

Region 6 Membership Update

April 25, 2022

1. It is ride week! Come on out to the Branching Out clinic and LeD ride this weekend near Raymond, Nebraska. The campfire will be wonderful whether you are a first-time rider, clinic participant, volunteer, or experienced rider. This is a beautiful ride location and has a fun obstacle course right at the campground. Ride weekends are the best!
2. The Region 6 board recently named Alex Braun to complete Brenda Messick's 22-23 term as the Nebraska state representative on the board. Brenda is moving out of the region. Special thank you to Brenda for all her years of serving and competing in Region 6. You will be missed! Thank you, Alex, for your willingness to serve on our board.
3. Cumulative NATRC rider mileage and horse mileage tables have been updated on the NATRC webpage through the end of 2021. Check out where you and your horse(s) are on these lists. Go to natrc.org and look under the events button. Where will you rank after this ride season? You could use these lists to make some excellent personal goals for this year.
4. Support NATRC through your Amazon purchase. When you purchase items on Amazon, if you have signed up for their Smile program, NATRC will receive a donation from Amazon. To do this, 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 last month, NATRC received an additional \$102.25 which makes for a total of \$1,353.74 received. Every little bit helps, so thank you to all of you who are doing this.
5. If you are not signed up for the 2022 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge, it is not too late to do so! Join the fun today! To register go to the [Top Trails NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge](#) page. Rules and procedures are detailed there.
6. Got your favorite vest number reserved for the 2022 ride year yet? Reserve yours now by contacting Trish Cleveland. The cost is only \$15 per year and allows you to have the same rider number all season. (let me know if you need Trish's contact info)
7. Speaking of vests. The Region 6 board recently approved a proposal by Cheryl Bohling to make new LeD rider vests. Thank you, Cheryl, for all your efforts. We will be looking forward to using these new vests this weekend at the Branching Out ride.
8. Have you completed a minimum of 750 miles in any division? Have you been a horsemanship judge's secretary or would be willing to do so at a ride this summer? Those are two of the requirements for becoming a Leisure Division Judge. The other requirements are to have a thorough understanding of the Leisure Division Judge's and Management Manuals, pass a written exam, and participate in an official training seminar. With the increase in the number of LeD rides and participants in our region, it would be a tremendous help if we had more Leisure Division judges in Region 6 to help carry the load. If you are willing to help, please let me know.
9. How is your creativity? Who's up to creating some humor? Are you a limerick late bloomer? Just set work aside, 'n go for a ride, And come up with a limerick sooner. There you go, a good example provided by Bev Roberts. The summer edition of the *Hoof Print* is looking for your limerick. Submit your entry to Bev.

10. Don't forget: Anytime you see on Facebook, an advertisement for any of our Region 6 rides, please like and share.
11. This year's Region 6 Benefit Ride will be held at Kanopolis State Park near Marquette, KS the weekend of May 21-22. We had some members ride there this weekend and the trails are in good shape. So come on out and join us. We can always use more riders and volunteers. Cannot be there? No problem, you can still support our region by simply sending in your donation in any amount. Marilyn Marston is our ride manager, and she has lots of fun ideas in store for us, including a poker run! This is our region's major fund raiser for the year. It will provide funds to benefit our region in order to do the things we do. The most recent example is our region's new LeD vests! I am looking forward to riding those beautiful trails and supporting Region 6!
12. Updated Tentative 2022 Ride Schedule – Not on the schedule yet is a LeD ride at Randolph State Park in Olsburg, KS that is being planned for a date TBA. 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.

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| April 30-May 1 | Branching Out (Clinic and LeD Ride) | Raymond, Nebraska |
| May 21-22 | Kanopolis Lake (A, B, & LeD Ride) | Marquette, Kansas |
| June 11-12 | PonyXpress (A, B, & LeD Ride) | 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 | 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 |
| TBA | Randolph State Park (LeD) | Olsburg, KS |

13. Volunteer needed. Are you proficient with MS Word? Do you have the ability to stick to a timetable? Are you proficient with proof reading? If you are, then this may be your chance to give back to NATRC. A search is taking place now for a volunteer to compile and coordinate *Hoof Print* content and contributions quarterly. If you are interested or would like more information, please let me know.
14. Speaking of the *Hoof Print*, the spring issue is out! It is another great issue. This edition has an extra amount of member pictures! You can find it at natrc.org under resources and then click on *Hoof Print*. Download it now to all your devices!
15. Check out the 2023 NATRC rule change proposals. They can be found in the spring issue of the *Hoof Print* along with statements for and against. You can also find them on our NATRC webpage under Resources, then under Rules, and then click on Rule Changes/Proposals. Please be sure to visit with either Marla Stucky, or myself regarding these proposals so that we know how we should vote to represent our region.
16. Stay up to date with Region 6 by following us on social media.
Follow us on Instagram @natrcr6! There are now 738 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.

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 effortless way to stay current with Region 6!

18. Important Region 6 Dates and upcoming events:

- Sign up for the NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge now.
- Branching Out Clinic and LeD Ride at Raymond, NE April 30-May 1
- Region 6 Benefit Ride at Kanopolis State Park, Marquette, KS May 21-22
- PonyXpress Ride at Fairbury, NE June 11-12
- Region 6 Convention at Omaha, NE March 24-26, 2023

The long-awaited new ride season is finally underway! Our first ride was so much fun. At the beginning of day one, my horse and I were both a little nervous. By the end of the day, we had both settled into a nice routine. Day two was even better, and by the end of the ride I was already looking forward to our next ride.

I would encourage all of us to support all our rides. IE: Sign up early, bring some friends, come ride, volunteer, donate, learn, help spread the word, encourage others, and just have fun! We are fortunate to have a wonderful group who work hard, are very supportive, and who are fun to be around.

I'm ready for the weekend! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Get those conditioning rides in!
John Zeliff, R6 President

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