

REGION 6 RALLY

COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDING

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It was an interesting year in Region 6. We brought back new rides, made changes to keep other rides on the books and regrettably, lost a couple rides which were important to those looking for year-end points.

Congratulations to John Zeliff and David Nore for resurrecting the Jesse James Rideout. Riders will find it on the calendar again for 2018. Marla Stucky and Marilyn Marston took over managing Kanopolis Canyon and Cheryl Bohling managed the long-time Indian Cave ride. Ride management is a tough job. Be sure and thank them for stepping up to the plate so we have rides in our region. This issue of the Rally will address some of the concerns about ride attendance and what we can do to preserve the future of our sport. Just think if all those who actively compete recruited just one person to try competitive trail riding, what it would do to the overall numbers. Let's give it a shot in 2018!

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Message From the Editor

After an almost two year hiatus from riding, I made it back on the trail again! I found myself in Oklahoma at the last ride of the 2017 season - riding Open, no less.

It was no secret that my trailer pooling buddy Shari Parys and I were riding as a class filler that weekend but let it be known that once we timed out the first morning, our goal was to have a good ride! While both of our horses were in pretty good shape from the pleasure rides this past year, we didn't think they were competition fit. Shari shaved some of Mika's winter coat and I kept my mare Windy hydrated with a bag of wetted mash in my saddle bag.



One of the best things about a competition horse is their mind. They know the difference between a pleasure ride and a competitive trail ride and you could almost hear them saying, "we got this..." And they did. We had a respectable finish; Shari and her horse finished 3/5 and I was 5/4. A 6th rider may or may not have pulled....

This impromptu ride really got *me* thinking about competing again. I didn't make a conscious decision to stop competing. I finished my tenure in Novice in 2015 and had one Open ride under me. I wasn't sure if I had an Open horse. I wasn't sure if I was an Open *rider*? So I didn't complete. Almost two years later, I am asking the same question. While I don't have to decide today what class I will ride, I did pull out my calendar and enter the rides I plan to attend with the goal of giving my mare her 1,000 competition miles. I look forward to seeing you on the trail in 2018.

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Just a reminder that these newsletters don't write themselves. I would love to hear from you. Did you have a great ride? Learn a valuable lesson? See a wonderful display of sportsmanship? Tell me about it. Or even just send your favorite picture. The best way is to sit down at the computer while it's fresh in your mind and send me an email. Don't worry about punctuation or grammar. I can pretty it up and help tell your story to the membership. A special thanks to Ruth Mesimer, for keeping me informed of NATRC activity.

For questions, stories, photo submission and anything newsletter related, please email me at [jtvasa@gmail.com](mailto:jtvasa@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see many of you in the upcoming season. (Photo credit to Andy Klamm)

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## Ride Management By Tammy Vasa

I am entering into my 4th year as a Ride Manager, co-managing the PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station with my trusty partner, Mary Hanson. We had the good fortune of our first ride going off so easy - beautiful weather, well marked and mapped trails and full or almost full classes. The next year, as fate would have it, the weather stunk and the mileage was off and we went over-budget. Last year ended up being just right weather wise and the last few weeks before the ride, the entries started coming in quickly. The riders came back! From our perspective, we were very happy with the ride and looked like we were going to break even until the bill came for the porta-potty rental... and it put us in the red.

While "us" is not Mary and I, but our club, the Nebraska Endurance and Competitive Trail Ride Assoc. This club has been in existence since 1974 and relies on its treasury to host rides like the PonyXpress and Indian Cave. Depleting the treasury would certainly drive a nail in the coffin of these popular rides.

As ride managers, it is important to be fiscally responsible when hosting rides. New rides, like the PonyXpress initially cost more in the beginning. While we volunteer our time and mileage to prepare the trails, there are trail markings needed, signage and other incidentals which add up. We need at least three entries to pay for the porta-potties alone! Not to mention prizes, food for volunteers, judges' fees and transportation. NATRC helps defray these costs with a grant up to \$1000 through the Ride Management Support Fund. [http://natrc.org/pdf/Mgmt\\_Support\\_Fund\\_App.pdf](http://natrc.org/pdf/Mgmt_Support_Fund_App.pdf)

While it would be ideal to have enough profit to pay for the next year's expenses, with ride entries down, that is a tough goal. Instead, we are looking at how we can reduce expenses by bringing in local judges or those with easy connections to Nebraska. Having non-rider support provide transport for the judges is also helpful and we learned some ride management asks for donations from the riders to cover the costs of volunteer meals. Last year, we had a small auction of donated items which helped defer some expenses — if only we hadn't forgotten about those toilets! But the good news is, the park has put in a new bathroom closer to the horse camp! Good thing because I would have hated to put out a coffee can for donations to use the can!

