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SYNERGY

by Corral 357 President Robyn Walters

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Synergy (from the Greek *synergos*, *συνεργός* meaning working together, *circa 1660*) refers to the phenomenon in which two or more discrete influences or agents acting together create an effect greater than that predicted by knowing only the separate effects of the individual agents:

- A mutually advantageous conjunction where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.
- A dynamic state in which combined action is favored over the sum of individual component actions.

I for one know that the effect of synergy certainly worked for me in the month of May. I had to take a last minute business trip across the country, came home and had to put my mother into the hospital. The combined effect was that I wasn't able to take care of ETI affairs as usual. Here synergy came into play, for we in ETI have it in spades. Mickey and I unable to make the board meeting had nothing to worry about; this dynamic board didn't miss a step and took care of business, and left me scrambling to catch up.

My sincere belief is that we show the best example of synergy in our Club as a whole. This is a group that comes together and works harder and plays harder than any other around. Working as a whole we can: earn money on fundraisers, put together play days, trail rides, charity events, also maintain trails, and have campouts. Together we have more fun in working harder and accomplishing more. Every single member in our group is important, old and new. That is the synergy of ETI 357, Saddleback Canyon Riders.

So be part of the synergy this June. Come to the members meeting and don't forget to greet our new members. Drop by the Board meeting, it's open to all. Bring your horse partner and participate in Play Day, and don't forget our ever popular end of the month ride. Happy riding, Robyn

See you on June 7th at the Cantina

June Members' Meeting
Thursday, June 7th, 2007

Rose Canyon Cantina

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

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

June Board Meeting
Thursday, June 14th, 2007
7:00 pm

Location:

Kelly Residence

Please RSVP 949-459-7191

All members are welcome!

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HORSE TALES



“Good Ole’ Black Jack – There’s No Other Horse Like Him”

By Rick Balthaser

My first horse was Black Jack, a been-there-done-that Quarter Gelding. I had been leasing him for about a year from a tough-as-nails little woman named Lynn. She boarded other horses at her place, and had bought Black Jack for her husband Mike, who only rode him a few times a year. And although I was just leasing Black Jack, I felt I had a very special bond with this very unique horse. In fact, no one knew him better than I.

I was tackin’ up for a trail ride on a windy fall afternoon, and Black Jack seemed distraught and was just not his usual mellow self (and I was a bit distracted and tired from a VERY long work week). He fought his bit and fought the cinch. Out on the trail he was skittish and hard to control, and he was afraid of every wind blown leaf and bush that we encountered! It was as if he was trying to warn me of some unknown danger. So for Black Jack’s safety (and mine) we headed back to the barn. I explained his unusual behavior to Mike. Mike (his owner) and I checked him over carefully, but could not find a single thing wrong with him. Mike called Lynn out to take a look at Black Jack. She got within thirty feet of Black Jack and started yelling ... “Rick, you @\$%^&! ... that’s NOT Black Jack! That’s Prince, a VERY expensive show horse that I took in this morning!” Lynn was just getting warmed up: “Prince hasn’t been ridden in over a year! ... and he’s never ever been out on the trail in his life!” ... She suddenly turned frantic, “Rick, get that saddle off quick, brush out the saddle marks and get him back in the paddock, Prince’s owner is on her way now!”

Yes, I felt incredibly foolish, but I also think I set a world speed record for de-tacking and putting away a horse. So, all I can tell you is that if I’m ever on an ETI campout with you and your sorrel horse (the color of my current Horse Stormy) turns up missing ... well ... don’t be too concerned ... and we can probably just swap our horses back out on the trail.

Good Ole’ Black Jack I miss him Or ... wait ... is it Prince that I miss? ... I hate getting old.



A Horse Tale

By Karen Hopkins

As a soft warm nose sneaks up behind me and tickles my cheek, I recall the day Rick’s obsession to buy a horse led us to Stormy. We couldn’t drive past a feed store without a U-turn to go back and read the message boards and pick up a Horse Trader magazine. There were countless late night hours on Dreamhorse.com, printing out hundreds of ads for horses. Rick used any excuse to get his sons and I to travel to remote areas of Southern California we didn’t know existed, to chat with horse people, have a test ride, or some impromptu visit to a horse show. He was always calling about a horse or chatting with other horse lovers, learning and gathering information. I couldn’t believe it the day Rick tentatively whispered “I think I might like this one”.

He found Stormy in nearby Orange Park Acres, where he coincidentally had leased a horse for a long time. At 5 years and 15.1 hands this sorrel Missouri Fox Trotter gelding was just the right age and size he was looking for. But how can you be SURE?? Rick rode him. He rode him on a windy day in the Brea hills, trails in Irvine Park, through traffic in Orange. The seller was very patient. The day he asked if I would like to come see this horse, I knew it must be getting serious. When I saw Rick ride I was awestruck at how well he and Stormy communicated and how beautifully they moved together. Rick asked if he could see Stormy run at liberty around the arena. We watched as he joyfully flew around the huge arena. Suddenly he turned and came straight at us with determination... and very gently put his head right down on Rick’s shoulder. If a horse can hug, this was a hug. Yep, he was THE ONE! We love this sweet horse more each day.



