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COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDING

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DATE CHANGE

"NO, KANSAS ISN'T FLAT CTR" WILL BE HELD OCT. 28-29. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS & COME TO KANSAS AND ENJOY THIS FALL RIDE!



The President's Message

Rain! Don't know about you, but I could use a couple weeks of seasonal temperatures and no rain. All of the rain and humidity has made my front door difficult to open and close. Doubt that will happen though, Memorial Day draws rain like a picnic draws ants, so we will just have to live with it.

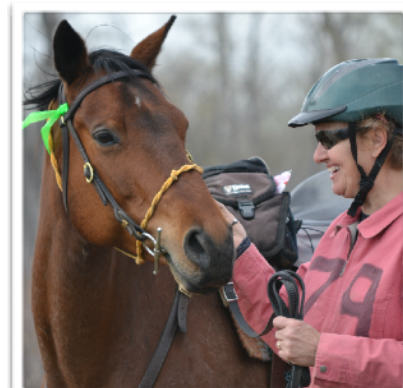
In spite of a chilly, soggy start, the Exploring Sandhills ride was successfully completed. The trails at Perry Lake were too muddy to mark, so the No, Kansas Isn't Flat ride was rescheduled to October 28th and 29th. It's possible that the EKAHA Hill and Dale ride will be postponed as well. As I write this, there is yet another line of showers headed for Hillsdale State Park, with more in the forecast for the weekend. Let's keep our fingers crossed for the Jesse James Rideout at Smithville Lake. Seems the fall schedule will be busy.

We'll get together again soon. Until then, watch the weather and stay safe.

~Tamara Andre

Message From the Editor

The bad news is, it is May and this is the first update since December. The good news is, there is a lot of content in this newsletter to hold you over until the next one. Two rides are already in the books for Region 6 and there is a lot of region activity in June, starting with EKAHA Hill & Dale (fingers crossed) and then Nebraska's clinic followed by the resurrection of the Jesse James Ride-Out. While I won't make it to Hill & Dale, I hope to hit the latter two events and see some of the Region 6 folk. It's been awhile!

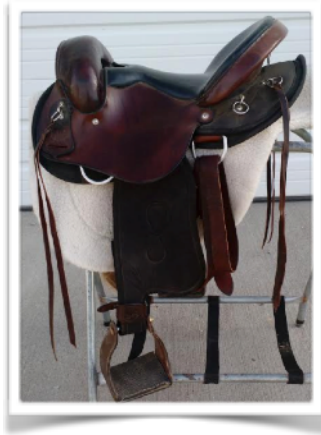


Mary Hanson and I are excited to welcome Stephanie Ostrowski as our vet judge for the PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station. It's always fun when we can secure a judge who isn't often in our region. After the quirky weather we had last year at the PonyXpress, we have ordered a mild, spring like day for the event. We hope to see many of you in August.

No, Kansas Isn't Flat has been moved to October and probably a good thing. If Kansas has been getting the rains we have been seeing in Nebraska, it would be nothing but slop for riding. On the plus side, we should see a good hay season.

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. 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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Conditioning

By Tammy Vasa

What more can be written about conditioning that hasn't already been said? We've all heard about Long Slow Distance Training. Build a solid foundation. Improve aerobic metabolic capacity. Consistency is key. Starting this training, one must assume the rider is conditioned as well. Right?

Have you ever looked at a horse slowly losing its winter coat and thought "he certainly has wintered well." Not much to do but stand around the hay bale. Well, coming into spring I can certainly relate. Obviously I have bellied up to too many buffets over the holiday season and in order to get the horse in shape, I need to follow the same conditioning plan.

Long Slow Distance Training should come easy; we are longing to ride. Dodging the rain storms is making the "long" part of the training take even longer and admittedly, at about 10 miles, I am done. There is no foundation building when all we have is mud. While I am certainly not one to damn Mother Nature over moisture, it would be most helpful if the rain could start about noon on Monday and be finished by early Thursday.

