



# Region 6 Rally



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### President's Message

Greetings Region 6 members!

The best time of year to ride is upon us! I hope you've been conditioning and training for some fall rides this year, and if not, I hope to see you out on our last ones for the season as a volunteer! From some of the Facebook posts I see it looks like a lot of you are having some great times on the trail--I have had that chance too, and I can say personally those memories will last my lifetime!

Speaking of that, while I know it is easy to get wrapped up in the competition and the pace of the rides, don't forget to stop and smell the roses. My roses include good friends, a good horse, lovely scenery and many fun adventures (like Travis, Debbie and our spider friend). Have a great time out there the end of this ride season--be safe and find the good things you have had happen during each ride!

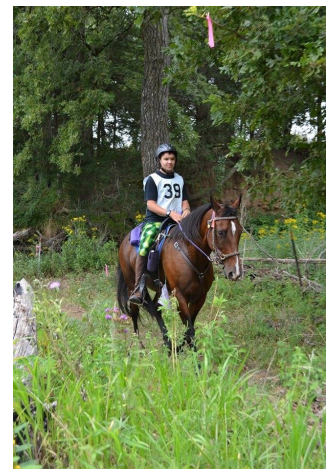
See you soon, friends!

Sincerely,  
Erin Glassman  
NATRC Region 6 President

*Erin at the PonyXpress at  
Rock Creek Station CTR.  
(Photo courtesy of Andy Klamm)*



It's good to see Liz Klamm back on the NATRC trail and doing so well after her back injury, and son Ryan keeping her from getting lost out there! ;)



## 2015 REGION 6 RIDE SCHEDULE

Ride Date	Ride Type	Ride Type and Ride Name
Oct 10-11	A & B rides	KANOPOLIS, Kanopolis State Park, Marquette, KS
Oct 24-25	A ride	CEDAR CREEK REGION 6 BENEFIT, New Bloomfield, MO

## 2016 REGION 6 RIDE SCHEDULE

Ride Date	Ride Type	Ride Type and Ride Name
Nov 14-15, 2015	A ride	RENEGADE ROUNDUP, Big Hill Lake, Cherryvale, KS
Sept 24-25, 2016	A ride	INDIAN CAVE, Shubert, NE

Where does your ride fit into this schedule? Contact Sarah Rinne at [saddle1up@live.com](mailto:saddle1up@live.com) to confirm your date! 2015 rides will have first right of refusal for those same weekends in 2016. Your ride date must be secured with Sarah as she coordinates with neighboring regions to avoid conflicts.

### Welcome New & Returning Region 6 Members—June through August 2015

Denise Farris, Stillwell, KS  
 Heather Frieze, Council Bluffs, IA  
 Donna Keller, Independence, KS  
 Kay Stich, Independence, KS



*Cheryl Bohling and Sarah Rinne at the PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station. (Photo courtesy of Andy Klamm)*



*Juanita Serafini and Sharron Ankersen at the PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station. (Photo courtesy of Tammy Vasa)*

THANK YOU for all the submissions to this newsletter! I enjoyed seeing what you chose to share, and I know others will too. You made the job of newsletter editor much easier, and the pages more interesting.

Note: The many pictures included were chosen by others and sent to me with the exception of one for Erin's message and the Family Affair portion. If you want to see pictures of certain people, horses and other ride venues in these pages, please send me photos! I no longer have time to scour Facebook to steal photos posted in different places over the months between newsletters. I received a good number this time and will plan to share more in the next newsletter, though I would like fresh ones from the next few rides also!

