

# Corral News

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## Reminds Me of a Story... From the President's Corner

By James M. Iacono

### Age, wisdom, and horses

Well, this coming month I am going to hit one of those milestone birthdays. Usually birthdays for me come and go without much fanfare... I mean, sure, there have been some big ones (10 years ago I went to my first Kentucky Derby), but more often than not it's really just another day experienced here on earth, part of my dress rehearsal for eternity. But this birthday is a number that sounds totally incongruent from how I view myself. I officially am entering the decade of a SENIOR CITIZEN. Are you kidding me? People are going to start asking me for some elderly advice? I feel like I am the one still learning, wisdom being one of those elusive qualities reserved for those MUCH older than I. After all, how wise is it that I still want to run another marathon, hike Mt. Whitney again, or compete against teenage girls in barrel racing? Is the fear of becoming old driving me to prove otherwise? And what does proof look like? The color of the ribbons I earn at a Gymkhana? That my times don't slip lower this year than last? That I can avoid checking into a hospital after such events (again)?

I know it's often said that you are as old as you feel. Well, being a guy, feelings have not always been one

of my strong suits. I'm much better at understanding facts, not feelings. And the fact is, I was born near the middle of the LAST century. Geesh!

Well when I study my horses, my enthusiasm is somewhat buoyed. We have had two horses that have lived past 30, a ripe old age for horses. But what I find



comforting is that if you look at their progression from birth, horses mature faster at an early age (first four years) but then age more slowly once they reach adulthood. A horse, after four years is considered a mature adult. A filly becomes a mare, and a colt becomes a horse. The equivalent conversion in years to a human at

that point is a 20 year old, 5 years for every one year lived. But after that, each year a horse lives equates to 2 ½ human years. So the aging process actually slows! Woohoo! I am buying into that science for my personal aging. It gives me more time to become wise.

The other redeeming pleasant thought this year is the perfect symmetry that God has created with the line of males in my family. My grandfather would be turning 110 this year, my father 90, me 60, my son 30, and my grandson, just born is 0. So the 6th year in each decade marks milestone birthdays for ALL of

us. The difference now is that I remember being the youngest in that lineup when I turned 10, 20, and 30. Now at 60, I am the oldest in the new lineup! Oh dear. I'm officially well into the "back nine" of my life. I am starting to get curious looks from people when I buy bananas that are too green.

Awww, I'm just messing with you. It might be a BIG number birthday but I have LITTLE fear in the thought that my work here on Earth is done. God doesn't let us off that easy. We have a shape and a purpose and an animal so perfectly made that it can carry us to the next stop. And it, like me, wants all the time that heaven will allow- so much so that it slows its aging process as it gets older. Perhaps it wants to take it in more carefully, to savor it. That's what I will learn from this as I chase a little wisdom, taking all the time necessary. And who knows, maybe pass SOMETHING on to my new grandchildren!



James M. Iacono  
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## Join us for **TRAIL MAINTENANCE** at **O'Neill Regional Park** **Saturday, April 9th at 9:00 am**



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Meet at the Nature Center  
Parking Lot.

RSVP: Sue (949) 858-8001  
or just show up!

**Hope to see you there!!!**

**Remember to bring tools  
and gloves!!!**





## Spring Pasture Time for Horses

Source:

<http://www.horsefeedblog.com/2014/05/spring-pasture-time-for-horses/>

(photo by Patti Gomez)

Introducing horses to growing pasture is a welcome event each year, yet must be approached with caution. Introducing the horses to pasture too soon in the season or for too long a time period can be bad for both the pasture and the horses.

The following are some guidelines to consider:

1. Do not turn the horses out on pastures too early. Grass needs time to recover from the stress of winter and should be allowed to re-grow to 6 to 8 inches in height, depending on the species, to allow roots to grow and to store some energy before being grazed.
2. Horses should be fed hay before going out on pasture the first time. Do not turn them out with empty stomachs!
  - a. Initial grazing should be limited to 15 to 20 minutes and gradually increased each day by 15 minutes until the horses are out for about 4 or 5 hours, at which time they can be allowed unrestricted time.
  - b. If horses are allowed too much initial grazing time, the risk of digestive disturbance is increased as it takes the microflora in the gut some time to adjust to the difference in forage source.
3. Do NOT overgraze! Pastures should not be grazed to below 3-4 inches in grass length or you will wind up with a dirt lot fairly quickly. Some weeds are also hardier than most grasses, so if pastures are over grazed, weeds will become more prevalent.
4. Remember that cool season grasses growing very rapidly can be high in plant sugars (fructans), so caution is in order.
5. Grazing muzzles might be an option for helping reduce rapid intake.



