

Corral News

Saddleback Canyon Riders ETI Corral 357



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From the President's Corner

By James M. Iacono

Reminds me of a Story...

Where did it all begin? I grew up in a local coastal town, the son of a fisherman who was also the son of a fisherman. What inspired me to alter the cycle? It was like I "clicked on a link" that transported me magically to a life here in Trabuco Canyon.

One of my earliest memories was staring at a black and white photo of my older brother Vince on a pinto pony, garbed with a hat, vest, and chaps with shiny silver buttons. You see, I was too small when the man with the pony and a camera went door to door on 9th Street in San Pedro, an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. I waited for the man to return. One summer....then two.... Maybe the pinto pony got too old to walk the streets, I never found out. All I know is that I wanted to be on that horse, having a picture would just have been a bonus.

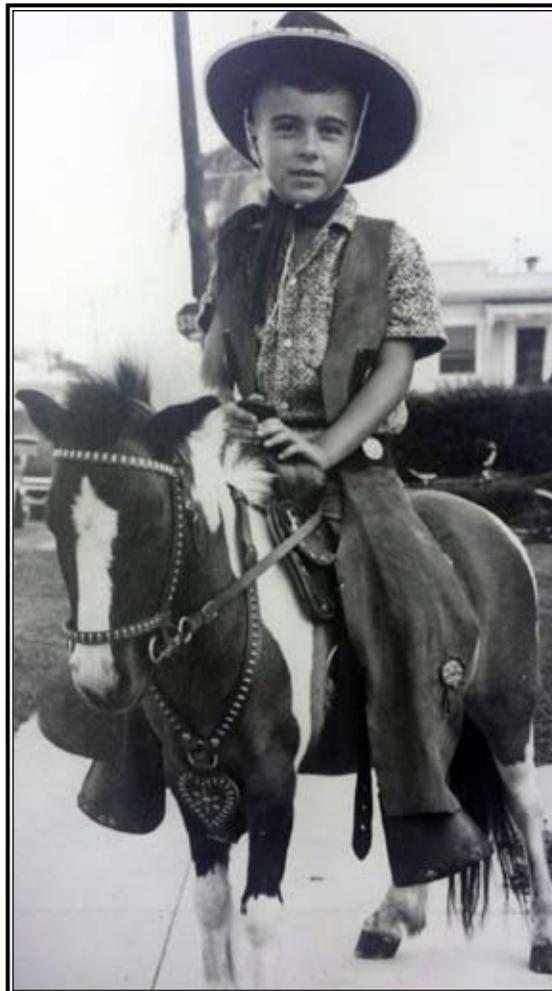
The first summer vacation I can remember I was 6 years old.... We went somewhere working middle class people could afford to go.... Hemet, CA. I remember getting driven to nearby San Jacinto, and there I teamed up with Uncle Carmen- my Dad had my brother on his team- to go horseback rid-

ing for the first time. Uncle Carmen had never been particularly special to me, but forever after that day, while we were on some dusty trail in San Jacinto, he became bonded to me. We had worked in tandem... he in the saddle, and me holding on from behind like we were riding a Yamaha. Our horse was brown and not very distinctive- my cousin Johnny got the white horse (lucky!). But our horse was steadfast, and he reliably made the one hour trudge. Uncle Carmen and I survived the "wilderness march". We were forever fused.

From then on, every summer, I first asked if we were going on vacation, I then asked if there was horseback riding. I can remember a few opportunities... in Hemet, Catalina, Murietta Hot Springs....each time the experience emblazoned my memory with a feeling of giddy exuberance. Then there was television of that era- The Lone Ranger, the Magnificent 7, John Wayne.... I was hooked on watching men on horseback, wondering what it would be like at a full gallop, drinking the wind, chasing villains or untying the damsel in distress. Yep, I didn't look like one, but I thought like one- thought like a cowboy.

In 1968 my interest in horses took a mild turn. I was introduced to horse racing. I went with my parents

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and some family friends to Hollywood Park. It was a summer Saturday, and there were 40,000 people there. I still remember the horse that won the first race- Confederate Bid- number 12 at 60-1. I was hooked. Something about the way horse and jockey harmoniously moved through the stretch touched an inner chord in my soul. For my teenage years I went there regularly, part gambler, part fan of the stretch drive. I haven't missed watching a Kentucky Derby since 1971, two years before Secretariat mesmerized the nation with the first Triple Crown since Citation in 1948. The first Saturday in May has become akin to a religious holiday for me. No horse has won the Triple Crown since my favorite horse of all time, Affirmed, won it in 1978.