And just for Trish, who did want to see cat pictures. :) →



## 2015 Region 6 Ride Results—Flying R Ranch

### Flying R Ranch A

6/13-14/2015 R6-MO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 34

Chair: Katy Vernon

Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Sarah Rinne

CP Combo: Petite BonSheik/Swiss, Elaine

Novice Sweepstakes: Blue Diamond Dealer/Muench, Fran-97

Open Sweepstakes: Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish-99

### Open Heavyweight

1/1 PS Arikaree Bask/Glassman, Erin

P Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen

### Open Lightweight

1/4 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

2/5 Pistol Annie/Dollarhide, Patti

3/3 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie

4/1 King's Mountain Hale Bop/Wood, Mary Anna

5/2 Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret

### Novice Heavyweight

1/DO Little Richard CR/Braznell, Elizabeth

2/1 Selket Majinsky/Muench, Gayle

3/2 Saturn/Jones, Jennifer

CO Pure Texas Smoke/Serafini, Juanita

CO Lena/Andison, Edie

### Novice Lightweight

1/1 Blue Diamond Dealer/Muench, Fran

2/3 Perfection's Red Alert/Laffey, Elizabeth

3/2 Auli Sabah/Fischer, Jennifer

### Novice Junior

1/1 Shady Sunset WH/Reeter, Josie

2/2 Polka Dot/Hebert, Maddie

3/3 Countrys Lady Traveler WH/Jennings, Morgan

### Competitive Pleasure

1/3 Petite BonSheik/Swiss, Elaine

2/ Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna

3/ Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan

4/ D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

5/5 Silver Valley Tate/Hanson, Mary

6/4 Lethal Status/Ankersen, Sharron

/1 Smokin Hot Cutie/Parys, Shari

/2 Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly

/6 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla

GGG Tesoro de Piloto/Stanford, Mary

Roho Honey Mocha WH/Hinkebein, William

Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary

Country Diamond Rio/Blue, Erica

WWW Dot Hunk/Berry, Michele

Hytone Commander/Jackson, Becki

P DCC Diablo/Jakopak, Summer

### Flying R Ranch B

6/13/2015 R6-MO

B-O/N Total Riders: 4

Chair: Katy Vernon

Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Sarah Rinne

Novice Sweepstakes: KTM Midnight Star/Hanson, Dwight-92

### Open Heavyweight

CO Rushcreek Melady/McCoy, Gary

### Open Lightweight

CO Didi Waa Du/McCoy, Mary

### Novice Heavyweight

1/1 KTM Midnight Star/Hanson, Dwight

### Novice Lightweight

1/1 Custard Puddin/Leonard, Brittanie

*(Jessica Reeter and Marla Stucky show there is more than one way to correctly work a gate at Rock Creek! (Photos courtesy of Priscilla Lindsey)*



## 2015 Region 6 Ride Results—Von Holten Ranch

Von Holten Ranch A  
7/25-26/2015 R6-MO  
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 23  
Chair: Brandy Van Holten and Erin Glassman  
Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Sarah Rinne  
CP Combo: Tribute to Liberty/Yovich, Alice  
Novice Sweepstakes: Shady Sunset WH/Reeter, Jessica-98  
Open Sweepstakes: My Nightmare/White, Vickie-96

### Open Heavyweight

1/2 My Nightmare/White, Vickie  
2/1 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn

### Open Lightweight

1/3 CT Nick At Noon/Hicks, Patti  
2/1 Danamyte/Diaguila, Esther  
3/2 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish  
P Taking Over My Heart/Levinson, Rhonda

### Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Fine Art Design/Morris, Audrey  
2/1 Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John  
P KS Franks Banjet/Chaffin, Verona

### Novice Lightweight

1/1 Apple Jack/Dooley, Rafannette  
P Jim Bob's Cookie/Licata, Mary

### Novice Junior

1/1 Shady Sunset WH/Reeter, Jessica  
2/2 Country Mocha WH/Reeter, Josie

### Competitive Pleasure

1/4 Tribute to Liberty/Yovich, Alice  
2/3 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla  
3/6 Lethal Status/Ankersen, Sharron  
4/2 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan  
5/5 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen  
6/ Tide's Main Man/Stanford, Mary  
/1 Smokin Hot Cutie/Parys, Shari  
Country Diamond Rio/Blue, Erica  
Roho Honey Mocha WH/Hinkebein, William  
P Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary

### Von Holten Ranch B-Saturday

7/25/2015 R6-MO

B-N/CP Total Riders: 3

Chair: Brandy Van Holten and Erin Glassman

Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Sarah Rinne

CP Combo: Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly

Novice Sweepstakes: Darlene' Clementine/Bennett, Crystal-92

### Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Darlene' Clementine/Bennett, Crystal

### Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Wyntez Buddy / Roberts, Beverly  
2/2 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna

### Von Holten Ranch B-Sunday

7/26/2015 R6-MO

B-N/CP Total Riders: 4

Chair: Brandy Van Holten and Erin Glassman

Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Sarah Rinne

CP Combo: Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly

Novice Sweepstakes: Zip On Tap/Bennett, Crystal-85

### Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Zip On Tap/Bennett, Crystal

### Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly  
2/3 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna  
3/2 Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret

*Cheryl Bohling (left), volunteering as Horsemanship Judge Secretary at Von Holten Ranch, has been a welcome addition to Region 6!  
Chuck Edwards and Erin Glassman (center) wait on horses to arrive.  
(Photo courtesy of Sarah Rinne)*



## 2015 Region 6 Ride Results—PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station

### PonyXpress at Rock Creek

8/29-30/2015 R6-NE

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 46

Chair: Mary Hanson and Tammy Vasa

Judges: Carrie Porter DVM, Becky Rogers

CP Combo: Silver Valley Tate/Rinne, Sarah

Novice Sweepstakes: Shady Sunset WH/Reeter, Jessica-96.5

Open Sweepstakes: Little Ann/Klamm, Liz-97.5

### Open Heavyweight

- 1/3 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz
- 2/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
- 3/5 Rushcreek Melady/McCoy, Gary
- 4/2 My Nightmare/White, Vickie
- 5/4 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn

### Open Lightweight

- 1/3 Danamyte/Diaguila, Esther
- 2/5 Rushcreek Allie/Messick, Brenda
- 3/2 Pistol Annie/Dollarhide, Patti
- 4/6 Didi Waa Du/McCoy, Mary
- 5/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
- 6/ SC Akil Gassur/Brinck, Travis
- /4 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie
- P Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret

### Open Junior

- 1/2 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis
- 2/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan

### Open DO

- DO-I PS Arikaree Bask/Glassman, Erin

### Novice Heavyweight

- 1/2 Windy V/Serafini, Juanita
- 2/1 KSP Dakota Rambler/Hanes, Pat
- 3/6 Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Johnson, Lisa
- 4/4 Fine Art Design/Morris, Audrey
- 5/5 Rosita 2/Bohling, Cheryl
- 6/3 KS Franks Banjet/Chaffin, Verona
- KSP Rambling Rose/Hanes, Lloyd
- Jets Ole Thunderbolt/Korth, Jenny
- Smokey Eyed Dutch/Wiseman, Lori

### Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Emmitt/Combs, Janna
- 2/3 Sasha/Smith, Helen
- 3/2 Sensation Al Miss/Plumer, Joni
- 4/6 Darrah's Mountain Rose/Licata, Mary
- 5/4 Auli Sabah/Fischer, Jennifer
- 6/5 MBF Cristalena/Hucksoll, Margaret

### Novice Junior

- 1/1 Shady Sunset WH/Reeter, Jessica
- 2/2 Country Mocha WH/Reeter, Josie
- 3/3 Risky Snickers/Plumer, Tovah

### Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 Silver Valley Tate/Rinne, Sarah
- 2/4 Lethal Status/Ankersen, Sharron
- 3/3 Roho Honey Mocha WH/Hinkebein, William
- 4/ Smokin Hot Cutie/Parys, Shari
- 5/5 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan
- 6/1 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla
- /6 Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary
- DCC Diablo/Jakopak, Summer
- D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
- Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna
- Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin
- P Sir Timothy Gold APJ/Andre, Tamara



*P&R at Rock Creek.  
(Photo courtesy of Tammy Vasa)*

## The PonyXpress Rides Again! by Tammy Vasa

Rock Creek Station, located near Fairbury, Nebraska, has hosted competitive trail rides until shortly after the turn of *this* century. When we first started pleasure riding, it was one of our favorite spots. Occasionally we would come across a faded pink ribbon and that is when I first heard of this sport.

Over the years, I wondered what happened to the Rock Creek CTR. Lack of interest from a sponsoring local saddle club, not enough volunteers and “*all of those gates!*” seemed to be the death of that ride. While I very much love competing, I also enjoy managing equine events. It’s a way to put my project manager skills to work doing something fun. I’ve managed our state’s horse expo, some fun days and five years of trail challenges. How hard could it be to resurrect competitive trail riding at Rock Creek? My friend and fellow competitor, Mary Hanson, was game for the challenge and when our ride was approved by Nebraska Endurance and Competitive Trail Riding Association (NECTRA), we started making plans.



