



# Region 6 Rally

## A Message from the President

### Welcome New Members

#### New or Rejoining

Kristen Johansen, Boone, IA  
 Kathryn Gaherty, Lee's Summit, MO  
 Derek McClure, Bethany, MO  
 Gina Townley, Kansas City, MO  
 Nathaniel Udovich, Trenton, MO

#### Returning

Maggie Childs, Lawrence, KS  
 Cheryl Frederick, Springfield, NE  
 Lori McCutchen, Overland Park, KS

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Save the date!

### #ChallengeYourself

Is your hashtag trending? Have you identified those partnership goals between you and your horse that you want to achieve? Do you have a plan on how you will strive to achieve these goals?

The 2018 ride season has come to a close, and so now it is time for all of us to set our sites on the 2019 ride season. It is time to develop our plans and set our partnership goals that we want to accomplish in the upcoming ride year. The winter weather may reduce the time we spend in the saddle, but it does provide us with time to add to our knowledge base. We are fortunate in Region 6 to have several opportunities to gather this knowledge. These include our NATRC National Convention, our Region 6 Convention, the Nebraska Horse Trail Riding Expo, EquiFest in Kansas, as well as the Iowa Horse Fair.

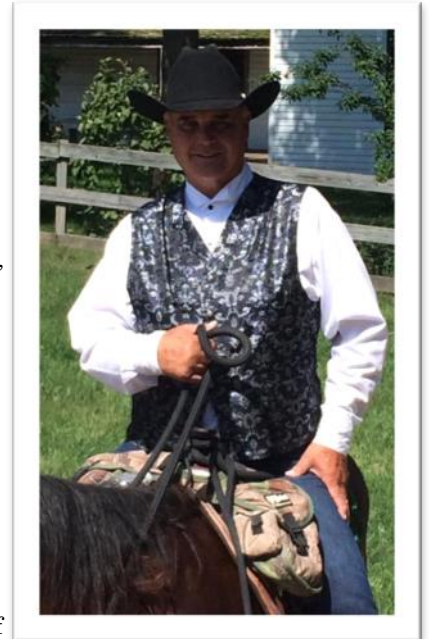
As you work to enhance that partnership with your horse, continue to set even higher goals and strive to achieve them as well. Once a goal is reached, do not rest on your laurels but rather set new goals that will allow you to challenge yourself. Perhaps you participated in one of our Region 6 clinics this year and now you are ready to challenge yourself by completing your first competition. Maybe you are ready to challenge yourself by moving up to another level of competition. Whatever your goals may be, continue to identify those areas you can improve on as you put together a meaningful plan to enable you to achieve your goals. Save your judges cards and use them as a reference to identify areas for improvement. Do not be afraid to ask any of the other riders for help along the way. You will find our riders very welcoming and very willing to help mentor.

Congratulations to Region 6 members Sarah Rinne and Erin Glassman on successfully completing this year's Tevis Cup 100 Miles One Day Ride! What an accomplishment! Many of us were glued to our electronic devices as we watched your journey from beginning to the end. We are all very proud of you guys!

From sitting around a campfire to riding together in the rain at Indian Cave, our NATRC family is a very special group. Often it is the little things we do that make us smile, such as safety riders handing out cookies to riders or a high-five out on the trail from another rider. At other times it is when our members step up to the challenge with our riders in mind. A great example of that took place this year when our Region 6 Benefit ride needed assistance due to an unforeseen emergency. Cheryl Bohling did not hesitate and stepped right up to fill the role of ride manager. For Cheryl it meant managing two rides back to back! Thank you Cheryl! What a wonderful example of leadership you have illustrated as well as an excellent testament of loyalty to our NATRC family.

We will soon be busy getting those conditioning rides in and fine tuning the maneuvering of our horses in anticipation for that next ride obstacle the judges ask us to complete. As we begin preparation for the 2019 ride season be sure to check your hashtags! Is yours trending? Are you challenging yourself and that partnership with your horse? #ChallengeYourself #NATRC

~John Ziliff, President



# A Message from the Editor

By Tammy Vasa

Our President, John Zeliff, tries very hard to encourage me to have the newsletter out in a timely manner. In his dream world, perhaps quarterly? I obviously didn't meet his deadline as he had to revise his president's message three times to put in the right context. But if all things line up, we should be able to get this out by the end of the year with three issues for 2018. The Region 6 Rally is an important piece of communication keeping riders connected and I'm always looking for articles.

Having a slight delay to publishing enabled us to have an update on the first ride of the 2019 season at Big Hill and co-managed by 11-year-old Violet Stich. Isn't that motivating! It was especially nice to hear so many were able to attend this special ride.

I was having dinner with two of our board members on November 16, the weekend of the Big Hill ride and the first ride with the new classes voted in by our Board of Directors. There was some frantic texting going on making sure management understood the new classes at check-in time. I have been involved with the sport for about a dozen years and have seen some changes take place that some might view as progressive while others may think the sport is being "watered down". I know a lot of thought goes into rule changes—not only for the integrity of our sport but for the preservation of it. Our BOD is always anxious for our feedback.

The new Leisure Division (formerly known as the "C" ride) has been approved for 2019. This will bring a new dimension to managing the rides but can also be an important revenue stream as well. If ride managers want to hear about the challenges and benefits of this type of ride, log on to our NATRC Ride Man-

agers Facebook page and learn how other managers handled it in the clinic format.

Ride management is something I have enjoyed over the years. Not only did I co-manage The Pony Xpress at Rock Creek Station, I am chairman of Nebraska's Horse Trail Riding Expo held each March. No matter the activity, managing an event is *not* a one or two person job. We rely on.... or better said, we *need* our volunteers. While most of the time a ride goes on with only a few manageable hiccups, when Murphy's Law meets Bad Luck, you end up with a Perfect Storm. Having a cache of volunteers proves priceless in those situations.

