

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

NO FLAKES..... JUST GREAT PANCAKES!

Tradition is something that has always felt historically significant to me, and to be a part of maintaining it gives me peace of mind and faith in mankind. Things of any importance don't just happen. A group has to be proactive in initiating and communicating a desire to serve, and then be recognized as being worthy to continue on- hence a tradition is born- but only by performing and delivering success every year, year in and year out.

Last Saturday, August 1st, was the annual Great Rancho Campout- a community gathering of some 200 families in Trabuco Mesa Park in RSM. It's kind of like "Camping Night Light", but nonetheless it's a great night when you're a kid and it's suddenly okay to sleep in your parent's "room." And there is a barbecue, and smores, and games, and a movie, and friends all packed in to a few hours. That's a good night.

But wait, that's not all. The tent enclave starts stirring at 6:15 a.m. By then, the Saddleback Canyon Riders had already rode in the night before to set up their "camp"- a mobile chuck wagon kitchen with 4 commercial griddles, a sausage warmer, pots for

hundreds of cups of coffee, 3 chafing dishes, tables for juices and condiments, two industrial generators, and of course a banquet room sized sound system for country music. By 5:30 a.m. they were all back at their posts, selflessly working together to put smiles on faces, and breakfast fuel in awakening tummies. By 8:30, close to 1000 pancakes and 40 lbs. of sausages were served up to the grateful campers, as they toe-tapped to tunes

that make you want to don a cowboy hat and jump on a horse! (pig in a blanket in hand!)

I love our Club. For 11 years this tradition has repeated itself. It takes brawn, brains, and humility to pull this off. Men have to go rent or retrieve heavy cooking hardware, women have to plot and organize ingredients and inventory, grills have to be aggressively cleaned, supplies need



to be managed, bodies need to show up. And show up they did this year. Bob Wilks flawlessly managed production; Kristen Holden has seamlessly continued Debbie Kelly's organizing prowess in overseeing supplies and handling all details. It's nice to have Dave "the tinkerer" Seroski around to troubleshoot any problems that may arise, only to have their butts kicked. Karen Balthaser has the batter creation down to a perfect blended balance. No cakes were sacrificed in this production. Thank you to a few new shooters this year... Sue Marucci, Robert and Renate Soderstrom

came both to "Setup" and to "Showtime" to add some new blood to the mix. Rich and Patti Gomez were in their usual eye of the storm... barely breaking sweat. Thanks to Sue Seroski, Debbie Kelly, Vicki Iacono, and Spike Wilks, for being front line customer service. Finally Rick Balthaser and Jimmy I rounded out the kitchen crew, perfecting the two- spatula flip for the most successful year ever for the creation of the coveted "Mickey Mouse" pancakes.



But what it all comes down to is knowing that you can count on the heart and the soul and the humility of each of the volunteers to get a job done, and stay until it is done. I would be in the foxhole with any of you because if we were serving waffles it would all be about the "Eggs," not the egos.

Even some of the campers are starting to recognize us and remember us and reminisce about their experience the first weekend in every August. Yes, a tradition is born, and lives on in the legend that is the Saddleback Canyon Riders Great Rancho Campout Bredakfast.

See you on the trail!

James M. Iacono
 President
 ETI Corral 357
 Saddleback Canyon Riders





Trail Boss Report

By: Rick Balthaser

Cowboy Rules

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Having a cowboy as a friend is like having an eight gauge shotgun: Everyone thinks it's cool, but it really just makes a lot of noise and kicks the crap out of you. So I've compiled a list of things to expect if you suddenly find yourself hanging out with a cowboy.

1. He will not be there for you when you get bucked off...He's the reason you got bucked off.

2. Just because he tells the waitress to put it all on one check does not mean that he has any money.

3. Possession of an item is more valuable than ownership of the item.

4. Hanging out with him on the weekend will result in longer hours and harder work than you did all week.

5. He will never get into an argument with any less than 6'4" and 250 lbs.

6. If he is willing to argue about it, he is willing to fight about it. Arguing is just fight foreplay.

7. He's always riding a colt. He says he has a good horse, but you've never seen it.

8. He will kiss your wife...right in front of you...and not mean a thing by it. And his wife will be glad she didn't have to.

9. Never let him touch anything mechanical. No, I mean it...even if he says he can fix it.

10. It's a lot of work worrying what everyone thinks. He's too lazy to be self-conscious...that's why everyone likes him.

