



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RICH GOMEZ

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Well last month we were talking about the holidays comin'...well, they're here so Happy Holidays!

What a great year this has been and to wrap it all up you're all invited to our annual Christmas Party on December 13th at the Rose Canyon Cantina and Grill! See you about 6pm and don't forget to bring a Cowboy Gift Exchange present if you want to participate in the gift exchange...course like many things we do you don't have to have a present or even a horse to participate. We just want to see you so show up! We'll be partyin' it up until about 10pm with just a bunch of great food provided by the Cantina. Don't miss this...it's the Club's way of just sayin' thanks for bein' a member, showin' up and helpin' out. All members are welcome and if you have any questions just ask any Board member, visit the website or just shoot us an e-mail!



Now since we're sayin' thanks, hey, a big thanks to all of you who helped out, played in or just came by to watch and have lunch at our November Playday. Check the website for photos and congratulations to all our winners.

Now this next item isn't really an ETI event but we sure do support everything it stands for. The Wrangler National Finals Rodeo is in Las Vegas, Nevada from December 4th through December 13th. The reason we're mentioning it here is it's the 50th Annual Rodeo! Imagine that...the NFR has a long tradition of honoring the rodeo cowboys and cowgirls who work professionally to keep the sport we all love alive. From barrel racing (just like at our Playdays) to bull-riding (we're not going to have *this* event at our Playdays) it's the American

tradition we all can tip our hats to...so here's to you organizers, entrants, participants and spectators...thanks for a great 50-years!

If you've never been to the NFR, this is a great year to go. No doubt there will be some pretty special things going on...and some pretty cool treasures at the annual "Cowboy Christmas!" Talk about an extravaganza...more stuff 'n you'll ever need but surely a feast for the eyes.

Speaking of special moments, I just want to remind each of you that in the tradition established by one of our previous presidents, Jeff Kermode, the current president is going to recognize some special member of our corral at our Christmas Party for the "President's Award" – recognition for a commitment to our club, its members and our events that goes beyond what anyone would normally expect, and an attitude that shows what we all stand for...




 A positive attitude

 A can-do attitude

 A willing attitude

 A friendly attitude

 A helpful attitude

 An honest attitude

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In other words, a good attitude, a hard-worker for our corral and someone we all depend on...

Sounds like a tall order, eh? But you can be sure there are many folks in our corral who fit this description and do all of these things...kindly send me your private nominations at: rtgomez@aol.com and find out at the Christmas Party who's is so deserving this year...



Well that's about it. In closing, I thought I'd share the slogan and artwork (check this out!) for the NFR just because it's so cool...see for yourself...

So as always, until we get together next, here's to all of us workin' together and ridin' together...see you on the trail...

Rich Gomez
President ETI 357



"The Ride that Became the PRCA 50th
Wrangler National Finals Rodeo
1958-2008"

IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY

Board Meeting: Thursday December 11th

Christmas Party: Saturday, December 13th

Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade Saturday December 13th

Month End Ride: Saturday, December 27th



HORSE TALES

SUBMITTED BY JUDI WINKEL

MY INTRODUCTION TO SADDLE-BACK CANYON RIDERS

As a brand new member to ETI Corral 357, I thought it would take a while to become familiar with the members of this group. NOT! Instead, I was informed of the history, the current events, and meetings to come by the membership chair, Sheila, who made sure I was aware of the November Playday as a "must see" event. So, I got up early on Saturday morning, and made my way to "The Corral" on, as President Gomez said, the windiest day of the year to watch the events and races. What a great time to be had by all! Not one horse

or person complained about the warm weather or the gusts of wind that periodically made men honest about their hairline. The participants rode the events with exuberance, while the rest of us cheered them on. The highlight for me was the turkey trot, which was taking a stuffed turkey from the "pot" at one end of the arena to put it into the "oven" at the other end. It was fun watching how difficult it was for most to place the stuffed turkey in the "oven". And then there was the pole-bending event, or rather the pumpkin-bending event since the wind kept knocking down the poles in the arena.

But the best camaraderie was shared over lunch – a great time for everyone to talk and chow down

HORSE TALES (CONTINUED)

over turkey sandwiches, not to mention the decadent brownies. Following was the awards ceremony, a great recap of the day's events. And despite the wind and hot weather, the day ended without incident which, I believe, attests to the safety and

care everyone brought to this event.

