

# Corral News

Saddleback Canyon Riders ETI Corral 357



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## Reminds me of a Story... from the President's Corner

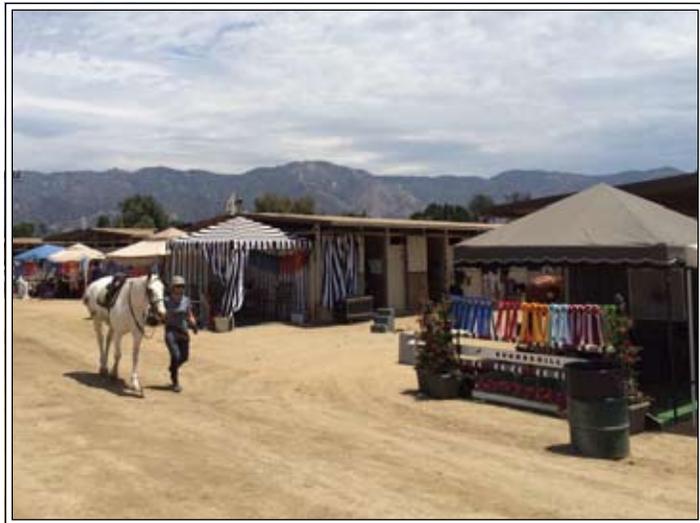
By James M. Iacono

### It takes all kinds...

ETI national, the parent organization of Corral 357 the Saddleback Canyon Riders, has two main fundraising events each year. This past weekend the ETI National Convention and Horse Show took place at the spacious LA Equestrian Center in Burbank, CA. Over 250 entrants participated in the three day event, and I was lucky enough (along with Trail Boss Rick Balthaser and Treasurer Vicki Iacono) to attend closing day, Sunday June 28th. The 3 days featured many disciplines from Gymkhana to English Show Pleasure to Hunter Jumping to Saddle Seat Equitation to Miniature Horse Driving, to Reining (and several categories in between).

It really got me to thinking how many different ways there are to bond with your equine partner. Out here in Trabuco Canyon, we tend to be more on the Western trail side of things. Now I wouldn't trade that for hardly anything, but I realize now that might not be everybody's cup o' tea. There weren't many cowboy hats on the grounds... though there were plenty of helmets, derbies, and fedoras. Also, a Gypsy Vanner might not look quite right on trail, but they sure look at home in an arena cantering like a rocking horse in a show pleasure class.

My horse when faced with a jump (okay, a railroad tie or a puddle of water) will stop, hesitate, snort, and prepare herself as if she were leaping across the Grand Canyon, but I saw plenty of horses on Sunday spring over thigh-high fences without even breaking stride. There were Morgans, Andalusians, Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses, Paints, Arabians, Vanners, Saddlebreds, and Warmbloods. There



were boys, girls, men, and women... from ages 10 to 70, in all their different hats... and the one thing that they all had in common was a bond from person to horse. There was a smile on a face, and a purpose in a stride. At the end of the day isn't that what this is all about?

I applaud ETI National for staging this wonderful event for so many different types of people and horses. Sometimes I know we can feel like Lone Rangers out here, tenuously holding on to a lifestyle we see encroached upon by developers and city folks trying to stretch their legs a bit. But seeing all the participants on Sunday, from different walks of equestrian life, made me realize we don't have to be alone. We just have to merge with those of like-mindedness to create a path that preserves what we are all about - people who have a love for the same animal - whether that be trail trialing, jumping, showing, driving, reining, barrel racing, or cow sorting. There is strength in our diverse numbers, and in inclusiveness, and in following our unique inspirations.

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Let’s recognize our larger community so we can flex our muscles when it matters most. There are plenty of opportunities to show up and speak. Our anointed ambassador, Rich Gomez cannot do it all. There are OCTA encounters, Town Hall Meetings, Emergency Evacuation discussions, Rutter Development standoffs, Canyon Cleanup Committee



Organizational Gatherings... all sorts of ways for us to be a voice in protecting what we love so much... with our equine bond at the heart of it all.

I urge you to support the ETI National Show next year by volunteering or simply spectating. Keep an eye out for the ETI magazine so you know what the various corrals are doing apart from us. There are lots of ways for us to draw new people into our sport(s). We just need to familiarize ourselves with these varied disciplines and make them available to ourselves and to seekers - people who are seeking an experience that is unlike any other! An experience that, for me, makes life worth living!

See you on the trail!

