



# Region 6 Rally

## A Message from the President

### Welcome New Members

#### New or Rejoining

Jessica Kelling, McPherson, KS  
 Charlotte Pinkall, Hutchinson, KS  
 Kristen Schmalzried, Raymore, MO  
 Trudie Tejink, Lincoln, NE

#### Returning

Denise Brown, Douglass, KS  
 Kenneth Dunmire, Upland, NE  
 Janis Eider Hester, Bucyrus, KS  
 Summer Jakopak + family, Freeman, SD  
 Sharon West, Douglass, KS

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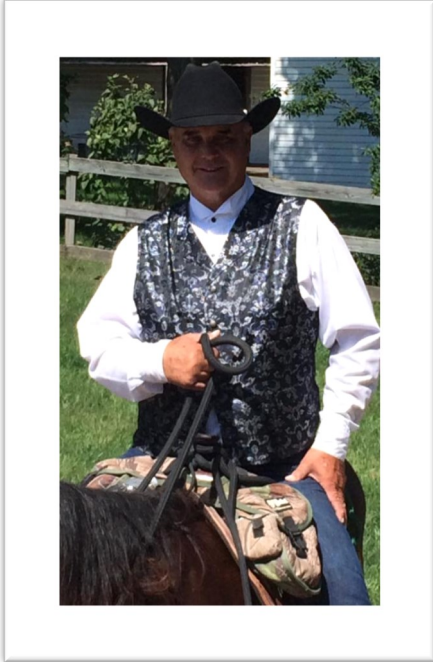
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Come For The Challenge!

The 2018 ride year is off to a fantastic start! The first two Region 6 rides are in the books plus we have also completed two clinics for those folks wanting to learn more about our sport.

This season's first ride was the Exploring Sand Hills CTR on April 21-22 located at the beautiful Sand Hills State Park in Hutchinson, KS. Ride manager Liz Klamm did a wonderful job as always. For me, this ride was a personal challenge, as I was partnering with a new horse. I will admit that I was nervous going into this ride with a different horse. Adding to my anxiety was the fact that when we timed out Saturday morning it was raining. Thanks in part to an encouraging riding partner, Mary Ginn, I successfully completed this first ride with my new horse. One of the highlights for me this weekend was watching and interacting with the clinic participants! Originally planned as a one day clinic, it turned into a two day clinic as the riders were having so much fun and wanted more!!

Region 6 is very lucky to have so many great teachers willing to share their skills and knowledge with others. Our second clinic was held June 9th at the beautiful Ponca Hills Farm located in North Omaha, NE. Participants learned about competitive trail riding with hands-on instruction as they went through 6 information stations along with an actual trail ride with a mentor complete with judged obstacles, a P&R check, and a rider score card.



Our second ride was the EKAHA Hill & Dale CTR on June 2-3. This year's ride marked the 38th year in-a-row for this ride held at the Hillsdale State Park in Paola, KS. J.R. Kendall was our ride manager and did a nice job of keeping us on schedule and making sure we had well marked trails! Another ride, another personal challenge for me. This time I took on a personal goal that I have had for a long time and that was to ride in the Open division. Marla Stucky took me under her wing and that was very appreciated. What an amazing feeling of accomplishment as my new horse and I successfully completed this ride. This horse and I are definitely creating a very positive partnership! I haven't stopped smiling since!

Great news for Region 6 as we will have a benefit ride in 2018! The Kanopolis Canyons CTR ride October 13-14 will be this year's benefit ride. Please make plans now to attend this ride and support our region.

The next Region 6 ride will be The PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station in Fairbury, NE on August 25-26. This gives us ample time to get those conditioning rides in. I would encourage you to utilize the Facebook group Region 6 NATRC Riders to let others know if you are going somewhere to ride and would like to have others join you for some good training and conditioning rides.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next ride. In the meantime, set those personal goals for yourself and your horse, get those conditioning and training rides in, and then come join us for the challenge!

~John Zeliff, President

# A Message from the Editor

By Tammy Vasa

I had a lot of plans to ride this year. At the end of 2017, my mare Windy was just 220 miles from 1,000 competition miles. At 16, she is nowhere near retirement age or even slowing down but it was a good goal for the ride season. Weather and cancelled rides have played havoc on my ride schedule this year so it has turned into a 2-year plan.

While sharing her with my husband, I have another young mare I am anxious to try in this sport. While much more level headed than Ms. Spitfire Windy, she is a bigger and heavier horse and certainly not one I believe will have a career as an Open horse. But we have two youngsters in the pasture that just might. Time will tell.

We bought our first horses as adults the year I turned forty. When I was interviewing Trish Cleveland for this month's rider spotlight, I learned she, too, was about the same age when she started riding and eventually found this sport. Horses aren't cheap to buy or keep and the games we play and the equipment needed for those activities add up. No wonder many adults do not find themselves with horses until well into middle-age and then try cramming all the missed years into what is left provided our health and finances hold. I heard it said that 80% of first time horse owners are finished with it in

the first 24 months. And of the 20% who survived those crazy 2 years, 80% will no longer have horses after 5 years. It's been 18 years since we brought our first horses home and if those statistics are true, we have weathered the hard times and are in it for the duration—whatever tomorrow brings.

It is exciting for me to see a youth rider love this sport as much as some of us "mature" riders. In this edition, you will hear from a new ride manager, Violet Stich, promoting her fall ride and you will be surprised to learn she is just 11 years old. She is marketing her ride to the "young guns"; junior riders. Violet's grandmother, Kay, has volunteered to mentor these young riders on the trail and there are other perks which might make the ride more affordable to these young riders. She is blessed to have Marsha Hayes as her "co-manager" and their efforts will be rewarded by your attendance at this November ride.

Mary Hanson's and my ride, the PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station is coming up next month. This is the 4th year and the planning gets easier every time. So much so that we have penciled in a new ride in Nebraska next year. If everything goes as planned, we hope to ride the Nebraska National Forest near Hal-

sey once again. Mother's Day weekend is the tentative date.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this summer edition of the Region 6 Rally. While much of the information is shared immediately on social media, I am glad there are still a few of you who like to read an actual newsletter.



Tammy & Windy—Photo by Bill Wingle



## Seeking Resume for NATRC Board of Director

Marla Stucky's 3-year term as NATRC National Board Alternate will expire January 1, 2019.

It is now time for current Region 6 NATRC members, who have an interest in serving on the NATRC national board as an Alternate, to complete the following resume application and return to Ruth Mesimer by September 10. On the next page, you will find a resume for nomination form with the appropriate instructions.

**Region 6 Resume for  
Nominees to NATRC Board of Directors, Alternate**

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE  
P.O. Box 969, Beatrice, NE 68310, Phone 303/688-1677 natrc@natrc.org www.natrc.org

In order to select a slate of nominees for this year's ballot, we need a resume of your qualifications. Please complete this form, include a resume of 200 words or less as outlined below (in Microsoft Word format, please), sign the pledge and return this form and resume **by September 10, 2018** to:

**Ruth Mesimer, Nominating Committee Chairman  
6818 N Elm Street, Liberty, MO 64068**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been a NATRC member? \_\_\_\_\_

Interest in NATRC (rider, ride management, judge) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a statement regarding your interest, qualifications, related interests and what you would like to do for NATRC. Be brief and please do it in 200 words or less. The information will be used on our ballot to acquaint the voters with you. Attach an additional page and return to the Nominating Committee Chairman, **Ruth Mesimer, 66818 N Elm Street, Liberty, MO 64068**

Results of the election will be announced after the fall meeting of the Board of Directors. The NATRC office will notify you, and if elected, your term will begin in January.

As a member of the NATRC Board of Directors, you will be expected to attend the Board meetings held three times a year. Expenses related to the Board meetings are borne by the Board members. The current Board has voted to split transportation costs (not rooms or meals) equally between all Board members who are attending the meeting. The average shared cost of the transportation for the past year was \$377.00. Total average cost to attend the three meetings, including transportation, hotel and meals, was \$736.00 per meeting. Most of the Regions are able to provide some funding for their Directors. Please check with your Regional Directors to receive additional information.

Thank you for your interest in your NATRC.

