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

FINDING BUCKS IN YOUR BARN

If you're reading this article, you're likely like me. We love our horses. We like to brush them. We love their smell, even if its merged with a gallop sweat. We love to saddle them, sit atop them, walk, trot, canter them. We love them so much that we accept vet bills as if they were kid's college tuition bills. What's up with that? But isn't it always great if we can figure out how to get them to pay their OWN bills? Or even better, put some food on OUR table.

Man, if you can figure out how to make money on your horses, that's the cherry on top of the sundae. My wife Vicki ran a lesson business in which she achieved that first level... the horses were definitely paying for themselves. I know people like the Gomez' who board a number of horses and probably start pushing their way onto Level 2. Then you have an inventor like Dave Seroski, who has acquired patents on a number of good horse sensible items. Finally, there are people who have blown the door off the bank with their horses.

One such place our club will visit later this month was founded by such a person. In 1973, a Spanish aristocrat by the name of Jose Montener decided to put some of his horses to work to entertain other Spanish well-to-doers. He had some of his grooms and groundskeepers play "Games of the Knight" on his estate on the Spanish island of Mallorca. He began collecting mostly Andalusians, then trained his "knights" on horseback to compete at games, including catching rings on a lance, flag passing, and javelin tossing. Finally, these games evolved to good old fashioned jousting. Word spread, and people from throughout Europe began to take notice and make the trip to the quaint island. It became so popular that a corporation was formed and in 1977 a castle opened in Benidorm, Spain. The show continued to take traction and Jose Montener had definitely put



his horses to work to pay their own way and more! Additional investors came on board and the show moved to the United States. The first castle was built in Orlando in 1983. By 1989 this location expanded to include an entire Medieval Village.

The second location opened in Buena Park, California in 1986. By 1992, the chain had five locations. In 1993, the sixth location opened in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It is the sole international location, and is housed in the Government Building, a Beaux-Arts structure, as opposed to an 11th-century castle replica. A seventh location opened in 1995 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. And the final two locations opened in 2006 to bring the total number of venues to 9. Not a bad journey Jose!

The shows change about every six years. A new show premiered in late 2017, and for the first time, the lead role was filled by a female queen.

I could explain more about the show, but why don't you sign up to come to the inaugural Saddleback Canyon Riders Night At Medieval Times in Buena Park on July 21st. I have been twice, and there's nothing

like the adrenalin of cheering on your knight with a large group of friends.

In addition, as equestrians, we need to support the equestrian community so it continues to thrive in American culture. Support a friend who has an equestrian business. Keep your business in our Canyon to make certain we as a family feed each other whenever possible. If you are buying a horse, look to keep a horse here. Check with Hanaleah and rescue a horse that will stay here in the canyon. If you are selling a horse, check with our Club to see if there might be someone also looking here. And use your ingenuity (you must be ingenious to be able to afford horses and/or land in Southern California in the 21st Century!), to find bucks in YOUR barn. Think about ways we can thrive, so that we do survive and defend the lifestyle we so lovingly embrace.

James M. Iacono | President
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Horse Sense

By Dave Seroski

ONLY 3 MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The first was the Ad Hoc committee meeting, formed to see how to improve the current structures, while keeping it the same size. That went great, and a number of the board members showed up - not that they had to, but they did. It was a very, very productive meeting and much was accomplished with many things set into motion. And this was the first meeting of the committee! Ruffs's angry hogs must have eaten-up the consultant because the equestrian center stays!

Next one was a surprise meeting, announced only the night before. But it was a very important one as all the major players were there: O.C. Fire, with a new Fire Chief on board; O.C. Sheriff's Department; Control One (O.C. all agency communications); O.C. Animal Control and O.C. Public Works.

There were a lot of new faces in old positions, and, we were soon to realize, while all the plans we had signed agreements with were still there, the people to put them in motion weren't. And the new people there knew little or nothing about them. When finally given the chance to speak, Rich Gomez explained that there is a plan that he and members of ETI formulated years ago, which every agency had signed on to, and which was duplicated by the other canyons WITH current orange county fire maps for their area. Done!

