



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RICH GOMEZ

### TIME FOR OUR CHARITY RIDE!

Yep pardners, it's time for our ANNUAL Charity Ride. You know, this has got to be one of the greatest events we hold because we do it to help others. We do it to help kids, we do it for "local" groups, and we do it because those groups use horses in their mission to help others. What a great deal! This is what we're all about!

And it's a great time of year for a ride...fall in the canyons! Cooler temperatures, leaves startin' to change colors (gotta love those sycamores), sunlight from a little lower angle, and an event we can ALL be proud of.

So our ride will go from beautiful O'Neill Regional Park to the historic McFadden Ranch. Just listen to this excerpt from the OC Parks website about O'Neill...

O'Neill Regional Park is situated in beautiful Trabuco and Live Oak Canyons. The park is heavily wooded with coast live oak and sycamore trees. The hillsides surrounding the park are filled with cactus, wild buckwheat, sage-

brush and chaparral of scrub oak, buckthorn and mountain mahogany. Trabuco and Hicky Creeks also meander through the park, flowing in winter and early spring, dry in summer and fall.

Makes you wanna saddle up before work and go, doesn't it! And here's the scoop about the McFadden Ranch...



In 1842, Jose Serrano was granted 10,668 acres

of land known as Rancho Canada de Los Alisos. Serrano and his sons raised crops to sell such as corn, beans and watermelons. However, their principal industry was cattle, from which hides and tallow were sold. The property was sold to Dwight Whiting in 1885, and the house was built in 1915 by James McFadden for two purposes. One to provide housing for the ranch foreman and his family, and the other to utilize the ranch more fully for farming and livestock pasture.



Wow, what a great bunch of trails to ride and history to think of...just think back to those days... think of yourself riding in those early days...

So come and join us for a great ride through a beautiful park and into a piece of Orange County history. Make plans to join us on October 25th for this great event. Go to our website for additional (and up-to-the-minute) details.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)



And here's the challenge to EVERY member of our Club from Doug, our Vice-President:

LETS ALL MAKE THE 2008 CHARITY RIDE AND AUCTION THE BEST EVER!

We accept the challenge, we can do this and all we need is your support so sign up! Come on out for a great ride with a good bunch, enjoy a great lunch and get some GREAT treasures at our Charity auction...

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

## IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY

**Members meeting:** Thursday October 2nd  
(2009 Board Member Nominations.)

**Board Meeting:** Thursday October 9th

**MAU Meeting:** Thursday, October 9th

**Trail Maintenance:** Saturday October 4th

**Charity Ride to McFadden Ranch:** Saturday, October 25th



## TRAIL BOSS REPORT

BY JEFF KELLY

Well, a lot's been goin' on and there's a ton more to come. Had a fanfrigin' tastic end 'o da month ride! Our newest member, Sara came along and was keeping pace with the trotters while her not-so-old, old man RAN drag! Had a real nice couple, Wendy and Don, come down from Tehachapi. They read about our famous month end ride in the ETI National Magazine, a good tool at our disposal. Why just the other day, I sent off the check for our Universally Renowned Charity Ride to be advertised in that most useful periodical. Keep an eye out for it.

We rode up to the upper mesa above our beloved big arena. Just a totally bitchn' time spent on our horses. So we have this month end ride which will be the pre-ride for the charity ride. (that's three for the price of one!) We're going all the way to McFadden Ranch to load test the trail and our tactics.

We have a great committee ramrodded by the endless energy of our VP Doug Slavin. I know we're all pretty excited about this event! If you are reading this before the ride this Saturday, Sept 27,

know that this will be a bit more extensive than a routine month end ride. Get your horses in shape! Most of us ride enough, but if not, this isn't the ride to pick up where you last left off in the saddle. We all know, for the most part, a monkey could probably ride any one horse all alone in the desert, but we're going to encounter herd-type behavior and the like. Likewise, we all understand how easy it can be by simply knowing your horse. By doing so, it will help you decide the proper group to team up with. We want everyone to have a successful and safe ride.