Summer Breeze and Lord Titon

By Jennifer Gillott and Doug Slavin

A new addition to our ETI family is Jennifer Gillott’s Appaloosa Arabian mare named ‘Summer Breeze’She is 6 years old and coming into her own..She stands proud at 15.2 hands. We found her last summer in Escondido and brought her up to board in the Canyon. Having been a ‘backyard horse’, Summer slowly adjusted to life with dozens of other horses at Buck Ranch. The first couple of weeks did not go very smoothly to say the least, with Jennifer losing the tip of her finger. But all has been mended, both Jennifer and her relationship with Summer. A couple months ago, Summer competed in her first show at OPA - finishing with a 2nd and two 3rds which is not bad considering her hi-brow competition and her inability to take life too seriously! Also while traveling along the OPA trails Summer encountered a miniature horse she thought dropped down from outer space, but had no issues with holding a conversation with a miniature cow – who knew? Jennifer and Summer are happiest when they are out trail riding!

Another newcomer to the ETI family is Summer’s pasture mate, ‘Lord Titon’. Titon is a 10 year old Fresian Draft mix gelding. At around 1300 lbs and 16 hands, Titon is a tank. Doug Slavin brought Titon to the canyon from Norco last summer. What little information we do know about Titon’s background is he went to the Police Academy and did not graduate because he didn’t like men in uniform. This proved a little problematic. And he has been trained to drive a cart. Out on trail Titon likes to keep pace with the more fleet breeds, the walkers and Arabs and shifts gears into 4-hoof drive when going up hills. Titon did extremely well at the Sensory Trial however he does not like the big ball in the least – guess he will not be participating in horse Soccer at the next play day. Titon is our big gentle boy!

CORRAL CORNER

TRAIL BOSS REPORT by Jeff Kelly

I used to have this job. It was a gov'ment job. I sort of collected gov'ment cheese. Someone else passed it out. Had a gov'ment boss, and on his desk (a gov'ment desk) under the glass on top of the desk was a quote; " Men live for the sake of each other, teach them then or, bear with them." Marcus Aurelius, emperor of Rome AD 161 to 180. It has always stuck with me. Makes perfect sense. We all have something to offer each other and just as well we must have a willingness to learn. Sounds simple enough. That's why we all ride united. Each and every one of us provides an enhancement to what is all ready stand alone the bestest most funnest thing you can do while you're alive and breathing, climb onto the back on the most noble of Gods creations and move as one. And as a united group, a collection of personalities, an assortment of passionate people we teach each other or bear with them, and we all get along. Thank you Lori McK(that's pronounced ;mck) for doing the April end of month ride (I was still recovering from a bounce I took at Peters Canyon-fact: skydiving is safer than trail diving) They tried out the new extension of the trail that goes up to the upper day use area. Starting this June the end of month ride will head out at 9:00am. Still on Saturday. So that's Saturday June 30 at 9 (nine) in the morning. NINE AM....SATURDAY....JUNE 30....

MAU REPORT by Debbie Kelly

I recently came across an article by Barbara Glanz, motivational speaker and employee motivation expert. I have paraphrased and changed some verbiage; which are bolded and in italics. As ETI members, we are frequently asked what our purpose is. Our response is usually the same; "The preservation of our trails and open spaces". Yet we rarely explain how we go about doing that. We ride, we have fundraisers, and we maintain trails. But another effective way of keeping what we have and preserving it for the future is to reach out to others that would embrace these same ideals. By effectively educating and serving public land users and the general public, we demonstrate our personal commitment to our mission, vision, and values. By consistently being out there; sharing, giving, and educating; others cannot help but tap into our enthusiasm. I like to think that this is what our MAU is all about. Below is an excerpt from the article.

Effective ***volunteer work*** has to come from the inside out. You cannot mandate it. You can't threaten, reward, or coerce people to care. You can only awaken the desire and then give them the permission and encouragement to make it come alive in their ***service***.

Simply said, if people don't have in their hearts the desire to serve and make a difference for others, they will not give great service. Mary Kay Ash, the founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics, often said that the secret of her success was hiring nice people and then allowing them to be as nice as they could be.

At the core of great customer service lays the heart of each ***volunteer***. When I work with an organization, I often walk around and ask people, "What is your work?" What they almost always tell me is a job description or a job title. Yet we are all so much more than that. We can bring our hearts to work with us! When you think about the question – "What is your work?" – think about this:

How is what you do every day making someone's life better?

That is your very important work!

