



# SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS

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In full swing...

Well your club is for sure in full swing. There are plenty of things we've already done and lots of things going on...this is what it's all about isn't it? Events with our horses and our friends...it doesn't get better than that.

Like all clubs it takes money, volunteers and members to keep things going and from the President's Corner, I'd like to extend a big thanks to EVERYONE who planned, worked at, participated or just ate lunch at our recent "Sensory Clinic and Sensory Obstacle Trail Trials!" What a great success...check out our website to see some photos. This wasn't the start of our calendar this year, but well into it...

Speaking of which, I have to congratulate all of you for the award we received from riding in the Swallows Day Parade. Second Place – Equestrian Mounted Group. Now keep in mind, this is the largest non-mechanized parade in the nation. Yeow, that's impressive – go ETI!

Here's a little background...

The "Fiesta de las Golondrinas" is an outgrowth of a school carnival in the 1930's, which was held to celebrate the return of the swallows. Subsequently, the carnival became a local equestrian parade. The Fiesta Association began as a committee of the San Juan Capistrano Business Council, which was later known as the Chamber of Commerce. Original events consisted of an equestrian parade, a trail ride, and a western dance. Various activities have been added and dropped over the years, but the parade continues on. Eventually, the parade became such a large production that the Fiesta committee (now Association) assumed its own identity. The parade is the nation's largest non-motorized parade and draws interest worldwide.

Okay, so back to doin' what we do...clinics, playdays and rides! May's full of 'em. We have our horse-handling, trailer-loading and microchip clinic comin' up on the 10th. We have a playday on the 17th and don't forget our month-end ride on the 31st! Hope to see all of you at these events.

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# News Around the Canyon

*(President's message, continued)*

Speaking of trailer loading, here's a few tips I came across in "Horse Illustrated" magazine...

- Groundwork basics are crucial
- Use "direct and drive" for trailer loading instead of leading the horse into the trailer
- Make sure your horse has enough time to understand what you're asking
- There is a difference between teaching (a young horse) and correcting (an older horse)
- Use pressure to your advantage so don't try to pull a horse into a trailer
- Always drive carefully and take corners easily

I'm sure we'll hear a lot about all of these techniques at our upcoming clinic. Hope to see you all there.

One last note on something I mentioned at the last Members' Meeting...I want to remind everyone that your Board is working on getting us some really cool shirts with our logo embroidered in full color! You'll be hearing more about this so stay tuned and start saving your pennies.

Well, as you can see, always a lot to think about, plan for and participate in. Mostly, here's to workin' together and ridin' together...see you on the trail...

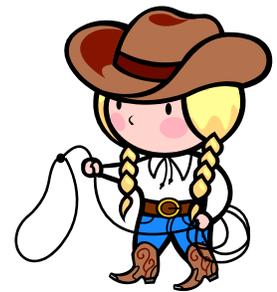
Rich Gomez  
President, ETI 357

## **Sad but true...Carol's moving...Pot Luck at the General Store**

Well, she's really doin' it! Our good friend and neighbor Carol Cutri is hookin' up her wagon and movin' to Arkansas! We are all sad to see her go but that won't stop us from sendin' her off in style. So come and wish Carol "Happy Trails" at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Canyon Music Night at the General Store. This is a Pot Luck so bring your favorite dish to share with your neighbors. Music starts at 7pm; but grub will be served at 6:30.

P.S Don't forget to bring your musical instruments.

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## **On-Line Newsletter Available**

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](mailto:sdsegien@mac.com). Include the words "pigs don't fly" in the subject line. Please note, you will not be getting the newsletter via email. Instead, you will have the options to read it on-line or download it from our website, <http://www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com>

Don Segien

# CORRAL



# CORNER

## TRAIL BOSS REPORT

BY: JEFF KELLY

By the time you read this, we will already have had our end of the month sort of poker ride. Now up to this point in my sheltered cowboy life, I've never, ever, ever, never participated or ridden in or even been in earshot of a poker ride. So with that level of expertise, none, only in this great country could I try to pull it off like it's all I've ever done. And a lot of that has to do with the fact that I got people. My intent was to jazz up the end of the month ride, which has a variable response component (one to fifteen people show up and the outcome is after the fact). My dilemma is to successfully mesh a simple group ride with an endeavor that takes a little bit of logistics. There was a point where I realized this just might take some planning. Planning? What's next? Make me read a map? Maybe ask for directions? Well by the time you read this here journal next month, I should know how to draw a hand of poker from the back of my horse. Oh, and before I forget, a huge thanks to Shelly, Tristan, and yer President Rich for lendin' a hand with April trail maintenance days! How can we be expect to be playin' cards if those trails aren't all cleaned up? Next month end ride will be May 31st. Hope those Bunco ladies don't expect me to be bringin' any dice along.



## MAU REPORT

BY: DOUG SLAVIN

A BIG Thank you to all who helped make the 2008 Sensory Clinic and Sensory Trail Trial weekend a huge success! Everyone's participation and support is greatly appreciated. Great action pictures are located in the photo gallery section and on the OCRegister.com Canyon life webpage.

