

## Region 6 Membership Update

September 3, 2020

1. Thank you to Kristen, Beth, Mary, Liz, Summer, and Cindy for responding to my challenge last month with your suggestions and discussions on various ride locations! Thank you to Kristen for letting everyone know about going to Stephens State Forest this weekend. It sounds like the weather is going to be great! We have probably three more months of good riding weather so if you have any plans to go ride and/or camp somewhere do not hesitate to give a shout out to everyone. These “pop up” rides are a great opportunity to check out various ride locations and to be able to spend time on the trail and around the campfire with our NATRC family!
2. The 47<sup>th</sup> Indian Cave ride is scheduled for the weekend of September 26-27! This year’s ride will consist of two LeD rides! One ride on Saturday and a second LeD ride on Sunday. Ride either or both! Indian Cave has wonderful trails with bluffs that will take you above the Missouri River. These bluffs consist of wind-blown loess soil which means there are no rocks and the trails are very barefoot friendly! This historic park boasts rich Native American and fur trade history and was also a stop along the famous Lewis & Clark route. Check out the current ride information page for registration and ride details!
3. 2021 ride schedule – You received an email recently from Gina Kollars, ([natrc6rides@gmail.com](mailto:natrc6rides@gmail.com)) our region 6 ride coordinator, asking for you to reach out to her so we can start filling in the 2021 ride dates. This is a work in progress, and we need your help! Please do not sit back and wait for someone else to step up. You will find managing a ride rewarding with many folks very willing to help. As a rider we benefit from those willing to manage a ride so return that favor by managing a ride. Ten “A” rides is a very attainable goal!

This is an early tentative schedule and will give you an idea of what weekends are currently available. We would like to keep at least 2 weekends between rides if possible. We want to keep everyone informed as we put together our 2021 ride schedule. We would also like to get this schedule put together as soon as possible so we can have our region 6 rides all posted on the national calendar early.

### Tentative Region 6 2021 Schedule

April 10-11	Tally Ho	A, O/N/CP	B1, L	B2, O/N/CP
April 24-25	Jesse James Rideout	A, O/N/CP	B1, O/N/CP/L	B2, O/N/CP/L
May 8-9	Branching Out	Clinic Sat	B1, L	B2, L
May 22-23	Mozingo Lake	Clinic Sat	B1, L	B2, L
June 19-20??	PonyXpress	A, O/N/CP	B1, L	B2, O/N/CP
Sept 11-12??	Panther Creek	??		
Sept 25-26	Indian Cave	A, O/N/CP	B1, L	B2, L

A = 2-day ride (Saturday and Sunday)

B1 = 1-day ride on Saturday

B2 = 1-day ride on Sunday

4. Here is your chance to get involved and to share your talents for the benefit of our region! It is election time for national and region 6 NATRC boards. Ruth Mesimer, our nominating committee chair, has emailed us the details. **Nominations are due September 12<sup>th</sup>!**
5. Nominations for the 2020 Regional Appreciation for National Recognition awards are due to Ruth Mesimer by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Last month I incorrectly said they were due on the 15<sup>th</sup>) Each region may nominate up to three members for recognition. Nominees may be individuals, pairs, or groups such as ride sponsors or clubs. Write-ups are limited to 200 words. The Region 6 Board will decide which nominations will go forward to the National Board. The National Board will then vote to approve them at their November meeting. Due to the cancellation of the 2021 national convention, NATRC will recognize the award winners in Hoof Print and on the national website. Ruth recently sent us all the specific details.
6. There are now 180 NATRC pictures on our Region 6 Instagram account. Have you and/or your horse made it yet? Follow us on Instagram @natrcr6! Be sure to also follow Region 6 on Facebook on our Region 6 NATRC Riders group and our Region 6, North American Trail Ride Conference page. Follow us on Twitter @natrc\_6!
7. Stay current with Region 6 by visiting our webpage at [natrc6.org](http://natrc6.org). If you have not already, I would encourage you to make our Region 6 webpage the startup page for your internet browser.

I hope this finds all of you safe and doing well. Take the time to get some riding in. I found myself earlier this summer concentrating on various projects around the farm that I had been putting off. I have now changed my focus back to enhancing that partnership with my horse. While the completion of those projects was rewarding and the time off from riding was good, it has now made me even more focused on my horse goals!

So, set your goals, keep your focus, and put in the effort to reach them. The satisfaction you will feel when you accomplish your goals will lead you to setting even higher ones!

And don't forget Casey Kasem's signature catchphrase, "Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars."

Safe trails!  
John