

Region 6 Membership Update

January 3, 2022

1. Sign up today for the 2022 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge. This year's challenge, which runs 1/1/22 until 12/31/22, is on! Year-end awards will be given for the finishers with the highest number of miles at the end of December! NATRC has partnered with Top Trail for this year's challenge. Top Trail will be hosting the challenge, and this year all your rider miles count – training and competition miles! To register go to the [Top Trails NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge](#) page. Rules and procedures are detailed there.

Join in on the fun by signing up now to help Region 6 win this challenge for the third year in a row!

2. Region 6 is the host region for the 2022 NATRC National Convention. This year's convention will be held February 24-27, 2022, in Omaha, Nebraska at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Omaha's Downtown/Old Market Area. We will have our Region 6 awards on Sunday morning of the convention. Please register as soon as you can. Registration and convention information can be found at <https://natrc.org/national-convention> Use group code CESNOR to receive our discounted group rate when making your room reservations.

We are going to need all Region 6 members to be on deck to help with convention. Please register and sign up now for convention. There is a great lineup of speakers and presentations that will not disappoint.

3. Now is the time to renew your NATRC membership! Renew by January 30th and you will be entered to win a NATRC logo item from Custom Ink! Go to natrc.org to renew today!
4. Tentative 2022 Ride Schedule – Mary Fettes, our Region 6 Ride Coordinator, is working hard in finalizing our ride schedule for 2022. Expect to see another update from her very soon. Here is what I have as of 12/16/22.

April 9-10	Tally Ho (A, B, & Sunday LeD)	Leavenworth, Kansas
April 30-May 1	Branching Out (Clinic and LeD Ride)	Raymond, Nebraska
May 21-22	Kanopolis Lake (A, B, & LeD TBD)	Marquette, Kansas
June 11-12	PonyXpress (A, B, & LeD TBD)	Fairbury, Nebraska
June 25-26	Mozingo Lake (Clinic and LeD Ride)	Maryville, Missouri
July 9-10	Pierce Creek (Clinic and LeD Ride)	Essex, Iowa
July 23-24	Big River (A, B, & LeD Ride)	Lexington, Missouri
August 27-28	Jesse James Rideout (A, B, & LeD Ride)	Smithville, Missouri
Sept. 10-11	Whiterock Conservancy (Clinic & LeD Ride)	Coon Rapids, Iowa
Sept. 17-18	Indian Cave (LeD Ride)	Shubert, Nebraska
October 1-2	Big Hill (A, B, TBD)	Cherryvale, Kansas
October 22-23	Stephens Forest (A, B, TBD)	Lucas, Iowa
TBD	Sand Hills (A, B, & LeD TBD)	Hutchison, Kansas
TBD	Hillsdale (A, B, & LeD TBD)	Paola, Kansas

5. The May 21-22 Kanopolis Lake ride will be a Region 6 Benefit ride. All proceeds from this ride will go to support our region.

6. Last year's Region 6 benefit ride at Hillsdale Lake brought in \$1,423.89 for Region 6. Included in this amount were member donations of \$685.00 along with \$122.00 from the silent auction. Thank you to Rhonda Levinson for managing this successful benefit ride and to everyone who donated to this ride.
7. The Region 6 Board of Directors met December 12th via Zoom. The following individuals were elected as our Region 6 officers for 2022.

President	John Zeliff
Vice President	Cheryl Bohling
Secretary/Treasurer	Ruth Mesimer
Recording Secretary	Shari Parys
8. The updated NATRC rule book is now on-line. Download the 2022 edition to all your devices now so you will have this resource with you at all times. Go to our NATRC webpage natrc.org and then move your cursor over to Resources and then click on "Rule Book" under the column labeled "Rules" in the dropdown menu. After the file opens you can download it to your devices.
9. If you have not downloaded the new Riders Manual yet, now is a great time of the year to do that as well. Go to natrc.org and login with your member login. After you are logged in, move your cursor over the Members tab and then when the dropdown menu appears select Rider's Manual under Publications. Download it to all your devices today! You are going to find yourself referring to this manual lots! It has lots of helpful information.
10. This year's EquiFest will be the 25th anniversary of this popular horse expo and will take place in Salina, KS the weekend of March 18-20, 2022. Our region will once again be participating with a NATRC booth. Put this event on your calendar. We will be looking for members to help work our booth. Look for a separate email in the next few weeks with information on how you can help with our booth and receive free admission to this outstanding horse expo.
11. If you purchase items on Amazon, be sure to sign up for the Smile program and support NATRC. It is very simple to do. Just go to smile.amazon.com and designate the North American Trail Ride Conference, Inc. as your charity of choice and when you do, .5% of your eligible purchases go to NATRC. As of December 2021, NATRC received an additional \$73.16 which makes a total of \$1,251.49 received. Every little bit helps, so thank you to those of you who have done this!
12. 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.

13. Stay up to date with Region 6 by following us on social media.
Follow us on Instagram @natrcr6! There are now 644 Region 6 pictures.
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 effortless way to stay current with Region 6!
15. Important Region 6 Dates and upcoming events:
- Sign up for the NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge now.
 - Renew your NATRC membership by January 30th to be eligible for drawing
 - Register now for the NATRC National Convention February 24-27, 2022, in Omaha, NE
 - Region 6 award presentations will be Sunday morning Feb. 27th, 2022, in Omaha, NE
 - Nebraska Trails Expo will be March 12-13 at the Chance Ridge Event Center in Elkhorn, NE
 - The 25th EquiFest of Kansas will be March 18-20, 2022, in Salina, KS
 - Iowa Horse Fair will be March 25-27 at the State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, IA
 - Ozark Spring Roundup will be March 25-27 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield, MO

These past two Decembers sure made for some great late season riding with the milder temperatures. It has also made me look forward to the upcoming ride season even more. We have a very nice 2022 ride schedule that has been put together under Mary's leadership. I am so looking forward to seeing everyone in Omaha at our National Convention. The speakers and presentations will be sure to provide even more motivation for the upcoming ride season. I am excited about the NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge partnering with Top Trail this year. We will be able to instantly see how we compare against other NATRC members from not only our region but every region. The 2022 ride season cannot get here soon enough!

NATRC, it is just plain fun!

Stay focused!
John Zeliff, R6 President

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