got together—because horse talk bored them to tears, like football talk does to me. And they knew once it got started, it was not likely to end any time soon, and they would be left sitting there silently picking at their baked potatoes while we carried on. And on and on.

One day Deb and I decided, well heck, let's just find a nice rent-a-horse riding stable and start going on a regular basis! If we couldn't own horses, that seemed like the next best thing. So we found one nearby, called for a reservation, and showed up for our first ride. It was an old, sort of rundown stable, with a wide variety of horses, everything from the young, fat, and shiny, to the barely-escaped-the-dog-food-truck type. No one happened to be there when we arrived so we went from pen to pen, looking over these horses and trying to convince each other that this really was a good idea.

Eventually a couple cowboys arrived. One of them asked us what level of riders we were. Well, remembering my youthful exploits and acts of daring, which no doubt had grown grander in my memory over the years, I said, "Intermediate", because that seemed humble enough, considering I actually believed in my heart-of-hearts that I was a far better rider than that. Deb echoed the same, and they chose a couple horses for us.

Now I don't remember what these two horses looked like exactly, other than mine was some shade of brown. Maybe bay, maybe sorrel, maybe chestnut, I don't know. Brown. I was just excited to finally get back in a saddle, and since we were pretty experienced riders,-- as we'd just said,-- they decided to go ahead and let us do the trails alone, without a guide. Awesome! Things were looking up!

Off we went along the wooded path, starting to really enjoy ourselves, and the horses were behaving as we had expected: perfectly fine. No problemo. Piece of cake. We were chatting

and looking around at the trees and the grasses, just like I had always envisioned, and pretty much paying no attention to the horses under us, whatsoever.

Then all of a sudden there was a disturbance in the bush right next to me, some action under me, and the next thing I knew I was sitting on my butt on the ground! Whaat the heck??

Well, it seems there were some wild turkeys that had decided to exit said-bush right about the time we got even with it, and my horse leaped sideways, and I didn't, apparently. First thing I said to Deb (who was still ON her horse) was "Grab the horse!" Old habit from childhood: the rule was, "If you fall off, keep ahold of the reins, don't lose the horse!" My next thought was, "Geez, I hope the guys down there didn't see this." And my third thought: "My wrist really hurts." And then I thought of what my husband would say if it was broken.

My husband, Mark, being the non-horsey person he is, whose only experiences with equines were a broken arm when he fell off a donkey as a child and a compression fracture when he was bucked off a friend's horse as an adult, was rather dubious about my getting back into riding. Whenever it came up, he would darkly mumble, "You're going to get hurt," and I would poo-poo him, saying we know how to choose the easy, safe horses, so don't worry. And we hadn't even mentioned to our husbands that day that we were going to go ride, so wouldn't he be surprised if I called him from the E.R. with a broken wrist?

Rats.

I don't even know how long we rode that day, but we wrapped up our ride without further incident, and my wrist was feeling no worse, at least. When we got back the guy said, "So how did they do?"

Looking back, we have come to the conclusion that we had very likely taken two new horses out on their trail riding debuts. But because we were experienced riders, you see, we were entrusted with these particular steeds, and the guys thought *(Continued on page 5)*

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we might actually have some real information to share with them at the end of it. My answer was, "They are afraid of wild turkeys." That's it. I'm sure when he heard that 'report' the guy,-- if he hadn't figured it out by now,-- realized that we were riding level frauds.

Or,....perhaps they knew it from the get-go and decided to give us a bit of a challenge to bring us down a notch....

Cowboys are like that, ya know.

When I look back, I laugh at myself for believing (and I really did believe!) that I was an intermediate rider at that moment in time. I hadn't even been ON a horse for six or seven years. I was so dumb I didn't even know what I didn't know. Yes, I had grown up with access to horses and had experience in that way, and as a young adult I rode borrowed horses, and I took a few jumping lessons just for an excuse to ride, and I had even owned an older gelding for a few years

as an adult, before I had to give him up when we moved to the city. But my riding "success" had been basically my staying on and dumb luck.

I had a whole lot to learn.

Fortunately, the wrist healed up on its own, and Deb and I decided that the rental-horse fiasco would be our little secret--- which it remained, for many, many years.

We needed our OWN horses.

...To be Continued

Rule Change Proposals For 2019

For complete text, please go to
www.natrc.org.

Voting to approve or not will take place at the November 10, 2018, NBOD Meeting.

Please share your comments with your [Region 1 or NBOD Representatives](#).