Recently I told someone that I loved managing rides as much as riding them. It's not for everyone and luckily, Mary and I have pretty tough skin. Our goal is to run the PonyXpress effortlessly and profitably and hand it off to a new manager and then start the process all over again at a new location.

Mary Hanson started a new Facebook page called NATRC Ride Managers. If you are a manager, look it up. A great new resource for sharing information.

*Dashing Through the Snow*



## **SOS! Save Our Sport!** By Shari Parys

Let's make a pact to be more involved, more communicative, and more inviting. Our numbers are down considerably here and across the nation. Where did our existing riders go and why? I myself am guilty of not competing in Region 6 for the first time since 2003, and would not have entered a ride at all if there wasn't a plea to fill an out-of-region class on the final weekend of the competitive season. Sure, I had family issues to deal with, a horse that died, and was in the transition of retiring my old horse and starting a new one. Things happen. But I volunteered in 2017 to stay involved, and will be back wearing a number in 2018. I hope to see you back also.

What can we each do to revive the sport we love? Here's a few ideas:

1. **Set goals and get excited again.** Whether you are on the cusp of a mileage milestone for horse or rider, want to improve your personal best score, place higher in year-end awards, or experience new trails, pull out your calendar and start marking dates!
2. **Post on Facebook** about the fun you have when competing or volunteering, and invite a friend to condition with you. Visit about the things NATRC has taught you and how it's made you a better horseman or your horse a more trustworthy partner.
3. **Take time to visit with someone that used to actively compete** and let them know we miss them. Sometimes they just need a nudge and reminder of the good ol' days, the fun along the trail and in camp, and friendships made.
4. **Connect with others to trailer pool** to cut many expenses in half (or less if you can fit a couple more in with you!). It also helps a newer competitor feel more comfortable if going with an experienced person.
5. **Don't sweat the small stuff.** Enjoy the ride, the challenge, the progress of you and your horse, even if the cards don't always reflect the excellent ride you had. The judges only see you for minutes out of the weekend, and they are humans. Their opinion that day should not outweigh the many other positives.
6. **Buy the NATRC raffle tickets.** Every dollar collected goes straight to NATRC's bottom line. Your support makes a difference.
7. **Support our national sponsors.** Visit their sites through the links on our website. Think of them first when considering new purchases. Thank them for their sponsorship.
8. **Take your turn to volunteer.** It is also great fun and a learning experience. Without volunteers, we don't have rides.
9. **Put on a clinic** or gather a few interested people for a practice ride where you can answer questions and help get them hooked. If we each take the time to mentor one person through their first ride or two, we can double our attendance!
10. **Help existing rides survive.** It hurts to see a scheduled CTR canceled. Before pulling the plug, please put out a request for others to help where needed. We are blessed with many passionate



people that would step in to mark trail, assist with management tasks, clean up afterwards, and help you roll with the punches.

11. **Start a new ride or resurrect an old one.** We love to see new trails! We have mentors to help you learn the ropes and a national fund to help financially support first-time managers. We need rides to attract and keep riders.
12. **Support other regions.** We are all facing the same issue and it is fun to travel to new places, especially with a group of friends! Our last rides in NE and KS were thankful for R4 and R3 coming en masse to compete. R6 had a good contingent at the final R4 ride.
13. **Be involved.** You all have opinions and insight. Tell your directors how you feel about things. Ask questions. Suggest improvements. Submit stories and pictures to the newsletter. Our region needs to get back to meeting more regularly to exchange information and ideas between states.
14. **When you see a new person at the ride,** be sure to welcome them. Whether from out-of-region or a newer competitor, we are happy to have them and need to express that.
15. **Think outside the box** for ways to break down the barriers that keep new people from entering.
  - ◆ Nebraska is doing the usual Intro to CTR clinic, but will now *follow it up with a series of practice rides* to help horses and riders become more comfortable and prepared for their first competition.
  - ◆ The national board of directors has come up with the idea of a “C” ride, held during the A and B rides but with more of an educational basis and sanctioned as a clinic. We envision allowing people to check in with a lay person, going through the motions of the vet check-in later in the morning of ride day. They will then join the competitors for a section of trail where they can experience 9-12 miles of our route, a P&R stop, and an obstacle. *This would allow them to trailer in for the day and not have to camp overnight*, the entry fee could be reduced as there is not as much paperwork or awards, some rules may be relaxed, and they can get a taste of our sport without committing to 20+ miles and days away from home. Simply allowing them to experience a portion of the ride may entice them to compete the next time. Or maybe they will just be content to do this shorter bit, but they are supporting the ride and learning.



## 2018 Rides

**Attention Ride Managers!** If you are planning to host a ride for the 2018 season, please let Robin Nore know so she can post in the appropriate places and notify the appropriate peeps! Shoot her an email at [robinn5810@yahoo.com](mailto:robinn5810@yahoo.com)

## Rule Changes Effective for 2018

The Board of Directors approved changes in the use of ice boots, the Competitive Pleasure division, aspects of junior competition, national championship criteria and Region 1A awards. Visit [NATRC.org](http://NATRC.org) for info more information.