“The Tree” at Rock Creek.  
(Photo courtesy of Tammy Vasa)

We obtained maps from the past rides and found a lot of the competition was done on private land adjoining the park. We also found out that was where all those gates were located. Rock Creek State Historical Park and Rock Creek Station boasts about 350 acres. The adjoining Rock Glen Wildlife Management area provides another 700 acres. With 1,000 acres to use, Mary and I felt we had enough real estate to have a successful ride without having to secure private land. And the best part was, there were no gates!

Rock Creek Station has done a great job with their trail system over the years. It didn’t take much to groom those trails for competition. Rock Glen, however, was a bit more of a challenge. While planning our ride, cows were grazing in the meadows and electric fence was scattered throughout which did require some gate issues during the mapping session. I have used a GPS for years and pulled up some of my tracks from riding Rock Glen and we used those trails as a basis for our ride. Many had grown over from lack of use or because riders simply didn’t know they were there. Having the CTR would allow those trails to be reopened and could provide a map for pleasure riding. We also agreed to donate signage secured through the Nebraska Horse Trails Committee (NHTC).

We spent some hot weekends at Rock Creek during July and August preparing the trail. Many riders and members of NECTRA and NHTC came to our assistance, offering help clearing trail, moving logs, rebuilding bridges and filling culverts. Volunteers from Region 6 came one hot weekend and did a timing ride and provided valuable feedback for our final mapping. And when our weekend finally arrived, the good Lord gave us the most beautiful weather for this comeback ride, hosting 47 riders!



Thanks to the riders and volunteers for making the PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station a success. If you didn’t get to ride it this year, we plan to schedule it again next August.

Robin Nore rides through the historical Rock Creek Ranch  
(Photo courtesy of Andy Klamm)

**2015 Region 6 Ride Results—Dave Smith Fall Fiesta**

Dave Smith Fall Fiesta A  
 9/12-13/2015 R6-IA  
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 21  
 Chair: Martha Kunkle  
 Judges: Pam Hess DVM, Norma Newton  
 CP Combo: Silver Valley Tate/Hanson, Mary  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Invest Ina Three Bar/Kollars, Gina-94  
 Open Sweepstakes: Little Ann/Klamm, Liz-99

Open Heavyweight  
 1/1 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz

Open Lightweight  
 1/1 Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret  
 2/2 Rushcreek Allie/Messick, Brenda  
 3/3 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin

Novice Heavyweight  
 1/1 Invest Ina Three Bar/Kollars, Gina  
 2/5 KSP Dakota Rambler/Hanes, Pat  
 3/3 Rascals Doc/McCall, Louise  
 4/2 Windy V/Vasa, Tammy  
 5/4 Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John  
 P Bartending For Money/Vasa, John  
 P Dreamer/Moore, Denise  
 P Booker/Fields, Christy

Novice Lightweight  
 1/2 Auli Sabah/Fischer, Jennifer  
 2/1 Sasha/Smith, Helen  
 P Bubba/Hesse, Joy

Competitive Pleasure  
 1/6 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen  
 2/5 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan  
 3/1 Silver Valley Tate/Hanson, Mary  
 4/4 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna  
 5/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary  
 6/3 Smokin Hot Cutie/Parys, Shari

Dave Smith Fall Fiesta B  
 9/12/2015 R6-IA  
 B-N Total Riders: 1  
 Chair: Martha Kunkle  
 Judges: Pam Hess DVM, Norma Newton

Novice DO  
 P Ben/Fields, Christy



*Colorful safety rider Flo Walker at Brushy Creek  
 (Photo courtesy of Beth Braznell)*



*Pam Hess DVM checking in Margaret Reynold's Sanka  
 (Photo courtesy of Beth Braznell)*



*Jen Fischer and Louise McCall  
 (Photo courtesy of Jen)*

## My First Newbie by Mary Hanson



L to R: Mary Hanson, Gina Kollars, Sharron Ankersen  
(Photo courtesy of Mary)

If you want to feel like you know what you are doing at CTRs, mentor a new rider. You might not be that experienced, but it will make you happy, and humble too. I had the opportunity to help Gina Kollar, Arlington, Nebraska complete her first competition at David Smith Fall Fiesta CTR at Brushy Creek State Park.