1. Addition of a Non-Competing Adult Supporting Membership
 - 18 years or over
 - Only eligible for ride awards if non-member fee is paid at the ride
 - Only eligible for year-end awards if adult membership fee paid by end of ride year

2. Delete Option for Senior and Junior Classes in the Novice Division in R1A
3. Any Day DO
 - Entitled to one vote
4. Allow greater use of existing stabling options
 - Can ride DO on the 1st or 2nd day of an A Ride if mileage requirements for a B ride are met
 - Points for sweepstakes should be based on the number of starters in the largest class
5. Add a method to forgive time penalties for Good Samaritan acts
 - Divide the Competitive Pleasure Division into weight classes
 - Heavyweight, lightweight, and junior.
 - At the discretion of ride management and/or judges
6. Point distribution for sweepstakes
 - Reduce points required for juniors to earn a National Championship in the CP Division
 - 60 points
 - Remove mandatory requirement of offering CP if Novice is offered
7. Clarify how points are calculated for National Championships R1A
8. Add Pleasure Division
9. Heavyweight, lightweight, and junior.
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Following the NATRC / AERC National Convention March 8-9, 2019, Reno, Nevada, Region 1 will have their awards breakfast and BOD meeting, Sunday morning, March 10.



By Trisha Taniguchi, R1 Trails Advocate

It's that time of year again... Not only is it time to hit the trails, but it is also fire season. As a veteran NATRC rider, you're already ahead of the game with your trailer stocked with buckets, safety equipment, etc. that are vital to get through a CTR. Lucky for us, a lot of what we do to prepare for a ride translates well into disaster preparedness. Still, we can never be over-prepared for an emergency. As we have experienced over the past few years, fires on the west coast are becoming faster and more dangerous. We can do ourselves and our four-legged friends a favor by ensuring that our trailers are fully loaded and ready to serve us in the event of an upcoming ride or an emergency evacuation.

But what needs to be done besides loading our trailers with riding gear? Some bare necessities include a first aid kit for you and your horse and a fire extinguisher. Other items such as adequate food, water, medications, and clothing are also important to consider. I personally carry a few blocks of dehydrated hay in my trailer as I have found it works great for rides when I think my horse needs a little hydration pick-me-up. I would also consider setting up some for my horse in a pinch while we await fresh hay to arrive. De-

als down and perhaps a 'go-to' list, which we reference when packing. For those that don't have a list going yet, or would like to cross-reference another list, I recommend checking out the handbook 'Plan, Prepare, Implement'. This book was recently published by my dear friend and our Region 2 sister, Vicky Beelik, and can be found on Amazon. Not only does Vicky's handbook provide checklists for packing your trailer and annual trailer maintenance, it addresses additional steps that can be taken to prepare for emergency evacuations. Vicky also speaks to paperwork that can be an essential component of your trailer. The first time I had to evacuate, my horse and I were separated at the fairgrounds, and it was then that I realized why it was so important to have documentation (including photographs) of my horse. Having your horse's breed paperwork with you is not only critical in an evacuation where you may need to prove your ownership, but it can also come in handy at a CTR if breed awards come into play.

Once your trailer is loaded to your satisfaction, it is pertinent to know where everything is kept and how to use it. Through my recent job training, I have found that equipment that cannot

be located or accessed is just as useful as not having it at all. Additionally, knowledge of equipment operation can be just as valuable. For instance, if you trailer out for a solo training ride and come back to a flat tire, will you know where your jack and spare tire are? Will you be able to operate them on your own? Not too long ago I was tested in this scenario, and I have since modified my equipment to cater to my needs in what I refer to as my 'tactical trailer'. It earns this name because my equipment is strategically placed and can provide me with immediate support.

Some of us have our pre-ride rituals down and perhaps a 'go-to' list, which we reference when packing. For those that don't have a list going yet, or would like to cross-reference another list, I recommend checking out the handbook 'Plan, Prepare, Implement'. This book was recently published by my dear friend and our Region 2 sister, Vicky Beelik, and can be found on Amazon. Not only does Vicky's handbook provide checklists for packing your trailer and annual trailer maintenance, it addresses additional steps that can be taken to prepare for emergency evacuations. Vicky also speaks to paperwork that can be an essential component of your trailer. The first time I had to evacuate, my horse and I were separated at the fairgrounds, and it was then that I realized why it was so important to have documentation (including photographs) of my horse. Having your horse's breed paperwork with you is not only critical in an evacuation where you may need to prove your ownership, but it can also come in handy at a CTR if breed awards come into play.

