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TIME TO SLOW DOWN AND TAKE A BREATH OF SPRING AIR **by Corral 357 President Robyn Walters**

Wow! What a time we had the last two months. There was truly something happening for everyone. We began with feeding the great folks from Trails 4 All, Share, and their friends one afternoon at O'Neill while they were taking a break from some much-needed trail work. Thanks Spike, Carol, Shelly, Sheila and reservist Patti.

Several of our members rode in the Swallows Day Parade in San Juan Capistrano, looking and riding great. It was so nice to see so many of our younger members riding this time. What a family group we are! Thanks Lori for stepping up on this one. Also our own honorary member Bruce Nielson and his lovely wife Cassandra were Mr. and Mrs. San Juan Capistrano for the Swallows Days Celebrations. I think we need to get Bruce back on a horse.

Are we ready for fire season? We're more prepared than we have ever been thanks to MAU lead Coordinator, Debbie Kelly, and her group. The fire evacuation drill in March was a great success with many groups and individuals coming together to participate. We also had the extra bonus of having our own Station 18 as our speaker during the March members meeting. Fire season is here! Remember to be vigilant and if you haven't done your animal survey, contact Debbie and do so.

The two day sensory clinic and Sensory Trail was a resounding success. Thanks to Debi Geary who partnered with Marc Hedgpeth to bring us this informative and extremely fun event. Thanks to Greg for trading in his horse for a bike that day to help with the sensory part of the clinic. The word about that weekend is "Let's do that again!"

Pancakes anyone? Not for awhile, please! Anyway that's what I hear from pancake flappers extraordinaire Tristan, Rick, Rich and Dennis. A great time was had by all putting on the annual RSM Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast. Too many helpers to mention and money made besides. Who can complain about that?

The talented and gifted Teri Stuben, Animal Communicator, spoke at our April meeting. She spoke to us about her experiences in New Orleans and how she "reads" the animals. Fascinating how her communication skills work.

The Ortamond Horsemanship Clinic, even with its unexpected change of venue, turned out better than one could hope for. Thanks Patti and Rich Gomez for your generous gift of the use of your arena. Bill and Kim Ortamond are gifted equestrians who spent the day sharing their knowledge with quite a few of us. Everyone left there knowing more than when they started. You can't beat that. Thanks Debbie Kelly for hanging in there and planning this event for us. And thanks Bob Wilks for a yummy lunch.

In the middle of all this some of us celebrated Easter and some of us celebrated Passover. And I believe all of us were happy to see the first signs of Spring.
Happy Trails to All, Robyn.

See you on May 3rd at the Cantina

May Members' Meeting
Thursday, May 3rd, 2007

Rose Canyon Cantina

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

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

May Board Meeting
Thursday, May 10th, 2007
7:00 pm

Location:

Wilks Residence

Please RSVP 949-589-9144

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:

GOOD HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC

by Lori McKenzie

Our horsemanship clinic turned into a good sportsmanship clinic on Saturday April 14th due to a “once in a lifetime” snafu between ETI’s insurance and the county of Orange. We had to quickly find an alternate location for our long anticipated clinic with the Ortamond’s. The “good sports” included Bill and Kim Ortamond who drove all the way from 29 Palms with a 17-hand Warm blood, Rich and Patti Gomez who graciously opened their arena and all the participants who patiently and willingly rode their horses from the O’Neill Park arena to the Gomez’ lovely tree-shaded facility.

More than 20 horse and riders participated with many being from out of town. Bill and Kim worked with each rider individually sharing their exceptional horsemanship skills and experience. Even the most timid horses and riders were made to feel at ease with the Ortamond’s confidence and quiet leadership. It turned out to be a wonderful day and a good time had by all including the Ortamond’s who promised to return as soon as possible. So, if you didn’t have a chance to join us on the 14th you’ll have another opportunity when they return.



SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Dave Seroski Radio Communications Expert will be the speaker for our May member’s meeting on Thursday May 3rd at the Rose Canyon Cantina. Dave is a long-time Trabuco Canyon resident and will demonstrate the importance and effectiveness of radio communications. So, if you’re radio “challenged” and want to learn how those towers on the top of Saddleback Mountain actually work please join us for an interesting and informative discussion.

CORRAL CORNER

TRAIL BOSS REPORT by Jeff Kelly

Hi. I'm back. I'd like to thank the board of directors for having the confidence in me to fill this position. For me it's the fourth time. Last month's newsletter said it was number three, but that was in an article written by some one else, who didn't check her sources, the guy who would know, don'tcha think? I checked; it's four. Now in all fairness, the writer of this said article admits that it was not an oversight, but a deliberate attempt to reset the universe out of its asymmetrical diffusible retro flux vortex descent, which occurred the milli-second I intersected a speaking moment with a thoughtless second and mentioned to a couple of lawn gnomes that I was Trail Boss....again (it's like a final, final, this time for sure Rolling Stones tour).... for the fifth time. Clearly a mistake. Not so much a deliberate lie as much as just a bit of hyperbolae. Why, I could have just as easily used the term "a bazillion", an impossible number, and expressed the same concept, anyway it had it's desired effect, the universe is back to status quo. Anyway, I'd like to thank that very gifted and talented writer for all the articles she contributes. Well done Dear.