## Ride Book

The Region 6 Ride Book deadline is February 1st. Please email your ride and/or clinic details to Shari at [katbalu96@aol.com](mailto:katbalu96@aol.com). In November, Ruth sent last year's ride page to management to make your updates easier. You can list "TBA" for your judges if they are not secured by the deadline and we will update the online version when available. Thank you for managing a Region 6 ride or clinic.

## 2017 Worker Points

Please submit your worker points to Trish Cleveland by February 1, 2018. You can find the worker point form on our Region 6 website <http://www.natrcregion6.org/forms/>. You can email the form to Trish at [trishcleveland166@gmail.com](mailto:trishcleveland166@gmail.com) or send via mail. Information is on the form. Thank you to all volunteers for contributing your time to our Region 6 rides. They would not be possible without you.

## For National Convention

Wava O'Brien is looking for any old or new ride videos and pictures from each region to run at National. If you have any you would like to share, please contact Wava at [patwava2013@yahoo.com](mailto:patwava2013@yahoo.com).

## Bylaws

The proposed revision of the NATRC bylaws was passed at the November Board of Directors meeting. An update can be found on the NATRC website. Thank you to those who helped with the changes, the Board for their efforts in reviewing and the members who took the time to read and approve.

## Show Your Colors

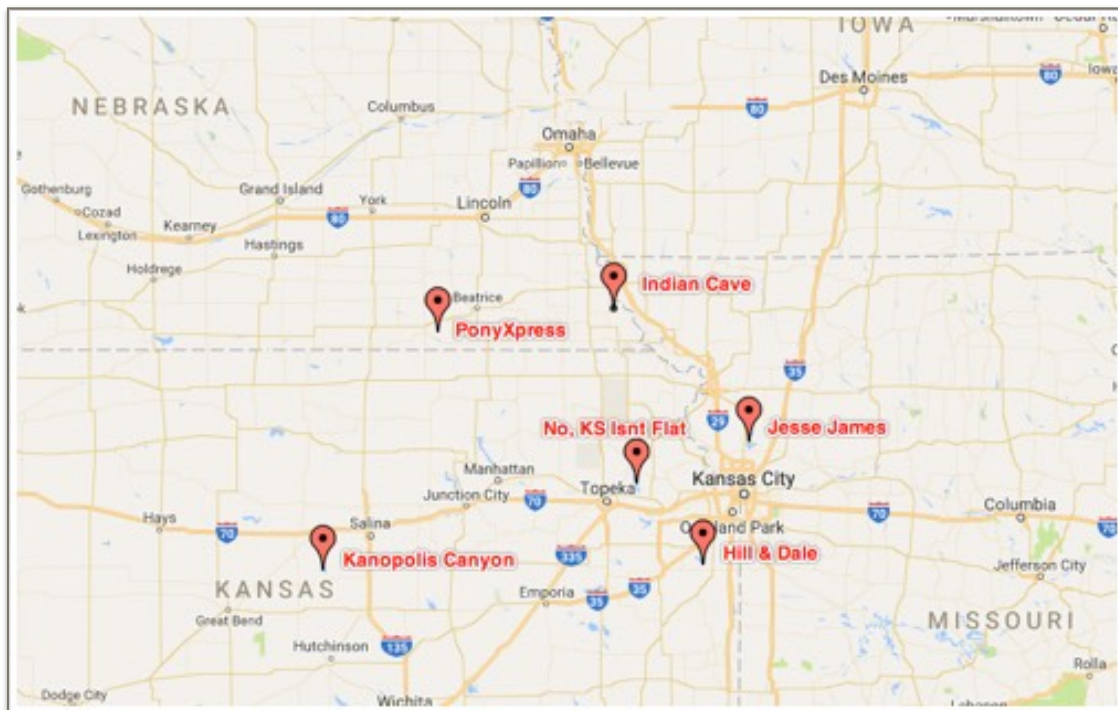
Please consider starting your rides with our National Anthem. You don't need to have a fancy sound system; we all know the words. Take a few minutes before riding out to salute our country.

*Pictured:* Region 6 Junior rider Violet Stich and her pony, Willy, present colors at a recent ride. Violet is the granddaughter of Region 6 competitor, Kay Stich.