Speaking of volunteering, this year's national convention will be held in Reno with the endurance conference and will be held the same weekend as the Horse Trail Riding Expo in Omaha. Unfortunately, many of our Region 6 riders who typically volunteer to man the booth at the Expo will be unavailable. If you are able to volunteer to support our sport at the Horse Trail Riding Expo, please reach out to the group. This is a great opportunity to promote competitive trail riding to trail riders and we have had good results recruiting for clinics or rides from leads we obtained at the Expo.

Injuries! Are you prepared to be more than a bystander? I will not say that our sport inherently has greater risks—a 90-mph baseball being thrown close to your face is quite scary in my book—but given we are paired with 1,000+ pound animals certainly intensifies a simple fall. If you see a rider go down, are you prepared to help? Knowing just the basics can get you by until help arrives. In this issue we

mention ways you can be prepared to help when needed.

Stay warm and try to get some horse time this winter.



Volunteer Chuck Edwards, P & R Crew



Ty McCullough, Safety Rider



# From the National Board of Directors

By Shari Parys



As we work to recover and grow NATRC, these are concepts we need to keep in mind:

- ◆ Not just about the horse, about the partnership
- ◆ Not just about champions, about progress
- ◆ Not just about Open, about individual goals
- ◆ Not just about winning, about learning and fun
- ◆ Not just about “the ride”, about riding
- ◆ Not just about the distance, about the experience

Building horse and rider partnerships...  
...through education and competition  
...in a fun, safe environment.

All breeds and disciplines welcome.

What an exciting and crucial time to be involved with NATRC.

We are familiar with the recent trends in Region 6 of low ride attendance, fewer rides offered, less people and horses qualified for regional year-end awards (not a single class had six eligible!), and more. The national statistics are not much different as membership and rider count has dropped over the past several years.

But we are on the upswing now! There is a new energy and passion that is almost palpable, and it is translating into more discussion, interest, and even a rise in new and returning members. We should have a new NATRC website even as this newsletter goes to print. A more user-friendly RMS will soon be available for a better experience for new and existing competitors and volunteers. Both are often the first impressions people get when trying to find out about our sport or enter a ride, so it's exciting that improvements are on the fast track now.

We are blessed to have an outstanding group of people working on Operation NATRC, its Development Committee, and many subcommittees. The amount of time, research, thought, and discussion that has gone into the future of NATRC is to be commended. We have some great things for the 2019 ride season such as an improved membership structure, more benefits on the near horizon, the Leisure Division up and running with strong enthusiasm, and our rule changes included the popular Competitive Pleasure division split. For a complete list of rule changes implemented for 2019, please see the link on our [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) home page.

Through the two surveys conducted by NATRC, other statistics analyzed from our immense database, visits with our members, interviews with another organization that has been in our situation and then made improvements that translated into drastic positive changes overall, and the ideas put forth from the various committees, we have a new vision that creates the future while respecting the past. Keep an open mind while listening to the whole set of ideas for 2020 and beyond, as it is a cohesive package. We have a strong history that has brought us through all these decades, but our lives, demands for our time and personal finances, and mentality have changed so what we have always done is not working anymore for the majority. We can keep the framework of what we are, but be more inclusive, have a respect for those with less ability to commit but still want to begin or maintain involvement, and honor the partnership with our horses to a greater degree.

Thank you for being a part of this organization, for giving Mary Hanson and I feedback, and allowing us to represent you during this time. We hope to see even more of you during this ride season and we appreciate the new and past ride managers stepping up to give us more opportunities to do so!



Shari Parys, NATRC Vice President

## **Region 6 Board of Director Positions**

The following Region 6 Board of Directors terms will expire. Those shown are eligible to run for re-election. Voting will take place during the general membership meeting at the Region 6 convention, March 23, 2019.

- ◆ Missouri state Board of Director position, 2 year term currently held by John Zeliff
- ◆ Three At Large Board of Director positions, 2 year term currently held by Priscilla Lindsey, Marilyn Marston and Rhonda Levinson, all of Kansas
- ◆ One At Large alternate Board of Director position currently held by Helen Smith, Nebraska



# Dream Comes True for Young Ride Manager

By Kay Stich

After riding five competitions in 2017 with her grandmother, Kay Stich, young Violet Stich from Kansas was inspired to manage a ride and before the end of the last ride that year, she had a list of committed workers.

Region 6's 2019 season kicked off on November 17 at Big Hill Lake in Cherryvale, Kansas and was the first NATRC ride ever co-managed by an 11-year-old girl. While her awesome little pony, Willy, recovered from an injury, Violet continued to carry the zeal to give back to her sport and set up lengthy meetings with her co-manager, Marsha Hayes and trail master, Kay Stich, figuring out timing and miles for their ride.

When the ride finally came around, the weather was beautiful on Saturday but a very cold 31 degree Sunday with a wind chill of 21 degrees. Most riders said they were plenty warm with their layers but the workers about froze to death.

While the last riders were checking



Volunteer Mary Anna Wood  
(Photo by David Nore)

out and before the awards were figured, Violet came to Marsha and Kay and said, "Can we do this again next year?" With cold frozen fingers and very tired bodies, they both looked at her and said, "This is not a good time to be asking us this, but we will talk later".

Violet and her bouncing blonde pony tail and big blue eyes went on to hug and thank her other helpers. While insisting she go and visit a fallen competitor at the hospital and pleading with her daddy to stay out longer than 5:30 PM agreed upon time, on the way home she told her grandmother, "This was so much fun and I learned so much." Oh, to have more of this type of young blood to carry on our sport.

