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## Why We Do What We Do - by Corral 357 President Rich Gomez

We'll October is here – a month we all look forward to and regard for a bunch of reasons...a personal favorite of my wife's and mine, the beginning of fall and the "change" of seasons in Southern California (careful, or you'll miss it!), the beginning of what we all hope is cooler weather, and our now-classic fall Charity Ride (October 20<sup>th</sup>). That we all love horses, see them as friends, and recognize how much they teach us is clear – what I think is most important is that we look for others who could benefit from this friendship, from this learning and mostly from the feeling we all get from being around and hanging out with horses. We look for a charity to serve; sure a recipient of proceeds but what we're looking for every year is a group that works with children or those who just need a little extry in life. Again this year we have found a wonderful, caring and hard working group that focuses on the care of and treatment for abused and neglected children here in Orange County. The **Canyon Acres Therapeutic Horse Riding Program**.

As a safe haven for the most abused and neglected children in the child welfare system, this 4 ½ acre facility provides a home in which the children can begin to heal. Located on a ranch in Anaheim Hills, Canyon Acres' Residential Treatment Center provides 24-hour care and treatment for 30 emotionally disturbed children between the ages of 6-12. At "the Ranch", children learn and grow through the use of Day Treatment, Therapeutic Horse Riding, Expressive Arts and Recreation Therapy and other specialized programs. More importantly, they learn and grow due to the love and care of a dedicated staff of professionals who work with and support these children throughout their days and nights.

So be sure and come to our Members' Meeting this month. We're going to have Jacquie Moreland from "The Ranch" and you'll hear first hand how the **Canyon Acres Therapeutic Horse Riding Program** works to provide homes, care, treatment and supportive services for abused, neglected and emotionally troubled children and their families. The best part will be hearing about how horses teach kids the life lessons they teach us everyday.

We're also going to talk about what we need to do and how we need your help to have a successful charity ride . There's much to be done including some trail maintenance before the ride itself so come and sign up! After all, this is really the point of our love of horses...to share the gifts they give us with those less fortunate but so very deserving.

We'll see you at the meeting...

**October Members' Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 4th, 2007**

*Rose Canyon Cantina*

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

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

**October Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 11th, 2007**

**7:00 pm**

**Location:**

**Debi Geary's Residence**  
**Please RSVP 949-291-0551**  
***All members are welcome!***

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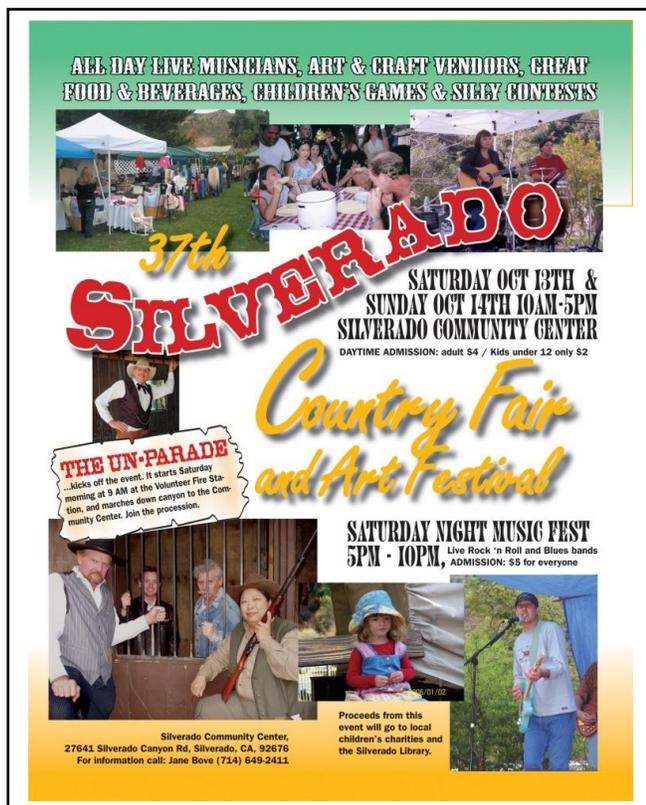
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# News Around the Canyon

So here's a **new feature** to our newsletter...a place where we can share news and events around the canyon.

