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

LEGENDS OF THE 4TH

Southern California, in relative terms, is fairly young when speaking of time honored traditions. The country is roughly 240 years old. The Kentucky Derby was inaugurated roughly 150 years ago. The Boston Marathon crossed the starting line 120 years this past April. We just celebrated Super Bowl 50. Hold on, there is something here in Southern California that is a few years older than the Super Bowl! The Trabuco Canyon annual Fourth of July Parade just turned 53 years old!

The 2018 edition of the parade featured a balmy 80 degree morning, a standing room only crowd at the General Store, and 25 entries paying tribute to the "Legends of the Canyon." Legends who were brought to life this past July 4th are characters such as Madame Modjeska,



who graced our terrain with Shakespearian prose in the early 1900s. Gaspar de Portola was honored by a posse of mounted soldiers in search of the lost Trabuco (musket) which became this canyon's namesake. The marching Schwendemanns shined the focus on a man who many of us know, and who's roots go deep into the early 20th Century. The Trabuco Canyon Women's Club nabbed first place for their reverence of this fixture of our Community who had been trudging these canyon roads the last 70 years.





contribution that people make to a community that gives it texture. What could be more patriotic than that? That's what we were able to articulate at this 53rd annual Trabuco Canyon 4th of July Parade. Bravo to the Parade Committee for promoting that theme, and for their selfless effort year after year to put on a show.... A show that not only entertains, but a show of what it takes inside the heart to get out of your house on the 4th to help produce a parade, or march



Personally, I thought this year's theme was the most meaningful I could remember over the 20 which I have attended. To tie in patriotism with actual characters that roamed these dirt trails through the years, is the essence of the meaning of the holiday. The 4th of July celebrates the birthday of our country. This year in Trabuco Canyon, we took a moment to reflect on those whom have lit the candles on the birthday cake that we as Americans feast on every year. Without these characters, there is no reference as to what it means to be an American.... what it means to come here, to America, to California, to Trabuco Canyon, to live the dream that has always been American... to come to a place that rewards the struggle, that recognizes the



in a parade, or clap and cheer at a parade.... We need all of those forms of expression to continue to honor the greatest country in the world, and all of the characters that make up the tapestry that is America.

And it couldn't happen without the sponsors who are always so willing to give so that the "show" does go on. They make sure that this tradition is not filed away in the history books as simply "history", but that it presses forward as a living example of what it means to be not only patriotic, but to revere those who have dwelled

and prospered in this canyon the last half century and beyond. Thank you to the committee, to those who have been "legendary", to those who financially contribute, to those who participate, and to those who attend. It's a collection of folks that I am proud to call "Neighbors."

James M. Iacono
President
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Horse Sense

By Dave Seroski

THE PIN FELL OUT OF MY PONY AND NOW I THINK THE SPOON IS COMING OFF TOO

Yes, every horse is like a hand grenade. It's called "hard-wired instinctual behavior," or survival.

I have seen people beat horses to make them do things when the horse was hurt. The pin falls out and the spoon flips off followed by an explosion of horse. The person is on the ground with a hoof print in the center of their forehead and Mr. Horse is headed out to parts unknown, only to him, he is running from the pain.

Horses are good at hiding "hurt" because they know there is a lion behind every tree, looking for the weak one in the herd, and he's not sending that dinner-time message. But your beloved pet's horsenality has changed and not even you can read it - even if you have had him for a decade. The first sign the pin is starting to loosen is excessive awareness.

Things that meant nothing are now piquing his attention. This is a "do I have to get my feet under me to be in the center of the herd when we all run away?" thing. Pin is gone and the spoon fell off. Throwing of the feet to the side at the slightest noise, ready to run in any direction, tightening of muscles (like petting a rock), mouth full of food then checking the perimeter. Not eating but on guard, almost all the time.

Start looking for an injury.

Explosion: Full panic attack! Run through anything! And if you're riding, you won't be for long.



Sometimes, it's very hard to tell if your horse is hurt, scared silly or is seeing ghost horses (they do that all the time). But the sure-cure to them is... RUN FOR IT! If it's bad enough, they will break from their herd and human and NOT return to their safe place (stall or barn).

Oh, horse ownership. It's just a hobby.

No its not! It's a lifestyle, either you're in or you're out but there is no middle ground.

Dave Seroski
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Trail Boss Report

By Debbie Kelly

IN MEMORY OF FORREST

I did not want to write this. I can't write this. I have to write this.

On June 7 of this year my silly, adorable, unpredictable, whimsical, sometimes affectionate and sometimes aloof, shy (never bold), and so deeply loved cat Forrest went outside to never return. It was actually the evening of the June ETI meeting and I had just returned home when he went outside. The balance in our household is off. Forrest was such an intricate part of our family as he always had so much to tell you. I could read his body language and he mine as if we were communicating verbally. I miss hearing what he has to say. Even now as I write this the ache and the tears involuntarily flow. Anyone reading this who has lost the most special pet God could have ever given knows where deep in the heart this comes from. In the case of Forrest it goes even deeper. It is from the core where all the love, loss, pain, joy, and every emotion we know takes hold. It embraces the heart and holds it close, or sends it a blow so powerful that when the heart shatters it is like broken glass. Putting it back together is like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. It doesn't just happen. It is methodical and takes so long it feels like the pain of that blow will never end. I keep waiting for that time although it is not constant any longer. For that I am grateful.

