



Region 6 Rally

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President's Message

Hello Region 6,

My name is Tammy Andre and I discovered CTR in 1995, but didn't start to compete regularly until 2007. Since that time my horse, Tim, and I have completed almost 1800 miles at NATRC rides and I've learned something at every ride. This year I will spend most of my time working the P&R crew, but I still expect to learn things. If anyone has any questions, suggestions, or concerns please find me; we'll talk.

Our Region 6 convention was held in conjunction with the Horse Trail Riding Expo in Omaha, Nebraska March 11th – 13th. There were vendors and so many presentations that I didn't make it to everything that looked interesting. The awards banquet and presentation was lovely. Thanks to everyone who was involved with making that happen. There was a discussion about having next year's convention in conjunction with Equifest, in Topeka, Kansas or another similar event. If you have thoughts about that, please tell me or any of the other board members.

I'd like to welcome all of our new members to the NATRC family. I hope you took advantage of the free membership program. The program is still available if you know anyone else who might be interested.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe in the heat and we'll see each other down the trail.



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Appreciate Your Experience in NATRC

Submitted by Christine Abbott

Dear Region 6,

On May 21, 2016, I marked my 4th year living here in Florida. I miss my Region 6 friends and associates and think of you so very often. The reason I'm writing is to let you know that in the past few years I have had many moments of gratitude for all the knowledge and experience I gained while competing in NATRC within Region 6. I came to competitive trail riding in 2000 with zero horse experience. I fell in love with the sport and the learning curve that followed was often punctuated with amazing highs and lows, frustration, irritation, and some physically and emotionally painful moments. But every single time I rode I learned something new either about my horse or myself.

I brought my limited horse experience with me to Florida when I moved but it took me a couple of years to get back into riding. My dad died, I had hip replacement surgery etc. etc. When the dust settled I started reaching out to various horse organizations and found myself in a saddle club, of all things. I started going to obstacle clinics and recreational trail rides and having just purchased a new semi-green horse, I tried to expose my horse to as much diversity as I could. It was at one of these obstacle clinics that I witnessed some of the most dangerous riding conditions and out of control horses I have ever seen. Riders, whose egos and ignorance were obvious, were forcing their horses into situations which were not positive. I remember standing there with my horse in hand (I got off and stood on the sidelines because the scene had become very dangerous) as horses whirled around us in an attempt to do two obstacles which were close together. Horses bumping into one another, riders yelling. I wanted to go home. And I did. Please don't misunderstand me. I'm not saying that the people at the clinic were bad people or had bad intentions. I think they just didn't know any better. They just hadn't been as fortunate as I had been when it came to learning and practicing the basics of horsemanship. I saw horses tied at trailers with ropes tied so low the horse couldn't help but step over it and get entangled. I saw nipping and kicking horses as riders tried to mount. And I saw horses whipped over and over again for not wanting to go underneath and through hanging plastic barrels.

I was never an excellent horse woman but Skya and I won just enough first places to last a lifetime. I find myself so thankful for all the knowledge I have. Be grateful for the lessons you have learned and the experiences you have had. When I tell people what I have done in NATRC and the miles I have ridden their eyes seem to widen with a yearning to know what that would be like. Please be grateful and appreciative of the time you can spend with your horse, in good times and in bad. I personally thank everyone who ever helped me, talked to me, explained something to me, and even talked about me during my 12 years in Region 6. Miss you all.

I am riding my first endurance circuit come September 2016. It lasts through April and even though there is a lot of travel I'm ready! I have a new horse and her name is Kansas (of course). She is a registered Florida Cracker which come to find out is a rare and endangered breed here in the United States. I am actually writing a book about the Florida Cracker horse as its history is fascinating. How I happened to wind up with one of those horses is another story all its own. Anyway, greetings from Florida. And yes, I've ridden among alligators (I didn't know they hiss...) which was even scarier than being judged by Jerry Weil – HA!

My love to you all and to your horses. Christine Abbott – cdabbott39@gmail.co

NATRC REGION 6 HISTORY



NATRC is now collecting and digitizing our amazing history. What an important thing to do with 50+ years of material! Region 6 has had many great events, horses, riders and volunteers over the years, and now is the time to gather our stories and information too before it is lost or forgotten.

Last Fall, I enjoyed talking to JR Kendall and Chuck Edwards about the origins of their long-running rides and other important events as our Region was formed or major changes were made on the National level. It was so interesting to listen to and more should hear such history!

Many of you have articles, photos and other documents filed away in drawers and boxes. There are also links to recent articles online. We need to organize it all in one place and preserve it for others to enjoy and learn from.

Please email me katbalu96@aol.com any files or links you have of NATRC Region 6 information, whether older or just recently published. Even what was printed today is part of our history tomorrow. :)

If you are one of the many with decades of experience and tales, please type or write up those valuable thoughts or record them by audio, and I will type it up for you.

If you have documents that are originals you want returned, I can scan or copy, and then bring it back to you at a ride.

Thank you!
Shari



Ty (Melissa) Martinez on the death of your mother, Laura Martinez, who passed away February 7, 2016 in Wichata, KS.

Sam Martinez, daughter-in-law of Ty & Melissa Martinez, recuperation from an untimely dismount on May 15 resulting in a broken pelvis and concussion. Orthopedic doctor update on Sam, "No surgery for me, 4 weeks no walking will be on crutches and we go from there."

Shari Parys, recuperation from fall with Mika on Friday May 13. 4 broken ribs

Rick Reynolds, husband of Margaret Reynolds, as Rick continues to make remarkable progress and recovery from his April 22 cardiac arrest episode.



FOR SALE:

Wintec Endurance Pro saddle. CAIR panels, adjustable gullet, flocked, knee rolls, EZ ride stirrups. \$500.