Improve aerobic metabolic capacity. When I think "aerobic", I think cardio. I don't know about you but just carrying a hay bale from the barn to the trailer is about as much cardio as I can take. The thought of trotting for 10 miles; oh, my! Since I started competing and learned my riding is a very important factor in the horse/rider team, I am the first to criticize someone I see simply being a passenger; sitting back on that saddle and letting the horse grunt up the hill. I feel like that person today. Getting up and out of the saddle requires me to be in condition. And starting with something as easy as jumping jacks and building up to an aerobic workout will help ready me for the strength training needed to be that better rider for my horse.

Getting ourselves conditioned for the ride season is as important as getting our horse ready. For some, it is just getting in shape while others need diet and exercise to excel in our sport. In a perfect world, an exercise regimen should continue all year so we don't find ourselves with a "hay belly" come spring. Okay, okay. I've convinced myself. Now just do it!

It's not about our weight card but doing what's best for our riding partner: our horse.



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SAVE THE DATE



Team Tate

It didn't take much arm twisting to get Dwight Hanson to do his first CTR at the Turkey Trot at Turkey Creek in the fall of 2013. Dwight had been riding his home raised gaited Morgan, Silver Valley Tate, on the trails since he came home from the trainer and Dwight was looking forward to taking it up a notch.

Mary and Dwight have been riding, driving and breeding Morgans for decades and they fancied the idea of a gaited Morgan. Mary had hoped for a nice 15hh colt that she could ride and drive. They got the colt, but he didn't stop growing and it soon became obvious that size-wise, he might be more fitted for Dwight.



Dwight had a successful first ride at Turkey Creek and went on to compete at Kanopolis that same year. It wasn't long before both husband and wife caught the CTR bug. And it was obvious that Tate was well suited to the sport. Even on the hottest days, this black gelding would come in with such low P & Rs that a lot of volunteers are unsure if they may have missed a respiration or two. Mary assures them they did not. That is just Tate.



In 2015, Mary stole Tate from her husband and competed him in Competitive Pleasure that season, earning his first National Championship as well as CP Grand Champion High Average Horse. In November, Mary moved Tate into Open and was not surprised at his continued good performance.

Dwight is a world-traveler (literally) and his work takes him out of the country. While he competed on Tate when he could, Mary also put in some rides as well as Sarah Rinne. Tate garnered his Open National Championship in 2016. Mary and Dwight knew Tate was strong enough to go the distance and with the right rider, they wanted to send him to the Tevis Cup. They knew the right rider was Sarah. Game on!

Mary, retired from the National Park Service, took Tate to Florida in early 2017 to begin conditioning. Sarah flew out and did two back to back endurance rides on Tate. The second day, he came in 7th of 27 riders. The NATRC season was underway and Sarah and Tate entered as many as they could, traveling to Texas and Oklahoma in the early season as well as the Sandhills in Kansas. To date, they have competed in six CTRs and 2 endurance rides. Tate and Sarah placed first at Pole Canyon, TX. He has had 3 second placings and 2 thirds. At a recent ride, Sarah was not comfortable with an obstacle and instead chose to do what was best for the horse. While the point loss put her in 3rd place, she says there is never a question that the horse comes before the points. Sarah walks the talk.

With that said, Tate is currently on a 30-day rest following some tenderness in his leg. If he checks out with the vet after his rest, he will be back on the CTR trail with Tevis in mind. If he doesn't, then perhaps another year. It's been a fun year of collaboration and travel for Dwight, Mary and Sarah. You can follow Team Tate on Facebook.

