

CORRAL NEWS



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

What's in a Name?

Other words for 'holy' go something like "sanctified," "blessed", "divine" "righteous." "hallowed", and "virtuous." Hardly seems like the right description of what started on August 6th here in Trabuco Canyon. Now I know the reason they attached that moniker was because of the location of the source of the blaze, Holy Jim Canyon, but abbreviating the name to "holy," seems like language is moving in the opposite direction of the reality. First of all, its hard to describe what is alleged to have started out as a neighborhood quarrel, which grew to decimating 23,000 acres, as being truncated in any form.

It was battled by the OCFA, along with USFS crews, Cal Fire, Riverside County, Corona, San Bernardino County and personnel from other agencies were deployed to the brusher, aided by multiple air tankers and water-dropping helicopters. That kind of response should not be named with an abridgment.

I personally stayed calm in the wee hours of the inferno. Maybe it's the language we all here have been translating for each other, for our club, for new neighbors, for over a decade. We know WHAT it means to be ready, because we know WHEN to be ready. ALWAYS! I received a few phone calls, I tried to assuage the concerned, though frankly the new OC Alert system was launching a maiden voyage which I wasn't sure could float. If I have a complaint, it's because updates without action being required would still be helpful. You know, just something

letting us know that we are okay unless the wind changes, which we would be the first to know. But the new system, like the name of the fire, was abbreviated. No updates were broadcast through OC Alert. We were later told that we will only hear if action is required on our parts. But wouldn't a "drum roll" leading up to an announcement like that be helpful?

Though the fire started in Trabuco Canyon, it did not end there. Thank God that the Santa Ana Winds lay dormant... that the "Breath of God" pushed the flames east toward Riverside County, swallowing up thousands of wooded acres which have not burned for nearly half a century. But it got no closer to our canyon than the day it started. Had their been high pressure, we could have named the whole area "Cooked Corner."

Besides the luck of the wind direction, we were blessed to have the skill of the firefighters. These brave men and women fought from the ground and the air to keep us safe. They scaled steep banks in rugged terrain carrying tools and gear in 105 degree heat. I know they put up a stand in populated areas in Riverside County, saving whole neighborhoods from the surging flames and searing heat. But it was what they had to do in the forest that is so remarkable. If you were ever one to nurture the thought that being a fireman could be "cool", I doubt that you wanted to trade places with any of them when conditions called for "all hands on deck." So, I salute these brave individuals, who have chosen to be on the front line and guard the property that does not belong to them, but belongs to nameless faces that they have vowed to defend. Thank you for your selfless sacrifice. That, my friends, was not abbreviated. Not when the fight goes on for 17 days. Though the alleged source was not "holy", the response was "divine", "righteous", and "virtuous". The Holy fire was met with a Holy War. Bravo!

James M. Iacono | President
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Special Feature

By Vicki Iacono

DREAMS FULFILLED

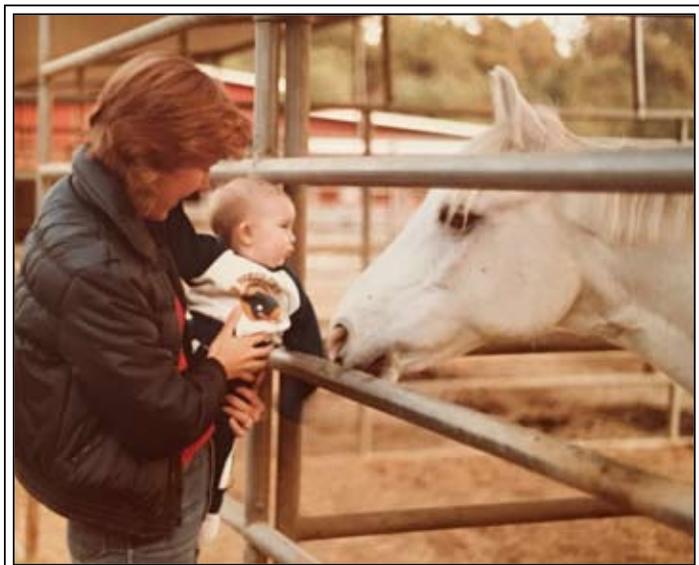
I have always loved animals. When I was very young, cats were my favorite. I got my 1st kitten, and named her Gwenivere – quite a big and auspicious name for such a little cat. She would follow me everywhere and sleep on my stomach each night.