October 4, 2008. It's a Saturday. It's the first Saturday of the tenth month of this year. First Saturday of an even-numbered month in this Corral is Trail Maintenance. This 1's going 2B special. It'll be the Charity Ride, scorched earth, march to the sea, end all, if it moves, shoot it, if it grows, chop it, blitzkrieg and, will the last guy on the trail put the fire out, please, hoe down, picks up, shovels everyfriggggen' where, mucho massive mega monstrous main man maintenance man O'war warehouse clearance, and clank , cowgirls gone commando , colossal MONDOEXTRAVOGONZO!  
(See month end ride pictures on pages 6 & 7)

# TEST YOUR HORSE SENSE

BY FIONA NELSON

- 1) What was Mr Ed's real name?  
A - PIEWACKIT  
B - PUMPKIN  
C - BAMBOO HARVESTER  
D - GOLDIE
- 2) For what purpose would you put bell boots on your horse?  
A - CRIBBING  
B - HEAD-TOSSING  
C - SIDE-STEPPING  
D - OVER-REACHING
- 3) What is the correct number of poles used in pole bending?  
A - 6  
B - 4  
C - 10  
D - 8
- 4) What is the length of gestation (pregnancy) in a horse?  
A - 5 TO 6 MONTHS  
B - 335 TO 340 DAYS  
C - 12 MONTHS  
D - 2 YEARS
- 5) Which is NOT a movement of the horse?  
A - TROT  
B - CANTER  
C - CRAWL  
D - WALK
- 6) Where would you find a 'dock' on the horse?  
A - HEAD  
B - BACK  
C - LEGS  
D - TAIL
- 7) What was Gene Autrey's 'World's Wonder Horse' called?  
A - CODY  
B - CHAMPION  
C - CISCO KID  
D - CAT BALLOU
- 8) Which is NOT a type of marbling?  
A - BITLESS  
B - IRISH  
C - STANDING  
D - RUNNING
- 9) What is the space between a horse's ears called?  
A - ERGOT  
B - CROUP  
D - POLL  
C - STIFLE
- 10) How many thoracic vertebrae does a horse have?  
A - 12  
B - 14  
C - 16  
D - 18
- 11) What is the triangular part of a horse's hoof called?  
A - FROG  
B - SNAKE  
C - GIZZARD  
D - WALL
- 12) What was General Robert E Lee's horse called?  
A - TRAVELLER  
B - BLACK JACK  
C - WINCHESTER  
D - LEXINGTON
- 13) Which part of a horse's back leg is equivalent to our heel?  
A - PASTERNS  
B - CORONET  
C - HOCK  
D - CANNON BONE
- 14) What would it mean if a horse is said to have a 'Roman Nose'  
A - IT'S DIFFICULT FOR THE HORSE TO BREATHE  
B - THE HORSE'S NOSE IS CONVEX  
C - THE HORSE LOOKS LIKE A ROMAN SOLDIER  
D - THE HORSE'S EYES ARE TOO CLOSE TOGETHER
- 15) A farmer trying to breed an all-round utility horse, developed this breed that was named after him - what is the breed called?  
A - PALOMINO  
B - APPALOOSA  
C - THOROUGHBRED  
D - MORGAN



## Answer Key

1C, 2D, 3A, 4B, 5C,  
6D, 7B, 8A, 9D, 10D,  
11A, 12A, 13C, 14B, 15D

# AROUND THE CANYON

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

LET'S ALL MAKE THE 2008 CHARITY RIDE AND AUCTION THE BEST EVER!

It is that time of year again as we gather generous donations for the October 25th 2008 Charity Ride and Auction to benefit the Canyon Acres Therapeutic Horse Riding Program.

The fundraising committee will contact the following generous sponsors from years past:

- American Horse Products
- B&E Feed and Supply
- Ballards Tack & Saddle

- Ballards Western Wear
- Boot Barn
- Canyon Feed and Tack
- Duane Turner
- Foothill Feed
- Gifts Etc.
- Hitch n' Post Feed & Tack
- Turtle Island Trading
- Johnny Rebs' Southern Roadhouse
- Orange County Mining Company Restaurant
- Pacific Ranch Market #3
- Pam Ragland
- Rose Canyon Cantina
- Terri Steuben

- The Wagon Train
- Thrifty Horse
- Trabuco Canyon General Store
- Vortex Spray Liners

All others are fair game....The ETI357 Board of Directors asks each and every member to contribute to the success of 'our' annual charity auction!

For information and to RSVP call Doug Slavin at 949 295-1331 or [dgslavin@gmail.com](mailto:dgslavin@gmail.com). Please make your reservations by 10/18/2008.'