But years went by and I became a young family man and father to a shy little girl who wasn't willing to step out into vulnerability until she met a horse at the age of 8. Maybe it was in her genes. All she



needed were chaps with silver buttons to connect me to that black and white photograph on my mother's dresser. We bought her a horse. Now I didn't have to wait for that man with the pony and the camera to show up. I could buy my own horse, which I did...then I needed a barn for the horses, and then a house to sprout up next to the barn... and then friends to share the experience of life here in Trabuco Canyon.

The long and winding road between two photographs is shown here. Wow! Life is amazingly and exquisitely "linked". Listen to your heart, stay the course and the course can stay in you.

See you in the saddle!

James M. Iacono
President
ETI Corral 357 -
Saddleback Canyon Riders



Message from the Emergency Response Team Coordinator

By Richard Gomez

#stuckeystrong

As you all know, Robby Stuckey had a stroke while working out at the gym in late April. He's doing much better now; go to Facebook for the latest at <https://www.facebook.com/EquiGirl>.

Here are a few words from Kristina: "I asked him: 'You know this happened while you were at the gym, right?' He said 'Yeah.'" After a moment, he shook his head, then said with a grin: "What's the point of working out and being healthy? I was better off before!" We all laughed along with him. Long road ahead, but there is much hope."

Robby, brother, we're all here for you and givin' out the good thoughts and warmest wishes. Most importantly, you and your entire family are in our prayers for a strong recovery.



Come back strong, cowboy...

From all your Saddleback Canyon Rider friends!



Trail Boss Report - Rick's Ramblin's

By Rick Balthaser

Howdy Saddleback Canyon Riders!



Throughout the year, I will seek out practical and useful information from renowned Trainers, Clinicians, Competitors, Vets, Farriers and others that I hope will enrich your equestrian experiences.

In this edition, world renowned Trainer, Clinician, Blogger and TV Host Julie Goodnight is featured. Here, in this excerpt from her blog (part two of two parts) she talks about how to avoid and overcome herd-bound behavior. For more thoughts from Julie, watch her Horse Master TV show on RFD-TV and read more from her blog at <http://JulieGoodnight.com/blog> or visit her website: <http://juliegoodnight.com> to learn more about Julie and the products and services she offers.



How Do You Prevent Herd-Bound Behavior? ... Part Two

By Julie Goodnight – All Rights Reserved

(...continued from the April 2015 issue...)

A riding horse is considered to be well-trained and obedient when it goes in the exact path dictated by the rider and at the speed dictated by the rider. A horse is disobedient when it voluntarily varies from the path or speeds up or slows down, unauthorized by the rider. Almost always, when a horse varies path or speed, it is intentional and in a direction he wants to go, like toward the barn/gate/buddy.

It has become increasingly obvious to me, through the decades I've spent teaching people to handle their horses, that most people are totally unaware of the small infractions horses make all the time, particularly as it applies to barn-sour behavior. When small disobediences are ignored, it leads to bigger ones. If they are corrected, the barn-sour behavior goes away.

Does your horse pull toward the gate? Is he looking around all the time, never focusing on you and the path you have dictated? Does he slow down when you pass the gate and speed up as you round the corner toward the gate? Does he turn easily toward the gate and sluggishly when you turn away? These are all small and subtle disobediences — even if he only varies the path by six inches, he knows he's doing it and he knows when you ignore it (or don't notice it) and therefore you condone the disobedience.

All a rider needs to do to stop this disobedient be-

havior is first and foremost — notice it — be aware of what your horse is doing with his whole body at all times and be aware of what motivates him. Then, call him on it ("I know what you're doing!") and admonish him appropriately — finding the amount of pressure that motivates him to change.

When you ride in the arena, put your horse on the rail then lower your hands to his neck and expect him to stay there. You shouldn't have to constantly tell him to stay on the path — if you do, your horse is disobedient and you have a co-dependent relationship with him. If he comes off the rail or cuts corners (moving on a path that you did not dictate), pick up the reins and correct his direction right away, scolding him as you do. Get him back on the path and drop your hands again, expecting him to stay on course.