Proper introduction of horses back on pasture needs to be managed for the health of the horses and the health of the pastures!



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## Trail Boss Report

By Debbie Kelly

# Fourteen Heartbeats

Now that I have your attention, you may be wondering about the title of this month's Trail Boss article. I will tell you. It has to do with the annual training I, along with several other ETI members used to attend with the US Forest Service (USFS) volunteer program. Every January we were required to take this eight hour training to keep our volunteer certification intact. We would spend the day listening to various speakers, presenters, county and federal staff, and the Trails Coordinator for the USFS. We would be reminded of the policies in place for trail use in the forest. To leave the slightest footprint as possible, the size of groups hiking or riding those trails was limited to fourteen heartbeats. That never left me as it meant only seven riders going out on a group ride or volunteering for patrol. Jeff and I enjoyed riding on the forest in the San Mateo Wilderness and introducing other riders

to its beauty and pristine trails. I never included more than five other riders when coordinating day rides there.

This would be a favorable sized group by today's standard for ETI group rides. Thus, for the Easter Sunday month end ride, there were just two heartbeats. Mine and Riley's.

We left our barn about 8:00 am to allow plenty of time to arrive at the Arroyo entrance by 9:00. We had taken the anticipated ride on Saturday and spoke with the ranger to be prepared for the crowds that would emerge on the park day use areas beginning at 6:00 am. I wanted to be sure our ride to the rendezvous area was not rushed and my horse would not get overly excited by all the extra activity that was not there the day before. All was good. We arrived right on time and as we waited inside the Arroyo entrance, Riley was able to graze on what was obviously some very yummy grass. He did not complain. I spoke to a couple of folks while we waited then we turned around and headed back through the day use area towards the Nature Center parking lot. We went ahead and hopped on Paw Foot towards Live Oak, then Homestead Hoffman until it connects with Coyote Canyon. As the perimeter of the park continued to fill with Easter Day crowd, we leisurely rode back towards home without incident. The park was filling up fast. When I drove by around 4:00 heading to my family Easter gathering the rangers appeared to be turning folks away. At best they were at the park entrance controlling traffic. I was grateful I had ridden early in the morning. Sometimes just two heartbeats is all you need to feel. Your own and your horse's.



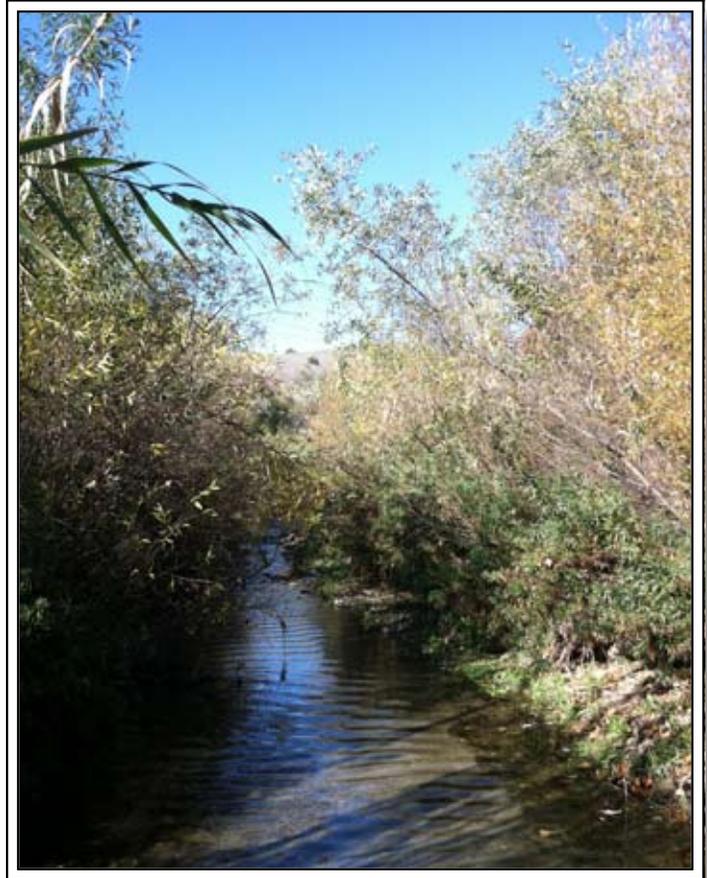
Don't miss out on some upcoming rides this Spring. The **Ferber Ranch Wilderness Ride** is just around the corner on **April 23rd**. It leaves promptly at 9:00 am from the gate at the end of Trabuco Oaks Drive. You need to register on the OCTA website (address below), print a waiver, sign it, and bring it along with you.