11. He's got feelings like everyone else does...he also has back hair and that never stopped him from taking his shirt off at the hotel pool...that he didn't have a room at, but he was just hot and thought swimming sounded fun.

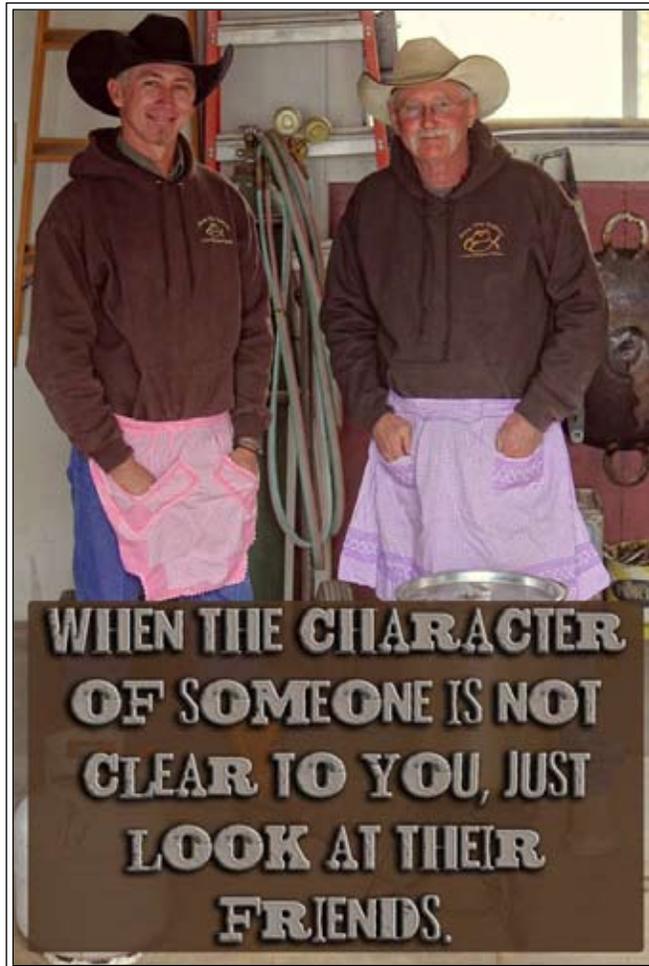
12. He's going to flirt with the waitress, her mom, the hostess, your dog, your wife, your daughter's friend (he has a little bit of class), any female over 15 and less than dead, and especially that lady cop that is asking him to get out of the pool.

13. You'll say this a lot when you are around him, "Why the hell don't you do it?"

14. He can cook one thing better than anyone else in the world. Find out what that is quickly and don't eat anything else he offers.

15. If you're honest, he won't be the best friend you ever had, but he will be one of the most memorable.

If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!
Ecclesiastes 4:10



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Happy Trails!

Rick Balthaser
Trail Boss
ETI Corral 357
Saddleback Canyon Riders



Looking Back 10 Years

By: Debbie Kelly

Hurricane Katrina - August 23rd, 2005

As we approach the 10th anniversary of what FEMA describes as “The worst natural disaster in US history” it is appropriate to reflect on how Hurricane Katrina impacted each and every one of us. Even if you did not respond to the disaster or had family or friends affected by the storm, you have been touched. If you love animals and seek to protect them, or if you live or board here in Trabuco Canyon, you are affected; or you will be one day when natural disaster hits our canyons. Hurricane Katrina forever changed how we approach local and worldwide natural disasters.

On August 23rd, 2005 the 12th tropical depression of the season began forming over the Bahamas. It would rapidly intensify and organize itself; traveling first at about 40 miles an hour and by 11:00 am on August 24th reaching winds strong enough to name



her Tropical Storm Katrina. By the morning of August 25th Katrina had reached winds of up to 85 miles an hour now earning her the title of category (C1) hurricane as she prepared to make landfall near Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. Katrina lasted six hours on land over the water-laden Everglades, losing hurricane strength before reaching the Gulf

of Mexico. Wikipedia reports it was here where the first human casualties were claimed when an uprooted tree killed a couple. Katrina would eventually claim over 1800 human lives and leave

thousands homeless or displaced.

On Friday, August 26th Katrina would once again be downgraded to a tropical storm as her winds decreased to 70 miles an hour. That was about 1:00 AM but the sigh of relief the Gulf and the country was experiencing would be short lived. At 5:00 AM the eye of Tropical Storm Katrina was located just offshore of southwestern Florida over the Gulf of Mexico about 50 miles north-northeast of Key West, Florida. Winds had increased to 75 mph and she was once again upgraded to a Category 1 hurricane.