The management of Rustlers and Renegades wish to thank you for your support. Whether a worker or rider, and several of our endurance friends, thank you for coming to support Violet's ride and always having smiles on your faces. We obviously could not have done it without any of you.

A special thank you to horsemanship judge, Becky Rogers, for making Violet's ride so exciting and educational. Dr. Tamara Gull worked hard keeping a close watch on our horses with frequent metabolic and lameness checks over the course of this technical and challenging riding course. We had riders and workers from six states, including Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Missouri.

Thanks to rest and essential oils from Region 4 friend, Kris Hapgood, pony Willy has recovered.

Thank you for making this little girl's dream come true. (PS: We may have created a monster! Marsha – beware!)



Kelly Queen (Photo by David Nore)



Violet Stich at Ride Meeting



Ride Manager, Violet Stich with rider Kent Wassenberg & judges Becky Rogers & Tamara Gull



## “You Always Have Our Backs”

by Marilyn Marston & Marla Stucky



Marla Stucky, Marilyn Marston

We would like to thank ride management, volunteers and fellow riders that were at the Rustler and Renegades - Young Guns NATRC ride at Big Hill Lake for all they did for us.

On Friday evening, while telling an animated story, Marilyn backed over logs she did not see causing her to fall and land on her left side on concrete. After some time (and accident report filled out) it was decided an ambulance ride was in order. Marilyn was loaded in back and Marla riding shotgun as Kay Stich and co-ride manager, Violet Stich followed behind to take us back to ride after what was believed to be a short visit to the ER. Plans changed when the x-ray showed a broken hip! No ride back to camp for us! We spent many hours of waiting on Saturday for the 3-hour surgery; a partial hip replacement.

We never worried about our horses, Remi and Rocky. We knew they were in good hands—many, many good hands to tell the truth! Our boys were fed, walked, blankets off, blankets back on, manure cleaned up and probably more done for them than we will ever know. They were well cared for, that much we do know! When Marla, Marilyn’s husband Dennis and daughter Nicole went to pick up the truck, trailer and horses, things were loaded up already! It was amazing! It was so kind and thoughtful!

We know lots of prayers have been prayed for Marilyn’s recovery. We appreciate all of them. Thank you again to our wonderful Region Six family, you always have our backs, or pitch fork! [Marilyn will not be riding for three months; prognosis is good for a complete recovery.]

## Why Deposits are Requested for Registration

By Andrea Nortier Rogers, Region 5

**Q: I just registered for {XYZ NATRC CTR} ride. Do I need to mail a check for the deposit or can I pay the entire amount when we get there?**

**A:** Thanks {rider Q} for asking this question. This is a perfect time of year to ask as we are starting a new ride year. I am the Ride Manager Liaison, and as such I work with Ride Managers, especially new ones. I am also a rider and a Ride Manager.

Here are a couple of things riders need to know that they may not – especially new riders.

- ◆ Rides are funded totally by the ride manager – with the exception of first time managers/rides which have some grant support – that should be paid back if possible from ride proceeds.
- ◆ There are hundreds of dollars in up-front costs; insurance, ride sanction fee, special use permits, and venue deposits if applicable.
- ◆ There are costs of travel to the venue, especially if the ride manager acts as trail master as well, and/or helps with trail planning and marking.
- ◆ It takes months of planning to put together a ride.
- ◆ Total expenses for putting on a ride can easily exceed \$2,000, for a “bare-bones” ride.

To me the deposit says “I’m interested in your ride, and I’m planning to attend.” Ride managers have the option of making deposits non-refundable or refundable. As a rider, I always consider a deposit I make for a ride non-refundable as my way of supporting the Ride Manager and encouraging them to hold the ride again next year. As a Ride Manager, my personal policy for my ride is to refund, if possible, for extenuating circumstances.

I have had potential ride managers back out when they realized the possibilities that exist for losing money as a ride manager.

For the 2019 ride year we have a couple of open dates, and no-one has stepped up for them. Perhaps if we all get in the habit of sending in a deposit to support our ride managers we will be able to have a full ride calendar to choose from.



# New in 2019: The Leisure Division for 2019

Do any of the following statements describe you and your horse?

- ⇒ A newcomer who wants a relaxed venue in which to learn and experience a competitive trail ride?
- ⇒ Do you have a green or new horse who needs to learn the ropes or have an old horse you'd like to still ride but at shorter distances?
- ⇒ Do you have little time for conditioning or to take off from responsibilities to participate in the sport you love?
- ⇒ Do you prefer a shorter, slower one-day ride that is still full of challenges?
- ⇒ Do you miss your NATRC friends, the wonderful trails and beautiful scenery, the getting away from it all if even only for one day?
- ⇒ Do you have a limited budget; some other restriction?"

Good news! We have a division for you!

Spread the news; tell your friends.

## ANNOUNCING

The newest ride sanctioning option for our sport ....

### the Leisure Division!

**What It Is**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Type:</b> B - one day</li> <li>• <b>Dist.:</b> 8-12 miles</li> <li>• <b>Pace:</b> 3-4.5 mph</li> <li>• <b>P&amp;Rs:</b> one</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Judging observations:</b> up to 5 (typically 2-3)</li> <li>• <b>Check in:</b> morning of the ride</li> <li>• <b>Check out:</b> afternoon of the ride</li> </ul>
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**Comparison with Other Divisions**

<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>How it Differs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No overnight camping &amp; stable checks</li> <li>• Unrestricted hoo for leg protection</li> <li>• One judge - horse/rider scored as a team</li> <li>• Placings reward the horse &amp; rider team</li> <li>• Awards - first through tenth place</li> <li>• Mileage accrual - 10 miles per ride</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>How it's the Same</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same trails</li> <li>• Ride map</li> <li>• Same rules - except <i>How it Differs</i></li> <li>• Window of time for completing</li> <li>• Members earn points toward regional year end awards</li> <li>• Same cumulative mileage awards</li> </ul>
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**Who is Eligible?**

All riders are welcome. It is a great venue for folks with limited free time, new horses, aged horses, folks new to the sport of competitive trail riding, folks who prefer riding shorter distances, and every one in between.

