



## A Message from the President

It is Time!

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A new ride season brings new opportunities. On my way home from this year's convention, I could not stop thinking about the upcoming ride season. After listening to our fantastic convention speakers and spending time with other NATRC members from across the country I was definitely inspired. When I got home that afternoon, the first thing I did was to saddle up and go ride. I know there were others who attended convention that did the exact same thing that afternoon!

This year's Region 6 ride schedule provides us all with an excellent opportunity. We have a nice combination of tried and true ride locations along with new and exciting locations. Thank you, Mary Fettes, for all your hard work in putting our schedule together. Thank you also to all our ride managers for making these rides possible.

With these new opportunities there will no doubt be occasional challenges. Challenges are not necessarily a bad thing unless they are used as an excuse for not reaching a goal. I prefer to use any challenges as motivation instead.

This year, I would like to encourage all of us to support our LeD only rides by coming out and competing in them. It is an excellent way to introduce your next horse to our favorite sport. LeD is also a lot of fun so come on out to these rides as well.

It is time to dewinterize those trailers! See you out on the trails and around those campfires!

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#Let'sride #Itistime



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## Editors Corner

### By Christina Lyons - Editor

“The love of a horse knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.” (Unknown)

Bandit (Bandidato) was a good friend. He had been for 18 years. Longer than I’ve had my son. I’m going to miss his nickers when I arrived to feed him everyday and his soft muzzle when I kissed him.

My sweet Paso Fino gelding arrived on a transport truck late on a frigid night. His short stature was more pronounced when the door opened on the trailer and he was tied next to a Clydesdale. I thought I had just bought a miniature horse, but in the day light he was a real horse. Around 14 hands.

But whatever Bandit lacked in height, he made up for in spirit. All animals and most people have a fight or flight reflex. Bandit was all flight.

One time we were riding near home by a farm that had buffalo. A bull was standing near the ten-foot fence while we were riding by on the road. As he turned to look at us, Bandit became very uneasy. Since I couldn’t settle him from his back, I got off and tried to calm him.

I was unsuccessful and he turned and ran toward home crossing the blacktop. He stopped when he hit gravel again and turned around to look at me with panic as he started back towards me. It was as if he was saying, “What are you doing over there! It’s dangerous!” After I mounted, we rode in the opposite direction of the buffalo, which seemed preferable to Bandit.

A list of other things he spooked at: aluminum cans, other horses, cows, anything shiny on the side of the road or in the trail, and on many occasions – the wind. Bandit hated the wind.

I’ve been thrown more times than I want to admit, but since he was short, it wasn’t that far to the ground.

Bandit was the first trail horse that I owned that I felt safe, which I know is funny since I just admitted that I came off many times.

We traveled a lot of miles together. We rode in Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma, Kansas and Ne-

braska on NATRC rides. We saw things that people would never see if they weren’t on horseback.

We were competing the heaviest while I was in graduate school. I’m convinced that if I hadn’t had my horse and trail riding, I would have spent a lot more money on mental health therapy.

We won a lot of ribbons and mileage patches, but at the end of our time together, none of that mattered. It was the relationship that we had built.

When it was clear that he was no longer enjoying competition, he retired to the quiet of the farm giving small children rides when asked. He was a good friend.

A few weeks before my dad died, Bandit cut his leg in the hitch of an old hay rake. My dad begged the vet to “save that horse. I don’t want her to lose that horse and me at the same time.” We bandaged, soaked and treated, but we didn’t lose Bandit.

At the end, I begged Bandit not to make me chose and he didn’t. We had some good memories and long walks and he passed quietly over the rainbow bridge. I will miss him. He was my friend. He was a part of our family, and we will grieve for him.



At the age of 27, Bandit crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on February 8, 2022. I decided to share this with my NATRC friends because I knew you would understand. We’ve all lost equine friends and we’re never the same—and that’s a good thing!

PS: This photo was taken by my husband when we were doing some farrier work with a throw-on halter.

# NATRC Region 6 2022 Ride Calendar

*First year's membership is free!*



April 9-10	Tally Ho (1-2 day)	Leavenworth, KS
April 30-May 1	Branching Out (Clinic and Leisure)	Raymond, NE
May 21-22	Kanopolis Lake (1-2 day, Leisure)	Marquette, KS
June 11-12	PonyXpress (1-2 day, Leisure)	Fairbury, NE
June 25-26	Mozingo Lake (Clinic and Leisure)	Maryville, MO
July 9-10	Pierce Creek (Clinic and Leisure)	Essex, Iowa
July 23-24	Big River (1-2 day, Leisure)	Lexington, MO
August 27-28	Jesse James (1-2 day, Leisure)	Smithville, MO
Sept. 10-11	Whiterock Conservancy (Clinic)	Coon Rapids, Iowa
Sept. 17-18	Indian Cave (Leisure)	Shubert, NE
October 1-2	Big Hill (1-2 day, Leisure)	Cherryvale, KS
October 22-23	Stephens Forest (1-2 day, Leisure)	Lucas, Iowa