So, it was a great introduction for me to the Saddleback Canyon Riders ETI Corral 357. I'm pleased to have been made the newest member, and look forward to more fun!

PLAYDAY PICTURES BY JUDI WINKEL



MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY SHEILA SEGIEN

Very Expired: (sorry, last newsletter!!) Ed & Mary Weinik 9/08,

Expired: Lydia Lawson 11/08, Tina Tedder 11/08, Angel Amos 11/08

Expiring: Jeff Kermode 12/08

Welcome New Members: Lori Hansen, Lori Grossman, Nancy Johnson, Leslie King, Judi

Winkel, Candice Itzkovics, Jordan Bui, and Dalynn Zampino.

Annual Dues: Individual \$45; Family \$70 for the first two members, add \$8 for each additional family member.

SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF ETI 357

Please support these fine businesses that so generously donated goods and services for our Charity Ride Auction:

American Horse Products•Ballard's Saddle and Tack•Ballard's Western Wear•Beyond Fitness•Canyon Feed and Tack•Hitchin' Post Tack and Feed•The Horse Mart•Johnny Reb's Restaurant•Opah Restaurant and Bar•Norco Ranch Outfitters•Moreno's Restaurant•P&MK-9 Supplies•Real Mex Restaurants•San Dimas Tack Box•San Dimas Grain Co.•Sandy Shuerman•Carlos Sifuentes-Ferrier•Terri Steuben•Thrifty Horse•Torrey Pines Gliderport•Duane Turner-Ferrier•Turtle Island Trading Co.•The Wagon Train



MAU REPORT

BY JENNIFER GILLOTT AND DOUG SLAVIN

The afternoon of Saturday, November 15th, Sergeant Ramirez of OC Animal Care contacted our MAU Head Coordinator Debi Geary regarding the potential need of evacuating horses affected by the Complex Fire in the Yorba Linda / Anaheim Hills area of Orange County. The MAU phone tree was activated; members were prepared and ready to offer prompt assistance. With multiple vehicles and trailers ready to go, MAU members were 'on call' waiting for the go ahead to mobilize. No further action was requested by OC

Animal Care however 2 trailers (Bob Wilks and Jeff Kelly) were sent out to evacuate the horses at Canyon Acres located in Anaheim Hills as the fire was heading straight for the facility. Given the number of roadblocks between Trabuco Canyon and Canyon Acres, the evacuation turned into a test of patience. But, with the help and persistence of Debi Geary and Sergeant Ramirez both trailers were able to get past the roadblocks and trailer the horses to safety! Thank you to the MAU team for all of the support and willingness to help out in times of need.



MAU EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

BY DEBBIE KELLY

As of this writing, our not so far away neighbors in the Corona and Yorba Linda beginning the long, ardent, task of rebuilding their lives after the devastation of the recent "Triangle Complex Fire". As many of us can relate to, evacuation can be an emotional roller coaster and the feeling of complete helplessness added with the loss of home and belongings is unfathomable. There are so many questions and way too few answers.

Our MAU Emergency Response Team was summoned by OC Animal Care during this fire. Due to the possibility that the fire, with the winds and fuel, could head our way we elected to be on standby here rather than head out to Anaheim Stadium for staging. I spoke with an animal care officer that day and he stated that everything was very positive as far as moving horses and large animals out of harms way; owners and others were getting the

job done. Jeff Kelly and Bob Wilks were able to help Jacqui Moreland move her therapeutic riding horses out of Canyon Acres to a safe place in San Juan Capistrano. You'll have to ask Jeff and Bob about their "adventure" that day. So a big horsy thanks to both of you. Debi Geary was the contact that day with Animal Care and was in communication with them for several hours. Her knowledge and experience, professionally and as a volunteer during evacuations is so appreciated. She keeps a very cool head during these challenging situations. I was at a musical and can't in all honesty say I wish I had been here. The MAU and ERT coordinators are taking some lessons learned from this event and plan to implement some improvements to our plan as a result. Thanks again to all of you. What a great group of friends and colleagues! Everyone have a safe, beautiful Christmas. (Can't believe I am saying that in 80 degree weather)!