**We now offer more competitive trail opportunities than ever before to**  
***Come Ride with Us!***

**TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR RIDE**



## CLASSIFIEDS

Jerry Miller competed in Region 6 years ago and trained CTR horses for several other long-time members. Due to his poor health, he would like to find a home for his 15-year-old Saddlebred/Arabian gelding. The horse has been trained since day one with NATRC in mind though never was competed. Jerry would like to place the horse with someone that will compete him, and requests the person spend a full day with him learning about the horse and making sure they get along. He lives in Lyndon, KS, 35 miles south of Topeka and can be reached at 785-828-3285.





# Injuries on the Trail

by Tammy Vasa

As a horsewoman, if I dare to walk into my work with crutches (or even a bandaid!), my co-workers are quick to assume whatever is ailing me was a horse injury. They especially love the self-care stories like casting my own hand with supplies from my farrier. Yes, true story. Most recently, however, I am nursing a neck injury and an undiagnosed concussion from simply falling off a bucket that I stepped on to reach for water bottles in the back of the truck—something I wouldn't have considered a helmet-worthy task. Last weekend while at a CTR, our own Marilyn Marston fell over a log while telling what must have been quite a story and the end result was an ambulance ride and a partial hip replacement.



I've seen some pretty crazy accidents on the trail such as when my husband broke his ankle getting his foot stuck in my son's horse's butt cheeks (swear to God, you had to be there) to having a horse pass gas, scare itself and dump its rider. In the insurance industry, we define an accident as unexpected and unforeseen even though with horses there are times we see an accident coming a mile away when riders aren't necessarily paired with the right horse or perhaps need a few more lessons.

The Pony Xpress at Rock Creek Station was a ride manager's nightmare and not just from one incident but from things happening *all* weekend. It was early in the ride when I got the call on the walkie talkie that a rider was down and unconscious. As we waited nervously for the rescue crew, I learned the horse had simply tripped and went down on its knees, rolling onto its rider. One of those "slow motion" actions that you don't attribute to requiring a medivac by chopper. Vickie Gautier is into her 3rd month of re-



covery and while she did have a brain bleed among other injuries, quick response time by the EMS and her helmet will allow her to ride again. That same weekend, two safety riders and one competitor were overcome by heat and returned to camp.

While all of these incidents were taken care of appropriately by ride management or others nearby, it demonstrates the need for all of us to be prepared in case of a medical emergency.

- 1) Call 911. Not every injury needs 911, but err on the side of caution. When calling 911, know your logistics. While they can ping your phone for your location, you might need to tell them where the gates are or a faster route.
- 2) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation: Take a CPR class at a medical center, community college, Red Cross, or fire department. There is no substitute for a hands-on class.
- 3) Burns, Cuts, Stings: Educate yourself with basic first aid. Learn how to control bleeding, helping clots to form to stop the flow. Know how to treat a burn and what to do when a person is stung by a bee.
- 4) Broken or Sprained? If you don't know, treat it as broken. Use a cold pack and elevation until it can be stabilized.
- 5) Give clear and precise instructions. If you are in charge but need help from others, specifically call them by name such as "James, go open the gate at the first parking lot".

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts taught us to be prepared. Our horse activities have made us believers in that motto. During your time off this winter, you might consider honing your first aid skills.



# Equitation Tips

by Priscilla Lindsey, NATRC Horsemanship Judge

Pain in our body when riding long distances can become quite a distraction. It can also affect our riding to the point that it bothers our horse. Keeping the horse happy and performing well is a primary concern, so taking care of ourselves is important, too. Two of the most common complaints of trail riders are knee pain and foot pain. There are some simple equitation tips that can help alleviate these problems.

Knee pain can have different causes, but the most common is from a twisting pressure being placed on the joint. This can be caused by saddle fenders that are not flexible enough to turn the stirrup at a right angle to the horse, or have not been “set” with a turn in them (done by wetting the leather and holding the fender in a twisted position until it dries). Pain can also be caused by the way you hold your feet when you ride.

If you will look down the next time you are on your horse and see how your thighs spread apart to embrace the sides of your horse, notice the angle of your legs from your hips to your knees. The angle will vary, depending on the width of your horse and the design of your saddle. Your feet should follow exactly the same angle, with your toes directly below your knees and pointing in the same direction. Turning your feet inward, so that the toes are closer to the horse, will cause torque on your knee joint that will eventually result in pain. If the toes (and feet) turn too far out, it results in pulling the knees away from the sides of the horse, thus less security. Also, if the toes are turned too far out, the part of your lower leg that comes in contact with the horse for cueing is the soft fleshy part of the calf, rather than the firm inner part of the lower leg. Keeping the twist out of the knee joint by keeping your feet properly aligned with the knees should do a lot to solve knee pain.

As for burning or numb feet: This can be caused by poor circulation in the feet which might be due to pressure on the balls of the feet or by locked ankle joints. There are different ways to solve this one and you might have to experiment.

To start, think about how you place your feet in the stirrups. If you are riding with pressure on the balls of your feet, that is not quite correct. Your feet have a reflex point. You can find it by pressing the bottom of your foot (without shoes) until you find a very sensitive spot, just behind the ball and usually in a line back from between the big toe and the second toe. Your stirrup should be under this spot on each foot. This will help you relax your ankle joints, making it easier to lower your heels.

Keeping flexibility in your ankles and keeping the balance of your feet on this reflex spot will improve the circulation in your feet, helping to prevent the numbness and burning sensations. It will also help keep both feet in the stirrups evenly.