So, end of month ride Saturday, May 26, 10:00am at the arena. Just to mention, a bunch of us (me, my wife Debbie, Jeff Kermode, Debi G., Lori McKenzie, Robert Lugibihl, Patti Gretzler) trailered out to Peters Canyon County Park in Orange, just off Jamboree and Canyon View. The park is about a 1/2 mile or so wide and several miles long. The main trail circles the perimeter where one can view the back yards of those with new money, the houses of those with old money and the elite estates of those with too much money. Its close, (just the other end of Santiago Canyon Rd.) and not only do you have the park there, it's the get go for the Trail to the Sea or whatever it's called. I can't help but think of Jeff Dickman whenever I go.

MAU REPORT by Debbie Kelly

MAU along with others in ETI/357 will be going on our third annual campout at Casper's Park in May. The dates are May 18th through the 20th and you can reserve a campsite on the internet at www.ocparks.com. If you find it is not possible to come for the weekend, then come for a day ride. The trails are awesome. With the venue change for the monthly ETI board meetings back to private homes, MAU is once again meeting just prior to the board meeting. It was nice to be back in this setting for April. Due to her recent appointment as Scribe for ETI/357, Lori McKenzie decided to step down from her "people" coordinator position in MAU. Lori has been a coordinator since we established this unit; and she has contributed so much in that roll. Lori has been very active in MAU and along with the other two coordinators; Debi Geary and Robert Lugibihl she has lent to our success. I know Lori will also succeed as Scribe. The position did not remain vacant long; about five minutes before Patti Gomez accepted the job. Patti already does so much with MAU and the Fire Evacuation Plan; she will fit right in as a coordinator. The next MAU meeting will be May 10th at the Wilks' home on Adkinson. You can call or email me with any questions or if you would like to join us.

ETI/MAU

As you may know, the horsemanship clinic that was scheduled for April 14th and 15th had to be postponed. I just want to thank all those that worked so hard when we ran into a snag; and the flexibility that was shown with the turn of events that occurred. It was amazing to see everyone pull together with "plan B"; especially Rich and Patti for offering their facility so we could continue on. We do plan to have the Ortamond's back in the future so we can get the full two day benefit of their instruction. We will keep everyone updated as these plans unfold.

RSM Pancake Breakfast

What would Spring be for ETI without a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser?

For five years we have been flipping pancakes and this was our third year partnering with SAMLARC in Ranch Santa Margarita. Due to my busy schedule with MAU I informed the ETI Board that I would no longer be able to coordinate these events but said I would help if someone else took on the bulk of the work. That was before our board went before some major shifting and Robyn Walters (as VP) offered to take it on and Lori McKenzie jumped in as well. Lori has worked with SAMLARC so between the two of them I knew I could let this go with confidence. We met with the SAMLARC event coordinators several weeks prior to the breakfast to secure a guaranteed amount of sales as well as negotiate a reasonable price increase for the breakfast. Everything was very amicable and I believe it is safe to say that our relationship with SAMLARC continues to be a positive one. Which makes our treasurer Bob Wilks very happy as we exceeded the guaranteed sales. I have to say that I probably wasn't the most effective consultant because you would think that after five years of coordinating the pancake breakfasts; I would know how much to purchase. I gave Robyn my old lists and receipts to shop off of, but we still came up short. What a trooper Debi Geary was that morning; I think she was sent to the market three or four times to pick up more supplies. Sorry, Debi. We have another event with the community of Rancho Santa Margarita in August. I promise to be more efficient with my shopping list.



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HORSE TALES

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter I've added this new column in an effort for all of us to get to know each other and our animals a little better and also as a way for us to keep up on the latest happenings in our wonderful world of horses. Please share your anecdotes, stories, poems or anything you think we'd enjoy whether it be personal, funny or even educational!

New additions to our ETI animal family include "Destiny" a beautiful Tennessee Walker that is now owned, loved and adored by Carol Cutri. Carol lost her beloved "Mulee" last year and is so excited about having a new horse to dote on.

A second new addition to our ETI animal family is "Molly" a darling border collie who was adopted by the Walters' clan. Destiny and Molly both came from Howard and Marsha Ross who were long-time canyon residents and very active ETI members. Molly loves to fetch sticks and is very happy to be back in Trabuco.

A third new addition is Tristan Novotny's new gelding "Samson", a regal black Tennessee Walker who stands 16.3 hands, a really tall horse for a really tall guy. Samson performed like an old pro at the sensory clinic despite his young age and inexperience with obstacle training.

