



RICK'S 'RAMBLINS' BY RICK BALTHASER

'SPOTLIGHT' ON SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS!

Howdy Saddleback Canyon Riders!

I'm pleased to announce that our lil' ole horse club will be featured in not one, but two articles in the May edition of the ETI National magazine. First, if you're not familiar with the National magazine, here's how it works; there are four quarterly paper editions that are mailed out to all members. The remaining eight months are electronic editions (the quarterly editions are paper and electronic) that can be accessed on the ETI National website at www.etinational.org. It's a great magazine and website with tons of info, events, rides, play days, gymkhanas and a whole lot more, so make sure you check it out!

Recently, I was asked by ETI National President Linda Fullerton if I would write an article on the Swallows Day Parade. I was honored and happy to do it, and I wanted to promote this unique parade to other Corrals in the hope that they might join us next year. I think it would be really cool to meet other ETI members and create an even larger and more impressive ETI squad for the parade.

'Corral Spotlight' is a new feature created by Sarah Williams, the very talented and energetic new editor of the ETI National

magazine. 'Corral Spotlight' showcases a different corral each month, and the May magazine features ETI Corral 357 - Saddleback Canyon Riders ...Hey ... wait a minute ... that's us!

So, if for some reason you don't happen to catch it in the May ETI National magazine (which happens to be an electronic version) below is the 'Spotlight' article for your perusing pleasure.

Enjoy!

'CORRAL SPOTLIGHT' ETI Corral 357 – Saddleback Canyon Riders

"GIT R' DONE!" ... and ... "WE AINT SKEE-RED!" are prominently emblazoned in large type on Saddleback Canyon Rider's equipment trailer. They're not there by coincidence, they are Corral 357s 'un-official slogans', and they certainly define how we approach running our club.

Corral 357 was established in 1991, so we recently celebrated our 20th Anniversary! We're located in Trabuco Canyon in South Orange County, and feel very blessed to be in a unique and scenic area adjacent to O'Neill Regional Park and the Cleveland National Forrest. Or, as our Events Coordinator likes to say (continued on page 2)

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"Trabuco Canyon, where heaven is a local call."

So, what are we like you ask? ... (I assume with great anticipation) ...

Well, first of all, thanks for asking ... that is an insightful and damn good question!

We are a very close-knit group ... a family really ... and we are extremely hard-working, focused, organized and super-dedicated to our Corral. That said, we are ALL ABOUT having a lot of fun at all of our meetings and events, and we generally don't take ourselves too seriously. We have our monthly member's meetings at a local restaurant/sports tavern, and we eat and socialize before the real meeting begins. We've found that it's a really nice way to relax with your friends before easing into the meeting. We always try to keep the meetings interesting, with guest speakers, games, videos, and a 50/50 raffle.

We have a separate Board Member's Meeting a week after the Member's Meeting. The Board meeting is held at a different Board Member's home each month, and we always share dinner together before launching into the meeting.

We have built a very strong relationship with O'Neill Regional Park, which offers some of the finest riding trails and horse camping facilities in Southern California.

We do regular trail maintenance in the park, as well as hold strategic monthly meetings with the Supervising Ranger to discuss, plan and implement a wide variety of equestrian/park related issues. By responsibly building this relationship, we're able to provide significant input regarding many equestrian related projects and issues.

As a club, we have many interests; we enjoy

month end trail rides, moonlight rides, camping trips, movie nights, field trips, the Cowboy Festival and casual and fun Play Days that ramp up to our year end Buckle Play Day. We also participate in parades; The Swallows Day Parade, our Trabuco Canyon 4th of July Parade and the Laguna Niguel Christmas parade.

Saddleback Canyon Riders takes pride in giving back to both our community and horse rescue agencies by hosting and participating in a number of fundraisers as well as many community projects. Our Emergency Response Team has been called upon to help in local disasters.

We strive to keep our members enthused and motivated by offering a number of fun contests that they can participate in to win prizes. These contests include; the member that attends the most meetings and events, the member that logs the most riding/working hours in the park, and The President's Award for the member that demonstrates exemplary excellence in commitment to the club over the course of the year.