**Pledge:**

**If I am elected to the North American Trail Ride Conference Board of Directors, I agree to be present at all board meetings, if possible, and to accept the equitable financial responsibility as voted by the board on which I serve.**

*Signature of Candidate* \_\_\_\_\_



# Spotlight on Trish Cleveland

by Tammy Vasa

At check-in at Region Three's Rush to Brett Gray Ranch, Trish Cleveland was spotted handing over her #19 halter tag to Jim Ward who wore that same number in his region. That blue number is reserved for



Open riders and has been Trish's number in Region 6 for many years.

I had the privilege of riding with Trish at the Brett Gray Ranch. Trish and her horse, Cito Mocha Raton, are an icon in Region 6. I remember Trish from about every ride I've ridden and while I have overnighted at her home in Kansas, this was the first time we have shared the trail. She has made a career of not just competing but of *loving* competitive trail riding, her horses and the friends she has made along the way. To say the miles passed quickly is an understatement as she shared with me the stories of *her* sport.

While living in Lincoln, Nebraska in the early 90's, Trish attended her first CTR clinic. Relatively new to horses, she and her quarter horse, Dolly, had not really found an equine niche until then. After partaking in the clinic, she quickly entered the Rock Creek Station ride and her CTR career had begun. *This* was what she wanted to do with her horse! Trish couldn't recall if there was a Competitive Pleasure class then or not. What she does remember is stepping off the trail so Open riders could pass and knowing *that* was where she wanted to be. After just one full season in the Novice class, Trish and Dolly started their next year in Open.

Looking back, Trish wondered if riding

Open was too much too soon. She hadn't properly learned the sport and all the things important to riding competitive trail and would advise new riders against that quick advance. While it certainly didn't inhibit her success in the long run, her advice to newcomers would be to slow down and take advantage of the classes to teach them of the sport, the care of their horse and properly prepare for Open riding. There is so much to learn along the way.

Dolly and Trish logged just under 5,000 competition miles. A few years prior to Dolly's retirement from the sport, a friend told Trish about a young filly – a Spanish Mustang registered with Horse of Americas. Cito Mocha Raton was a pretty thing – one would think appaloosa at first glance with her varnished coat and spotted rump. From the first trailer ride (of terror) home, Mocha has been a force to reckon with on and off the trail! At age two, Trish started working Mocha slowly in hand through the obstacles



on the practice course at her acreage. After some time with a trainer, Trish was ready to introduce Mocha to the sport.

Having listened to Trish's stories, I watch her as she confidently guides Mocha through the obstacles. Trish has found consistency is very important to her horse. For instance, at a P & R, she must strip the saddle and kneel next to her as Mocha drops her head and rests. Trish is rewarded



with Mocha's low heart rate and respirations and Mocha's behavior is rewarded with a snack. Written with a Sharpie on Mocha's ear are the letters S S S (see photo). This is Trish's reminder for doing obstacles: Stop, Settle, Slow. As my horse and many others stumbled through an obstacle at that Colorado ride, Mocha stopped and settled and Trish slowly took her through the obstacle without a flaw.

While Mocha has many accomplishments on the trail including around 6,000 competition miles and 7 National Championships, Mocha stories around the campfire are quite colorful. Her reputation for being a spicy little mare precedes her. Still sporting a red ribbon on her tail, most everyone does not need to be reminded to stay clear of her rear end. Most recently, Mocha has taken exception to her slant horse trailer and after yet another trip to K-State veterinary college, she is now comfortably going down the road in an Open stock trailer. Trish laughs as she mentioned that Mocha has decided she doesn't like to condition in the pasture at home any longer, so Trish leads her up and down the fields behind her riding lawn mower.

Trish lost Dolly this past winter at the age of 35. Dolly had her own large file



at K-State and shared the pasture with Mocha for half her life. Today Mocha has a new pasture mate which most likely will be next in line after Mocha retires (when Mocha is good and ready to retire!).

As the miles passed, I regretted not having a tape recorder strapped to my saddle to remember all the stories Trish told me about the rides, her horses and the people she met along the way. So many memories over nearly three decades, riding somewhere close to 12,000 competition miles in 7 or 8 states. Favorite trail? “The mountains,” she said although she had a fondness for a ride in Tennessee. Nearing 30 years of competition, Trish never tires of the sport. She talks about the camaraderie among the competitors who are more importantly her friends. She agrees with some that the sport is being a bit diluted noting there are and has been a lot of changes in hopes of reaching new riders which hasn’t come to fruition. She has seen slow times before and the sport has survived.

Living in Nebraska, Iowa and now Kansas, Trish has always been in Region 6. She sports many chevrons from the 100% Club – attending 100% of Region 6 rides through entry or volunteering. She has no desire to hold an office in our region; her contribution is selling



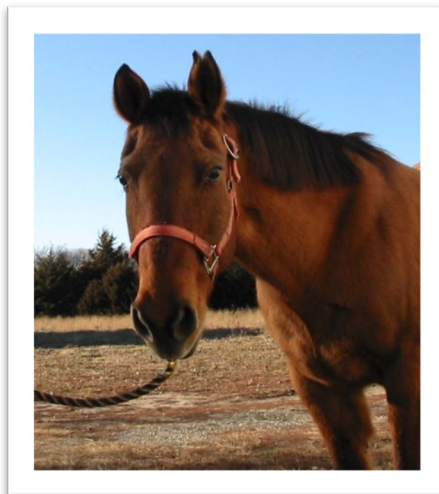
*Trish kneels next to Mocha at the P & R*



*Mocha’s trademark mouse is stamped on her rump for each ride*

vest numbers to the riders and volunteering at rides when needed. Her appreciation of the sport is demonstrated by the (handwritten and mailed) thank you notes she personally sends to ride managers.

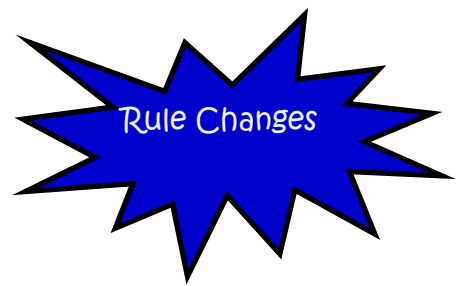
Retired from the US Army and Nebraska National Guard, Trish has no plans to retire from competitive trail. After 26 years of riding this sport—*one she didn’t start until middle-age* — the miles no longer come easy. After sharing this important decision with her traveling companion and friend, Marilyn Marston, donning a #46 green pinny, she gifted Jim Ward with the #19 halter tag. While it was the end of an era of sorts for Trish, it is certainly not the end of the ride. Watch out, CP riders! The bar has just been raised.



*Deacons Dolly*

<p><b>Deacons Dolly</b>                  4,810 Competition Miles                  4 National Championships</p> <p><b>Cito Mocha Raton</b>                  5,820 Competition Miles*                  7 National Championships</p> <p><b>Trish Cleveland</b>                  10,670 Competition Miles*</p> <p><small>*2017 Records</small></p>
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# From the National Board of Directors

By Shari Parys

There is so much that goes on behind the scenes of NATRC! We were happy to see more guests attend the July 2018 National Board of Directors meeting in Kansas City and listen to our discussions. We appreciate the input from our Region 6 members, and Mary Hanson, Marla Stucky and I hope to hear more from you!

Our sport, on both a regional and national level, has been struggling. We have lost riders, rides, and the dollars that follow. A special committee, Operation NATRC, has worked hard to brainstorm many ideas and then whittle them down to the best options for us. There will be exciting new thoughts on how we can be more inclusive and attractive as well as a much-needed overhaul of the RMS program. We have so many people passionate about our sport and how it has helped us, our horses, and our lifelong friendships. Stay tuned for more details on how we plan to not only remain strong, but grow.

Below are the revised rule change proposals as decided at this month's meeting. Please note that the proposals for the *CP National Championship and High Point Age Requirement* and *Combine Division Classes Based on Ride Day Division Size* were tabled due to inconsistencies in the wording.

## RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS REVISED

### 1. ADDITION OF A NON-COMPETING ADULT SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION 1 - GENERAL

##### A. Membership

1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
  - a. Yearly Membership
    - (5) **Supporting Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over. A supporting member is only eligible for individual ride awards if non-member rider fee is paid at the ride, and is only eligible for year-end and mileage awards if adult membership fee is paid before the end of the ride year.**
2. Each membership, except lifetime ...
3. Each Adult, **Supporting**, and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

**ONLY NATRC MEMBERS (~~INDIVIDUAL, ADULT, JUNIOR, FAMILY AND LIFETIME~~) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR END AND MILEAGE AWARDS. (SEE SECTION 9)**

### 2. DELETE OPTION FOR SENIOR AND JUNIOR CLASSES IN THE NOVICE DIVISION IN R1A

#### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

##### A. Divisions

##### 2. Novice

##### e. Classes

- (1) ~~This division in horse may be divided into Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes or Senior (combined Heavyweight & Lightweight) and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.~~
- (1) **This division will offer Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.**

##### B. Classes

##### 3. Junior

- b. Juniors may compete in **Open or Novice Division Heavyweight or ~~Novice Lightweight, or Senior~~ Classes if weight requirements are met. Juniors may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight Classes if weight requirements are met.**

4. ~~Senior, Region 1A only (See Section 10 for year-end awards for Region 1A): The Novice Division may be divided into Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes or into Senior and Junior Classes at the discretion of management.~~

##### 4. Weigh In

##### 5. Helmets

### 3. ANY DAY DO

#### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

##### C. Distance Only (DO) (not in competition)

6. One-day option: only available if both horse and rider are riding DO.

- a. The DO team has the option of riding one or two days of an 'A' CTR. When choosing to ride one day only, the team must ride the first day, **or at ride management's discretion, they may start the second day.** A DO rider must notify ride management of their intent not to ride a second day after post ride examination, but before 8:00p.m. **To start on the second day, the second day's ride distance must also meet 'B' ride minimum requirements.**

#### 4. ALLOW GREATER USE OF EXISTING STABLING OPTIONS

##### SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

###### B. Stabling

3. The stabling options ~~used~~ **provided** by CTR management and/or the CTR facility must be available to all competitors **in a division**.

#### 5. ADD A METHOD TO FORGIVE TIME PENALTIES FOR GOOD SAMARITAN ACTS

##### SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

###### J. Timing and Time Penalty Points

10. **In the case of an emergency/extenuating circumstance where a competitor's assistance is required, ride management and/or judges may agree to credit part or all of time lost to the assisting competitor's maximum time.**

#### 6. POINT DISTRIBUTION FOR SWEEPSTAKES

##### SECTION 9 – AWARDS

###### C. Point Distribution

4. ~~The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Open Classes. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Novice Classes. The Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Sweepstakes winners will receive the highest points possible based on the number of starters in the largest class of their respective division.~~
5. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A, one point for a Type B.

#### 7. DIVIDING THE COMPETITIVE PLEASURE DIVISION

##### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

###### A. Divisions

###### 3. Competitive Pleasure

###### e. Class

- (1) This division will offer ~~Adult (combined Heavyweight & Lightweight)~~ **Heavyweight, Lightweight** and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.
- (2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse-

##### SECTION 9 – AWARDS

###### A. Ride Awards

4. The horses with the highest ~~total points~~ **scores** from the Open, **Competitive Pleasure** & Novice Divisions shall be the recipients of the Open, **Competitive Pleasure** & Novice Sweepstakes Awards.

###### B. Annual Awards

###### 2. National Awards

- n. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purposes of determining annual high score awards in **each** Competitive Pleasure **Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR)**, first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A rides count as 1 ride. Type B rides count as ½ ride. The horse and rider will be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
- o. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purposes of determining annual high score awards in **each** Competitive Pleasure **Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR)**, first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A rides count as 1 ride. Type B rides count as ½ ride. The horse and rider will be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

#### 8. REDUCE POINTS REQUIRED FOR JUNIORS TO EARN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE CP DIVISION

##### SECTION 9 – AWARDS

###### B. Annual Awards

###### 2. National Awards

- k. COMPETITIVE PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive Pleasure Division a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year. For ride count, points, and first or second placings,
  - (3) Accumulated 75 points **(60 points for Juniors)**.



## 9. REMOVE REQUIREMENT OF CP IF NOVICE IS OFFERED

### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. Divisions
  - 2. Novice
    - ~~a.—A ride offering a Novice Division must also offer a Competitive Pleasure Division. Paragraphs b - f now become a - e.~~
  - 3. Competitive Pleasure
    - ~~a.—May be offered alone but must be offered if Novice Division is offered.~~
    - b.a. Age of Horses
    - ~~e~~.b. Mileage
    - ~~d~~.c. Pace
    - ~~e~~.d. Classes

## 10. PLEASURE DIVISION

### SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. Divisions
  - 4. Pleasure
    - a. May be offered as a Type A or B ride.
    - b. Age of horses: Horses entered in this division must be at least 48 months of age.  
Registered horses are considered 48 months of age as of actual foaling date on registration papers.  
Unregistered horses are considered of eligible age when the central and intermediate permanent incisors have erupted and are in wear as determined by the veterinary judge.
    - c. Mileage in this division is 8-12 miles per day.
    - d. Pace
      - (1) The average pace for a ride in this division shall be in the range of 3.5-5 miles per hour; and when determining the timing of the ride, management must consider, among other relevant factors: weather, terrain, season of the year and footing on the trail.
      - (2) "Riding time" used to compute the pace shall not include lunch and P&R stops.
    - e. Class
      - (1) This division will offer Adult and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.
      - (2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse. For purposes of awards, the horse and horsemanship scores will be combined for team awards.
  - 5. Additional divisions may be added at the discretion of the board of directors.
- B. Classes
  - 5. Adult Class: (Pleasure Division only) riders age 18 or over that do not meet the Junior criteria as defined in Section 4B. There are no weight requirements.
  - 6. Weigh In
  - 7. Helmets

### SECTION 5 - THE RIDE

- B. Stabling
  - 4. Competitors in the Pleasure Division are excluded from stabling judging. All other stabling rules apply.
  - 5. Stabling options **not allowed** during competition as primary containment: ...
  - 6. Stallions: ...
- E. Hoof Protection/ Leg Protection
  - 4. Competitors in the Pleasure Division are permitted to use all types of hoof boots with no strap, keeper, gaiter or accessory restrictions. Protective devices such as bell boots, splint boots or wraps are also permissible.

### SECTION 6 - JUDGING

- B. Veterinary Judging: Judges shall not discriminate against any animal due to conformation or type as long as the animal performs satisfactorily. Horses are to be evaluated on the following three criteria: condition, soundness and trail ability/manners.
  - 1. Condition 40%: ....
    - b. There will be a minimum of two P&R recovery readings taken during each day's ride. **There will be a minimum of one P&R recovery reading taken during each day's ride for the Pleasure Division.** The planned number of P&Rs for the day's ride will be announced by management to riders. Unannounced P&R stops may be added but minimum and maximum ride time must be adjusted.
- C. Horsemanship Judging: ...
  - 3. 30%:
    - c. Stabling: The evaluation of stabling shall include, but not be limited to, the following: feed and water, container security; blanket; tie (height, length, quick release knot and security); safety, choice of location, tack and gear placement; horse care. **Pleasure Division is exempt from stabling evaluation.**

## SECTION 9 - AWARDS

### A. Ride Awards

1. A sanctioned ride having an Open Division will offer Lightweight, Heavyweight, and Junior Classes in horse and horsemanship.
2. A sanctioned ride having Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will offer the identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse.
3. Horse and horsemanship scores for Pleasure Division will be added together to determine placing teams for both Adult and Junior Classes. First through sixth place teams in both classes will be awarded.  
Former paragraphs 3-9 become numbered as 4-10.

### B. Annual Awards

#### 3. Regional Awards

##### a. Team Awards

- (1) These regional awards are given for combined horse and horsemanship.
- (2) All points for rides in which the same horse and rider combination competed, will be added together and the placings determined by the most points
- (3) Pleasure Division does not qualify for nationally sponsored team awards.

##### b. Regional Championships

- (1) These awards are given for horse and for horsemanship in all divisions and classes (See Section 4), first through sixth place.
- (2) Will be awarded annually on the basis of points awarded *within the designated region* of the horse and rider (See Section 1 B5).
- (3) Pleasure Division is only eligible for regional combo awards.

