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Spring: Time for Hope and Renewal by Corral 357 President Robyn Walters

I was sitting at my desk and thinking of what I was going to write this month and what kind of analogy I could use. After thinking of what ETI 357, Saddleback Canyons Riders, is to me I decided...

We are like a functional, dysfunctional family, a very large talented and fun family. And as in any large family we have our workers, slackers, absents, presents, idea people, sit on your hands people, overachievers, underachievers, let me do for you people, do for me people, rule benders and rule breakers.

It is the last two, rule breakers, and rule benders, that I want to address. What rules you may ask? Well, they are in our by-laws. Haven't seen the by-laws? Just ask, we'll get you a copy. But to the point, the bylaws were obscure in what they were saying. So the Board, as of the January board meeting, decided that the by-laws should be clarified, not only to protect individual members but also the club. So the Rules of Conduct were written to clarify the by-laws. You will see these Rules of Conduct printed in this newsletter. Please read them, if you have any questions, ask, and then put them away, they are mainly just common sense.

After the January board meeting some of the elected board members felt they couldn't, continue with the commitment they made to their Corral. Those board members who chose to resign did so for their own personal reasons. And now we have the chance to move forward.

Please welcome Mickey Weldon as your new Vice President; Jeff Kelly, Trail Boss; Lori McKenzie, Scribe; Tristan Novotny, Sergeant-at-Arms; along with myself, Robyn Walters as President.

Along with Greg Hahn, Sheila Segien, Bob Wilks and Rich Gomez we are dedicated to the health and well-being of ETI 357. We hope you all join with us in making this year and coming years happy, prosperous, informative, and fun.

See you on April 5th at the Cantina

April Members' Meeting
Thursday, April 5th, 2007

Rose Canyon Cantina

Dinner/Social Hour: 7:00-7:30pm

Members' Meeting: 7:30-9:00 pm

April Board Meeting
Thursday, April 12th, 2007
7:00 pm

Location:

Walters' Residence
Please RSVP 949-589-3578
All members are welcome!

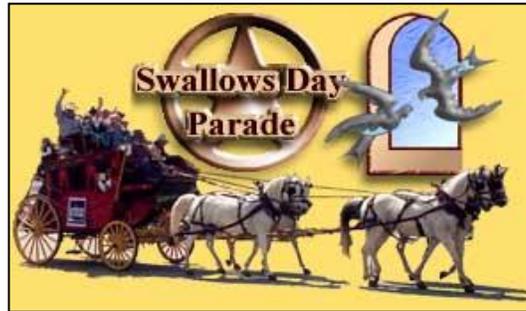
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THE E.T. EYE



Every month the E.T. EYE focuses on an aspect of the equestrian lifestyle. This month:



Swallow's Day Parade 2007

On Saturday March 24th, the Saddleback Canyon Riders proudly rode in the annual San Juan Capistrano Swallow's Day parade with a total of 20 participants. The horses were adorned with red, white and blue bunting on their rears and a red rose wreath around their necks. The riders wore white straw cowboy hats, spiffy white shirts, blue jeans and big smiles.

The day started before sunrise as we loaded our horses into the trailers. We all met in the Albertson's parking lot and caravanned to the parade equestrian parking area. Despite the early morning hour and cool overcast sky, everyone was in a festive mood. We tacked up, decorated the horses and rode to the judging area. Carol Cutri gave us a quick course on parade formation and we looked absolutely spectacular in the judging arena. In fact, the judge told us to be at the award ceremony but we were all too tired to attend.

The sun appeared from behind the clouds as the march began and it was a beautiful day for a parade. I want to thank everyone who participated and everyone who wanted to but couldn't, we missed you and hope you will join us next year.



Getting ready



Riding the parade route

SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Terri Steuben, Animal Communicator and Reiki Master, will be the speaker for our April member's meeting on Thursday April 5th at the Rose Canyon Cantina. Terri is also a Hurricane Katrina responder who helped rescue hundreds of animals left behind during Katrina. Terri's extensive background in animal communication and healing can help any horse and small pet owner become more sensitive to their pet's needs. Be sure to join us at the meeting for this interesting discussion.

CORRAL CORNER

TRAIL BOSS REPORT by Jeff & Debbie Kelly

Please join us in welcoming Jeff Kelly as returning Trail Boss of ETI357. This is actually Jeff's third term in this office and he is excited to pick up where he left off. In his previous terms, Jeff was instrumental in implementing the now popular month end ride. In its early days, this ride was called the "Informal Ride". It began during a dry spell for 357 when we were experiencing some growing pains and decided that a regularly scheduled ride each month would help maintain the club's commitment to the equestrian lifestyle. The ride was well received and there were months when we had up to twenty five riders. The ride's name was changed to Month End Ride because "Informal Ride" just didn't give it justice. The ride continued in popularity with three trail bosses including myself. Now several years after its inception, with equestrian events plentiful, the ride continues to be a mainstay with our club. Jeff plans to continue the tradition with the same dedication he had when it began. Prior to the recent changes with the 357 board of directors, it was decided that the Month End Ride would move to the last Saturday of the month instead of Sunday. This decision was to be revisited in June. We enjoyed having the ride on Sundays, but would like to know what the majority prefers. For those of you who participate or wish to, please let Jeff or the board know what you want. We are here to serve and will consider your wishes before any more changes are made. Jeff also worked closely with the rangers at O'Neill Park and will continue to coordinate regular trail maintenance and support the annual "All Canyon Cleanup". We look forward to the work and fun ahead!

