



Region 6 Rally

A Message from the President

That Driving Home Feeling Has Returned

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Thank you to Kristin Schmalzried for many of the photos in this issue.

Please submit any ride reports, photos, articles, suggestions or classifieds by August 30, 2021 for a September Newsletter.

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The 2021 ride season is underway, and it feels great. These last two months have brought us four rides as well as two NATRC clinics. After not having our rides last summer due to the pandemic it sure feels good to be out there competing on the trails once again. The rainy weather appears to be happy too as it seems to have picked up right where it left off during our 2019 ride season.

Our rides would not be possible without some very special people. Ride managers make everything possible. Their willingness to put in all the time and effort that is needed for a successful ride is key. Their efforts benefit all of us as riders. We cannot thank our ride managers enough! Another very special group that we all appreciate are our volunteers. They are the "life blood" of our rides. Without them our rides would not be able to function. As riders we cannot thank these special Individuals enough. We need their support and in return we need to support them.

There are not many things that can top that driving home feeling after a ride. As we drive home there is time to for us to reflect on all the events of the past weekend's ride. For me, I think of the time just spent with our NATRC family. I focus on the positive things I was able to accomplish with my horse during the ride. I think of all those little things I did while riding out on the trail that helped increase that partnership bond with my horse. I think of the new friends I just met. And I smile when I think of all the stories I can share with others about a NATRC ride weekend!

Every ride, regardless of the outcome, includes a feeling of accomplishment we should all celebrate. We should never take for granted the opportunity we all have to be able to travel with our horses, ride the trails we do, and to spend time with good people. It just does not get much better than that.

Life is too short, so make sure you are collecting as many of those drive home feelings as you can right now.

#NATRCregion6family #thankourridemanagers #thankourvolunteers



John with Pat Seymour - shared a lot of NATRC stories!

A Message from the Editor

By Christina Lyons

I wrote this for the local newspaper after I returned from Mozingo Clinic and LeD. (I have a regular column for my work.) Hoof Print requested and will be using it, but I wanted to share it with my herd first—since I was writing about you.

Until this weekend, it was the fall of 2019 since I had been able to spend time with my NATRC friends because of Covid. And until this weekend, I had not realized how much I had missed my herd.

NATRC is North American Trail Ride Conference. My horse friends.

I started riding competitively in 2002. I was able to travel with my horse and ride trails in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma and in several Nebraska locations. The weekend adventures were 35 to 40 miles in all types of weather, but I saw sights from the back of my horse that I would have never seen if I had not been involved in the sport.

I always felt like riding through the parks was a spiritual experience for me and felt like I was closer to God on the back of my horse.

Even though I was always physically sore after a weekend ride, I loved being involved. It didn't even matter that sometimes I did not place well. It wasn't about the competition to me.

When I discovered that I was pregnant with my son in 2006, I obviously stopped riding competitively. I was able to keep in touch with my friends through social media and for a couple years, I was only able to watch their continued adventures through photos.

But I missed the time with my

horse and my friends.

I knew that distance riding was not physically possible for me, so I volunteered to help as a judge's secretary. I had no idea what it would entail, but I knew I would be able to spend time with my horse friends. Soon I was volunteering throughout the region and, not only was I good at it, but I had found a way to stay involved with the sport.

In retrospect, being involved with NATRC was about belonging. It didn't matter if I was riding or scribing, I was a part of the sport. My horse friends had become my herd.

This past weekend several people came together in Maryville, Missouri at Mozingo Lake to offer a clinic and a Leisure ride. It is still a competitive ride, but not as physically challenging to the rider and the horse. This option was designed to bring new people into the sport, but for a lot of people, it was an opportunity to return to NATRC after not riding for several years or maybe they are starting a new horse.

The Leisure rides are 10 to 12 miles. There are five opportunities to earn points throughout the ride with obstacles that are judged.

I feel like there are a lot of things people could learn from my NATRC friends. Things that would make our communities better places.

First, NATRC is inclusive. While it would be helpful if you had an interest in horses, if you want to be involved as a rider or a worker, there will be a job for you. It takes a number of volunteers to make a ride or an event possible and no matter the

region, my friends accept everyone with unconditional positive regard.

Second, riders are reminded to be kind and courteous on the trail. I think this is good advice everywhere.

Third, obstacles are referred to as opportunities. With a simple change of words, you can change your attitude.

Finally, I have a judge friend that says she has never met a rider or a horse that she doesn't learn something from. "Never stop learning."

What if we all took that advice?

Find your herd and be involved. Be kind and courteous.



