

# CORRAL NEWS



ETI CORRAL 357 | SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS

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## To the Future... By Kristen Holden

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of 2021. As a result, it is that time we start talking about elections for the ETI Board positions along with plans for what 2022 will bring in terms of events, rides, and activities. For a variety of reasons not the least of which includes many COVID issues, our membership numbers have declined in the last few years. Additionally, we have also had a difficult time encouraging club members to run for Board positions. In fact, the number of people on the actual board has dwindled causing several of us to hold more than one position.

For me, being a member of ETI has been a wonderful experience. I cherish the friends I've made; the help I have gotten from other members; and the camaraderie of riding with a group, which has made it important to me to continue to try and keep our group viable for the future. As things change over time, it may be necessary to make some big changes to the way we have been conducting our club. We want to hold quality events where we have a good turnout; we want to encourage board members to stay involved without burn out and we want to ensure that our club continues to be one where our members are proud to be involved.

As a result, I would like to propose a major overhaul of our By-Laws. First, rather than hold events every month, which are not highly attended, I would like to hold 4 (one per quarter) that are exciting and in-line with what members are asking for. Next, to prevent Board member burnt out, since activities would be reduced, we should reduce the number of Board meetings to 4 per year. Lastly, rather than have specific board positions, board members would be elected and the positions determined by the board members themselves at the first meeting of the year.

It is not quite this simple so I would like to invite and encourage all existing members to come to the November Members Meeting to hear the details and specifics of the plan. You can ask questions, voice your concerns, and offer your own ideas and solutions.

The screenshot shows the website header with the logo and navigation menu: OUR MISSION, ACTIVITIES, ABOUT US, BLOG, RESOURCES, THE HERD, EMERGENCY. Below the header is a photo of riders on a beach with a quote: "Horses And Life, It's All The Same To Me." - Buck Brannaman. Another quote is visible: "We ain't skeered!" - Rick Balthaser, Past President. At the bottom are five yellow buttons: HOME PAGE, CALENDAR, NEWSLETTERS, MAGAZINES, and FACEBOOK.



## LART is *NOT* Uber for Horses

By Rich Gomez

The San Juan Capistrano Emergency Evacuation & Large Animal Rescue Team (LART) is always ready to help in case of an emergency, but remember, they are a LAST RESORT resource.



Surprised?

Our Emergency Response Team coordinated and attended a meeting with some key players about the process, the politics and the future of LART. As horse owners, we've all come to rely on LART to help us evacuate horses in case of an emergency, but things are changing.

**The guaranteed key to safety is always to evacuate EARLY.**

Here's what the ETI "Trabuco Canyon Emergency Evacuation Plan" outlines on page 2, and the highlighted line is most important: **Each horse owner is responsible for their horse(s) and MUST evacuate by their own means to a prior selected location.**

The other key requirement is the last line: **Each horse owner must care for their own horse(s) for the duration.**

**Evacuation Warning:** (Incident impact is hours away)

- **Evacuate all residents and animals in vehicles and trailers; see Page 7-8 for locations**
- **NOTE:** All horses will be vaccinated; consent is implied and mandatory.
- Listen for evacuation instructions on **KSBR radio FM88.5**, via e-mail, the website or fire information number (*all shown below*). **Trabuco Residents: FRS Channel 22**
- Do not turn horses loose; **WALK ALL HORSES TO O'Neill Park arena**
- **DO NOT LOAD HORSES ON THE ROADS;** Load at O'Neill Park arena
- Leave corrals and doors unlocked and a light on for firefighters

