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RICK'S RAMBLIN'S

Growth and Gratefulness

As our club slips into 2014 and gears up for what is sure to be a busy and fun-filled year there are a few things that I would love to share with you all. First, I believe our club is heading in a great direction for 2014. We've always been a fun, active, passionate group, but I sense that this year we are going to grow, offer even more exciting activities and opportunities for our members, and generally continue to offer super-fun, family-friendly, horse-related experiences.

I believe our continued success can be summed up in two words: "Our Members". We have always been blessed with great members and a great Board of Directors, and for 2014 we are especially fortunate to have both new members AND NEW Board Members that are bringing exciting ideas and energy to our club! So, THANK YOU Jimmy Iacono for stepping up to Vice President (Veep). Jimmy, your commitment, attention to detail and world-renowned sense of humor will work together to make you a truly GREAT Veep! THANKS Evelyn Ortega and Tracy Tuttle for fearlessly jumping into the critical position of Events Co-Directors. You two women make a great team and are makin' excitin' stuff happen right 'out of the gate!' ... THANK YOU Dave Seroski Large (PAL.) Dave, your pro-active, enthusiastic energy and new ideas are greatly appreciated and will make you a great PAL! THANKS Jim Schicht for stepping into the coveted Sergeant at Arms position. I need a strong, authoritative person in this role and I can't think of a better guy for the job! ... BIG THANKS to my amigo Rich Gomez for stepping into the role of Emergency Response Team (ERT) Director as well as continuing to put in a LOT of hours with Robby Stuckey to overhaul and create a beautiful new website for our club! ... and THANKS to Kristen Holden and Vicki Iacono for their re-commitment and outstanding jobs in their Membership and Treasurer positions! (And of course, huge thanks for the hard work and commitment of continuing Board Members Terry Roberts, Patti Gomez, Debbie Kelly and Robby Stuckey).



I am deeply honored and extremely grateful to be the President of what I believe to be one of the best, nicest, most fun and coolest horse clubs in Trabuco Canyon! (... ☺ ...)

And, a quick word of advice to our Membership; don't be skeered to jump in ... get involved ... participate ... and have fun with us! I promise you won't regret it!

Hope to see ya' on the trails...your Prez, Rick Balthaser



TREASURER'S OFFICE...

ETI - CORRAL 357 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING

December 31, 2013

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$10,755.25

DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After December Closing: \$0.00

Sub-Total \$10,755.25

EXPENSES:

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Source:</u>	<u>Reason:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Source:</u>	<u>Reason:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
1604	ETI	membership	\$ 192.00	1607	ETI	membership	\$ 40.00
1610	ETI	membership	\$ 56.00	1616	K Hopkins	Xmas party	\$771.43
1618	P Gomez	board dinner	\$ 30.00				

Total expenses paid in December 2013 (\$1,089.43)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

<u>Ch#</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1613	ETI	membership	\$ 148.00	1614	ETI	membership	\$ 28.00

Total Outstanding Checks
December 2013 i.e. spending: \$176.00

Funds on hand in checking as of 12-31 2013 \$10,579.25
Petty cash \$400.00

Corral FUNDS On Hand 12-31-2013: \$10,979.25

SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS: \$10,979.25

Less Reserves:

1.-ERT as of 12-31-2013 = (\$ 779.89)
Less ERT expenses (camera, film) \$ 303.16

Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve: \$(476.7)

NET - NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of : Corral 357 \$10,502.52



Sharing our Trails with a local riding club-
By Jim Schicht, 2014 Sergeant at Arms

Sat Jan 18th we had a great ride through O'Neill Park with the Fullerton Recreation Riders. They were camping here in O'Neill and Jimmy I, Vickie, and I, your new Sargent at Arms, joined them for their morning ride. There were 16 riders leaving the campgrounds for a 2 1/2 hour or so ride through Coyote and Homestead trails, then back again. We had great weather and clear trail the whole ride.

Go to their website for a full list of 2014 events at www.fullertonreriders.com



Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people. W.C. Fields...





THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

By James M. Iacono

No, I'm not going anywhere, but as I reflected on the year gone by I realized what volunteering has done for my soul. It really has helped make me whole. The past five years I have volunteered to be the Activities Coordinator for the Saddleback Canyon Riders, ETI 357. I have helped organize our club for 15 Playdays, 13 Parades, our first ever Buckle Playday, a wildly successful Charity Auction, a couple of campouts, and an apparel ordering campaign.... as well as showing up for a number of trail maintenance days. When I say "yes" to a Club Event, it might seem like I am doing it for the "club" but as I reminisce, I realize I truly do all of these things for ME..... for the memories carved out of being somewhere with like-minded people on well-minded horses! I thank everyone who has ever said "yes" back to me as all of the aforementioned events could not have happened without volunteers, the backbone of the club. But I also believe that volunteering creates a backbone in all of us.... a purpose to our beings in the communion of others for a hobby we so love.

People have thanked us for opening our home for the annual Holiday Party. But you have no idea how blessed I feel to have everyone come to my house to share a joyous night of holiday spirit! These are the nights that mark my mind with indelible laughs, hugs, stories, and cheer.... All with people who I enjoy sharing my LIFE with! (so why would I not share a home?). We had another great holiday gathering. Thanks to all who showed up to lift my spirit for another season.... in a year filled with monstrous challenges. And for those who didn't, I pray that this year you will answer the call to be a part of my mind's holiday retrospective...and begin a new tradition in your own life.

In 2014, just say "yes." Life is too short not to.



*Next Corral Meetin' Thursday,
March 6, 2014
San Giovanni's Restorante
31931 Dove Canyon Dr. Trabuco
Canyon, Ca 92679 at 7:00 pm*

*Our guest speaker will be Dr.
Gabrielle (Gabi) Gross, Equine
Veterinarian and Researcher. Be
sure to visit her website before the
meeting at www.equolution.com.*

Ten year old Quarter horse "Cherokee" for adoption to good home. Very sweet boy.



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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, February 22- Gymkhana/Playday Clinic with trainer Greg Canfield. Contact Evelyn or Tracy

Sunday, February 23, Month End ride leaves the arena at 10:00 am. Contact Terry.

Saturday, March 8- Canyon Feed and Tack "Grand Re-Opening" 9am-5pm! 949-766-2825

Saturday, March 15- ETI Play Day. Contact Evelyn or Tracy.



Come on out and enjoy fun and family friendly events!

ETI 357 Saddleback Canyon Riders "Month End Ride" Saturday, January 25, 2014 along the Upper Mesa Loop



From left to right; Patti Gretzler, Paula Giertych, Jim Schicht, Evelyn Ortega, and Jimmy Iacono



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 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.

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