### D. Cumulative Mileage Awards:

1. Mileage will count as defined in this mileage table:

DIVISION	AA	A	B
Open	90	60	30
Novice	n/a	40	20
Competitive Pleasure	n/a	40	20
Pleasure	n/a	20	10

2. 1000-Mile Horse: This award is presented to horses completing 1000 miles.  
a. ~~Mileage in Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will count as follows: Open: Type AA ride=90 miles, Type A ride=60 miles, Type B ride=30 miles; Novice and Competitive Pleasure: Type A ride=40 miles, Type B ride=20 miles.~~  
Former paragraphs b – e become numbered as a - d
3. Rider: Mileage chevrons in increments of 250 miles will be awarded to riders.  
a. ~~Mileage in Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will count as follows: Open: Type AA ride=90 miles, Type A ride=60 miles, Type B ride=30 miles; Novice and Competitive Pleasure: Type A ride=40 miles, Type B ride=20 miles.~~  
Former paragraphs b – d become numbered as a – c
4. Mileage medallions will be ...

## 11. CLARIFY HOW POINTS ARE CALCULATED FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS R1A

## SECTION 10 – REGION 1A AWARDS

### B. Annual/Year-end Awards

#### 2. National Awards

##### a. National Championship: ...

- (2) Accumulated 36 points.

b) When classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points, the points earned by the same horse and rider must be from the same class (Heavyweight or Lightweight) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one weight class cannot be combined with those earned in a different weight class during any given three-year period. If the rider is no longer age-eligible, points earned as a Junior during the applicable three-year period can be applied to the new adult weight class.

c) When the entire Open Di...

##### b. National Championship: In the Competitive Pleasure Div ...

- (2) Accumulated 36 points.

b) When classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points, the points earned by the same horse and rider must be from the same class (Adult or Junior) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one class cannot be combined with those earned in a different class during any given three-year period. If the rider is no longer age-eligible, points acquired as a Junior during the applicable 3-year period can be applied to the new adult class.

c) When the entire Competitive ...

# You Want to Use a GPS at a CTR

By Bill Wingle, Region 3

You've decided it's time to start to use a GPS at a NATRC Competitive Trail Ride (CTR), but you don't know where to start. I'll cover some basics, give some tips, and offer a few recommendations.

## What Does a GPS Do?

Most of us by now have used a GPS in our car to navigate somewhere. Using a "mapping" GPS on the trail isn't much different other than there is no voice telling you you've missed your turn and need to make a U-turn (there are ways to almost do this though). They do take a little practice though. For use in NATRC, a GPS is a navigation tool. It helps you follow a path or track from A to B. If you get off trail, you can also use it to get back to the trail as it shows you where you've been. If properly started at the beginning of the ride it also tells you how long you've been on the trail and how far you have gone.

## I Have a GPS. Can I Leave my Map at Home? No!

A GPS is good at telling you where you are. The maps, particularly on smartphones, can be very good.

A GPS though can fail. Batteries die, electronic devices are fragile and can fail and misbehave. Solar flares can cause them to get confused. The military has also been known to jam the signals over large areas of the US West in training exercises.

A GPS can lie. They take time (up to five minutes) to figure out where they are. If you turn one on and put it in your pocket, they will likely tell you how far you've traveled since

you last turned it off, and not how far you've ridden today.

When using a GPS, it is always good to think about what is it telling you. Does it make sense? If in doubt, pull out your map.

## What GPS Should I Get?

For riding a NATRC ride, I recommend a "mapping" GPS. This can be a handheld, a watch or wrist model, or a smartphone which can show tracks and maps (contour or satellite imagery). Non-mapping models will only show distance, speed, and current position (latitude and longitude (lat/long)). They may have other features, but for navigation, they take a great deal more skill.

Basic mapping handhelds can be found starting at about \$150 (\$199 retail) on Amazon. I use a Garmin etrex 20x, which is the base model which supports contour maps. This works well for NATRC use. More expensive models support heart rate monitors (etrex 30x). Prices can climb over \$500 for models with even more features.

Watch and wrist models are in the \$200 - \$1000 range. Their screens are small, but they are attached to you.

Many riders already have smartphones and there are free to low cost GPS apps. The software is often better than that found on dedicated GPS, but battery life and durability is an issue.



Bill Wingle

A basic GPS is only a receiver. While it can show you where you are located, it can't tell anyone else where you are. There are devices such as Spot (<https://www.findmespot.com/en/>) that can be used to transmit your position using satellite communications. Even if you are in areas where cellular service is non-existent, this device can be used to let friends and family track you, or allow you to signal or

text for rescue in case of an emergency. Smartphones can do this as well, but require cellular data service. If you have any cellular service and need rescue, you can call 911, and use your basic GPS information to tell them your exact location.

## Pros and Cons of Handheld and Wrist GPSs?

Handheld and wrist GPSs tend to be very durable. They are designed to be weatherproof. While probably not the best idea, my handheld is attached to my horse. After years of bouncing down the trail, it still works fine. They can have good battery life. My Garmin eTrex models will generally last several weekends on a single pair of AA batteries. This is model dependent though. I had another





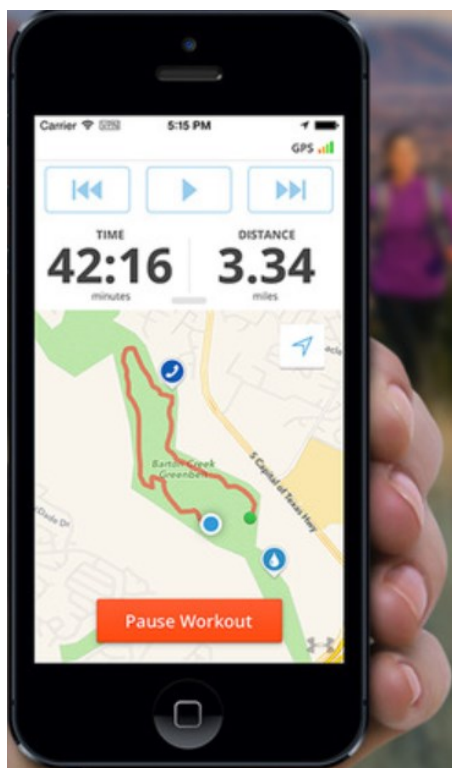
brand GPS with more features that would kill 2 AA lithium batteries (\$2 each) in six to 24 hours. I don't use this GPS anymore. These devices are design for off road use. The compasses are accurate if calibrated and used correctly. They come with other useful navigation tools. Some models support SPOT.

These models do have downsides. The screens tend to be small and can be hard to read in bright (outside) light. It is an extra piece of expensive equipment. Maps are usually extra, and can be expensive. This can be a one-time charge, or a monthly or yearly fee.

### Pros and Cons of Smartphone GPSs?

Most people already own a smartphone and these almost always have a built in GPS. If you have one, why not use it? It's already paid for. GPS apps are free or inexpensive (\$2 - \$30).

With the right software, topographic and satellite maps can be pre-downloaded at home so they can be used in areas where there is no cell coverage, or where data rates would apply. Compass software is also available, but even when calibrated, are only moderately accurate. It is easy to share tracks with others. You can also use an old phone that no longer has a



cellular plan; the GPS still works, and if you break it, it's not your expensive new phone.

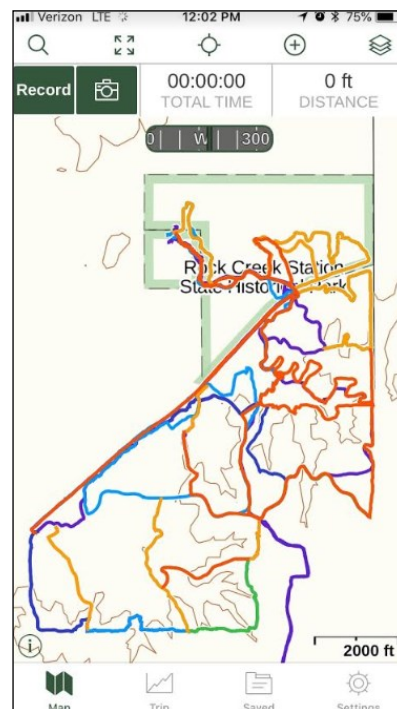
The downsides though are significant. Smartphones are fragile. Most do not like getting wet. Battery life is marginal to poor, though using it in airplane mode helps significantly. If you are in an area with poor to no cell coverage, if not in airplane mode, your phone can die in a few hours searching for a signal.