2017 Region 6 Ride Schedule & Events

- June 3-4 EKAHA Hill & Dale at Hillsdale Lake, Kansas
- June 10-11 Intro to NATRC - CTR Clinic, Two Rivers St Park, Waterloo, NE
- June 17-18 Jesse James Rideout at Smithville Lake, Missouri **New!**
- Aug 26-27 Pony Xpress at Rock Creek Station near Fairbury, Nebraska
- Sep 23-24 Indian Cave at Indian Cave State Park near Shubert, Nebraska
- Oct 7-8 Kanopolis Canyon at Kanopolis State Park near Salina, Kansas
- Oct 28-29 No, Kansas Isn't Flat at Perry Lake, Kansas



2017 Region 6 Ride Results

Renegade Roundup

11/19-20/2016 R6-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 19

Chair: Steve Lindsey

Judges: Kate Jacob DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

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

CP Combo: Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan

Novice Sweepstakes: Buck a Roo/Stockwell, Deb - 94.5

Open Heavyweight

1/3 L.L. Remington/Marston, Marilyn

2/1 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz

3/2 Silver Valley Tate/Rinne, Sarah

Open Lightweight

1/1 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla

2/3 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

3/2 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie

4/4 Jessie 3/Smith, Helen

Competitive Pleasure

1/3 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan

2/5 KS Bluestem Soldierette/Hanson, Mary

3/2 Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly

4/6 Risky Snickers/Wood, Mary Anna

5/ Halcon/Queen, Kelly

6/4 Wish Upon A Star/Hapgood, Kris

/1 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John

Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Buck a Roo/Stockwell, Deb

Renegade Roundup

11/19/2016 R6-KS

B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 5

CP Combo: Sandbar Sparkle/Brown, DeWayne

Open Lightweight

DO PS Arikaree Bask/Glassman, Erin

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Sandbar Sparkle/Brown, DeWayne

2/3 Sport Dogy/Everhart, Karen

3/2 SPR Que Sera Sera/Wahl, Kimi

4/4 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie

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"We value conditioned, sound, trail savvy horses that are a pleasure to ride, and, light and balanced riding. We encourage the good care of horses over the distance and in camp. We want to share that with people." Kim Cowart, Past-president

2017 Region 6 Ride Results (cont'd)

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

6/1 Risky Snickers/Plummer, Michelle

/2 Sandy Bisquit/Retzer, Carol

/5 Red MV/Vassar, Michelle

Jack MS/Sedlacek, Merry

Corona/Frederick, Cheryl

Little Jet Fuel/Brown, Denise

Oscars Morning Star/Valdois, Denise

Brat/Valentine, Angie

Bueno Mystic/Ropp, Marla

P Buck MS/Murphy, Jacque

Novice Lightweight

1/1 VA Chazz Quintina/West, Sharon

2/2 Nakita Rose/Cleveland, Kayli

3/3 Peaches 3/Koontz, Susan

4/4 Shahteekhs Thunder/Shively, Joyce

P Aspen's Bejeweled/Fearing, Donna

Novice Junior

1/2 Sonnys Frosted Hanna/Dekat, Annie

2/1 Belle MV/Vassar, Jessica



Congratulations!

**NATRC Awards & Appreciation Banquet
Kansas City, MO March 4, 2017
2016 Ride Year Awards
(Photos by Andy Klamm)**



Region 6 Worker Awards

Volunteers who turned in ride positions worked during the 2016 ride season and mile stones reached.

	2016	Prior	Total	Earned bar
Fred Altwegg	510	1,670	2,180	1 st Red bar
Tamara Andre	225	0	225	1 st Gold bar
Chuck Edwards	920	22,245	23,165	18 th Blue bar
Lucie Hess	70	3,060	3,130	
Andy Klamm	80	120	200	1 st Gold bar
Jason Klamm	115	250	365	1 st & 2 nd Gold bars
Liz Klamm	555	955	1,510	2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th Gold bars
Ryan Klamm	40	80	120	
Ruth Mesimer	1,780	5,700	7,480	1 st & 2 nd Blue bars
Brenda Messick	640	0	640	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Gold bars
Robin Nore	215	1,290	1,505	
David Nore	70	990	1,060	
Shari Parys	340	2,215	2,555	2 nd Red bar + cap
Sarah Rinne	350	2,590	2,940	
Chris Wallis	575	3,410	3,985	
Michael Wallis	360	3,965	4,325	5 th Red bar