Hereford Show Saddle 16 inch very good condition, \$500

Easycare Gloves, horse boots with gaiters, with power straps. one pair size 1.5 (\$50)

Easy boot Epics (2), without gaiters, size 2 (\$10 each)

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Welcome!

New & Returning Region 6 Members January through April 2016

Andrew Mills & family, Nevada, IA
 Karen Glock, Ankeny, IA
 Kim Ideus, Indianola, IA
 Mary Ginn, Jewell, IA
 Karen Ferris, Ellery, IL
 Alan Bouska, Junction City, KS
 Althea Sirridge, Valley Falls, KS
 Angel Cushing & family, Allen, KS
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 Denise Farris, Stillwell, KS
 Emily Gomez, Paola, KS
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 Jed & Amy Ward, El Dorado, KS
 Jennifer Akers & family, St. George, KS
 Jennifer Lloyd & family, Ozawkie, KS
 Joni & Tovah Plumer, Brookville, KS
 Joyce Shively, Burlington, KS
 Kathy Jackson, Wichita, KS
 Kay Stich, Independence, KS
 Kimberly Miller & family, Wichita, KS
 Lisa Hughes & family, Wichita, KS
 Liz Klamm & family, Hutchinson, KS
 Lori Kern, Maple Hill, KS
 Lori McCutchen & family, Overland Park, KS
 Mandy Funk, Hillsboro, KS
 Marilyn Marston, Abilene, KS
 Marleen Parker, Concordia, KS
 Mary Bradford & family, Eskridge, KS
 Melissa & ty Martinez, Maize, KS
 Noreen & Fred Altwegg, Junction City, KS
 Pat Lysinger, Oakley, KS
 Rhonda Levinson, Tonganoxie, KS
 Sharon West, Douglass, KS
 Tammy Andre, Hays, KS
 Verona Chaffin, Kansas City, KS
 Veronica Brubaker, Andover, KS
 Vickie White, Bonner Springs, KS
 Dana Esbensen, Troy, MO
 Debra Racheter, Lowry City, MO
 Janet Hatch, Kingston, MO
 Judy Howell, Pineville, MO
 Kristin Tipton & family, New Bloomfield, MO
 Marianne & Adam Young, Troy, MO
 Margaret Reynolds, Lee's Summit, MO
 Mary Stanford, New Bloomfield, MO
 Amber Cushman, Ralston, NE
 Ann Sampson, Lincoln, NE
 Carol Lee, Fremont, NE
 Cheryl Bohling, Cook, NE
 Cheryl Frederick, Springfield, NE
 David & Robin Nore, Hickman, NE
 Joyce Mass, Maxwell, NE
 Lisa Johnson, Gretna, NE
 Matthew Knight, Lincoln, NE
 Mary & Gary McCoy, Hoskins, NE
 Melinda Bentz, Alvo, NE
 Merry & Tom Sedlacek, North Platte, NE
 Sarah Rinne, Steinauer, NE
 Shari Parys, Gretna, NE
 Sherry Nolte, Springfield, NE
 Tammy & John Vasa, Weston, NE
 Tina Clapper & family, Pickrell, NE
 Vicki Kreeck, Omaha, NE
 Virginia Prey, Waverly, NE
 Pat & Lloyd Hanes, Yankton, SD
 Summer Jakopak & family, Freeman, SD



Region 6 2015 Worker Awards

Volunteers who turned in ride positions worked during the 2015 ride season and mile stones reached.

	2015	Prior	Total	Earned bar
Melinda Bentz	110	0	110	
Dave Nore.....	140	850	990	5th Gold bar
Lucy Hirsch	150	2,300	2,450	1 st Red bar
Larry Licata.....	150	360	510	2 nd & 3 rd Gold bar
Robin Nore	150	1,140	1,290	6th Gold bar
Michael Wallis.....	170	3,795	3,965	
Mary Licata	200	50	250	1 st Gold bar
Shari Parys	395	1,820	2,215	1 st Red bar
Rhonda Levinson.....	425	550	975	4 th Gold bar
Cheryl Bohling.....	450	0	450	1 st & 2 nd Gold bar
Sarah Rinne.....	725	1,865	2,590	Cap + 1 st & 2 nd Red bar
Chris Wallis.....	835	2,575	3,410	Cap + 2 nd & 3 rd Red bar
Chuck Edwards	850	21,395	22,245	17th Blue bar
Ruth Mesimer	1,065	4,635	5,700	Jacket + 6 th & 7 th Red bar

Region 6 Ride Chairs – 2015

Exploring Sand Hills - Liz Klamm
 Nickers N' Neighs - Hope White, Vickie White
 EKAHA Hill & Dale - Mary Colby
 Flying R Ranch - Katy Vernon
 Von Holten Ranch - Brandy Von Holten
 PonyXpress - Mary Hanson, Tammy Vasa
 Dave Smith Fall Fiesta - Martha Kunkle
 Indian Cave - Sarah Rinne, Diane Beckham
 Kanopolis Canyons - Erin Glassman
 Cedar Creek - Chris Wallis

Points Per Worker Position

Position	Points
Ride Chair	200
Ride Secretary	150
Trail Master	150
Judges Secretary	150
Rules Interpreter	100
P&R Chair	90
Cook/Refreshments	75
Timers	75
Stable Steward*	50
Safety Rider*	25
Driver*	25
P&R Team*	25
Gate/Gofer*	20
Weighmaster	10
Trail Crew++	20
Judge Fees Donation	150

*points listed for these duties are for each day worked
 ++Trail Crew = prepare trail, clear trail, put up and take down trail marking. 20 points per day.

