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

By James M. Iacono

Let's Not Forget

We celebrate one of the great American holidays- Memorial Day- every year about this time to honor the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice- their lives- in defense of our country and the freedom we all enjoy. This bravery does not go unnoticed and is met with fanfare all across our country. Memorial Church Services, parades, gravesite tributes, 21 Gun salutes... all draw throngs of crowds who wish to thank and honor the fallen heroes who gave so selflessly so that we can know and enjoy a life without tyranny. Over 1.1 million American lives have been lost from the Revolutionary War to the current war on terror. While that number seems staggering, can you guess how many total horses died just in World War I? Wikipedia reports that more than 8 million horses were killed. They were used to transport ammunition and supplies to the front and many died, not only from the horrors of shellfire but also in terrible weather and appalling conditions. Mules were found to have tremendous stamina in extreme climates and over the most difficult terrain, serving courageously in the freezing mud on the Western Front and later at Monte Casino in World War II. Equally they toiled unflinchingly in the oppressive heat of Burma, Eritrea and Tunisia. There are many inspiring and often tragic stories of the great devotion and loyalty shown between horses, mules and donkeys and their masters during some of the bloodiest conflicts of the 20th century, as can be read in Jilly Cooper's moving book *Animals in War*.

There are 8 million heart breaking stories of sweat, courage, and loyalty. The countries which had been built on the back of a horse were using the horse to help tear it down. ...and guess what? They eventually



Sergeant Reckless

built it back up again.

I will focus on three famous American war horses, but I am sure there are millions that deserve an "honorable mention."

First, there was Traveller, the favorite horse of General Robert E. Lee. He was a commanding presence, a grey American Saddlebred. The horse was known for his speed, strength, and courage in combat. He carried the General in many battles, and after the war, accompanied him. In 1871 Traveller developed Tetanus, and because there was no treatment yet, he was euthanized.

At the exact same time in history, Union Civil War General and later President, Ulysses S. Grant had a heroic steed by the name of Cincinnati. He was the son of Lexington, considered one of the fastest horses of the time. Cincinnati accompanied the General in a number of campaigns. He was his favorite and after the war, Abraham Lincoln became an admirer and a regular rider of Cincinnati who lived until 1878.

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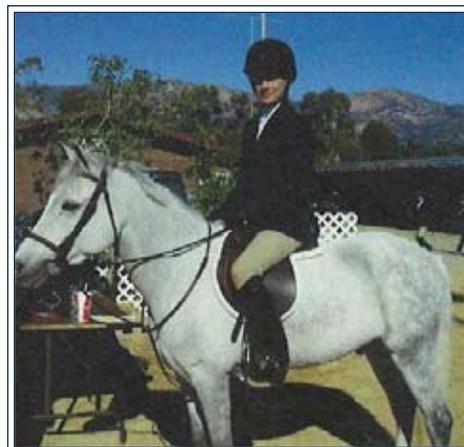
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One of the most famous horses in the 20th Century was Sergeant Reckless (photo). She was of Mongolian Breed and was bought and trained by the US Marine Corps in 1952. The horse was used to carry supplies and weapons and evacuate soldiers during the Korean War. She was known for her intelligence and ability to take solo trips. During the battle for Outpost Vegas in 1953, she made 51 solo trips in a single day. She was made a Sergeant in 1952 and retired. Reckless was once selected as one of the top 100 All-time American heroes by Life magazine. She died in 1968.

Yes the horse is a hero. I am sure we can all remember the feelings these animals have stirred in us. I know I have been "rescued" by horses throughout my life- rescued from never having a bond with

another living thing that so completes me in a way that is different than our human relationships. The horse makes me feel part of a team that requires no words to explain, no decorum to uphold, no viewpoints to appease. So this Memorial Day, let's not forget those equine heroes on the battlefields, and those that have been in our lives.

Godspeed Captain, Sahara, and Cerise. I loved you all!

James M. Iacono
President
ETI Corral 357
Saddleback Canyon Riders





by Crystal Hansen

ETI Youth Member Miranda Hansen Competes for the Title of Young Miss Norco Mounted Posse 2016

The Norco Mounted Posse Rodeo Queen Pageant recently took place in “Horsetown USA” Norco, California May 13-15, 2016. This year marked the 62nd anniversary of the Norco PRCA Rodeo and Rodeo Queen Competition. Many young and talented cowgirls from all over southern California competed for the title in four categories: Miss (18-24yrs old), Junior Miss (13-17 years old), Young Miss (9-12 years old) and Little Miss (5-8 years old). In an intense three day competition, each of the young women were judged in three main areas: Horsemanship, Rodeo Knowledge and Public Speaking ability along with interview skills, knowledge of general equine science, appearance, personality and poise.