No matter what our job or position may be, we each possess a unique understanding of this world and have our own ideas and gifts to share. Our truest gift can be found in our hearts; if we look deeply enough and listen closely. When the heart is in the right place, the ego gets out of the way. That's when great service comes shining through.



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SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

The guest speaker for June will be O'Neill Park supervising ranger, Ron Slimm. He will be updating everyone on what is going on at the park and will answer any questions. Ron will be speaking with MAU prior to the meeting regarding patrolling guidelines and expectations. The next ETI Board meeting will be held June 14th at 20391 Trabuco Oaks. Call Debbie Kelly at 459-7191 if you would like to attend. MAU will meet prior to the meeting at 6:15; same location.

HORSE SENSE

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Where did the expression "to get one's goat" originate? Owners of high strung race horses would place a goat with them to help them calm down. Unscrupulous people steal the horse's goat *friend* in order to upset the horse so it would not race well.

According to the Guinness Book of Records Old Billy, believed to be a Cleveland Bay cross Eastern horse foaled in 1760, lived to the incredible age of 62. The OLDEST recorded pony is 54 although there is an unsubstantiated report that a Welsh Pony living on the Gower Peninsula in Wales was 66 years old.

The HEAVIEST recorded horse was a 19.2 hh pure-bred Belgian stallion named Brooklyn Supreme foaled in 1928. He was 3,200 pounds or 1.42 tons. (1.44 tonnes).

The TALLEST recorded horse was a Percheron crossed with a Shire named Firpon, foaled in 1959. He was 21.1 hh.

The SMALLEST breed of horse is Falabella. Mature Falabellas range from 15 to 30 inches (38-76 cm) and weigh 40 to 100 lbs (18 – 45 kg).

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sheila Segien

ARE YOU CURRENT?

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

Christine Wilson 2/07, Dan Yocum 2/07, Jeffrey Coley 2/07

Expired

Sally Wooldridge 3/07, Schicht Family 3/07, Whalen Family 3/07, Gregg & Cynthia Hammork 3/07, Phil & Delma Johnson 4/07, Pam Ragland 4/07, 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

Expiring

Rick Balthaser & Karen Hopkins 6/07, Greg Hahn 6/07, Kim & Eric Munk 6/07, Amy Belt 6/07, Alberta Morehouse 6/07

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Sue Baldwin
Connie Presley

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Bob Wilks

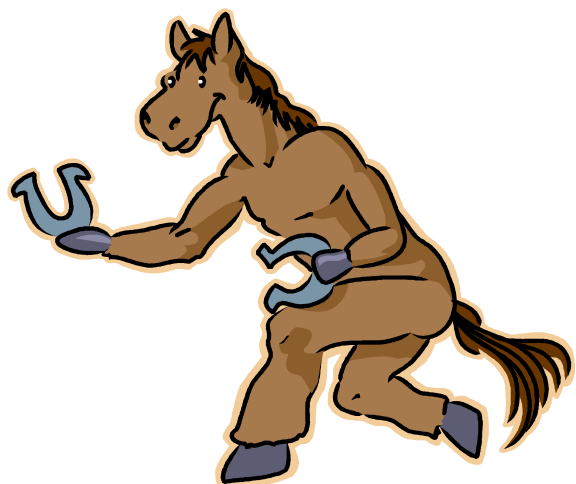
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING
April 30, 2007

Total Corral Funds on Hand at 03/31/07.....	\$9,838.04
Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve... (\$1,404.70)	
NET Funds on Hand in Checking, CD, Petty Cash	
To Corral 357.....	\$8,433.34

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCRIBE

by Lori McKenzie

Thank you to Rick, Karen, Doug and Jennifer for submitting their fantastic horse tales. I'm sure the rest of you enjoyed reading their stories as much as I did. We all have a special connection with our horses and being able to share our commonality makes it even more meaningful. Please keep the stories coming!



HORSE PLAYDAY

June 9, 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

Patti Gomez at 949-888-1604

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

JUNE 2007

Thursday, June 7, 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
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Saturday, June 9, 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
Patti Gomez 949-888-1604

Thursday, June 14, 2007

MAU MEETING 6:15 pm BOARD MEETING 7:00 pm

Location: The Kelly Residence

All members are welcome! Please RSVP

Contact: Debbie Kelly at 949-459-7191 for MAU Meeting
and Board Meeting

Saturday, June 30, 2007

MONTH END RIDE

Location: O'Neill Park Arena

Arrive early to sign waivers
9:00 am

Contact: Jeff Kelly at (949) 351-5791
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All welcome!
\$5.00 single event fee for non-members.

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Call Lori for details at 714-337-9083.

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Does your horse stand in his stall waiting for you to take him out?

Do you just want to get away but can't because you have to take care of your horse?

Call Christina McKenzie for rates and available services. Some restrictions apply.

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