In the early afternoon of August 26th the National Hurricane Center tracks Katrina from the Florida Panhandle to the Mississippi/Louisiana coast. The governor of Louisiana declares a state of emergency. Emergency response action was activated following the declaration of a state of emergency, federal troops and the Army National Guard were deployed to Louisiana. By 4:00 pm EDT Katrina was upgraded to C2 hurricane.

On Saturday August 27th Katrina was now a C3 Hurricane Several parishes in and around New Orleans were given both mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders; depending on the area.

For two more days, Hurricane Katrina would continue to intensify bringing death and destruction

as she rapidly executed her wrath across the gulf coast of Mississippi and Louisiana. She would hit the hardest in New Orleans, as the levees failed and flooded, 80% of the city and all of St. Bernard Parish, forever changing the lives of all living things in her way. This included the beloved pets of thousands of victims as households were broken apart in Katrina's wake. This is where thousands of Emergency Responders come in.

As the efforts to locate and move to safety tens of thousands of people trapped in flooded homes and Parishes, so did one of the largest coordinated efforts to save the lost and left behind animals. Under the direction of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and other organized agencies, the deployment to these areas began. Participating in those efforts were four members of ETI Saddleback Canyon Riders, along with other responders in the OC area. We were invited by the HSUS to respond to New Orleans, having recently taken

intensive training as emergency responders for pets in disaster. The time there was spent rescuing dogs, cats, and horses. Additionally, organized teams would go into the area where animals were still in their homes, yards, or on the streets waiting for the families return. For some of them, the best that could be done was daily feeding and watering and waiting to gain their trust to bring them to the Lamar Dixon Fairgrounds where we were sheltering thousands of displaced animals. In the aftermath of Katrina, then Hurricane Rita the PETS act was put into legislature that would always allow disaster victims to evacuate with their pets. Families would no longer be forced to leave their pets behind to face certain death.

When we returned home to the safety of our own home and community, we reflected on how important it is to be prepared in something as devastating as a

natural disaster. It can be said with confidence that the major threat here is wild fire, although we know disaster is not limited to fires. It was with this firsthand experience of how critical it is and life threatening, a small but determined group in the club formed a unified team to build and maintain an evacuation plan for Trabuco Canyon. That plan has since



be tried and tested more than once and continues to be an intricate component of our club and community. We encourage anyone reading this to have their own personal plan for family and pets in the event of an emergency. ETI 357 has and Emergency Response

coordinator and we can assist you with making your plan. Do not hesitate to ask any board member for suggestions.

Don't miss our September Member's meeting on Thursday 9/3. Our guest speaker will be our friend and former member, animal communicator and Katrina responder Terri Steuben. Terri will introduce us to her new book "Tails of Triumph: Animals tell Their Katrina Stories" and she can share even more of the heartbreaking and heartwarming rescue of those lives who could not save themselves. Signed copies of the book will be available. Please join us.

If you would like to schedule a mini session with Terri earlier on the same day let me know. Sessions are for 30 minutes. Please contact me for times and price at debbiekelly57@yahoo.com.



Saddleback Canyon Riders 4th of July Parade & BBQ



To celebrate 50 years... Float with past Grand Marshalls. Bob Wilks representing ETI. The club was Grand Marshall in 2007. Rich and Patty Gomez were Grand Marshalls in 2003.
-Karen Hopkins



