



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RICH GOMEZ

### THOSE LAZY, BUT BUSY DAYS OF SUMMER...

Well it sure is hot enough to be summer and we sure are busy enough so it must be summer, but what a great way to spend our days. I don't generally like to



look back but I think I will in this case just because our summer events have been so great. Let's start out with our grand trip to the Gene

Autry Western Heritage Museum...actually, what we're calling it was the Western Heritage tour, Griffith Park Trail Ride, Viva's Mexican Dinner Celebration and Country Music Extravaganza! Now that describes the kinda day we had! What a great time and we had a

great turnout for this event. You know, that's what horse clubs do...go places and do things and man we sure did that.



Check out our website for pictures...quite a day...

And then there was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and BBQ. Not only did we look just about perfect, but we also won both the Equestrian category trophy AND the Sweepstakes trophy! Now for those of you not exact-

ly sure what that means, let me tell you it means the Saddleback Canyon Riders won FIRST Place overall for



the Trabuco Canyon parade. Not a bad deal...and a big thanks to our new Activities Coordinator Jim Iac-



cono and everyone else who helped out, rode, walked or cheered us on! You should each be very proud of our corral...I know I sure am...or at least glad to be a part of such a great group of friends.

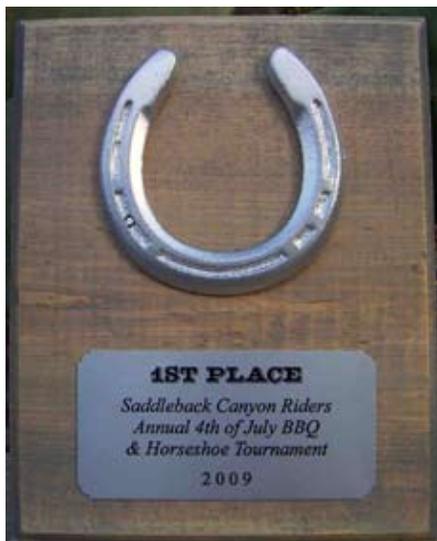
And of course, don't forget the now Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ and Horseshoe Tournament complete with trophies for the winning team! Wow, what a competition that was!!! And you know we play horseshoes the "cowboy way" – one team, one winner. It was tough out there but man was it fun! So a big thanks to all of you for showing up, tossin' a few and watchin' the fireworks. Hope to see more of you next year!



And it doesn't stop there! We have a big Equestrian Coalition of Orange County (Continued on page 2)

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event on August 8<sup>th</sup> where we'll be showin' off the kinds of things we do as a club and we'll be cookin' lunch. Be sure and show up for that... we'll be talkin' to all of our other equestrian buddies from around the county and seein' what kinda stuff they have planned.



...and then our annual Pancake Breakfast in Rancho Santa Margarita! That's going to be

on August 15<sup>th</sup> and we'll be doin' some mean flippin' (not to mention another round of Rick's now famous Mickey Mouse pancakes) so don't miss that! Good times and a big fundraiser for us...

Sheesh...I'm exhausted... not really, just enjoyin' bein' a part of a great club. But I sure am glad it's the lazy days of summer...I need to go find my hammock...or my horse...

So 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 (SEE WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

Members Meeting: Thursday, 8/13

Board Meeting: Thursday, 8/6

Equestrian Faire & Town Hall Meeting: Saturday, 8/8

Month End Ride: Saturday, 8/29

RSM Panckae Breakfast, Saturday, 8/15



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM REPORT BY DEBBIE KELLY

At our July MAU meeting we voted to purchase another micro-chip reader for our evacuation kits. We are now the proud owners of

two Avid readers (they read all manufacture chips); and the second one will be paid for by MAU funds. Read on about how everyone can help fill the coffers.

Michelle Prieto also donated another box of hospital ID bands which we used at our drills and during the Santiago fires. The bands are an efficient way of identification for the horses, and the bands do stay on.

Our MAU group is also hoping to schedule an away ride later in the summer or early fall, so watch for those details. Now, about the money.

Don't forget we have a fundraiser with Rancho Santa Margarita in August. We are offering our famous pancake breakfast at the Great Rancho Campout on the 15<sup>th</sup>. So we need help! We set up at the Trabuco Mesa Park on Friday evening the 14<sup>th</sup>; then back at 5:30 am on Saturday to begin serving at 6:00. This

is a great fundraiser as we get a guaranteed sale and know how many to plan on serving. It is win/win. So if you signed up or raised your hand in June to help-thank you in advance. A portion of the proceeds go to the MAU fund which allowed us to buy that additional chip reader. I don't need to promote the importance of having the readers.

Contact Debbie Kelly at [rileyboy1@cox.net](mailto:rileyboy1@cox.net) or 459-7191 to volunteer.

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## TRAIL BOSS REPORT

BY JEFF KELLY

In lieu of the scheduled Trail Maintenance for August 8th, we will be participating in a very special event. ETI has been invited by the Equine Coalition of Orange County to serve up an old fashioned BBQ at their first Equine Faire and Town Hall Meeting. This is scheduled for August 8th at El Toro Tack and Feed. Since one focus of ECOC is to protect our trails and preserve our equestrian lifestyle; I think it is appropriate that we consider our part critical

to this purpose. This does not in anyway minimize the need to stay busy in O'Neill Park, as that is a commitment as well. We will continue to work as needed on the trails along with our next scheduled trail maintenance day in October. And don't forget about joining us for the August Month End Ride on the 31st!

If you can help with the BBQ on the eighth, please contact Jeff at rileyboy1@cox.net or 858-7363. See the flyer for details.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY SHEILA SEGIEN

**Very Expired: (Sorry, Last Newsletter)** Duane & Ceci Turner 4/09, Paul Lynch 4/09, Jeanette & Donavon Villegas 4/09, Bonnie & Stu Love 4/09

**Expired:** , Sharon Stancato 5/09, Doug & Marni Nagy 5/09, Alice Sorenson 5/09, Jennifer Walters 5/09, Larry Brown 6/09, Pam Ragland 6/09, Michelle Prieto 7/09,

Debi Geary 7/09, Karin Hathaway 7/09

**Expiring:** Doug & Jennifer Slavin 8/09, Robert & Caitlyn Nieblas 8/09, Connie Burns 8/09, Ken Weiss 8/09, Sarah Eaton 8/09

**Welcome New Members:** Connie Nelson

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



## BREAKING NEWS FLASH

BY DON SEGIEN

Anonymous sources close to the situation reported today that long time Corral 357 Treasurer, Bob Wilks is expected to announce his resignation from the office at the August members meeting to be held August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Rose Canyon Cantina. Calls to him for verification were not answered prior to press time.

Bob, elected to four terms as Treasurer, has also served E.T.I. Corral 357 when he was elected to a one-year term as Vice President and elected twice for two-year terms as President.

It is generally not well known that when Bob took on his first term as Treasurer, there was a meager sum of \$1,700 on hand to run the club's financial obligations. Eight years after taking the reigns as Treasurer, the club has a healthy cash reserve of over \$9,000 and a over \$3,500. This turnaround has occurred with zero debt to the club.

Bob's four successful campaigns for election as Treasurer stressed his platform of "fiscal conservatism" emphasizing that club funds should best be spent in ways that will have identifiable benefits for our members or Corral, and fending off, where he could, spending of club funds for a host of other requests over the eight years he served as Treasurer.

ETI 357 at the school after the July 4th Parade





## **WHO ARE THE SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS?**

The Saddleback Canyon Riders are ETI Corral 357. Established in 1991, we are one of the largest ETI corrals 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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