## Region 6 Ride Schedule, Events & Important Dates

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|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January 15      | Diamond of the Year nominations to Mary McCoy, <a href="mailto:aryarabians@gmail.com">aryarabians@gmail.com</a>                                                        |
| February 1      | Ride/Clinic details for Ride Book to Shari Parys, <a href="mailto:katbalu96@aol.com">katbalu96@aol.com</a>                                                             |
| February 9-11   | 2018 NATRC National Convention/Albuquerque, NM                                                                                                                         |
| February 23-25* | <i>Region 6 Convention - Equifest of KS, Topeka, KS,<br/>*Unconfirmed - Contact Tamara at <a href="mailto:howertoncpa@media-net.net">howertoncpa@media-net.net</a></i> |
| March 10-11     | Horse Trail Riding Expo - Elkhorn, NE <a href="http://nehorsetrails.com">nehorsetrails.com</a>                                                                         |
| April 21-22     | Exploring Sandhills, Sandhills State Park, Hutchinson, KS                                                                                                              |
| May 19-20       | No Kansas Isn't Flat, Perry Lake State Park, Ozawkie, KS                                                                                                               |
| June 2-3        | Hill N Dale, Hillsdale State Park, Paola, KS                                                                                                                           |
| August 25-26    | PonyXpress, Rock Creek Historical Station, Fairbury NE                                                                                                                 |
| Sept. 15-16     | Jesse James Rideout, Smithville Lake, Smithville, MO                                                                                                                   |
| Sept. 29-30     | Indian Cave, Indian Cave State Park, Shubert, NE                                                                                                                       |



**SAVE THE DATE**



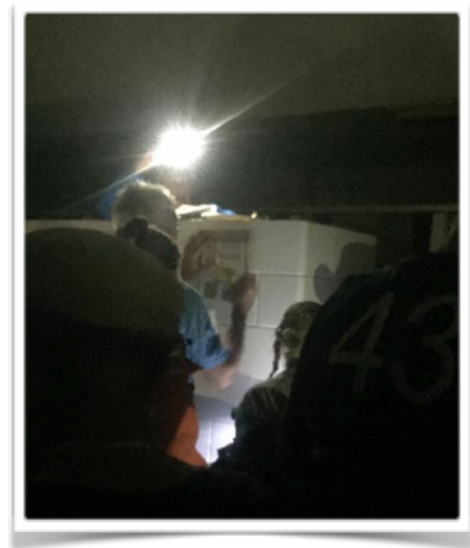


## Tornado Alley

Managing a ride is no easy task. First time Ride Managers, Marilyn Marston and Marla Stucky and Trail Master, Debbie Payne most likely never imagined when they took over management of the Kanopolis Canyon ride in central Kansas that their ride briefing would be held in the women’s bathhouse and before it was over, only by the light of their cell phones.

Tornado warnings and a severe thunderstorm had riders taking cover at the designated storm shelter this past October. All riders joined management in the Ladies Room as Debbie Payne, standing on what we can only assume is a toilet, went over the maps for the following day’s ride. Riders John Zelif and Bill Wingle took it all in stride as veterinary judge, Jerry Weil gave his briefing.

After the all clear, the riders found some close calls out it the campground as some trees fell near where the horses were tied. While no horse was injured, one rider sustained damage to her truck. Mother Nature it would seem sure likes to mess with new ride managers!



As co-mangers of the Kanopolis Canyons NATRC Ride we would like to thank all the competitors and volunteers for making it a memorable ride. This ride could not have happened with out volunteers and competitors. Thanks to the 11 competitors from Region 3 that help fill the classes.

We had a great weekend after starting the first night of ride briefing in the ladies shower house due to a tornado. We all survived the storm except Pat's truck. After the excitement on Friday night the rest of the weekend was uneventful.

Thank you  
Marla and Marilyn



## Erin Glassman ~ In the News

While we are quick to say that Competitive Trail Riding is *not* Endurance, Erin Glassman describes CTR as being the “gateway drug” which drove her to Endurance and ultimately the 2017 Tevis Cup. According to the Tevis Cup website, “*The Western States Trail is challenging, technical, and a true 100+ mile ride. An event doesn’t get named as a ‘Top Ten Toughest Endurance Event’ in Time Magazine for being a stroll in the park.*”

Erin Glassman, former Region 6 president, started competing in Competitive Trail in 2006 on her gelding, Cisco who unfortunately retired early from the sport with navicular syndrome. Erin was recovering from a back injury when she started a new relationship with the bay Arabian mare, PS Arikaree Bask aka “Rio”, who she purchased from business partners, Priscilla and Steve Lindsey of PrairieSylvania Arabians. Rio and Erin accumulated 460 CTR miles and ten years after her first CTR, entered their first 50 mile ride sanctioned by American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC). This adventure eventually lead up to entering the 2017 Tevis Cup.

One hundred miles in 24 hours doesn’t come easy and without effort. Erin, the mother of two young girls, credits long, slow distances as an ideal training regimen for distance riding while admittedly, she said, finding time for a scheduled conditioning tough. Erin found crewing support from her parents and family which includes CTR veterinary judge, Kate Jacob and CTR veterans, Travis Brinck and Margaret Reynolds.

