



# Corral News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY RICK BALTHASER

### RICK'S 'RAMBLINS'

Happy New Year fellow Saddleback Canyon Riders! A few days ago, my wife Karen and I saw a terrific movie at the theatre, and watchin' it helped solidify my 'ramblin' thoughts on how our horse club and community come together to celebrate all that's good about canyon life, as well as how we deal with events that are challenging and difficult. As your newly elected President, I aint skeered to embrace inspiration wherever it may come from, even if it's from inside a movie theatre while enjoying a good movie with a half gallon soft drink, Junior Mints and a popcorn the size of a muck bucket.

But, I'm gettin' a little ahead of myself, so, 'first things first' and I'll get to the movie shortly enough.

First off, let me just say that I am extremely honored to be 'handed the reins' as the new President of Saddleback Canyon Riders.

Here's a real quick 'Reader's Digest' version of our history with ETI Corral 357. From the moment we joined, we felt an immediate connection and a sense of belonging to this great group of folks that ARE the Saddleback Canyon Riders. Karen and I have made many wonderful friends in the last four years, and I have personally enjoyed my positions as the club's Sergeant of Arms and Vice President, and I know that Karen has enjoyed her terms as Secretary.

As our new President, I get to step into the 'big boots' of my good friend Rich Gomez. Rich has brought incredible passion, dedication, hard work, diplomacy and 'good clean fun' during his three-plus years at the helm of our club. I'll serve Saddleback Canyon Riders with equal dedication and passion, and promise not to leave out the fun part! Rich will serve as interim Vice President for the next year, and then there will be an election in November to officially elect our VP and other board members.

Speaking of Board Members, I would like to congratulate Jim Schicht as our new Trail Boss! Jim (who I seem to see more ON his horse than off, which is a good thing!) will be a great Trail Boss and has some neat ideas that we will be hearing about shortly. A special 'tip of the hat' goes to Jeff Kelly, who has been an amazing Trail Boss for as long as I can remember. ETI 357 is fortunate to have some of the most dedicated and hard working Board Members that I have ever seen. There's a fair amount of planning and work that keeps a club like ours running smoothly 'on all cylinders', and our Board Members are second to none!

Now, the movie that Karen and I watched (and saw a second time with friends) was True Grit. And, when I think about Saddleback Canyon Riders, I'm reminded of the true grit of the people who make up our club.

We're definitely a pretty gritty bunch, and we aint skeered to speak our minds, help out our fellow neighbors, and care strongly about our animals. This came to bear most recently as we rallied to help each other through the latest bout with Mother Nature and the ensuing flooding and mud slides that wreaked havoc in our neighborhoods. We are getting through it all with hard work, compassion and grit ... true grit.

As we bring in another new year, I invite you to show your 'true grit' and enjoy a renewed and active role in Saddleback Canyon Riders.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for 2011 that you won't want to miss, and we look forward to your participation!

So ... stay tuned for all the details, and I hope to see you out on the trails!

