

## Region 6 Membership Update

April 7, 2021

1. Ride season is here! Our updated ride schedule is posted on the Region 6 webpage [natrcr6.org/schedule/](http://natrcr6.org/schedule/) and all the rides are also setup in RMS. All the ride information pages are there except for the PonyXpress and Indian Cave rides. Those ride pages should be available very soon. You will also find the ride information pages on our Region 6 webpage.

Since the last update we had to unfortunately cancel the Kanopolis ride. We hope to have a ride there in 2022 as that is one of our region's favorite ride location. If you would be willing to manage a ride at Kanopolis next year please let me know.

Be sure to thank our ride managers and volunteers for making all these ride opportunities available for us!

2. Register now! 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. Currently, all 2021 rides are open in RMS except for the PonyXpress and Indian Cave rides. As soon as their ride information pages are complete then those rides will be opened up in RMS as well.
3. Support and promote 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.
4. A fund has been set up to pay the NATRC member ride entry cost of NEW NATRC Junior Competitors for the 2021 ride year. The Donna Keller Memorial New Junior Competitor Ride Entry Fund. The purpose of this fund is to encourage youth (junior riders) and family participation in NATRC competitions. Junior competitors are age 10 as of birthdate through age 17 as of beginning of ride year. For more information contact Ruth Mesimer or any of our 2021 ride managers.
5. Thank you to the Region 6 members who helped with our booth at EquiFest of Kansas. We greatly appreciate each one of you for sharing information about our sport to those attending this year's EquiFest. Thank you to Margaret Reynolds for following up with those individuals who signed up at our booth for more information. We look forward to seeing some of these new folks at an upcoming ride this summer. A special thank you to Marla Stucky for setting up and taking down our booth.
6. The next issue of our *Region 6 Rally Newsletter* will be coming out soon. [Christina Lyons](#) is on the lookout for more articles from our members for this 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 this next issue.
7. 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. These rule proposals will be voted on at the July national board of directors meeting.

8. 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". Region 6 is currently in second place. We need your help so we can defend last year's national championship.
9. Set up a reoccurring event in your calendar for the fourth Wednesday of each month (Except November and December) for the NATRC "Let's Ride" Seminar series. 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.
10. 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.

11. Follow Region 6 on social media and stay up to date. There are currently 401 Region 6 pictures on our Instagram account! Be sure to look for new pictures from this year's ride season 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.
12. 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!

April is finally here and that means it is time for the 2021 ride season to start. It has been a long wait. It seems like it has been forever since we were able to share the trails and campfires together. I am really looking forward to the Tally Ho ride this weekend. A lot of planning and work has gone in to making this ride possible. Please be sure to thank the ride management team that has put this new ride together for us!

The horses will no doubt be a little antsy starting out. Our riders may be a little nervous to begin with. However, it will not take long before that amazing NATRC feeling takes over. All those hours of preparation will soon be rewarded with a feeling of accomplishment between that partnership with our horse.

See you on the trail!

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