Region 6 Trail Masters

- Renegade Roundup - Marsha Hayes
- Exploring Sand Hills - Liz Klamm
- EKAHA Hill & Dale - Mary Colby
- Eagle Ranch - Chris Wallis
- Dave Smith Fall Fiesta - Beth Aswegan
- PonyXpress - Tammy Vasa
- No, Kansas Isn't Flat - Vickie White
- Indian Cave - Chuck Edwards
- Kanopolis Canyons - Erin Glassman
- Cedar Creek - Chris Wallis

Region 6 Traveling Trophies

- Nebraska Novice High Point Horse and Rider Combo
Miss Rebels Cut N Oak / Lisa M. Johnson 74
- Missouri Novice High Point Horse and Rider Combo
Johnnie Whoa Jo / John Zeliff 107
- Kansas Novice High Point Horse and Rider Combo
KS Franks Banjet / Verona Chaffin 129

- 100% Club Jacket** - Marilyn Marston
- 100% Club 2nd Year Patch** - Marla Stucky

Region 6 Appreciation Awards

- Debbie and Ty McCullough
- Robin Nore
- Christine Wallis

Linda Tellington Jones Award

- Liz Klamm with 98.58%
- Runners Up: Ryan Klamm and Marla Stucky



Region 6 Horsemanship Awards

Rider / Points

Novice Junior Horsemanship

1. Autumn Jakopak (SD) 24
Participation: Katheryn Hughes (KS)
- Participation: Joleigh Mielke (SD)
- Participation: Quincie Walls (KS)

Novice Lightweight Horsemanship

1. Joyce Shively (KS) 36

Novice Heavyweight Horsemanship

1. Verona Chaffin (KS) 61
2. John Zeliff (MO) 46
3. Lisa M. Johnson (NE) 36

Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship

1. Alan Bouska (KS) 82
2. Noreen Altwegg (KS) 70
3. Mary Anna Wood (MO) 56
4. Mary Stanford (MO) 46
5. Shari Parys (NE) 44
6. Robin Nore (NE) 36

Open Junior Horsemanship

1. Ryan Klamm (KS) 75
2. Josie Reeter (MO) 64
3. Jessica Reeter (MO) 62
Participation: Britney Mallory (MO)

Open Lightweight Horsemanship

1. Marla Stucky (KS) 77
2. Trish Cleveland (KS) 76
3. Margaret Reynolds (MO) 49
4. Rhonda Levinson (KS) 26

Open Heavyweight Horsemanship

1. Liz Klamm (KS) 90
2. William Hinkebein (MO) 84
3. Dwight Hanson (NE) 56
4. Marilyn Marston (KS) 54
4. Vickie White (KS) 54

Region 6 Horse Awards

Horse / breed / Rider / Points

Novice Junior Horse

1. Delcies Acasia / ar
Autumn Jakopak 48

Novice Lightweight Horse

1. Nakita Rose / har
Joyce Shively/Kayli Cleveland 36

Novice Heavyweight Horse

1. KS Franks Banjet / qtr
Verona Chaffin 68
2. Johnnie Whoa Jo / qtr
John Zeliff 61
3. Miss Rebels Cut N Oak / paint
Lisa M. Johnson 38

Competitive Pleasure Horse

1. Fives Bert Harlan / qtr Alan Bouska 98
2. DM's Eye of the Tiger / mft Noreen Altwegg 66
3. Risky Snickers / paint Mary Anna Wood 58
4. Tide's Main Main / tw Mary Stanford 38
5. Shadow's Dancer C. / mft Robin Nore 36
6. Goodness Gracious / grade Maggie Childs 27

Open Junior Horse

1. Angel's Ricochet Shot / tw Ryan Klamm/Britney Mallory 77
2. Shady Sunset WH / mft Jessica Reeter 71
3. Country Mocha WH / mft Josie Reeter 67

Open Lightweight Horse

1. EZ Rocket WH / mft Marla Stucky 90
2. Cito Mocha Raton / ho Trish Cleveland 76
3. Dun Come Unzipped / qtr Margaret Reynolds 40
4. Taking Over My Heart / har Rhonda Levinson 30

