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"Happy trails to you, until we meet again..."

by Corral 357 President Robyn Walters

Dear ETI 357, Saddleback Canyon Riders,

When thinking on how I was going to write this message, this famous song, sung by Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, kept running through my head. It is the song of my childhood; Saturday morning cartoons with Fred Flintstone and George Jetson, Engineer Bill's "green light, red light", Bozo no no's, Sky King, and of course Roy, Dale, Trigger, Bullet, and Nelly bell with Pat. The good guys wore white hats and the bad guys wore black. Rifleman would always draw faster than the cold-blooded killer who came to town. And Pa would always back "his boys", Adam, Hoss and Little Joe. Decisions were easy. Come home before the street lights came on, wash your hands before dinner, go to bed without a fuss, don't talk back to your mother, and life was good.

Life is very good, here in our canyon, and I feel blessed every time I reflect on it. To my family and me it has always been our safe haven and it will always be home. I am grateful for my life here and especially for all the wonderful friends we have made. I am grateful to ETI who has given me a great experience and has trusted me with its leadership. I am grateful for having been part of a community that cares so much. But things do not always stay the same and decisions get a little harder as we grow older. Despite this my family and I have decided to make a change and have a new adventure in life.

Jim, Eric, Adam and I will be moving to a horse farm in West Virginia, where we expect life to be a little different but just as fulfilling. Jennifer and Victoria will stay here, so don't be surprised if you see us on the street every once in a while.

I won't say good-bye, "but till we meet again".

Thanks for a wonderful 12 years and "Happy trails to you"

Robyn

NO JULY MEMBERS' MEETING!

See you at the 4th of July Parade
where Corral 357 will be the
Grand Marshals!

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

Location:
Lori McKenzie's Residence
Please RSVP 949-858-3747
All members are welcome!

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HORSE TALES



“A Horse I Once Knew”

By Bob Wilks

I wonder sometimes what happened to my good old friend, a black gelding quarter who was my babysitter and teacher for quite a few years. He was the 2nd best horse I've ever owned. I first met him in Rialto where he was living with a cowboy named Gary who wanted to cash a check and move this gelding to a new home. So here comes me, green as new mowed grass, asking Gary about whether this horse would be any good as a cattle penning quarter horse, as THAT was why I was looking to maybe buy him. Back then I didn't know that horse sellers are total strangers to the truth. But Wow, it was gonna be MY lucky day cause sure enough, *according to Gary*, this here Gelding was a cattle penning fool if ever there was one. In fact, Gary told me that just the night before I first saw him, Gary had won \$250 in prize money team penning on this black horse. Hot Dog, was I getting lucky or what?

I was surely happy with that news, and offered right off to purchase the steed, but only on condition that I could “try him out” for a month. Well, Gary was aghast at that idea, said he had NEVER sold a horse in such a way and absolutely would NOT do it, but eventually we settled on two weeks for a try out IF I put up a big deposit which I was quick to do.

When I got the big boy home, he seemed to settle in O.K. Whereas there was scarce cattle at my place to try him on I thought I would get to it pretty soon somewhere else, maybe over at Silverado. Such was not to be, for this reason and that, but I did enjoy several trail rides with him and so when time came to send the rest of the money, I sent it with good cheer and thereafter I owned myself a big black quarter gelding. Turned out that this black horse, who I called “Blackjack” suited me just fine on trails and whatnot, but when it came to cattle games, lord knows that gelding was scared to death of those bawling, stinking critters, and would have nothing to do with them at all. I nearly got throwed more than once trying to convince him otherwise.

Shortly I gave up my dream of cattle sorting with this horse, and stuck to trails. It was here that Blackjack taught me plenty, and made somewhat of a hand out of me, as we went on long and short hauls, and he taught me the side pass, the running lead change, the roll back and much more. Once after a rainy day, on a ride to Cook's, we came upon a drainage bottom that looked too wet to him and he stopped to consider it. But I was not in a stopping mind, and not willing to have a balky horse I gave him my spurs so as to make sure that he knew who was boss, and that we were not stopping on his decision. Well, dutifully he did as I asked, and within two steps, we were buried up to his belly in a wet bog, that neither he nor I could do anything about. It took about an hour and a half to get out, and after we were on the other side, I had a new understanding of who was the real boss in our deal.

Sooner or later it came time to think about sending Blackjack to a new home and me to try again on my cattle horse. It was hard to do you know, what with him being an easy keeper and nice to be around, but the new folks were somewhat desperate to find a good fellow to teach there young daughters to ride and all, and they offered a really good home but no money. So on their promise to keep my Jack well, I signed over his papers and took him to their place in Orange Park Acres. I checked up on him several times and he was fine, but as time passed, he became more a memory and less a reality to me.