To learn more about competitive trail riding visit

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For more information on rides, and to enter online, visit

[www.natrcr6.org](http://www.natrcr6.org)

Recently Sanctioned: October 15-16      Kansas Flint Hills      Leisure, B1, B2

Chair: Patti Dollarhide      Secretary: Patty Stalder

\*\*\*\*\* Unofficial Results \*\*\*\*\*

Tally Ho, KS - A

4/9-10/2022

Judges: Lucy Hirsch, DVM and Norma Newton

CP/N/O Total Riders: 13

**Horse/Horsemanship**

***CP Heavyweight - 2***

- 1/1 Roho Honoy Mocha WH / John Zeliff
- 2/2 DM's Sweet Chilly Pepper-SC / Bill Wingle

***CP Lightweight - 3***

- 1/2 EZ Rocket WH / Marla Stucky
- 2/3 Kaique Rain / Trish Cleveland
- 3/1 The Missouri Reverend / Diane Wingle

***Novice Heavyweight - 2***

- 6/3 Benners Montana Rosebud / Julie Landuyt
- Pull Anne Oakley / Melvin Houghton

***Novice Lightweight - 3***

- 1/3 Dolly 3 / Rianna Deselich
- Pull Easy Wind Dancer / Laura Coon

***Open Heavyweight - 2***

- 1/1 L.L. Remington / Marilyn Marston
- Pull King's Charley R.E. / Kris Wech

***Open Lightweight -3***

- 1/1 VA Caradelle / Margaret Reynolds
- Pull Magic Player / Mary Anna Wood

CP Sweepstakes: EZ Rocket WH / Marla Stucky, 91.5

Novice Sweepstakes: Dolly 3 / Rianna Deselich, 75

Open Sweepstakes: L.L. Remington / Marilyn Marston, 89

Tally Ho, KS – B2

CP/N/O Total Riders: 4

**Horse/Horsemanship**

***CP Lightweight - 1***

- 1/1 Rushcreek Frontier / Helen Smith

***Novice Lightweight -1***

- 1/1 SDSU Winning Echo / Twyla Reid

***Open Lightweight - 2***

- 1/1 Alumination MCS / Lori McCutchen
- 2/2 Mardigras RA / Cynthia Peticolas

CP Sweepstakes: Rushcreek Frontier / Helen Smith, 98.5

Novice Sweepstakes: SDSU Winning Echo / Twyla Reid, 94.5

Open Sweepstakes: Alumination MCS / Lori McCutchen, 98.5





**Tally Ho, Kansas  
April 9th—10th**



## Branching Out , Nebraska

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April 29 and May 1



### \*\*\*\*\* Unofficial Results \*\*\*\*\*

Branching Out, Raymond, NE – B2

May 1, 2022

Chair: Helen Smith

Judge: Diane Wingle

#### ***Leisure Adult – 6***

- 1 Decks Tru Grit / Tammy Vasa
- 2 Luna 6 / Ruth Schindler
- 3 Fiddler / Kim Rasmussen
- 4 BlackHawk / Vickie Gautier
- 5 Dynamites Pine Stik / Cheryl Bohling
- 6 Rosharon Ashes / Sandra McNiff

#### ***Leisure Experienced – 3***

- 1 Silver Valley Tate / Dwight Hanson
- 2 Focus Jessie / Sarah Smith
- 3 How D Golden Gail / John Zeliff

#### ***Leisure Junior – 1***

Camilla PBJ / Ruby Rinne





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## December 2021 thru March 2022

### Welcome New and Returning Region 6 Members!

#### New

Larry & Sue Ellen Borthwick family, Ulysses, KS  
Lorraine Gee, Holly, MI  
Kristina Mosher, Rothbury, MI  
Angella Sherman, Fenton, MI  
Jodie Barker, Plainville, KS  
Ruby Rinne, Filley, NE  
Mayra Rivera Santana family, Plattsmouth, NE  
Donna Smith, Manhattan, KS

#### Returning

Tamara Andre, Hayes, KS  
Sharon Bailey, Cameron, MO  
Alan Bouska, Junction City, KS  
Trish Cleveland, Wamego, KS  
William Hinkebein, Chillicothe, MO

Patricia, Lysinger, Oakley, KS  
SilaSamo, Kansas City, KS  
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Tammy Vasa, Weston, NE

**Renew your  
membership today  
at [natrc.org](http://natrc.org)**

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!



- ◆ Visit [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) for:
- ◆ Updated Ride Schedule/Events
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- ◆ Virtual Challenges
- ◆ Register for a Ride!
- ◆ So much more!



