

Region 6 Membership Update  
March 1, 2021

1. Ride Schedule Update: Below is our current ride schedule for the 2021 ride season. Since the last update we had to move the White Rock ride to next year. The weather the last few weeks did not cooperate as had been hoped for. As a result, ride management still has not been able to make a site visit and get out on their trails to plan the ride routes. That will take place this summer now in anticipation for a 2022 ride.

The rides are all setup in RMS. All the ride information pages are there except for PonyXpress, Indian Cave, and Sand Hills. Those ride pages should be available very soon. You will also find the ride information pages on our Region 6 webpage. [natrcr6.org/schedule/](http://natrcr6.org/schedule/)

Be sure to thank our ride managers and volunteers for making these ride opportunities available for us! Please sign up and pay a deposit as early as possible for your rides. It makes management's job that much easier when you do.

Support our rides. Participate as a rider, encourage a friend to ride, volunteer at a ride, give a donation to one or more rides, share our ride schedule with other horse folks, or any other way that you can provide support. We will all benefit from these efforts.

## Region 6 2021 Schedule – as of 2/17/2021

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|-------------|---|----------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| April 10-11 | Tally Ho  | KS Helen Smith       | A, O/N/CP  | B1, L        | B2, O/N/CP   |
| April 24-25 | Big Hill Spring Adv   | KS Steve Lindsey     | A, O/N/CP  | B1, O/N/CP   |              |
| May 8-9     | Branching Out   | NE Helen Smith       | Clinic Sat |              | B2, L        |
| May 22-23   | Mozingo Lake  | MO John Zeliff       | Clinic Sat | B1, L        | B2, L        |
| June 5-6    | Kanopolis Canyons   | KS Kollars/Bohling   | A, O/N/CP  | B1, O/N/CP/L | B2, O/N/CP/L |
| June 19-20  | The PonyXpress  | KS Helen Smith       | A, O/N/CP  | B1, L        | B2, O/N/CP   |
| July 10-11  | OPEN  |                      |            |              |              |
| July 23-24  | OPEN  |                      |            |              |              |
| Aug 14-15   | OPEN  |                      |            |              |              |
| Aug 28-29   | Jesse James Rideout   | MO Ruth Mesimer      | A, O/N/CP  | B1, O/N/CP/L | B2, O/N/CP/L |
| Sept 11-12  | OPEN  |                      |            |              |              |
| Sept 25-26  | Indian Cave   | NE NECTRA            | A, O/N/CP  | B1, O/N/CP/L | B2, O/N/CP/L |
| Oct 2-3     | Exploring Sand Hills  | KS Liz Klamm         | A, O/N/CP  | B1, O/N/CP/L | B2, O/N/CP/L |
| Oct 16-17   | Heart of the Ozarks   | MO Mary Licata       | A, O/N/CP  | B1, O/N/CP   |              |
| Oct 30-31   | Hoofbeats in the Hills                                      | KS Levinson/Glassman | A, O/N/CP  | B1, N/L      |              |
|             | (Hoofbeats in the Hills will be the Region 6 benefit ride.) |                      |            |              |              |

### 2022 Ride Season

Nov 20-21 Big Hill Fall Challenge KS Steve Lindsay A, O/N/CP B1, O/N/CP

A = 2-day ride (Saturday and Sunday)

B1 = 1-day ride on Saturday

B2 = 1-day ride on Sunday

2. EquiFest of Kansas is this weekend, March 5-7, in Salina, KS. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with our Region 6 booth. A special thank you to Marla Stucky for setting up and taking down our booth.
3. A big thank you goes to [Christina Lyons](#) for a great job with the most recent issue of our *Region 6 Rally Newsletter*. She is already on the lookout for some more articles from our members for the next issue. If you have a special NATRC story, now is your chance. Also, if you have something for sale, send her the information and she will include it in the next issue.

