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It's a Whole New Club – Actually it's not...

But it is a New Year! Happy and properous New Year everyone! Whether you eat black-eyed peas or menudo hope you started 2008 with a bang! We're sure going to do that in our Corral. For starters, we have a whole new set of Board members including:

- Doug Slavin – **Vice-President**
- Bob Wilks (remember him?) – **Treasurer**
*...and actually a big howdy-thanks to Bob for his continued commitment to the club. Bob, we all appreciate how well you keep us fiscally responsible...well, we **generally** appreciate how well you keep us fiscally responsible...*
- Sheila Segien – **Membership**
- Jim Schicht – **Member-At-Large**
- Don Segien – **Scribe**

Congratulations to all our new Board members. You can be sure we'll have some great things planned for 2008! We're also going to be havin' some new coordinators in MAU so stand by for that...

So be sure and come to the Board and MAU meetings in January because we're goin' be doin' some serious planning...and we have a theme...to keep it fun and easy! Isn't that the cowboy way? Good times and simple...so come help us plan the things that get that done. We're also going to be looking for an Activity Coordinator, so be thinking about how good YOU would be in that role.

So speaking of all the planning and looking forward be sure to not miss our first Members' meeting on January 3rd at the Cantina. Our Board is going to be asking YOU what you'd like to see for activities, speakers and events for 2008 so be thinkin' about that. We need your thoughts because this is YOUR club!

And speaking of participating, a big thanks to all of you who have voluteered to help out our friends and neighbors in Silverado and Modjeska Canyons. Our members were out to help with sandbags, hay bales, raking and cleaning and that's what it's all about – helping and being there so thanks to each of you.

So see you all at the meetings in January because We need each of you to help make the club and 2008 the best ever! We'll be cuttin' some new trails, and they're not all in the dirt...

Here's to 2008!

Rich Gomez,
President ETI 357

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News Around the Canyon



The 20th annual program honors good works of Orange County's small-business owners

By JAN NORMAN, The Orange County Register

What kind of people assist south county horse shelters even after their home burns to the ground in the recent brush fires? What kind of person works all night so that a fundraiser for the homeless can go forward?

What kind of person leaves work early every Friday to serve meals at a soup kitchen?

Orange County small-business owners do these and thousands of other kindnesses all year long with no fanfare and little recognition. But their customers, employees and neighbors notice and have nominated some of the generous entrepreneurs for the 20th annual Orange County Register's Holiday Spirit Award.

The concept of the Holiday Spirit Award is to shine a light on the small-business owner who best exemplifies selfless kindness and generosity all year long.

Register judges have voted three for special recognition: Diane and Jim Carter, American Horse Products in San Juan Capistrano; Tom Brooks, BCI Framing & Drywall in Orange; and Bill O'Connell, Carvist Corp. in Placentia.

Diane and Jim Carter, American Horse Products, San Juan Capistrano

The Carters called their Modjeska Canyon house "dome sweet dome" for its double geodesic dome shape. "It was a landmark," Jim Carter said recently. But it was destroyed in the recent wildfires.

"Just hours after the Carter family lost their home, Diane and Jim were donating hundreds of dollars of equine supplies and equipment to the horse rescue effort being conducted at Oaks/Blenheim facility in San Juan Capistrano," said Kit Cooper, one of 20 people who nominated the Carters for Holiday Spirit recognition.

"Instead of gouging, they dropped their prices and gave special discounts to affected folks," added Joy Falk, another nominator.

"Diane frequently donates for local charity fundraisers," said Julie Ann Ryan Johnson. "She also participates whether it is Race for the Cure or an equestrian event."

When the Carters moved their business from Laguna Niguel to San Juan Capistrano, they didn't ask for help but many appreciative customers just showed up to assist, said Michele Rosenblum. "They are constantly doing for others and always have a smile on their faces, in spite of Diane's cancer battle."

Jim Carter gave his wife all the credit as a devoted horse woman. The couple is living in Laguna Hills while they rebuild in the canyon. This time it will be a tower, which they already have named "the lookout."

Reprinted from the Orange County Register business section, Monday, December 24, 2007

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

CANYON DEFENSE AGAINST WILDFIRES...

...needs your help. We need volunteers to patrol our canyon mostly during the night when we're alerted to a Red Flag condition in our area. The more volunteers we have the less patrol time needed per shift. Please call Sharon for more information and to sign up to help!

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CORRAL CORNER

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

BY: JEFF KELLY

Yer trail boss would like to thank President Rich for leading the November month end ride. I thought I just might be blown away with the wind we were havin' that morning and didn't expect you cowboys and cowgirls to show up. I should of known you were all made of better stuff. I hope ya all enjoyed yerselves. We have another ride on December 29th, and another one in January. Oh, but the wife double booked us for the January ride so we may be movin' that one to Sunday, the 27th; just this one time. She apologizes and says if that stresses ya out, talk to her. She says to be sure and check the website for any updates on the month end rides.

MAU REPORT

BY: DEBBIE KELLY

Due to the fact that I have come up lame in my left wrist, I will need to be brief. I am one handed right now.