Selfie by Sarah Rinne at Mozingo Clinic and LeD. Christina Lyons—secretary.

Sarah and I have had many adventures with NATRC. (and we worked together as Probation Officers for two years)

I'm so trusting that once she asked me to secretary for a ride she was judging and I didn't ask where until we got in the car. She promised Disneyland! Funny!



From the National Board of Directors

By Marla Stucky



(Editor’s Note: A longer version of this was submitted and published in the February newsletter, however, just as a reminder. A Region 6 general membership meeting is planned for the PonyXpress ride the weekend of June 19-20. As a part of our meeting, we will discuss the 2022 rule change proposals. If you are unable to attend, we would still encourage and appreciate your input on these proposals. The rule change proposals can be viewed on our NATRC webpage. Go to 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. Please share your input with either Marla or John so they 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.)

Here is a short version of the biggest changes:

Memberships in multiple regions – Members wishing to compete and earn awards in multiple Regions can pay an extra membership fee and declare which Regions they will compete for awards in. There will not be voting rights in the added Region.

Lowering the age to 8 – This will allow younger riders, riders 12 and under will be required to ride with an adult, with a limit of two young riders per adult. Riders must be able to care for their horse with minimal assistance.

Allowing standing wraps and compressions socks during stabling - Rationale: We already allow ice boots. These additional options also allow for more choices for horse care and relieve the confusion over which devices are permitted.

There are other changes, most are just to “clean-up” existing rule for easier understanding.

There is a new riders manual on the NATRC website, you can download on to your computer, tablet or phone for easy access, the manual is full of advice and how to do things, as well as history and nice photos, some are of members from Region Six. Check it out!

Paula Riley from Region Five will be doing a ride manager meeting for new and experienced manages, more information to come, watch Facebook for updates.

Good news on insurance used for rides – there will no longer be an age limit for volunteers! The age limits were people under 10 and over 75, ride management will determine if they want to set limits.

Respectfully submitted by

Marla Stucky



Left: Marla and Rocky.

Above: Marilyn Marston and Marla (sisters) Photo courtesy of Helen Smith.

Also left: Did you know Marla makes an incredible “Crack Cookie”?

Save the Date!

February 24-27, 2022
Omaha, Nebraska



2022 NATRC™ National Convention

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Omaha's Downtown/
Old Market Area

Places of interest include the World Famous Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, Union Pacific Railroad Museum, Lauritzen Gardens, and TD Ameritrade Park home of the College World Series

Hosted by Region 6

For updates, check at natrcr6.org
or on Facebook, REGION 6 NATRC Riders



Room Reservations

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Please share this link with anyone who needs to book North American Trail Ride Conference rates. The hotel looks forward to welcoming us!

Group Name: North American Trail Ride Conference

Arrival Date: 24-Feb-2022 --- **Departure Date:** 27-Feb-2022

We'll see you in 2022 in Nebraska, "the good life."



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Honorary and Appreciation Nominations due by Wednesday, October 1, 2021

Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement

Workers Hall of Fame

National Appreciation

Regional Appreciation for National Recognition

PROCEDURE

Brain storm with your fellow region members and prepare write-ups for deserving folks in Region 6. Submit nominations and write-ups to Ruth Mesimer, Region 6 Secretary/Treasurer by October 1, 2021. The Region 6 Board of Directors will review the write-ups and make their decision. **PLEASE**, keep the word limit in mind on each nomination and submit in Word format.

Your national board members receive all of the approved nominations and make their selection at the November 13, 2021 meeting. NATRC presents the awards to the chosen recipients at the following national convention.

CRITERIA

Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award - awarded one time only to an individual. Each region may nominate one NATRC member for the award. The national BOD selects one. The recipient gives a brief speech upon accepting the plaque at the national convention. This award honors Jim Menefee, a favorite judge who was especially encouraging to Novices and first-time competitors. **Write-up limited to 400 words.**

Workers Hall of Fame - one time only to an individual, pair or couple. Each region may nominate one member for the award. The BOD selects one or more at their discretion. **Write-up limited to 400 words.**

National Appreciation Award - each region may nominate one member for this award. The BOD selects three. A recipient can be eligible only once every 3 years. **Write-up limited to 200 words.**

Regional Appreciation Award for National Recognition - each region may nominate up to three members for recognition. Nominees may be individuals, pairs, or groups such as ride sponsors or clubs. **Write-up limited to 200 words.** Ruth Mesimer RuthM9496@gmail.com 816-863-3221