Thanks,  
Rick Balthaser



## DON'T MISS THE EQUINE AFFAIRE BY KAREN HOPKINS-BALTHASER

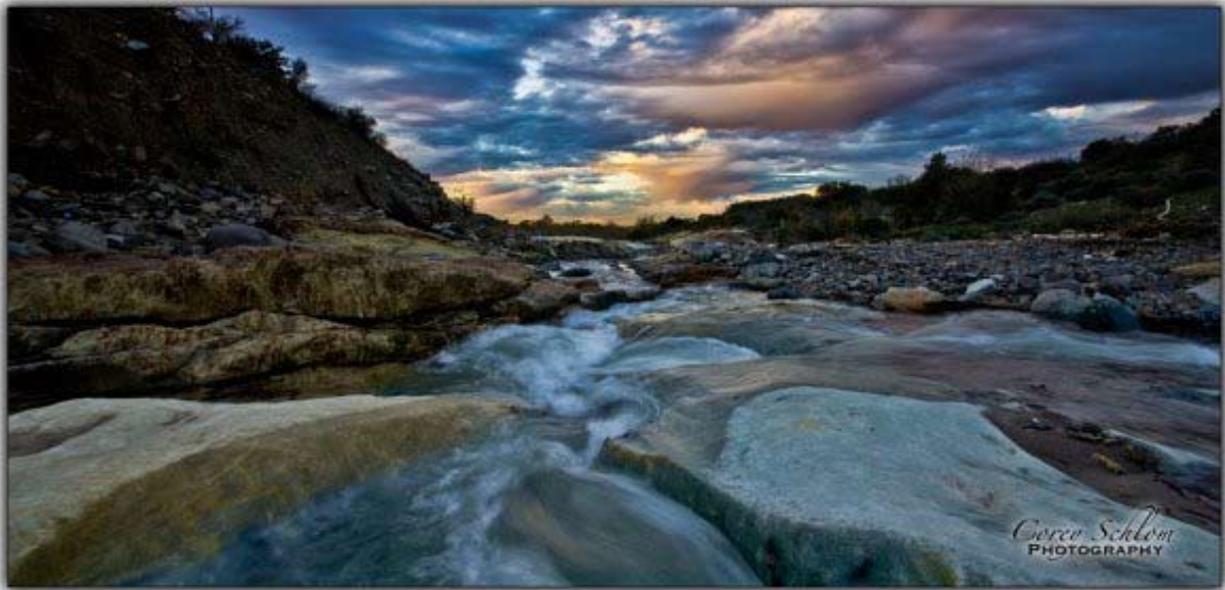
Four days of all things equine, the Equine Affaire is returning to the Fairplex in Pomona February 3-6. If you have never gone, this is a must see event. Nowhere else do you have the opportunity to see great seminars and demonstrations by the best horse clinicians, all in one place for one price. This year there is an entire pavilion dedicated to trail

riding. There are five exhibit halls filled with all of the latest horse related products. Just for fun, see Craig Cameron's Extreme Cowboy Race. The cost for adults is \$16 per day with discounts if you purchase a multiple day pass. Hours are 9 AM to 7 PM closing at 5 PM on Sunday. For more information, pick up a flyer at Canyon Feed, or visit [www.equineaffaire.com](http://www.equineaffaire.com). See you there!!

## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR NEXT MEMBER'S MEETING

### SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS PRESENT

#### THE UNSEEN OC WITH COREY SCHLOM



Our next ETI 357 members meeting will be an evening with Corey Schlom a REAL OC Cowboy. His new pictorial book has captured the history and beauty of our beloved canyons. Corey will present exciting tales of exploring our Orange County back country, and for this night only, there will be a special discount on a personalized signed edition!

ETI 357 Members Meeting February 3rd at 7:00pm  
Friends Sports Tavern  
31911 Dove Canyon Drive · Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679

## IMPORTANT DATES (SEE WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

Members Meeting: Thursday, February 3rd

Board Meeting: Thursday, February 10th

Trail Maintenance: Saturday, February 5th

Month End Event: Saturday, February 26th



### MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY SHEILA SEGIEN

**Very Expired (Sorry, Last Newsletter):** Alice Sorenson 7/10, Connie Nelson 8/10, Pam Hutchins 8/10

**Expired:** Lori Hansen 9/10, Jeanette & Donavon Villegas 9/10, Sally Wooldridge 9/10, Patti Gretzler 10/10, Judi Winkel 10/10, Jonette Dopson 11/10, Lauren Helsel 11/10, Pam Ragland 11/10, Jill Corley 11/10, Jordan Bui 11/10, Vansel Johnson 12/10, Jeff Kermode 12/10, Doug & Jennifer Slavin 12/10

**Expiring:** Brynne Van Putten 1/11, Terri Steuben 1/11, Jennifer Walters 1/11w, Jane Adair 2/11, Rich & Patti Gomez 2/11, Fred & Helen Bruns 2/11

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

## TRIPLE CROWN PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTING OUR FRIENDS AT BETHANY'S GAIT

Bethany's Gait, Inc. a 501(c)3, youth ranch is proud to announce their acceptance into the Triple Crown Partnership program for non-profits.

The T C Partnership program is specifically designed to assist equine non- profit organizations with additional funding for events, programs and activities through customer loyalty.

This is where you as a customer come into play!

It's as easy as removing the "Proof of Purchase" located on the back of each bag. For each proof of purchase returned to Triple Crown, Bethany's Gait will receive 35 cents credit for our youth activities and education programs, now how easy is that.

Please leave your Triple Crown proof of purchase in the Bethany's Gait Triple Crown proof of purchase pouch at your local feed store or mail proofs of purchase to:

Bethany's Gait, Inc.  
27762 Antonio Parkway, L1-464  
Ladera Ranch, CA 92694



Thank you in advance for helping the children and horses of Bethany's Gait Youth Ranch & Horse Rescue



## 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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