Following my love for cats, maybe surprisingly, came my obsession with chickens! Living in San Diego as a child, my parents would take me and my sisters to the zoo quite often. It was there that I would discover what Bantam chickens were. The zoo let them roam free and I loved their beautiful feathers and would try to get as close to them as I could (ok, I chased them). There was a little pen full of baby chicks in the children's part of the zoo where you could hold them and also an exhibit where you could watch chicks pecking their way out of their shells – fascinating for a 6 year old to observe. I remember one birthday getting down to put my ear to the floor in our kitchen, hoping my parents had hid a chick down in the basement for a birthday surprise. Alas, they had not done so...I think I got a bike.

Probably from seeing zebras at the zoo, I then moved on to dream of growing up and moving to Africa, with the plan of taming them AND teaching them to be rideable.

So from zebra love, it was a natural step for me to then begin to love horses. What's not to love as horses are so beautiful, so powerful, and so majestic? And it was easier to imagine myself riding them instead of zebras!

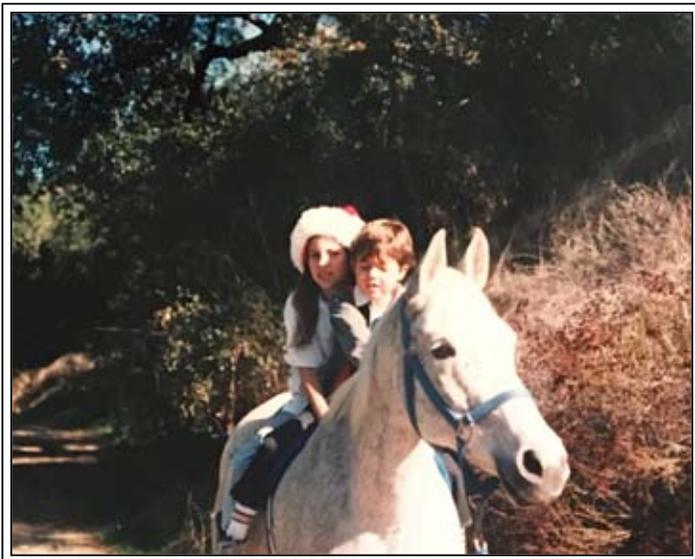
So sparked what would turn out to become a life- long love affair with horses. I would save up my allowance to purchase Breyer statue horses (of which



I accumulated over 20, and still have every one). I also bought (and saved) every horse story Marguerite Henry ever wrote, she being the author of such classics as "King of the Wind" and the 3 book series of "Misty of Chincoteague". I would spend hours drawing horses, which today I also saved, now somewhere up in my attic in dozens of scrapbooks. I dreamed of the day I would be able to own a horse, reading the horses for sale columns in the newspaper every day. My grandmother tried to get me to see reason that they are way too expensive and that I should just give up my dream. For many years I believed her, but the hope that I one day would own a horse never quite died in my heart.

As early as 8 years old I begged my mom to let me take riding lessons. Mysteriously, it took 3 years for a spot to come available for me to ride at the nearby stable. As a substitute, while I waited, I took ballet lessons, which was a distant second choice, compared to wanting to ride.. In looking back, I think my mom did not want me to get on a horse while I was still so young. Because, really, how else to explain why it took 3 long years to finally have an opening in the lesson schedule??? She denies that that was the reason I had to wait so long, but my best guess is that she was probably afraid I would fall off and hurt myself. Which is what happened in my 2nd year of lessons, breaking my arm when my pony spooked. And she probably didn't feel much better when I started lessons again as soon as the cast came off. Some more falls occurred, nothing serious, but that never stopped my fervor to be on and around horses. Falls come with the territory, right? She did, however, give me the opportunity to briefly lease a horse. Ali Baba was a beautiful flea bit gray Arab gelding, whom my boyfriend at the time accused me of loving more than I did him (which was the truth).