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY SHEILA SEGIEN

**Very Expired:** (sorry, last newsletter!!) Joanne Hubbard 8/08, Robert & Caitlyn Nieblas 8/08, Howard Pyle & Sandi Dunn 8/08

**Expired:** Ed & Mary Weinik 9/08, Jim Iacano 9/08 **Expiring:** Patty Gretzler 10/08

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



## HORSE TALES

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT WILKS

### TROUBLE-SHOOTING ON THE TRIAL

Published by Western Horseman Sept-2008  
Written by Mike Kinsey

**Q:** My mare begins flipping her head when we get close to home. She gets worse when the other horses begin calling to her. She also does this at trail intersections if she wants to go a different direction than I've asked.

How should I correct her? I generally use a mild-port "grazing bit" with short shanks and a leather curb strap. Do I need to try a different bit?

**A:** The problem isn't your mare's head flipping, but the fact that the two of you are "arguing" in the

first place. The head-flipping vice is your horse's way of sucking you into an argument and gaining control of a situation. At some point, your horse probably learned she could get a "release" if she flipped her head because, as a result, you would lose control of the reins, bit and her head. If you try to maintain two-rein contact with your Mare when she's trying to get out of control, you and she end up in an argument – you pull, she pulls, you pull, she pulls. Many, if not most horses, love to argue. Let your horse win a few times and you can have an argument about a thousand different things – from trailer loading and feet trimming, to slowing down or speeding up. Teach her to argue and she can carry that concept as far as Einstein – it's all relative. That's where the snaffle bit comes into play. (*Continued on page 6*)

\$30.00 ETI Members  
\$35.00 Non-members  
Park Fees not included



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



# Saddleback Canyon Riders Annual Charity Trail Ride Saturday, October 25th, 2008



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

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at 949-295-1331 or [dgslavin@gmail.com](mailto:dgslavin@gmail.com)  
Please make your reservations by 10/18/08

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)

## HORSE TALES (CONTINUED)

(Continued from page 4) Use an oval, dee-or loose-ring snaffle to help send a clear message to your mare through lateral pressure. The key is not just in the bit but also in your hands. You must “cue and correct” with most forgetting the latter. Cues that can be disregarded or ignored will be, if the horse isn’t able or willing to give the cue a priority. So, you give your horse control when after giving a cue you omit a correction if the cue is ignored. This teaches your horse that its okay to be

distracted or misbehave by ignoring your cue. This is the opposite of what you want her to learn. Instead, be ready with a correction when you realize a cue is needed. Make a correction which is difficult for the horse to argue with, such as circling. Continue this correction until the horse willingly follows the turning cue. At point you have regained control. It may take a while, but it will work...

## MONTH END RIDE PICTURES



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# TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROBERT WILKS

ETI - CORRAL 357

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING

August 31, 2008

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$10,289.51

DEPOSITS:

Deposits Made After July Closing \$ 85.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$10,374.51

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
1020	E.T.I. Corp	Membrs	\$ 40.00	1025	Spike Wilks P/C food		\$ 466.09
1021	S. Segien	News Ltr	\$ 135.11	1026	Doug Slavin " " "		\$ 22.34
1022	Wind Chime Donation/Carter		\$ 75.00	1027	J Kelly P/C Exps		\$ 63.33
1023	Debi Kelly	Fire Packets	\$ 74.91	1029	Patti Gomez Bd. Din		\$ 30.00
1024	Pac Party Rent	Pan Cakes	\$ 53.30	1031	R. Gomez Signs		\$ 225.39

Total expenses paid in JULY/AUG 2008 (1,185.47)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
1030	E.T.I. Corp	Membrs	\$ 136.00	1034	S. Seigen News Ltr		\$ 89.09
1032	E.T.I.	Membrs	\$ 56.00	1035	E.T.I. Corp Membrs		\$ 28.00
1033	Street Wise	Stickers	\$ 40.41	1026	E.T.I. Corp Membrs		\$ 28.00
1028	D. Kelly	Pancakes	\$ 14.00				

Total Outstanding Checks AUGUST 2008 i.e. Spending: (\$ 388.50)

Funds on hand in checking as of 08-31-08 \$ 9,986.01

Petty Cash on Hand as of 08-2008 \$ 400.00

Total Corral FUNDS On Hand at 08/31/08 \$10,386.01

1.- MAU as of 7/31/08 = \$201.56 + \$450bags (Less: Sticking[-\$160]+ 740.47P/C (\$1,232.03)

Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve: (\$1,232.03) \$(1,232.03)

NET - NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to Corral 357 **\$ 9,153.98**

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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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