100% Club - 2015

Jacket
 Sharron Ankersen
 Margaret Reynolds

Fifth Year Patch
 Mary Anna Wood

Region 6 Worker Awards Point List as of 01-21-07

Points	Award	Patch
150		1st gold worker bar
300		2nd gold worker bar
500		3rd gold worker bar
750		4th gold worker bar
1,000		5th gold worker bar
1,250		6th gold worker bar
1,500		7th gold worker bar
2,000		1st red worker bar
2,500	Region 6 Cap	2nd red worker bar
3,000		3rd red worker bar
3,500		4th red worker bar
4,000		5th red worker bar
4,500		6th red worker bar
5,000	Region 6 Jacket	7th red worker bar
6,000		1st blue worker bar
7,000		2nd blue worker bar
8,000		3rd blue worker bar
9,000		4th blue worker bar
10,000	Special Award	5th blue worker bar
11,000		6th blue worker bar
12,000		7th blue worker bar
13,000		8th blue worker bar
14,000		9th blue worker bar
15,000	Director Chair	10th blue worker bar
16,000		11th blue worker bar
17,000		12th blue worker bar
18,000		13th blue worker bar
19,000		14th blue worker bar
20,000	Special Award	15th blue worker bar
+ 5,000		blue worker bar



2016 REGION 6 CONVENTION





Region 6

Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award

J.R. Kendall

Few have taken the NATRC reins with such authority and commitment as J.R. Kendall and seen our organization through important years of change. Serving on the National Board of Directors from 1991-1996, Vice President in 1993, and President in 1994 and 1995, J.R. learned important lessons on proper insurance coverage and how the title of a volunteer role may import unintended responsibility, and helped ensure better protection for us in future years through individual ride insurance and the new title of Rules Interpreter. He returned to the National Board of Directors as an alternate in 2012.

While his contributions on a national level are commendable, J.R. has made the biggest difference with his commitment to Region 6. Serving as our President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and as a member of the Region 6 Board of Directors over many years, he has been an integral part of its success. He also was involved in the 1982 re-organization when the number of regions changed to six. Even when not serving on the board, J.R. will often attend meetings to give input and keep up to date.

J.R. has been an important source of knowledge for managing NATRC conventions with his vast experience. He chaired or co-chaired five National conventions from 1979 to 2009, as well as numerous regional conventions. He is willing to mentor others and offer assistance where needed.

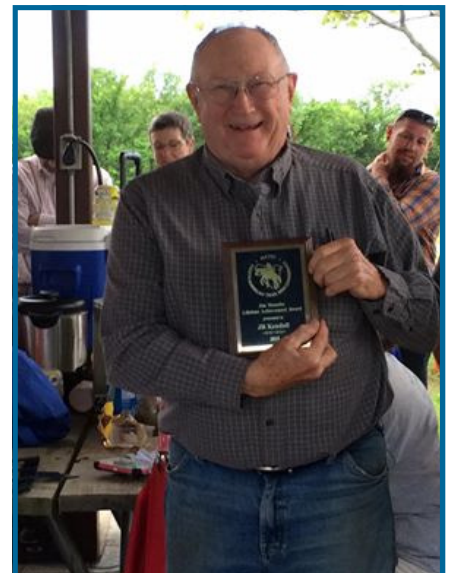
As a board member and elected official for the Eastern Kansas Arabian Horse Association (EKAHA) since the club's inception, he is able to partner this organization with NATRC to have a large presence at the Kansas Equifest every year. J.R. also served as a certified steward for the Arabian Horse Association CTR division. Due to his strong commitment to the distance horse in these different capacities, he was presented the prestigious Horseman of the Year award by the American Royal Society in 2011.

On a more local level, J.R. has been a driving force for the EKAHA Hill & Dale CTR held consecutively for 35 years, serving as Ride Chair for 30 of those, along with managing numerous Region 6 Benefit Rides. He has volunteered in many capacities at other rides over the years, accruing almost 25,000 worker points.

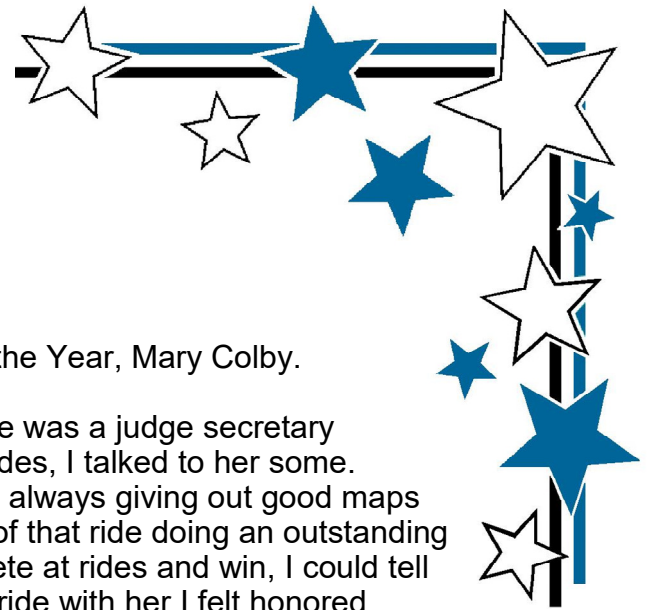
J.R.'s warm greeting and sense of humor welcome members new and old to NATRC events every year. The time he spends to mentor and assist others is appreciated, along with his enduring commitment to our sport. His leadership on a regional and national level helped strengthen us and lead us to where we stand today.

Congratulations J.R.

& Thank You!



Region 6
Diamond Of The Year Award
Mary Colby



I would like to nominate a very special lady for Diamond of the Year, Mary Colby.

