

Region 6 Membership Update

March 21, 2023

1. Great news, we picked up one more A ride for this year. Thank you to Cheryl Bohling for stepping up to manage a ride at Big Hill the weekend of October 28-29! This ride will be a Region 6 benefit ride. We will need all hands on deck for this ride to make it a successful benefit ride for our region. It is important that we all contribute either through a ride entry, a donation, or by volunteering. More information will follow, but please be sure to get this ride added to your calendar.
2. I would really like to see at least one more A ride this year. We have a good situation for our riders with the combination of weight classes this year so that they can earn more points. So, let's do not shortchange that with fewer A rides than last year. Please give serious consideration to managing a ride this year. We held a Region 6 board meeting recently to discuss this and how they can eliminate any barriers to managing a ride. We will also be discussing this further at our Region 6 convention this weekend. Contact [Mary Fettes](#) our Region 6 ride coordinator to secure a ride date(s) for this year.
3. This year's Indian Cave ride is a very special ride as this will be the 50th anniversary of this ride. Indian Cave is the longest, continuous NATRC ride at the same location in the country! Indian Cave is looking for old pictures and some good old stories from the past 50 years. If you have attended this ride in the past, please take a journey through your photo albums and send your JPG formatted pics with the year noted and any stories that you would like to share to [Alex Braun](#).
4. This year's Regional Convention is going to be one of the best regional conventions we have done in recent years. NECTRA has put together a fantastic Region 6 convention this year. Convention will be held this weekend March 24-26, 2023, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Omaha, NE. Our convention hotel is in the Old Market area, which is Omaha's most historic, most entertaining neighborhood. We will be recognizing the achievements of our members during this exciting weekend.
5. **If you cannot attend convention in person this weekend, your support is still very important!** Actually, it is probably even more important for you to support our convention in that case. Sponsor one or more of our awards. Make a donation to support the convention to make up for not being able to attend. Everyone can support this year's convention by bidding on our silent auction items. Bidding will all be on-line this year. [Click here for the silent auction](#). Remember.....this is an important part of our convention. It is a fund raiser.....not a garage sale!
6. Reserve your rider vest number for the 2023 ride year by contacting Trish Cleveland. This cost is \$15 per year, and this allows you to keep the same rider number this season. (Trish will be at convention this weekend.)
7. All members are being asked to view the following video regarding the 2023 Pilot Program. This video explains in detail the changes to the horse scorecard. Everyone needs to view this video before their first ride this season. There is also an excellent article on page 20 of the Winter 2022 Hoof Print that provides background information. To watch this video, click on this link: <https://youtu.be/S3Wmm-veYlo>

8. Reminder: Renew your NATRC membership if you have not already done so. We have an exciting year coming up. [Click here to renew.](#)
9. This Wednesday there will be a NATRC Let's Ride Webinar beginning at 7:00 p.m. CDST with Micah Kaza from Top Trail presenting. Her presentation is called Conditioning Motivation: 2023 Top Trail Virtual Mileage Challenge.
10. The 2024 NATRC rule change proposals are now on the NATRC webpage. [Click here](#) to review these proposals. Every region will be holding a zoom meeting for members to provide input regarding these changes. The Region 6 zoom membership meeting will be held on Tuesday April 25th beginning at 7:00 p.m. CDST. The zoom details will be sent to you in a separate email closer to the meeting date. The NATRC board will vote on these proposals during their July meeting.
11. Thank you to everyone who worked our booth at EquiFest and everyone who helped with our NATRC workshop presentation. It was a very good expo this year and we were able to share with a lot of people. The workshop was very helpful. We had decent crowd that attended our presentation, but even more helpful was that our workshop was featured in the EquiFest program that everyone in attendance received and was able to see. We created a large NATRC awareness for sure.
12. Below is the current tentative 2023 ride schedule. Again, we need your help! We really should add at least one and preferably two or three A rides. We need ride managers if we want to go back to Stephens Forest or Big River. It is always fun to add new ride locations as well. It is great that we have five clinics scheduled!

Tentative 2023 Schedule as of 3/20/23

Branching Out (Clinic and LeD Ride)	Raymond, NE	April 22-23
Going Places Together Clinic	Hutchinson, KS	April 28-30
White Rock Conservancy (Clinic and LeD Ride)	Coon Rapids, IA	May 6-7
Kanopolis Canyons (O/N/CP/LeD)	Marquette, KS	June 3-4
Mozingo Lake (Clinic and LeD Ride)	Maryville, MO	June 24-25
Pierce Creek (Clinic and LeD Ride)	Essex, IA	July 8-9
Jesse James Rideout (O/N/CP/LeD)	Smithville, MO	August 26-27
Indian Cave 50 th Anniv Ride (O/N/CP/LeD)	Shubert, NE	Sept 16-17
Region 6 Benefit at Big Hill (O/N/CP/LeD)	Cherryvale, KS	October 28-29

13. As always, stay up to date with Region 6 by following us on social media!
 - Follow us on Instagram @natrcr6! There are currently 884 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:
 - Let's Ride Webinar, Wednesday March 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. CDST
 - Region 6 Convention in Omaha, NE March 24-26, 2023

- Branching Out Clinic and LeD Ride, Raymond, NE April 22-23
- Region 6 Zoom Membership Meeting, April 25th at 7:00 p.m. CDST
- Going Places Together Clinic, Hutchinson, KS April 28-30

Spring is here and the start of our ride season is now very close. I cannot wait. As soon as I get back from convention this weekend I plan to worm and vaccinate my horses, get a Coggins pulled on the horses I will be travelling with and then begin getting those conditioning rides in.

I know I have mentioned this more than once, but it is worth repeating. This year's Region 6 convention is going to be one of our best ever! NECTRA has been working very hard and has put together an excellent program. The "hands-on" workshop, where all of us will come away with our own horse wound care kit that we will each build, will be one of many highlights.

Please make it a priority to attend this year's Region 6 convention! Again, if for some reason you are unable to attend, then please be sure to support our convention. Proceeds from convention are very important to our Region 6 budget.

Looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend.

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