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

SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS SET TO REVISIT IMPERIAL BEACH

A couple of years back, I made the trek down to Imperial beach with this Club, and afterwards, encouraged all of you in this column to make sure you catch the next time we go. Well, "it's déjà vu all over again." On June 2nd, our club will be resurrecting this great outing. Rather than write about the event AFTER our visit when it will be too late to change your personal history, I thought I would reprint the article from our last visit to hopefully tempt you into creating a new memory for you and your equine friend. Debbie Kelly as trail boss is helping to organize, so please contact her and let her know if you would like to come, and either have or need trailer space! Rental horses are also available. Deadline to sign up is May 15th.

So, the article below is from November of 2016, and freshly captures my musings on the day. Come ride with us!

"Life's a Beach"

*originally published
November 2016*

One of my favorite things to do is to be one with my equine partner, load him up in the old trailer and head somewhere we can experience new sights, new sounds, new smells... while we add to the old relationship we have forged these past several years. To do something new or rare together puts us on equal footing...forces us to lean on one another, allows us to soak in the stimuli, and divvy the delight.

On October 22nd, The Saddleback Canyon Riders loaded up 12 riders and 10 horses (some faster loaders than others),



and then "ran for the border"; that is, Borders Park near Imperial Beach at the southern tip of San Diego County. Though I had made this trek two years ago, I had

the same excitement this Saturday morn as I had back then, knowing that I would get to experience something that even living in Southern California is pretty rare.

We met at CVS Pharmacy parking lot, trucks fueled up, 5 trailers brimming with equine flesh, and tummies prepping for the mystery of what a Breakfast Jack might do to you the rest of the day. We were heading to the border of Mexico, where the advice to Americans is "don't drink the water." When Mexicans come to the US, the advice they are given is "don't eat food prepared by a clown." But I digress.

The caravan trip was well-paced and smooth heading down the southern reaches of Interstate 5. Rich Gomez, our event coordinator for the day had orchestrated a staging area for all of our trailers at D&J Ranch, where we had plenty of room to park, wash racks to use later, shady picnic furniture to eat lunch on and stocked coolers to enjoy a coool drink.

We saddled up 17 horses, as we joined forces with Marc Hedgepath and 7 riders from our neighbors at Serrano Creek Stables who made the trek separate from our caravan, then rented 2 horses from a nearby string, to be a healthy posse of 19 total riders. We were led by a friendly guide through 3 miles of shady woodlands (a welcome shelter against the 85 degree temperature) before finally reaching the sandy path to the beach. You could sense the horses' anticipation as we could feel a cool ocean breeze, along with hearing the unfamiliar sound of waves lapping the shoreline.

Once near the water, you could pick up a variety of reactions....squealing, snorting, neighing, retreating, as they all had different "approaches" to the unfamiliar incitements. But as they settled in to the beautiful setting I thought to myself, "Man, I'm living the dream." I galloped my gelding Sultan down a long vacant strand of beach with nothing in front of me but the latent summer sun shimmering on the water, clear blue skies overhead, and packed sandy footing beneath

me. Where else in Southern California can one find an uninhabited beach to bring their horse, and 18 other friends and their horses and have a wide open space to walk, trot, run, and gallop, but more importantly fuse the innate exhilaration with their equine partner?

My gelding is an Arabian. He is not indigenous to this land. At times he would just stop and stare out to sea. Perhaps there was something about being on the sand and seeing a wide expanse of ocean that stirred in him a long dormant connection to his native land overseas. And when he stopped to stare, it pointed me in that same direction, in awe of the tableau before me, rousing in me a link to my heritage....an island in Italy where my ancestors lived in the 19th and early 20th century, before the automobile, when horseback was the common method of travel. I truly believe that's what horses do for us. They connect us to a time and space when life was more simple, devoid of things like the six cylinder engine, the microwave, the laptop, a Breakfast Jack... and when having a Bluetooth meant your mouth was hideously sore.