There’s more to it: We’ve all been told that we should keep our heels down when riding. Many times we try to keep our heels down by putting too much pressure in the stirrup and jamming our heels down as far as they will go. This tends to cause our feet to go out of the correct position, too far forward, and also locks the ankle joints. Locked ankle joints will also lock the knee joints and hip joints, causing your body to become tense with a resulting loss of security in the saddle. Try to think of the stirrups being there to hold your toes up, rather than something to stand on. Think of your weight going down into your heels rather than onto your stirrups. This helps keep the flexibility in your ankles.

The extra-wide stirrups that are advertised as being a solution to painful feet might not always be the best solution. The wide platform can make it more difficult to drop weight into your heels and keeping flexibility in your ankles. This is not always true, but you might need to go back to narrower stirrup treads if the wider ones do not solve your pain problems.

A similar problem happens if you are riding with your stirrup leathers too long, causing you to ride on your toes. This also locks the ankle, knee and hip joints and puts too much pressure on the balls of your feet. Be sure your leathers are adjusted short enough to allow some bend in your ankles, knees and hips. It is quite acceptable to change the stirrup length up or down a notch during a ride if it will help ease the strain to your leg muscles and joints.





# Diamond of the Year Nomination

Submitted by Ruth Mesimer

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.

## Deadline for Nominations Fast Approaching

Now that the Region 6 ride year is wrapped up, please take a moment to write up a nomination for someone. This is a very meaningful award given at our region convention in March. 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 (word document, please) to Ruth Mesimer, at [RuthM9496@gmail.com](mailto:RuthM9496@gmail.com) DEADLINE JANUARY 15, 2019



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# The Pony Xpress at Rock Creek Station

By Tammy Vasa

First off—to everyone who has ridden the PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station and supported it—thank you. My co-manager, Mary Hanson and I do it because we love Rock Creek. We do it because Nebraska needs more rides. We do it so Region 6 has more rides. Our heart is in it and it's a good ride.

This year was a bit of a challenge. We were short volunteers and had to make some last minute changes with key ride personnel. Those present wore lots of different hats by necessity. There was so much comings and goings that once I met Mary behind the wheel of my truck and I was driving hers!

The weather once again played havoc on our riders and no matter how early we started the ride, we couldn't escape the humidity. Many riders pulled while other horse and riders



Junior Open Rider, Bohden Jakopak



Kay Stich crosses the toll bridge into Rock Creek Station

were overheated on the trail, including safety riders. Many kudos to our vet judge and P & R crew for taking care of the riders and their equines and my husband, John, for keeping water on the trail for the horses. If he about ran over anyone on the trail, his brakes went out in the truck while in the field which just added to the calamity of the weekend.

Early in the ride, we had a competitor hurt on the trail resulting in emergency medical personnel called to the scene. Note to ride managers - know your map and have the ability to describe the location to responders! While in some cases they are able to ping the caller's phone, never count on having cell connection. It took me several minutes to reach an area with cell service so I could communicate with dispatch. Ride camp had called 911 based on a report from the field but more details were needed to get them to the right place.

The first year we did the Rock Creek ride, the weather was beautiful. But August in Nebraska can be very unpredictable and the last few rides have been too hot for man or beast. A change is needed.

We are excited to announce Helen Smith will take over management of the PonyXpress in 2019 and the ride is being moved to May, a much more comfortable month for riding the prairie and canyons!



Vet Judge, Tamara Gull and  
Ride Volunteer, Sarah Hansen





# PonyXpress Ride Results

## PonyXpress at Rock Creek - A

Date August 25-26, 2018 Total Riders Entered 26

Region 6 State NE

Chairperson Hanson, Mary; Vasa, Tammy

Vet Judge 1 Gull, Tamara

Horsemanship Judge 1 Newton, Norma

Sweeps Open Horse Nchantedprincevaliant 91

Sweeps Nov Horse CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide 93

CP Combo Rush Creek Concho Parys, Shari

### Open

#### Heavyweight

1 / 1	L.L.Remington	Marston, Marilyn
2 / 2	Regal ET	Muench, Gayle
3 / 3	Roho Honoy Mocha WH	Zeliff, John
4 / 4	Hope's Grace	Jakopak, Mark
P / P	Wish Upon a Star	Hapgood, Kris
P / P	IF Grey Mist	Jakopak, Summer

### Open

#### Junior

1 / 1	Delcies Acasia	Jakopak, Bohdan
P / P	SM Fire Dancer	Jakopak, Autumn

### Open

#### Lightweight

1 / 3	Nchantedprincevaliant	Mettes, Cynthia
2 / 2	VA Caradelle	Reynolds, Margaret
3 / 1	EZ Rocket WH	Stucky, Marla

### Novice

#### Heavyweight

1 / 3	CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide	Frederick, Cheryl
2 / 1	Badger Strikes Back	Rinne, Carisa
3 / 2	CR AD Hailys Return	Chastain, Shannon
P / P	Kaluha	McNiff, Sandra
P / P	Fiddler 2	Gautier, Vickie

### Novice

#### Lightweight

P / P	Derby	Norton, Moni
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### Competitive Pleasure

#### Adult

1 / 1	Rushcreek Concho	Parys, Shari
2 / 4	Cito Mocha Raton	Cleveland, Trish
3 / 5	Rushcreek Frontier	Smith, Helen
4 / 3	KS Bluestem Soldierette	Hanson, Dwight
5 / 2	Tribute to America	Roberts, Beverly
6 / 6	Goodness Gracious	Childs, Maggie
P / P	Cowboys Ginnin 160	Stich, Kay
P / P	Lethal Status	Ankersen, Sharron
P / P	Pistol Annie	Dollarhide, Patti