I adopted Forrest from a cat rescue in March of 2013. He was just eight months old and did



not have a name. I had actually chosen his two brothers from a photo the cat lady had sent. They were the black and white variety called Tuxedo's. I had seen Forrest's photo as well and easily recognized what a beautiful boy he was and would grow up to be. But I liked the idea of two cats that looked alike. Well, one of them did not want to go home with me and when I held him on my lap he all but scratched to get off. I understood that may not be his way and he was scared of this stranger. The litter had been born at this house and the owner was all they really knew about humans. It was then she suggested I look at the brother with the beautiful coloring and green eyes. I had liked what I saw already. She sat him on my lap and he just sat there. He did not seem to mind this newcomer. Little did I know he was tricking me. He had no intention of being a lap cat and his apparent trust, well, just let me say I think he left it behind at the rescue. Forgot all about it. Thus began a two year journey to forge a bond and mutual trust with Forrest.

I named Forrest after Tom Hanks endearing character Forrest Gump. The name popped in my head at work one day before I even picked him up and it just stuck with me. Turns out it was kind of appropriate since Forrest liked to run. Or





rescue that he was familiar with home. The owner had a female that was her own cat but needed to find a good home for. She and her husband were moving and having to find homes for all of the cats. She thought I was a good fit for her six year old, six toed (and pregnant) cat Polly. I was honored that she would choose me to take her cat of six years but most of all she said Polly would be a comfort for Forrest and he would eventually come around. She was and he did. Several weeks after Polly came to us she had a small litter of kittens and Forrest was an exceptional nanny. By the time the kittens were adopted out and Polly was spayed, Forrest had turned around and began to integrate into the family. It took a couple of years but he finally stopped running from me. I had him for five years. I wished for twenty five.

So, with a funny twist and bit of irony, the name I gave him truly matched his personality. In the timeless words of Forrest Gump's mother and girlfriend Jenny "Run Forrest, Run" is the mantra Forrest lived by. I know he is still running but this time without fear on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge.

Thank you to everyone for your concern, compassion, and assistance when Forrest went missing. It was appreciated and such a comfort to know so many people cared about him- and me.

Debbie Kelly
Trail Boss
ETI Corral 357
Saddleback Canyon Riders



should I say run away. Away from anything new, scary, or presumed scary. That is why I struggle with thinking something or someone took him. He would not let anything or anyone close to him unless he knew you were friend and safe. He was an expert hider. I wish he was still just hiding.

Forrest did not start off so well with me and I think that is not only why he was so skittish, but why it took him so long to trust me and eventually demonstrate that he loved me. When we chose each other, Forrest was not yet neutered. I was not bringing home an eight month old male "Tom Cat" so the first order of business was the clinic. That was arranged by the cat rescue (at my expense of course) and they brought him there. When he was ready for discharge, I picked him up and brought him home in a cat crate loaned to me by the rescue. You can imagine his disorientation and fear when he woke up in a strange home, with a strange human, and with a little part of himself missing. He was not a happy camper and he stayed in that crate for the better part of four days. I was home with him but he would not come out. He would actually turn his back on me. I fed and watered him in that crate and encouraged him to come out and use his litter box. I think that is what finally got him out. He still wanted nothing to do with this new life and continued to avoid me and my little pup Dixie. So I waited for some change or shift. It was just not happening and I felt so sorry for him. I realized the trauma of all he went through in just one day may not ever reverse for him. It was then that I decided I needed to bring another cat, one from the

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2018 CALENDAR | ETI CORRAL 357

AUGUST MEMBERS MEETING : always open to the public

Howdy Riders!

Well by now we're sure you've seen all the dead or dying bushes along Live Oak Canyon Road where Live Oak Stables used to be (across from the entrance to O'Neill Regional Park). As you know, the stable was closed late last year, and purchased by the TCA (Transportation Corridor Agencies - **tollroads**). The TCA calls the property the "SaddleClub."

The land is adjacent to the property the OCTA (Orange County Transportation Authority - the **"bus company"**) purchased a few years ago. The "O'Neill Oaks" preserve is across from the fire station at the corner of Trabuco Canyon Road and Trabuco Oaks Drive. The OCTA has renamed this preserve "Wren's View" - don't ask us why...

You're invited to join us and the TCA at our upcoming ETI Members' Meeting:

When: August 2, 2018 at 7:00pm
Where: M&C's Grill in Dove Canyon

PLEASE COME AND ASK THE TCA WHAT YOU THINK THEY SHOULD DO WITH THEIR PROPERTY!

We want all our members, friends and neighbors to come share their views and concerns.

Date			Event	Time	Location	Contact
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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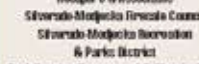
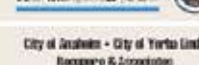
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TRAIL MAINTENANCE

O'Neill Regional Park

Saturday, October 13th at 8:00 am



Meet at the Nature Center Parking Lot.

Contact/RSVP: **Dave Seroski 949-459-7153**

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

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Local Events News

By Kristen Holden

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL PANCAKE "FUNRAISER"

As most of you know, August is the time of our club's biggest annual fundraiser...and we need your help! For those of you who may not know, the city of Rancho Santa Margarita sponsors an annual camp out for families in the area the first weekend of August. Our club provides the breakfast on Saturday morning to all the participants. As you can imagine it is a big feat to cook pancakes and sausages for 350 campers...So we need your help...

Please come out and support your club for our "FUNraiser"...



When: Friday, August 3rd at 5:30 pm for set-up and
 Saturday, August 4th 5:30 am - 10 am

Where: On the field next to Trabuco Mesa Elementary School

What: We are in need of grillers, griddlers, servers and batter mixers.

As King James has been known to say "More hands make for light work!"

Please contact Kristen via email at kristen3091@gmail.com or by phone 949-444-1990.

Hope to see y'all there!





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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.



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