TRAIL BOSS REPORT

BY JEFF KELLY

Two more years! I'm every bit as honored now as I was the first time I was elected to this position back in '96. Debbie G.

nominated me back when we were meeting at the Fire House Cafe in Silverado. I was just too much at home on the trail not to be there the every first Saturday of every month (you can take the foot soldier out of the field but you just can't get the field out of this foot soldier) I took over for

Murray, who was every bit as committed as one could be, who took over for the living legend, Don Carr. I don't think Don was ever President, too restrictive; no vote on the board, gotta be the nice guy, P.C. and all that. For me, Trail Boss is like being Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I don't have "constituents". No Sir! I got me TROOPS! And although I've been "put" in charge, one must "take" control. And I' be the first to admit, sometimes me and (*Continued on page 6*)



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROBERT WILKS

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America)

October 31, 2008

\$ 12,493.39

DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After October Closing [Charity Ride Proceeds Already Included] \$ 1,712.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$14,205.39

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
1040	S. Segien	News/Lettr	\$ 152.23	1044	Smart/Final	Charity Food	\$ 188.87
1041	Cty Org	Permit C/R	\$ 65.00	1045	Smart/Final	Charity Food	\$ 43.61
1042	D. Slavin	Brd Dinner	\$ 30.00	1047	R. Gomez	Stickers	\$ 58.19
1043	H. Biz Forms	Evac Forms	\$ 535.72				

Total expenses paid in Sept/Oct 2008 (\$1,073.62)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
1046	P. Gomez	C/Ride Exps	\$ 45.16	1253	E.T.I. Corp	Mbrships	\$ 192.00
1048	R. Balthaser	C/Ride Exps	\$ 19.96	1254	E.T.I. Corp	Mbrships	\$ 68.00
1049	Cyn Acres	Donation	\$2,620.00	1255	D. Kelly	Brd Dinner	\$ 30.00
1050	J. Iacono	C/Ride HatPins	\$ 192.00	1257	S. Wilks	P/Day Food	\$ 83.89
1251	D. Kelly	C/Ride Exps	\$ 15.97	1258	SJCEC	Med/Clinic	\$ 360.00
1252	S. Segien	News/Ltr	\$ 98.03	1259	Community	Breakfast	\$ 100.00
				1260	E.T.I. Corp	Mbrships	\$ 84.00

Corral Ck # 1049 Canyon Acres – Donation \$2,620.00 [+ \$340.00 +\$240.00 direct] = Total: \$3,300.00

Total Outstanding Checks OCTOBER 2008 i.e. Spending: (\$ 3,909.91)

Funds on hand in checking as of 10-31-08 \$10,295.48

Funds due Corral from Charity Auction:

Petty Cash on Hand as of 10-31-2008 \$ 400.00

Corral FUNDS On Hand at 10/31/08: \$10,695.48

Less Reserves:

1.- MAU as of 10/31/08 = After 1/3 payment for Fire Check-in Forms: (\$1,052.03)

Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve: (\$1,052.03) \$(1,052.03)

NET - NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of : Corral 357 **\$ 9,643.45**

TRAIL BOSS REPORT (CONTINUED)

(Continued from page 4) control, how we Americans say.....oxymoron? Who does take control is the one thing this grunt clearly comprehends: The Alpha Mare. Space limits me from addressing all you fine phillies, all you ladies are 110%ers, but if I am anything at this it is because I am inspired and motivated by my own personal Alpha Mare, Debra Ann. I may work myself to the bone, but it is all for naught without vision, without insight, without true heartfelt commitment. MY Debra Ann has all that in Spades! Like I joke at the meetings, you don't even see her lips moving. The truth is, it's all done with eye contact and facial gestures Kind of like mime, only much more sophisticated. I was lost, but now I'm found. Thank you Debra Ann. And al-

though Sheila Segien is billed as the chief census taker, dues collector and all around if it get's loose, I'll catch it person, I'm very comfortable with her as the trail boss's boss. Trust me, its not by accident or design or fiat. It's just the way it works best. And if I am for anything it's for things to work. A reminder that this month, November, the end of the month ride will meet at 10:00am on Saturday the 29th. See you at the Park. I'd also like to take this opportunity to shamelessly plug my farrier, Duane Turner. I have a tremendous respect fore anyone who can confidently take a razor sharp blade to a horses hoof. For the most part, they are all very good. I just think Duane is gooder.

MORE PLAYDAY PICTURES BY JUDI WINKEL



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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 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 Mountains. Our Corral is committed to supporting and helping maintain O'Neill Regional Park and other local riding trails.

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.

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