This is what our Club provides-experiences that allow you to turn back the clock and strip down to your unadorned nature, figuratively speaking, of course. These experiences take you back to the essentials in life. They allow you and your horse to "be on equal footing, lean on each other, soak in the stimuli, and divvy the delight." Be sure not to miss this trip next time it comes around, or others that might connect you to a sensation that will stir your soul; and more important, in this stressful world we live in, carve a smile on your face.

See you on the trail...smiling.

James M. Iacono
President
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Horse Sense
 By Dave Seroski

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEMBERS MEETING...

When Susan spotted an article that they were booting the horses out of the Orange County Fairgrounds in favor of parking for motor homes, the alarms went off. There was so much misinformation, and most of it in official reports! But it was clear that when the time came for evacuations, Orange County Fairgrounds could very possibly be off-limits to evacuated horses as it would no longer have facilities for them.

When Ted found out, his tail went up, his ears went up, and the snorting and stomping didn't stop all day.

There was a Board of Directors meeting coming up at the Fairgrounds and the plans were on the table, that was for sure.

Come to the members meeting and find out what went on. It will raise your hair!

Dave Seroski | Saddleback Canyon Riders





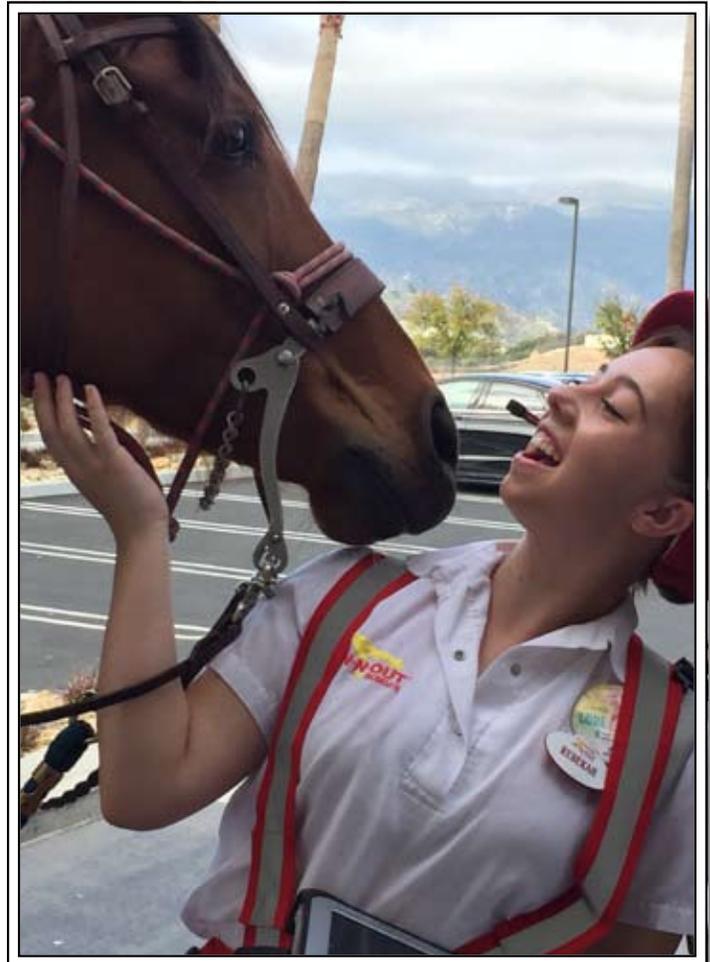
Trail Boss Report

By Debbie Kelly

MAKE IT A DOUBLE DOUBLE, *HOLD THE ONIONS*

Did you know that you can take your horse to In and Out, go up to the “drive through” and order lunch? That they have strategically placed posts for tying up your horse so you can enjoy your lunch and a beautiful, sunny, Saturday afternoon? Well, you can’t and they don’t. But you can still ride your horse there, tie up at an open parking spot outside the restaurant, order inside and enjoy your lunch at a table right next to your horse. That is exactly what we did a few weeks ago when I took a friend on an unexpected lunch ride. It was a little stressful when we first arrived; I did not know what to expect from the staff and guests. Turns out there was no need for concern. Everyone at the diner that day was surprised and excited to see two horses tied up at the dining area. We got lucky since there were two open parking spots with concrete posts to tie to. Good thing, otherwise the only spot open would have been the handicapped space. That’s a big no. Although John went inside to order for us, the young lady taking orders in the drive through came over to see if we wanted to order. Now that’s extreme customer service! Of course there was a great deal of interest in the two horses so employees and guests as well came by to see and pet the horses. People were taking pictures from their cars or with their family and the horses. It was very much a thrill to see everyone’s reaction. My horse Riley was a little nervous at first but he settled down with all of the attention. Lunch was good too.