Now don't forget - this is YOUR newsletter and your humble editor is sure looking for contributing writers so whether you have a "Horse Tale" or you just have something you'd like to share with your friends and neighbors, just send it to [rtgomez@aol.com](mailto:rtgomez@aol.com) and we'll be sure you get the ink you need to get the message across.



**ALL DAY LIVE MUSICIANS, ART & CRAFT VENDORS, GREAT FOOD & BEVERAGES, CHILDREN'S GAMES & SILLY CONTESTS**

**37th SILVERADO**

**SATURDAY OCT 13TH & SUNDAY OCT 14TH 10AM-5PM**  
**SILVERADO COMMUNITY CENTER**

DAYTIME ADMISSION: adult \$4 / Kids under 12 only \$2

**Country Fair and Art Festival**

**THE UN-PARADE**  
...kicks off the event. It starts Saturday morning at 9 AM at the Volunteer Fire Station, and marches down canyon to the Community Center. Join the procession.

**SATURDAY NIGHT MUSIC FEST**  
Live Rock 'n Roll and Blues bands  
5PM - 10PM, ADMISSION: \$5 for everyone

Silverado Community Center,  
27641 Silverado Canyon Rd, Silverado, CA, 92676  
For information call: Jane Bove (714) 649-2411

Proceeds from this event will go to local children's charities and the Silverado Library.

...just a couple of reminders about our upcoming Charity Ride. We will be riding to the McFadden Ranch and the entire ride should be about six hours (including lunch and activities). The ride itself should be about 4-hours in the saddle. We'll have lunch at the McFadden Ranch and water along the trail for horses and riders.

Of course we will have our Charity Auction at the ranch so be sure and bring your cash! We've got some great items to auction off so don't be left out!

We're going to assemble at the O'Neill Park arena, get everyone signed up, sign waivers, and break into three groups. We'll have a gaited (fast) group, a medium-speed group and a walking (slow) group. Saddles are required for this ride and children under 18 need to be with an adult and wear helmets. See you then!

(949) 244-0670 or (949) 351-5791

The *Orange County Register* has a new feature called **MY HORSE'S FACE**.

Send them a photo of your horse's face. They'll publish the photos in the *Register*, online at [ocregister.com](http://ocregister.com) and in *Canyon Life*. And they want to hear about your beloved animal in a hundred words or less. Remember to provide your horse's name!

Send e-mails to:

[www.ocregister.com/canyon](http://www.ocregister.com/canyon)

(Subject: My Horse)

*Canyon Life* reporter: Eugene Fields  
(949) 454-7308

[efields@ocregister.com](mailto:efields@ocregister.com)

Everyone is concerned about safety on **Live Oak Canyon Road** and now the **CHP** has asked concerned residents to send a letter to the **CHP** Captain to express your concerns. Include your name (and address if you want).

Officer Goodwin says this is the most effective way for us to be heard. Each letter should be individual and different, not form letters duplicated. Send letters to:

**Captain Sandra Houston**  
32951 Camino Capistrano  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675  
(949) 487-4000

To report incidents, call (949) 559-7888

# CORRAL CORNER

## TRAIL BOSS REPORT

by Jeff Kelly

Well finally it's time for our annual Charity Ride. I remember my first one back in '94. I had just started dating the lovely girl who was to eventually become my wonderful wife. It was a hoot then and you know it'll be a hoot again! Back then it was known as the "Ride for the Hills" because, as you may know, it really was riding for the hills. Evil forces from who knows where were trying to take away our precious Arroyo. But because people banded together, united for a common good and goal, and stood up to the "Man", all that got fixed. Yet again, let us not forget, the battle is never over. I know, I know. Makes you just want to pin your ears back, don't it? That's why we are so important as one of the premier Equestrian groups keeping the fight, the good fight, going.

So, the other thing we have to fight is some of the overgrown vegetation along the trail we're going to take for the charity ride. So, Saturday, October 6, in the morning at 8:00am (zero eight hundred hours for you gov'ment cheese heads) we're gonna' bring it on! We got some tools, but hey, you bring 'em too. Clippers, hand saws, pruning shears, loppers maybe a shovel. As much fun as a chain saw can be, we can't use them. No power tools, the bicyclists might get the wrong impression. Which just reminded me, thanks have got to be extended to the Warriors Society who really cleaned house in Holy Jim Canyon on Saturday, Sept. 15, cleaned up our little riverbed they did. And thanks to our members who gave of their time on that day. Filled three dumpsters! So if you missed that event, clearing our trails will substitute. SATURDAY! OCTOBER SIXTH! EIGHT IN THE MORNING! We will meet at the front gate area of O'Neill Park. (the Nature Center is still part of the construction project as of the typing of this article) And another thing, dress appropriately, please, no spandex.