I heard that the folks who gave me their word to keep him well, had gave him to others nearby, and then, after that I totally lost track of my buddy Blackjack. Well, maybe I did and maybe I didn't. I'm not sure. Here's what might of happened.

About a year ago, out where we live on Adkinson Lane in Trabuco Canyon, some new folks moved into our hood without even so much as a howdy or whadda we think – they were moved in and settin' in the shade of their sycamore before we could hardly blink. This was Rick Balthaser and his sweet wife Karen who have turned out just fine as neighbors after they got the hang of canyon living. To my surprise, Rick wrote a piece in the E.T.I. Newsletter to talk about a horse named Blackjack who Rick leased from folks in Orange Park Acres. Well, could it be that me and Rick know the same Blackjack? Is that possible? It would be a small world if that was so. And here's the test, for only me and Rick would know. My Blackjack had a bad shoeboil on his right front elbow, that we had treated over years, and I heard was later fixed by vets hired by his OPA owners. If this was him, Rick, maybe you could write a little more about what you and Blackjack did during your time together and share it with all of us. If its not so, it's still really good to think of my old friend anyway.

Happy Trails.



CORRAL CORNER

TRAIL BOSS REPORT by Jeff Kelly

Hey! How 'bout that May end of month ride! Fourteen enthusiastic riders (just like at Casper's the previous week). No mishaps (like, I AM the trail boss) But, as I have learned on my trail of life, any boss is only as good as the quality and commitment of those he/she directs. Back when I had that gov'ment job, I was sent to gov'ment job gov'ment school. Instruction began with a simple question from the distinguished gov'ment teacher. "What is our job?" and from around the room the answers came..."I put it on... I take it off...I fix it in between...I order more when needed..." and so on. Then the teacher went right to the point. Put, take, fix, order more...that's the WORK. Work is what's at hand to be done, and it must be done, and done right to completion. The JOB is to ...make the boss look his best. On that pretense, we can't help but have success on the trails.

Between the experiences of the "old salts", the enthusiasm of our new members, and the energy projected by all, trail rides is where it's at.

The July month end ride is on Saturday the 28th and begins at 9:00 am.

Y'all have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

MAU REPORT by Debbie Kelly

ETI357 and MAU had a great time at the annual Casper's campout in May. Not being a camera buff, I don't have any pictures, but I can tell you we all really enjoyed ourselves. Casper's Wilderness Park is such a great place to ride or just relax with friends by a camp fire. Our Saturday ride included fourteen riders; and Jeff Kelly (Trail Boss extraordinaire) led us on a great ride. He seemed to know just where we were heading; until we arrived back in the Casper's campgrounds. We found ourselves searching for a trail that would lead us back to Star Mesa, the equestrian area, but ended up riding right through a non-horse campground. The guests did not mind, they enjoyed seeing the horses, but at one point there was some concern that an uncooperative tent was going to blow right out of its owners hands and into one of the horses. We heaved a sigh of relief when the camper waited for us to pass before he completed his task of setting up his tent. We took a few other rides, including an evening ride before dinner and a morning ride on Sunday. Then there was Becky Chandos's horse Legend. Legend is used to being fed right around 4:00 am every morning. He does not really recognize weekends as a time to sleep in; so Sunday morning he let us know that he was ready for breakfast. That would not have been such a bad thing, except when Legend was trying to get the message across that it was time to eat, his whinny would start a crescendo across the campgrounds so everyone would know it was time to feed. Later that morning Becky asked me if the sound of the ax chopping wood for the fire woke me up, I said "No, but Legend calling out for his breakfast did". That's ok; I would not change a thing except for the length of time we stayed. I am still there. By my calculations, this is the fourth trip to Casper's in just as many years for ETI, and by far the most memorable. I hope you can all make it next time.

Four of us in MAU had a lovely ride at Peter's Canyon this month. Thinking it would be really hot, we actually met at 8:00 am and were on the trail by 9:00. The weather was perfect, a little overcast that early in the morning, and by the time it began to get hot we were back at the parking lot enjoying a picnic lunch we all brought along. We were not the only ones trying to beat the heat, as the trails were busy with all kinds of users, including bikers (and lots of them), joggers, and joggers with strollers. All of the horses were perfect and non-reactive to all the activity. Thanks to Doug Slavin and Jennifer Gillott for joining us. It's always fun riding with them.

MAU has an "away ride" on July 21st and all are welcome. The next MAU meeting will be at Lori McKenzie's on July 12th at 6:15 pm, just prior to the ETI Board meeting. Finally, welcome (and a big thanks) to Jeanette Villegas for accepting the role of Communications Coordinator with MAU. I know she will be an asset to our team.