The **Annual ETI Campout** is **May 20 – 22**. The Saturday month end ride is on the 21st so even if you are not camping perhaps you can join us for a ride at **Casper's Park**. Historically we have a group BBQ that evening at one of the campsites. This year it will be at Equestrian campsite 4. As of this writing there are just five campsites left. The website to reserve your spot is below.

For the Ferber Ride: [www.octa.net/tours](http://www.octa.net/tours)

For OC Parks to reserve a campsite:  
<http://ocparks.com/rnp/reservation>

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**Reserve Your Campsite:**  
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# **Casper's Ride and Campout**

## **May 20-22**



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## My Visit to the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center

Submitted by: Renate Soderstrom

### Learning about Arabian Horse Heritage

On Sunday, April 3rd, I attended the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center's "Sunday Show" for the first time and thought that I would share a few photos and some information just in case there are other Arabian Horse enthusiasts out there who might be interested. The next "Sunday Show" is on May 1st, which will be the last one until October.

The Kellogg Center has a special breeding program designed to preserve heritage bloodlines; in fact, they have several pregnant mares that are due this month!

#### The Kellogg Legacy

Source: [www.wkkelloggarianhorsecenter.com](http://www.wkkelloggarianhorsecenter.com)

*(with photos by Renate Soderstrom)*

The W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center was established in 1925 by the cereal magnate Will Keith Kellogg of Battle Creek, Michigan. In his quest to fulfill a childhood dream, W.K. Kellogg sought out the finest Arabian bloodlines of the day to begin a breeding program at his winter home in Pomona, California. He acquired horses from within the United States and abroad, importing several horses from Lady Wentworth's famed Crabbet Arabian Stud in England.

The ranch became a popular destination for 1920s Hollywood stars to visit rare Arabian horses, and Kellogg's horses appeared in several films. The ranch became so popular that a show was established on Sundays in order to better showcase the Arabian horses.

W.K. Kellogg presented the ranch to the state of California in 1932 with the stipulation that the Arabian breeding program and the Sunday Shows be maintained.

During World War II, use of the ranch was given to the U.S. Army as a facility for breeding war horses. The Kellogg Ranch became the Pomona Quartermaster Depot in 1943. One of the most notable events of the army days was the acquisition of the Polish Arabian horses that were rescued ahead of the advance of the Russian army at the end of the war. Twenty-one Polish



Arabians, including the stallion \*Witez II, were brought to the ranch in 1946.

The U.S. Army ceased breeding horses in 1948, and the Ranch was transferred into the ownership of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. During this time, much of the ranch's best stock was dispersed around the country. The future of the ranch seemed uncertain, and envoys from both the Kellogg Foundation and the Kellogg Company went to Washington to lobby for its continuation.

The ranch was turned over to California State Polytechnic College San Luis Obispo as their southern branch in 1949. This new venture by Cal Poly joined forces with the Voorhis School, a men's agricultural college, which was located in nearby San Dimas. All instructional programs were moved to the present campus in 1956. Cal Poly Voorhis-Kellogg Campus admitted its first female students in 1961. The newly co-educational college separated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1966, and attendance had grown large enough by 1972 for Cal Poly Pomona to be granted University status. Today, Cal Poly Pomona has an average enrollment of 22,000 students in programs within eight different academic colleges.

The W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center's current breeding philosophy was established in 1964 when Norman K. Dunn was appointed as Manager of the

Horse Department. Professor Dunn surmised that the Arabian breed was surpassing the insular breeding program at Cal Poly, and proposed that Cal Poly mares be bred to outside stallions. Some of the first outside stallions suggested for breeding to Cal Poly mares were \*Bajram, \*Bask, Fadjur, and The Real McCoy. The breeding program continues in this tradition today, breeding to the top stallions from all over the United States.

True to W.K. Kellogg's wishes, the horses are still presented in the Sunday Shows, at 2:00 pm on the first Sunday of every month, October-May.

To learn more about the history of the Kellogg ranch, please contact the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Library.