I think the first time I remember meeting Mary was when she was a judge secretary for her husband Mike. Thru the years I would see Mary at rides, I talked to her some. Mary then was the trail master at the EKAHA Hills Dale ride always giving out good maps and directions. Mary and Mike took over as ride managers of that ride doing an outstanding job. I watched Mary and her beautiful horse, Dancer, compete at rides and win, I could tell they were a very special team. So when Mary asked me to ride with her I felt honored.

At the first Region 6 ride of the 2015 ride season I was planning to ride open, but felt my horse was not ready so rode CP. Mary asked me to ride with her, but I was riding with a new competitor so it didn't work out. A week later at the Region 4 Run for the Mustangs ride we did ride together. This was Mary's first ride or at least it had been a long time since she had rode there so she wanted someone familiar with the trails. This ride worked out good so Mary and I decided to ride together at other rides. I got to know Mary and Dancer as the team they are. Dancer is an alpha mare so got along with Rocky, my horse, who thinks all other horses should love him. Mary was wonderful to ride with very considerate trading off with leading or coming up on obstacles aka opportunities. Mary told me early in the year her goal was to get a CP National Championship with Dancer, and I made it my goal to make sure Mary and Dancer met their goal.

At the Flying R ride Mary and I took a few wrong turns so we had to canter in to the finish to make sure we were not over time. Mary and I rode a very hot and humid ride at Von Holten Ranch, Dancer was held at the last P & R, so Rocky and I had to go on without them, this was not easy for me to do. Mary ended up pulling Dancer from the ride because she didn't want to stress Dancer anymore. Mary put Dancer's health over her goals.

Mary told me stories about when she and Mike started competing in NATRC and how they took their kids with them. I could tell Mary put her family first. Mary and I had a nice ride at PonyXpress ride in Nebraska, so I was surprised when she called me to tell me she was quitting. When I got off of the phone with her I cried, knowing she would not reach her goal. But Mike's health was not good and he needed Mary to help him more, so once again Mary put family over what she wanted.

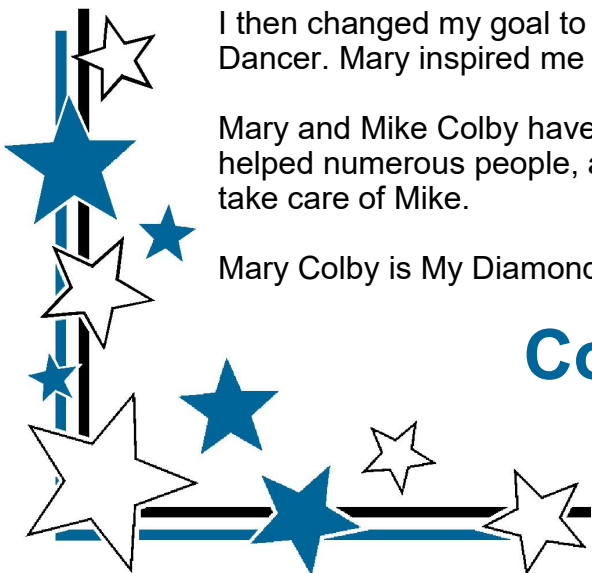
I then changed my goal to get Rocky his National Championship in honor of Mary and Dancer. Mary inspired me to do better and carry on.

Mary and Mike Colby have been a big part of Region six for a long time and have helped numerous people, and I know Mary will still help out when she can as well as take care of Mike.

Mary Colby is My Diamond of the year!

Congratulations Mary!

Submitted by Marla Stucky



EXPLORING SAND HILLS

Exploring Sand Hills A

4/23-24/2016 R6-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 43

Chair: Liz Klamm

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

CP Combo: Fives Bert Harlan/Alan Bouska - 199

Novice Sweepstakes: Sandy Bisquit/Carol Retzer - 94.5

Open Sweepstakes: Turnner's Wild Card/ Lin Ward -100

Novice FTC Combo: Sandy Bisquit/Carol Retzer - 190.5

High Point Horse: My Knightmare/Vickie White - 97.5

Half Arab High Point Horse: LL Remington /Marilyn Marston - 99

Competitive Pleasure High Point Horsemanship: Alan Bouska - 100

Novice High Point Horsemanship: Carol Retzer* - 96

Open High Point Horsemanship: Lin Ward - 100

Open Heavyweight

- 1/5 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Jim Ward
- 2/6 L.L.Remington/Marilyn Marston
- 3/3 My Knightmare/Vickie White
- 4/1 Roho Honey Mocha WH/William Hinkebein
- 5/2 Smokin Hot Cutie/Shari Parys
- 6/4 Touch's Yeller Gold/Gary Inman
- Silver Valley Tate/Dwight Hanson
- P Phantomz Mirazh/Summer Jakopak

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Turnner's Wild Card/Lin Ward
- 2/2 EZ Rocket WH/Marla Stucky
- 3/- Tornado Watch/Denise Farris
- 4/3 Hungarian Jade/Lucy Hirsch
- 5/5 Shadow's Dancer C./Robin Nore
- 6/6 Loco Motion/Sara Baldwin
- /4 Rushcreek Allie/Brenda Messick
- Regala de la Estrellas/Diana Marquardt
- P Cito Mocha Raton/Trish Cleveland

Open Junior

- 1/1 Little Ann/Ryan Klamm
- 2/2 Country Mocha WH/Josie Reeter
- 3/3 Shady Sunset WH/Jessica Reeter
- P DCC Diablo/Autumn Jakopak

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Sandy Bisquit/Carol Retzer *
- 2/- Johnnie Whoa Jo/John Zeliff
- 3/4 Kaluha/Sandra McNiff
- 4/6 Singing Winds Rosita/Cheryl Bohling
- 5/ Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Lisa M Johnson
- 6/5 Bill MS/Tom Sedlacek*
- /2 Edgewood Amanda/Barbara Rush
- /3 Buck MS/Merry Sedlacek
- KS Franks Banjet/Verona Chaffin
- P Hershey/Melissa Martinez
- P Blazing Jack/Michelle Plummer*