Insisting on your horse's obedience and focus on the task at hand is a minimal requirement for your horse to think of you as his leader. Be aware of his behavior and motivations and correct him consistently, with enough pressure that he feels like he's gotten in trouble and thus looks for ways to avoid getting in trouble again. Reward his good behavior with a release of pressure, a few kind words, stroking and letting him rest. With this kind of strong leadership, your horse will accept you as a capable and authoritative leader and will gladly go with you anywhere.



Message from the Secretary

By Patti Gomez

Rich Gomez Gets Recognized by OC Parks and Wins Oakley Prize

On April 14, 2015 I attended the 39th Annual "Spirit of Volunteerism Awards " luncheon at the Disneyland Hotel. I accompanied my husband, Rich Gomez, who received an award for being an outstanding volunteer from Orange County Parks.

This event was put on by ONE OC and several sponsors including Boeing, Union Bank and the OC Register. It was an amazing event with over 300 recipients from different community organizations.

There were speeches given and stories told and even a visit from Mickey Mouse himself! The Young Americans performed and a wonderful lunch was served.

But more importantly, it was inspiring to see all the wonderful people who give their time to help where it is needed.

As Rich's wife, I was especially proud to be there with him and share in the importance of this event. My fellow ETI members and canyon residents can feel good about having a dedicated person in their club and community that cares as much as Rich does. I am very proud of his commitment. I know he will not quit



in his efforts because he believes he can make a difference. We can all feel good about that.

Patti Gomez
Secretary
ETI Corral 357
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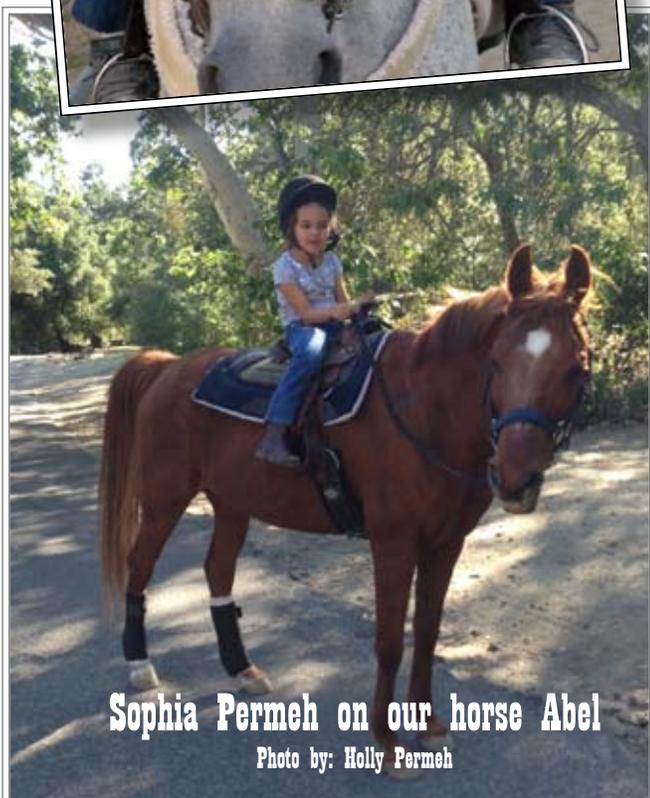
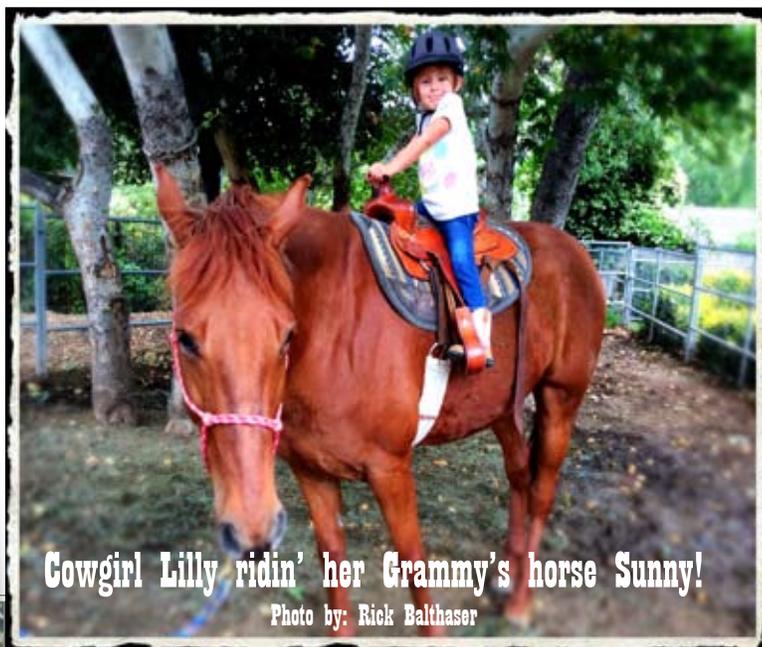
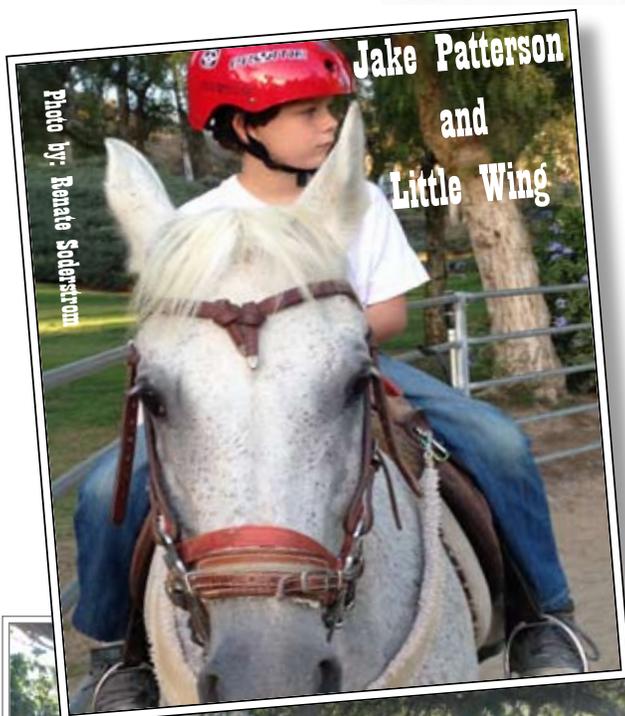
SPECIAL EVENT **Ferber Ranch Hike**