James M. Iacono  
President  
ETI Corral 357  
Saddleback Canyon Riders



## Message from the Secretary

By Patti Gomez

# 4th of July Parade & BBQ

Don't forget the **4th of July Parade** right here in Downtown Trabuco Canyon.. the 50th anniversary!

AND don't forget the **Big Annual BBQ, Horseshoe Tournament and Fireworks Extravaganza** at the Gomez' Round Pen - 4pm.

Just bring a side dish and your favorite coool drinks! We'll have lots of Santa Maria style Tri-Tip cookin'...and a DJ for all your music favorites (country of course!)

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## Emergency Response Team Coordinator News

By Richard Gomez

# Town Hall – OCTA Access June 8, 2015

**E**TI was part of a town hall meeting with about fifty neighbors to gather YOUR thoughts about how to gain access to recently purchased OCTA mitigation preserves. There were a lot of great comments and we're working with the OCTA to play an active role in the solution.



Some of the Town Hall suggestions have already been presented to the OCTA, but much remains to be done. Remember, the Resource Management Plan should be released for your comments in the fall. The comments that have been presented to the OCTA are noted with an \*. What are your comments or ideas?

**Please let us know two things:**

- 1. Your ideas/solutions**
- 2. How you can help NOW (volunteer)**

### I. Public Comments:

- OCTA is violating current water laws (Section 7) and hunting access (Article I, Section 2)  
**ACTION ITEMS:**  
Understand water laws and open access to waterways.  
Trabuco Creek dams are being removed for steelhead access; Hickey Creek is a tributary and therefore part of the "waters of the U.S."  
OCTA must comply with all laws
- OCTA is not living up to the agreement put forth to voters.  
**ACTION ITEMS:**  
Read language of M2  
Get OCTA to live up to the terms of M2 with regard to public access
- \*OCTA purchased the land as-is; therefore, the baseline for habitat and species is off.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Argue the OCTA has targeted an incorrect baseline for existence and preservation of species, and is creating a false narrative.
- Development has occurred. The footprint of the freeways is in the canyons; therefore, the OCTA properties are part of development and must go through the F/TSP Review Board and overall process to assure compliance with the F/TSP recreation component. An EIR was submitted because it was a development project, and the project has severed community access. Cameras and fences were installed; therefore, it is a development. By law, the "preserves" are the final use of the property; finality is achieved and satisfies the development test.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Contend this is a development project and must therefore comply with F/TSP

5. \*Current rides go over single-track trail. Why must access be limited to service roads?  
**ACTION ITEM:** Contend current practice is to access single-track trails; expand acceptable access routes.
6. \*If the OCTA is bound by environmental laws and wildlife and other agency approvals, how is it that the Laguna Beach property (Aliso Canyon property adjacent to Aliso and Woods Canyon Wilderness Park) is “exempt” from environmental restrictions and/or limitations and excluded from the concept that the biological resources of the Laguna Beach property will not be impacted by trail users?  
**ACTION ITEM:** Contend the argument that the OCTA is bound by environmental review and restrictions is false and/or inconsistently applied to the properties/preserves.
7. \*Dan Phu (OCTA) said previously that the property in Laguna Beach would remain open “because it has always been open”. Why not Ferber? Many think it has always been open to the public.  
**ACTION ITEM:**  
 The Aliso Canyon property is adjacent to the 4,500-acre Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park, a part of the Orange County Parks system, and Moulton Meadows Park, enabling linkage to other key protected wild lands. These same linkages exist between the Ferber property, the Cleveland National Forest and Orange County Regional Trails for connection to O’Neill Regional Park and beyond.
8. Has the OCTA reviewed and considered the Sil/Mod Specific Plan for other parcels? What was the process to review with the public compliance with the F/TSP?  
**ACTION ITEM:** Understand how compliance was met in Trabuco and Silverado/Modjeska.
9. \*Trail connections have been compromised or blocked including access to national forest and the “mountain-to-the-sea” program. OCTA is responsible for implementing a mitigation trail.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Understand OCTA’s requirement.
10. Where is Supervisor Spitzer on our public outcry?  
**ACTION ITEM:** Contact Supervisor Spitzer and find out.
11. \*ETI has long been the guardian of open access; consider the Arroyo Trabuco and the success there.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Why can’t ETI do the same with Ferber and other properties; from no access to open access.
12. OCTA has been negligent with respect to fire danger, 200-foot clearance to structures, use of vehicles in sensitive areas, and public safety (riding on roads not trails).  
**ACTION ITEM:** Review requirements and performance
13. F/TSP and the County’s General Plan support our view. Court precedent set that the County must comply with its own General Plan, and the F/TSP is framed within the General Plan with a recreational component.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Review language of the F/TSP and precedents

