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## To Remember To Celebrate!



Well you must all know how much time and effort and energy it takes for each member on your Board to do the things they do...from keeping track of members and finances and events to writing their columns to keep you all informed so our scribe can compile the great newsletters he does. Problem is, we have to sit down and write stuff and the deadlines just seem to come around so quickly. I'm sure you can all identify with that...that the months just come by (or go by) so quickly.

Anyway a few months ago yours truly hadn't completed his contribution for the newsletter. Our scribe, being the diligent and committed Board member that he is, told me if I didn't hurry up and write something he was going to use something written by another president. I found out what our scribe was going to include for this column and it started like this...

*Four score and seven years ago our forefathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.*

What a guy... That scribe of ours, Mr. Segien, never at a loss for words...and always kind but never compromising on his deadlines and that's what a good scribe should do. Well done and I've learned my lesson. Just do what you're supposed to do when it's due...sounds simple enough...

In any case, this whole idea of presidential messages and patriotic thoughts is not too far off the mark this month since our big 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is coming. What a great celebration across our country, and ETI is right there participating in the celebration! Our club will be in the annual Trabuco Canyon parade and don't forget the big barbecue at the Gomez' starting at 4pm until we watch fireworks over the lake from Rancho Santa Margarita at about 9pm. It's a great time to celebrate and remember all who have gone before us, those who continue to this day and those recently passed who have given so much.

I would like to take a moment to comment and reflect on the wonderful life of Tim Russert. As you all know, Tim Russert recently and suddenly died while working in his office at NBC News in our nation's capital. Tim was NBC's Washington Bureau Chief and moderator of "Meet the Press." Tim loved politics, our country and his family. He loved life (Continued on page 2)

*...President's Message (Continued)*

. We don't normally get into political controversy and we're not going to start now, but Tim was simply a remarkable man. He was the kind of guy who embraced his own beliefs, and he was a city-guy from Buffalo, NY but he had the cowboy spirit in him. What is that cowboy spirit? Jeff Hildebrandt says it's "...fightin' for what's right and true." John Wayne said it's "...bein' simple and direct, and believin' in things like liberty."

Tim Russert had his own sayings. Two favorites were, "What a country!" and "Go get 'em!" Tim always wanted to bring the truth to the people in simple language with straight answers. We like that...go get 'em!

That's why he fit in just right when he and his family visited friends at a ranch in Livingston, Montana. And that's why his broadcast journalist words fit in just right with that spirit because those beliefs guided his reporting. Tim Russert was a patriot, and according to Tom Brokaw, a patriot is someone who "...always tries to make things better."

I like that and I hope that we all think about that this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. That we each try to always make things better... So happy birthday America!. Here's to all the good guys and gals workin' together and ridin' together...see you on the trail...

Rich Gomez  
President, ETI 357



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# CORRAL



# CORNER

## TRAIL BOSS REPORT

BY: JEFF KELLY

Today, and today only, I'm believing in that crazy global warming misconception. It's the longest day of the year, the hottest day of the decade, the flies are exploding and it's all George Bush's fault!

I now take this time to thank the tall out of town stranger who prevented me from going out and playing "Napoleon Solo". Accompanied by this gentleman we'll call "John", we set off to the "Towers" which was all new and exciting to him. At the Towers we took a quick break and checked the ponies, and that's always a good thing cause you'll catch something like an Easy Boot twisted 180 bassackwards on the hoof. That was an easy fix but it looked real " Oh My God" at the onset if you know what I mean. Hoof fixed, we descend the north-east side through all the cactus in the world into all the poison oak in the world with a genuine home felt Southern California welcome to the big O.C. contingent of all the flies in the world! And they're exploding!

Trail Maintenance After Action Follow Up Report: Boys - 2, Girls - 3, Hoffman-Homestead Trail - 1,000,000. Next trail day will be in August

What is coming up is the Fourth of July Parade and, on Friday July 18, there is going to be a full moon so, put that in your book for a Full Moon Ride! So it'll be a great full moon ride or a great fools-moon ride or you could get mooned by a rider in full view of all the other riders of the moon who are fully clothed. The possibilities are endless and the point is, on full moon rides...stuff happens! That's FRIDAY, July 18, in the evening we'll figure it out.

## MAU REPORT

BY: DOUG SLAVIN

The Mounted Assistance Unit invites all Corral 357 members to join us in a weekend of camping and trail riding Friday, July 11, 2008 through Sunday, July 13, 2008, at Caspers Wilderness Park, Starr Mesa Equestrian Campground! Caspers is a short trip east on Ortega Hwy.