## PonyXpress at Rock Creek - B

Date August 26, 2018 Total Riders Entered 2

Region 6 State NE

Chairperson Hanson, Mary; Vasa, Tammy

Vet Judge 1 Gull, Tamara

Horsemanship Judge 1 Newton, Norma

Sweeps Open Horse 96

Sweeps Nov Horse PVA Light Nthe Storm

CP Combo

### Open

#### Heavyweight

DO / D	IF Grey Mist	Jakopak, Summer
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### Novice

#### Lightweight

1 / 1	PVA Light Nthe Storm	Johansen, Kristen
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# The Jesse James Rideout

By John Zeliff

The Jesse James Rideout was held September 15-16 at Smithville Lake in Smithville, MO with David Nore and I serving as ride co-managers. The warmer than expected weather did not discourage the 32 riders who participated in this year's ride. Special thanks go out to our judges, Natalie Goldberger, DVM vet judge and Kathy Shanor horsemanship judge along with the many ride volunteers who helped make our ride a success! This year's ride hashtag was #JJR. All riders and volunteers were encouraged to use this hashtag with their social media posts during the ride weekend.

Friday evening, Dan Carder, a local reenactor, shared some very interesting history of Jesse and Frank James to all riders and volunteers. The judges shared their observations of rider check in from earlier in the afternoon. David Nore, trail master and ride co-manager, explained the trail maps.

Since our ride weekend was also the opening weekend of bow season, the Army Corps of Engineers specified that all riders had to wear hunter orange. In order to be in compliance with this requirement, all riders wore orange helmet covers. It turned out to be lots of fun and riders were affectionately referred to as "pumpkin heads".

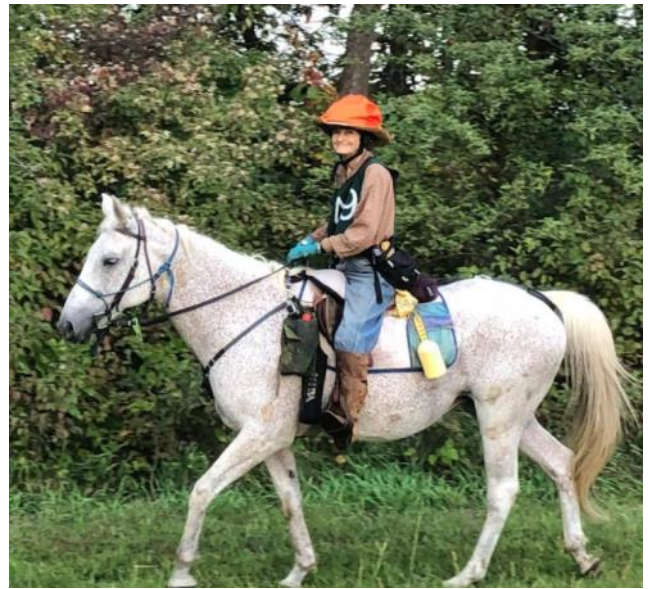
During the ride, safety riders Ty and Debbie McCullough and Bruce and Glenda Fells surprised riders with cookies while out on the trail. However, cookies were not the only surprise found out on these Clay County trails. During one of the obstacles, riders were asked to side pass over to an old mailbox and when they opened the mailbox door they found some of Jesse's gold!



CP Riders Noreen Altwegg & Alan Bouska

Saturday evening's special guest was Clay County Commissioner Luann Ridgeway. Mrs. Ridgeway has been instrumental for many of the horse campground and trail improvements that have made Smithville Lake a great destination for all trail riders. In addition, the Kearney Missouri Saddle Club has stepped up and they do an amazing job keeping all the horse trails in great shape.

Ride sponsors were recognized as follows: The Jesse James Gang - donations of \$100 and above, USRider, Renegade Horse Boots, David and Robin Nore, John Zeliff, Jesse James Birth-



During the Sunday afternoon awards ceremony, Mary Anna Wood was recognized for completing 24,010 NATRC miles!

place, and Ruth Mesimer; The Younger Gang – donations of \$50 to \$99, Merck, Purina, Distance Depot, Indian Creek Equine, and Boehringer Ingelheim; and finally The Pinkertons – donations of \$35 to \$49 - Robin Nore, Yellow Boot Saddlery, and Liz Klamm. A special thank you to Robin Nore for doing the embroidery on the towels used as ride awards.

Thank you again to all of the riders, volunteers, and sponsors who made this year's ride a success. We will be looking forward to seeing you again at the Jesse James Rideout in 2019!



Liz Braznell

# Jessie James Ride Results

## Jesse James Rideout - A

Date **September 15-16, 2018** Total Riders Entered **31**

Region **6** State **MO**

Chairperson **Zeliff, John; Nore, David**

Vet Judge 1 **Goldberger, Natalie**

Horsemanship Judge 1 **Shanor, Kathy**

Sweeps Open Horse **Silver Valley Tate** **97**

Sweeps Nov Horse **CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide** **97**

CP Combo **Hungarian Jade** **Wood, Mary Anna**

Open

### Heavyweight

1 / 1 L.L.Remington Marston, Marilyn

Open

### Lightweight

1 / 1 Silver Valley Tate Rinne, Sarah  
 2 / 2 VA Caradelle Reynolds, Margaret  
 P / P EZ Rocket WH Stucky, Marla

Competitive Pleasure

### Adult

1 / 3	Hungarian Jade	Wood, Mary Anna
2 / 4	Fives Bert Harlan	Bouska, Alan
3 / a	KS Bluestem Soldierette	Hanson, Dwight
4 / a	Goodness Gracious	Childs, Maggie
5 / a	Delcies Acasia	Jakopak, Summer
6 / 1	Tribute to America	Roberts, Beverly
a / 5	KTM Midnight Star	Hanson, Mary
a / 6	Country Diamond Rio	Blue, Erica
a / 2	D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger	Altwegg, Noreen
a / a	Hope's Grace	Jakopak, Mark
a / a	KS Franks Banjet	Chaffin, Verona
P / P	Rushcreek Frontier	Smith, Helen