What a good time. It started in August when she volunteered at The PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station CTR. Talking to her at the end, Gina said she liked what she saw and wanted to give CTRs a try. I invited her to go along with me to Brushy. She made a great travel partner, making the 4 hour drive from eastern Nebraska to north central Iowa speed by.

She believed everything I told her, brought what I said to bring, and setup her Quarter Horse gelding, Jackson's site just like I setup my gelding, Tate's site.

We had a good campsite and area for the horses. The boys shared a hitching rail with no fuss or fights. The hardest part was when one of us fed our horse the other wanted the other's hay or grain SO bad. The best thing was when I thought about cleaning up around Tate, Gina had already done that. Life is good.

Since Tate is gaited, green, and moves fast, we planned to have Gina ride with Sharron Ankersen. Her horse Boomer is one of the most solid, steady horses competing. Unfortunately he did not pass the vet check-in so she withdrew. Luckily, Shari Parys, who I considered my mentor, offered to let Gina ride with her and half-Arabian, Lucy.

They all hit it off and had a steady two days of riding. Obstacles did not give her or Jackson any problems. Gina was excited and happy with her ride each day. She fit right in with us 'girls' relaxing in the evenings. She even said she was happy to be riding with people who go faster than a slow walk and are not afraid of hills.

Sunday afternoon at the awards, even with competition at the Novice level, Gina and Jackson were the Sweepstake winners! She was shocked, but she had earned her points. She really like the prizes, including the large chocolate award. Of course I took all credit for her success even though it was Shari's steady presence that helped her the most.

The best news is Gina will be competing at the rest of the fall CTRs. It is wonderful to have a new CTR friend to compete with and to enjoy the ride.



## Ode To Obstacles in NATRC

*As presented at the Ride The Edge CTR in Region 5, to honor our own Trish Cleveland! Check out the video on Facebook for the full effect.*

### Ode to Obstacles in NATRC

An ode is a poem that is about one specific thing that you think is truly amazing and praiseworthy. This type of poem can be centered upon a person, an object, or something abstract like a feeling or an idea.

There was a time not so long ago when we would ride our horses down the trail,  
Just ride along enjoying the woods, didn't care what an obstacle entailed.  
Then, low and behold, right there in plain view stood a creature called "the judge",  
Who would interrupt our trance, ask us to advance, and perform in a creek or some sludge.  
We'd give it a shot, likely as not, bust it up and blast right through it,  
Then march down the trail, cussin' under our breath, cause we just had a notion we blew it!

That night, back in camp, the judge would discuss the events of the ride that day,  
We knew when she started flipping pages in her notebook, exactly what she wanted to say.  
"My friend, Trish Cleveland, back in Region 6 knows a thing or two about riding,  
And getting your horse to respond to your cues at an obstacle without fightin'.  
The problem comes when you don't plan well and you rush your horse to do it,  
His mind gets blown, and you get tense, and then you blow right through it.

So Trish would say, Whoa, STOP and think about this.  
SETTLE down, both of you, until you can think it through.  
Then take it SLOW, one step at a time, small increments, just a few."

So we have adopted our MANTRA on trail SSS, for Stop, Settle, and Slow,  
and it's you that we thank, Trish Cleveland, for putting us in the "Know!"

*Written by: Marty Findley*



*Trish Cleveland proudly wore the Stop, Settle, Slow hat that accompanied the ode  
(Photo courtesy of Sarah Rinne)*



### Yet one more benefit of our sport: Meeting awesome like-minded people!

NATRC Region 6 members (front L to R) Margaret Reynolds, Travis Brinck, and Denise Farris shared love of riding and trails took them on an adventure to ride trails in Spain.

Shown at Yeguada Senillosa, a Spanish Andalusian stud farm.  
(Photo courtesy of Margaret Reynolds)

## Kansas State Fair *by Priscilla Lindsey*

NATRC Region 6 shared an information booth at the Kansas State Fair with Back Country Horsemen of Kansas and the Kansas Horse Council. The photo shows us setting up the booth. The pen in the back was occupied all week by a horse generously provided by Liz Klamm. Most of the week it was Ryan's Tennessee Walker, Rick, and he was a big hit. Many people came into the booth area just to see and pet Rick. That broke the ice and got conversation started about trail riding.