Campsites are limited! Reservations may be secured on [www.ocparks.com](http://www.ocparks.com). \$15 a night in addition to a \$12 reservation fee.

For those unable to get away for a whole weekend, please consider trailering out and joining us for a Saturday or Sunday trail ride.

MAU members: Riding 'Patrol' in Caspers counts towards your County of Orange Adopt-a-Park and MAU trail riding hours commitment.

Mark your calendars; July 26, 2008 is the MAU ride. We have coordinated with the Irvine Ranch Land Conservancy to participate is a docent lead ride in the Weir Canyon Wilderness Area. The ride begins at 8am and is limited to 10 riders. This is an opportunity to ride in an area of North Orange County that has limited access. If you are interested in signing up for this 'away' ride please refer to the following website link:

<http://www.irvineranchwildlands.org/activities/index.asp?month=7&year=2008&area>

Once you are in the website you will have to go to page 3 to see the ride, it is called 'Equestrian Ride on the Weir Blind Fremont Loop.

Ride Safe and Happy Trails to All!



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Dr. Stew Hales (714) 691-6368	Dr. Mark Secor (949) 661-2225
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Dr. Kirk Pollard (714) 777-3942	Dr. Eckstrom (909) 632-3322



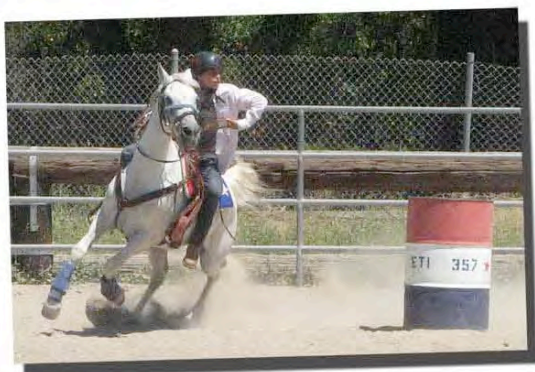
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# ...and that's what *Play Day* is all about...

The kids of ETI 357 planned and hosted our June 21st Play Day.

It was a great success!



# HORSE TALES

BY: JIM, NANCY, & JAMIE SCHICHT

In 2002 my family and I decided it was time to look for the Palomino we had always wanted. It was to replace my first horse, a Sorrel, who had died of cancer. Our first thought was a horse trader located in our area since they have a large number and large assortment of horses. This particular horse trader also leases horses to camps for children, a plus for kid proof rides, which is what we were looking for.

Upon our arrival the owner sized us up to see what type of riders we would be. Out of 200+ head of horses she pulled out two. One was a yellow horse with a kind face, but looked beat up and had bite marks all over as horses do in a herd.

We saddled him up and I rode him around a bit, through water, around flapping scary things and out through the property by ourselves to see how he would react. Both the horse and I were very comfortable together, so I took him back to the ranch and while I was talking to the owner, he put his head under my arm and just stood there. That action sealed the deal and we took him home. We named him Chance as we were “taking a chance on another horse!” Chance was purchased as a 6-year-old ranch horse, but when I had a vet look at him he thought Chance was only 4 and was told he still had 2 more years of growing. Chance is now 15.3 and 1500lbs.

I knew from being around horses for 20 years that he was not a Palomino. His eyes, skin color and hoof coloring were different. I asked around and every opinion I received was that he was a Palomino. A cowboy friend told me back home “We just call him a yellow horse.”

I spent about four months (off and on) on the Internet trying to find his coloring and finally I hit on a color site that had a link to the ICHR. The ICHR site was packed full of information and it fit Chance’s description. My color quest was over. He is a Gold Champagne. I have been searching for Chance’s origins as he has two brands, but have come up with nothing except that he probably originated in New Mexico.

Chance is a traffic stopper and the center of attention. He is a fun horse to own and stands out in a crowd. Chance was used in an advertisement for an outdoor gear company and a clothing store advertisement. They needed a horse that was a good contrast for their black and orange gear. Chance is a character, he opens the other horses stall doors (I have used three different latches). He plays with cones and buckets—throwing them over fences so we can throw them back and I’ve even seen him playing tug of war with my other horses with a cone through the bars. He loves attention and wants to be top dog – well horse. He has a mustache that’s very noticeable (so is mine!). We half expect him to start talking one day- guess the neighbors do too – they call him Mr.Ed! (See photo on page 7)