In a recent issue of Arabian Horse Life Magazine, Erin said, “I had never asked Rio to do 100 miles and seeing what she did for me, willingly, really touched me.” One hundred and seventy four riders started this year’s race and 92 crossed the finish line. Erin and Rio did just that at 5:05 AM, 10 minutes before the cutoff earning Erin her Tevis completion buckle.

Erin mentioned on her Facebook page that a quote from famed Tevis rider Julie Suhr summed up her experience:

*“So we all go risking failure. Those who successfully finish the ride should realize it took more than their horsemanship, but included finding a depth in a horse and yourself that maybe you did not know existed. And then always, of course, the unknown.... Lady Luck.”*

***Congratulations Erin and Rio. Region 6 is proud of you!***



## Diamond of the Year Nomination

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Submitted by Mary McCoy

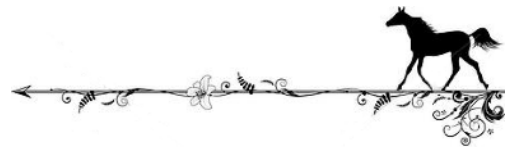
The Diamond of the Year award was started in 1990 by Frank and Nancy Diamond in order to honor the wonderful heart found in so many of our Region 6 competitive trail riders. Amazingly, the event that triggered it was a judged obstacle.

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.



Now that the Region 6 ride year is wrapped up and the cold wind is blowing winter in, please take a moment to write up a nomination for someone. This is a very meaningful award given at our regional convention in February. We have several people deserving every year, yet often we do not take the time to send a quick nomination. Please spend a moment this year to recognize that special person and send your story to Mary McCoy at [aryarabians@gmail.com](mailto:aryarabians@gmail.com) **DEADLINE JANUARY 15, 2018**

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## Region 6 Ride Results

### Exploring Sandhills

4/22-23/2017 R6-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 43

Chair: Liz Klamm

Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Kathy Shanor

Open Sweepstakes: L.L. Remington/Marston, Marilyn - 94

CP Combo: Wish Upon a Star/Hapgood, Kris

Novice Sweepstakes: Duke 7/Mass, Joyce - 98

#### Open Heavyweight

1/2 L.L. Remington/Marston, Marilyn

2/1 Silver Valley Tate/Rinne, Sarah

#### Open Lightweight

1/2 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie

2/3 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla

3/5 Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise

4/4 Focus Jessie/Smith, Helen

5/6 Seannas Amazing Grace/Helmer, Linda

6/1 Pistol Annie/Dollarhide, Patti

#### Open Junior

1/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan

2/2 Little Ann/Brooker, Natalie

#### Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Wish Upon a Star/Hapgood, Kris

2/5 Halcon/Queen, Kelly

3/3 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

4/ Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy

5/4 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan

6/ T-Bone B Blacky/Ross, Kerri

/1 JGC Maximum Overdrive/Levinson, Rhonda

/6 VA Caradelle/Reynolds, Margaret

Edgewood Amanda/Rush, Barbara

Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John

KS Franks Banjet/Chaffin, Verona

#### Novice Heavyweight

1/3 Duke 7/Mass, Joyce

2/ KMH Thundersnow/Hopkins, Brittany

3/6 Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Johnson, Lisa M.

4/4 Mi Lady/Martinez, Melissa

5/ Kaluha/McNiff, Sandra

### Jesse James Rideout

6/17-18/2017 R6-MO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 24

Chair: John Zeliff, David Nore

Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Open Sweepstakes: EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla - 98

CP Combo: VA Caradelle/Reynolds, Margaret

Novice Sweepstakes: CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide/  
Frederick, Cheryl - 93

#### Open Heavyweight

1/1 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz

2/2 Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni

3/3 L.L. Remington/Marston, Marilyn

4/4 Country Diamond Rio/Blue, Erica

#### Open Lightweight

1/2 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla

2/1 Danamye/Diaguila, Esther

3/4 Pistol Annie/Dollarhide, Patti

4/3 Rushcreek Allie/Messick, Brenda

5/6 Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise

6/5 Focus Jessie/Smith, Helen

#### Open Junior

1/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan

2/2 Delcies Acasia/Jakopak, Autumn

#### Competitive Pleasure

1/2 VA Caradelle/Reynolds, Margaret

2/ Risky Snickers/Wood, Mary Anna

3/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay

4/ Tide's Main Man/Stanford, Mary

5/3 Halcon/Queen, Kelly

6/6 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin

/4 Copper 4/White, Vickie

/5 JGC Maximum Overdrive/Levinson, Rhonda

Aksarben Gold Vengeance/Jakopak, Mark

#### Novice Heavyweight

1/2 CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide/Frederick, Cheryl

2/1 Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Johnson, Lisa M.