Open Heavyweight Horse

1. Silver Valley Tate / morg Dwight & Mary Hanson/Sarah Rinne 86
2. Roho Honoy Mocha WH / mft William Hinkebein 85
3. L.L. Remington / har Marilyn Marston 74



NATIONAL AWARDS

Region Team Awards

Horse / breed / Rider / Points

Novice Junior – Region Team Award -

Sponsor: PrairieSylvania Arabians

1. Autumn Jakopak (SD) Delcies Acasia / ar 72

Novice Lightweight – Region Team Award - **Sponsor:** Region 6

1. Helen Smith (NE) Jessie 3 / grade 42

Novice Heavyweight – Region Team Award - **Sponsor:** Region 6

1. Verona Chaffin (KS)KS Franks Banjet / paint 129
2. John Zeliff (MO) Johnnie Whoa Jo / qtr 107
3. Lisa Johnson (NE) Miss Rebels Cut N Oak / paint 74

Competitive Pleasure – Region Team Award - **Sponsor:** Region 6

1. Alan Bouska (KS) Fives Bert Harlan / qtr 180
2. Noreen Altwegg (KS) D.M.'S Eye of the Tiger / mft 136
3. Mary Anna Wood (MO) Risky Snickers / paint114
4. Mary Stanford (MO) Tide's Main Man / tw 84
5. Robin Nore (NE) Shadow's Dancer C. / mft 72
6. Shari Parys (NE) Mika / mft 70

Open Junior – Region Team Award - **Sponsor:** PrairieSylvania Arabians

1. Ryan Klamm (KS) Angel's Ricochet Shot / tw 137
2. Jessica Reeter (MO) Shady Sunset WH / mft 133
3. Josie Reeter (MO) Country Mocha WH / mft 131

Open Lightweight – Region Team Award - **Sponsor:** Region 6

1. Marla Stucky (KS) EZ Rocket WH / mft 167
2. Trish Cleveland (KS) Cito Mocha Raton / hoa 152
3. Margaret Reynolds (MO) Dun Come Unzipped / qtr 89
4. Rhonda Levinson (KS) Taking Over My Heart / har 56

Open Heavyweight – Region Team Award - **Sponsor:** Region 6

1. William Hinkebein (MO) Roho Honoy Mocha WH / mft 169
2. Liz Klamm (KS) Little Ann / kym 158
3. Marilyn Marston (KS) L.L. Remington / har 128
4. Dwight Hanson (NE) Silver Valley Tate / morg 120
5. Vickie White (KS) My Nightmare / ar 108
6. Kay Stich (KS) Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man / mft 46



Overall Open and Competitive Pleasure Horse

Open Heavyweight

Ribbons Sponsored by Jim and Lin Ward

- 3. L.L. Remington / har Marilyn Marston (KS-6)126
- 5. Little Ann / kym Liz Klamm (KS-6) 118

Open Lightweight Ribbons Sponsored by Marilyn Martson

- 5. EZ Rocket WH / mft Marla Stucky (KS-6) 118
- 6. Cito Mocha Raton / hoa Trish Cleveland (KS-6) 106

Open Junior

Silver Bowl Sponsored by Farris Law Firm, L.L.C.

Ribbons Sponsored by Marla Stucky

- 1. Angel's Ricochet Shot / tw Ryan Klamm (KS-6) 93
- 2. Shady Sunset WH / mft Jessica Reeter (MO-6) 71
- 3. Country Mocha WH / mft Josie Reeter (MO-6) 67

Competitive Pleasure

Silver Bowl Sponsored by Farris Law Firm, L.L.C.

- 1. Fives Bert Harlan / qtr Alan Bouska (KS -6) 109

Overall Open and Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship

Open Heavyweight - Bruce Becker Memorial Awarded to 1st Place

Silver Bowl Sponsored by Farris Law Firm, L.L.C.

- 1. Liz Klamm (KS-6) 136
- 4. Marilyn Marston (KS-6) 104

Open Lightweight

Silver Bowl Sponsored by Farris Law Firm, L.L.C.