Novice

### Junior

1 / 1	Ima Classic Too	Jakopak, Bohdan
P / P	SM Fire Dancer	Jakopak, Autumn

Novice

### Lightweight

1 / 1	Skylar	Doyle, Rosemarie
2 / 2	King 2	Townley, Gina
3 / 3	Allumination MCS	McCutchen, Lori
P / P	CGR Ladygodiva	Schmalzried, Kristen

## Jesse James Rideout - B

Date: September 16, 2018 Total Riders: 1

R6-MO

Chair: David Nore and John Zeliff

Judges: Natalie Goldberger DVM and Kathy Shanor

Novice Lightweight - 1

1/1 PVA Light Nthe Storm / Kristen Johansen

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March 10 - R1 & R2 Awards Breakfast



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# Indian Cave Ride Results

## Indian Cave - A

Date September 29-30, 2018 Total Riders Entered 12  
 Region 6 State NE  
 Chairperson Bohling, Cheryl  
 Vet Judge 1 Gunckel, Kay  
 Horsemanship Judge 1 Cowart, Kim

Sweeps Open Horse	EZ Rocket WH	100
Sweeps Nov Horse	CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide	94
CP Combo	TA Kaiser	Prusak, Deanna

### Open

#### Heavyweight

1 / 1 Roho Honey Mocha WH Zelif, John  
 P / P L.L.Remington Marston, Marilyn

### Open

#### Lightweight

1 / 3 EZ Rocket WH Stucky, Marla  
 2 / 1 Eduardo el Negrito Knight Wingle, Diane  
 3 / 2 VA Caradelle Reynolds, Margaret  
 4 / 4 Nchantedprincevaliant Mettes, Cynthia

### Novice

#### Heavyweight

1 / 2 CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide Frederick, Cheryl  
 2 / 1 Willy Soprano Wech, Kris

### Competitive Pleasure

#### Adult

1 / 3 KS Bluestem Soldierette Hanson, Dwight  
 2 / 2 TA Kaiser Prusak, Deanne  
 3 / 1 Tribute to America Roberts, Beverly  
 4 / 4 Goodness Gracious Childs, Maggie



Katie and Ron Boden, smiling during the C Ride despite the rain!

## Indian Cave - B1

Date September 29, 2018 Total Riders Entered 1  
 Region 6 State NE  
 Chairperson Bohling, Cheryl  
 Vet Judge 1 Gunckel, Kay  
 Horsemanship Judge 1 Cowart, Kim

Sweeps Open Horse		
Sweeps Nov Horse	PVA Light Nthe Storm	99
CP Combo		

### Novice

#### Lightweight

1 / 1 PVA Light Nthe Storm Johansen, Kristen



Bev Roberts

## Co-Sanctioning Rides with MOTDRA

Many of our Region 6 rides were also sanctioned with Middle of the Distance Riders Association (MOTDRA). This created an opportunity for those riders to enjoy more local rides and provided our ride managers with additional participants. Thanks from NATRC to those MOTDRA members who shared the trails with us. It is a win-win for both organizations. Ride managers might consider this option in 2019.



# No Kansas Isn't Flat Ride Results

## No Kansas Isn't Flat - A

Date **October 27-28, 2018** Total Riders Entered **18**  
 Region **6** State **KS**  
 Chairperson **Levinson, Rhonda; White, Vickie**  
 Vet Judge 1 **Ostrowski, Stephanie**  
 Horsemanship Judge 1 **Tolbert, Wayne**

Sweeps Open Horse	<b>EZ Rocket WH</b>	<b>98</b>
Sweeps Nov Horse	<b>CC's Rex's Rawhide</b>	<b>94</b>
CP Combo	<b>Tribute to America</b>	<b>Roberts, Beverly</b>

### Open

#### Heavyweight

1 / 1	L.L.Remington	Marston, Marilyn
2 / 2	Roho Honoy Mocha WH	Zeliff, John

### Open

#### Lightweight

1 / 1	EZ Rocket WH	Stucky, Marla
2 / 2	VA Caradelle	Reynolds, Margaret
3 / 3	Focus Jessie	Smith, Helen

### Novice

#### Heavyweight

1 / 2	CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide	Frederick, Cheryl
2 / 1	King's Charley R.E.	Wech, Kris

### Novice

#### Lightweight

P / P	CGR Ladygodiva	Schmalzried, Kristen
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### Competitive Pleasure

#### Adult

1 / 1	Tribute to America	Roberts, Beverly
2 / 3	KTM Midnight Star	Hanson, Mary
3 / 2	Rushcreek Concho	Parys, Shari
4 / 4	Rushcreek Allie	Messick, Brenda
5 / a	Goodness Gracious	Childs, Maggie
6 / 5	TA Kaiser	Prusak, Deanne
a / a	KS Franks Banjet	Chaffin, Verona
a / a	Hungarian Jade	Wood, Mary Anna
a / a	Katniss	Rush, Barbara
a / 6	KS Bluestem Soldierette	Hanson, Dwight



Rhonda Levinson

## No Kansas Isn't Flat - B

Date **October 27, 2018** Total Riders Entered **1**  
 Region **6** State **KS**  
 Chairperson **Levinson, Rhonda; White, Vickie**  
 Vet Judge 1 **Ostrowski, Stephanie**  
 Horsemanship Judge 1 **Tolbert, Wayne**