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We are fortunate that just by training for what we love, we are preparing our horses to be better citizens during evacuations. For instance, loading and unloading probably isn't an issue, or won't be once your horse has become familiar with the routine that comes with trailering to a CTR. When my horse, Jake, sees my trailer he immediately perks up, whinnies, and struts inside. Whether that is because he thinks a trail awaits him on the other side, or he thinks this is his ticket to a weekend of unlimited watermelon, has yet to be determined.

All in all, NATRC prepares us well for situations where we, and our horses, live out of our trailers for days at a time whether it be for recreation or emergency. Nonetheless, we can take a few extra strides to ensure a smooth ride or a less-chaotic evacuation. Is your trailer fully loaded and ready to go?

National Board Of Directors Report, August 2018

Membership continues to decline, but the organization was financially stable for the first half of the ride year thanks in big part to a lot of pre-planning and a successful raffle last year.

A small committee, originally known as Operation NATRC and now called the Development Committee, is working on suggestions for improvement such as making the rides more rider friendly and inclusive and more

about learning and fun. There are some proposals for presenting the scoring in a more positive light, for making the chain of information more informative and user friendly, and for doing more strategic marketing. The first step was to authorize funds to rebuild the website and completely revamp the RMS system to make it more user friendly.

Several rule change proposals are being brought forward for a vote in November. The R1 BOD and the NBOD want your opinion so our vote represents YOU. Please see the synopsis of proposed changes in this issue.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Meroshnekoff

Minutes of the NATRC Region 1 Board of Directors Meeting

The NATRC Region 1 Board of Directors Meeting was held at Clayton, CA on May 6, 2018.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 am by Chair Donna Stidolph.

Present: Stephanie Swain (by phone), Linda Thomason, Angie Meroshnekoff, Steve Meroshnekoff (by phone), Donna Stidolph, Jamie Dieterich (by phone), and Sheila Christiansen
Absent: Lee Cannon (excused)
Guests: none

Secretary's Report:

Linda moved to approve the minutes of meeting held 19 May 2017. Sheila seconded. All approved.

Donna moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held 04 February 2018. Angie seconded. All approved.

Due to death in the family, the minutes of the meeting held 03 March 2018 are delayed.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance: March balance was ~25K; current is ~28K.

Linda will compile a full accounting of Mini Convention to be delivered at a later date.

Angie – needs reimbursement for T-shirts.

The Mini Convention speaker declined payment (Thank You!).

Linda needs reimbursement for incorporation expenses.

Angie moved to reimburse Linda for incorporation expenses. Donna seconded. All approved.

Angie suggested setting a budget for improved year-end awards prior to purchasing.

Committee Reports:

Physical Resource Coordinator: Linda Thomason

Lee Cannon has purchased two heavy duty extension cords.

Stephanie moved to approve Linda's purchasing two more tables and a pop-up for Region 1. Jamie seconded. All agreed.

Historian: Donna has possession of materials. No update.

Wonder Workers: Steve Meroshnekoff - No update.

Points/Membership: Donna Stidolph sent out membership reminders.

Publicity/Outreach Coordinator: Lin-

da Thomason

Publications have been arranged for the 2018 season. Working on e-blasts for Cowboy Camp, Eel River, Jackson Forest and Fall Fiesta rides and quilt fundraiser for Jackson/Eel River rides. Angie placed a Facebook ad for her clinics for \$25/mo – defined geographical area, areas of interest – pop up add on Facebook screen. Has seen 70% increase in Facebook page visits, and 30-40 shares of the event(s). Will assess results at the end of the year, and if good, Region 1 can budget for ad for 2019 ride season.

Sheila has been handing out flyers at trailheads between South Sacramento and Stockton.

The Leadline: Sheila has agreed to print and distribute the Leadline.

National BOD: Jamie Dieterich - Rules proposals - need to decide on wording changes for July NBOD meeting - look at 28 February 2018 rules proposals carried forward. NATRC needs to look at the big picture – what will make us a vibrant organization that can survive going forward?

2019 Convention – conflict with some regions over R2/AERC combined convention date needs to be resolved ASAP. Region 1 is in favor of the combined date.

Region 1 Website: Donna Stidolph. Angie Meroshnekoff and Jamie Dieterich report that the website is up to date and looking good!