2021 Mileage Challenge Standings**Cumulative Statistics as of May 31, 2021****Top 10 Nationally by Horse**

Rank	Horse Name	Rider Name	Region	Mileage
1	Watch Me Forever	Mindy Kane	2	708.30
2	Lucky Sunday	Regina Broughton	5	654.67
3	Sea Dragon	Lory Walls	2	475.49
4	VA Caradelle	Margaret Reynolds	6	433.81
5	PVA Light 'N the Storm	Kristen Johansen	6	383.10
6	Pa Pa's Alabama Express	Patty Lucas	5	251.14
7	Timber Jac Joe	Anna Beth Lawrence	5	237.40
8	Hungarian Jade aka Romi	Lucy Hirsh	6	221.13
9	Wyntez Buddy	Beverly Roberts	4	219.88
10	Blue's Traveler	Becky Hayes	5	211.28

For more results go to <https://www.natrc.org/natrc-challenge-standings>

Welcome New and Returning NATRC Members!

February to April 2021

New

Rhianna Deselich, Kansas City, MO
Gary Holliday, Topeka, KS
Shawna Palmieri, Manhattan, KS
Bonnie Summers, Millstadt, IL
Tammy Hane, Bonner Springs, KS
Kimberly Loyd, Ceresco, NE
Jen Stalder, Wamego, KS

Returning

Trish Cleveland, Wamego, KS
Andy, Liz, Jason & Ryan Klamm, Hutchinson, KS
Gina Kollars, Arlington, NE
Debbie Payne, Ingalls, KS
Kay Stich, Independence, KS
Violet Stich, Chanute, KS
Kris Wech, Independence, KS
Beth Hurst, Junction City, KS
Sarah Rinne, Filley, NE
Marla Stucky, Salina, KS
Sharon West, Douglass, KS
Maggie Childs, Lawrence, KS
Martha Elmore, Wahoo, NE
Sandra McNiff, Lincoln, NE
Tammy Vasa, Weston, NE



The 2021 NATRC "Let's Ride" Seminar Series" is a collection of interactive talks with question and answer periods about what to expect at a NATRC Event, skills you can use, and various tips and tricks. These are presented by NATRC Horsemanship and Veterinary Judges and Competitors. Visit natrc.org and click on Events. Look for Webinar Schedule and Registration. You can watch past webinars too.

Thank you to Region 6

There are a few things I'm pretty good at, but writing proper thank you notes is not one of them. Even so, that doesn't diminish my appreciation for your sponsorship and more importantly your support as I chase this dream I never thought attainable.

I am forever grateful for you and those like you who make it possible for an old gal and her young horse to celebrate their partnership.

Thank You!

Kelly Queen
& Halcon

Overall Open LW Horse & Horsemanship 2019



2021 Competing Memberships
FREE for 1st-time Members

- Tell your friends
- Tell your clubs
- Tape up some flyers (download from website)
- Even tell strangers

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Tentative Region 6 2021 Schedule

All dates and details are subject to change. Visit natrc.org for up-to-date information, contact information and registration.

June 19-20	PonyXpress	Nebraska	A, O/N/CP	B1, O/N/CP/L	B2, O/N/CP/L
Aug. 28-29	Jesse James	Missouri	A, O/N/CP	B1, O/N/CP/L	B2, O/N/CP/L
Sept. 25-26	Indian Cave	Nebraska		B1 -L	B2 - L
Oct. 2-3	Sand Hills	Kansas	A, O/N/CP	B1, O/N/CP/L	B2, O/N/CP/L
Oct. 16-17	Panther Creek	Missouri	A, O/N/CP	B1, O/N/CP—Saturday	
Oct. 30-21	Hillsdale	Kansas (Region 6 Benefit)		A, O/N/CP	B1, N/L B2, L



Which division is right for me?



		LEISURE	NOVICE	CP	OPEN
Number of Days		1	1 or 2	1 or 2	1, 2, or 3
Shortened 1-day Format		X			
Distance (miles)	1 day	8 - 12	15 - 24	15 - 24	25 - 35
	2 days		30 - 40	30 - 40	50 - 60
	3 days				80 - 90
Average Pace (mph)		3 - 4.5	3.5 - 5	3.5 - 5	4 - 6
Horse Minimum Age		4	4	4	5
Classes		Adult Junior Experienced	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior
Leg Protection Allowed		X			
Judging Observations		Up to 5	Varies	Varies	Varies
Number of Judges		1	2	2	2
Scorecards		1	2	2	2
Scoring Type		Positive	Negative	Negative	Negative
What is Scored	P&Rs/day, scored	1, X	2 (min), X	2 (min), X	2 (min), X
	Trail Ability & Manners	X	X	X	X
	Equitation & Communication	X	X	X	X
	Safety & Courtesy	X	X	X	X
	Soundness	Go / No Go	X	X	X
	Condition	P&R Only	X	X	X
	Tack	Eval+ Safety	X	X	X
	Stabling	Eval Safety	X	X	X
	Grooming		X	X	X
Trail Care		X	X	X	
National Year-end Awards			X	X	X
Mileage Tracked & Awards		X	X	X	X

+ Eval means Evaluate

Take Pride in Your Ride - Come Ride With Us!