Saturday, May 16th

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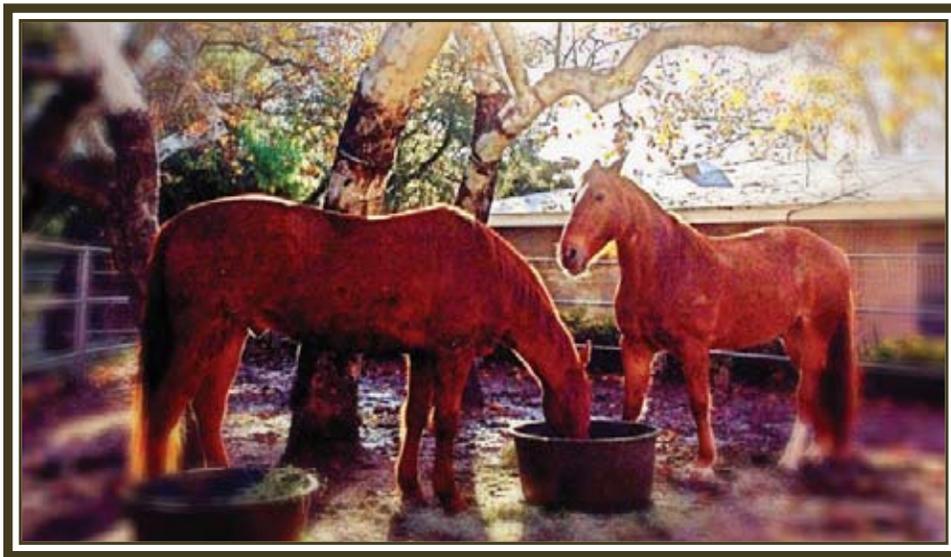
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Hours: Monday - Saturday 9-5 | Sunday 10-4

MAY MEMBERS MEETING

HOOF CARE

Guest Speaker **Mauricio Aranda, Farrier**

---> Aluminum vs. Steel ---> Daily Care and Maintenance

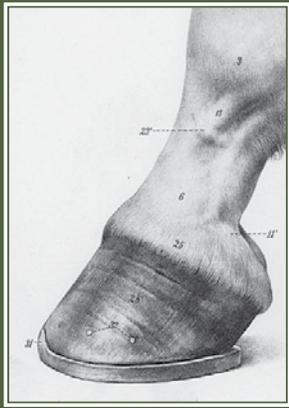
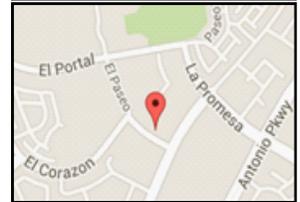
---> Different Types of Shoes for Performance

Date: Thursday, May 7th

Time: 7:30 pm; arrive early for food and drinks!!!

