

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE



Summer 2023

Message from the President

Every ride this year has been awesome. Our ride numbers have been outstanding all year and so has the amount of fun we are having at each ride. In the July membership update I thanked our ride managers and volunteers. These folks cannot be thanked too much. They make what we love to do possible. Nominate one or more of our volunteers that you would like to see recognized for one of the Honorary and Appreciation Awards.

I hope you are planning on being at this year's Indian Cave ride September 16-17. This is going to be a very special ride as we celebrate 50 years of NATRC rides at Indian Cave.

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We have three big rides left for this ride season. Get out there and support these rides. Then please help keep the momentum that we have going by helping put together an even better 2024 ride schedule. If you have not been a ride manager, we need you to be. If you have been a ride manager, we need to keep managing. The support is there to make 2024 an even bigger ride year for all of us. So, thank our Region 6

volunteers, ride managers, and judges. They are the best. Then be sure to let all your horse-riding friends know about how much fun NATRC is. Personally invite them to join us at an upcoming ride.

#NATRCfamily

#NATRCfun

#NATRCregion6

John Zeliff, R6 President

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And then be sure to follow me to the next Region 6 ride!

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**Honor the
deserving folks
in the region
with a
nomination!**

Appreciation Awards

The 2023 Honorary and Appreciation write-ups (in Word) are due to Ruth Mesimer at **RuthM9496@gmail.com** by **Monday, October 30, 2023** in **Microsoft Word format**.

- ☐ Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement
- ☐ Workers Hall of Fame
- ☐ National Appreciation
- ☐ Regional Appreciation for National Recognition

PROCEDURE

Brain storm with your fellow region members and prepare write-ups for deserving folks in your region.

Submit nominations and write-ups to your region's BOD for approval by the due date that your Region has set. PLEASE, keep the word limit in mind on each nomination and submit in Word format.

Forward (by a person designated by each region's board) the approved nomination write-ups to the Honorary and Appreciation Chair.

Your national board members receive all of the approved nominations and make their selection at the December 5, 2023 meeting. NATRC presents the awards to the chosen recipients at the following national convention.

CRITERIA

Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award - awarded one time only to an individual. Each region may nominate one NATRC member for the award. The national BOD selects one. The recipient gives a brief speech upon accepting the plaque at the national convention. This award honors Jim Menefee, a favorite judge who was especially encouraging to Novices and first-time competitors. Write-up limited to 400 words.

Workers Hall of Fame - one time only to an individual, pair or couple. Each region may nominate one member for the award. The BOD selects one or more at their discretion. Write-up limited to 400 words.

National Appreciation Award - each region may nominate one member for this award. The BOD selects three. A recipient can be eligible only once every 3 years. Write-up limited to 200 words.

Regional Appreciation Award for National Recognition - each region may nominate up to three members for recognition. Nominees may be individuals, pairs, or groups such as ride sponsors or clubs. Write-up limited to 200 words.

In Memory of Bill Hinkebein

William G. Hinkebein (Bill), oldest son of Sylvester and Stella (Pratt) Hinkebein was born on April 18, 1942 in St. Louis, Missouri and passed away on July 13, 2023 at North Kansas City Hospital.

Bill was the oldest of 7 boys: his brothers are Alvin of Lewisville, Texas; Richard (Kay) of Wentzville, Missouri; Darrell (Debbie) of Nixa, Missouri; Kevin (Valerie) of Farmington, Missouri; Michael of Farmington, Missouri and sister-in-law Agnes Hinkebein of Farmington, Missouri. Other survivors are sisters-in-law Patricia (Robert Biggerstaff) of St. Louis, Missouri, Grace (Dennis Wagner) of Shell Knob, Missouri and brother-in-law Francis Pfaff (Pamela) of Farmington, Missouri. Bill is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.



Bill was raised on a farm outside of Farmington, Missouri with his parents and six brothers. He attended elementary school at Valle Catholic School in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri and later at St. Joseph Elementary and High School in Farmington, Missouri. After high school he attended Flat River Junior College (now Mineral Area Community College) accomplishing his Associate Degree. Bill continued his education at the University of Missouri achieving two BS degrees in Animal Husbandry and Ag Education. He also has his Master's Degree and Specialist Degree in Agriculture Education.

He started his teaching career in Windsor, Missouri from January 1966 to May of 1971 when he moved to Clinton Vocational School, Clinton, Missouri and stayed there until May of 1978. He then moved to Chillicothe, Missouri and taught agriculture at North Central Missouri College (NCMC) located in Trenton, Missouri. He stayed at NCMC as a full time teacher for 25 years and still remained as a part time educator up until his death. When he retired he had accumulated 37.5 years of full time classroom teaching. He enjoyed his students and wanted to instill in them a love of agriculture. Bill started the equine program at NCMC and always hoped to show the fun of riding horses into his students. For over 20 years, Bill and with the assistance of agriculture students at NCMC provided horseback riding classes to handicapped students in Trenton and Chillicothe areas.

