

## Region 6 Membership Update

February 7, 2022

1. It is finally time for the 2022 NATRC National Convention! Be sure you are in Omaha, Nebraska the weekend of February 24-27 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Omaha's Downtown/Old Market area. The lineup of speakers and presentations will not disappoint. We will have our Region 6 awards and general membership meeting on Sunday morning. If you have not registered yet you still can but please do that as soon as possible. Registration and convention information can be found at <https://natrc.org/national-convention>
2. I would like to thank the Region 6 Convention Planning Committee and everyone that has been putting in the long hours towards putting this special event together. Their efforts began back in 2019. They had a little time off during 2020 due to COVID causing the convention to be moved up to this year. These past several months this committee has been meeting regularly. They have worked extremely hard, and the results of their efforts is an outstanding convention that will be sure to motivate you for the upcoming ride season!
3. Show your support for our National Convention with the purchase of a Friends of NATRC sponsorship or by doing a little "shopping" at this year's online convention silent auction. That is right. You can purchase items from your living room (or bathroom if that's your shopping place!). You will need to be present to pick up any "physical items" or arrange for a friend to bring them home.

Follow this link to the silent auction site:

<https://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/index.cfm?auctionID=28887>

Check out all the goodies! More items will be added as we get the information.

4. The 2022 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge is up and running. Region 6 is well represented and there is plenty of room for more of our riders to still join the fun. The weather is trying to warm up and it will not be long before all of us will be getting those rides in. Go ahead and sign up today! This year's challenge runs until 12/31/22. 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 to host this challenge. All your rider miles will count – training and competition miles! To register go to the [Top Trails NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge](#) page. Rules and procedures are detailed there.

Follow this link to see the current Regional Rider Leaderboard:

<https://www.toptrailhorse.com/groups/natrc-top-trail-challenge/regional-leaderboard/>

Sign up now and help Region 6 win this challenge for the third year in a row!

5. I recently sent everyone an email regarding our Region 6 booth at this year's EquiFest. This year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this popular horse expo. The location is Salina, KS and it will be held the weekend of March 18-20, 2022. Contact me if you can help work our booth. There are still time slots open each day. Booth workers receive free admission to this outstanding horse expo.
6. Updated Tentative 2022 Ride Schedule – The few changes from last month all deal with LeD rides. Please sign up as early as possible. The rides in bold are the ones that are currently open in RMS for you to sign up to ride. When riders sign up early it is a huge help to management.

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

7. Look for an announcement soon on reserving your rider vest number for the 2022 ride year. We anticipate starting that sign up at national convention.
8. Stay up to date with Region 6 by following us on social media.
  - Follow us on Instagram @natrcr6! There are now 679 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.
9. Have you made our Region 6 webpage ([natrcr6.org](http://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!
10. Important Region 6 Dates and upcoming events:
  - Sign up for the NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge now.
  - NATRC National Convention February 24-27, 2022, in Omaha, NE
  - Region 6 award presentations Sunday morning Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Omaha, NE
  - Nebraska Trails Expo March 12-13 at Chance Ridge Event Center in Elkhorn, NE
  - The 25<sup>th</sup> EquiFest of Kansas March 18-20, 2022, in Salina, KS
  - Iowa Horse Fair March 25-27 at the State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, IA
  - Ozark Spring Roundup March 25-27 in Springfield, MO
  - Tally Ho NATRC ride at Leavenworth, KS April 9-10

The days are trying to warm up. I am looking forward to getting some more riding in this week. Even more so, I am very anxious for our national convention in just a few more days. Convention time is the best time! Excellent presentations, rider and member recognitions, along with meeting other members from all across the country. If you have not attended a national NATRC convention, I would highly encourage you to do so, especially this year since we are hosting it here in our region.

See you in Omaha!  
John Zeliff, R6 President

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