From our friends at the San Juan Capistrano Equestrian Coalition: <b>FREE</b> Summer Lecture Series <u>All meetings are held on <b>Wednesday</b> and begin at <b>6:30 P.M.</b></u> Bring your own chair to stable location <b>QUESTIONS?</b> Contact Gail Zukow at (949) 489-9318 or <a href="mailto:sjcec@cox.net">sjcec@cox.net</a>			
July 2	<b>Dr. Karen Halligan</b> Author and TV Celebrity	<b><i>Dog, Cat and Horse Micro-chipping : 6:00 pm</i></b>  <b><i>“The Doc is In” Q&amp;A at 6:30</i></b> Location: Tar Farms Stables, 28411 San Juan Creek Road, SJC	Questions you always wanted to ask your small animal vet <b><i>Please all dogs on leash, cats in carrier</i></b>
July 9	<b>Michael Cantor</b> CERT Team Coordinator	<b><i>Introducing San Juan’s Large Animal Disaster Team</i></b> Location: Sycamore Trails Stables 26282 Oso Rd, SJC	Michael Cantor is the coordinator of SJC CERT team- find out how you can get involved in Disaster Response
July 16	<b>Victoria Maxwell, DVM</b> Equine Consultant	<b><i>Equine Degenerative Joint Disease in the Sport Horse</i></b> Location: SJC Community Center 25925 Camino del Avion	Find out how to keep your horse in top best condition
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Susan Johnston</b> Parelli Instructor	<b><i>The Parelli Method</i></b> <b><i>The Key to Understanding Horses: Horsenality</i></b> Location: SJC Community Center 25925 Camino del Avion	Learn how to use the Horsenality Profile Chart, which enables the human to better understand and relate to their horse.
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Krucki Park Ranger	<b><i>Poisonous Plants and Dangerous Wildlife, What’s on your Trails?</i></b> Location: Caspers Wilderness Park 33401 Ortega Highway	Learn to identify poisonous plants and snakes  how to avoid common predators

# TREASURER'S REPORT

BY: ROBERT WILKS

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## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING

May 31, 2008

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$ 8,391.26

### DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After April Closing (From Sensory Clinic & Memberships) \$ 2,635.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$11,026.26

### EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source	Reason	Amount
1001	Cash	Nu Generator	\$ 325.00	1240	S. Siegen	March News	\$ 35.56
1242	Cty Orange	Permit	\$ 65.00	1243	S. Seigen	April News	\$ 97.03
1244	E.T.I.	Memberships	\$ 112.00	1245	D. Kelly	Poker Ride	\$ 35.70
1246	Hodge Badge	Ribbons/PlyD	\$ 414.07	1248	M. Hedgpeth	Clinic	\$ 840.00
1250	Karen Hopkins	Ply/D Food	\$ 160.00	1001	D. Kelly	Clinic Food	\$ 43.16
1241	E.T.I.	Membrships	\$ 188.00				

Total expenses paid in APRIL 2008 (\$2,272.36)

### UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
1247	S. Segien	April Brd Dinner	\$ 30.00	1249	E.T.I.	Mbr'shps	\$ 56.00
1002	E.T.I.	Members	\$ 56.00	1003	S. Seigen	Various	\$ 103.46
1004	E.T.I.	Members	\$ 80.00	1005	Fiona Neslon	Awards	\$ 136.00
1006	Jim Iacono	Shirts	\$ 857.00	1007	4 <sup>th</sup> July Parade	Donate	\$ 150.00
1008	E.T.I.	Members	\$ 80.00	1009	Spike Wilks	Ply/Day	\$ 36.03
1010	Karen Hopkins	Pizza / Play Day	\$ 90.24	1011	D. Geary	Mau Bag Stch	\$ 160.00
1012	Fiona Nelson	Ribbons	\$ 20.75				

Total Outstanding Checks MAY 2008 i.e. Spending: (\$ 1,845.38)

Funds on hand in checking as of 05-31-08 \$ 9,180.88

Petty Cash on Hand as of 05-2008 \$ 400.00

Total Corral FUNDS On Hand at 05/31/08 \$9,580.88

1.- MAU on hand as of 5/31/08 = \$201.56 + \$450bags (Less: Stching[-\$160]= (\$ 491.56)

2.- Six months newsletter expense @ \$110.00 per month: (\$ 660.00)

Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve: (\$1,151.56) \$(1,151.56)

NET - NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to Corral 357 **\$8,429.22**

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY: SHEILA SEGIEN

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## Very Expired (sorry, last newsletter!!)

