

Region 6 NATRC Update
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By John Zelif, Region 6 President

1. As you read about in my earlier email, we are currently working on putting together the 2020 ride schedule for Region 6. Please keep those thinking caps on and consider possible ride locations for us and give serious thoughts as to how you can help make a ride happen.
2. Starting this past summer, a committee from the Region 6 Board of Directors has been working on updating our By-Laws. They will be sharing their suggestions to our membership prior to our Region 6 convention. During convention at our general membership meeting we will then vote on the updates.
3. Huge shout out to Shari Parys for her work with the upgrade to our Region 6 webpage! The new site looks awesome! Thank you Shari! Go check it out at www.natrcr6.org. Make it your default webpage when you open up your browser!
4. Congratulations to Marla Stucky for volunteering to serve and being elected as one of our representatives on the national NATRC board. Thank you Marla! Thank you also to Margaret Reynolds for stepping up and agreeing to serve as our alternate!
5. The 2019 Region 6 Benefit Ride was held the weekend of October 26-27 at Big Hill Lake. Our benefit ride was a success thanks to the efforts of our board members along with many others! Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered, donated their time and/or resources, provided food, sent in a donation even though they couldn't attend, and others I'm probably not remembering at this moment. Our region profited by just over \$1,000!
6. During the 2019 ride season our mentoring committee was very active. Margaret Reynolds, Priscilla Lindsey, and Brenda Messick communicated monthly with our new members and riders and shared helpful information. They also met with new riders at each ride to share their knowledge and answer any rider questions. Many thanks to our mentoring committee!
7. This past summer, Region 6 NATRC received a special donation from one of its members. Tammy Andre recently served as the Worthy Matron for the Hays Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. As a result of her service, Tammy chose to honor our organization with a financial gift from her chapter. Thank you Tammy!
8. The 2020 NATRC National Convention will be held February 14-15 in San Antonio, TX. This year's theme is "Horsing Around in San Antonio". The convention hotel is the beautiful Hotel Valencia located right on the Riverwalk. Hope to see you down there!
9. Region 6 is hosting the 2021 NATRC National Convention in Omaha, NE. Helen Smith is leading our planning committee. Committee members have already been meeting and getting some of the planning in place. They will be reaching out for volunteers as it gets a little closer to convention time. The planning committee will give an update at our regional convention.
10. Thank you to everyone who took a few minutes to complete our Region 6 Convention survey. This year's convention will be the weekend of February 28-29. Members who completed the survey preferred a combination of hands-on and classroom presentations. The Saddle & Sirloin arena was not available but a nearby arena was. The arena and the Saturday morning hands-on

presentations are lined out. We are working on finalizing the afternoon classroom presentations and the convention hotel details. More information to follow. Please let me know if you can help with convention. Volunteers would be very appreciated.

11. EquiFest of Kansas will be held the weekend of March 6, 7, and 8 at a new location in Salina, KS. Region 6 will once again have an informational booth during this expo. We will be looking for volunteers to help work the booth and share information about our sport. I will send out a separate email with the booth schedule and will be asking for volunteers.
12. Region 6 will also have an informational booth at this year's Horse Trail Riding Expo March 21-22 at the Chance Ridge Event Center in Elkhorn, NE. If you haven't been to this expo before, I would highly encourage you to attend. This two-day event features demos, lectures, and competitions. You will also enjoy the specially chosen vendors offering shopping geared toward equine lovers.
13. AmazonSmile program. Those of you who purchase items from time to time on-line and use Amazon might consider using the AmazonSmile program and then designate the North American Trail Ride Conference, Inc. as your charity of choice. When you do, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to NATRC! We have received over \$500 to date. smile.amazon.com
14. NATRC dues for 2020. This is a good time of the year to double check the anniversary date of your dues. Membership dues expire 12 months from your join/renewal date. It is always a good practice to keep one's membership up-to-date and it is also very appreciated!
15. Last summer we sold Region 6 NATRC hats. I think there are just a handful of those hats left from that order. Please let me know if you would like us to re-order some hats or if you have some other items you would like for us to offer. We are open for suggestions.
16. There are still a few tickets available for the NATRC 2020 raffle for Riding Warehouse Gift Cards. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Just call or text our national board members Marla Stucky or Shari Parys and they will get you your tickets. There is a limited supply of tickets, so don't wait too long. The drawing will take place in San Antonio at this year's national convention. You do not need to be present to win. First prize is a \$500 gift card, second prize is a \$300 gift card, and third prize is a \$200 gift card. We have had winners from Region 6 in the past and hopefully that will happen again this year! Good luck!