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A Note from the President

By Kristen Holden

As we head into Fall and the pandemic has not let up, it makes me wonder how other organizations like ETI 357 are faring. We have not had a meeting since March; however, I know people are still getting out there to ride. I know Debbie Kelly headed up the Halloween ride this past weekend and other rides have been going on as well. It is nice to see members making efforts to keep the camaraderie of Saddleback alive and well. While I have not had the opportunity to get out there with the group, it is nice to see that others have. Horseback riding does lend itself to the COVID rules of social distancing and being outside but so many other groups are not so lucky.

I am a member of two other women's organizations, and they haven't been as fortunate. Trying to conduct a member's meeting that includes over 75 women via Zoom is virtually impossible. (Pun intended) Both of these groups count on members coming together to create and distribute donation items. COVID has put a stop to almost all the activities. As a result, I haven't seen any of my friends from these organizations since last February.

While the thought of this pandemic continuing into mid 2021 is overwhelming, it makes you realize how precious friendship and family are and that during good times, which there will be again, we need to relish those relationships. I miss my friends and I really miss my family. I haven't seen Cammie in over a year. I can't wait for the day where masks are not required and we can hang out, laugh and remember these times with laughter.





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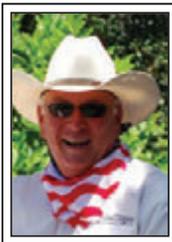
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NFR Heads to the Lone Star State

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The Professional Rodeo

Cowboys Association announced on September 9 that the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo will move to Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas-the new home of Major League Baseball's Texas Rangers for 2020.



everything from his belt buckle to his cowboy hat. But he had earned enough money during a fantastic regular season to claim the bull riding championship by more than \$4,000.



Whether you're bummed that Las Vegas, Nevada, won't be able to host a fan-friendly NFR due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions or you're thrilled to see the "Super Bowl" of rodeo move to the Lone Star State, one thing's for sure: rodeo's biggest stars have a knack for coming up big when the NFR moves to a new site.



For instance, the very first NFR was held in Dallas, Texas, in 1959, and the few rodeo fans who bought tickets that year saw Jim Shoulders and Casey Tibbs win the final world championships of their storied careers. Shoulders picked up both the all-around and bull riding gold buckles that season and won the bull riding average by covering nine of the 10 bulls he drew during the rodeo. Trailing Bob Wegner by a few dollars heading into the NFR, Shoulders won money in six of the 10 rounds to overtake



Wegner and win an oil well that was promised to the cowboy who won the most money in a single event.

Tibbs - who was often credited with dreaming up the NFR idea - didn't have the best finals. He placed in the money in just three rounds and finished 12th in the saddle bronc riding average, and yet still won the gold buckle by a wide margin after a stellar regular season.

Three years later the rodeo moved to Los Angeles, California, and fan-favorite Freckles Brown won his only world title without even competing at the NFR. He was injured in October of that year and was still in a body cast that covered

Skip ahead three more years and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, hosted the NFR for the first time in 1965. A young Oregon cowboy by the name of Larry Mahan won his first world title that year in bull riding. He went on to become the first professional cowboy to win six all-around championships (and picked up two bull riding titles along the way).

It should also be noted that California team roper Jim Rodriguez Jr., made a career out of winning world titles in the first year of a new NFR site. Team roping (and barrel racing) was held separately from the rest of the NFR events for the first three years. Rodriguez claimed world titles in 1959 in Clayton, New Mexico, and in 1960 in Scottsdale, Arizona. He didn't win the following year when team roping conducted in Santa Maria, California, but came back in 1962 to win the gold buckle when team roping was incorporated into the main event in Los Angeles. He won the last of his four world titles three years later when the finals moved to Oklahoma City.

The NFR had a long run in Oklahoma (split between the Jim Norick Arena and the Myriad Arena), but eventually the rodeo moved again finding a "permanent " home in Las Vegas beginning in 1985. A young tie-down roper named Joe Beaver became the fifth cowboy to win a world title in his rookie season when he bested "Super Looper" Roy Cooper by more than \$10,000 that year for the gold buckle. Beaver almost missed the NFR that year because he forgot to enter the rodeo for which heel worked so hard to qualify.