### Key Features to Use On Trail

For NATRC, the key GPS features you will use are the total time, current speed, distance, a map, a track, and waypoints (timing points). You might also use the compass and a heart rate monitor.

When riding a NATRC ride, 95% of the time I just use the GPS to show me time on the trail, distance traveled, and my current speed. The trails are marked and I have a printed ride map showing turns. I usually only look at the GPS map when I need to confirm a turn, I want to confirm I am on trail, or I get confused. If I am marking trail, I may also use the map and a track to follow the proposed trail.

The track, if you can get one from management or another rider, is what will keep you from going off trail and getting lost. If it is accurate, and you use it correctly, you can stay within 10



-20 feet of the trail, even if you are going cross country where there is no real trail. Using a track does take a some practice, but once you are comfortable using it, it is almost as easy to use as a GPS in a car.

### Timing Out

As mentioned above, a GPS can be used to monitor time and distance on the trail. Learn how to reset your GPS so that when the timer says "you're out", you can easily zero its time and distance values. This means having the GPS ready and waiting before you get to the timer. This means having the GPS turned on at least 5 minutes before you get to the timer. I usually turn on my GPS when I tack my horse. This gives the GPS a chance to find itself. If you turn it on as you are timing out, the distance one mile down the trail will likely be reported as something close to the distance of your last ride where you used your GPS.

## You Want to Use a GPS (continued)

Also have a fallback timer. I mark the minutes on my watch. I've had the GPS batteries die a couple times on the ride, and I've had a GPS go haywire. Have a backup.

### Reported Mileage

GPS mileages usually won't match your ride map exactly. This can be because the trailmaster made mistakes. This can be because the trailmaster used a wheel, or just a different GPS. Your GPS distance likely will be different than your riding partner; a half mile difference over 20 miles is not surprising. Small variations are to be expected, but they usually creep in a little at a time through the day. Big variations can also jump in. Going under high power lines, particularly with older GPSs, can add miles.

Pay attention during the day. If you keep track of the discrepancy between the ride map and your GPS, you can use the GPS to accurately estimate distance and time to your next timing point or P&R.

### Smartphone Software

There are many GPS apps available for smartphones. Two appear well suited for NATRC. Useful features are:

The ability to show the following:

- ◆ Total time of trail (setting zero at the start of the ride must be easy)
- ◆ Total distance ridden
- ◆ Current speed (average speed, and even a moving average isn't very useful)
- ◆ The ability to easily load GPX tracks made by someone else
- ◆ Good base maps (off-line support is ideal)
- ◆ Pre-loaded tracks should be a different color than the riders breadcrumbs dropped during the ride.



For the Apple iPhone MotionX (\$2) appears to be a good option. For Android phones, US Topo Maps Pro (\$12) works well. Unfortunately there is no single app for both iPhone and Android that worked well on both platforms. AllTrails is close; it has good quality maps and tracks are easy to share. NATRC is also looking at EquiTracks. It also tracks your training and can track a heart rate monitor. The iPhone version gets solid reviews, but the Android version has significant issues.

### Summary

Using a GPS takes some practice. You won't be an expert on your first ride. Don't let that intimidate you. The more you use them, the more comfortable you will become using them. Eventually the GPS will give you confidence when you know you are on the trail.



# Longeing for Presentation to Judge

by Priscilla Lindsey, NATRC Horsemanship Judge

Longeing (also spelled and pronounced Lungeing) is the ideal way to show your horse to the veterinary judge for the soundness check. Proper preparation and training can show your horse to best advantage and also display your horsemanship skill. A 30 to 40-foot diameter circle will best show the horse's gait. This requires the lead line to be a minimum of 12', with 15' being better. This still requires you to walk a smaller circle inside the horse's larger one (called "parallel longeing") rather than standing still in the center of the circle. Standing in the center can be done with a line that is 20' or longer, but it tends to become difficult to handle the extra length of line. Have enough line to be able to keep both hands on the line at all times for security and still be able to handle any excess. Experiment with different lengths to find what works best for you and your horse.



Training your horse before the competition is essential for a smooth presentation. Learn to hold the line correctly, with both hands on the line, the leading hand connected to the horse and in the same hand as the direction of travel; the driving hand holding any excess line and the whip, if used. Using body language or raising the whip, drive your horse's shoulder away from you to form increasingly larger circles. Walking toward the horse's shoulder or girth area in a bold manner with hands raised will usually accomplish this. A whip may also be used as an extension of your arm to signal if necessary. Never take backward steps away from the horse, as this will cause it to turn toward you making increasingly smaller circles. This can also invite the horse to cut into the circle and dangerously crowd you.

To trot the straight line to the center of the circle for the trotting presentation, fold the excess line back and forth rather than coiling it into loops. Circular loops can quickly tighten around your hand if the horse should bolt. When trotting the horse to the right (clockwise), hold the leading line (to the horse's head) in your right hand and the folds of extra line in your left (driving hand.) Feed out the folds of line as you drive your horse into the desired size of circle. Reverse the hands on the line when trotting the horse in the opposite direction. The driving hand can hold a whip or can spin a short length of the end of the line. The horse should be trained at home to increase or decrease its speed by responding to a raising or lowering of the whip (or hand) or increasing spin of the line. The horse can also be taught to respond to verbal commands, such as: walk, trot, canter, easy (to slow down) and whoa (to halt.)



To reverse directions, it is best to teach the horse to stop at the end of the line, face you, and wait for you to switch hands on the line and give the signal to turn and start off in the other direction. The horse that waits for your cues is much safer than the horse that spins around on the end of the line to reverse, or, even worse, the one that cuts across the circle and charges into your space. It is a good obedience and patience lesson for the horse to learn to stop and stand on the end of the line. It should stand still and let you approach and touch it if you want to, remain standing as you step away, and not reverse and trot until you have switched hands on the line and cued it to do so. This cue can be raising the leading hand, pointing in the direction you want the horse to turn, then raising the driving hand or whip or spinning the end of the line.

To receive an "Excellent" from this judge, the horse should have perfect manners on the line, trotting the circles with its attention always on the handler, and with its head tipped to the inside of the circle rather than gazing off at other horses or activities.





# Big Hill Rustlers and Renegades—Young Guns

By Marsha Hayes

On November 17-18, Region 6 will host a unique competition at Big Hill Lake, Cherryvale, Kansas. The ride will be co-managed by an 11-year-old. That's right.... those who sometimes thought ride managers could be childish will finally be proven right. But how did this turn of events come to be?

It started with Kay Stich, seasoned and well-known Region 6 NATRC competitor. Kind of famous for bringing her mother, Donna Keller, into the sport as a beginner when Donna was in her 70s, Kay is a ruthless, but kind competitor with a propensity for mentoring others. After Donna retired in her 80s, Kay turned her mentoring attention to her granddaughter, Violet Stich.

Chomping at the bit, so to speak, Violet had to wait for her 10th birthday to compete, but once 10, compete she did. With a lineage of good horsewomen before her, it was no surprise the young girl did well. What was a surprise was an epiphany Violet had on the trail when she was 10. "I want to put on a ride," Violet announced. "It would be fun. Someone needs to keep these things going."

And thus, a team was formed. I am her co-manager, a hired gun brought in to sign legal papers. Kay Stich is Violet's chauffeur and sounding board and "youth coordinator". How do you say "no" to the spirit of sharing a sport? How do you say "no" to the future of NATRC? Obviously, there are some things Violet, now 11, cannot do. She cannot sign insurance forms or truly realize the magnitude of details and work required to pull off a competition.

But I can tell you what Violet CAN do. She can sit through hours of meetings with mounds of paperwork and lists and calculators and stay on task. It is true, she was fueled by multiple brownies, but never did she say, "Are we done yet?" or "What have I gotten in to?"

As Kay and Violet and I met, our ride philosophy emerged: we want to encourage the youth of not only NATRC but our communities in general to try our sport. We slashed entry fees in half for all Junior riders. We will feed, free, all Junior riders. We will try a potentially sanctioned "C" ride to entice new riders or any rider wishing a 9-mile jaunt on a hopefully dry, crisp-fall day. We add the suffix YOUNG GUNS to the traditional name given Big Hill rides.