In the works as you read this now.

The O.C. Sheriff's captain in attendance asked for a day we could all meet again and practice, hands on. It was decided July 17th at 4PM at the Silverado library. In the meantime, other steps would be taken to address redundancy problems with activating LART, and to make sure established plans were re-established and improved for expediency and efficiency.

The Captain couldn't have said it better: "Everyone knows what a unicorn looks like. But has anyone really seen one?" Well, OK, but do they trailer load easy?

Next Meeting: Orange County Fair Grounds (the next day). They are addressing the repairs and upgrades to the equestrian area, in earnest! It's all lawyers looking at contracts, improvements to electrical and fire alarm systems, and on to the next ad-hoc meetings, now.

I did address the board: I thanked the board for their actions saving the equestrian center, and for the ad-hoc committee. Told them of the previous night's meeting, and of how much of that plan depended on OC Fairgrounds being available for evacuation of our horses. And of course offered our thanks and assistance if needed.

But when they brought in the baby goats, well, the first "Baaaa!" stole the show. Don't Miss The Fair!

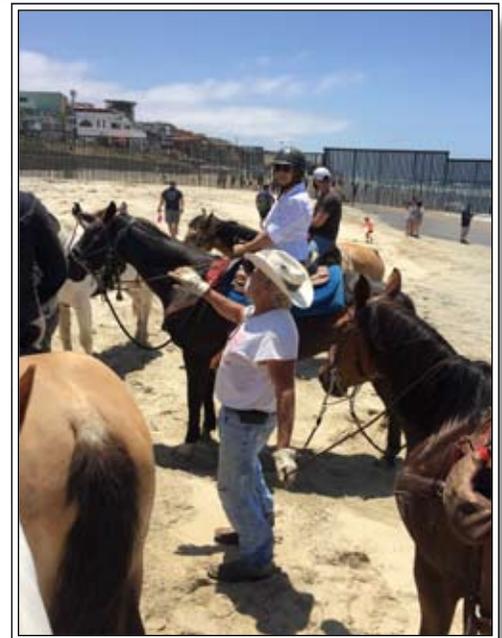
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Trail Boss Report - photos from Imperial Beach

By Debbie Kelly



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Wednesday: Trabuco Canyon, Lake Forest, Serrano
Thursday: Rancho Carillo, Ortega, San Juan Capistrano, Nellie Gail, Laguna
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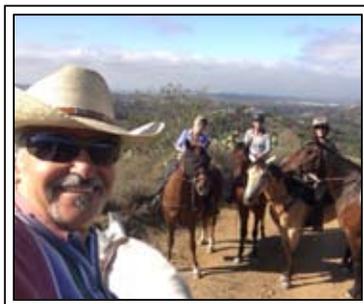
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- * Remember to thank your delivery driver

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2018 CALENDAR | ETI CORRAL 357

Date		Event	Time	Location	Contact
July	4	Wednesday July 4th Parade	8:30 am	Trabuco Canyon	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
	12	Thursday Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	21	Saturday Medieval Times	6:00 pm	meet at CVS	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
August	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
September	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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Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: MAY 31, 2018

Ending Balance (BofA): \$8,463.07

DEPOSITS: Deposits Made After Closing: \$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits \$8,246.67

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2187	D Kelly	Swallows Parade	\$69.61
2188	K Holden	board dinner	\$50.00
2189	R Gomez	Web Hosting	\$144.00

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID: \$263.61

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED THIS PERIOD:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
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TOTAL EXPENSES PAID & UNPAID THIS PERIOD: (\$00.00)

FUNDS ON HAND AFTER EXPENSES PAID & UNPAID CHECKS THIS PERIOD: \$8,463.06

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

CORRAL FUNDS ON HAND: \$8,863.06



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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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