

Region 6 Membership Update

July 13, 2021

1. Thank you to those of you who attended and participated in our general membership zoom meeting on June 29th! Much appreciated.
2. Our 2021 Region 6 membership numbers are up! Thank you to everyone who has helped with this increase in membership. We have worked hard with our member outreach through monthly membership updates, our mentoring committee meetings with new riders as well as sending out special emails to all new and potential members, participating and being visible at EquiFest of Kansas and sharing information about our sport, plus we have had two NATRC Clinics and rides this year. Our Region 6 membership total for July of 2020 was 119 and now in July of 2021 that number has increased to 151 members currently! We have 16 individuals who are taking advantage of free memberships this year. I anticipate that number will increase as the second half of our ride schedule starts in a few weeks. Do not let up. It is up to all of us to promote our wonderful sport. Keep pushing! We are headed in the right direction. I look for our membership efforts to soon translate to an increase in the number of riders at our rides as well as an increase in the number of rides we have each year.
3. The 2022 rule change proposals were voted on at the July national board of directors meeting this past Saturday. There were seven proposals voted on and the results are as follows:

Make date of determination of Junior age consistent – passed

Allow membership in multiple regions – passed

Correct region definitions – passed

Clarify limitations for Novice division – passed

Lower age of Junior Competitors - failed

Clarify leg protection allowed in DO and Leisure – passed

Allow additional leg gear during stabling – failed

4. The 25th EquiFest of Kansas just changed their date for next year. It will now be held March 18-20, 2022. It will still be in Salina, KS. Please update your calendars.
5. Please sign up as soon as you can for our remaining rides. Refer to our Region 6 webpage natrcr6.org/schedule/ for our current ride schedule. You will also find the ride information pages there as well. Be sure to thank the following ride managers for making these upcoming ride opportunities possible.

Ride Manager(s)

Ruth Mesimer

Cheryl Bohling

Liz Klamm

Mary Licata and Lucy Hess

Rhonda Levinson and Erin Glassman

Ride

Jesse James Rideout

Indian Cave

Exploring Sand Hills

Heart of the Ozarks

Hoofbeats in the Hills

6. Be on the lookout for additional NATRC 60th anniversary items for sale. I anticipate these new items will be added to our NATRC on-line store around the beginning of August.
7. Be a part of our Region 6 leadership team. October will be election time for national and region 6 boards. As we will vote on our national and regional leadership in October, it is not too early

for Region 6 members to start thinking about running for these positions. Complete information about these elections can be found in the current *Region 6 Rally* newsletter. Serving on these boards is an excellent way to become more involved as well as a great opportunity to “give back” to our favorite sport!

8. Honorary and Appreciation Nominations will be due to our Region 6 committee chair by October 1st. Ruth Mesimer will be emailing you specific information regarding this process. Be thinking now of deserving individuals in our region for the following recognition: Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement, Workers Hall of Fame, National Appreciation, and Regional Appreciation for National Recognition.
9. It is not too late to sign up for the 2021 Summer Virtual Obstacle Challenge Series. Go to our NATRC home page natrc.org and then click on NATRC Virtual Challenges. There are two challenge sets remaining. Each set runs for two months. Any membership level may participate! The fee is \$15 per set. You may choose to do one or both sets. Get signed up and start practicing. The challenges are all very practical skills for all of us and is lots of fun!
10. Have you signed up for this year’s NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge yet? You still can. The 2021 Virtual Mileage Challenge runs until October 31, 2021. To see the current standings as of July 4th, go to the NATRC home page natrc.org and then to the drop-down menu under “Events” and click on “Virtual Challenge Standings”. As of July 4th, Region 6 has four of the top ten riders nationally! Our top ten riders are Margaret Reynolds, Helen Smith, Kristen Johansen, and John Zeliff. Way to represent Region 6!
11. Reminder: 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.
12. We are very close to having 500 pictures on our Region 6 Instagram @natrc6 account! **Send me a picture from one of our rides that you think would make the perfect 500th picture!** Need to hurry, we are already at 493 pictures.
13. Stay up to date with Region 6 by following us on social media.
Follow us on Instagram @natrcr6!
Follow us on Facebook with our Region 6 NATRC Riders group and our Region 6, North American Trail Ride Conference page.
Follow us on Twitter @natrc_6!
Subscribe to our NATRC (North American Trail Ride Conference) YouTube channel.
14. Have you made our Region 6 webpage (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!
15. Important Region 6 Dates:
 - National Convention Planning Committee Zoom meeting July 19th 7:00 PM
 - Jesse James Rideout CTR will be held August 28-29 at Smithville, MO
 - Indian Cave CTR will be held September 25-26 at Shubert, NE
 - Honorary and Appreciation Nominations due by October 1
 - Exploring Sand Hills CTR will be held October 1-3 at Hutchinson, KS

- Heart of America CTR will be held October 15-17 at Tuscumbia, MO
- Hoofbeats in the Hills CTR will be held October 30-31 at Paola, KS
- NATRC National Convention will be held February 25-27, 2022, in Omaha, NE
- The 25th EquiFest of Kansas will be held March 18-20, 2022, in Salina, KS

The next few weeks would be a great time to have some “pop-up” rides. If you have plans on riding somewhere in our region, just give a shout out to our membership via social media and/or our email distribution list. It may work out where a few of us can join you. This would make for a good opportunity to practice together trail “opportunities” or to just being able to get those conditioning miles in and not have to ride alone.

Keep pushing!

John Zeliff, R6 President