#### Novice Junior

1/1 Willy 2/Stich, Violet



**EKAHA Hill n' Dale**

7/29-30/2017 R6-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 15

Chair: Mary Colby

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

Open Sweepstakes: EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla - 99

CP Combo: RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary

Novice Sweepstakes: Sensation AI Miss/Plumer, Joni – 95.5

**Open Heavyweight**

1/1 L.L. Remington/Marston, Marilyn  
 2/2 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz  
 P Taking Over My Heart/Plummer, Michelle

**Open Lightweight**

1/1 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla  
 2/2 Focus Jessie/Smith, Helen  
 3/3 Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise

**Competitive Pleasure**

1/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary  
 2/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish  
 3/3 Risky Snickers/Wood, Mary Anna  
 4/5 VA Caradelle/Reynolds, Margaret  
 5/4 Copper 4/White, Vickie  
 6/6 NRA Nadria/White, Hope  
 P My Garmin/Elder, Janis

**Novice Lightweight**

1/1 Sensation AI Miss/Plumer, Joni  
 2/2 Nakita Rose/Shively, Joyce

**Pony XPress**

8/27/2017 R6-NE

B-N Total Riders: 2

Chair: Mary Hanson, Tammy Vasa

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

Novice Sweepstakes: Lucille/Teijink, Trudie - 92

**Novice Lightweight**

1/1 Lucille/Teijink, Trudie  
 P Cisco 11/Weise, Rhonda

**Pony XPress**

8/26-27/2017 R6-NE

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 30

Chair: Mary Hanson, Tammy Vasa

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

Open Sweepstakes: EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla - 96

CP Combo: Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay

Novice Sweepstakes: Sensation AI Miss/Plumer, Joni - 91

**Open Heavyweight**

1/1 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz  
 2/2 Silver Valley Tate/Rinne, Sarah  
 P L.L. Remington/Clapper, Tina

**Open Lightweight**

1/3 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla  
 2/4 Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise  
 3/1 Focus Jessie/Smith, Helen  
 4/2 Rushcreek Allie/Messick, Brenda

**Open Junior**

1/1 Delcies Acasia/Jakopak, Autumn

**Competitive Pleasure**

1/ Lethal Status/Ankersen, Sharron  
 2/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay  
 3/2 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan  
 4/6 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen  
 5/ Shadow's Dancer C/Nore, Robin  
 6/5 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane  
 /3 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish  
 /4 VA Caradelle/Reynolds, Margaret  
 Cowboys Ginnin 160/Dollarhide, Patti  
 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary  
 ViKen's Bear A Cuda/Prey, Virginia  
 Mariah 3/Wingle, Bill  
 Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John  
 Risky Snickers/Wood, Mary Anna  
 P Aksarben Gold Vengeance/Jakopak, Mark  
 P Maggie 6/Jakopak, Summer

**Novice Heavyweight**

1/1 Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Johnson, Lisa M.  
 2/3 CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide/Frederick, Cheryl

## Region 6 Ride Results

### Indian Caves

9/23-24/2017 R6-NE

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 24

Chair: Cheryl Bohling

Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Becky Rogers

Open Sweepstakes: EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla - 97

CP Combo: RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary

Novice Sweepstakes: Baby Girl 2/Dunmire, Kenneth - 73

#### Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Silver Valley Tate/Rinne, Sarah
- 2/2 Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni
- 3/3 WH Picos Cozmic/Brodersen, Shirley
- 4/4 R Secret Dun Wapiti/Rumpsa, Kim
- P L.L. Remington/Marston, Marilyn
- P Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo

#### Open Lightweight

- 1/1 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla
- 2/4 Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise
- 3/3 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie
- 4/2 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly
- P Focus Jessie/Smith, Helen

#### Open Junior

- 1/1 Delcies Acasia/Jakopak, Autumn

#### Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
- 2/3 VA Caradelle/Reynolds, Margaret
- 3/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
- 4/4 ViKen's Bear A Cuda/Prey, Virginia
- 5/5 Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John
- P Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Wood, Mary Anna
- P Aksarben Gold Vengeance/Jakopak, Mark
- P Maggie 6/Jakopak, Summer
- DO KS Franks Banjet/Chaffin, Verona

#### Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Baby Girl 2/Dunmire, Kenneth
- P MMona Lisa/Seguin, Kristen
- P Seven 3/Billings, Desiree

### Indian Caves

9/24/2017 R6-NE

B-N Total Riders: 1

Chair: Cheryl Bohling

Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Becky Rogers

Novice Sweepstakes: Blaze 10/Knight, Matthew - 75

#### Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Blaze 10/Knight, Matthew



## Region 6 Ride Results

### Kanopolis Canyons - A - Unofficial Results

10/7-8/2017 R6-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 23

Chair: Marilyn Marston and Marla Stucky

Judges: Jerry Weil, DVM and Priscilla Lindsey

CP Combo: Rushcreek Darline / Hannah Clark - 196

Novice Sweepstakes: Rockin Silver Splash / Kat Bonham - 97.5

Open Sweepstakes: Little Ann / Liz Klamm - 100

#### Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Focus Jessie / Helen Smith
- 2/3 Turner's Wild Card / Lin Ward
- 3/4 SC Akil Gassur / Travis Brinck
- 4/1 Rushcreek Allie / Brenda Messick

#### Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Little Ann / Liz Klamm
- 2/2 Talk Til Midnight / Kay Gunckel
- 3/4 Gen's Rockin Shadow / Jim Ward
- 4/3 Bailey's Angel Baby / Cheri Westmoreland

#### Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Rushcreek Darline / Hannah Clark
- 2/2 Risky Snickers / Mary Anna Wood
- 3/4 Eduardo el Negrito Knight / Diane Wingle
- 4/3 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man / Kay Stich
- 5/6 Danner / Gary Inman
- 6/- Johnnie Whoa Jo / John Zeliff
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#### Open Lightweight

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#### Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Little Ann / Liz Klamm
- 2/2 Talk Til Midnight / Kay Gunckel
- 3/4 Gen's Rockin Shadow / Jim Ward
- 4/3 Bailey's Angel Baby / Cheri Westmoreland

### Kanopolis Canyons – B1

10/7/2017 R6-KS

B-CP Total Riders: 2

Chair: Marilyn Marston and Marla Stucky

Judges: Jerry Weil, DVM and Priscilla Lindsey

CP Combo: KTM Midnight Star / Mary Hanson - 199

#### Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 KTM Midnight Star / Mary Hanson
- 2/1 VA Caradelle / Margaret Reynolds

*\*Unofficial Results*

*A special thanks to our out of region riders who ventured into Region 6 this past year. It is always great to ride with you and more importantly, support each other's ride venues. We look forward to seeing you in 2018!*



# 2018 NATRC NATIONAL CONVENTION



February 9-11, 2018  
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town

Mosey on down to Albuquerque, New Mexico and help us celebrate 57 years of competitive trail riding. The celebration begins Thursday with the National Board Meeting and ends on Sunday morning with Region 3's Awards Breakfast. Expect fun and information the entire weekend.

**Be Enchanted By Our Equines in The Land of Enchantment.**

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Chuck Smith, [chuck-smith@earthlink.net](mailto:chuck-smith@earthlink.net), (505)215-2625

The hotel donates a portion of your room rate to help preserve New Mexico's unique cultural heritage.

**Registration and Hospitality Suite:** "Official" gathering place for all NATRC attendees and their guests. Open Thursday evening (pick up registration packets); Friday and Saturday during speaker breaks; after Friday night's entertainment; and again after Saturday's awards presentation. Join friends for snacks, drinks and camaraderie.

## Thursday

**NBOD Mtg** | 8:00am - 5:00pm. Open to all NATRC members. Learn how our board makes decisions and works diligently to improve and enhance NATRC.

**Vendors** | Setup Thursday. Open Friday morning through Saturday after last speaker. *Bring your Silent Auction items, too!*

## Friday (Registration: 8:00 am)

- Morning Session**
- **Dr. Bill Cumberworth**, host, *Judges Panel*. Submit written questions to horsemanship and veterinary judges.
  - **Dr. Bill Wingle**, *Mapping and GPS*. Bring your GPS and learn from our very own expert how to best utilize it for a CTR.

**Afternoon FUN Session (Two Options)** | Be enchanted by New Mexico's unique cultural experiences. The hotel is within walking distance of seven museums and hundreds of shops, restaurants, bars, galleries and cultural attractions.

**Walking tour of Old Town Albuquerque** (2.5 hours; Free):

- Historic Spanish Mission church, San Felipe de Neri
- Lunch & dances at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- Walk around historic sites
- Shopping

**Driving tour** (4 hours; possible transportation charge TBD):

- Follow parts of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and Historic Route 66
- Tour Abo pueblo and mission ruins, one unit of the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument
- Scenic drive through the eastern mountains.

- Early Evening**
- **Region 3 Board Meeting**. Open to all NATRC members
  - **Judges Committee Meeting**. Open to Judges Committee members and NATRC Executive Committee only.

- Evening Delight (Two Options)**
- **Tablao Flamenco**, *The Flamenco Dance, Song, and Guitar*. Experience the energy of this production in its intimate traditional setting. Located in the hotel, it features a world class lineup of artists. Admission: \$10 - \$30. Visit [www.tablaoflamenco.org](http://www.tablaoflamenco.org) for more information.
  - **Trivia Pursuit**, *NATRC edition*. Fun game to improve team work and camaraderie. Bring a sense of humor and knowledge of NATRC. Build your own team.

## Saturday

- Morning Session**
- **Lynn Clifford**, Professional Counselor and Life Coach. "*The Inner Aspects of Horsemanship*" for the ride of your life. Improve your relationship with your horses from the often overlooked but powerful perspective of "the inside out." Go to [www.LynnClifford.com](http://www.LynnClifford.com) to learn more about this uniquely amazing equestrian.
  - **Albuquerque Mounted Police**. Receive advice and view demonstrations on how to help make our equines "Bomb Proof." The mounted police currently have ten draft horses in their stables.

