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

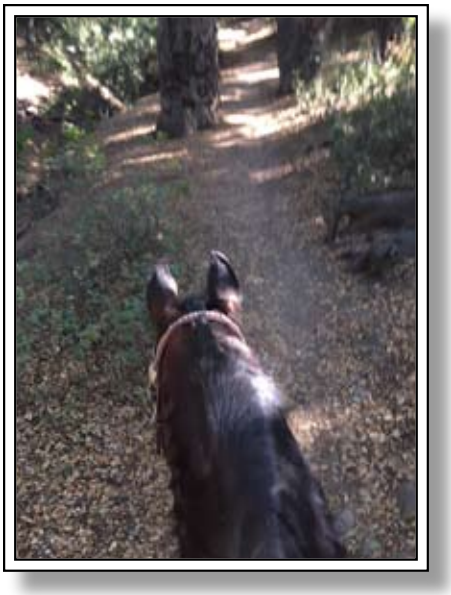
RETREAT

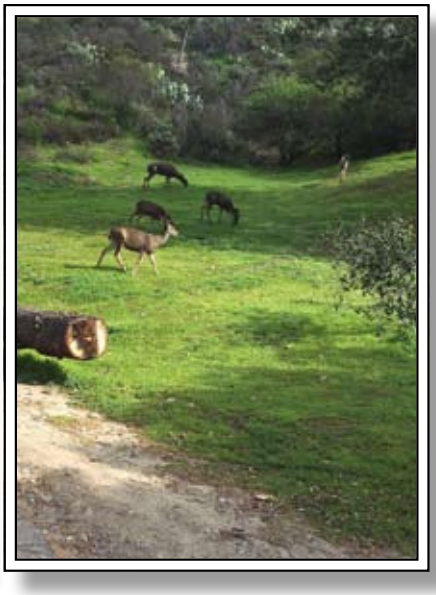
I went on a Retreat last weekend. The word "retreat" has a negative connotation as it relates to something like war. It means you're losing, you're giving up land that you use to possess.

Now it's hard for me to look upon my life right now and say I'm immersed in anything that remotely resembles a "war." I drive through an Oak forest on my way to work. I have a multi- thousand- acre park in my neighborhood. There's a coffee clutch at the General Store. There are only 11 developed properties in the 2 square mile canyon where my home resides, but one of them, thankfully, is a Cantina. I own horses, which reminds me of something we need to realize and its something that the rest of the world believes. And that is, there was a time when everyone had a horse, and only rich people owned cars. Nowadays, everyone has a car, but only rich people own horses. My, how the stables have turned.

I know, though, that when people today say "rich" about my community, they don't necessarily mean in finances. I believe that they mean "rich" in the texture of day to day existence. There are oak, pine, sycamore, pepper and olive trees here to cleanse the air. There are creeks and trails, and young deer drinking from those creeks. My neighbor gives me freshly laid eggs. Many of you have heard me describe my hood as "Trabuco Canyon, where heaven is a local call." I dial in every day.

In our society, life apart from war here in the US, people see retreat as a luxury… an opportunity to wind down, refresh, revitalize, rendezvous with repose. It is a time to unplug from the electrical grid of California life…. where the wheels of commerce roll around the clock…





sustaining the 6th largest economy in the world. Damn, that's quite a responsibility.

But how lucky are we? We are all a part of that perpetual economic surge , yet we enjoy the smell of a fireplace, the splash on our head of Holy Jim Waterfall, live banjo on a Friday night at the General Store. I love the sound of my horse's hooves crushing leaves on a crisp autumn afternoon. I love running up Live Oak Trail, my Arabian Steed and I both drinkers of the wind along the way.

What I learned this weekend is that I live in constant retreat. Retreat from all those shiny objects which prevent most people from living that truly "rich" life. I learned gratitude. We don't get to choose where we're born, but if you have any spiritual skin, you realize that someone chooses for us. I could have been born in some strife-ridden country, worrying about my next meal, my next shower, my next day should I not get killed today.

But instead, I have the best of all worlds. I have freedom, good weather, means, natural surroundings, a short commute, open space, and yes, horses. Horses are the link that have chained civilizations together through time. The world as we know it, was built on their backs.

So get on your horses and ride this upcoming week. Retreat into the wilderness of your mind, just you and the old gray mare, and count every blessing that lies on each droplet of the morning mist. Thank God.