Lastly, the fourth new addition to our ETI animal family is "Autumn", a stunning dappled palomino Missouri Fox Trotter who now belongs to the McKenzie girls. Autumn is a very special Mare who needed to find a good home after her owner was stricken with a pulmonary embolism, almost died and now can't ride for a very long time. We are blessed to have Autumn in our family and doubly blessed to have met her previous owner Scherry who is a very special person and will be a friend forever. Scherry wrote a beautiful poem which I'd like to share with all of you.

The Best Ride of Your Life

I can hear your footfall,
and smell you on every wisp of wind.
I'll carry you through all your sorrows
to whatever end.

I'll soar with you upon the breath
of dreams we both embrace.
Together we will take by storm
this world that we must face.

Don't worry now; I've got your back,
and side-by-side we'll fight.
If one should falter on the path,
then let us both take flight.

I'll bear you far away with me,
and shoulder all your strife.
Just trust me and I'll take you on
the best ride of your life.

S. A. Clarke

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sheila Segien

ARE YOU CURRENT?

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

Rebecca Chandos 11/06, Lydia Hiby 12/06

Expired

Alice Sorenson 1/07, Rick & Carin Frisby-Hart 1/07, Christine Wilson 2/07, Zack & Jonette Dopson 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, Phil & Delma Johnson 4/07, Rod Van Sickle 4/07, Pam Ragland 4/07

Expiring

Dale & Sharon Grabinski 5/07, Annette Mclaughlin 5/07, Doug & Marni Nagy 5/07, Evelyn & Samantha Ortega 5/07, John & Karen Rochefort 5/07, Angel Amos 5/07, Carol Cutri 5/07, Jennifer Walters 5/07

WELCOME New Members!!

Priscilla Sasek
Jeanette & Donavon Villegas
Dalynn Zampino
Sharon Tower

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Bob Wilks

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2007

Total Corral Funds On Hand at 03/31/07.....\$9,151.04
Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve..... (\$1,404.70)
NET Funds on Hand in Checking, CD, Petty Cash
To Corral 357.....\$7,746.34

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCRIBE

by Lori McKenzie

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Your generosity is amazing! At our April member's meeting I told you about a horse named Shiloh who resides at the Trabuco Elementary Farm. We raised \$335.00 that night and the 357 board donated an additional \$300.00 for a grand total of \$635.00! Shiloh has been with our little school for over 10 years and has been experiencing health issues which can now be treated thanks to your extraordinary kindness. I promise to keep you updated on Shiloh's progress.



HORSE PLAYDAY

May 5, 2007

O'Neill Park Equestrian Arena

Registration at 8:00 am

Events begin at 9:00 am

Events are \$5.00 per ETI member

\$6.00 per non-ETI member

Contact: Debi Geary at 949-291-0551 or

Lori McKenzie at 949-858-3747

We will also be serving a scrumptious lunch
and beverages for a nominal fee.

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

Lunch and park fees not included.

CORRAL 357 EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 2007

Thursday, May 3, 2007

MEMBER'S MEETING

Location: Rose Canyon Cantina

Dinner/Social Hour: 7:00 – 7:30 pm
Member's Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

All welcome!

Contact: Contact: Robyn Walters at 949-589-3578
jazzyrobyn@hotmail.com

Saturday, May 5, 2007

HORSE PLAY DAY

Location: O'Neill Park Equestrian Arena

Registration begins at 8:00 am
Events begin at 9:00 am

Volunteers Needed!

Contact: Debi Geary at 949-291-0551 or
Lori McKenzie at 949-858-3747

Thursday, May 10, 2007

MAU MEETING 6:30 pm
BOARD MEETING 7:00 pm

Location: The Wilks' Residence

All members are welcome! Please RSVP

Contact: Debbie Kelly at 949-459-7191 for MAU Meeting
Contact: Spike Wilks at 949-589-9144 for Board Meeting

May 18-20, 2007

3rd Annual ETI Corral 357 Campout

Location: Casper's Wilderness Park

Reserve your campsite at www.ocparks.com. Click onto "make reservations" select Casper's Wilderness Park and the Starr-Mesa equestrian campground.
If you can't come for the weekend join us for the day and barbecue at night.

ETI Members Only

Contact: Debbie Kelly at 949-459-7191
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NEWS FLASH!

We now have our own hay and feed service right here in the Canyon.

Check out the new, lower prices. For fast delivery or self pick-up, stop by the General Store on Trabuco Oaks.

You can also call Steve at 949-858-1711
or Jeff at 949-351-5791

Saturday, May 26, 2007

MONTH END RIDE

Location: O'Neill Park Arena

Arrive early to sign waivers
10:00 am

Contact: Jeff Kelly at (949) 351-5791
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All welcome!

\$5.00 single event fee for non-members.