We keep everyone informed and up to date with our Monthly Newsletter, website, lots of email communication, Facebook and Twitter. We have also been doing a lot of marketing; bumper stickers, banners, posters and more, and it has paid off with increased membership.

In 2012 and beyond, we really want to reach out and team up with other Corrals to participate in some of your events, and have you participate in some of ours.

I'd like to add that I feel both blessed and honored to serve as President of Saddleback Canyon Riders, as well as serving on the ETI National Board.

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any Presidents out there that would like to exchange ideas, brainstorm on anything, or if you have any questions, PLEASE don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for allowing me to introduce Saddleback Canyon Riders to you all!

Happy Trails!

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CORRAL CALENDAR

Date			Event	Time	Location	Contact
May	3	Thursday	Members Meeting	7:00 PM	Friends	Karen (714) 458-7772
	10	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	Karen (714) 458-7772
	18-20	Fri-Sun.	Casper's Campout	TBA	Caspers	Karen (714) 458-7772
	26	Saturday	Month End Ride to Cooks Corner	8:30AM	O'Neill Park T.C.	Jim S (949) 677-5200
June	2	Saturday	Play Day	8:00AM	O'Neill Park T.C.	Jim (949) 459-7742
	7	Thursday	Members Meeting	7:00 PM	Friends	Karen (714) 458-7772
	9	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	8:00 AM	O'Neill Park T.C.	Jim S (949) 677-5200
	14	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	Karen (714) 458-7772
	17	Sunday	Cowboy Church @ TCCC	8:30AM	O'Neill Park T.C.	Jim S (949) 677-5200
	30	Saturday	Month End	9:00AM	O'Neill Park T.C.	Jim S (949) 677-5200
July	4	Wednesday	July 4th Parade	8:30AM	Trabuco Canyon, Ca.	Jim (949) 459-7742
	12	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	Karen (714) 458-7772
	14	Saturday	Movie Night	Dusk	Gomez round pen	Rick (949) 439-2414
	28	Saturday	Month End Ride	9:00AM	O'Neill Park T.C.	Jim S (949) 677-5200

Don't miss our June member's meeting with a very special guest speaker. Terri Stueben, Animal Communicator, Reiki Master, Medical Intuitive and ETI member will be sharing valuable tips on how we can better understand our horses and pets; along with her new book "Secrets of a Pet Whisperer; Stop Telling your Pets to Misbehave". Many of you (and your pets) already know Terri and won't want to miss hearing her advice and stories. Signed copies of Terri's book will be available. Be sure to save the date for June 7th!



ETI 357 EVENTS WRAP-UP

BY JAMES M. IACONO

SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS CAPTURE SWALLOWS DAY PARADE HARDWARE

Nine riders, one lead pony, 6 foot soldiers, and a historic trabuco paved the way for the Saddleback Canyon Riders to win First Place in the Mounted Group, Family Division at the 54th Annual Swallows Day Parade. Also known as the "Fiesta de las Golondrinas", the parade is the largest non-motorized parade in the country.

Over 40,000 spectators lined the former cobblestone paths of San Juan Capistrano to enjoy the festivities, which included entries with over 400 horse and riders. None looked better or behaved better than the Trabuco Canyon ensemble of Quarter Horses, Arabians, Missouri Fox Trotters, Thoroughbreds, Tennessee Walkers, and of course, Penelope the Miniature.... And we have the plaque to prove it! (see below).

A big "Thank You" to all who rode, walked, decorated, carried banners, took photos, did horse tricks, and wielded the Trabuco ...all with so much style and panache that the Club is boasting it's second First Place parade finish in 8 months (SCR also captured an Overall First Place in the 2011 Trabuco Canyon 4th of July parade).

The Club is proud to bring their equestrian lifestyle out to the greater Community to promote the life that is inherent to Trabuco Canyon.... Where heaven is a local call!



Victory is Sweet! Saddleback Canyon Riders Are First Place Divisional Winners In the 2012 Swallows Day Parade.