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Just Jake/Lori Kern
- 2/1 Nakita Rose/Joyce Shively

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan
- 2/3 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Noreen Altwegg
- 3/4 Wish Upon a Star/Kris Hapgood
- 4/5 PS Arikaree Bask/Erin Glassman
- 5/2 Tide's Main Man/Mary Stanford
- 6/- Envy My Fame/Travis Brinck
- /6 KTM Midnight Star/Sarah Rinne
- P Risky Snickers/Rhonda Levinson
- P Frog's Knight/Christine Wallis

Exploring Sand Hills B - Saturday

4/23/2016 R6-KS

B1 - O/N/CP Total Riders: 8

Chair: Liz Klamm

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

CP Combo: Arnik WGH/Barbara Taylor 194.5

Novice Sweepstakes: Cedarhill Alexsei/Beth Hurst -100+

Open Sweepstakes: Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Kay Stich - 98.5

Novice FTC Combo: Mi Lady/Veronica Brubaker - 195.5

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Kay Stich
- 2/2 Safara/Horne, John

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Dakota Cole/Calleen Olson

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Cedarhill Alexsei/Beth Hurst
- 2/2 Mi Lady/Veronica Brubaker*
- 3/3 Vergeland Gun Smoke/Mandy Funk*

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Arnik WGH/Barbara Taylor
- 2/2 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Lucie Hess

Exploring Sand Hills B-Sunday

4/24/2016 R6-KS

B2 - O/N Total Riders: 15

Chair: Liz Klamm

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Novice Sweepstakes: Risky Snickers/Michelle Plummer - 97.5

Open Sweepstakes: Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Kay Stich - 97.5

Novice FTC Combo: Risky Snickers/Michelle Plummer - 197.5

Open Heavyweight - 1

- 1/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Kay Stich

Open Lightweight - 1

- 1/1 Dakota Cole/Calleen Olson

Novice Heavyweight - 7

- 1/1 Risky Snickers/Michelle Plummer*
- 2/2 Zig Zag/Travis Higginbotham*
- 3/3 Fritz Snappy Question/Jed Ward*
- 4/4 Junior/Angel Cushing*
- 5/5 Twister/Danielle Epley*
- P Hoss/Thomas Cushing*
- P Speed of White/Kinberly Miller*

Novice Lightweight - 4

- 1/1 Durangos Devilish Hope/Amy Ward*
- 2/2 Stone Pine Abigail/Serenity Vogt*
- 3/4 Blaze/Brenda Higginbotham*
- 4/3 Dodger/Lisa Hughes*

Novice Junior—2

- 1/1 Sweet Chocolate Chik/Katheryn Hughes
- P Little Legacy Blue/Lindsay Miller

First-timers Embrace the Challenge of Distance Riding

By Liz Klamm

The third annual Exploring Sand Hills one and two day competitive trail ride event, sanctioned by the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC), was held April 23rd & 24th at Sand Hills State Park in Hutchinson, KS. The ride started each day with our National Anthem while Alan Bouska, retired US Army, proudly held the flag.

Sixty-eight competitors attended from seven different states ranging from South Dakota to Alabama. NATRC is a non-profit organization that provides distance competitive trail rides for all types of riders of all equine breeds. For over 55 years, it has been educating and informing horse enthusiasts on how to care for and manage horses ridden over long distances. Competitive trail riding is truly a family sport. It is open to anyone 10 years of age and older.

This year's ride had 18 first time competitors. One who deserves special recognition for extra effort in trying something new is Michelle Plumer. She heard about NATRC at the Kansas Equifest where she entered and won a drawing for a free ride entry. She drove over 190 miles in a rented truck to join a group of people in which she did not know a single person. The amazing thing about Michelle is that she is also deaf!!!



*Alan Bouska on Fives Bert Harlan and Ryan Klamm on Little Ann prepare for the playing of the National Anthem prior to the start on Sunday.
- photo by Andy Klamm*



*Michelle Plumer and Blazing Jack enjoying a brisk Saturday morning trot at the Exploring Sand Hills ride.
-Photo by Andy Klamm*

Says ride manager, Liz Klamm, a local Hutchinson resident, "I can't imagine the courage and strength it would take to ride a horse and not be able to hear. Some of Michelle's comments after the ride included how sweet the people with NATRC were and how they communicated with gestures. She told me other horse disciplines had not treated her that nicely."

Michelle explained through an interpreter, "My first experience was amazing!!! I did fill out a form for the drawing for a free entry. I found out that I won the drawing! I was thrilled! I feel that God gave me the opportunity to gain more horse experience. So I decided to save a lot of money to rent a truck and arrange everything! My parents were surprised that I entered the competition.

"I was very nervous upon arriving; but NATRC gave me a warm welcome. They were friendly and nice to me. I did make some mistakes but took all their advice! The horsemanship and vet judges were very understanding. Both willingly gave me their full effort for communicating.

"On the first day, I started the competition but my horse got hurt. I had to call the day off (pulled from the ride). I knew this was the right decision."

"Liz was very nice!! She let me ride her awesome mare, Risky Snickers, on the second one-day ride. I rode with my coach, Rhonda Levinson, and a couple from Junction City, Noreen Altwegg and Alan Bouska. They were so awesome because they gave me good advice about horse care on the trail and proper riding form. I was shocked when, at awards, I won first place in my novice division."

"Overall my experience was great! For sure I will come back next year with better tack! And thanks to my wonderful Aunt, Nancy, for interpreting for me!"