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE



Tally Ho, Kansas April 11, 2021

******* Official Results *******

Ride Chair: Helen Smith
Judges: Verona Chaffin, DVM and Priscilla Lindsey
B2 Sunday - N/CP/OTotal Riders: 17

Novice Sweepstakes: Pistol Annie / Kent Wassenberg, 92.5
CP Sweepstakes: EZ Rocket WH / Marla Stucky, 98.5
Open Sweepstakes: VA Caradelle / Margaret Reynolds, 98.5

Horse/Horsemanship

Novice Heavyweight - 3

- 1/1 Pistol Annie / Kent Wassenberg
- 2/3 Kaluha / Sandra McNiff
- 3/2 Jedi / Tammy Hane - ftc

CP Heavyweight- 2

- 1/1 Roho Honoy Mocha WH / John Zeliff
- 2/2 Mariah 3 / Bill Wingle

CP Lightweight - 7

- 1/1 EZ Rocket WH / Marla Stucky
- 2/2 Eduardo el Negrito Knight / Diane Wingle
- 3/3 Wyntez Buddy+ / Beverly Roberts
- 4/5 Kings Mountain Hale Bop / Patti Dollarhide
- 5/- Goodness Gracious / Maggie Childs
- 6/6 Nakita Rose / Joyce Shively
- /4 Cito Mocha Raton / Trish Cleveland

Open Heavyweight - 2

- 1/1 King's Charley R.E. / Kris Wech
- 2/2 L.L. Remington / Marilyn Marston

Open Lightweight - 3

- 1/1 VA Caradelle / Margaret Reynolds
- 2/3 Tres Beau / Jennifer Golden
- 3/2 Hungarian Jade / Mary Anna Wood





Big Hill Spring, Kansas April 24—25, 2021

****** Official Results ******

Judges: Tamara Gull, DVM and Priscilla Lindsey

Ride Chair: Steve Lindsey

A - N/CP/O Total Riders: 13

Novice Sweepstakes: The Rusty / Nikki Wommer, 90

CP Sweepstakes: Halcon / Kelly Queen, 94+

Open Sweepstakes: Focus Jessie / Helen Smith, 93

Horse/Horsemanship

Novice Heavyweight - 3

1/2 The Rusty / Nikki Wommer

2/1 Dolly 3 / RiannaDeselich

3/3 Jakes Mystical Daisy / Marla Ropp

CP Heavyweight-1

1/1 RohoHoney Mocha WH / John Zeliff

CP Lightweight -5

1/4 Halcon / Kelly Queen

2/2 Wyntez Buddy+ / Beverly Roberts

3/5 Nakita Rose / Joyce Shively

4/3 EZ Rocket WH / Marla

Stucky

5/1 Eduardo el Negrito Knight / Diane Wingle

Open Heavyweight - 2

1/2 King's Charley R.E. / Kris Wech

2/1 L.L. Remington / Marilyn Marston

Open Lightweight -2

1/1 Focus Jessie / Helen Smith

2/2 VA Caradelle / Margaret Reynolds

B1 Saturday - N/CP/O

Total Riders: 2

CP Sweepstakes: Cito Mocha Raton / Trish Cleveland, 95

Open Sweepstakes: PVA Light N the Storm / Kristen Johansen, 94

CP Lightweight

1/1 Cito Mocha Raton / Trish Cleveland

Open Lightweight

1/1 PVA Light Nthe Storm / Kristen Johansen

B2 Sunday - N/CP/O

Total Riders: 3

Novice Sweepstakes: Pistol Annie / Kent Wassenberg, 93

CP Sweepstakes: Kings Mountain Hale Bop / Patti Dollarhide, 96

Novice Heavyweight - 1

1/1 Pistol Annie / Kent Wassenberg

CP Lightweight - 2

1/1 Kings Mountain Hale Bop / Patti Dollarhide

2/2 PVA Light Nthe Storm / Kristen Johansen

Region 6 was victorious in the Border War at Big Hill Spring "Handsdown!"