PARTICIPATE AND WIN (PAW) SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDER'S CONTEST

Because, we want to **REWARD and RECOGNIZE** our Members for their participation, dedication and support of our great club!

OFFICIAL Git-R-Done! RULES:

Who is eligible? :Members of ETI 357 – Saddleback Canyon Riders that are in good standing!

(Note: Board Members of ETI 357 are not eligible for this contest)

How does it work? When you attend any ETI 357 - Saddleback Canyon Rider's Event in any capacity, whether it's as a participant, a volunteer, or even a spectator you get a POINT for your participation. Just sign in at the event and your point will be recorded!

These will include ALL of our GREAT sanctioned and even non-sanctioned club-related events: Members Meetings, Month End Trail Rides, Trail Maintenance Days, Play Days, Parades, Santa Clarita Cowboy Festival 'Field Trip', Camping Trips, Special Events, Volunteer Events like Equifest, ETI 357 Clinics, etc!



TRAIL BOSS TIDBITS BY JIM SCHICHT

Now that the nice weather is here, we need to think ahead on the trail and brush up the trail rules posted on our web page.

We have more hikers, bikers and trail riders out enjoying the weather.

Look for safe places to move over, as other riders as they may not be as experienced as you. Be aware of what your horse is telling you about the trail, they know first (sometimes) what is up ahead. Play a game

with them to see who is the first to see something. Reward them if they win.

It is spring time, so take the clippers with and help trim the bushes back.

Have fun, be safe and ride.

Your Trail Boss
Jim and Jager



ERT REPORT

BY DEBBIE KELLY

The tips for May will include ideas to help you build your emergency food supply and a kit for your pets.

We should expect a minimum of three days and up to seven or more without services if a wide scope disaster strikes. This could include an earthquake, wildfire and the flooding that often follows, storms, and even nuclear or terrorist attack. None of these events can be dismissed as a possibility. If we are prepared to be home without services we will be more effective with keeping our family safe and be of better assistance to those others in need. Your task for May is to prepare an emergency food supply for yourself and your family; and a ready kit for your pets.

Food Supply:

1. Find a secure storage area at home and purchase plastic containers with lids that tightly secure. You may want to store everything in a strong metal container that will survive being buried during an earthquake.
2. Purchase canned and prepackaged fruits and vegetables.
3. Canned or boxed fruit juices and soup,
4. Peanut butter and jelly will store well and you can include crackers, granola bars, protein bars, and trail mix.
5. Boxed cereal with shelf stable milk found on the food isles and does not require refrigeration.
6. Canned coffee drinks (a must if you are used to that morning cup to jump start your day).
7. Canned meats and fish such as salmon,

tuna, chicken, etc.

8. Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) can be purchased at camping stores or online. They come in a variety of entrees and if you have a camp stove with fuel in your kit you won't need to miss out on your favorite cuisines! Some varieties don't even require heating but are full of the nutrients our bodies need in a time of stress.

Bonus tips: Choose low sodium foods whenever possible for your kit. This is especially critical if drinking water is limited. Be sure to have a manual can opener. Keep expiration dates in check and switch out your food supply accordingly. Consume, donate, or discard your food items prior to that date. Throw out any cans that become swollen, dented, or corroded.

For your pets: Remember, they are stressed as well and their behaviors may change or they may become ill. The tips here will help both you and your pet be better prepared for an emergency. Keep in mind it is good to have two of everything for your pet-to allow for sheltering in place or evacuation. Some people keep a kit at home and in the car.

1. Food and water for a minimum of seven days.
2. Collapsible food and water bowls.
3. A sturdy leash, harness, and pet carrier to keep your pet safe and secured.
4. Litter box and clean litter for your cats, a scoop and bags for waste.
5. Blankets, towels, and toys.
6. Vaccination and medication records along with a photo of your pet for identifica-

tion. Include a pet first aid kit too.

7. Your pet should always have his or her collar and ID on and if possible be microchipped. Microchips should be registered and updated whenever your demographics change.

8. An information list that includes feeding or medication instructions along with your veterinarian's phone number should someone else need to care for your pets.