Each contestant gave their all, with a five month preparation process of intense studying, riding and practice, to win the opportunity to represent and be an official spokesperson for the Norco PRCA rodeo at not only the local Norco PRCA Rodeo in August but to travel and represent Norco at the other California PRCA rodeos as well. Each titleholder will spend the year raising awareness for the sport of rodeo, its sponsors, and promoting the western way of life across the beautiful state of California.

Miranda Hansen, 12, a resident of Trabuco Canyon and ETI Member, prepared and competed well in the competition. She is pleased to announce that she placed First Runner Up, winning the categories of Speech & Modeling, Test and Congeniality in the Young Miss division. When asked of her time with the Norco Mounted Posse Queen competition she said, “Competing in the Young Miss Norco Mounted Posse Rodeo Queen competition has taught me many great lessons: I’ve learned how to be a better rider, a better leader, a better speaker and a better friend. I am very proud to have come in First Runner Up and look forward to learning and growing even more. Maybe one day I will win the title and be able to represent the



greatest sport on dirt. Until then, I’m going to have fun and keep riding!”

Miranda would like to thank all her amazing hometown sponsors like Teddy’s Twisted Products and many ETI members who purchased raffle tickets and helped her with encouraging words and advice along the way! She is looking forward to possibly competing again this year for Banning Rodeo Association. If you have a business that would benefit from sponsorship or would like to follow Miranda and her rodeo queen adventures, feel free to follow her page on Facebook: Miranda Christine Rodeo Queen for more information, the latest updates and photos.





Trail Boss Report

By Debbie Kelly

Caspers Wilderness Park- a Historical Reflection

Caspers Wilderness Park has been an ETI/357 camping destination for over twenty years. I personally have made the annual visit about fifteen of those. The well-kept equestrian campground offers about twenty five campsites with stalls for two or four horses each, and there are additional stalls located on the parameter of the grounds to accommodate more. It is located a fair distance from other campgrounds within the park which keeps it pretty quiet and relaxing. The equestrian campground is limited only to those camping with horses. This means that you have a common thread with everyone around you and that lends to an extremely serene camping experience. It is like camping in a private little community. The park staff and rangers are extremely nice and it is always a highlight of our trip to see them and catch up. We often run into rangers formerly posted at O’Neill which is always a real treat. There is also an Equestrian day use area with stalls, picnic area, and restrooms. The trails are wide and well-groomed and you can ride for miles and miles; sometimes encountering only a few



other users.

Of course, what we know as Casper’s park has not always been a public Wilderness campground. For thousands of years the land was occupied by a society of American Indians, later named the Juanenos. Until 1796 they lived and prospered as hunters and gatherers within the Bell and San Juan Canyons. With the arrival of the Spanish Portola expedition the Juanenos existence drastically changed. Within seventy years, Spanish rule of the area was solid and the Indian was now in servitude to the Spanish. The first Spanish land grant in this area occurred in 1841.

Under the authority of Mexican Governor Juan B. Alvarado, the California governor Pio Pico granted 8,000 acres to an Augustin Olvera. Olivera then sold his holdings to Juan Forster. Forster obtained more holdings and eventually owned



226,000 acres of ranch land named Rancho Santa Marguerita y las Flores. The land would change hands again and eventually be owned exclusively by Richard O'Neill in 1906. Much of the land was working cattle ranch and upon O'Neill's death his son Jerome took charge of the ranch. Under his direction, O'Neill Ranch became one of the most prosperous cattle ranches in California. In 1926 ranch ownership passed to the Ranch Santa Margarita Company. A division was made in 1930 and Richard O'Neill Jr received ownership of the Orange County portion. In 1941 the O'Neill's sold a 10,000 acre parcel to Eugene Starr. This land became the Starr Ranch and continued as a cattle ranch. With the passing of Starr and his wife, the property was deeded to the Starr Foundation in 1971. In 1973 the Foundation deeded 3,779 acres to the National Audubon Society. In late 1973 and early 1974 The OC Board of Supervisors under the direction of Ronald W Caspers voted to purchase the southern 5,500 acres of the ranch for use as a public recreation facility. It was named the Starr Viejo Regional Park. In June of 1974, Ronald W Caspers was lost at sea, along with members of his family and some of his friends. The Board of Supervisors changed the name of the park to Ronald W. Caspers Wilderness Park in his honor. With an additional 2,100 acres purchased from the O'Neill Ranch, the total acreage of Caspers is now at 7,600 acres.

Next time you are riding at Caspers stop and reflect upon the history of this precious land. It was once home

to a peaceful people and later became the opportunity to make a fortune for others. In the end it is a piece of precious wilderness carved out of history; preserved for those who would respect the land and embrace its beauty. That was the vision of Ronald W. Caspers.