Note: We apologize, but there will not be a Month End Ride in March do to the annual Spring Fling in RSM. This is an important fundraiser for ETI which is scheduled for Saturday, March 31st; the same date as the March ride. The ride will resume in April.

MAU REPORT by Debbie Kelly

March promised to be a very busy month for both ETI and MAU. We began the month with the second annual Equine Evacuation Drill at the park. We had about forty participants and visitors which included representatives for OC Fire Authority, the Fire Safe Council of Silverado and Modjeska Canyons, the OC Register, OC Fairgrounds, and SCART; a non profit animal response group out of Huntington Beach. Then we had our own members along with canyon residents there to become a little more educated about what to do in the event of a fire. These drills are always a success as even if things are confusing, disorganized, or hectic, we learn from them not only our weaknesses, but our strengths. That is the purpose. Little did MAU know that just a week later they would put this training into practice by being called by OC Animal Control to assist evacuating horses during the Windy Ridge fires. Read more about that at the end of this article. Thanks to all who participated in the drill and to Robyn, Carol, Jeff Kermod, and Debi G for getting us our morning coffee and donuts and lunch.

The following Saturday, several ETI and MAU members, including some children and teenagers, took CPR and First Aid, which is an MAU requirement. I am so pleased that our Mounted Assistance Unit strives to keep current on the annual requirements. It seems the training comes in clusters and can be very time consuming and expensive. Thank you again to Rich and Patti Gomez for offering their home; Lori McKenzie for coordinating the class; and to Diane Beckman, one of our newer members for instructing and certifying the class. That was truly teamwork in action.

By the time this newsletter goes to post we will have completed our Sensory training and participated in the Swallow's Day parade. (Not training or requirement; but certainly a way to enjoy the fruits of our labor!) Finally, I want to thank Battalion Chief Scott Brown along with Captain Ray Falcon of Station 18 and his team for visiting us at our March members meeting. Their presentation and support have done so much for our community and the Equine Evacuation plan. Be sure you stop by the station some time to say hello.

Stay in your saddle; I am not done yet.

On Sunday, March 11th I received a call from Connie Nelson in Silverado Canyon. She is part of the Fire Safe Council and Fire Watch and she was responding to the horse evacuation needs at the Windy Ridge fire. Connie is also a horse and cow owner. Connie asked if we could come out to help with the evacuation that was in progress in Orange Park Acres. While I was calling our MAU members with trailers, Rich Gomez received a call from OC Animal Control requesting ten rigs. Our staging area would be near the Albertson's store on Jamboree and Santiago Road. (Chapman). We have an arrangement with Animal Control to respond under their direction, so within an hour or so eight rigs were pulling out of the Canyon on our way to the staging area. All in all, we were there and ready within two hours of the initial phone call. That is not a bad response time! Once we arrived we met with Brian Frick from Animal Control and were told we may not be needed but to please wait until he checked in at the command post and received an update on the situation. So, we got out some chairs, had hamburgers and ice cream from the local vendors, and waited. We ended up going home without the need to move any horses (except Jeff Kelly; Connie asked him to help her with one that she was taking to her home). It was a great experience and it added an additional component to our evacuation drill just a week earlier. I think all of the MAU responders now have an idea of what can be expected if and when we ever need to evacuate. The most critical piece is to work as a group under the direction of an authority where the chain of command will prevent chaos. I think we showed them we can do that! Saving the best for last, I have one final thing to mention. When Brian Frick met us at the Albertson's he stated that there was some concern about moving the horses. His reply was "No problem, I have 357 on the way"! We all burst out in glee. Here goes my list of thanks. Please note that not everyone can respond when asked, but everyone I called did. I guess it was just one of those Sundays. In a disaster situation there is always plenty of work to go around so I hope no one takes offense if they were not called or are not mentioned here. As our President's message states, we are a family. I would like to add to that, that we have each others back. Thanks to Rich and Patti, Robert, Lori, Christina and Sarah, Sandra Esposito, Greg Hahn, Pam and Jeff Hutchins, Jim and Eric Walters (it was Jim's birthday, too), Bob and Spike Wilks, (all four "deputized" by me) and my husband and hero, Jeff Kelly. Those with trailers who were missing were Jeff Kermod (I did not know he was in town) and Debi Geary (she was not in town when we called). Our newest member, Elizabeth Zarcos was not available based on a previous email I had from her. I did not call Mickey or Sheila Segien as they don't have trailers and that is what was requested. I figured we could call in additional ground help if this was going to be involved, but needed to assess the situation myself. Finally, thanks to Carol Cutri for keeping an eye on the home front. She assured us that she would take care of our animals here at home if we were gone for an extended period of time. As for me, I had a "go bag" for Gigi, my little Shi Tzu; ready to go to aunt Carols if necessary.



