

Region 6 Membership Update

August 8, 2021

1. Ride Schedule Update: Due to some issues and circumstances beyond their control, the ride management for the Heart of the Ozarks ride at Panther Creek in Tuscumbia, MO just cannot make this ride happen this year. The ride was scheduled to take place the weekend of October 16-17. This is a prime weekend for a ride and so to keep from losing a ride from this year's schedule we are asking our membership to find someone willing to step up and manage a ride for us that weekend. The ride location can be anywhere. Please contact me by August 15th if you are willing to help us out. If I do not get a positive response back by then we will have to take the ride off this year's schedule.
2. 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
Rhonda Levinson and Erin Glassman

Ride

Jesse James Rideout
Indian Cave
Exploring Sand Hills
Hoofbeats in the Hills

3. It is time to start thinking about our 2022 Ride Schedule. We already have two ride dates confirmed for their corresponding dates from this year. Those rides are the Tally Ho ride and the Mozingo Lake Clinic and Ride. Mary Fettes is our new Region 6 Ride Coordinator. Ride managers need to contact Mary regarding their intentions for 2022 and to secure a date for their ride. I would like to thank Mary for her willingness to fill this important role and ask everyone to support her. Everyone enjoys a full ride schedule. We all need to help make this happen.
4. 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 this month.
5. Congratulations to Margaret Reynolds for submitting the winning picture in our Region 6 Instagram picture contest! Her picture was selected as our 500th picture. Check it out on our Region 6 Instagram @natrc6 account. Tomorrow morning's Region 6 Instagram picture will be number 519!
6. Trail Meister is one of our NATRC Partners. They are the official NATRC trail directory. Each of our remaining Region 6 rides are posted on their webpage. trailmeister.com/events You will also find many useful articles, tips, reviews, horse trails, and videos on their webpage. They even have a section that just demonstrates useful horsemanship knots. Check them out!
7. Free NATRC memberships will again be offered in 2022! The National Board of Directors voted this past week to continue the current free membership offer for first time members again next year!
8. Check out the latest *Hoof Print* that was just posted on our natrc.org webpage. The cover of this Summer Edition features Bev Roberts riding her horse Wyntez Buddy at this year's Region 6 Big

Hill Challenge ride. From the NATRC homepage go to Resources and then select Hoof Print from the drop-down menu. Download it now onto all your devices so that you will have it with you while you are out camping with your horse!

9. NATRC is looking for articles to include in a special 60th Anniversary *Hoof Print*. If you would like to share some good stories from back in the early days of your NATRC adventure, you are encouraged to do so. You may submit your article to me, and I would be more than happy to forward it.
10. The Region 6 Board of Directors approve an updated the Worker Points Report Forms at their July 27th meeting. These updated forms reflect more accurately all the various jobs our members do during the year. Towards the end of our ride season, you will receive these in your email for you to complete and return by November 15th.
11. 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 wonderful opportunity to “give back” to our favorite sport!
12. 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.
13. 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!
14. The NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge standings were just updated tonight as I have been writing this! You can still sign up for this year’s NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge. The 2021 Virtual Mileage Challenge runs until October 31, 2021. To see the current standings as of July 31st, 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 31st, Region 6 still 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!
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. 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!

18. Important Region 6 Dates:

- 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 1st
- Exploring Sand Hills CTR will be held October 1-3 at Hutchinson, KS
- Hoofbeats in the Hills CTR will be held October 30-31 at Paola, KS
- Region 6 Worker Point Forms due by November 15th
- 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

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again as we begin the “second half” of our ride season. We have some great rides coming up. All these rides would not be possible without individuals willing to be ride managers. Nor would we be able to have our rides without volunteers who unselfishly give back to our sport by helping without hesitation when asked. As riders we should all take the time to thank these individuals.

See you on the trails!

John Zeliff, R6 President