I hope you enjoy the pictures of our recent campout. I want to thank Sue Marruci, the ever gracious hostess who served dinner not one, but two nights that weekend. She was there cooking and even went home on Saturday to tend to her animals and prepare Saturdays dinner. Check out her cute little trailer, affectionately named "Recovery Room" by one of her neighbors who secretly tagged her trailer! Thanks to Jimmy Iacono, our esteemed President who is always supportive of our rides. Kristina Stuckey, who came out for the Saturday ride and provided transportation for Mary Grbic and Paula Giertych- thank you! And thank



you to Mr. Kelly who knows his way around Caspers like most of us know our way around the corner. I hope more of you can come out to Caspers next year.

Debbie Kelly
Trail Boss
ETI Corral 357
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Special Message from Hanaeleh

Hanaeleh is currently seeking to fill a paid position to feed and clean six to seven days a week. There is also the option to live on the property in exchange for the work.



Hanaeleh is a non-profit horse rescue based in Trabuco Canyon, CA.

We rescue and rehabilitate horses who are abused, neglected, or at risk of being sent to slaughter. Hanaeleh also promotes horse advocacy and manages a social network for all who share an interest in horses.



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- Wednesday:** Trabuco Canyon, Lake Forest, Serrano
- Thursday:** Coto de Caza, Rancho Carillo, Ortega, San Juan Capistrano, Nellie Gail, Laguna



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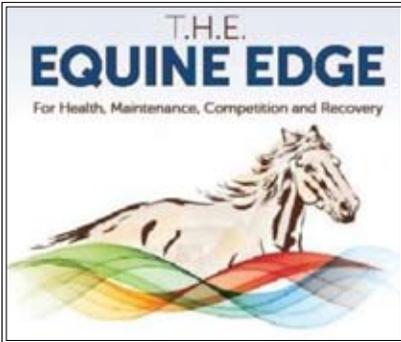


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SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS: Upcoming Events

JUNE MEMBERS MEETING: Natural Equine Supplements

with *Diana & Kathryn of Equine Edge*



Equine Edge was started 20 years ago by Bob Fogli who studied at a naturaopathic school. His first endeavor was treating the human population. Having owned racehorses, he saw a need for this type of supplements in the equine world. The product line focuses on problems such immune deficiency, arthritis, inflammation, hoof and wound care, to name a few. He also works with veterenarians and equine lab chemistry tests to customize specific nutrients as needed. We have heard rave reviews about the Calming Powder, or Calming Cookies.

The product line is carried at Canyon Feed & Tack.
Diane and Kathryn will be bringing samples.

Thursday, June 2nd at 7:30 PM | Arrive early for dinner and drinks.

Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant, 22322 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita | Contact: James 949-459-7742

Date		Event	Time	Location	Contact
June	2 Thursday	Members' Meeting (<i>Equine Edge</i>)	7:00 pm	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	4 Saturday	Trail Maintenance	8:00 am	O'Neill Park	Rich & Patti (949) 888-1604
	9 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Seroski's	Dave & Sue (949) 459-7153
	11 Saturday	Modjeska House/BBQ (Sue's - 1:00 pm) RSVP REQUIRED	9:45 am	Meet at Modjeska House	Mary & Sue (949) 858-8001
	25 Saturday	Month End Ferber Ranch Ride	10:30 AM	O'Neill Park staging for Ferber Ranch	Debbie (949) 244-0670
July	4 Monday	July 4th Parade & BBQ	8:30 am	Trabuco Canyon, Ca.	Jimmy I/Patti (949-) 888-1604
	14 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBA	
	16 Saturday	Giracci & Cowboy Wineries	Noon	at winery	Mary & Sue (949) 858-8001
	26 Tuesday	Park Meeting	7:30 am	O'Neill Park Ranger Station	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	30 Saturday	Month End Poker Ride	8:30 am	O'Neill Park arena	Debbie (949) 244-0670
August	4 Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	5 Friday	Pancake Fund Raiser - Setup	5:30 pm	Rancho Santa Margarita	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	6 Saturday	Pancake Fund Raiser	5:30 am	Rancho Santa Margarita	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	11 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBA	
	13 Saturday	Afternoon Playday and BBQ	4:30 pm	O'Neill Park arena	Mary & Sue (949) 858-8001
	27 Saturday	Month End Ride on Ferber Ranch Preserve	9:00 am	O'Neill Park staging for Ferber Ranch	Debbie (949) 244-0670
September	1 Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	Mi Casa	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	8 Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	TBA	
	11 Sunday	9/11 Memorial Event - Ride/Walk/Bike			
	17 Saturday	Inner-Coastal/Watershed CleanUp	7:30 am	Trabuco Creek Bridge	Rich & Patti (949) 888-1604
	27 Tuesday	Park Meeting	7:30 am	O'Neill Park Ranger Station	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	30 Friday	Month End Full-Moon Ride			Debbie (949) 244-0670

Saddleback Canyon Riders 4th of July Parade & BBQ



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

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!).