The point? Please support this ride. Entries make or break an endeavor. All the work poured into a competition are worth it if people, many people, hit those trails and enjoy themselves. Points earned will start the 2019 ride season. Start your year in the right spirit of seeing the younger generation learn not only how to compete, but how to volunteer and keep the sport alive. If you can't enter, volunteer. If you can't enter or volunteer, consider sponsoring a young rider by paying their entry. Kay Stich volunteered to ride with up to four pre-approved youth who need a riding sponsor.

Put Rustlers and Renegades-Young Guns on your calendar. Train. Plan. Kidnap a youth to mentor. Enter through RMS or by contacting Ride Secretary Ruth Mesimer @ [r\\_mesimer@att.net](mailto:r_mesimer@att.net). Please let Marsha Hayes or Violet Stich know how to make this ride great for you. [mhkansas@me.com](mailto:mhkansas@me.com) and [mustangrider121@gmail.com](mailto:mustangrider121@gmail.com).



Violet Stich &amp; Willie

*I believe the children are our future  
Teach them well and  
let them lead the way  
Show them all the beauty  
they possess inside  
Give them a sense of pride  
to make it easier  
Let the children's laughter remind us  
how we used to be*

*Lyrics from The Greatest Love of All*



# A Note from a Young Gun



Violet and Willie

Hi. My name is Violet Stich. I want to introduce myself and invite you to a ride I am putting on with my grandma, Kay Stich and my friend, Marsha Hayes.

I started riding horses when I was a year old and I have loved riding ever since. About eight years after I rode my first horse, I bought my best friend, an eleven-year-old pony. His name is Willie. He was a real pain at the time, but my Grandma Kay showed me how to work him and how to earn his respect.

After just a few months of training I started NATRC, and of course I had to wait until I was 10. On my first ride, me and my little pony beat out eight adults.

On my last ride (out of 5) I was inspired to put on a ride. At that ride I started asking people if they would like to be a part of my ride. So many people offered to help. I know I am young, but I want to give back to the sport I love.

Everything was going so well and then one thing brought it all down. My horse got a stifle injury. My pony is still injured but is slowly getting better. It would make me feel so good if you would come to my ride. In one of our planning meetings (it lasted 4 hours) Grandma Kay and Marsha and I decided to really focus on young people. Big Hill has always been called Rustlers and Renegades, but we added Young Guns. We tried to make the fees cheaper for youth and we want young people to try our sport. Bring your kids and grandkids. We decided to try a C ride that is short and easy to help people get started. Hope to see you on November 17-18 at Big Hill Lake in Cherryvale, Kansas.

Thank you, *Violet Stich*



## What is a “C” Ride?

Competitive Trail Riding has been unjustly perceived by many as riding long distances and having a judge hovering over your every move. Not to mention concerns about overnight camping, forbidden leg protection and tying to the trailer. This year as a way of giving riders a taste of the sport, many rides have offered a “C” ride during actual competition. While not sanctioned for competition, the clinic type rides experience reading a map, judged obstacles and standing for P & R checks. Most C rides cover 8 to 12 miles and participants receive a card with feedback similar to an actu-

al score card. Horsemanship judge, Sarah Rinne has judged several rides where C riders were in attendance and took the opportunity to coach the riders through the obstacles. It has been suggested the C ride be held on Saturday as some riders were ready to enter real competition and signed up for the B ride the following day.

It is believed this new class would not only be appealing to new riders but perhaps veteran riders who no longer compete and would find this abbreviated class a new opportunity to get back in the game.

Ride managers are encouraged to offer this new opportunity at their ride in 2018. Network through social media and horse riding communities to spread the word. We are sure once a rider tries competitive trail riding—this shorter version of the traditional ride—they will want to come back for more.

Please provide your Board of Directors with feedback on the C ride as they will be voting to consider this a new division to begin in 2019.



# The Toughest Ride You Can Love



## PINE GROVE GIDDY-UP CTR—By Mary Hanson

Traveling to Arkansas for the Pine Grove Giddy-Up was a great idea. It was a challenging ride with lots of rock and steep hills. Classical Arkansas trails. The temps were good and the scenery beautiful. Rather than lots of writing, I am including lots of photos with quick comments.

The trip started out road tripping with Sarah Rinne and Helen Smith. Our first exciting sighting was to find a giant Darlek in southeast Nebraska. Probably frozen in place by Doctor Who.

When we arrived Ride Manager, Kim Murphy, Shane Murphy, and volunteers greeted us and helped us park my new trailer, the 'Behemoth'. The hardest part of setting up camp was setting a highline until we learned Helen can scoot right up the tree trunks.

After getting settled in on Thursday, a group headed out for what else but Mexican for supper. We enjoyed our meals and adult beverages.

Friday, we took a hike to a hidden waterfall through beautiful canyons. Sarah in running gear; she did a few more miles than I did. Helen tried rock climbing.

Even though the scenery was beautiful, I did not take too many photos riding as the trails were rocky and technical. It was my mare Kenna's first ride on very rocky trails. Both of us had to pay attention to where her hooves went.

Horsemanship Judge, Kim Cowart, made my day Saturday evening by complimenting me on still riding light in the saddle just before the 2-mile mark which helped make up for him catching me leaning to the right on both the up or down hill obstacles.

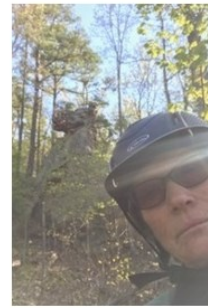
Despite rocky trails, I never felt rushed. We hit the 2-mile mark with lots of time. That was a good thing as the first ½ mile within the final 2-miles was a long continuous incline. Indian Cave's 'Thigh Master' hill has nothing on Pine Grove's hills. Sunday Kenna was more relaxed and sure-footed. I could enjoy the scenery better. I took a selfie with the Dragon's Head Rock.

All meetings were held in front of the Band Stand. It made it easy to hear officials.

Even with a very tough CP class, I ended up with 5th place. I was very pleased with Kenna's performance during the whole weekend, but she did not place. Helen and Jesse both received 5th place in Open Lightweight in Horse and Horsemanship. Sarah won Open Lightweight Horsemanship and Tate placed 4th in Horse.

We spent the night at Pine Grove giving us the chance to visit more. We left early Monday morning for home. Of course, we needed a post ride ice cream fix. The Braums' parking lot in Springfield, Missouri was big enough to accommodate the trailer.

Another good ride in the books.







# Rush to Brett Gray Ranch

Region Six came out in droves to support a new ride in eastern Colorado! While on a clear day you could see forever and that included Pike's Peak, there were no mountains at this ranch. There may not even have been hills. And we know for a fact there was no Verizon tower anywhere in the vicinity. There was also no humidity (until it rained) and this Nebraska girl would gladly go off the grid for some cool, crisp riding!



Photo by Bill Wingle

Sharron Ankersen, Mary Hanson and I made the 500+ mile trek across Nebraska and arrived Thursday afternoon. The ranch staff had opened up a large area for the trailers, even installing water hydrants for easy access. The Brett Gray Ranch has been owned by The Nature Conservancy since 2007. Boasting over 50,000 acres, the pastures were home to some 3,000 head of cattle and a lot of wildlife including jack rabbits and herds of pronghorn antelope. Through pasture rotation, the

fields were beginning to thrive. Barefoot friendly, the soil was a packed sand with little to no rock.

The ride entry provided for a wonderful meal both Friday and Saturday evening where we were introduced to our judges, Esther Diaguila and Dr. Boyd Emond. I have never had the privilege of riding under these judges although I had met Esther when she rode the PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station the year she was competing for the President's Cup. Dr. Emond was a soft spoken gentleman who impressed us by remembering everyone's name.