Ride/Clinic Management: Jamie Dieterich – C rides are attracting lots of attention. C riders must follow NATRC rules with the exception of leg protection. Horse/rider teams will be evaluated, not judged – there will be mock judging by lay-persons with comments on cards, but no scores. Completion awards will be given at all Region 1 C rides.

Region 2 (per Jamie) offers "Share the Trails" ride with AERC; in Region 1, AERC Fireworks ride honors NATRC members – no non-member fees. Can we reciprocate?

Trails Advocacy Coordinator: Trisha Tanaguchi – no report

Judging Issues: Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich – Judging inconsistencies were noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cowboy Camp – need to verify insur-

ance and permits. Need drivers. Judges, caterer, judges' secretaries are arranged.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vacant seat on board – Members contacted:

Facebook – problem with two Facebook pages with essentially the same name. Need to separate them into an official Region 1 page and a discussion group.

NATRC Region 1 – CTR Northern California – 1) change name to NATRC Region 1 – CTR Discussion Group; 2) need a second administrator; 3) establish links between "official" Region 1 Facebook page, Facebook Discussion Group and Region 1 website.

ACTION ITEMS:

Continue search for Region 1 BOD candidate(s)

Angie to provide permit person's email to send insurance information to Angie to put out request for ribboners and safety riders for CC

Sheila to rename Facebook discussion group and add her husband as second administrator

NEXT MEETING:

Time: TBD Immediately following checkback

Date: 30 September 2018

Location: Round Valley Ride, Brentwood, CA

CLOSE OF MEETING:

Stephanie Swain moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 pm; Donna Stidolph seconded. All agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Swain



RÉSUMÉ

FOR NOMINATION to NATRC NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS **Three-Year Term – Region 1**

In order to select a slate of nominees for this year's ballot, we need a resumé of your qualifications. Please answer the following, sign the pledge and return this form to the address at the bottom by **October 1, 2018**.

NAME _____ REGION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN AN NATRC MEMBER?

INTEREST IN NATRC (RIDER, MANAGER, JUDGE)

Please make a statement regarding your interest, qualifications, related interests and what you would like to do for NATRC. Be brief and please limit it to 200 words or less. The information will be used on our ballots to acquaint the voters with you. Use the back of this page for your statement or attach an additional page and return to the Nomination Committee Chair.

Results of the election will be presented at the fall meeting of the National Board of Directors. The 3-year term begins January 1.

As a member of the NATRC Board of Directors, you will be expected to attend the National Board meetings held three times a year. As a dual director serving also on the Region 1 Board of Directors, you will be expected to attend four meetings a year. Expenses related to the National Board meetings are largely borne by the Region, but you will have out-of-pocket expenses.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the BOD of NATRC.

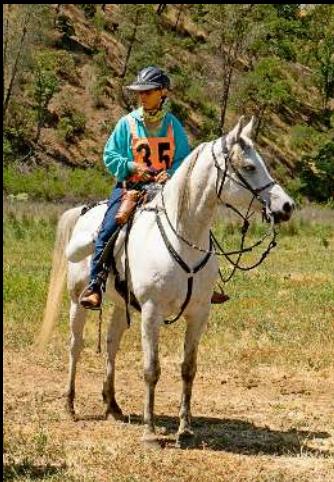
PLEDGE:

If I am elected to the North American Trail Ride Conference Board of Directors, I agree to be present at all board meetings, if possible, and to accept the equitable financial responsibility as voted by the board on which I serve.

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE _____

Please return no later than October 1, 2018, to:

*Donna Stidolph
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*Ashley Dillard & OM El Sharav
at the Cowboy Camp ride.
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*Trisha Taniguchi & Jake
at the Cowboy Camp ride.
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*Haley Schlerf & Cookie
at the Eel River ride.
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CHECK PLAN DESIRED

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REGULAR			LIFETIME
	1-Year	3-Year	(One-time payment)
ADULT	__ \$60	__ \$165	Single adult member (1 vote)
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ASSOCIATE	__ \$50	n/a	Equine groups or businesses only (no vote)

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ADULT..... __ \$20 /yr.

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\$ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____ (Nebraska residents please add 5.5% on Specialty Items)

Please list first and last names, especially those with different last names, of all competing family members.

Name(s) _____ Jr(s) Birthdates _____

Street _____ City _____

State, Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

Email _____ (We need your email for delivery of *HOOF PRINT*. Address stays within NATRC. Thanks!)

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***** Mail completed form and check to : NATRC, PO Box 969, Beatrice, NE 68310 *****

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