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RULES of CONDUCT

Recognizing the Family Culture of Corral 357, the 2007 Board has adopted the following Rules of Conduct, clarifying Article 4 Section 3 of Corral Bylaws, effective February 8, 2007.

1. Conduct disruptive of Corral Sanctioned Events is grounds for removal of the offending member from the Event.

Successive Disruption, of a Sanctioned Event, within the same year is Grounds for Suspension, under Article 4 Section 3, for a period of time not to exceed 12 months from the date of suspension, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Disruptive Conduct shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Disruption by Verbal or Physical actions, such as Outcry, Profane Language and/or Profane gesturers.
 - B. Failure to follow Reasonable Instruction of an active Sergeant-at-Arms, President, Vice President, or Event Chair.
 - C. Other Conduct Unbecoming a member of Corral 357.
2. All Members shall obey all Federal, State and County Park Rules.

Failure to do so maybe grounds for 30 Days Suspension from Corral 357 Membership.

A 2nd 60 day Suspension may occur if a 2nd incident occurs, within a 12 month period.

A 3rd offense within the same 12 month period may cause the Member to be terminated from the Corral for 12 months.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sheila Segien

ARE YOU CURRENT?

Contact Sheila Segien
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Very Expired (sorry, last newsletter!!)

Bates 9/06, Kevin & Cheryl Hansen 9/06, Mark & Alisha Hobbins 9/06, Karen & Ron Leftige 10/06, Dorothy Ehlich 10/06

Expired

Jacqui Moreland 11/06, Rebecca Chandos 11/06, Lydia Hiby 12/06, Alice Sorenson 1/07, Rick & Carin Frisby-Hart 1/07, Christine Wilson 2/07, Zack & Jonette Dopson 2/07, Helen & Fred Bruns 2/07, Dan Yocum 2/07, Jeffrey Coley 2/07, Sally Wooldridge 3/07, Schicht Family 3/07, Whalen Family 3/07, Gregg & Cynthia Hammork 3/07

Expiring

Phil & Delma Johnson 4/07, Rod Van Sickle 4/07, Pam Ragland 4/07

WELCOME!!

Chris Richardson
Dianne Beckman
Linda Moy
Lois Grote

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Bob Wilks

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2007

Total Corral FUNDS On Hand at 02/28/07.....\$7,418.39
Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve..... (\$2,259.70)
NET Funds on Hand in Checking, CD, Petty Cash
to Corral 357.....\$7,612.67

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCRIBE

by Lori McKenzie

As your new scribe, I'd like to add a new column in our newsletter conveying personal accounts from our ETI family about how and why we have come to love horses. Please send me your equine anecdotes so that we may all share in your experience, allowing us to get to know one other through our "horse tales".



HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC

April 14th and 15th

O'Neill Park Equestrian Arena

Registration at 8:30 am

ETI Members: \$110.00 for both days (based on 20 participants)

Non-Members: \$115.00 for both days.

All reservations must be made by March 31st 2007.

Contact: Debbie Kelly at 949-459-7191

Email: rileyboy1@cox.net

Horse camping available. Park office: 949-923-2260

Lunch and park fees not included.

Bill & Kim Ortamond

Bill and Kim Ortamond are both former U.S. Marines who give horsemanship clinics and private/group lessons all over Southern California. They have worked extensively with Ray and Carolyn Hunt and have provided equestrian training at SAR City, the largest search and rescue school on the west coast.

CORRAL 357 EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 2007

Saturday, March 31, 2007

RSM's SPRING FLING

Location: Solana Park 21601 Via Regressos
Rancho Santa Margarita

Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Spring Fling Fun & Games 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Volunteers Needed!

Contact: Robyn Walters 949-589-3578
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Thursday, April 5, 2007

MEMBERS' MEETING

Location: Rose Canyon Cantina

Dinner/Social Hour: 7:00-7:30pm
Members' Meeting: 7:30-9:00 pm

All welcome!

Contact: Robyn Walters 949-589-3578
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Thursday, April 12, 2007

BOARD MEETING

Location: The Walters' Residence

7:00pm

All members are welcome! Please RSVP

Contact: Robyn Walters 949-589-3578
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Saturday and Sunday
April 14 & 15, 2007

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Saturday, April 28, 2007

MONTH END RIDE

Location: O'Neill Park Arena
Arrive early to sign waivers
10:00 am

Contact: Jeff Kelly
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All welcome!
\$5.00 single event fee for non-members.

Happy Easter!