Saddleback Canyon Riders

2015 Calendar

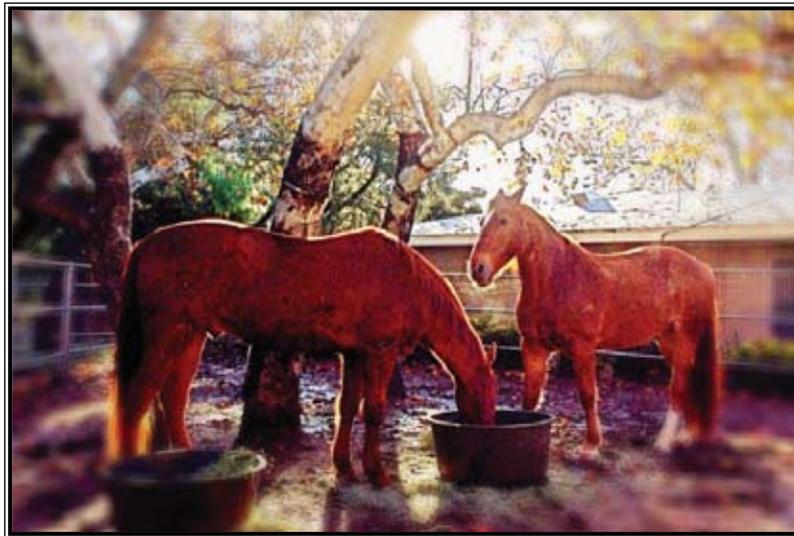
	Date	Event	Time	Location	Contact
August	1 Saturday	Pancake Fund Raiser	5:30 AM	RSM	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	6 Thursday	Members Meeting	7:00 PM	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
	8 Saturday	Trail Maintenance	8:00 AM	O'Neill Park	Rick (949) 439-2414
	13 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 PM	TBA	
	29 Saturday	Month 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
	9 Wednesday	Park Meeting	7:30 AM	O'Neill Park Ranger Station	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
	11 Wednesday	Park Meeting	7:30 AM	O'Neill Park Ranger Station	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 June 30, 2015

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America)	\$9,390.96
DEPOSITS: Deposits Made After Closing: June \$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits	\$9,390.96

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2001	R Gomez	website	\$153.69	2003	R Balthaser	bd dinner	\$30.00
2004	D Seroski	misc	\$107.18	2005	P Gomez	bd dinner	\$30.00
2008	State Farm	ins/trailer	\$10.00				

Total expenses paid in – June 2015 (\$488.29)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2002	R Soderstrom	postage	\$23.52	2006	ETI	dues	\$28.00
2010	Womens Club	parade	\$50.00	2011	ETI	donation	\$500.00

Total Outstanding Checks June 30,-2015 - i.e. Spending: (\$601.52)

Funds on hand in checking as of 06-30-2015	\$8,789.44
Petty Cash on Hand as of 06-30-2015	\$400.00
Corral FUNDS On Hand as of 06-30-2015	\$9,189.44

SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS: Less Reserves:	
ERT as of 06-30-2015	\$(476.73)
Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve:	\$(476.73)
NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of: Corral 357	\$8,712.71



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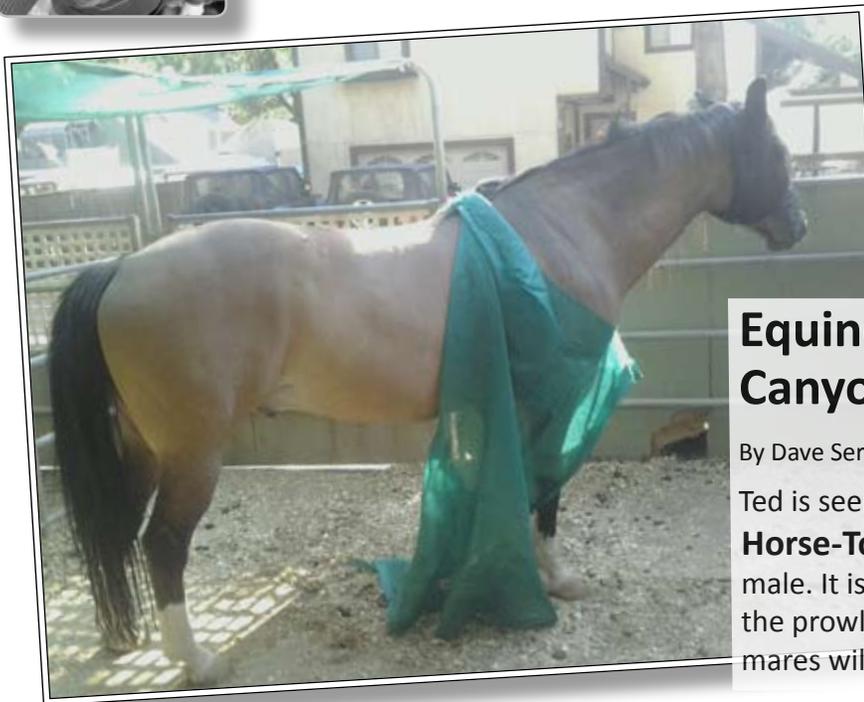


Note from the Editor

By Renate Soderstrom

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Mother Hen



Equine Fashion, Canyon Edition

By Dave Seroski

Ted is seen making off to a summer party in his... **Horse-Toga**... This can not be worn by just any male. It is a bold statement, that this boy is on the prowl, and has the looks to pull it off. The mares will be sent off in all directions, squealing!



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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