On June 18, 1966 Bill married Jeanne Pfaff and to this union four children were born. The oldest William died 30 hours after birth due to being premature. The remaining living children and their families are: Julia Lynn (Jamie Reeter) children Jalynn of Arlington, TX; Josie, Jackson and Jessica of Chillicothe, Missouri; Christopher William (Tiffeny Dominique) Hinkebein daughters Maecy and Marin of Kansas City, Missouri; and Elizabeth Ann (Tony Heil) sons Joseph William (J.W.) and Jacob Edwin of Carrollton, Missouri. Bill and Jeanne spent many hours attending their children's and grandchildren's sporting events, band concerts, play productions, and 4H horse shows and competitions. They consider their family to be their greatest blessing.

In 1985, Bill began showing his horses in the North America Trail Ride Conference (NATRC). Over the years he accumulated over 14,000 miles of competition. He has numerous awards including National Championships on 10 different horses. No one in NATRC has ever achieved this distinction. The successes in NATRC involved an additional minimum of 14,000 miles of training and riding skills needed to attain this level of merit. Two of his greatest achievements was having his daughter, Elizabeth, ride with him and win first place in Region 6 Youth Division. Several years later two granddaughters would ride with him. At the end of the second season Bill, Jessica and Josie attained their National Championships and Jessica was number one in the Nation with Josie being in second place.

Along with NATRC competitions, Bill and his family attended a yearly trail ride held around Duke, Missouri in the beautiful Ozarks. By 2023 the entire family still attends this ride and will be receiving 45 years of attendance award to Bill, his wife, Jeanne and their three living children.

Preceding Bill in death were his parents, brother Gerald Hinkebein of Farmington, Missouri, sister-in-law Vivienne Hinkebein of Lewisville, Texas and infant son, William.

The funeral arrangement: visitation will be from 6 to 8 PM followed with the rosary on August 8, 2023 at Heritage Funeral Home and funeral Mass will be on August 9, 2023 at 11 AM at St. Columban Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Columban Cemetery.

Instead of flowers memorials may be made to: North Central Missouri College Agricultural Department, St. Columban Catholic Church, or Pediatric Cancer Research.

Indian Cave

“This is a very special ride as we celebrate 50 years of NATRC rides at Indian Cave”

The 50th Annual Indian Cave Competitive Trail Ride and Celebration will be held **September 15-17, 2023**. This Region 6 ride, located in southeast Nebraska, is the longest, continuous NATRC ride held at the same location in the country! It is an amazing and challenging ride that will not disappoint! You will ride well-marked and established trails over hills and bluffs that will take you up to an amazing view of the Missouri River below. This year's Indian Cave ride will be a celebration! So please plan on attending to either ride, volunteer, or just come and enjoy the fellowship from several Indian Cave “alumni” who are planning to be there. Remember to send some classic Indian Cave pictures from past rides to [Alex Braun](mailto:alexdouglasbraun@gmail.com) (alexdouglasbraun@gmail.com) We are collecting stories from past rides as well. So, dig through your old picture albums and find those fun pics and put down in words those old stories so we can all enjoy them.

John Zeliff wrote: “This is going to be a very special ride as we celebrate 50 years of NATRC rides at Indian Cave. This is where it all started for our region 50 years ago, thanks to Chuck Edwards who introduced the sport of NATRC to our region. You do not want to miss this event.”



Remaining 2023 Ride Schedule

Make plans to join in on the fun now! If you can't ride—there is always a need for volunteers!

Jesse James Rideout (O/N/CP/LeD)	Smithville, MO	August 26-27
Indian Cave 50th 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

Look for ride results and photos from each ride on the Region 6 Riders Facebook page.

2024 Planned Ride Schedule

Date	Name	Divisions Offered	Location
April 13-14	Tally Ho	O/N/CP	Leavenworth, KS
April 20	Branching Out Clinic	Clinic	Raymond, NE
April 20-21	Branching Out Ride	LeD	Raymond, NE
May 4	White Rock Clinic	Clinic	Coon Rapids, IA
May 4-5	White Rock Ride	LeD	Coon Rapids, IA
June 1-2	Kanopolis Canyons	O/N/CP/LeD	Marquette, KS
TBD	Fort Robinson	O/N/CP/LeD	Crawford, NE
June 22	Mozingo Lake Clinic	Clinic	Maryville, MO
June 22-23	Mozingo Lake Ride	LeD	Maryville, MO
July 6	Pierce Creek Clinic	Clinic	Essex, IA
July 6-7	Pierce Creek Ride	LeD	Essex, IA
August 24-25	Jesse James Rideout	O/N/CP/LeD	Smithville, MO
Sept 14-15	Indian Cave	O/N/CP/LeD	Shubert, NE
Oct 26-27	Big Hill	O/N/CP/LeD	Cherryvale, KS
TBD	Stephens Forest	O/N/CP/LeD	Lucas, IA

Region 6 Convention

The 2024 Region 6 Convention will be held in Salina, Kansas during the **2024 EquiFest of Kansas** horse expo the weekend of **March 14-17**.

Convention participants will be able to enjoy the clinicians and educational workshops offered during this ex-

cellent horse expo. We will also be sure to provide opportunities each day where Region 6 members will be able to be together as a group.

One of the highlights of the convention will be our awards banquet where we will recognize our horse and rid-

ers from the current ride season.

More information and details to follow.



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