Additional highlights of the ride included multiple door prizes, nice awards and a cowboy church service lead by Kerry Khun of Kerry Khun Practical Horsemanship. The judges for this year's ride were Cheri Jeffcoat from Nebraska and Jerry Weil, DVM, from Arizona.

NATRC competitive trail rides are challenging, educational, and fun. The judges value the horses' performance and the riders' horsemanship. This year, 2016, NATRC is offering free memberships to first time members. More information about joining and upcoming rides can be found on the national website, www.natrc.org, and the Region 6 website, www.natrcregion6.org.

EKAHA HILL & DALE

unofficial results

EKAHA Hill & Dale 2016 - A Ride - 30

May 20-21, 2016

Ride Chair: Denise Farris and J.R. Kendall

Judges: Kay Gunckel, DVM and Frank Keeran

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

Novice Sweepstakes: Risky Snickers/Ryan Klamm - 99

CP Hi Point Combo: D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/
Noreen Altwegg - 197

Hi Point Arabian - My Nightmare/Vickie White - 97

Hi Point Part Arabian - Awesomes Fire N Ice/Ken Wolgram - 100

Novice Heavyweight: 6

1/3 Duke 7/Joyce Mass
2/2 Mi Lady, Melissa Martinez
3/1 Bill MS/Merry Sedlacek
4/5 KS Franks Banjet/Verona Chaffin
5/4 Aksarben Major Jubilee, Tammy Mielke
P Kholor Me Bodacious/Jennifer Akers *

Novice Junior: 2

1/1 Risky Snickers/Ryan Klamm
2/2 Pride's Kalija Joe/Joleigh Mielke *

Novice Lightweight: 1

1/1 Zack the Tank/Amy Budke *

Competitive Pleasure: 5

1/1 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Noreen Altwegg
2/4 Fives Bert Harlan/Alan Bouska
3/2 RW Braveheart/Mary Ginn
4/3 Tide's Main Man/Mary Stanford
5/5 Triggers Golden Nugget/Beth Aswegan

Open Heavyweight: 9

1/2 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Ken Wolgram
2/1 L.L. Remington /Marilyn Marston
3/3 Silver Valley Tate/Dwight Hanson
4/- My Nightmare/Vickie White
5/5 Gen's Rocking Shadow/Jim Ward
6/- Roho Honey Mocha WH/William Hinkebein
-/4 Little Ann/Liz Klamm
-/6 Touch's Yeller Gold/Gary Inman
-/- Country Diamond Rio/Erica Blue

Open Junior: 2

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

Open Lightweight: 5

1/1 Turner's Wild Card/Lin Ward
2/3 EZ Rocker WH/Marla Stucky
3/2 Hungarian Jade/Mary Anna Wood
4/4 Wyntez Buddy/Beverly Roberts
5/5 Taking Over My Heart/Rhonda Levinson

EKAHA Hill & Dale 2016 - B1 Ride - 5

May 20-21, 2016

Ride Chair: Denise Farris and J.R. Kendall

Judges: Kay Gunckel, DVM and Frank Keeran

Open Sweepstakes: Dun Come Unzipped /
Margaret Reynolds - 99

Novice Sweepstakes: Badger Hill Mariah/Barbara Rush - 94

CP Hi Point Combo: Summer / Betty Wolgram - 199

Novice Heavyweight: 1

1/1 Badger Hill Mariah/Barbara Rush

Competitive Pleasure: 2

1/1 Summer/Betty Wolgram
2/2 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Lucie Hess

Open Lightweight: 1

1/1 Dun Come Unzipped/Margaret Reynolds

Open Heavyweight: 1

1/1 Safara/John Horne

EKAHA Hill & Dale 2016 - B2 Ride - 1

May 20-21, 2016

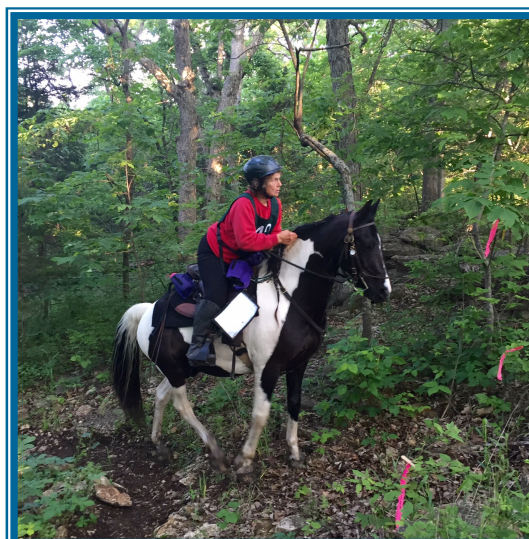
Ride Chair: Denise Farris and J.R. Kendall

Judges: Kay Gunckel, DVM and Frank Keeran

Open Sweepstakes: Safara/John Horne - 99

Open Heavyweight: 1

1/1 Safara/John Horne





**EKAHA HILL & DALE
36 YEARS**

EAGLE RANCH CTR

unofficial results

6/11-12/2016 R6-MO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 20

Chair: Cheryl Hennings

Judges: Lucy Hirsch, DVM and Sarah Rinne

CP Combo: Fives Bert Harlan/Alan Bouska - 187

Novice Sweepstakes: Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Lisa Johnson - 88

Open Sweepstakes: EZ Rocket WH/Marla Stucky - 94

Novice Lightweight - 3

1/2 Shahtekhs Thunder/Joyce Shively

2/1 Nakita Rose/Kayli Cleveland

P Just Jake/Lori Kern

Novice Heavyweight - 3

1/2 Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Lisa Johnson

2/1 Johnnie Whoa Jo/John Zeliff

3/3 KSP Dakota Rambler/Pat Hanes

Competitive Pleasure - 3

1/1 Fives Bert Harlan/Alan Bouska

2/2 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Noreen Altwegg

3/3 Shadow's Dancer C./Robin Nore

Open Junior - 2

1/1 Shady Sunset WH/Jessica Reeter

2/2 Country Mocha WH/Josie Reeter

Open Lightweight - 4

1/1 EZ Rocket WH/Marla Stucky

2/3 Taking Over My Heart/Rhonda Levinson

3/2 Cito Mocha Raton/Trish Cleveland

P Tornado Watch/Denise Farris

Open Heavyweight -5

1/1 L.L. Remington/Marilyn Marston

2/2 My Nightmare/Vickie White

3/4 Silver Valley Tate/Dwight Hanson

4/3 Roho Honey Mocha WH/William Hinkebein

P Country Diamond Rio/Erica Blue

THANK YOU!