"I guess I figured that thousands of people read in the *[ProRodeo] Sports News*, and if they knew, and I knew, surely the finals committee didn't think I wasn't coming," Beaver wrote in *The Finals: A Complete History of the First 50Years of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo*.

"John [Rothwell] called me that afternoon to ask me if I had entered, and I just about missed my first NFR due to death by heart attack."

Beaver went on to win the first round at his first NFR. He placed third in the average on his way to the first of eight career gold buckles.

Las Vegas has been the NFR's home ever since, and most likely will be again if and when the world finds its way back to more normal times. As it looked to navigate the unique circumstances of a global pandemic. PRCA sent out a survey to rodeo fans this summer. The results confirmed that fans wanted the NFR to take place, and they wanted to be able to attend in person just like many of them have for decades. A PRCA press release on the survey results stated that, "Nearly 80 percent said they would travel to attend the NFR. Given an array of options, most fans prefer to see the event somewhere in Texas."

The survey results were released on August 31 and gave rodeo fans their first real indication that the NFR would be relocating this December.

"Part of what makes Globe Life Field work for us is the ability to bring in fans and deliver the full NFR experience," said PRCA Chief Executive Officer George Taylor in a PRCA press release announcing the move. "We are so pleased to be at this amazing stadium for the most celebrated event on the rodeo calendar. We are committed to delivering a spectacular event for our fans and we are thrilled to be in Texas for it."

Globe Life Field was scheduled to open its doors in March, but its grand debut was pushed back to this summer as a result of MLB delaying the start of its 2020 regular season due to the pandemic. The NFR will be the first non-baseball event held at the stadium as cowboys and barrel racers will compete in a unique arena setup.

Stadium officials have emphasized that recommended health and safety standards are being met. Safety measures will include a mask requirement at all times while inside Globe Life Field, and there will be additional hand-washing and sanitizing stations throughout the building. Seats will be sold in groups of four with separation between groups. Contact-limiting measures, such as using mobile tickets, have been implemented throughout the event.

The PRCA began looking for an alternate venue earlier in the summer. The state of Texas, the Texas Rangers and Globe Life Field stepped up.

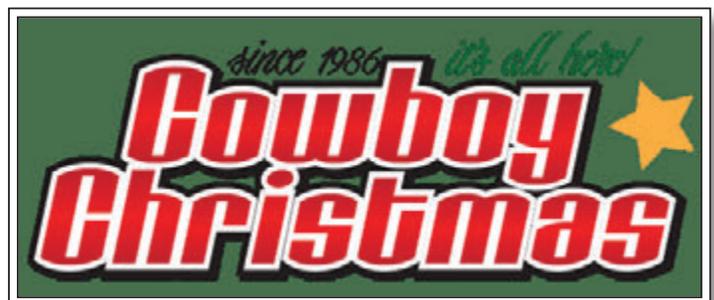
A partnership formed between Texas, Globe Life Field, the cities of Arlington and Fort Worth, the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau, Visit Fort Worth, and the sports commissions of both Arlington and Fort Worth to make the NFR in north Texas a reality.

"The state of Texas knows how to do this," Taylor said. "We've been impressed with how well this has come together for our rodeo cowboys and rodeo fans."

Rodeo fans who can't get to north Texas in December will have a new option for watching the NFR in 2020. The PRCA signed a multi-year television contract with The Cowboy Channel and RFD-TV that began this year. In addition to being available on many cable and satellite providers, The Cowboy Channel offers streaming options that range from 24/7 live access to the channel to an NFR Season Pass that will include a livestream of all 10 NFR performances. For more information on streaming access, visit cowboychannelplus.com.

So, will a young upstart make a name for himself in 2020 as the NFR moves to its new home? Or will a legend of the sport go out with one last hurrah? We'll find out December 3-12 when the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex plays host to the NFR and all of the accompanying events (Cowboy Christmas, the Wrangler NFR Experience, etc.) that fans have come to love.

For more information and updates go to prorodeo.com





Wild and (nearly) Free – The Story of the American Mustang

By Mike Wallace

This month let's look at opportunities for those who wish to obtain a BLM Mustang that has already been started and in some cases, ready to ride.