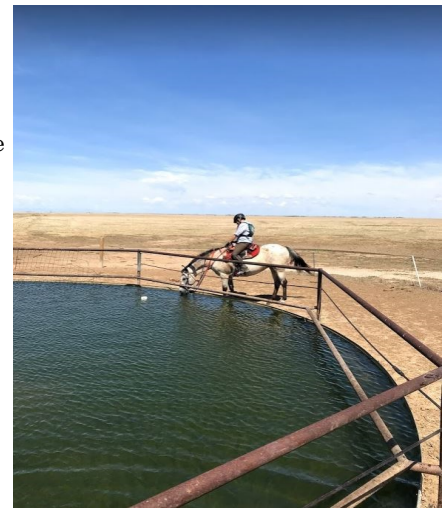
The ranch manager went over the maps for us, most of it done via satellite and GPS, courtesy of Bill Wingle. The well marked trail took us out both directions from the ranch with plenty of water tanks on the trail. They did warn us there would be cattle guards at the tanks so just in case our horses would not approach, they had buckets provided as well. Most of us think of cattle guards as a grate on the ground. We were relieved that was not the case but rather the guards were in the tanks to keep animals from climbing in.

Sunday the humidity returned but not the kind we suffer from but in a heavy mist over the ranch. We were also warned a storm was coming in and rode out early. The moisture let up early in the day and we enjoyed the cool ride.

It was the first time I competed in the popular CP class and was happy and a bit surprised when my mare, Windy, and I were both awarded 6th place out of 8 competitors. We have only competed once in the last 2 years and it felt good to be back among friends from our own region as well as Regions 3 and 4.



Photo and Story provided by  
Tammy Vasa



Cattle guards on the tank





# Tevis Bound!



Region 6 will be well represented at the “granddaddy of endurance rides” - the Tevis Cup. Sometime before dawn’s early light on the morning of July 28, **Sarah Rinne** of Steinauer, NE and **Erin Glassman** of Hutchinson, KS will be part of 155 riders attempting to cover 100 miles across the Sierra Nevada mountain crest in 24 hours or less.

The Western States Trail Ride is the oldest modern day endurance ride having been held each year since 1955. Cresting over the Sierra Nevada mountains from Robie Park near Truckee, CA and ending the following day at Auburn, CA. The rugged trail, offering a myriad of elevation changes starting at 7,200 feet, rising up to 8,700 feet and finally commencing around 1,200 feet, is not an all downhill ride. It takes an equine athlete and a sensible rider, months of conditioning and in some cases, a team effort to bring it all together.

Sarah will be riding Silver Valley Tate (“Tate”), a 9-year old gaited Morgan owned by **Mary and Dwight Hanson** of Ithaca, NE. Sarah has been competing on Tate in Region 6 for almost two years, with a goal of eventually entering the Tevis Cup. After sidelined by a soft tissue injury last year, both the Hansons and Sarah know Tate is now ready for the challenge. You can follow “Team Tate” on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SilverValleyFarm09/>.



Sarah & Tate



Erin and Rio

This will be the second attempt for Erin Glassman and her 14-year old 1/2 Arabian PS Arikaree Bask (“Rio”). Successfully completing Tevis in 2017, Erin credits long slow distance training as an important factor in her success. Erin has competed in three 50-mile endurance races this season and between competitions, conditions at local parks. Erin has written about her 2017 finish and you can read about this year’s planning on her blog at [psarabians.com](http://psarabians.com).

Both Erin and Sarah have credited what they have learned in NATRC to being instrumental in readying their horses for this important ride. They will be joined at the competition by many Region 6 friends who will be serving as crew for the teams. In addition, we will be cheering on our Region neighbors Ken Wolgram (3) and Jonni Jewell (4) on the Tevis trail. Lucie Hess is hosting the 2018 Tevis Watch Party on Facebook. Log in here to follow along: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1608724682753129/>

*Good Luck & God Speed from Region 6*

# Region 6 Benefit Ride at Kanopolis

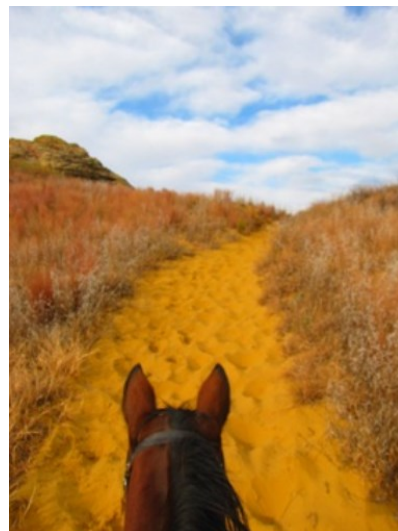
The Kanopolis Canyons NATRC CTR scheduled for October 13-14 is NOW the Benefit ride for Region 6. You can support the Region 6 Benefit ride at Kanopolis Canyons by: entering the ride, donations of snacks and drinks for judges and P&R crews, donations of items for awards, and/or donations of cash. If you would like to donate items, contact Kathy Jackson, Ride Manager at 316-684-7891 or [kathryn9949@att.net](mailto:kathryn9949@att.net).

If you would like to donate cash to support this ride and the region,

make your check payable to Region 6 NATRC, Inc. and mail to Region 6 Secretary/Treasurer Ruth Mesimer, 6818 N Elm Street, Liberty, MO 64068.

Entry fees are now payable to Region 6 NATRC, Inc. instead of to Kathy Jackson and can be paid via PayPal or mail check to Ride Secretary Ruth Mesimer, 6818 N Elm Street, Liberty, MO 64068.

Come and ride the beautiful Kanopolis Canyons and support Region 6.



Vickie White and My Knightmare

## Thinking of You

Our sympathies to **Lucy Hirsch** whose father, Robert Oscar Hirsch, passed away May 26, 2018.

**Vickie White** said goodbye to her longtime competition horse, My Knightmare, this past July 9th.

Described by Vickie as her “horse of a lifetime”, the 21-year old mare was recently diagnosed with lymphoma. Knightmare had 3,820 competition miles and recently earned her Open National Championship in 2014. Vickie is in our thoughts and prayers.

## Mike Colby Remembered

At the recent Hill & Dale ride at the Kansas Hillsdale Lake, longtime NATRC competitor and horsemanship judge, Mike Colby, was remembered with a memorial bench. The plaque near the equine themed bench reads

*Forever In Our Hearts  
Michael W. Colby  
1942-2017  
Donated by NATRC Friends*



Mike’s wife Mary and his children, Robin and Garrett, and their families were in attendance for the presentation given by Sarah Rinne.



Robin, Mary & Garrett Colby & spouses

Mike Colby, inset



# Ride Results

How to read these results:  
 Ride Type: AA=3 day, A=2 day, B1=1 day Sat, B2=1 day Sun / 1<sup>st</sup> # = Horse's Placing / 2<sup>nd</sup> # = Rider's Placing  
 CO = Completion Only / P = Pulled / DO = Distance Only / DQ = Disqualified / a = finished out of the ribbons  
 The official record source for ride results is the NATRC national office. Results published here may be subject to audit.

## Region 6

### Exploring Sand Hills A

Date: April 21-22, 2018 Total Riders: 25  
 Region 6 KS  
 Chairperson: Klamm, Liz  
 Vet Judge 1: Ostrowski, Stephanie  
 Horsemanship Judge 1: Ward, Lin  
 Sweeps Open Horse Wish Upon a Star / Haggood, Kris - 100  
 Sweeps Nov Horse: Kaluha / McNiff, Sandra - 96  
 CP Combo: RW Braveheart / Ginn, Mary

#### Open Heavyweight

1 / 1 Wish Upon a Star / Haggood, Kris

#### Open Lightweight

1 / 1 Halcon / Queen, Kelly  
 2 / 2 Focus Jessie / Smith, Helen  
 3 / 3 RA Calla Lily / Manor, GraceAnn

#### Novice Heavyweight

1 / 1 Kaluha / McNiff, Sandra  
 2 / 2 Skye's not the limit / Eve, Rachael  
 3 / 5 Fiddler 2 / Gautier, Vickie  
 4 / 3 Sailor Shooting Star / McCullough, Chrissi  
 5 / 4 Prima Fortune / Pinkall, Charlotte  
 P / P Taking Over My Heart / Plummer, Michelle  
 z / King's Black Magic R.E. / Kippenberger, Kris

#### Novice Junior

1 / 1 Paraphrase / Eve, Kaylee

#### Novice Lightweight

1 / 1 Nakita Rose / Shively, Joyce  
 2 / 3 Dagger 2 / Brown, Denise  
 3 / 2 CM Bay Malik / Plumer, Joni  
 P / P Journey 5 / Coover, Traci