## In Memory

Mary Hanson

Ithaca, NE

August 18, 1955—January 11, 2022



Dwight and I would like to invite my family and friends to accompany me on my last ride.

I didn't want a funeral or to be buried, I want my ashes to be spread on the Indian Burial Ground north of our house which is planned to become a park.

The procession will be Saturday, July 2, 2022, at 3 pm, from my home to the top of the hill north of the house. There will be a brief ceremony on the hill following the procession. Anyone who would like to say a few words is invited to.

After the ceremony, feel free to hike around on the hill or in the trees and trails, enjoy the view and nature.. Following the ceremony, we will have a barbecue and Wahoo wieners at 5pm.

Tammy Vasa has agreed to set up an obstacle course for the trail riders. This will be in the early afternoon before the procession. After the procession and before we eat, there will be a driving derby. This way you will be able to experience some of my favorite activities.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G9QMG8W> and tell us how many of you will be coming.

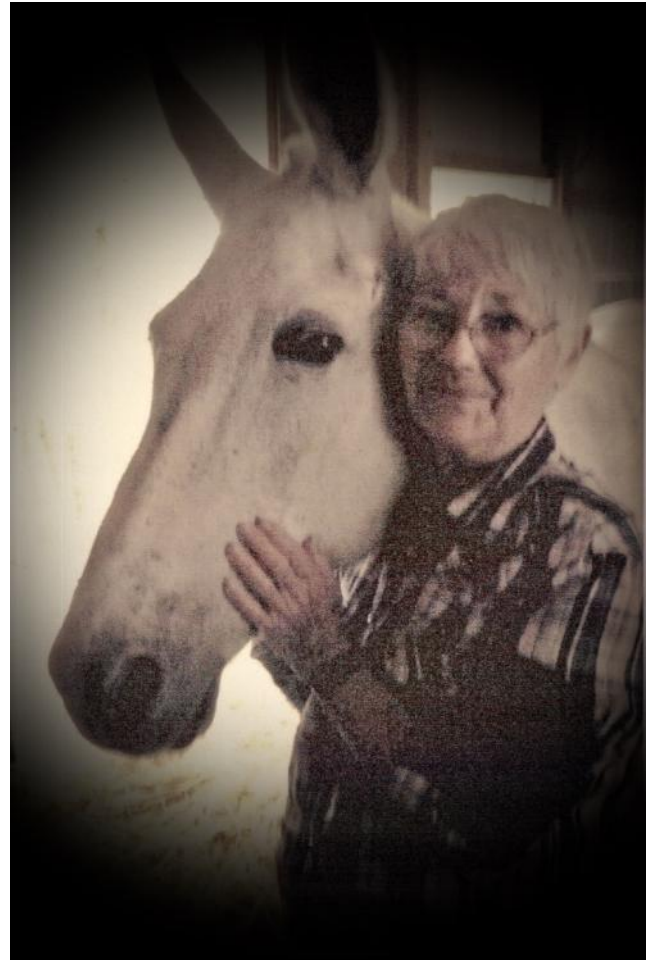
More details of the day are on Mary's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/mary.hanson.714>

“Through the ears of a mule, blow the winds of heaven.” –From an Arab proverb

Marguerite Eleanor Bayles Sloan, 90, died peacefully on April 15, 2022 at her home in Forsyth, Missouri.

A conversation with Marguerite would often switch to the topic of horses and mules, her lifelong passion. In her own words, “I was born loving equine of any kind, and when I learned my dad had a work horse that could be ridden, I was obsessed to ride that horse.” She could remember everything about one’s horse and riding ability. She was an accomplished rider, judge, trainer, and instructor. Her accomplishments and awards were numerous. She won the National Trail Riding Championship in 1992. After retiring to Missouri, she and John enjoyed exploring the local trails around the Mark Twain National Forest. Marguerite continued to ride her beloved mule, Jamie, until just a few years ago, and wrote a book about their adventures together on the trail.

“I’ve spent most of my life riding horses. The rest I’ve just wasted.” –Horse Rider’s Proverb



**Judy Jesse, long time Region 5 & 6 horsemanship judge, competitor, ride manager, trail blazer, National Board member, and friend to many, has departed this world on her new journey.**

# Kanopolis Canyons NATRC Region 6 Benefit Ride

May 20-22, 2022

Come and support Region 6 by riding in the beautiful Kanopolis Canyons.

**Poker run** each day, \$10.00 per hand, you can play more than one hand. Winner at the end of each day.

**Live auction**. We have had several nice items donated. Auction time will be Saturday between potluck and ride briefing.

**Potluck** Friday and Saturday evenings. Bring your favorite dish to share and table service.

Come ride with us, enjoy the beautiful trail at Kanopolis State Park!

See you May 20<sup>th</sup>!

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