There are several ways to adopt a BLM Mustang for those who don't feel they have the time or skillset to start a completely untrained horse. In these instances, perspective adopters can look into several excellent options that are available through the BLM Mustang & Wild Burro program.

T.I.P. Program – The T.I.P. or Trainer Incentive Program, which is administered through the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) provides BLM Mustangs to anyone who wishes to take a previously untrained American Mustang and train them in basic handling skills. Mustangs need to be able to be haltered, halter led, trailer loaded, and all four feet need to be picked up for cleaning, shoeing, etc. Many have more advanced training to include clearing obstacles, sensitivity training, and in some cases are ready to receive a saddle (but are not necessarily saddle broke). T.I.P. trainers are required to complete an application as well as a background check and show that their facility meets the requirements for an untrained BLM Mustang. T.I.P. trainers can list their equine charges on Facebook and other social media outlets as well as on their personal sites. The T.I.P. trainer is paid via the Mustang Heritage Foundation for their efforts. Once a qualified adopter has been located, that Mustang may be adopted out to its new owner for the same \$125.00 as an untrained Mustang. One of the additional nice things for the new owner is that they are not required to have the larger 20' x 20" space with 6' high panels that an untrained Mustang requires and can be maintained in a "normal" 12' x 24' five foot high stall.

Extreme Mustang Makeover – The Extreme Mustang Makeover are awesome events that showcase both the ability of the trainer and the BLM Mustang to go from untouched to trained in about 100 days. To quote the Mustang Heritage Foundations Mustang Makeover site; "With approximately 100 days to tame a wild horse

from wild to mild, trainers from across America continue to take the challenge of competing with an American Mustang at Extreme Mustang Makeover events in different U.S. cities. Trainers compete for cash and prizes while displaying the trainability of American Mustangs in hope of finding a suitable adopter or purchaser. The Mustang Heritage Foundation created the Extreme Mustang Makeover event in order to recognize and highlight the value of mustangs through a national training competition that showcases the beauty, versatility and trainability of the rugged horses. After being selected a trainer picks up an American Mustang that has been virtually untouched by humans and has approximately 100 days to gentle, halter break and saddle train, build trust and develop a relationship with the horse to compete and win." Over 4,000 BLM Mustangs have been adopted via the Extreme Mustang Makeover events.





Wild Horse Inmate Programs

The Wild Horse Inmate Program goes by different names in different states, but the idea is similar throughout all of them. These American Mustangs are helping troubled men make a new beginning with an old craft - horse training. The inmates learn new transferable skills that, upon their release, can be used to acquire meaningful employment for them. Entry into these programs is not easy to obtain and inmates are required to maintain strict standards in order to stay in the program. One of my acquaintances who used to run the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center (R3C) program for the County in Sacramento, CA, shared with me that he had more than one inmate who asked that his sentence be EXTENDED so that they could complete the program before their release.

Auctions are held for these Mustangs that have, in most cases, been green broke to saddle and in some cases, have already worked cattle and have been roped off of already. The Arizona Wild Horse Inmate program has also trained BLM Mustangs for U.S. Border Patrol as well as the general public.

List of Wild Horse Inmate Programs

- Canon City Wild Horse Inmate Program
- Northern Nevada Correctional Center
- Arizona Wild Horse Inmate Program
- Hutchinson Correctional Center
- Cason City Wild Horse Inmate Program

- Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center (R3C)
- Kansas Correctional Industries Program
- Wyoming Honor Farm Wild Horse Program

It would take a lot more space to add all the information that is available about the American Mustang. If you are interested in having one of our country's "living Legends" as your own, you can reach out to the [BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program](#), [Mustang Heritage Foundation](#), or [Extreme Mustang Makeover](#). On a personal note, I'm looking for my NEXT BLM Mustang via the Wild Horse Inmate Program. Wish me luck!!





Reminds me of a Story....The Outside of a Horse

By James M. Iacono

Well for months now we have bemoaned all of the negative impacts of the Pandemic. I mean, really, it has sucked. I could go on and poetically attempt to describe all of the things that are missing, but why? You've had to live it, why read about it. In fact, I'm hoping you're reading this because you want to escape, duck out of this bad dream for some fresh air.

