

DATE: January 1, 2020
TO: Region 6 NATRC Membership
FROM: John Zeliff, Region 6 President
RE: Region 6 Needs Your Help!

We really need to add some more rides to our 2020 ride schedule and we are asking for your help. It would be very appreciated by everyone if we could get some folks to step up and manage a ride. If you haven't managed a ride before, you could always team up with someone. Perhaps you are not riding competitively anymore, what better way to give back to our wonderful sport than to manage a ride just as others previously did for you!

At this time, we have the following rides lined up:

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| April 25-26 | Branching Out Clinic and LeD ride in Nebraska |
| May 16-17 | Honey Creek Clinic and LeD ride in Missouri |
| June 20-21 | Pony Xpress in Nebraska |
| September 12-13 | Jesse James Rideout in Missouri |
| September 26-27 | Indian Cave in Nebraska |

There are a couple more rides in the works, but those plans are not finalized yet.

Region 6 could sponsor your ride if need be so that is not a barrier for anyone. The region can always use a benefit ride(s) each year to help with finances.

Or your ride might be eligible for a NATRC grant through The Ride Management Support Fund. Ride managers, who are NATRC members and need assistance in covering initial ride expenses, can apply for a grant of up to \$1,000. I would be happy to further explain the grant details once you know where and when you plan to manage a ride.

We will be setting aside a block of time during our Region 6 Convention for all ride managers to meet. That way if you are new to managing a ride, those of us who have been managing can answer any questions you might have as well as offer any assistance we can.

Robin Nore maintains the Region 6 ride calendar and is the person you will need to contact to secure a date for your ride. The NATRC national webpage maintains the ride calendar for all regions. That page is not up-to-date at the moment, but it is suppose to be updated in a few days.

There are some great ride venues in just our four-state region. It would be a blast to have some rides at either new locations or at places we haven't been to recently. There are locations we have been using in recent years that are not on our schedule yet as well. I have a list of possible locations however I am confident our membership knows about all of them as well as many other possible sites.

The more rides we have the more fun! I don't think it is unreasonable to have a goal of ten "A" rides in 2020. That would be so much fun! Just think, the more rides we can add, the more time we can all spend sitting around those campfires together. Just yesterday I ordered my Kansas and Nebraska season park passes. I am so ready for our ride season!

OK . . . we need your help! The sooner we can get some rides added the better. Don't wait and hope for someone else to do this. We each need to do our part in order to get this done. So team up with someone and say hey . . . we can do a ride and lets do this!

If you have any questions, thoughts, and or ideas please contact me as soon as possible at John@springvalleycarriages.com or 660-562-8878. Thanks in advance!

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