Unfortunately our booth was located a long way from the other horse activities, so a lot of our visitors were not horse owners. We still had a lot of fun and got a lot of exposure. Time will tell if any of the interested parties actually follow up and show up at a ride!



Photo courtesy of Priscilla Lindsey

Have you mentioned your passion for NATRC somewhere outside of our sport? Have you been recognized in a fun way that you would like to share?

David Nore just had such a write-up in a recent company newsletter for the Nebraska Service Center Employee Association (NSCEA).

## Get to Know a Member: David Nore

**Name:** David Nore

**Nicknames:** None that I know of or have heard out loud

**Hometown:** Watertown, South Dakota—but born in Lincoln

**How long at the NSC:** 3 years

**First job:** Delivery of dry cleaning, which involved driving a car and since I was 15 with a work permit I thought it was a cool job

**Favorite Band/concert you attended:** Moody Blues, I hate to say how many years ago but secretly I borrowed my parents car and drove to Minneapolis with friends.

**Favorite restaurant in Lincoln:** La Paz

**Most unusual job:** I was a USDA grain inspector and have been to the top of every grain elevator in Lincoln and most of the small towns near Lincoln

**If you could travel to anyplace in the world, where would it be?:** New Zealand and Australia



**If you could meet any fictional character, who would you meet and why?:** Road Runner, I would want to know just how he can run so fast, set so many explosive traps, and elude Wile E. Coyote so many times.

## Community Corner

**Favorite thing to do in Lincoln:** I enjoy Golf more than I should and don't go out nearly as much as I should.

**Favorite part of my job:** It really comes down to helping deserving people become legal residents and realize their dream of working and living in the United States. Sounds kind of corny but I enjoy my job here and think we make a difference in the lives of many deserving people.

**Favorite NSCEA activity:** I enjoy the NSCEA book club (I read all the books but unfortunately don't go to many meetings) and the FOOD!

**Something most people don't know about me:** I have 3 horses and have ridden long distance competitive trail rides but now just pleasure ride and assist in the timing and veterinary heart rate checks for competitors at the rides in the Midwest.

# A Family Affair at Rock Creek!

*Note: All photos by Andy Klamm unless noted otherwise*



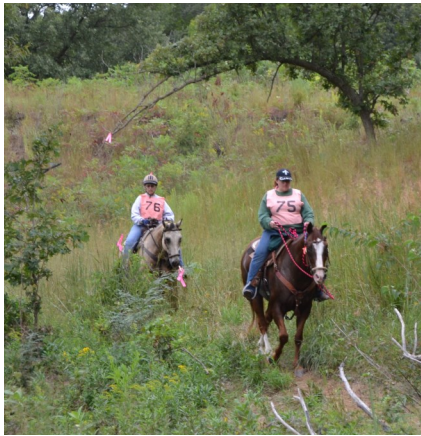
*Husband and Wife, Gary & Mary McCoy*



*Daughter and Mother, Alexis & Janna Combs*



*Granddaughters and Grandfather, Josie & Jessica Reeter, Bill Hinkebein*



*Mother and Daughter, Lori Wiseman & Jenny Korth*



*Son and Mother, Ryan & Liz Klamm. (Photo courtesy of Priscilla Lindsey)*



*Daughter and Mother, Nikki & Gina Kollars*



*Husband and Wife, Lloyd & Pat Hanes*



*Husband and Wife, Fred & Noreen Altwegg*



*Daughter and Mother, Kay Stich & Donna Keller*



*Mother and Daughter, Joni & Tovah Plumer*

## **NATRC Honorary and Appreciation Nominations and Write-ups**

Nominations and write-ups are due **October 15**.

Send your nomination via email in Word format to: Ruth Mesimer at [r\\_mesimer@att.net](mailto:r_mesimer@att.net).

**PLEASE**, keep in mind the word limit on each nomination.

### **Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award**

At the final National Board meeting of the year, each Region may nominate one member of NATRC for the Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award. The Board selects one. A plaque is presented at the following National Convention and accepted by the recipient with a brief speech. The award honors Jim Menefee, a favorite judge who was especially encouraging to Novices and first-time riders.