James M. Iacono
President
ETI Corral 357
Saddleback Canyon Riders

SWALLOWS DAY PARADE

If you want to ride the streets of San Juan just like the Vaqueros used to do 200 years ago, please join your Club Members for the largest non motorized parade west of the Mississippi!

The date is March 24th, and we usually leave the area about 7:15 a.m. Let us know if you plan to ride, and if you need a ride. We also need ground crew help as well, so let us know that as well! **Please reply by February 15th** (or earlier) so we can plan accordingly. Also, first come first served on the trailer spaces.

If you have a trailer and have room for others, let us know that too!

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Local News
By Lisa Telles

Saddle Club Property Purchased as Open Space

A piece of land near O'Neill Regional Park in Trabuco Canyon that was once slated for residential development has been preserved as natural habitat by the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA). TCA, which operates The Toll Roads of Orange County, purchased the nearly 33-acre parcel known as Saddle Club for about $3.7 million in December 2017.

According to Valarie McFall, TCA's chief environmental planning officer, TCA will preserve the land in perpetuity, ensuring it will remain undeveloped for future generations. TCA balances the impact of construction of The Toll Roads by setting aside or re-establishing native habitat in areas near The Toll Roads. TCA will "bank" the preserved habitat at Saddle Club and use it as credit for future projects, which could include adding interchanges or new lanes to existing roadways.

This land, located east of the 241 Toll Road between Live Oak Canyon Road and Trabuco Canyon Road, is home to self-sustaining oak, coastal sage scrub and riparian habitats, and provides an important link for birds and animals to access a natural corridor extending to the Cleveland National Forest.

Since 1990, TCA has restored more than 2,100 acres of land at 16 different Orange County locations, protecting each in perpetuity for future generations. Most of the land that TCA has protected are closed to the public to protect threatened species that flourish on the property. However, the Saddle Club property will be the first of TCA's open spaces to allow recreational usage. A public access plan will be developed over the next year. A date for when the property will be open to the public will be identified in the near future.

Lisa Telles
Chief Communications Officer
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SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS

2018 CALENDAR | ETI CORRAL 357

Date			Event		Location	Contact
Feb	1	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	3	Saturday	Ferber Ranch Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	8	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Gomez' residence	Patti (949) 888-1604
	17	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
Mar	1	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	8	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	9-11	Fri-Sun	Pomona Horse Expo	10:00 am	meet at CVS	non-club event
	24	Saturday	Swallows Day Parade	7:30 am	Meet at CVS	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	31	Saturday	Full Moon	TDB		Debbie (949) 244-0670
Apr	5	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	7	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	12	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	14	Saturday	Imperial Beach Ride	8:00 am	8:00am at CVS	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	29	Sunday	Ferber Ranch Preserve Ride	8:30 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
May	3	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	10	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
Jun	2	Saturday	RAIN DATE for Imperial Beach Ride			Debbie (949) 244-0670
	7	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	9	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	8:00 am	O'Neill Park	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	14	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	30	Saturday	Ferber Ranch Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Jul	4	Wednesday	July 4th Parade	8:30 am	Trabuco Canyon	Jimmy I/Crystal
	12	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	21	Saturday	Medieval Times	6 or 8:15 pm	Medieval Times	Crystal (949) 207-8921
Aug	2	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	3	Friday	Pancake Fund Raiser - *Setup*	5:30 pm	RSM	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	4	Saturday	Pancake Fund Raiser	5:30 am	RSM	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	9	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	26	Sunday	Ferber Ranch Preserve Ride	9:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Sep	6	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	13	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	15	Saturday	Inner-Coastal/Watershed CleanUp	8:00 am	Trabuco Creek Bridge	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
	29	Saturday	Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum	10:00 am	meet at CVS	Crystal (949) 207-8921
Oct	4	Thursday	Members' Meeting and Nominations	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	6	Saturday	Acorn Day *NEED VOLUNTEERS*	10:00-3:00	O'Neill Park	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	11	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	13	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	8:00 am	O'Neill Park	Dave S (949) 459-7153
	20	Saturday	Ferber Ranch Preserve Ride	9:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Nov	1	Thursday	Members' Meeting and Elections	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	3	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
	8	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	18	Sunday	Ferber Ranch Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Dec	13	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	15?	Saturday	Christmas Party / Dance	5:30 pm	Circle S Ranch	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789