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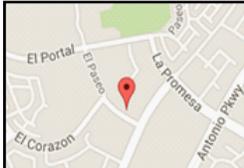
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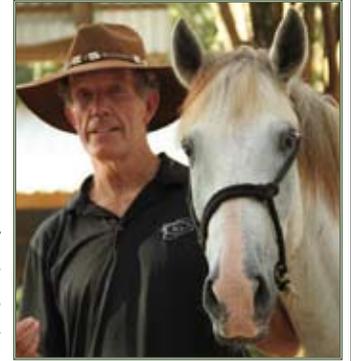
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# Saddleback Canyon Riders Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location	Contact	
<b><u>APRIL MEMBERS MEETING</u></b>					
<b>Topic:</b>		<b>Horsemanship Training</b>			
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>		<b>Ted Prettyman</b>			
		<p>His name is Ted Prettyman (for real). He has worked as a horse trainer and riding instructor with Make A Wish foundation and other equine assisted therapy programs. He is also working in South and Central America teaching equine philosophies and training techniques. His gentle approach has had a positive impact and been a successful offset to some more traumatic equine training techniques used for decades in these countries.</p> <p>Ted also offers a class in barefoot trimming, a hands on class for those who wish to do this themselves. He will be doing a clinic for E.T.I. in the near future so we need to focus on some specific topics that would be helpful to all. He has a great deal of information to share because of his 20+ years of experience.</p> <p>You'll even get some tips on an emergency dismount! Invite friends from your barn or from your neighborhood. Should be a great night!</p>			
		<p><b>Thursday, April 7   Dinner at 7:00   Meeting starts at 7:30</b>  <b>Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant, 22322 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita</b>  <b>For information, contact: James (949) 459-7742</b></p>			
<b>April</b>	9 Saturday	<b>Trail Maintenance</b>	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Sue (949) 858-8001
	14 Thursday	<b>Board Meeting</b>	7:00 pm	TBA	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	23 Saturday	<b>Ferber Ranch Preserve Ride</b>	9:00 AM	Meet at end of Trabuco Oaks Dr. <b>Sign up at: <a href="http://www.octa.net/tours">www.octa.net/tours</a></b>	Debbie (949) 244-0670
<b>May</b>	5 Thursday	<b>Members' Meeting</b>	7:00 pm	TBA	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	12 Thursday	<b>Board Meeting</b>	7:00 pm	TBA	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	21 Saturday	<b>Month End Event - Ride at Casper's</b>	10:30 am	Caspers	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	20-22 Fri - Sun	<b>Casper's Campout</b>	all day	Caspers	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	31 Tuesday	<b>Park Meeting</b>	7:30 am	O'Neill Park Ranger Station	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
<b>June</b>	2 Thursday	<b>Members' Meeting</b>	7:00 pm	TBA	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	4 Saturday	<b>Trail Maintenance</b>	8:00 am	O'Neill Park	Rich & Patti (949) 888-1604
	9 Thursday	<b>Board Meeting</b>	7:00 pm	TBA	
	11 Saturday	<b>Modjeska House/BBQ (Sue's - 1:00 pm)</b>	10:00 am	Meet at Cook's	Mary & Sue (949) 858-8001
	25 Saturday	<b>Month End Ferber Ranch Ride</b>	10:30 AM	O'Neill Park staging for Ferber Ranch	Debbie (949) 244-0670
<b>July</b>	4 Monday	<b>July 4th Parade &amp; BBQ</b>	8:30 am	Trabuco Canyon, Ca.	Jimmy I/Patti (949-) 888-1604
	14 Thursday	<b>Board Meeting</b>	7:00 pm	TBA	
	16 Saturday	<b>Giracci &amp; Cowboy Wineries</b>	Noon	at winery	Mary & Sue (949) 858-8001
	26 Tuesday	<b>Park Meeting</b>	7:30 am	O'Neill Park Ranger Station	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	30 Saturday	<b>Month End Poker Ride</b>	8:30 am	O'Neill Park arena	Debbie (949) 244-0670





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## Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: February 29, 2016

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America) \$9,089.28

**DEPOSITS:** Deposits Made After Closing: February: \$0.00

Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$9,089.28

#### EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2043	R Soderstrom	board dinner	\$ 50.00	2047	ETI	membership	\$96.00
2048	S Marucci	board dinner	\$ 50.00	2049	B Wilks	board dinner	\$70.00
2075	J Iacono	Xmas party	\$154.37	2077	K Holden	trail maint	\$12.00
2078	State Farm	insurance	\$4.00				

Total expenses paid in – February 2016 (\$436.37)

#### UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2042	K Holden	board dinner	\$ 20.00	2076	R Soderstrom	postage	\$ 68.60
2079	ETI	membership	\$ 96.00				

Total Outstanding Checks February 29,-2016 - i.e. Spending: (\$184.60)

**Funds on hand in checking** as of 02-29-2016 \$9,304.68

**Petty Cash on Hand** as of 02-29-2016 \$400.00

**Corral FUNDS On Hand** as of 02-29-2016 \$9,304.68

SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS: Less Reserves: ERT as of 02-29-2016 \$(476.73)

Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve: \$(476.73)

NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of: Corral 357 \$8,827.95



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### Note from the Editor

By Renate Soderstrom

Thanks again for the wonderful photos and articles!



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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.

## Saddleback Canyon Riders

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