Contact: Patti Gomez 949-888-1604



CALLING ALL HIKERS AND RIDERS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE at O'Neill Regional Park

Saturday, June 4th at 8:00 am

If you ride in the park, if you love the park, or if you're just a member, **do your part, show your support and be there!** It's not as bad as you think, and **we'll have coffee and treats!**

Our club has a commitment to trail maintenance 6-times per year and as our president says, "Many hands make light work!" We need EVERYONE'S help! Our club has a commitment to trail maintenance 6-times per year and as our president says, "Many hands make light work!" We need EVERYONE'S help! Meet us at the Nature's Center parking lot (no charge to enter).

Contact/RSVP: **Richard & Patti 949-888-1604**

Hope to see you there!!! Remember to bring gloves & tools!!!





MODJESKA HOUSE TOUR

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, TOUR STARTS AT 10AM

Address for Tour: Located at the crossroads of Modjeska Canyon Road and Olive Hill. Please note GPS is not accurate in the area, and there is no cell phone reception. **Arrive at Modjeska House 15 minutes early.**

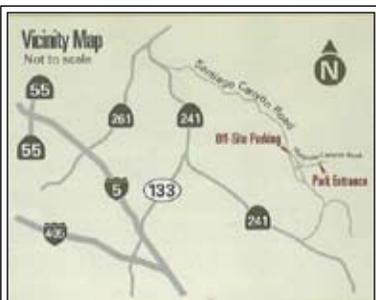
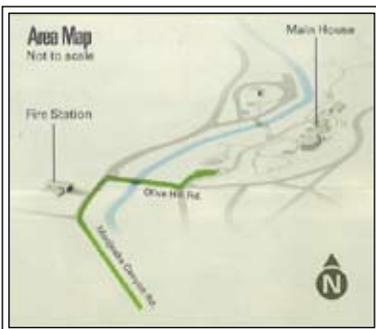
Cost per person: **Payment must be made in advance. Limited to ETI Members.** Parks and Recreation charges \$5 for the tour. Lunch will be an additional \$5. BYOB.

Deadline to Register: **Please RSVP by June 5th: Sue 949-858-8001**

GOURMET TACO BAR LUNCH

Lunch will be at Sue Marucci's home following the tour (approx 5 minutes drive from Modjeska House).

Address for Lunch: 19301 Leal Trail, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679
Note: the area is gated; dial 21 on the gate phone to contact Sue.



About Modjeska House:

If you haven't seen Modjeska House, it is one of two national historic landmarks in Orange County, a very prestigious award. Back in the 1800s, it was a 1300 acre working ranch. Madame Modjeska was a famous Shakespearian actress who had the house designed by the prominent architect, Stanfor White, who also designed Madison Square Gardens and Colonial Penn Station.

On the tour, you will not only learn about Madame Modjeska, you will also learn a lot about Orange County History... For example, did you know we were originally going to be called Grape County? Join us on the tour to find out why, and other interesting facts including stories of **MURDER, MYSTERY and DRAMA.....!!**





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Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: April 30, 2016

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America)	\$8,575.15
DEPOSITS: Deposits Made After Closing: April:	\$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits	\$8,575.15

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2080	ETI	ins pymt	\$441.00	2081	ETI	membership	\$ 45.00
2083	R Gomez	web domain	\$ 99.00	2084	R Soderstrom	postage	\$ 82.53
2085	K Holden	bd dinner	\$ 50.00	2086	R Soderstrom	bd dinner	\$ 50.00
2088	V Iacono	spkr dinner	\$ 40.00				

Total expenses paid in – April 2016 (\$240.60)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2081	ETI	membership	\$45.00	2082	J Iacono	spkr dinner	\$40.00
2087	ETI	membership	\$188.00				

Total Outstanding Checks April 30, 2016 - i.e. Spending: (\$273.00)

Funds on hand in checking as of 04-30-2016: \$8,302.00 **Petty Cash on Hand** as of 04-30-2016: \$400.00

Corral FUNDS On Hand as of 04-30-2016 \$8,702.15

SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS: Less Reserves: ERT as of 04-30-2016 \$(476.73)

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

NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of: Corral 357 **\$8,225.42**



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Note from the Editor

By Renate Soderstrom

Please submit articles and photos for the July newsletter by June 18!!!

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Sweet little hatchling staying warm under the desk lamp and helping me with the newsletter...

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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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