New Horse:

Congratulations to Jacqui Moreland and her new companion Nevada. Nevada is a beautiful paint horse; with what else? One blue eye. We rode with Jacqui and Nevada for his first trail ride, actually first for the two of them together, in O'Neill. He did not startle at anything. I think Jacqui is very pleased with Nevada and we wish her many years with him.



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HORSE SENSE

The Horse

*On the first day of creation,
God created the Horse*

*On the second day,
God created Man
to serve the Horse*

*On the third day,
God created all the animals of the earth
to spook the Horse
when Man was upon his back.*

*On the fourth day,
God created honest toil
so that man could labor to pay
for the keeping of the Horse*

*On the fifth day,
God created the grasses in the field
so that Horse could eat
and man could do an honest day's toil,
and ... clean-up after the Horse.*

*On the sixth day,
God created veterinary science
to keep the Horse healthy
and Man broke.*

*On the seventh day,
God rested and said "This is good!"
This will teach Man humility,
it will tire him out and keep him striving ever forward!
to meet the needs of the Horse*

Cowboy Quotes

When in doubt, let your horse do the thinkin'.

Treat a woman like a racehorse, and she'll never be a nag.

If you climb in the saddle, be ready for the ride.

The horse stopped with a jerk-- and the jerk fell off!

Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear or a fool from any direction.

It's not enough to learn how to ride, you gotta learn how to fall.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sheila Segien

ARE YOU CURRENT?

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

Sally Wooldridge 3/07, Whalen Family 3/07, Gregg & Cynthia Hammork 3/07

Expired

Dale & Sharon Grabinski 5/07, Annette McLaughlin 5/07, Evelyn & Samantha Ortega 5/07, John & Karen Rochefort 5/07, Angel Amos 5/07, Rick Balthaser 6/07, Greg Hahn 6/07, Kim & Eric Munk 6/07, Amy Belt 6/07

Expiring

Debi Geary 7/07, Dennis Gorski 7/07

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Chris Pena

Dave & Susan Seroski

Helga Thordarson

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Bob Wilks

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING
May 31, 2007

Total Corral Funds on Hand at 05/31/07.....\$9,900.20

Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve... (\$1,404.70)

NET Funds on Hand in Checking, CD, Petty Cash

To Corral 357.....\$8,495.50

A NOTE FROM YOUR SCRIBE

by Lori McKenzie

Thanks to Bob Wilks for his awesome Horse Tale this month. Please keep the stories coming!

Also, if you'd like to see pictures of some of our recent ETI and non-ETI events, please email me at lorimckenzie3@yahoo.com and I'll send you the link to our photo page.

4th of July Parade



“Cruisin’ in the 50’s”



Hello Everybody! Time to get ready for our 4th of July Parade! Our theme this year is: "Cruisin' in the 50's".

We all need to be at the end of the road by nine so we can get all of our decorating done & get to our spot of honor in the parade as we are the "Grand Marshals" this year, for the first time ever. Our illustrious leader Robyn, will be riding in the "Grand Marshals" car in front of us.

Jonette has offered her 58 Ranchero, and Don & Sheila are working on our theme music from the movie "Grease". Duane Turner is organizing an all guy banner carrier team for us.

We want everyone dressed as much alike as possible. Please wear a White T Shirt & Blue Jeans, with the sleeves & cuffs rolled up. White tennis shoes & socks, (if you are comfortable riding in them.) Girls wear your hair in pony tails, if you can. We will have ribbons for your hair and around your neck.

Guys, try to find a chain to hang from your waist band. (Stud chains are great.) We will have styrofoam cigarette packs to put in the guys rolled up shirt sleeves. Guys, get into this one for me and slick your hair back with whatever axel grease you have handy.

We will have sunglasses for you all to wear as well, unless you have your own.

As I mentioned at the board meeting you will see a lot of dice and flames incorporated into our decorations for the Ranchero and the horses.

Thank you all for getting into the spirit and having a lot of fun with this.

If you are riding in the parade or have questions, please call me!

See you there! Carol

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CORRAL 357 EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 2007

Thursday, July 12, 2007

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

Location: Lori McKenzie's Residence

*All members are welcome! Please
RSVP*

Contact: Debbie Kelly at 949-459-7191
for MAU Meeting
and Lori McKenzie at 949-858-3747
for Board Meeting

Saturday, July 21, 2007

MAU "AWAY RIDE"

Call for details.

*All members are welcome! Please
RSVP*

Contact: Debbie Kelly
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Saturday, July 28, 2007

MONTH END RIDE

Location: O'Neill Park Arena

Arrive early to sign waivers
9:00 am

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



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