Due to yer' Trail Boss's involvement with Trail Days and the Charity Ride, there will not be a month end ride scheduled for October. He'll be needin' his rest. We'll see ya' back in the saddle in November!

## MAU REPORT by Debbie Kelly

We had a very well attended MAU meeting in September. We were actually able to close out some action items so we can move on to new business. We have our new MAU T-shirts (same design, an added signature color). They are ash gray with black logo and lettering. We also have the black with gold lettering. MAU will be wearing these while patrolling the parks. Several MAU members regularly ride in O'Neill and log their time at our sign in station. We are also looking into TRAP, which is another way to log riding hours. Keeping official record of time in the saddle could go a long way in preserving our trails. You can find out more about the TRAP program on the ETI National website. We also scheduled our next MAU meeting and we are trying something fun and a little different. We are planning to have a breakfast meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Silverado Café. It is also the weekend of the Silverado Parade and fair so it should really be fun. Doug Slavin, his lovely wife Jennifer and I recently took our loyal steeds on a lovely ride through the San Mateo wilderness. This is just behind the candy store on Ortega Hwy. I always enjoy taking folks on this ride as the trails are so nice and diverse. The trail heads are clearly marked too, which is an advantage, as it would be difficult to get lost. We picked up a nice lunch at the candy store after the ride and enjoyed a quiet little picnic. We also logged those hours and miles with the US Forest Service.

MAU would like to see more folks able to be responders in the event of fire evacuation here in Trabuco Canyon. If you are interested, please contact me. We plan to schedule a special meeting, hopefully in the next month or so, so those interested can hear about the training required and what to expect if we had to evacuate horses. Email is [rileyboy1@cox.net](mailto:rileyboy1@cox.net).



## LOCAL VETS

Dr. Bettey (714) 665-2211	Dr. Posnikoff (949) 472-0501
Dr. Chris Garloff (714) 777-3942	Dr. Julie Ryan (949) 559-5905
Dr. Stew Hales (714) 691-6368	Dr. Mark Secor (949) 661-2225
Dr. Meinert (714) 665-2211	Dr. Mike Williams (909) 734-0084
Dr. Kirk Pollard (714) 777-3942	Dr. Eckstrom (909) 632-3322



## FARRIERS

Chris Ryan (949) 713-6647	Ricky Root (949) 458-3726
Ed Brazeal (714) 649-2376	Duane Turner (949) 981-0128
Jesse Coker (949) 456-9680	Carlos Sifuentes (949) 636-4867
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# Horse Tales

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From the Orange County Register  
Friday, September 21, 2007



**Their Kingdom for a Horse**  
For Silverado Cattle Club members who embrace the cowboy's life, thank God it's Friday.

Photos and story by ADRON GARDNER  
FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Far away from the misty shores and the tall palms of coastal Orange County beaches, a dusty corral off Santiago Canyon Road in Silverado Canyon holds a mystique all its own.

Silverado Cattle Club members gather here every Friday evening to ride, rope and sort cattle purely for the fun of it.

The nonprofit club was begun in the mid-1990s.

For some who work a desk job, like Stephen Helmer in San Diego County, Fridays are also times for his wife Teresa and himself to enjoy the clear canyon air.

For others like Alonso Rodriguez of Lake Forest, the promise of Friday night is simply a chance to live out his dream of being around horses.

Under the golden glow of sunset, friendships are forged as people indulge their passion for the romantic life of the cowboy.



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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Sheila Segien

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## ARE YOU CURRENT?