And fresh air is what this pandemic has encouraged. Open fresh air, sensible spacing, if you go out, stay out....doors, that is. In the early months of the pandemic, O'Neill Park had never felt so much human contact as it did 7 days a week for several weeks! The beaches were closed for a time, but because of late seasonal rains, the water in Trabuco Creek was running significantly through June. Families gathered in the creek bed of O'Neill, setting up picnics along the banks or on the sandbars carved by the forks of the creek's momentum from Santiago Peak. Children played in the water, and with rocks, but when the horses came in, they were rock stars. Many of these kids were likely from the molded close-knit neighborhoods so prevalent in Orange County. Being out in a true natural environment, as O'Neill abuts the Cleveland National Forest, was something of a new experience. As the children played and splashed, and created dams in the creek, I could sense a gust of giddiness blowing through the canyon. My horses seemed to sense it as well. As children rushed up for a closer look, whoever I was riding stopped, stood still, welcomed, and bent down for a greet. I always carried carrots in my saddlebag, offering them to whomever was willing, who in turn offered them to my grateful horses. It's one of those moments in time that captures the secret to harmonious living... give and take, and both sides are equally elated with their roles.

So not only was all recreation pushed to outdoors, but eating out took on a whole new meaning. Curbside dining became part of our vernacular. It took a few weeks for our local watering hole and eatery, the Rose Canyon Cantina, to catch on. But when they did, they came out with a full commitment. They added picnic tables in the oak trees, a serving widow and pickup station roadside,

and a whole new patio carved from the north end of the parking lot. Add some umbrellas, white rail fencing, some yard ornaments, and you have character cuisine. But curbside also means "horses are welcome". There's a hitching post adjacent to the new patio, but oaks to tie up to as well in other areas. Debbie Kelly and I have rarely missed a Taco Tuesday in the last 4 months. I pass by the cantina on my way home every night, and even if I don't stop for dinner, there are always people milling around, as giddy as the kids in the creek to "want to pet a horse." I always have the carrots to allow for an even deeper bond. The other night, we were walking up the street on a Friday night. There were maybe 5 pods of people checking us out, and Nash just stopped at one pod, and leaned in toward an unsuspecting woman. Nash paused at her neck, letting her pet his face. I gave her carrots, then cookies after that to relay to him. They were both thrilled. But as I turned to go she offered, "You know, that was the best part of my day. Really. My day hasn't been very good."

So did Nash know? I once rode Sultan down the road and ran into a mother and her adult daughter in the Cantina parking lot. They asked if they could pet him, and Sultan dipped his head and brushed against the daughter's mid-section. "Oh, he knows she's pregnant gushed the mother." Yes perhaps.

I recently saw an article from The Atlantic entitled, "Horses can read human facial expressions." It discusses a University of Sussex Research paper that involved showing huge photographs of angry faces, and then smiling faces, with all the facial expression nuances of each emotion. The results showed that the horses were able to distinguish between the two expressions and what they meant. The horses tended to look at the angry faces out of their left eye—a response well-documented in horses and in dogs, indicating that an animal is engaging the right hemisphere of its



brain where novel and fear-provoking stimuli are processed. The horses' heart rates also rose more quickly when they were presented with an angry face. The article also talks about how it probably goes back thousands of years when they traveled in small pods of 5-10. They are used to the social dynamic and how to read it. Now, humans are just becoming part of the herd. The authors speculated that horses may simply have been applying an ancestral ability to read the facial expressions of their own species "onto a morphologically different species."

But thanks to the protocols required due to the pandemic, people are coming out... out to the park, out to the trails, out of the restaurants, and joining the herd. There's the old WC Fields quote that I have been getting to see in action, some 100 years later. "The best thing for the inside of a person, is the outside of a horse." If you haven't taken your ride over to the Cantina, be sure to do it soon. Bring some carrots. You'll see some smiles. You'll leave with one too.



Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

ETI - CORRAL 357 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: September 30, 2020

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$ 7,977.40

DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After September 2020 Closing: \$ 0.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$ 7,977.40

EXPENSES:

CK#	Source	Reason	Amount
Total expenses paid in September 2020:			\$ (0.00)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

CK#	Source	Reason	Amount
Total Outstanding Checks September - 2020 i.e. Spending:			\$ (0.00)
Funds on hand in checking as of		9-30-2020	\$ 7,977.40
Petty Cash on Hand as of		9-30-2020	\$ 400.00
Corral FUNDS On Hand at		9-30-2020	\$ 8,377.40
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Membership renews due:

Diane Carter expired 8/1/2020

Patti Gretzler expired 6/1/2020

Kristen Holden expired 8/12/2020

Janel Meric expired 6/23/2020

Krista Maus expired 8/10/2020

Renate Soderstrom expired 5/10/2020

Jim and Sue Corley expired 4/1/2020



Riding Into Autumn

By Debbie Kelly

I have always welcomed Fall. This year was no exception considering the extreme heat that we experienced most of the summer. That weather usually continues well into October and this year was no exception. Adding the hot weather to the social distancing guidelines, our club has not

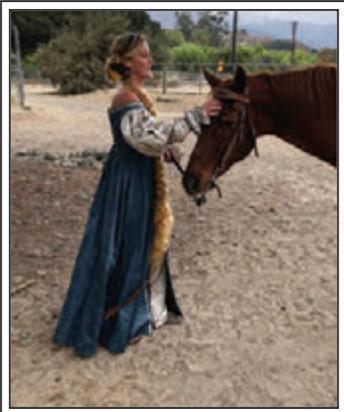
been able to offer group rides for some time. So after an extensive Board of Directors discussion (our Board meetings have been on Zoom) we decided to go forward with our annual Halloween Costume Ride Contest with provisions in place to keep everyone safe. Fortunately the weather cooperated as it was cool and there was even a light mist. That ride was on Saturday the 24th and while the turnout was low, our contestants expressed themselves in very unique and creative costume. We had Heather Latchford as Rapunzel in a beautiful gown suited only for a princess locked in a tower. She looked stunning sitting on her horse Rambo with her long braid flowing delicately over her shoulder as they gracefully moved along the trail. Then we had Jimmy Iacono reprising his role as Phantom of the Opera from a Fourth of July Parade a few years back. His horse Jackson was also decorated with half his face painted white. I could hear the music in my head while the theatre listens in silence as Michael Crawford pours his heart out in song to his one true love Christine. As we rode through the park, the kids in the campground got a thrill seeing the horses and their dressed up riders.



Our judges were challenged. We had prizes for the adult category and the young adult. What to do, what to do? I was not entered, just dressed in a silly Pumpkin shirt and mask. I left the real costumes to the professionals. It came down to Rapunzel and the Phantom.

So, after a not so lengthy discussion the judges decided the Phantom would take the "adult" prize, a gift card to Canyon Feed, and Rapunzel would claim the now "younger adult" card to Target. It was a tough decision.

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go splat. Heather picked up on that right away and signaled to him to “slowdown”. He still continued on and did not appear to be stopping. She continued to signal him and used a more expletive word to get his attention and was very close to the front of his car. A true warrior princess at the core. I’ve known Heather a lot of years; never seen her with her ire up. Turns out the driver had been looking at his kids in the rear view mirror and not looking ahead so didn’t even see riders in the crosswalk. There was a craft show going on at the General Store and one of the vendors told me they were at the ready to run into the crosswalk to assist us. Another reason to love Trabuco Canyon.

Thank you to our judges Mike Wallace (and his rescue dog Romulus), Pam Ragland, and Patti Gomez for coming out. I especially appreciated the support although they could have done this from home enjoying coffee on the porch with some picture texts. But it would not have been the same. Thank you Jim and Heather along with Jackson, Rambo, and Riley. All three horses were very patient with us.



On a final note regarding the day’s ride I have to give Heather an extra measure of gratitude. As we were crossing at the crosswalk with Heather and Rambo in the lead, a northbound car came around that curve not slowing down and not seeing us. Riley and I were about to

2020 Upcoming Events

Saddleback Canyon Riders | ETI Corral 357

Nov	5	Thursday	Members' Meeting and Election Amendment	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
		Fri-Sun	Pomona Horse Expo	10:00 am		non-club event
	7	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
	12	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBD	
	20	Friday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	
	28	Saturday	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Dec	10	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBD	
	12	Saturday	Christmas Party	5:30 pm	TBD	
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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.

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