**Evacuation Order:** (Incident impact is *now* or *minutes* away)

1. Halter and **walk horses** on a lead-line or as directed to the O'Neill Park arena and login
2. **No trailers** can be used for evacuation
3. **One-out** only; once you evacuate you will not be allowed to return
4. **Do NOT** turn horses loose
5. Leave corrals **unlocked**
6. When you evacuate, **leave doors unlocked and a light on** – even in the daytime
7. Check stove, iron and coffee pot
8. Horses can be taken to the Orange County Fairgrounds **ONLY** under official, ordered, Evacuation Order by County authorities (**see Page 7-8 for additional locations**)
  - 55-Fwy South, exit **Del Mar Avenue/Fair Drive** offramp via Newport Blvd.
  - at Fair Dr, turn right, at Fairview, turn right, at Arlington, turn right and proceed to Gate 5 (north side of fairgrounds). Check-in at Gate 5 with Fair personnel.
  - **Horse owner/evacuation team to provide all feed and medication for duration.**



So what does this all mean for each of us? It means we must EACH have an evacuation plan, execute EARLY and evacuate by our own individual means. Problem is, not everyone has a trailer. That's where our club came in; to help organize and coordinate community-scale evacuations, but we have a new challenge: Finding large-scale haulers to move horses and having horse owners understand the "official" destinations are pre-defined.

- OC Fairgrounds
- Los Alamitos Race Track

**We have work to do.**

- We're trying to organize and coordinate local LART chapters under a county-authorized program
- We've found large-scale haulers we can "contract" with in case of emergency - but it comes at a price!
- We need to renew our relationships with alternate stables and facilities

**So who's ready to help? Ready to become a LART volunteer?**

**We need volunteers (contact Rich Gomez 714-504-7001 or rtgomez@aol.com)**

**Here are some changes and we need your input:** (contact Rich Gomez 714-504-7001 or rtgomez@aol.com)

1. Contract with haulers IN ADVANCE (probably about \$100 per horse – one way)
2. Understand that getting out early is required (and can be cheaper)
3. Remember that we can use the O'Neill Park Arena as a staging area – walk your horses down
4. Remember that LART follows the ICS/SEMS/NIMS protocol – chain of command.
  - a. ICS is "Incident Command System" (developed after the 9/11 attack)
  - b. SEMS is "Standardized Emergency Management Systems"
  - c. NIMS is "National Incident Management System"
5. We CANNOT mobilize LART with a phone call to LART – CALL 911 EMERGENCY
  - a. What to tell 911 operator: "WE have large animals that need to be evacuated."
  - b. Don't give instructions say what you need not who you are
6. LART is only mobilized through the chain of command – see above
7. Fill out this form in advance and take it with you when you evacuate your horse (click on form)
8. Don't forget our Emergency "cheat sheet" on our website:

<http://www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com/emergency.aspx>



# ETI Corral 357 First Annual Tack Sale

By Mike Wallace

**F**irst, thanks to the folks at Canyon Tack and Feed for allowing us the use of their parking spaces for the event. Second, thanks to those who volunteered to set up. Many hands make much work light!

It was a warm day in the canyon, and I think we were all glad for the shade provided from the EZ Ups. Jim Iacono brought the club grill over and started making burgers a little before noon. To say they were a hit would be an understatement! A special thanks to our President Kristen for taking time to get the fixin's together to top off those delicious burgers as well! Although the event wasn't as well attended as we would have hoped for, I think we actually made a few bucks for the club treasury with those burgers alone!

Events like the Tack Sale are important for the corral in that they provide an outreach for folks who aren't familiar with our corral and give the members and non-members a chance to hang out and catch up on things pertaining to horses, the club, and Trabuco Canyon in general.

When all was said and done, we had gained a new ETI member, met some new folks including a horse camper who came over from O'Neill Park, and sold a few items in the process! With a bit more traction in our marketing the event should be even better next year! Enclosed are a few pix from the setup. Let's make the next one even better!!