The next MAU meeting is January 5th at 10:30 am. (9:00 for coordinators). The location is 20391 Trabuco Oaks. All interested in MAU are welcome. Please call 459-7191 to RSVP.

We will have an "Emergency Evacuation and Preparedness" meeting on January 26th. If you are interested in being on the response team please plan to attend. This will be held in the O'Neill Park conference room. Watch the website for details.

This is a little late, but I want to congratulate ETI members Doug and Marnie Nagy on the birth of their second daughter. She arrived on 9/21 but with the fires, the recovery, and then the holidays beginning, this acknowledgement is well past due. So the best to all of you, and we hope to meet your new little cowgirl soon!

SCRIBE'S REPORT

BY: DON SEGIEN

Pigs don't fly---How to save the club some money.

In 1985, researchers asked postmaster general Everett Cannon if the post office was worried about the public sending photographs over the then-new World Wide Web. He responded "they will send pictures on computers when pigs sprout wings and fly out of my assistants window."

Four years later, French software whiz kid, Jean Claude Adobe', developed software that let people send pictures over the Internet. To take a jab at Cannon, he named the new file "PDF", the acronym for "pigs don't fly." Not many people remember Everett Cannon but the .pdf file is still widely used.

So what does this have to do with saving the club money? Plenty. Our club spends hundreds of dollars each year to mail out the newsletter. Many of you fine folks like receiving the newsletter in your mailbox. That's fine we don't want to take away that simple joy. Life is tough enough already. If you're the high tech type (the kind of person that uses cruise control, Velcro, and answering machines) consider downloading the newsletter in .pdf format. It's usually on the web before it's in the mailbox and, you can print it in color.

If you'd like to opt out of the "get-it-in-the-mail," download and print your own copy, and save the club some money, send me an email at sdsegien@mac.com. Include the words "pigs don't fly" in the subject line.



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HORSE TALES

BY: DON SEGIEN

Maybe those guys were right.

What comes to mind when you here the names Gene, Roy, and Hoppy? Those of us with a little gray will reminisce about a time when life was simple; where the good guys wore white hats and the bad guys wore black. Some of the younger folks may not know these guys on a first name basis. Old or young, I think you'll enjoy reading Gene Autry's Cowboy Code of Honor, Roy Rogers Riders Club Rules, and Hopalong Cassidy's Creed for American Boys and Girls

Gene Autry's Cowboy Code of Honor

A cowboy never takes unfair advantage - even of an enemy.
He never betrays a trust. He never goes back on his word.
He always tells the truth.
He is kind and gentle to small children, old folks, and animals.
He is free from racial and religious intolerances.
He is always helpful when someone is in trouble.
He is always a good worker.
He respects womanhood, his parents and his nation's laws.
He is clean about his person in thought, word, and deed.
He is a Patriot.

Roy Rogers Riders Club Rules

Be neat and clean.
Be courteous and polite.
Always obey your parents.
Protect the weak and help them.
Be brave, but never take chances.
Study hard, and learn all you can.
Be kind to animals and care for them.
Eat all your food and never waste any.
Love God and go to Sunday School regularly.
Always respect our flag, and country.

Hopalong Cassidy's Creed for American Boys and Girls

The highest badge of honor a person can wear is honesty. Be truthful at all times.
Your parents are the best friends you have. Listen to them and obey their instructions.
If you want to be respected, you must respect others. Show good manners in every way.
Only through hard work and study can you succeed. Don't be lazy.
Your good deeds always come to light. So don't boast or be a show-off.
If you waste time or money today, you will regret it tomorrow.
Practice thrift in all ways.
Many animals are good and loyal companions. Be friendly and kind to them.
A strong, healthy body is a precious gift. Be neat and clean.
Our country's laws are made for your protection. Observe them carefully.
Children in many foreign lands are less fortunate than you. Be glad and proud you are an American.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY: ROBERT WILKS

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING November 30, 2007

Total Corral Funds on Hand at 11/30/07.....\$7,816.22
Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve... (\$969.56)
NET Funds on Hand in Checking, CD, Petty Cash
To Corral 357.....**\$6,846.66**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY: SHEILA SEGIEN

Very Expired (sorry, last newsletter!!)