#### Competitive Pleasure Adult

1 / 4 RW Braveheart / Ginn, Mary  
 2 / 1 Tribute to America / Roberts, Beverly  
 3 / 2 Fives Bert Harlan / Bouska, Alan  
 4 / 3 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger / Altwegg, Noreen  
 5 / 6 Peaches 3 / Koontz, Susan  
 6 / 5 Express's Ghost D / McCullough, Sharon  
 a / a Moe B Quick / West, Sharon  
 a / a Roho Honoy Mocha WH / Zeliff, John  
 a / a KS Franks Banjet / Chaffin, Verona

### EKAHA Hill & Dale A

Date: June 2-3, 2018 Total Riders: 23  
 Region 6 KS  
 Chairperson: Kendall, J. R.  
 Vet Judge 1: Gull, Tamara  
 Horsemanship Judge 1: Green, Jean  
 Sweeps Open Horse: VA Varadelle / Reynolds, Margaret - 92.5  
 Sweeps Nov Horse: Badger Strikes Out / Rinne, Carisa 88  
 CP Combo: Tribute to America / Roberts, Beverly

#### Open Heavyweight

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

2 / 3 Roho Honoy Mocha WH / Zeliff, John  
 3 / 1 Wish Upon a Star / Haggood, Kris

#### Open Lightweight

1 / 4 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret  
 2 / 2 Silver Valley Tate / Rinne, Sarah  
 3 / 3 Cito Mocha Raton / Cleveland, Trish  
 4 / 1 EZ Rocket WH / Stucky, Marla

#### Novice Heavyweight

1 / 1 Badger Strikes Out / Rinne, Carisa  
 2 / 2 Fiddler 2 / Gautier, Vickie  
 3 / 3 Teddy 4 / Struwe, Leeza  
 P / P Kaluha / McNiff, Sandra

#### Novice Lightweight

1 / 2 CM Bay Malik / Plumer, Joni  
 2 / 1 Elena De Vez / Licata, Mary  
 3 / 3 CGR Ladygodiva / Schmalzried, Kristen

#### Competitive Pleasure Adult

1 / 1 Tribute to America / Roberts, Beverly  
 2 / 5 Rushcreek Frontier / Smith, Helen  
 3 / 6 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger / Altwegg, Noreen  
 4 / a Fives Bert Harlan / Bouska, Alan  
 5 / 3 Rushcreek Allie / Messick, Brenda  
 6 / 4 Joone Bugg / Hester, Janis  
 a / 2 RW Braveheart / Ginn, Mary  
 a / a Ladybug 2 / Bergez, Brit  
 P / P Edgewood Amanda / Rush, Barbara

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# Snapshots from the Sand Hills



# Warmer Temperatures at Hill & Dale





# Who's Who of Region 6

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## New Rider Frequently Asked Questions

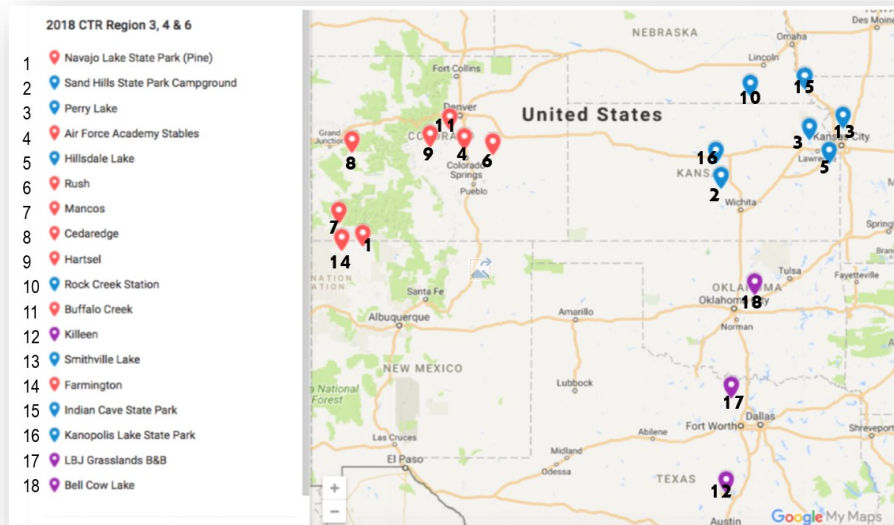
### Q: How fast do we have to ride?

A: In the Novice division, most rides are timed around 3.5 to 4 mph which many horses can do at a walk. To mix it up, you might trot on flat surfaces. You will learn how to keep time and distance of your ride based on the map and check points and know when you have time to meander down the trail or perhaps pick it up a notch. That's what makes it fun! Remember, it is not a race but a timed event.

# Ride Calendar

In an effort to support our sport, we are posting both Region 6 rides and those nearby in other regions. See next page for map overview.

Date	Ride	Ride Manager(s)	Region
Aug. 4-5	Island in the Sky Grand Mesa Nat'l Forest, Cedaredge, CO	Juleen Feazell & Betty Garrett 970.985.1182 bgarrett50@icloud.com	Region 3
Aug. 18-19	Hartsel Springs Ranch CTR Hartsel, CO	Bill Wingle 303.279.1290 wingles@uncert.com	Region 3
Aug. 25-26	PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station Rock Creek Station, Fairbury, NE	Mary Hanson & Tammy Vasa 402.623.4247 tvasa@me.com	Region 6
Sept. 8-9	Colorado Trail Buffalo Creek	Dee Overholt & Deborah Oakes 303.838.7507 homes@deborahoakes.com	Region 3
Sept. 15-16	Wimberly Wayfarer Parrie Haynes Ranch, Killeen, TX	Elaine Swiss 830.825.3032 swissranch@earthlink.net	Region 4
Sept. 15-16	Jesse James Rideout Smithville Lake, Smithville, MO	John Zeliff 660.562.8878 john@springvalleycarriages.com	Region 6
Sept. 22-23	Chokecherry Canyon Farmington, NM	Lonnie Smith 505.330.2232 tsmith@sirmc.net	Region 3
Sept. 29-30	Indian Cave State Park Shubert, NE	Cheryl Bohling 402.269.5625 ccherylhop@hotmail.com	Region 6
Oct. 13-14	Kanopolis Canyon <b>BENEFIT RIDE</b> Kanopolis Lake, Marquette, KS	Kathy Jackson 316.684.7891 kathryn9949@att.net	Region 6
Oct. 20-21	Grassland Gamble LBJ Grasslands, Decatur, TX	Cheryl Edmondson 940.453.0910 prairierider@rafterE3.com	Region 4
Oct. 27-28	No, Kansas Isn't Flat Perry Lake, Topeka, KS	Rhonda Levinson & Vickie White 913.909.2025 rhndlev@msn.com	Region 6
Nov. 3-4	Bell Cow Rendezvous Chandler, OK	Phil Brodersen 918.671.9161 pfbrodersen@earthlink.net	Region 4
Nov. 17-18	Big Hill Rustlers and Renegades—Young Guns Big Hill Lake, Cherryvale, KS	Marsha Hayes or Violet Stich know how to make this ride great for you. mhkansas@me.com and mustangrider121@gmail.com	Region 6



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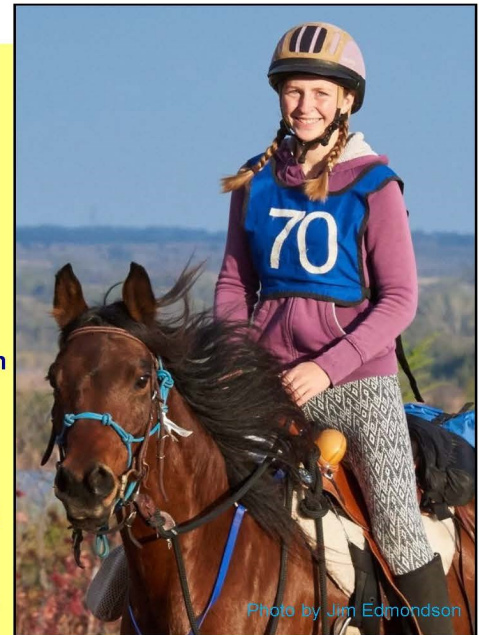
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