Location: Mi Casa, 22322 El Paseo, RSM

Contact: James (949) 459-7742



	Date	Event	Time	Location	Contact
May	7 Thursday	Members Meeting "Hoof Care"	7:00 PM	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	16 Saturday	Ferber Ranch Hike	TBD	TBD; RSVP	Rich & Patti (949) 888-1604
	21 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Big "B" Ranch - Balthaser's	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	30 Saturday	Ride at Caspers	10:30 AM	Caspers	Rick (949) 439-2414
	30-31 Fri - Mon	Casper's Campout	TBA	Caspers	Rick (949) 439-2414
June	4 Thursday	Members Meeting "Equine Insurance"	7:00 PM	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	6 Saturday	Ferber Ranch Ride	TBD	Meet at end of Trabuco Oaks	Rich & Patti (949) 888-1604
	13 Saturday	Trail Maintenance	8:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	11 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	
	20 Saturday	Playday	8:00 AM	O'Neill Park arena	Evelyn (949) 275-8943 Tracy (949) 444-1974
	27 Saturday	Month End Event	9:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Rick (949) 439-2414
July	4 Saturday	July 4th Parade & BBQ	8:30 AM	Trabuco Canyon, Ca.	Jimmy I/Patti
	9 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	
	25 Saturday	Month End Event	9:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Rick (949) 439-2414
	31 Friday	Pancake Fund Raiser - Setup	5:30 PM	Rancho Santa Margarita	Kristen (949) 444-1990

See website for full calendar: www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com



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Treasurer's Report
 By Vicki Iacono

ETI - CORRAL 357 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING March 31, 2015

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America)	\$9,523.08
DEPOSITS: Deposits Made After Closing: March	\$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits	\$9,523.08

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
1589	D Seroski	Bd dinner	\$30.00
1590	E Ortega	permit	\$75.00
1591	ETI	insurance	\$630.00
Total expenses paid in – March 2015			(\$735.00)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
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Total Outstanding Checks March 31,-2015 - i.e. Spending: (\$35.45)

Funds on hand in checking as of 03-31-2015	\$9,487.63
Petty Cash on Hand as of 03-31-2015	\$400.00
Corral FUNDS On Hand as of 03-31-2015	\$9,887.63

SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS:

Less Reserves:

1. ERT as of 03-31-2015	\$(476.73)
Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve:	\$(476.73)
NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of: Corral 357	\$9,410.90

JOIN US AT CASPERS THIS MONTH FOR RIDING AND CAMARADERIE!



Casper's Ride and Campout

Howdy Saddleback Canyon Riders,

Here's an update on our **May 30-31 Casper's Ride and Campout**. Just so you know, you can participate in a few different ways:

-  You can camp Friday night, Saturday night, or Friday and Saturday night (which is what Karen and I will be doing).
-  You can also head out on Saturday Morning from the CVS parking lot (Meet at 8:15) ... We will leave at 8:30 am and caravan out.
-  On Saturday, we'll ride at approx. 10:30. There may also be a short and casual ride late Saturday afternoon early evening... And most likely an early morning ride on Sunday...

If you're interested in reserving a campsite, I suggest that you do so just as soon as you can, as they are booking up very quickly for that weekend. It's easy to book a site... go to the OCParks.com website.

If you have any questions regarding booking your reservation or have any questions regarding this fun event, please don't hesitate to give me a call or text.

Thanks! ... and I hope that you can join us in what is sure to be a super fun event! And there will be more reminders on this event ... but if you're gonna' camp, reserve your campsite! ... :)

If you are planning on participating in any capacity, please RSVP by May 23rd.

Call or text: 949 439-2414 or email: RBalthaser@aol.com

Hope that you can join us in what is sure to be a super fun event!



Rick Balthaser
Trail Boss
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Note from the Editor

By Renate Soderstrom

Thank you for the wonderful photos and articles!



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Horse Playday!



When: Saturday, June 20th, 2015, at 9:30 am
Registration opens at 8:30 am

Cost is \$7.00 per event for members, \$8.00 for non-members.
Lunch included (or pay \$6.00 and eat lunch if you don't compete).

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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.



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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