Jody Sidebotham 9/07
Brenda Kalb 9/07
Maureen Rivers & Michael Kirchberg 9/07

Expired

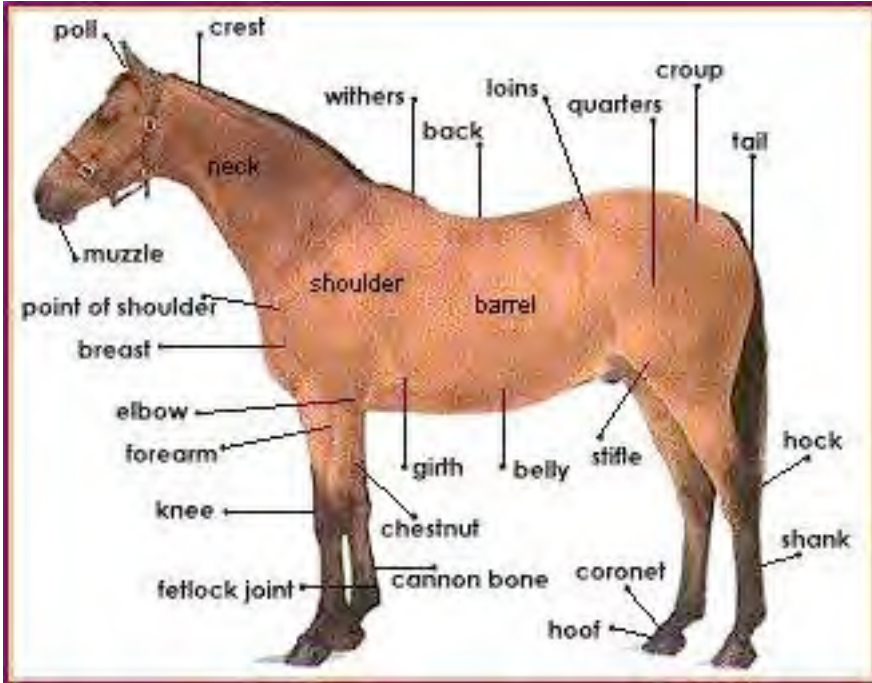
Linda Broker 10/07
Patti Gretzler 10/07
Dianne Beckman 11/07
Jaqui Moreland 11/07
Linda Moy 11/07
Tina Tedder & Janina Randow 11/07
Teresa Pearce 11/07
Sue Selff 11/07
Rocky Brown 12/07
Jeff Kermod 12/07
Sharon Stancato 12/07
Lori McKenzie 12/07
Jen & Paul Godward 12/07
Lois Grote 12/07

Expiring

Elizabeth Zarkos 1/08
Tom Ordway 1/08
Anita Rasmussen 1/08
Shelly & Tristan Novotny 1/08
Eric & Adam Walters 1/08
Mickey Weldon 1/08
Jim & Robyn Walters 1/08

HORSE SENSE

FROM FRONTRANGEFRENZEY.COM



Horse Colors

appaloosa color pattern with small spots over the hips or the entire body. may be either white spots on a dark body, dark spots on a white body, or a mixture of both.

bay a red, brown, or yellowish horse with black mane and tail, and usually black limbs.

red roan red with a mixture of white hairs

black black color throughout the coat, limbs, mane and tail. no pattern present other than white markings.

blue roan black or black-brown with a mixture of white hairs.

brown mixture of black and brown in the coat, limbs, mane and tail.

buckskin light tan or brown color.

chestnut varying shades of a yellowish tan color.

dun sandy yellow, redish, or brown usually with darker legs and often a dark stripe down the back, dark mane and tail.

grey black and white hairs with black skin. coat grows lighter with age.

palomino gold-yellow or dark cream color with light colored mane and tail

pinto large patches of black, brown, chestnut, or any other color, and white.

strawberry or chestnut roan chestnut with a mixture of white hairs.

white white hair with a pink skin.

ETI 357 JANUARY EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE

MEMBER'S MEETING

Thursday, January 3rd, 7:00 pm

Location: Rose Canyon Cantina

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 10th, 7:00 pm

See www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com

For additional information

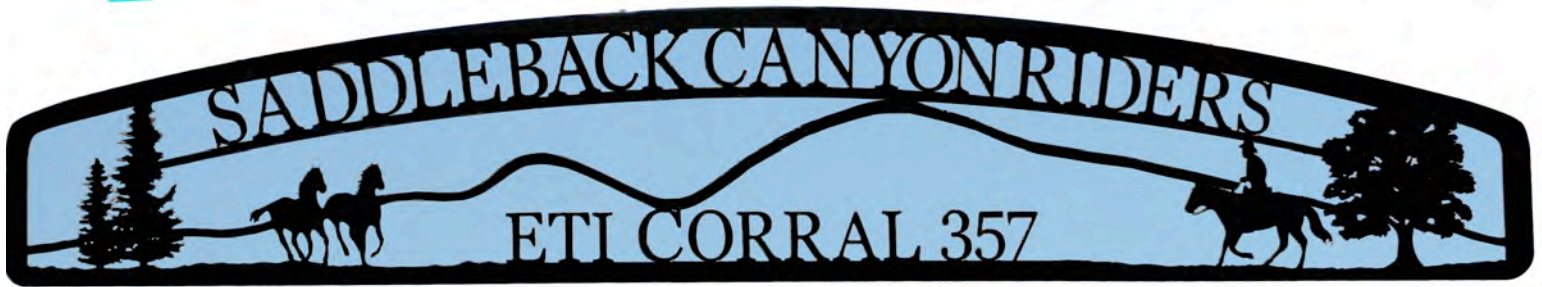
MONTH-END RIDE

Saturday, January 26th, 9:00 am

Location: O'Neill Park Arena

Contact: Jeff Kelly

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



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