## II. Solutions/Options/Public Sentiment:

1. **Specific trails for use:**
  - a. Because approved rides access single-track trails, expand overall access to include single-track trails.
  - b. Ok on fire roads, dawn to dusk
2. **Access details:**

- a. Ok with passes
- b. Ok with permits
- c. Open access
- d. Restricted access
- e. Ok with some level of “docents” – responsible leader
- f. No docents

**3. Enforcement penalties for violators**

**4. Connections:**

- a. Hickey Canyon, Ferber and Connector trails must be honored and connect with peripheral trails.
- b. Define open access 16-foot trail through the property with rail fence (allows wildlife crossing/access) designating and defining specific routes, and connecting with adjacent trails.

**5. Consider total impact; we’re talking about less than 50 equestrian users on a regular basis.**

**III. Campaigns – What YOU can do to help:**

1. Get OCFA support for weed abatement and evacuation routes
2. Apply pressure to Supervisors
3. Public event, widely publicized to coincide with release of RMP
4. Meet with off-road bike lawyers
5. Create allies; speak with a single voice
6. Petitions
7. Find a leader

**IV. Initial Viewpoints/Suggestions/Compromises/Solutions/Acceptable Ideas**

1. No staging areas; therefore, stage at O’Neill Regional Park
2. Ride on service roads only
3. Some level of access (Permits?)
4. Increase frequency of current access; rides and hikes
5. Open access (restricted hours)
6. “Docent” led (“Docent” is not necessarily a trained docent, just a responsible, accountable group leader)
7. Impact on easements and recommendations to uphold the regional trail plan including loop access into the national forest
8. Shared examples in National Forests, National Parks and Bay area; wilderness areas



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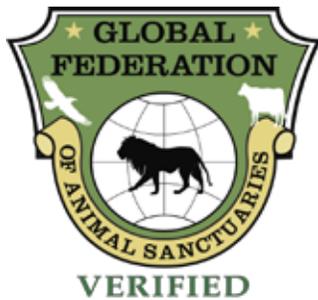
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## Press Release

Provided By: Debbie Kelly



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June 17, 2015

# Hanaeleh Horse Rescue of California is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



(Trabuco Canyon, CA) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Hanaeleh as of June 1, 2015.

Verification means that Hanaeleh meets the criteria of a true equine sanctuary/rescue and is providing humane and responsible care of the animals. To be awarded Verified status, an organization must

meet GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed animal care standards which are confirmed by a site visit and they must also adhere to a demanding set of ethical and operational principles.

“Hanaeleh after the namesake location in the song ‘Puff the Magic Dragon’, provides a healing and safe environment for horses in need,” said Daryl Tropea, Senior Deputy Director of the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. “This small but dedicated organization maximizes the use of limited land resources to provide optimal rehabilitation care to horses at risk. Attention is paid to every detail ensuring their resident horses get the mental, emotional and physical care they require to find new homes.”

“Hanaeleh is honored to be recognized as a verified member of GFAS. We are proud to be a part of a group of exceptional rescues and sanctuaries whose purpose is to help promote the welfare and education of animals. Being a part of this elite group provides the individuals in our community the assurance that we provide excellent care for all of our animals and will continue to do so in the future,” said Elizabeth Zarkos, President of Hanaeleh. “We want to thank GFAS for all of its support to Hanaeleh and to other rescues and sanctuaries. It is heartening to know that there are other such dedicated individuals who work tirelessly for all of the animals in the world.”

“The GFAS Equine Accreditation Program is made possible by a generous grant from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®.

### About Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the sole purpose of strengthening and supporting the work of animal sanctuaries, rescues, and rehabilitation centers worldwide. The goal of GFAS in working with and assisting these animal care facilities is to ensure they are supported, honored, recognized and rewarded for meeting important criteria in providing care to the animals in residence. GFAS was founded in 2007 by animal protection leaders from a number of different organizations in response to virtually unchecked and often hidden exploitation of animals for human entertainment and financial profit. The GFAS Board of Directors guides the organization's work in a collaborative manner. While the board includes those in top leadership at Born Free USA, The Humane Society of the United States, International Fund for Animal Welfare, the ASPCA, and American Anti-Vivisection Society, all board members serve as individuals dedicated to animal sanctuaries. [www.sanctuaryfederation.org](http://www.sanctuaryfederation.org).

### About Hanaeleh

Hanaeleh rescues abused and abandoned horses throughout California and rehabilitates them so they are able to live healthy, productive lives. We strive to both model and promote the most humane and ethical approaches to the care and training of horses. Hanaeleh also actively works towards an end to horse slaughter in the United States as well as other equine-related issues. For more information, visit [www.hanaeleh.org](http://www.hanaeleh.org) or call 949-842-7408.