Upcoming MAU Events mark your calendar now:

Horse Handling & Trailer Loading Clinic \$60 (MAU Training Requirement)  
O'Neill Park Equestrian Arena  
9a – 5p, Saturday, May 10, 2008

And also the  
Micro Chip Clinic \$40 per animal  
O'Neill Park Equestrian Arena  
9a-1p, Saturday, May 10, 2008

Come on by and have lunch for \$5

To sign up for either event in advance please contact Debi G at 949 291-0551 or [debig@cox.net](mailto:debig@cox.net)

If you are interested in participating in our ETI357 Mounted Assistance Unit or our Emergency Response Team please speak with Debi G or Jennifer.

Ride Safe & Please log your patrol hours in the park!



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# HORSE TALES

BY: DON SEGIEN

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<> So this horse walks into a bar...the bar tender say "hey buddy, why the long face."

<>< A champion jockey is about to enter an important race on a new horse. The horse's trainer meets him before the race and says, "All you have to remember with this horse is that every time you approach a jump, you have to shout, 'ALLLEEE OOOOP!' really loudly in the horse's ear. Providing you do that, you'll be fine."

The jockey thinks the trainer is mad but promises to shout the command. The race begins and they approach the first hurdle. The jockey ignores the trainer's ridiculous advice and the horse crashes straight through the center of the jump.

They carry on and approach the second hurdle. The jockey, somewhat embarrassed, whispers "Aleeee ooop" in the horse's ear. The same thing happens--the horse crashes straight through the center of the jump.

At the third hurdle, the jockey thinks, "It's no good, I'll have to do it," and yells, "ALLLEEE OOOOP!" really loudly. Sure enough, the horse sails over the jump with no problems. This continues for the rest of the race, but due to the earlier problems the horse only finishes third.

The trainer is fuming and asks the jockey what went wrong. The jockey replies, "Nothing is wrong with me--it's this bloody horse. What is he--deaf or something?"

The trainer replies, "Deaf?? DEAF?? He's not deaf--he's BLIND!"

<><>< A horse walked into the Ice Cream shop. "I'll get a chocolate ice cream cone" The horse said. The Ice Cream Man, John, gave the horse the cone. The horse, having a \$10 bill in his wallet, gave the money to John. Since John thought the horse wouldn't know a thing about money, he gave the horse one dollar back. "Thanks for coming," John said to the horse. "We don't get many horses around here!" The horse replied "Well, it's no wonder for \$9.00 a cone!"

<><><< Three race horses stood in their stalls. One said to other others: "I ran 20 races and I won 15 of them!" she bragged. The next said with a snort, "Well, I ran 30 races and won 25 of them!" Then the third horse spoke up proudly, "Yeah, I ran 41 races and won 39 of them!" This seemed to settle the topic when the horses noticed a Greyhound outside their stalls. The Greyhound said, "I ran 100 races and I won 99 of them." The horses looked at each other in amazement and one gasped, "Wow! A talking greyhound!"

Please note: You can prevent this type of thing from happening in the future by submitting legitimate Horse Tales for publication.

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE

BY: DEBBIE KELLY

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## Emergency Response Team Report

The MAU coordinators, along with members of South Orange County Equestrians (SOCE), Surf City Animal Response Team (SCART), and representatives of the Fire Safe Council met with OCFA and Orange County Animal Care in April to discuss the Equine Evacuation Plan. The primary focus of the meeting was to present the plan to Animal Care with the hope that it might become an official component of the County disaster plan. We suggested a single coalition of responders to augment the efforts of Animal Care during an emergency. We outlined in our presentation how we all so successfully worked together during the Santiago fires; not only the evacuation of horses, but the sheltering and reunification. There are definitely some gaps to fill, and the final outcome may take some time, but we as ETI should be proud that we have come this far, and been favorably recognized. We hope to integrate other horse and animal lovers into the plan as we move forward. As always, you will be kept informed.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

BY: ROBERT WILKS

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING  
March 31, 2008

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$ 8,260.83

**DEPOSITS:**

Deposits Made After FEBRUARY Closing (From Sensory Clinic & Lunch + Others) \$ 4,246.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$12,506.47

**EXPENSES:**

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source	Reason	Amount
1220	ETI	Members	\$ 28.00	1226	Cash	Bank/Pancks	\$ 300.00
1221	S. Segien	News Letter	\$ 104.37	1227	D. Kelly	Pancke/Food	\$ 27.77
1222	E.T.I.	Members	\$ 80.00	1228	Spike	Pancke/Sups	\$ 82.47
1223	Smart/Final	Pancakes	\$ 159.14	1229	Misson	Griddle Rent	\$ 120.00
1224	Rich Gomez	Web Page	\$ 244.61				

Total expenses paid in MARCH 2008 (\$1,146.36)

**UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD**

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
1225	E.T.I	Insurance	\$ 51.60	1234	U.S. Postal	P.O Bx	\$ 70.00
1230	E.T.I.	Insurance	\$ 731.00	1235	P Gomez	Bd. Dinnr	\$ 30.00
1231	County Org	Permits	\$ 195.00	1236	S/Final	Sensory Food	\$ 153.88
1232	E.T.I.	Members	\$ 108.00	1237	WallMart	Cooler	\$ 52.61
1233	D. Geary	Swallos Pard	\$ 77.60	1238	M.Hedgpeth	Clinic	\$2,835.00