For clarification, the competitive award titled the "Jim Menefee Memorial Combined Horse/Horsemanship" whose trophy was donated by Jim's son, Jack Menefee is not related in its purpose to this award.

*Nomination limited to 400 words.*

### **Workers Hall of Fame**

At the final National Board meeting of the year, each Region may nominate one member of NATRC for the Workers Hall of Fame. The Board selects one or more at their discretion. Recipients may be individual or pairs. The award is presented at the following National Convention.

*Nomination limited to 400 words.*

### **National Appreciation Awards**

At the final National Board meeting of the year, each Region may nominate one member for a National Appreciation Award. The Board selects three to be presented at the following National Convention. A recipient can be eligible only once every three years.

*Nomination limited to 200 words*

### **Regional Appreciation Awards for National Recognition**

At the final National Board meeting of the year, each Region may select up to three recipients for recognition and presentation of appreciation certificates at the following National Convention. Recipients may be individuals or pairs or groups such as ride sponsors or clubs.

*Nomination limited to 200 words.*

## Region 6 Diamond of the Year Submissions Needed

*Region 6 is full of amazing people that go above and beyond, steadily persist despite adversity, and set fine examples for the rest of us to follow. The Diamond of the Year is unique to our region and is not an award you set as a goal for the year like the other year-end ribbons and plaques, but instead it comes from those you have touched, often without knowing. It is an extreme honor to receive this and we hope to have several deserving members to choose from. Please submit your nominations to Mary McCoy at [aryarabians@gmail.com](mailto:aryarabians@gmail.com) by February 15th.*

The Diamond of the Year award was started in 1990 by Frank and Nancy Diamond in order to honor the wonderful heart found in so many of our Region 6 competitive trail riders. Amazingly, the event that triggered it was a judged obstacle.

Imagine yourself late in the ride day; hot, tired, sore, and GRUMPY. The thoughtless, evil judge has set up a holdup dismount obstacle. You are waiting in line; did I mention you are GRUMPY? That is where Nancy and a group of her experienced and successful open rider friends were when they witnessed the following scene.

La Cygne Lake, at the little gravel quarry, point B the judge wants the riders to dismount, lead their horse up the steep, rocky, slippery, slope (remember we are hot and sore and GRUMPY) go along the ledge at the top and back down the steep slippery crumbly slope. It was doable (if we weren't so GRUMPY) but quite challenging. Complain, whine . . .

The next rider is a novice, John Register. John has to struggle to walk. John has to struggle to read. I don't know if it was polio or Cerebral Palsy or something else, but this challenge for us GRUMPY riders was a VERY BIG challenge for John. The judge told him that he did not have to try, but John, with a big smile said he WANTED to. He got down on all fours and crawled up the bank and his good horse came along carefully. When he finally got to the top he stood up and BEAMED. He had to sit on his rear and slide down like a little kid to get down again. When he was done his smile lit the whole area and there was not a dry eye there. Nancy and the group that witnessed it were never able to do another judged obstacle without remembering the example of John Register and his simple, willing, brave and beautiful heart leading the way.

This is what the Diamond of the Year is all about. Heart. Leadership by example. Kindness, whether deliberate or incidental. Character. Service. This award is not something you can pursue, but comes, unbidden to those who have blessed someone else.

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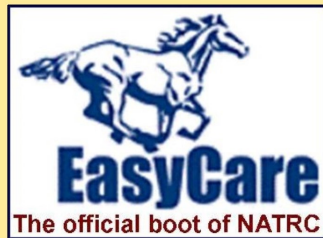
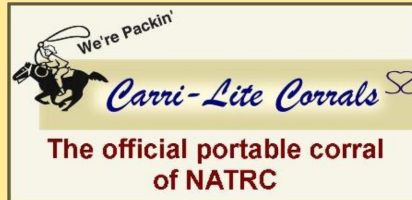
*P&R Crew at PonyXPress (Photo courtesy of Carol Lee)*



*Vickie White completing an obstacle at PonyXPress (Photo courtesy of Priscilla Lindsey)*

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