To get there we rode outside O’Neill Park from the upper Mesa. We headed towards the foot bridge over the 241 toll road, crossed it and continued until the trail ends at the Santa Margarita and Alicia Parkway intersection. On the return we went through Santa Margarita Ford to the In and Out driveway. The staff was so friendly and a manager came out just to check on things. I suggested a hitching post and tables at the back end of their parking lot. It doesn’t hurt to ask. Before we left I had to go inside and ask for some to go boxes. Not for the

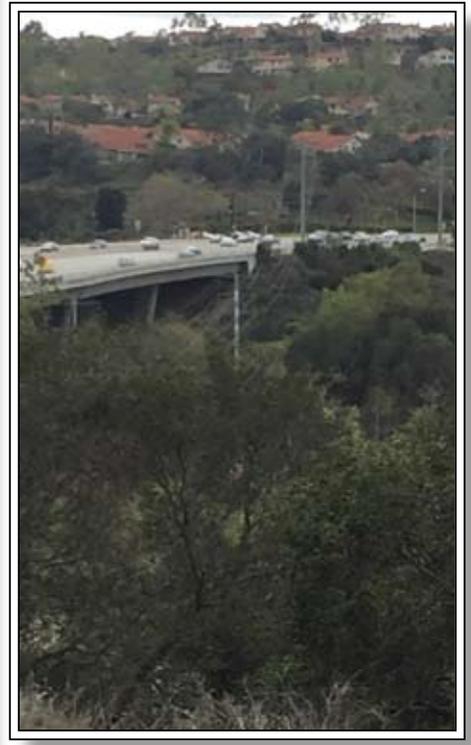


leftovers but to clean up a pile of manure Riley shared. Geldings always have to leave a little message for the herd. After all, he was riding with a mare.

Next time you get a craving for a Double Double or a lettuce wrap, consider saddling up and heading over to the In n Out in Rancho Santa Margarita. We may get them to build us a hitchin’ post!

Debbie Kelly
Trail Boss
ETI Corral 357
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SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS

2018 CALENDAR | ETI CORRAL 357

Date		Event	Time	Location	Contact
MAY	3	Thursday Members' Meeting (<i>Kentucky Derby History/tips</i>)	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	10	Thursday Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Kristen's home	Kristen (949) 444-1990
JUNE	2	Saturday Imperial Beach Ride	8:00 am	8:00am at CVS	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	8:30 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
JULY	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	meet at CVS	Crystal (949) 207-8921
AUGUST	2	Thursday Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	3	Friday Pancake Fund Raiser - <i>Setup</i>	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
OCTOBER	4	Thursday Members' Meeting and Nominations	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	6	Saturday Acorn Day <i>NEED VOLUNTEERS</i>	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
NOVEMBER	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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Hanaeleh Open House

Saturday May 5th 11:30am - 12:30pm



Have you ever wanted to meet and hang out with our rescued horses? Come join us for our Open House. You'll get to tour the property, meet each horse and hear their story.

We're located in Trabuco Canyon (Orange County) CA.

Donations are not required...but certainly welcome! We are 100% volunteer so every penny goes to the horses.

Tamahome and Rio wanted to mention that we do accept donations of carrots and other horsie treats.

Hanaeleh is a small volunteer-only rescue established in 2004 in So Cal. We are a 501(c)(3) Non-profit, donations are tax-deductible (TaxID 20-3255341) and we're a verified rescue with Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries.