Priscilla Sasek 4/08  
Dalynn Zampino 4/08  
Sharon Tower 4/08

## Expired

Dale & Sandra Grabinski 5/08  
Rick & Carin Frisby-Hart 5/08  
Jonette Dopson 5/08  
Carol Cutri 5/08  
Chris Pena 6/08  
Pam Ragland 6/08  
Helga Thordarson 6/08

## Expiring

Michelle Prieto 7/08  
Debi Geary 7/08

## WELCOME New Members!!

Larry Brown and family

## Annual Dues:

Individual: \$45.00  
Family: \$70.00 for 2 people, add  
\$8.00 for each additional family member

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Jim Schicht on Chance



# EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM REPORT

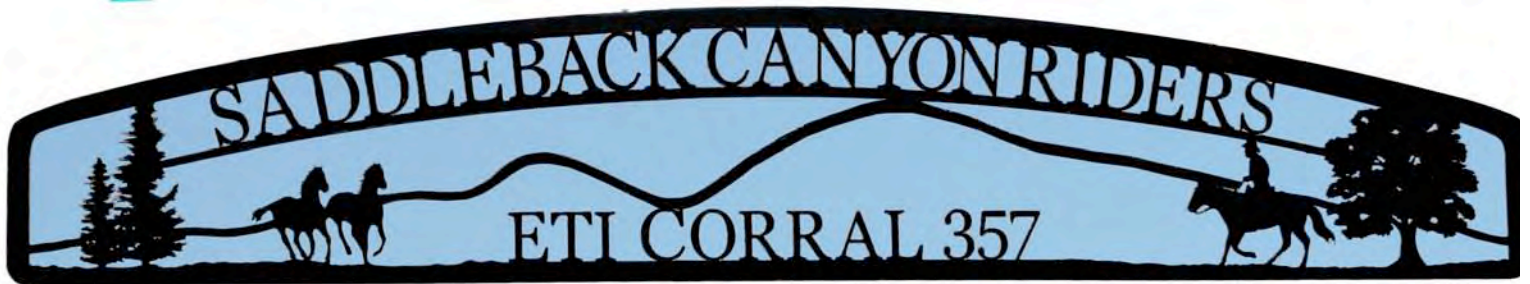
BY: DEBBIE KELLY

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Several members in ETI are involved in an annex group attached to MAU and the Emergency Response Team (ERT). We met with Orange Count Fire Authority and representatives for OC Animal Care in April. The purpose of this meeting was to continue or efforts to officially integrate with Animal Care, and augment their efforts during an emergency in Orange County. We are primarily focusing on large animal evacuation, but with the participation of SCART (Surf City Animal Response Team) located in Huntington Beach, we proposed that smaller, companion animals and their owners would benefit from a volunteer group response group. SCART has numerous resources to quickly respond. Under this proposal all responders will be under the OC Animal Control Incident Command System (ICS). The MAU/ERT had training for ICS in January and it is now an annual requirement. Much of the above information was included in an earlier ETI newsletter, but we wanted to bring everyone up to date. We will be meeting again in July as we decided quarterly meetings would be appropriate. We are hoping to eventually move these meetings to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) where we would also have representatives from that facility. Michelle Prieto, who works at the EOC is currently our ERT/EOC liaison and keeps us informed of the progress being made there.

This is all very exciting and has been a long road. It will likely be even longer, but worth it. Collaborating with Animal Control and the OCFA has been challenging and rewarding. I am flattered at the confidence both agencies have in us, and when it all comes together it will be well worth the time and energy. Thanks again for the support of all ETI members who share in this effort, especially those in MAU. If all goes as planned, you will have a report next month outlining the outcome of the July meeting. In the meantime, stay cool





## WHAT IS ETI?

Equestrian Trails, Incorporated is a family oriented riding club established as a nonprofit corporation in 1944 with the Charter to be "Dedicated to the Acquisition and Preservation of Trails, Good Horsemanship, and Equine Legislation."

With its combined membership, ETI has successfully worked to keep our trails open and add more equestrian facilities. The more members we have backing equine legislation and trail preservation, the more likely the State, County and City Officials will be to comply with our needs.

## WHO ARE THE SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS?

The Saddleback Canyon Riders are ETI Corral 357. Established in 1991, we are the largest ETI corral in California with members from South Orange County and points beyond. We are a family-friendly equestrian group based in Trabuco Canyon at the foot of the majestic Saddleback Mountains. Our Corral is committed to supporting and helping maintain O'Neill Regional Park and other local riding trails.



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