I shared my love of horses with my great aunt Binky, a beautiful way to bond with a relative. She was



a very loving lady; always smiling and with a ready hug for me. It is very special to me that I got a few of her horse pictures she had collected. A wonderful reminder of who she was in my life.

Then high school activities slowly took over, and horses faded out of the picture. It was to be many years later that they clipped-clopped back into being a priority of mine.

My daughter Tessa wanted to take riding lessons, probably taking up an interest as I had given her my statue horses to play with and had listened to me read the horse stories I had loved so much.

During the time she was taking lessons, a beautiful Arab mare came up for sale at the stables. She was such a well rounded horse-sweet and calm for Tessa to ride, spirited and fast for me, too. And the best part, she was a flea bit gray, reminding me of Ali Baba, and my love for him so long ago. Together, Tessa and I ambushed Jim, pleading with him that if he let us buy Sahara, (we had already named her), and if it got to be too expensive, we would agree to sell her. How could he argue with that?!

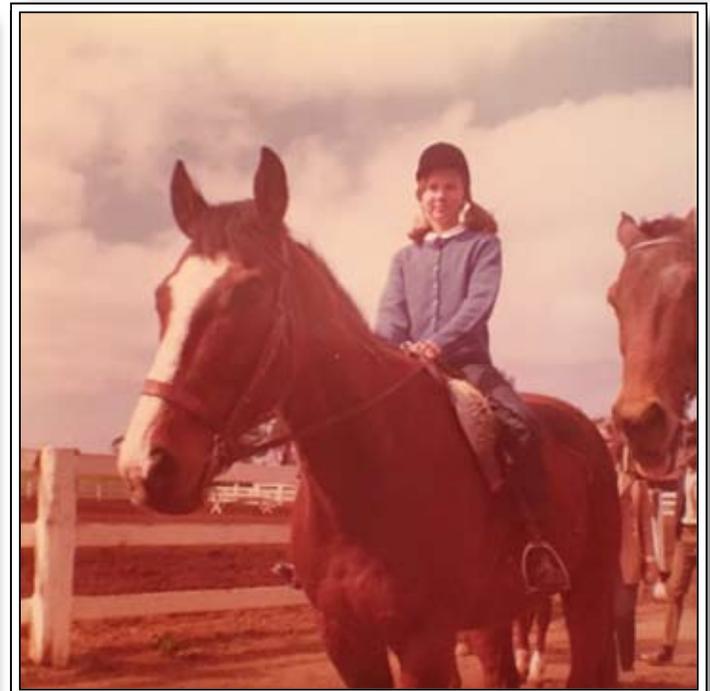
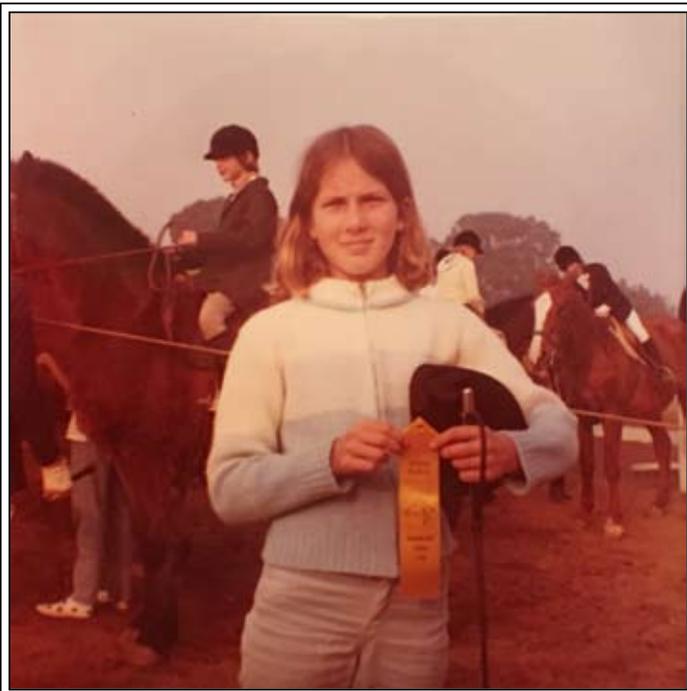
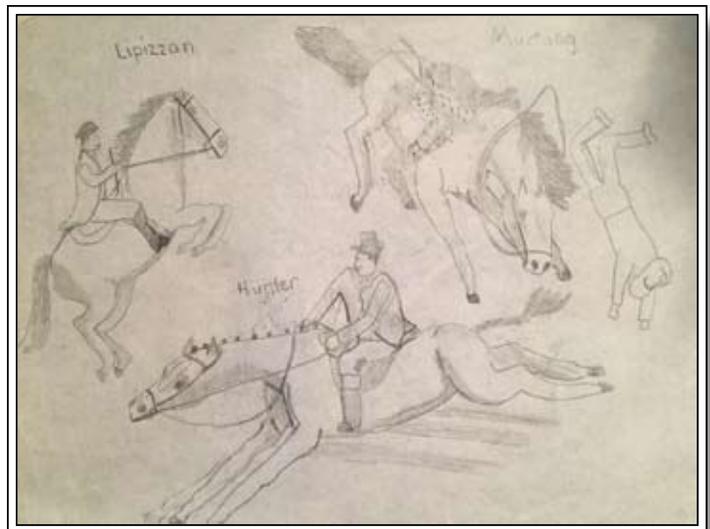
What a joy to finally own a horse! Little did I know that Jim would start to love riding as much as we did, so we did the only thing that made sense: we bought a horse for him! Captain was just like Sahara, so easy to ride, so wonderful to be around. Many children have been able to take lessons on our trustworthy Sahara and Captain, even to the point that they were used by the students to compete in our horse club's playdays. We have had several horses since, but those two remain our favorites. They were a hard act to follow.