Sweeps Open Horse		
Sweeps Nov Horse		
CP Combo		

### Novice

#### Lightweight

P / P	Rannah Jubilee	Sirridge, Althea
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Kris Wech (Photo by David Nore)

# Year End Awards

Submitted by Ruth Mesimer

## 2018 Region 6 Ride Management Recognition - Ride Chair

Exploring Sand Hills – Liz Klamm  
 EKAHA Hill & Dale – J.R. Kendall  
 The PonyXpress – Mary Hanson & Tammy Vasa  
 Jesse James Roundup – David Nore & John Zelif  
 Indian Cave – Cheryl Bohling  
 Kanopolis Canyons – Kathy Jackson & Cheryl Bohling  
 No, Kansas Isn't Flat – Rhonda Levinson

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**2018 Region 6 Horsemanship Awards \*\***

Novice Lightweight Horsemanship  
 1. Kristen Johansen (IA) .....9

Novice Heavyweight Horsemanship  
 1. Carisa Rinne (NE) ..... 42  
 2. Cheryl Frederick (NE)..... 36

Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship  
 1. Noreen Altwegg (KS)..... 32  
 2. Dwight Hanson (NE)..... 30  
 3. Alan Bouska (KS) .....28  
 4. Maggie Childs (KS).....20  
 5. Verona Chaffin (KS)..... 12

Open Lightweight Horsemanship  
 1. Margaret Reynolds (MO)..... 40  
 1. Marla Stucky (KS)..... 40

Open Heavyweight Horsemanship  
 1. Marilyn Marston (KS) ..... 36  
 2. John Zelif (MO)..... 30



Maggie Childs (photo by David Nore)

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**2018 Region 6 Horse Awards \*\***

	<u>POINTS</u>
<b>Novice Lightweight Horse</b>	
1. PVA Light Nthe Storm / ar ..... Kristen Johansen (IA)	12
<b>Novice Heavyweight Horse</b>	
1. CC's Rex's Golden Rawide / mft..... Cheryl Frederick (NE)	54
2. Badger Strikes Back / gr qtr ..... Carisa Rinne (NE)	40
<b>Competitive Pleasure Horse</b>	
1. KS Bluestem Soldierette / morg..... Dwight Hanson (NE)	38
2. Fives Bert Harlan / qtr..... Alan Bouska (KS)	36
3. Goodness Gracious / gr har ..... Maggie Childs (KS)	30
4. DM's Eye of the Tiger / mft ..... Noreen Altwegg (KS)	26
5. KS Franks Banjet / paint ..... Verona Chaffin (KS)	12
<b>Open Lightweight Horse</b>	
1. VA Caradelle / ar ..... Margaret Reynolds (MO)	46
1. EZ Rocket WH / mft..... Marla Stucky (KS)	38
<b>Open Heavyweight Horse</b>	
1. L.L. Remington / har ..... Marilyn Marston (KS)	38
2. Roho Honoy Mocha WH / mft..... John Zelif (MO)	32

# Year End Awards (cont'd)

Submitted by Ruth Mesimer

## 2018 Region Team Awards \*\*

## POINTS

Novice Lightweight: Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

- |                                |                           |    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----|
| 1. Kristen Johansen (IA) ..... | PVA Light Nthe Storm / ar | 21 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----|

Novice Heavyweight: Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

- |                                |                                 |    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----|
| 1. Cheryl Frederick (NE) ..... | CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide / mft | 90 |
| 2. Carisa Rinne (NE) .....     | Badger Strikes Back / gr qtr    | 82 |

Competitive Pleasure: Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----|
| 1. Dwight Hanson (NE) .....  | KS Bluestem Soldierette / morg | 68 |
| 2. Alan Bouska (KS) .....    | Fives Bert Harlan / qtr        | 64 |
| 3. Noreen Altwegg (KS) ..... | DM's Eye of the Tiger / mft    | 58 |
| 4. Maggie Childs (KS) .....  | Goodness Gracious / gr har     | 50 |
| 5. Verona Chaffin (KS) ..... | KS Franks Banjet / paint       | 24 |

Open Lightweight: Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|----|
| 1. Margaret Reynolds (MO) ..... | VA Caradelle / ar  | 86 |
| 2. Marla Stucky (KS) .....      | EZ Rocket WH / mft | 78 |

Open Heavyweight: Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----|
| 1. Marilyn Marston (KS) ..... | L.L. Remington / har      | 74 |
| 2. John Zeliff (MO) .....     | Roho Honoy Mocha WH / mft | 62 |

\*\*minimum of 3 rides required to qualify for year-end awards



Marilyn Marston



Cheryl Frederick



Dwight Hanson



Safety Rider, Carol Lee



John Zeliff & Marla Stucky

\*Photos by Tammy Vasa



# Who's Who of Region 6

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## Region 6 Ride Calendar

November 17-18, 2018	Rustlers and Renegades, Big Hill Lake, KS
March 22-24, 2019	Region 6 Convention, Beatrice, NE
May 4-5, 2019	Jesse James Rideout, Smithville Lake, Smithville, MO
May 18-19, 2019	PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station, Fairbury, NE
June 1-2, 2019	Winers not Whiners, Hillsdale Lake, Paola, KS
September 14-15, 2019	Brushy Creek Returns, Brushy Creek State Park, Lehigh, IA
September 28-29, 2019	Indian Cave, Indian Cave State Park, Shubert, NE
October 26-27, 2019	Cedar Creek Region 6 Benefit, Mark Twain National Forest, New Bloomfield, MO

Rides may be subject to change. Visit [NATRC.org](http://NATRC.org) for the most current list of rides and contact information. For more information about a ride, visit our regional specific and national Facebook page.



February 22-24 in Topeka, KS. Region 6 will have a booth. Please contact John Zeliff if you can volunteer to help staff the booth. Support Our Sport!



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