Wanted to thank the ride management, safety riders and owners for their help at Eagle Ranch. Copper started struggling with heat stress at 20 miles. I dismounted, walked him to the next creek crossing and sponged him down, removed his tack and walked him back to camp, sponging in creeks and letting him grab bites of grass as he started feeling better. This article indicates we guessed right. Bottom line he needed more heat and regular conditioning to do Open hills and rock. Live and learn!

Denise Farris

The June 11-12 Eagle Ranch CTR in Collins, Missouri was held on the first hot and humid weekend in Missouri. The trails were well marked by Trail Master Chris Wallis and Katy Vernon. The campground owners and first time Ride Managers, Cheryl and Jerry Hennings threw themselves into the trail work, by cutting and marking new trails and helping Chris get around the trails on a Gator after her horse pulled up lame.

The riders coped well with the heat, P&R people helped cool hot horses that were held at the P&Rs. A few riders watched their horses carefully and pulled themselves from the competition when they saw their horses were struggling with the heat and the hills. No horses needed to be treated, due to the rider's diligence.

This ride was nearly cancelled a week before the ride date due to a lack of Safety Riders, P&R workers, and a Timer. A call to Region 6 and to the local Ozark Country Endurance Riders was put out on Facebook and multiple people volunteered to come and help out. 5 members of OCER came to help, Jodi Schlup, Monika Remboldt and Janet Hatch rode Safety. Pamela Daily and Jessie Lynn Salinger each worked as P&R workers. Kristi Chapman and Dick Webb volunteered to come from Iowa to ride Safety. Dick became the Safety Chair.

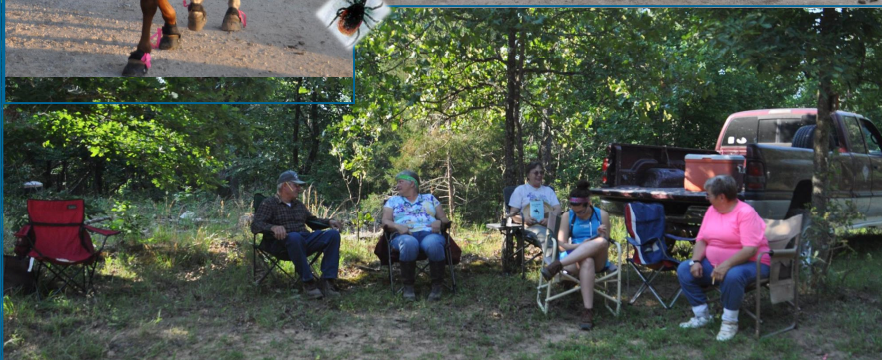
When Chris Wallis wasn't busy being the Trail Master, she worked with the P&R team, alongside Katy Vernon and myself. Ruth Mesimer's friend, Leslie Watson, who loaned Ruth a truck so she could even GET to the ride, was great working on the P&R team. Ruth Mesimer and Mary Hanson switched Roles so that Ruth could be Rules Interpreter. Mary Hanson had double duty as Ride Secretary and Lucy Hirsch's Vet Judge Secretary. Sarah Rinne brought her friend, Cheryl Bohling to be her Horsemanship Judge Secretary. Mike Wallis volunteered to be the timer, so the ride had a great team of volunteers to keep the ride moving smoothly. Sarah Rinne said it perfectly, "It takes a Village to run a NATRC Ride".

When asked about the trail, the riders said they could find their way around the trails (trail marking was good) and thought the timing of the ride (which was very slow) made it so the horses wouldn't be overly stressed by the steep climbs, high heat and humidity. They also appreciated the multiple crossings of the cold, rock bottom, clear flowing streams along the trail and that they had electricity at their campsites so they could run their air conditioners.

As new ride managers, Cheryl and Jerry had a steep learning curve and they were up to the task. Hopefully, we will be back competing at Eagle Ranch next year. Can someone order cooler weather please?

Submitted by Lucie Hess

Eagle Ranch CTR Moments



TO WONG FOO

Competitive Trail Ride Clinic

Funny name, great fun!

by Tammy Vasa



Nebraska Endurance and Competitive Trail Ride Association (NECTRA) has spent years promoting our sport. Hosting the longest running ride at the same park; Indian Cave will celebrate it's 43rd year this fall and this marks the second year of the return of the Rock Creek Station ride. While our club strives to hold a clinic every year to introduce the sport to new riders, this time we wanted to try something a little bit different and hold a mock ride at pace so riders could get the feel of the real thing.



Plans were made early in the year to host the To Wong Foo CTR Clinic on the Oak Creek Trail which runs to the tiny town of Loma which was the setting for the Patrick Swayze movie "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything Julie Newmar." Our mock ride would not run all the way to Loma, but a little notoriety never hurts. We hoped for 25 entries and had about half of those spots filled in early February and at the NECTRA booth at the Horse Trail Riding Expo in Omaha in March, the remaining spots were filled and a waiting list created. We quickly checked our calendars and decided to add a second day. Between the two days, we had forty riders register for the event.