Big Hill Spring, Kansas



Branching Out, Raymond, Nebraska May 9, 2021

***** Unofficial Results *****

Chair: Helen Smith

Judge: Brenda Messick

Leisure Adult - 10

- 1 Cool Like That / Terri MacKeogh
- 2 Decks Tru Grit / Tammy Vasa
- 3 Luna 6 / Ruth Schindler
- 4 Josey / Martha Elmore
- 5 BlackHawk / Vickie Gautier
- 6 Justin's Bey Trey / Laura Hardesty
- 7 Windy V / McCain Vasa
- 8 Butter / Case Vasa
- 9 AlishahsNorus Amir / Katie Pantke
- Pull Canotina Willow / Kimberly Loyd



October Election Time for National and Region 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.

1.) National Board of Director Election

The term of a NATRC director is 3 years. NBOD meetings are held monthly via Zoom and in person during the national convention, usually held in February.

Interested in running for the NATRC National Board of Director position? Contact Ruth Mesimer, Nominating Committee Chair, for application. This election is held by email and/or mail-in ballot. Ballot will be included in the September newsletter, voting to be completed by October 31. The winner of this election will be announced at the November NATRC Board of Directors meeting and the term will begin January 1, 2022.

This year Region 6 will need to fill the NATRC Board of Director, Alternation position. Margaret Reynolds has held this position since 2019.

2.) Region 6 Board of Directors Election

The term of a Region 6 NATRC director is 2 years. Meetings held via Zoom and email.

Terms expiring December 31, 2021 are:

State BOD positions: Tamara Andres, KS / Brenda Messick, NE / Mary Fettes, IA

Two At-large positions: Kristen Schmalzried, MO / Cheryl Bohling, NE

One At-large alternate: Trish Cleveland, KS

One NBOD alternate director: Margaret Reynolds, MO

The above listed people ARE eligible to run for these BOD positions.

Those serving in unexpired terms are:

Missouri State BOD positions: John Zelif

Three At-Large positions: Helen Smith, NE / Marilyn Marston, KS / Shari Parys, NE

One At Large alternate: Kristen, Johansen, IA

NBOD: Marla Stucky, KS / John Zelif, MO

Interested in running for a Region 6 Board of Director position? Submit your Bio sketch of 200 words or less to Ruth Mesimer, Nominating Committee Chair. This election is held by email and/or mail-in ballot. Ballot will be included in the September newsletter, voting to be completed by October 31. The winner of this election will be announced via email in November to the Region 6 Board of Directors and the term will begin January 1, 2022.

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Mozingo Clinic and LeD, Maryville, Missouri May 22-23, 2021

***** Unofficial Results *****

Mozingo Lake, Maryville, MO

May 22-23, 2021

Chair: John Zeliff

Judge: Sarah Rinne

B1 - LeD Total Riders: 9

Leisure Junior - 1

- 1 Frodo de HR / Athena Funk, ftc

Leisure Adult - 6

- 1 Benners Montana Rosebud / Julie Landuyt
- 2 RohoHonoy Mocha WH / Jessica Rodgers, ftc
- 3 Annie Oakley / Melvin Houghton
- 4 Ransom / Kathy Frederick
- 5 BlackHawk / Vickie Gautier
- 6 Houston's Astro / Beth Hurst

Leisure Experienced - 2

- 1 Starbuck KVA / Mary Fettes
- 2 BCW Vega / Verona Chaffin

B2 - LeD Total Riders: 8

Leisure Junior - 1

- 1 Frodo de HR / Athena Funk

Leisure Adult - 6

- 1 RohoHonoy Mocha WH / Jessica Rodgers
- 2 BlackHawk / Vickie Gautier
- 3 Benners Montana Rosebud / Julie Landuyt
- 4 Annie Oakley / Krista Hindsely, ftc
- 5 Houston's Astro / Beth Hurst
- 6 Ransom / Kathy Frederick

Leisure Experienced - 1

- 1 Starbuck KVA / Mary Fettes





Athena Funk, a first time and junior competitor, with her Paso Fino, Hondo. Athena was the first recipient of the Donna Keller Memorial 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.

Athena said she's been riding Hondo for about three years. She said that she had fun and thinks he did too. She's planning to compete again.

On Saturday, during the LeD ride, Athena assisted another rider after a fall. She helped her get back on the horse and continue on the ride. Thank you Athena for being a "Good Samaritan!"



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