Total Outstanding Checks March 2008 i.e. Spending: (\$ 4,304.69)

Funds on hand in checking as of 03-31-08 \$ 8,201.78

Petty Cash on Hand as of 03-2008 \$ 400.00

Due from Samlarch for prepaid Pancakes \$ 210.00

Total Corral FUNDS On Hand at 03/31/08 \$8,811.78

.- MAU fnd raser proceeds[03/07+ \$300] (Cant'l Bgs 434.44)(Jan.Adv-\$100) [+57] (\$ 266.56)

.- Six months newsletter expense @ \$110.00 per month: (\$ 660.00)

Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve: (\$ 869.56) \$( 869.56)

JET - NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to Corral 357 \$7,942.22

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY: SHEILA SEGIEN

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

Elizabeth Zarkos 1/08

Tom Ordway 1/08

Anita Rasmussen 1/08

Eric & Adam Walters 1/08

Mickey Weldon 1/08

Esposito Family 2/08

**Expired**

Chris Richardson 3/08

Delma Johnson 4/08

Priscilla Sasek 4/08

Dalynn Zampino 4/08

Sharon Tower 4/08

**Expiring**

Dale & Sandra Grabinski 5/08

Sue Baldwin 5/08

Rick & Carin Frisby-Hart 5/08

Connie Presley 5/08

Doug & Marni Nagy 5/08

Jonette Dopson 5/08

Alice Sorenson 5/08

Carol Cutri 5/08

Jennifer Walters 5/08

**WELCOME New Members!!**

Bonnie & Stu Love

Paul Lynch Family

Melba & Roy Slavin

Duane & CeCi Turner



ETI 357

# Horse Playday!

When: Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 9am  
Registration will begin at 8am!

Cost is \$5 per event for members and \$6 for non-members.  
(Preprint your Waiver and Release form from the website to save time)

Coffee available at 8am



Where: O'Neill Park Arena

What: Playday Games and Fun Events

We will also be offering lunch for \$5 beginning at 11:30  
All are welcome for lunch!



Any Questions Contact  
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# 2008 YEAR AT A GLANCE

## ETI 357 EVENTS CALENDAR

	MEETINGS	TRAIL MAINT	TRAINING	EVENT	EVENT
JANUARY	1/3 Member mtg 1/5 MAU mtg 1/10 Board mtg		1/26 Emergency Response Preparedness Training 8:30am	1/27 Month End/MAU Ride 10:00am	
FEBRUARY	2/7 Member mtg 2/14 MAU mtg 2/14 Board mtg	2/9 O'Neill Pk	2/9 US Forest Service Annual Training	2/23 Month End/MAU Ride 10:00 am	
MARCH	3/6 Member mtg 3/8 MAU mtg-am 3/13 Board mtg		3/8 Em Horse Shoeing/MAU meeting	3/15 SAMLARC Spring Fling (ETI fundraiser)	3/29 Swallows Day Parade (=Month End Ride)
APRIL	4/3 Member mtg 4/10 Board mtg	4/5 O'Neill Pk	4/12-13 Sensory Training & Trail Trials	4/12-13 Sensory Training & Trail Trials	4/26 Month End/MAU & Poker Ride 10:00 am
MAY	5/1 Member mtg 5/8 Board mtg		5/10 Horse Handling & Trailer Loading MAU meeting	5/10 Microchip clinic at arena	5/17 PLAYDAY 5/31 Month End/MAU Ride
JUNE	6/5 Member mtg 6/12 MAU mtg 6/12 Board mtg	6/7 O'Neill Pk		6/7 MAU "Away" ride	6/21 PLAYDAY -KIDS 6/28 Month End/MAU ride 9am
JULY	7/3 No mtg 7/10 Board mtg			7/4 Ride in Parade July 11-13 ETI /MAU Campout 7/18 Full Moon Ride	7/26 Month End/MAU Ride 9:00am
AUGUST	8/7 Member mtg 8/14 MAU mtg 8/14 Board mtg	8/9 O'Neill Pk	"Possible Sierra Pack Trip"	8/8 Great Rancho Campout (fundraiser)	8/30 Month End/MAU & Poker Ride 9:00am
SEPTEMBER	9/4 Member mtg 9/11 Board mtg 9/13 MAU mtg-am			9/27 Month End/MAU Ride (Charity pre-ride)	
OCTOBER	10/2 Member mtg 10/9 MAU mtg 10/9 Board mtg	10/4 O'Neill Pk		10/25 Annual Charity Ride	
NOVEMBER	11/6 Member mtg 11/8 MAU mtg-am 11/13 Board mtg			11/15 PLAYDAY	11/29 Month End/MAU Ride 10:00 am
DECEMBER	12/11 Board mtg			12/13 Christmas Party	12/27 Month End/MAU Ride 10:00 am

For updates and details check our website: [www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com](http://www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com)



## 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 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.



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