In order to find time for lecture as well as riding, Shari Parys, President of NECTRA, suggested we divide the groups up in stations in the morning, where riders would learn an important feature of CTR. We limited the lectures to 20 minutes per station (complete with an air horn) and in groups of 3 or 4 riders, they visited the stations to learn about 1) Equitation, 2) Showing To the Judge, 3) P & Rs, 4) Trail Tack, 5) Stabling At Camp and 6) Maps and Pace (which included the map we would be using that afternoon).

Following a lunch provided by NECTRA, riders saddled up for the ride.



Groups of 2 to 4 riders timed out with a mentor, maps in hand, at a 4 mph pace. We added a few minutes between each group to avoid bottle necks at the obstacles, the first being an observation by horsemanship judge, Sarah Rinne, as the horses came up a small hill. Our "fake-vet" judge, Mary McCoy, stopped the riders and checked each of the horse's metabolic on the trail.

One of the reasons we wanted the ride at pace was so riders could learn how their horse handles in groups, how it paces itself and it would give the rider an opportunity to experience what a 4 mph ride felt like compared to a pleasure ride. Much different, many mentioned!

At the five mile marker, the riders experienced their first P & R. Auditors assisted P & R chair, Chuck Edwards, in taking incoming and outgoing pulse and respirations at their 15 minute stop. Riders learned how their horse acts with other horses lined up side by side and techniques for quieting a horse to help achieve a successful P & R.

On the way back to the trail head, once again the judges stopped the riders and asked them to back the horse down a small incline between two trees. Many were surprised that this was not as easy of an accomplishment as it sounds. All riders made it back in the 30 minute window. The riders were asked to unsaddle and present their horse to the judge for a back check before putting them up.

Following the ride, riders were presented with their score cards and the judges spoke on what they were looking for and what they saw. There were question and answer sessions before the riders loaded up to leave. Lots of smiles and many who are anxious to sign up for The Pony Xpress at Rock Creek, Indian Cave or both.

As ambassadors to our sport, it is very satisfying to introduce others to competitive trail riding and help the sport grow. We hope this is the first of many clinics in this format and especially hope to see new riders on the trail.



A Sidebar to the To Wong Foo Clinic

by Tammy Vasa

Shari Parys and I did a timing ride on the Thursday before the clinic and Friday evening we were joined by Mary and Gary McCoy to put up the trail flags and do any last minute trail clearing. Shari brought her white foxtrotter, Mika, who you all will remember got his National Championship his last year of competition. She wanted her “steady Eddy” since she would be helping other riders. I was riding our 3 year old filly, Darby, who had been at training late this winter. As Shari moved into a trail to hang a ribbon, I went another direction to hang another ribbon and heard a commotion much like Big Foot coming through the brush. I see Gary dismount from his horse and run to the trail and in a flash, saw Mika run riderless past us.

CTR teaches us a lot of things and replaying this event, it was amazing how we all came together when an accident occurred. Gary handed his horse off to Mary as he went to assist Shari. I took my young horse and followed Mika. When I got his attention, I stopped and turned to ride back toward Mary and Mika realized he wasn't going to be left alone and trotted up next to me. Shari's headstall is a halter/bridle combo and I snapped her reins onto the halter loop and securely ponied Mika next to Darby.

When I returned to the scene, Gary had his horses and Mary was sitting with Shari taking her pulse. Shari was having a hard time catching her breath. We waited quietly hoping things weren't as serious as they appeared. We determined quickly that at the very least, we would need to go get a truck as Shari was sure she couldn't ride. We discussed calling 911 but Shari was certain it was not necessary as long as she didn't have to ride back to the trailer. (Note to all of you, do NOT let the injured make that choice.) We decided I would take Mika and go back to the trailer and drive out to pick everyone up, loading Gary and Mary's horses in my two horse bumper pull. With Mika dallied next to me (I was riding in a horned saddle that evening), we started trotting the 4 miles back to the trail head. Gary and Mary stayed with Shari.

At about the first mile, I heard the civil defense sirens in the small town of Valparaiso go off and I knew that was calling in the squad. I called Shari's phone and Mary confirmed they had called 911. I heard the sirens of the ambulance and waited at the mile road as they neared, directing that squad to where I had come from. And then continued back to town. I was never more proud of my young horse for handling the 4 mile trot (and some loping) while ponying a strange horse and not even flipping an ear at the sirens and red lights on the squad truck.

The squad took Shari to the hospital and the other truck dropped Mary at the trail head. Sarah Rinne was there and we secured Mika and Darby to the other trailers and set out to find Gary and his arabs. Sarah went through our list of contacts to reach Shari's husband while we quietly loaded the arabs in my straight load trailer.

Shari's horse had gotten tangled in some vines on the trail and in his struggle, fell over on her. Shari sustained 4 broken ribs and a small puncture to the lungs. She was wearing a helmet when the 1,000 pound horse pushed her to the ground. She had the equipment on her horse for him to be handled safely by another rider. Mary and Gary secured their own horses while offering aid to Shari. Mary provided basic first aid and ultimately made that call to 911 that Shari so wanted us to avoid. We knew we could tie our horses safely to the trailer and leave them when going out to get the rest of the horses and Gary and Mary's horses had no problem loading into a small trailer which was unfamiliar to them.

This incident also illustrates it is not the young horses that can hurt us; the best trained horses can have accidents, too. Shari is one of the safest riders I know and in an instant, things can go terribly wrong.

One of the mantras of our sport is that we promote safety. Yes, we do. And it was obvious to see what we learned from this sport go into play in an emergency. Well played, CTR.



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September 24 - 25	Indian Cave	Shubert, NE
October 8 - 9	Kanopolis Canyons	Kanopolis Lake, KS
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