For a SoCal girl, who never imagined she'd ever be able to own a horse, much less have horse property in Trabuco Canyon, with a barn full of these gentle giants, my dream finally came true. Riding became a true passion for me and Jim to share for the last 25 years.

I feel so very blessed to have been able to own horses, and have a hobby that I can spend with my husband. We even owned chickens for a while and have had several kitties, so it has all circled back to my youth's desires becoming attainable.

Corral 357 has become a big part of our lives over the past 12 years. With so many wonderful friends in the club, who we can share our love of horses and the "cowboy" way of life with, how can we not be grateful for our life here in Trabuco Canyon, which really is, a slice of heaven!

Vicki Iacono
Treasurer
ETI Corral 357
Saddleback Canyon Riders





Trail Boss Report

By Debbie Kelly

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PANCAKE FUNDRAISER

It was another successful fundraiser. I am speaking from the heart when I say that being part of this event is extremely rewarding. The work for most of the volunteers does not begin until the Friday night before the breakfast. Of course, that part is really fun. We get together with fellow club members and like a well-oiled wheel we put together what I call a "Cowboy Kitchen" in about an hour or so. Griddles for the next morning's breakfast are strategically set up for efficiency and speed. The batter, coffee, and serving stations are tried and true so that too sets up in a snap. When all of that is complete and everything we need to feed over 300 hungry campers is in place, we go off to enjoy a real Country BBQ courtesy of the Friday night catering group. If you ever join us on a Friday night for the set-up, be sure to bring your appetite as there is an abundance of delicious food to choose from. The real reward however is Saturday morning when so many families express their gratitude for the hot coffee and our delicious pancakes. Those kudos were in abundance this year.



Many families remember us from previous years and express their appreciation for the breakfast. We were also able to feed about 25 students who had been involved in a school practice at the park early that morning. This was unexpected for them and for



us. They were very grateful to get a hearty meal after their workout.