**Lunch** | **National Luncheon and General Membership Meeting**. Join NATRC President, Angie Meroshneoff, in the Franciscan Room for a delicious lunch and forum. Interact with other regions to learn what interesting things they are doing to improve participation at their rides.

**Afternoon Session** | **Christina Savitsky**, enchanting northern NM cowgirl. "*Riding Should be Fun*." A certified instructor in both Therapeutic Riding and Level II Centered Riding, she will give us tools to help us to be comfortable all day in the saddle. Check out [www.buckarobalance.com](http://www.buckarobalance.com) to learn more.

**Evening** | **Cocktail Hour and Awards Banquet**. Enjoy a special presentation during the cocktail hour on the history of Region 3 while a video prepared by Wava O'Brien runs in the background. The banquet includes classical piano entertainment performed by a very special NATRC member. Silent Auction, Raffle drawing. AWARDS presentation hosted by Dr. Kay Gunckel.

## Sunday

**Morning** | **Region 3 Awards Breakfast**. Includes ride auctions and awards for mileage, worker points, R3 awards. Members of all regions are invited to attend.





# 2018 NATRC NATIONAL CONVENTION



## Just 1000 Raffle tickets! Riding Warehouse Gift Cards

Prizes: 1st- \$500 Card 2nd- \$300 3rd- \$200  
Donation: Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20  
Drawing: February 10, 2018 at the  
National Convention  
(Need not be present to win)

Open to NATRC members & non-members alike.  
Get tickets from your region's national directors.



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## Room Reservations

\$99.00 /night plus tax  
(single/double occupancy)

Discount Code: 1802NATRC  
or NATRC Convention

Please call 866-505-7829

Reservation Office hours:

Mon-Fri 8 am-7 pm

Sat-Sun 9 am-5 pm MST

Reservation discount price  
available February 7 - 11, 2018

Deadline: January 17, 2018

Rates for activities & meeting rooms depend on the number of rooms booked; your support is appreciated.

The hotel embraces the state's blend of Native American, Spanish and Western aesthetics. A portion of your room rate is donated to Cultural Partners to ensure the unique cultural heritage is preserved .



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## Convention Registration

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Seminar Special Package* (Includes Seminar Speakers, National Luncheon, and National Awards Banquet) | \$145 x _____ = \$ _____ |
| Seminar plus Saturday National Luncheon Only                                                         | \$65 x _____ = \$ _____  |
| Seminar plus Saturday National Awards Banquet Only                                                   | \$85 x _____ = \$ _____  |
| Seminar/Speakers Only                                                                                | \$50 x _____ = \$ _____  |
| Region 3 Awards Breakfast (All are welcome)                                                          | \$25 x _____ = \$ _____  |
| Non-member fee (\$5 for each option selected)                                                        | \$5 x _____ = \$ _____   |
| Late fee (if postmarked after 1/31/18 or if Registering at door)                                     | \$10 x _____ = \$ _____  |
| <b>TOTAL DUE</b> (Must be submitted with completed Registration Form) <b>\$ _____</b>                |                          |

- \*Deduct 5% if postmarked by December 31, 2017. Applies to Seminar Special Package ONLY.
- Cancellation fee: \$25 / person if cancelled after January 1; balance paid will be refunded.
- NO CALL/NO SHOW, NO REFUND.

Make check payable to "NATRC Region 3" & mail to: Cathy Cumberworth, Convention Secretary, 14 RD 3773, Farmington, NM 87401. Questions? Contact:

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**National Luncheon** (Served with Honey Mint Fruit Salad, Kettle Chips, Chocolate Chip Cookie)

|                           |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Please select one/person. | Person 1 | Person 2 | Person 3 | Person 4 | Person 5 |
| Grilled Vegetable Wrap    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| Italian Sub               | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| Roast Beef                | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    |

**National Awards Banquet** (Served with Salad, Rosemary Garlic Fingerling Potatoes, Herb Roasted Young Vegetables, Roll, & Dark Chocolate Mousse w/Strawberries)

|                                        |          |          |          |          |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Please select one dinner/person.       | Person 1 | Person 2 | Person 3 | Person 4 | Person 5 |
| Basil & Ricotta Stuffed Chicken Breast | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| Kyzer Farm Pork Chops                  | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| Vegan Mediterranean Pasta              | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    | _____    |

**T-shirt Pre-orders (Orders & Payment Due by 1/31/2018 - Not for sale at the convention)**

Adult Long Sleeve \$20 each: Sm \_\_\_\_\_ Med \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_\_\_

**Silent Auction** - I will bring one or more items for the Silent Auction: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (List, if known)

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