9. Research in advance for pet friendly hotels where you can stay with your pet if you need to evacuate.

10. Keep all of your kit items in your pet carrier. You will have everything you need at

your fingertips and valuable time will not be lost searching for what you need.

The tips outlined here are designed to help you prepare a kit step by step so it is not so overwhelming. Most items can be purchased when you do your routine shopping so you can build it a little at a time. You can also "get er done" and order kits online. The websites where the information for these tips are:

www.humanesociety.org, beprepared.com, ocanimalcare.gov; and The OC Red Cross.

Next month: Tips for you and your horse during an emergency.

YOUR AD HERE!

If you would like to advertise in our newsletter, contact our Scribe, Don Segien, Via email at SDSegien@mac.com.

Ad Size	Member	Non-Member
Full Page	\$45	\$75
Half Page	\$30	\$50
1/4 Page	\$15	\$25
1/8 Page	\$5	10



WOODY TURNS 100

BY DON SEGIEN

I rode the rails last month to attend a celebration of Woody Guthrie's 100th birthday. Well, I took the Amtrak,

but riding the rails sounds so much more romantic. The event was held at Club Nokia in downtown LA. My friend, Dennis McHale, had an extra ticket.

I arrived early and got some Mexican food at Olvera street. Nothing says welcome to Los Angeles like greasy taquitos swimming in guacamole sauce.

I had a lot of time on my hands and a lot of sole on my shoes so I decided to walk down to skid row. I thought a bowl of stew might make a nice dessert. To my surprise, the flop houses and reclining winos were nowhere to be found. They've been replaced by trendy boutiques and black-clad yuppies. Somehow I think I'd have felt more at home with the rummies.

When I arrived at Club Nokia I discovered TSA-like security out front. This caused me some pause as I was carrying a rather large pocket knife. After some mental gymnastics I devised a strategy. I'd just put my knife along with my keys, cell, phone, camera, and iPod in the tray and make a huge fuss if they tried to stop me. "This land is my land, this knife is my knife." I approached the security checkpoint and placed the items into the tray. With the attentiveness of a TSA agent,

the screener slid my basket across the ramp without even looking at it, the whole time carrying on a conversation with one of his fellow "agents." I was in.

I found my seat and sat. The show was quite good. Lots of talented folks interpreting

THE RANGER'S COMMAND

Words and Music by Woody Guthrie

Come all of you cowboys all over this land,
I'll teach you the law of the Ranger's Command:
To hold a six shooter, and never to run
As long as there's bullets in both of your guns.

I met a fair maiden whose name I don't know;
I asked her to the roundup with me would she go;
She said she'd go with me to the cold roundup,
And drink that hard liquor from the cold, bitter cup.

We started for the canyon in the fall of the year
Expecting to get there with a herd of fat steer;
And the rustlers broke on us in the dead hours of night;
She 'rose from her warm bed, a battle to fight.

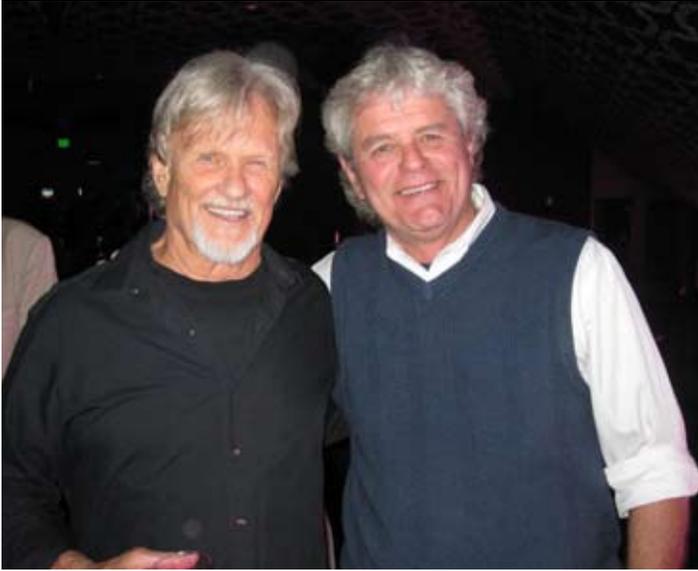
She 'rose from her warm bed with a gun in each hand,
Said: Come all of you cowboys and fight for your land,
Come all of you cowboys and don't ever run
As long as there's bullets in both of your guns.