Working with good friends and meeting new ones at this event is very rewarding and it builds a stronger team. Of course it takes a leader and for that I want to acknowledge our membership chairperson Kristen Holden. Kris assumed the lead on this about four years ago and was I ever grateful. I am impressed how quickly she made it her own complete with lists and a little chart of everything we need to do and buy. She also prepares the first reservoir of coffee at home so we can be ready for the early rising campers (moms and dads who got little to no sleep the night before) and start brewing more coffee to avoid running out. Thank you Kristen for the time and energy you put into this. I sure hope I don't leave anyone out but I want to thank everyone who was a part of this. Without



so many hands on deck we would not be the success we are year after year. Thanks to Bob and Spike, Rich and Patti, Dave and Sue Seroski, Sue Marucci, Janel Meric, and of course club President James



Iacono. And special thanks to our newcomers this year, Tim Bickering and our neighbor Ernest (sorry, I am bad with last names (Especially when I don't know it). Thank you gentlemen. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. We look forward to having you back next year!

~
Debbie Kelly | Trail Boss
ETI Corral 357
Saddleback Canyon Riders



Horse Sense

By Dave Seroski

THE HIDDEN FIREFIGHTER

Who is he? What does he do? Why is he hidden?

Well, he's not really hidden. You have seen him about town plenty but never knew his function - kind of like Clark Kent in dirty work clothing: Toiling at his daily labors; answering phone & radio calls from his truck; looking for water line leaks and overseeing projects with dirty, calloused hands and stained clothing.

Mundane work, and there are a million of them.

But underground, far out of sight, lurks the real power. Far away, hundred horsepower pumps hum into the night producing hundreds of pounds of pressure with thousands of gallons of water. Waiting for the sleeping giant.

He sleeps with his phone, always on call. His minions brood, also waiting. When the call comes, machines and men come to life.

Vital water and pressure are redirected to the fire area, feeding hungry fire pumps mounted on hundred thousand dollar fire trucks. Firemen put their lives on the line, hoping their vital firefighting resource, water, does not ebb during the fight.

He has intimate knowledge of the system he, and those working with him, have built and its function; some tanks fill as others empty and he has the experience to know how many pumper trucks to send to hot spots. Each man knows his job, sleeping pumps awaken in response to radio transmitted signals from his truck's computer. Pressures and flow are monitored.



The complex dance of demand and supply evolves. He alone is responsible, he is accountable. It's just him. The decisions rest with him alone. It is lonely, demanding, questionable.

And it's a billion dollar game.
Who, is he?

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2018 CALENDAR | ETI CORRAL 357

SEPTEMBER MEMBERS MEETING:

September 4, 2018

**Meeting starts at 7:30pm;
arrive early if you'd like time for dinner & drinks.**

Our guest speaker this month will be Sue Marucci. Sue will be leading a discussion she calls "Horse Hacks." Sue has over 60 years as an equestrian, so come and here some of her tried and true tips that will help make us all better horse owners. And if you have a nugget of knowledge you would like to share, there will be time for an open forum discussion at the end of her presentation. Lets all learn from one another, and share the knowledge that only experience teaches. We will also share some follow up information from last month's guest speakers from the TCA regarding the Live Oak Canyon Stables Property.

Hope to see you there!!