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Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

Financial Report for Period Ending: Dec 31, 2017

Ending Balance (BofA): $9,068.44

Deposits: Deposits Made After Closing: $0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits 9,068.44

Expenses:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2119	D. Kelly	Xmas Party	$49.00
2120	J. Iacono	Xmas Party	$339.03
2121	J. Iacono	board dinner	$50.00

Unpaid Checks Issued This Period:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2115	ETI	Membership fees	$85.00

Total expenses paid & unpaid this period: ($438.03)

Funds on hand after Expenses paid & unpaid checks this period: 8,983.47
Petty Cash on Hand (included in balance): $400.00
Corral FUNDS On Hand: $9,383.44

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Note from the Editor

Renate Soderstrom

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www.saddlebackcanyonriders.com/our-mission/emergency-preparedness.aspx

MEMBERSHIP RATES:

Junior Membership (under 18)	$45
Senior Membership (over 18)	$60
Family Membership	$90

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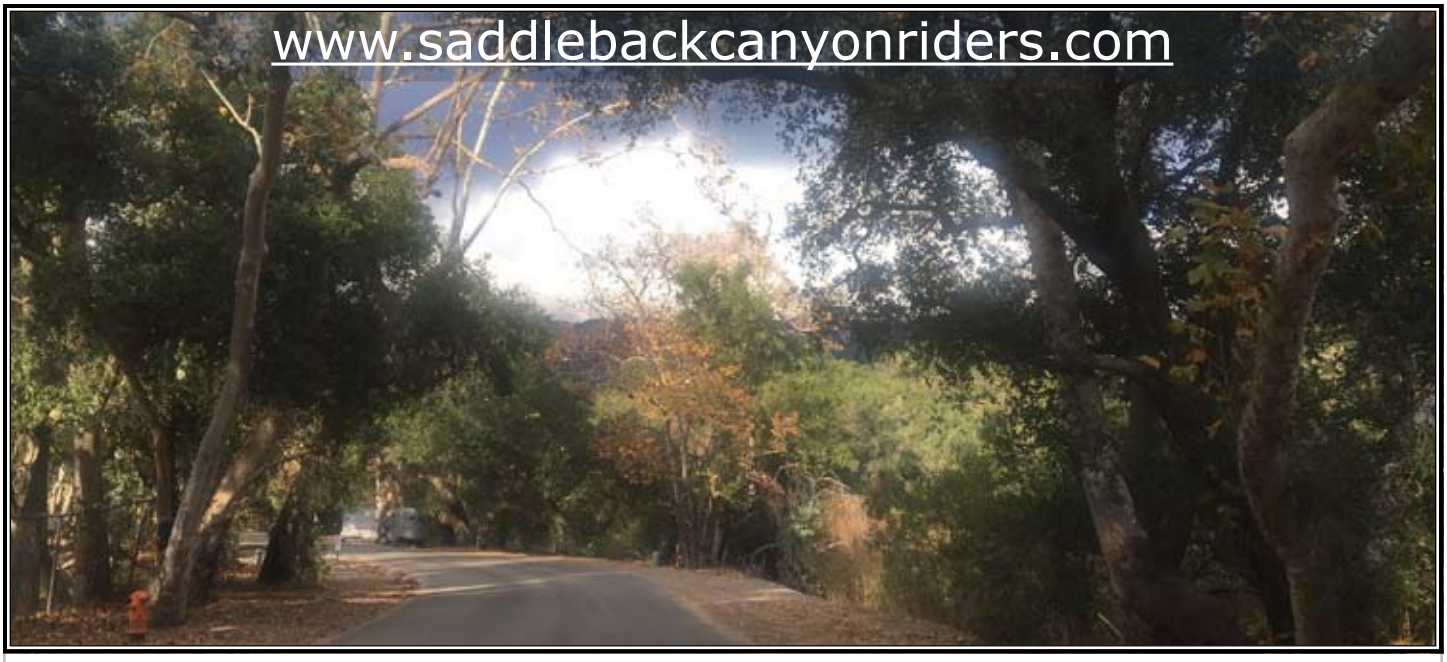

The Saddleback Canyon Riders are ETI Corral 357

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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