# 2021 Calendar

Date			Event	Location	Contact	
Nov	4	Thur	Members' Meeting and Election	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
Nov	6	Sat	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
Nov	18	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Kristen's	
Nov	20	Sat	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Nov	25	Thur	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	
Dec	9	Thur	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
Dec	11	Sat	Christmas Party	5:30 pm	TBD	
Dec	19	Sun	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Dec	25	Sat	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 pm	Google Drive	



## Treasurer's Report

By Janel Meric

### ETI - CORRAL 357 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: September 30, 2021

Beginning Checking account Balance September 1, 2021 ..... \$5910.99

#### Deposits:

..... \$ 0.00

#### Expenses:

..... -\$50.00

..... -\$160.00

**Ending balance checking acct Setp 30** ..... \$5700.99

#### Outstanding debits:

3-Aug Tari Schroeder (Newsletter) ..... -\$160.00

18-Aug R Gomez for Bravenet Webhost ..... -\$18.98

**Cash on Hand** ..... \$432.00

**TOTAL** ..... **\$5954.01**

Membership Report as of September 30, 2021:

Current members 27, Honorary Members 3

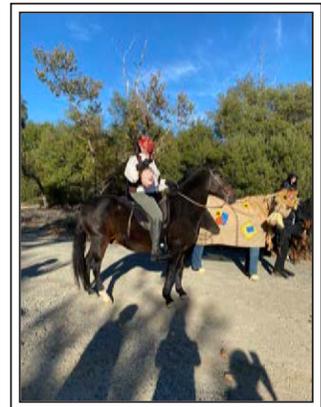


# What's New (and Scary) at Caspers Park

By Debbie Kelly

There have been some changes that impact the avid (and aspiring which I fashion myself to be) camper and day use rider in Caspers park. The most significant change being that Caspers has transitioned to "dry camping". Translated this means that due to insufficient well water supply, the domestic water lines throughout all campgrounds, including restrooms and showers, have been cut off. According to OC Parks this is for the foreseeable future. Portable restrooms and washing stations have been set up throughout the park. Campers must now bring in enough potable water for themselves and their horses if horse camping. We found this out just days before a year long planned and catered Halloween campout! The hostess and organizer of this campout jumped through some serious hoops and hauled in a 500 gallon water buffalo so no horse would be without adequate water. Twice a day she drove around the campgrounds and filled water buckets. Because we had advance notice, most campers also brought extra water and we shared with each other as well. She also brought a portable shower for those of us not camping in RV's or living quarters. Hey, we're cowgirls and cowboys, we flex!

Additionally, park staff no longer pick up the manure from outside each individual horse stall. Campers have to haul it to a bin in wheel barrows provided by the park. No problem, we do that at home every day! I hope you enjoy the pictures of this very fun and scary catered event.



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**Wednesday:** Trabuco Canyon, Lake Forest, Serrano  
**Thursday:** Rancho Carillo, Ortega, San Juan Capistrano, Nellie Gail, Laguna  
**Friday:** Coto de Caza



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- \* Remember to thank your delivery driver

# 2021 Board of Directors

## Saddleback Canyon Riders | ETI Corral 357

Board Members meet monthly (2nd Thurs); Saddleback Canyon Riders Members are always welcome to attend or host a meeting. RSVP required.

Members Meetings (1st Thurs) are open to the public.

### ETI Corral 357 Board:

odd	<b>President</b>	Kristen Holden	<a href="mailto:kristen3091@gmail.com">kristen3091@gmail.com</a>
even	<b>Vice-President</b>	Rich Gomez	<a href="mailto:rtgomez@aol.com">rtgomez@aol.com</a>
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	<b>Emergency Response Team Coordinator/Communications; Webmaster</b>	Rich Gomez	<a href="mailto:rtgomez@aol.com">rtgomez@aol.com</a>

### Others:

<b>Monthly Meetings - M&amp;C's Grill</b> <i>First Thursday of the month (except July &amp; December)</i>	Trabuco Canyon	31911 Dove Canyon Drive
<b>O'Neill Regional Park</b>	Steve Aleshire	<a href="mailto:steve.aleshire@ocparks.com">steve.aleshire@ocparks.com</a>
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### **The Saddleback Canyon Riders are ETI Corral 357**

Established in 1991, we are one of the largest ETI corrals 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.



**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.

## **Saddleback Canyon Riders**

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