- 5. Marla Stucky (KS-6) 111
- 6. Trish Cleveland (KS-6) 110

Open Junior

Silver Bowl Sponsored by Farris Law Firm, L.L.C.

Ribbons Sponsored by Marla Stucky

- 1. Ryan Klamm (KS-6) 83
- 2. Josie Reeter (MO-6) 64
- 3. Jessica Reeter (MO-6) 62

Competitive Pleasure

- 5. Alan Bouska (KS-6) 109



The Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion Overall Open High Average Horse

Awesomes Fire N Ice / har Ken Wolgram (CO-3) 98.82%
Runners Up: Little Ann / kymLiz Klamm (KS-6)97.00%

The Polly Bridges Memorial Overall Open High Average Horsemanship

Awesomes Fire N Ice / har Ken Wolgram (CO-3) 99.14%
Runners Up: Little Ann / kym Liz Klamm (KS-6) 98.40%

The Junior Grand Champion High Average Horse

Ribbon Sponsored by PrairieSylvania Arabians
Shady Sunset WH / mft 93.09%

The Junior High Average Horsemanship

Jacket Sponsored by Marla Stucky
Ribbon Sponsored by PrairieSylvania Arabians
Jessica Reeter 94.13%

The Competitive Pleasure Grand Champion High Average Horse

Andarko / ar Lory Walls (CA-2) 99.41%
Runners Up: Fives Bert Harlan / qtr Alan Bouska (KS-6) 98.50%

The Bev Roberts Horsemanship Award

William Hinkebein – earned 10 national championships on 10 different horses

HORSE HIGH MILEAGE AWARDS

1,000 Mile Horse Award

EZ Rocket WH / mft Marla Stucky
Little Ann / kym Liz Klamm
Silver Valley Tate / morg Dwight Hanson

3,000 Mile Horse Award

L.L. Remington / har Marilyn Marston

HIGH-MILEAGE RIDER CHEVRON & MEDALLION AWARDS

Medallions will be presented at the National Convention; Mileage Chevrons will be mailed directly to all of the recipients.

4,000 Miles – Bronze Medallion - Sarah Rinne

10,000 Miles – Gold Medallion - Trish Cleveland

14,000 Miles - William Hinkebein

4-H AWARD -

High Point Horse and Horsemanship
Sponsored by Shari Parys
Ryan Klamm and Angel's Ricochet Shot



Open National Champions

Ribbons Sponsored by Bill and Nancy Sluys

Cito Mocha Raton	Horse of the Americas	Trish Cleveland
L.L. Remington	Half Arabian	Marilyn Marston
Angel's Ricochet Shot	Tennessee Walker	Ryan Klamm
Little Ann	Kentucky Mtn Horse	Liz and Ryan Klamm
EZ Rocket WH	Missouri Fox Trotter	Marla Stucky
Silver Valley Tate	Morgan	Dwight/ Mary Hanson
Roho Honoy MochaWH	Missouri Fox Trotter	William Hinkebein
Shady Sunset WH	Missouri Fox Trotter	Jessica Reeter
Country Mocha WH	Missouri Fox Trotter	Josie Reeter



Competitive Pleasure National Champions

Ribbons Sponsored by Bill and Nancy Sluys

D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger	Missouri Fox Trotter	Noreen Altwegg
Fives Bert Harlan	AQHA	Alan Bouska

High Point Breed Awards

High Point American Quarter Horse

Sponsor: Kansas Quarter Horse Association
Fives Bert Harlan / Alan Bouska

High Point **Reserve** Kentucky Mountain Horse -

Sponsor: Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Association
Little Ann / Liz Klamm

Region 6 High Point Missouri Fox Trotter

Sponsor: Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Association
EZ Rocket WH / Marla Stucky

High Point Paint Horse

Sponsor: American Paint Horse Association
Risky Snickers / owned by Jason Klamm / ridden by Mary Anna Wood



High Point Tennessee Walking Horse **Junior Award**

Sponsor: Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's & Exhibitor's Association
Angel's Ricochet Shot / Ryan Klamm



Honoring Bill Hinkebein



The Bev Roberts National Horsemanship Champion honors Open and Competitive Pleasure (CP) riders who have achieved five National Championships (NC's) on five different horses. The national championships may be all in Open, all in CP, or a combination of Open and CP championships.

