

Region 6 Membership Update

September 15, 2021

1. What an exciting October we have planned here in Region 6! I have been looking forward to this ride month since I started those conditioning rides last winter. I cannot wait!

It all gets started the last weekend in September with the longest continuous NATRC ride in the country right here in Region 6! This year's Indian Cave ride will be held the weekend of September 25-26 and will mark the 48th year in a row for our "crown jewel" ride. Located near Shubert, Nebraska, Indian Cave will be a LeD ride only this year. Indian Cave State Park is an amazing ride location boasting rich Native American and fur trade history. These trails will take you high on top of the bluffs that overlook the Missouri River where Lewis & Clark once stopped.

Exploring Sand Hills will be held October 2-3 at Sand Hills State Park near Hutchinson, Kansas. These trails are a lot of fun to ride, and the campground is one of the most modern campgrounds on our schedule.

Autumn Adventure at Big Hill will take place the weekend of October 16-17 at Big Hill Lake near Cherryvale, Kansas. Based upon our membership's input, we were able to keep this ride weekend on our schedule with this new location. I would like to thank everyone who completed our ride survey regarding the location for this ride. Big Hill has one of the best water crossings that will make you smile all weekend long!

Our ride season concludes with Hoofbeats in the Hills the weekend of October 30-31. Located at Hillsdale Lake near Paola, Kansas this ride is our one and only Benefit Ride for Region 6. Your support for this ride will help provide our region with necessary funds for various regional activities including year-end awards, ride support (radios, rider vests, etc.), as well as NATRC awareness. Did I mention Halloween is this weekend? Oh boy....it will be a blast!

Please sign up in RMS as soon as you can for our remaining rides. We will very soon be updating our Region 6 webpage natrcr6.org/schedule/ with the updated 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)	Ride
Cheryl Bohling	Indian Cave
Liz Klamm	Exploring Sand Hills
Kristen Schmalzried	Autumn Adventure at Big Hill
Rhonda Levinson and Erin Glassman	Hoofbeats in the Hills

2. 2022 Ride Schedule – Mary Fettes is our new Region 6 Ride Coordinator. You will be hearing from her soon if you have not already. If you are a current ride manager, make sure Mary knows your intentions for 2022 and to secure a date for your ride. We currently have the following rides tentatively scheduled for next year.

April 9-10, 2022	Tally Ho	Leavenworth, Kansas
May 21-22, 2022	Mozingo Lake Clinic and LeD Ride	Maryville, Missouri
August 28-29	Jesse James Rideout	Smithville, Missouri

We are looking for a location to have a Clinic and LeD ride in Iowa next year. I would like to see our region have four clinics next year. One each in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. After that it would be a wonderful goal to have ten A rides. Everyone enjoys a full ride schedule. Regardless of whether we have ten A rides or six as we ended up this year. We need riders to fill these rides. Clinics will help with this, but we will need all of us to help get new riders involved to make this happen. I have no doubt we can do it.

3. I was anticipating additional NATRC 60th anniversary items for sale long before now. I will be sure to let everyone know when new items are finally added to our NATRC on-line store.
4. Region 6 still has a large inventory of T-shirts. We will be selling them at the next four rides for only \$5 each! Be sure to stock up. These are very nice T-shirts with our Region 6 logo.
5. We have new Region 6 fans for sale! These collapsible fans are perfect to carry with you on your ride to help cool your horse off at those P&R's. Fans are \$5 each and have our Region 6 logo on them along with their own carrying pouch.
6. Look for the next issue of our *Region 6 Rally* newsletter to come out soon. Christina has been doing a wonderful job with our newsletter!
7. Speaking of Christina Lyons, she has stepped up and has agreed to be our new Region 6 Historian. Thank you Christina.
8. Tomorrow morning you will see picture number 554 on our Region 6 Instagram @natrc6 account. There have been some classic pictures! Be sure to follow us on Instagram if you have not already.
9. 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. Have you checked out their section that demonstrates useful horsemanship knots yet?
10. Have you been remembering to read the latest *Hoof Print* on our natrc.org webpage? 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!
11. NATRC is looking for articles to include in a special 60th Anniversary *Hoof Print*. Each region has been asked to share some good stories from back in the early days of NATRC. You may submit your article to me, and I would be more than happy to forward it. The deadline for stories is December 1st.
12. 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!

13. 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. That deadline is getting really close so turn in your nominations ASAP.
14. 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 is still one challenge set remaining. Challenge Set #3 is open now and will close November 7th. Any membership level may participate! The fee is \$15 per set. Get signed up and start practicing. The challenges are all very practical skills for all of us and is lots of fun!
15. 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 August 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 August 31st, Region 6 still has four of the top ten riders and rider teams nationally! Our top ten riders are Margaret Reynolds, Helen Smith, Kristen Johansen, and John Zeliff. Way to represent Region 6!
16. The next NATRC "Let's Ride" Seminar will take place the fourth Wednesday of October. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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!
19. Important Region 6 Dates:
 - 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
 - Autumn Adventure at Big Hill CTR will be held October 16-17 at Cherryvale, 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

Our rides would not be possible without our wonderful volunteers. I was once again overwhelmed by all the positive responses I received as I reached out to many of you to either volunteer or ride in this year's Jesse James Rideout. We are so fortunate here in Region 6 to have so many dedicated members and friends who fill these rolls without hesitating. Our ride managers and volunteers are the life blood and the backbone of our NATRC family. They unselfishly give back to our sport by helping without hesitation when asked. As riders, we cannot thank our volunteers enough. They are for sure very appreciated

Finish this ride season strong! #NATRCregion6
John Zeliff, R6 President