Contact Sheila Segien  
(949) 589-3347 bearfoot60@cox.net

### Very Expired (sorry, last newsletter!!)

Greg Hahn 6/07, Kim & Eric Munk 6/07, Amy Belt 6/07

### Expired

Dennis Gorski 7/07, Pam Hutchins 8/07, Robert Lugibihl 8/07, Jody Sidebotham 9/07, Brenda Kalb 9/07, Maureen Rivers & Michael Kirchberg 9/07

### Expiring

Linda Broker 10/07, Patti Gretzler 10/07

### WELCOME New Members!!

Ed & Mary Weinik

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# SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

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**7pm Thursday, October 4th**  
**Rose Canyon Cantina**

Jacque Moreland  
Canyon Acres Therapeutic Riding Center

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# A Note from Your Interim Scribe

by Rich Gomez

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Yep, it's not a typo – I'm the INTERIM scribe and we need your help! Please help your club by volunteering to be our scribe. If you don't want the full-time job with all it's power and authority, be sure and sign up as a contributing writer by submitting your "Horse Tales" and other good stuff to...rtgomez@aol.com.

Of course we'd really like a "full-time" scribe so think about it...

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

by Bob Wilks

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING  
July 31, 2007

Total Corral Funds on Hand at 07/31/07.....	\$11,121.31
Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve...	(\$1,404.70)
NET Funds on Hand in Checking, CD, Petty Cash To Corral 357.....	<b>\$9,716.61</b>

\$30.00 ETI members

\$35.00 Non-members

Park Fees not included



Sign-In between  
8 & 9am at O'Neill  
Park Arena in  
Trabuco Canyon

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## Annual Charity Trail Ride

### Saturday, October 20th, 2007



Join us for a beautiful scenic ride through the Santa Ana Mountains to historical McFadden Ranch. Enjoy a down home western barbecue lunch, a charity auction and great company. The ride is approximately a five hour excursion including lunch.

All proceeds go to  
**CANYON ACRES THERAPEUTIC HORSE RIDING PROGRAM**

[www.canyonacres.org/programs\\_daytreatment.asp](http://www.canyonacres.org/programs_daytreatment.asp)



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➔ For information and to RSVP call Rich Gomez at 949-888-1604 or [rtgomez@aol.com](mailto:rtgomez@aol.com) ➔  
Please make your reservations by 10/13/07.

Make check or money order payable to: ETI Coral 357 PO Box 1026 Trabuco Canyon, CA 92678

FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

[www.SaddlebackCanyonRiders.com](http://www.SaddlebackCanyonRiders.com)



## **Check out our new ETI Trailer!**

We'll be using this at our Charity Ride so you can take a close look then.  
A big thanks to our treasury and each of you for growing our money so  
that we could make this purchase.

# CORRAL 357 EVENTS CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2007

**Thursday, October 4, 2007**

### **Members' Meeting**

**Location:** Rose Canyon Cantina

Dinner/Social Hour: 7:00 – 7:30 pm

Member's Meeting: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

*All welcome!*

**Contact:** Rich Gomez  
(949) 888-1604  
rtgomez@aol.com

**Saturday, October 6, 2007**

### **Trail Maintenance Day**

**Location:** O'Neill Park Equestrian Arena

Planning begins at 8:00 am

Work begins at 8:15 am

*Volunteers Needed!*

**Contact:** Jeff Kelly  
(949) 459-7191

**Thursday, October 11, 2007**

### **Board Meeting 7:00 pm**

**Location:** Debi Geary's Residence

*All members are welcome! Please RSVP*

**Contact:** Debi Geary  
(949) 291-0551

**Thursday, October 13, 2007**

### **MAU Breakfast Meeting 8:00 am**

**Location:** Silverado Cafe  
(please see website for details)

**Contact:** Debbie Kelly  
(949) 351-5791  
(949) 459-7191  
rileyboy1@cox.net

**Saturday, October 20, 2007**

### **CHARITY RIDE**

**Location:** O'Neill Park Arena

Arrive early to sign waivers

**9:00 am**

**Contact:** Jeff Kelly  
(949) 351-5791  
rileyboy1@cox.net

*All welcome!*

*\$30.00 fee for-members  
\$35.00 fee for non-members*

**Friday, October 26, 2007**

### **BBQ Fundraiser**

**Location:** St. Timothy's Catholic Church  
29102 Crown Valley Pkwy, Laguna Niguel, CA

Setup begins at 4:00 pm

Dinner begins at 6:00 pm

*Volunteers Needed!*

**Contact:** Spike Wilks  
(949) 589-9144



## 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 the largest ETI corral in California with over 100 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 Mountain. Our Corral has "adopted" O'Neill Regional Park and we are committed to supporting and helping maintain the park for everyone's use.



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