Children under the age of 16 but must be constantly supervised by their parent or guardian. #safetyfirst

To sign up and get directions, email Katie, our volunteer coordinator at katie@hanaeleh.org We keep our address private for the safety of our horses. Thanks for understanding :-)

NOTE: The tour starts at approx. 11:40am.



Hanaeleh Hoe Down 2018!

Saturday May 12th 5pm - 8pm



This special event supports Hanaeleh's horses and our Equine Assisted Coaching (EAC) program for Veterans.

- Delicious catered dinner, beer & wine included
- Silent Auction
- Meet our rescued horses!
- Music and other fun surprises!
- ALL proceeds benefit Hanaeleh (registered 501c3, Tax ID 20-3255341)

RSVP Today! Deadline is Saturday May 5th. Tickets will go fast!

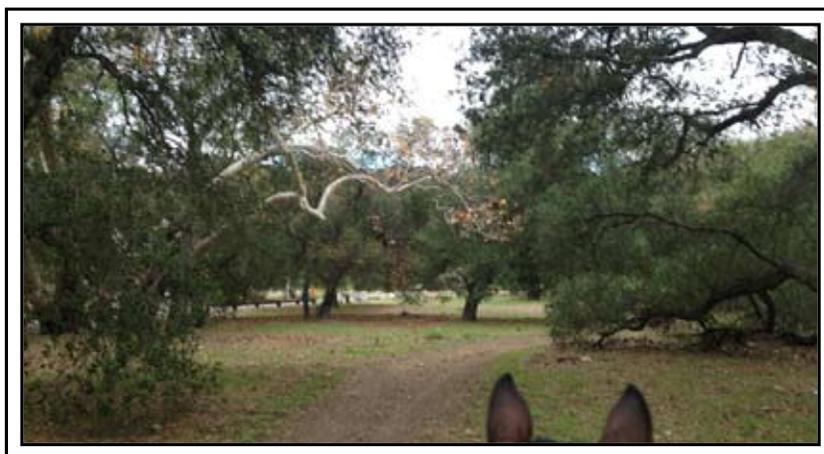


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O'Neill Regional Park

Saturday, June 9th at 8:00 am



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Contact/RSVP: **Debbie Kelly 949-713-6133**

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Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: MARCH 31, 2018

Ending Balance (BoFA): \$8,635.76

DEPOSITS: Deposits Made After Closing: \$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$8,635.76

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2176	D Kelly	board dinner	\$50.00	2177	State Farm	trailer ins	\$10.00
2718	J Iacono	permitSpeaker dinner	\$122.63	2719	P Gomez	board dinner	\$50.00
2180	ETI	membership	\$9.00	2181	ETI	member ins	\$471.00

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID: \$530.00

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED THIS PERIOD:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2119	D Kelly	Xmas party	\$ 50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID & UNPAID THIS PERIOD: (\$49.00)

FUNDS ON HAND AFTER EXPENSES PAID & UNPAID CHECKS THIS PERIOD: \$8,585.76

PETTY CASH ON HAND (INCLUDED IN BALANCE): \$400.00

CORRAL FUNDS ON HAND: \$8,985.76



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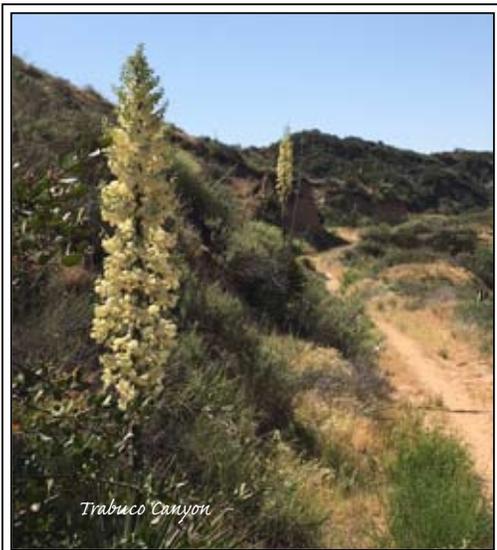
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Note from the Editor

Renate Soderstrom

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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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