4. Here is a friendly reminder. Be careful when you reply to an email message, especially one that you have received from a distribution list such as our google group list that we use for Region 6 membership communications. Many of us have probably done it accidentally where we click reply, intending to just send to an individual, but instead our reply goes to the entire distribution list. I know I have. It usually happens to me when I am either in a hurry or trying to multi-task or just simply not paying enough attention. As soon as I realize what I have done, I feel embarrassed. While it is not that big of a deal, it can be a little annoying to those unintended recipients. Thanks for listening! My luck, I will be the next one to accidentally do that again.
5. We need your input on the 2022 rule change proposals. You can view them on our NATRC webpage. Go to [natrc.org](http://natrc.org) and from the homepage move your cursor over the Resources tab and then when the dropdown menu appears select Rule Changes/Proposals under Rules. The vote on changes will occur in July. Please share your input with either Marla or me so we know your thoughts on any or all of these proposals.
6. Have you signed up for this year's NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge yet? The 2021 Virtual Mileage Challenge runs until October 31, 2021. The cost is \$50 per entry and is open to ALL NATRC membership levels. This year there is a new, user friendly submission platform that we will use to log our miles. For more information and to register, go to our NATRC webpage at [natrc.org](http://natrc.org) and click on "NATRC Virtual Challenges" from the opening page and on the next page that opens up click on "Mileage Challenge". Help Region 6 defend last year's national championship.
7. What did you think of the new Riders Manual? I have heard many positive comments. To me, this membership benefit is worth more than the cost of our dues. I already have it downloaded to my devices. If you have not checked it out yet it can be found on our NATRC webpage. Go to [natrc.org](http://natrc.org) and login with your member login. After you are logged in, move your cursor over the Members tab and then when the dropdown menu appears select Rider's Manual under Publications. Download it to all your devices today! You are going to find yourself referring to this manual lots!
8. Set up a reoccurring event in your calendar on the fourth Wednesday of each month (Except November and December) for the NATRC "Let's Ride" Seminar series. Last week's topic was on colic and it was excellent. Two of our NATRC vet judges did an outstanding job, especially as it relates to the care of our horses during a ride weekend. The next webinar will be held Wednesday evening March 24<sup>th</sup> and the topic will center around what to expect at your first NATRC ride. This is a timely topic with the start of a new ride season, especially for potential riders. Look for posts via Facebook and ENews emails with information on how to sign up. If you have missed any of the webinars you can find all the previous presentations in the Let's Ride series on our NATRC YouTube channel.
9. Have you ever considered becoming a Leisure Division Judge? The application requirements for a Leisure Division Judge are as follows:
  - a. Must have completed a minimum of 750 miles in any division.
  - b. Must have fulfilled the duties of horsemanship judge secretary.
  - c. Must have a thorough understanding of the Leisure Division Judge's and Management Manuals.
  - d. Must pass a written exam, and upon completion, must participate in an official Leisure Division Judge's training seminar.
  - e. Upon satisfactory completion of the above, the judges committee may approve the applicant as an apprentice judge.

f. Approved veterinary and horsemanship judges must participate in an official Leisure Division Judge's training seminar before judging the Leisure Division.

Serving as a NATRC judge is a rewarding experience. We are very fortunate in Region 6 to have outstanding Leisure Division Judges. Start the process now and join this excellent group.

10. Follow Region 6 on social media and stay up to date. It will take you awhile but take the time to check out the 364 Region 6 pictures that are currently on our Instagram account by following us on Instagram @natrcr6! Follow Region 6 on Facebook on our Region 6 NATRC Riders group and our Region 6, North American Trail Ride Conference page. We are also on Twitter @natrc\_6! Subscribe to our NATRC (North American Trail Ride Conference) YouTube channel. Here you will find all the NATRC Let's Ride series webinars plus even more. One advantage of subscribing to our NATRC YouTube channel is that you will be notified immediately when additional videos are added to our collection.
11. Have you made our Region 6 webpage ([natrcr6.org](http://natrcr6.org)) your startup page for your internet browser yet? When you do, every time you open your browser, your opening tab will be our Region 6 webpage. It is an easy way to stay current with Region 6!

March is coming in like a lamb! Especially after that last cold spell we just endured. The favorable temperatures this past week has got me started with getting those conditioning miles in. I have a spa day already scheduled with my farrier. I also have an appointment with my veterinarian to vaccinate my horses and get my Coggins pulled on the ones I will be traveling with this summer. I have a conditioning timeline posted on a white board in my tack room. I am logging my miles for the NATRC mileage challenge and also for the Top Trail NATRC group competition. I am focused!

The weather this week is looking good for riding. In less than two weeks we will have another hour of daylight in the evenings as we move our clocks forward. This makes it even nicer for us to get those miles in after school and/or work during the weekday evenings. While we can still have a little more winter weather it sure is nice to be able to take advantage of these warmer days.

I have my ride calendar all planned out. I am hoping to be able to make all our rides, but there may be a couple that I may need to miss due to family obligations. I will just have to see what is going on closer to those ride dates. Regardless, each day I continue to be sure and set aside time to prepare for the upcoming ride season.

That first ride date is just around the corner! Again, please remember to sign up for your rides as soon as possible and encourage as many other riders as you can to join us.

Take advantage of this warmer weather!

Stay safe and stay focused!

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