

Region 6 Membership Update

May 14, 2022

1. Our Region 6 Benefit Ride is next weekend! It will be held May 21-22 at Kanopolis State Park near Marquette, Kansas. I sure would like to see everyone in Region 6 supporting this ride one way or the other. 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 for 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. The most recent example is our region's new LeD vests! I am looking forward to riding those beautiful trails and supporting Region 6!
2. Have you checked out all the miles that have been submitted to this year's NATRC virtual mileage challenge recently? It is awesome to see all the participation. You can still join in on the fun as it is definitely not too late to get signed up. To register go to the [Top Trails NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge](#) page. Not only is this a lot of fun but it can also be a great motivator to get out there and get those rides in.
3. Christina Lyons is doing an excellent job with our Region 6 Rally Newsletter. She has asked if someone from the ride management team for each ride would send her a couple paragraphs that recap their ride after it is completed. It could as simple as just describing the weather during the ride, the condition of the trails, a funny story that took place, etc. This would be very appreciated and would add to our newsletter ride coverage. Thank you, Christina, for all that you do for us!
4. Do not forget to reserve your favorite vest number for the 2022 ride year by contacting Trish Cleveland now. The cost is only \$15 and will allow you to have the same rider number all season.
5. We could sure use more Leisure Division judges as the number of LeD rides and riders in our region continues to increase. 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. If you are willing to help, please let me know.
6. Plans are being finalized for a summer NATRC Virtual Obstacle Challenge with a June start date and an August end date. Actual dates are TBD. The format would be one challenge set per month for June, July, and August. Each set will have 3 challenges/tasks. Each set will have a theme and a rubric will be created for what the judge will be looking for on each. Plans include two divisions for competition, a mounted division, and an in-hand division. Stay tuned for more exciting information regarding this year's virtual obstacle challenge.
7. Friendly reminder: 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.

8. Anytime you are on Facebook and see a post for any of our Region 6 rides, please be sure to like and share.
9. Support our rides that are Leisure Division only by signing up and/or volunteering. If you have not rode a Leisure Division ride yet, you should. Terrific opportunity to start your next open horse. Leisure division rides are always lots of fun!
10. Updated 2022 Ride Schedule – Please note the date of the new ride at Randolph State Park in Olsburg, KS has been set! Remember to sign up as early as possible for all rides. This is a huge help to our ride managers. The rides in bold are the ones that are currently open in RMS for you to sign up.

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 15-16	Randolph State Park (LeD)	Olsburg, KS
October 22-23	Stephens Forest (A, B, LeD)	Lucas, Iowa

11. *Hoof Print* is the official publication of NATRC. This outstanding publication is looking for a volunteer to compile and coordinate *Hoof Print* content and contributions quarterly. 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. If you are interested or would like more information, please let me know.
12. Remember to 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. The NATRC board will vote on these proposals during their July meeting.
13. Stay up to date with Region 6 by following us on social media.
 - Follow us on Instagram @natrcr6! There are currently 749 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. Make our Region 6 webpage (natrcr6.org) your startup page for your internet browser. 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
- Reserve your rider number for the year
- Region 6 Benefit Ride at Kanopolis State Park, Marquette, KS May 21-22
- PonyXpress Ride at Fairbury, NE June 11-12
- Mozingo Lake Clinic and LeD Ride at Maryville, MO June 25-26
- Region 6 Convention at Omaha, NE March 24-26, 2023

The weather has gone from cool and windy to hot and windy. It will begin to level out soon. Just in time as our ride season is about to get into high gear. The first two rides were so much fun. We have some amazing rides on this year's schedule. I am looking forward to each ride!

Thank you to all our ride managers, volunteers, riders, and everyone who supports what we do.

I am looking forward to the upcoming ride week and seeing everyone at our Region 6 benefit ride at Kanopolis. Please remember to support this important ride with your donations, ride entries, and/or by serving as a volunteer.

Get those conditioning rides in!
John Zeliff, R6 President

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