In the 38 years of NC awards, only four riders have qualified for this award. They are Nancy Diamond in 1992, Terri Smith in 2004, Bev Roberts in 2007, and Bill Hinkebein in 2008. The retroactive honorees received certificates. From 2013 forward, winners receive a signed and numbered framed print of artwork created by Bev Roberts.

In 2016, Bill Hinkebein achieved the fifth of five NC's on another five different horses. Bill is the first to receive the award twice; this is 10 NC's on 10 different horses!

Bill Hinkebein received the Bev Roberts National Horsemanship Champion award titled Take Five from Bev. At rides, Bill sports a feather in his cowboy hat. Bev's "forever fiancée", JD Mullins, teases Bill about his feathers whenever he sees Bill and has even supplied him with a feather when Bill lost one. The feather attached to the frame was a special touch by JD just for Bill.



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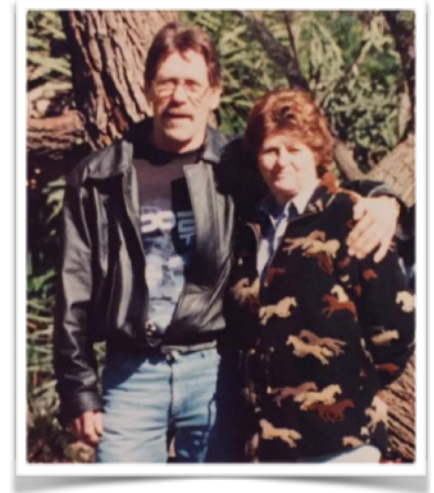
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Celebration of Life for Mike Colby by JR Kendall 3-24-17

Along with some assistance from my minister, I began researching for things I would like this service to be and found some writings that lead me to think that if I were to apply a *theme* to this service it would be a writing I found entitled: The Measure of a Man which simply starts with *The true measure of human life is its DONATION rather than its DURATION.*

And it goes on to say not how did he die, but how did he live. Not what did he gain, but what did he give. Not what was his station, but had he a heart and how did he play his God-given part. Not what was his church, not what was his creed, but had he befriended those truly in need. Was he ever ready with words of good cheer to bring back a smile, to banish a tear. Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say, but how many were saddened when he passed away. And in wanting to give credit to the author, I found that this was penned by the infamous “Author Unknown.”

Michael Wayne Colby was born February 4th, 1945 to Wayne and Vivian Colby and left his earthly life on March 13th, 2017, at the age of 72 years, 1 month and 9 days. On April 4th 1964, Michael was united in marriage to Mary Peugh, and this union was blessed with a daughter Robin and a son Garrett. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, his children and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Kevin Colby and a great grandson Brix Whalen.



I'm told that in his teen years, Michael worked in his father's garage and could regularly be found racing Go-Carts and Midgets with his family. After marriage he and Mary discovered a common interest and love of horses - an interest that led them to various aspects and disciplines of equine activities and with prompting from family members, he attended farrier school. They became heavily involved in distance riding, both active competitors in the North American Trail Ride Conference. In addition to competing in NATRC, he received his certification as a horsemanship judge that took him around the country serving in that capacity. He also served 1 year as president of the Sho-Me-Trail Riders. As successful as they both were, it was rumored that the possibility of having to add a “Trophy Room” onto their home seemed to surface annually! And, believe it or not, in addition to the countless hours spent with the horses he did find time to fulfill his vocational dream as an automobile mechanic.

We conclude this service by asking you to join in singing Happy Trails.



Happy trails to you, until we meet again,
Happy trails to you, keep smiling until then.
Who cares about the clouds when we're together,
Just sing a song and think bout sunny weather,
Happy Trails to you—till we meet again.

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