### About the ASPCA®

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is the first humane organization established in the Americas and serves as the nation's leading voice for animal welfare. One million supporters strong, the ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of anti-cruelty, community outreach and animal health services. The ASPCA, which is headquartered in New York City, offers a wide range of programs, including a mobile clinic outreach initiative, its own humane law enforcement team, and a groundbreaking veterinary forensics team and mobile animal CSI unit. For more information, please visit [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org). To become a fan of the ASPCA on Facebook, go to <http://www.facebook.com/asPCA>. To follow the ASPCA on Twitter, go to <http://www.twitter.com/asPCA>.



## Horse Sense

By Dave Seroski

**First person to ID the location of this treasure, (the exact location) wins a free 4 buck bag of Teddy Treats!**

**Y**es gentle friends Look at this carefully! If you are the horse person I know you are, it will snap right into your mind. But, perhaps you are "just" getting into horsing around, No Matter! Take a careful Look.

Winner to be announced!

All inquiries to be received by [DSeroski@cox.net](mailto:DSeroski@cox.net) Teddy himself will judge & give the hoof stamp of approval to the winner!

Have a good ride!

Dave Seroski  
ETI Corral 357  
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# Saddleback Canyon Riders

## 2015 Calendar

	Date	Event	Time	Location	Contact
July	4 Saturday	July 4th Parade & BBQ	8:30 AM/ 4:30 PM	Trabuco Canyon	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742 Patti (949) 888-1604
	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 - <i>Setup</i>	5:30 PM	RSM	Kristen (949) 444-1990
August	1 Saturday	Pancake Fund Raiser	5:30 AM	RSM	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	6 Thursday	Members Meeting	7:00 PM	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	8 Saturday	Trail Maintenance	8:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Rick (949) 439-2414
	13 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	
	29 Saturday	Month End Event	9:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Rick (949) 439-2414
September	3 Thursday	Members Meeting	7:00 PM	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	10 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	
	12 Saturday	Robbie Stuckey Fund Raiser	6:00 PM	TBA - Date is tentative	Karen (949) 709-2359
	19 Saturday	Inner-Coastal/ Watershed CleanUp	7:30 AM	Trabuco Creek Bridge	Rich & Patti (949) 888-1604
	26 Saturday	Month End Event	9:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Rick (949) 439-2414
October	1 Thursday	Members Meeting and Nominations	7:00 PM	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	3 Saturday	Acorn Day	10:00-3:00	O'Neill Park	Karen (714) 458-7772
	8 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	
	10 Saturday	Trail Maintenance	8:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	17 Saturday	Buckle Playday	8:00 AM	O'Neill Park	
	31 Saturday	Month End Event	9:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Rick (949) 439-2414
November	5 Thursday	Members Meeting and Elections	7:00 PM	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	12 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	
	28 Saturday	Month End Event	9:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Rick (949) 439-2414
December	10 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	
	12 Saturday	Holiday Parade	TBA	Laguna Niguel	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	13 Sunday	Christmas Party	5:30 PM		Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	27 Sunday	Month End Event	10:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Rick (949) 439-2414



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**Treasurer's Report**

By Vicki Iacono

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

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America)	\$9,639.25
<b>DEPOSITS:</b> Deposits Made After Closing: May \$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits	\$9,639.25

**EXPENSES:**

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2000	V Iacono	speaker dinner	\$22.35
Total expenses paid in – May 2015 (\$22.35)			

**UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD:**

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
1593	Seroski	welder	\$75.00	1593	Seroski	welder	\$75.00
2001	R Gomez	website	\$153.69	2002	R Soderstrom	postage	\$23.52
2003	R Balthaser	bd dinner	\$30.00	2004	D Seroski		\$107.18

Total Outstanding Checks May 31,-2015 - i.e. Spending: (\$389.39)

<b>Funds on hand in checking</b> as of 05-31-2015	\$9,248.86
<b>Petty Cash on Hand</b> as of 05-31-2015	\$400.00
<b>Corral FUNDS On Hand</b> as of 05-31-2015	\$9,648.86

SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS: Less Reserves:	
ERT as of 05-31-2015	\$(476.73)
Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve:	\$(476.73)
<b>NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of: Corral 357</b>	<b>\$9,172.13</b>



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### Note from the Editor

By Renate Soderstrom

## Horse Playday June 20, 2015

Photos by Rick Balthaser





## 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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