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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	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789
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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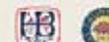
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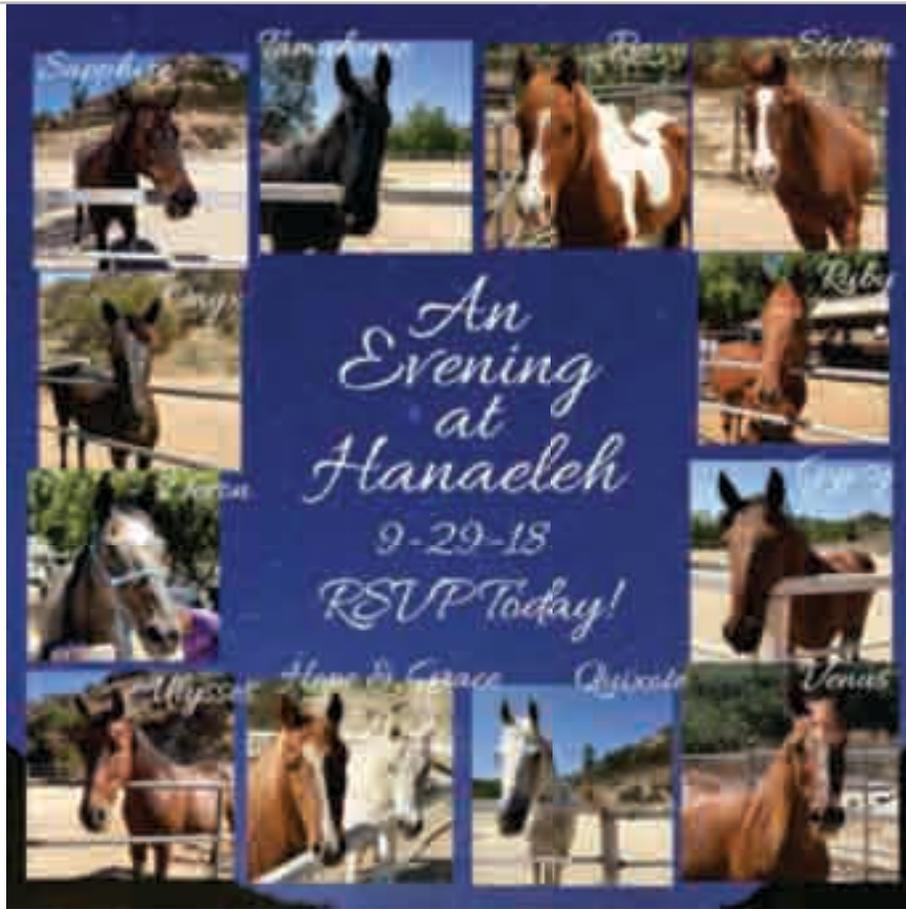
Trabuco Canyon Cleanup Area

Location: Meet at Trabuco Creek bridge area.

Trabuco Canyon Road and Trabuco Creek Road

Time: Arrive at 8:30 to register; Cleanup starts at 9:00am

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Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

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Ending Balance (BofA):	\$8,108.85
DEPOSITS: Deposits Made After Closing:	\$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits	\$8,108.85

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2191	State Farm	trailer ins	\$ 10.00	2192	4th comm	parade	\$100.00
2193	J Iacono	parade/Spkr dinner	\$100.37	2194	D Kelly	parade	\$126.34
2195	J Iacono	board dinner	\$ 50.00				

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID: **\$386.71**

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED THIS PERIOD:

Ck# Source: Reason: Amount:

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID & UNPAID THIS PERIOD: **(\$00.00)**

FUNDS ON HAND AFTER EXPENSES PAID & UNPAID CHECKS THIS PERIOD:	\$8,108.85
PETTY CASH ON HAND (INCLUDED IN BALANCE):	\$400.00
CORRAL FUNDS ON HAND:	\$8,508.85



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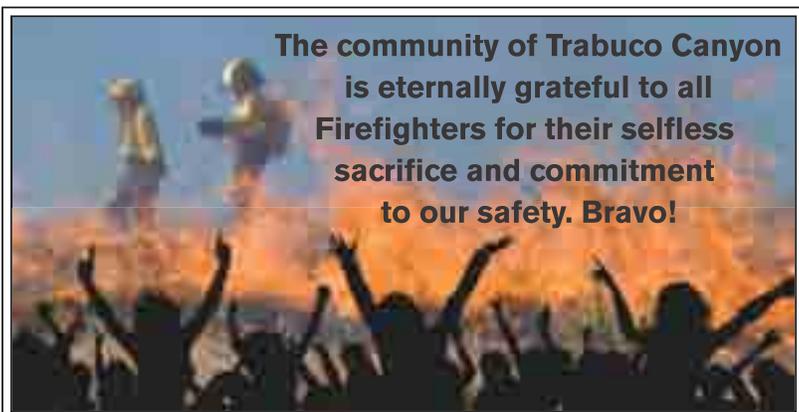
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The Saddleback Canyon Riders are ETI Corral 357

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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