Woody's music. Woody's songs helped define and strengthen the labor movement in America. *(continued on page 9)*

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He ruffled quite a few feathers too. People have been singing protest songs ever since.

Some of the celebs used the stage as a platform to cary on about the Occupy Movement, PFC Bradley Manning, growth hormones, etc. For me though, music and politics don't mix well. Same thing with religion and politics, or



milk and pickles. More than once, I've gotten up and walked out of church when the preacher crossed the line. As Grandpa Wayne Rutherford used to say. "If you want dough-

nuts, go to the doughnut shop, if you want to hear a sermon, go to church." If I want a protest speech, I'll go to a rally.

Through friend of a friend I got an invite to the after-party. It was a great place for people watching. It was kind of cool meeting the "first family of folk music. Met Ramblin' Jack Elliott and Kris Kristofferson. My conversation with Kris went like something like this. "Hi Kris. I really enjoy your work...time for a quick picture?" "You bet" he answered gracefully. I handed him my camera and asked him to take a picture of my friend, Dennis, and me. Kris had trouble operating the camera so I took a picture of Kris and Dennis.

I said before music and politics don't mix. But music and neighbors do. Come join us at the General Store on Friday nights at the General Store. We always have a good time. I'm already kicking around some song ideas inspired by my trip to LA visiting the first family of folk music. "Where have all the winos gone...long time passing."

I'm Don Segien, and I like you.

Annual Dues

<i>Junior</i>	\$45.00 (under 18)
<i>Single adult</i>	\$45.00
<i>Family*</i>	\$70.00 (limited to 2 adults)

*Add \$8.00 for additional family members after the first two.



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY VICKI IACONO

ETI - CORRAL 357 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31,2012

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America)								\$10,405.53	
DEPOSITS:									
Deposits Made After Closing: March	\$0.00							\$ 0.00	
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits									\$10,405.53
EXPENSES:									
Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source:	Reason:	Amount:		
1502	D. Kelly	Playday	\$23.49	1503	R. Gomez	Web Hosting	\$168.00		
1504	V. Iacono	Spkr Dinner	\$34.21	1505	V. Iacono	Spkr Dinner	\$14.14		
Total expenses paid in – March 2012								(\$239.84)	
UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD									
Ck#	Source	Reason	Amount						
1506	ETI	Member Dues	\$152.00						
1507	J. Iacono	Playday	\$323.19						
Total Outstanding Checks March 31-2012 - i.e. Spending:								(\$ 475.19)	
Funds on hand in checking as of 03-31-2012								\$9,930.34	
Petty Cash on Hand as of 03-31-2012								\$ 400.00	
Corral FUNDS On Hand at 03-31-2012:								\$10,330.34	
SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS:									
Less Reserves:									
1.-	MAU as of 3-31-2012							(\$ 779.89)	
Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve:								\$(779.89)	
NET - NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of : Corral 357								\$ 9,150.45	

CONDOLENCES

The Saddleback Canyon Riders, ETI 357, expresses our sincere condolences to Duane Turner on the loss of his horse, Joe.

A POEM FROM OLD WISE HORSES BY MARK HIGGINS

BEEN IT, SEEN IT, DONE IT,
THE OLD MARES WOULD SAY,
AS THEY WATCHED THE YOUNGSTERS
FROLIC AND PLAY.

OLD NOW, BUT YOUNG AT HEART,
IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY,
NEVER TO PART,

UNTIL THE TIME THAT GREETUS US ALL,
WHEN EVEN WARRIORS HAVE TO FALL.

AND TO THAT PLACE WE ALL SHALL RUN,
PEACE AT LAST,
ALL BATTLES WON.

BEEN IT, SEEN IT, DONE IT,
NOTHING MORE NEEDS SAID



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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