

# CORRAL NEWS



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

## CHEERS!

I am on the "other side of the pond" presently and enjoying a fall holiday in Jolly Old England. The English do many things well- they are polite, they are punctual, they are organized, and I will even come to their defense and say they often get an unfair bad rap on their food. But given the mobility of most cultures in the world these days, I believe they have inherited cuisine from the far reaches of the globe that have expounded upon their traditional fare of Bangers and Mash and Fish and Chips. They have wonderful museums, (most free to enter by the way) filled with ancient antiquities, and beautiful art. Their subway system, ("the Tube") is clean, easy to use, and impeccably organized. (I was amazed that as two of 85,000 football fans using public transit, we could be shuttled away from a sporting event within 30 minutes).

But since I write for a horse club newsletter, I have paid particular attention to how they view the horse through history. It is said that the first horses to come to North America, 15 of them, were brought by the Spanish Conquistador Herman Cortes in 1519. So, our American horses' ancestors came from this European continent. Long before that, here in England, William the Conqueror won the Battle of Hastings in 1066 A.D., and you can see images of him all over England on horseback.

The Tower of London, home of the Crown Jewels, is a wonderful museum that features King James (the translator of the Bible into English) and King Henry VIII (founder of the Church of England) on horseback in full armor. But what became unique in the Middle Ages is that they also protected their



horses in full armor as well. This is called barding. During the late Middle Ages as armor protection for knights became more effective, their mounts became targets. Barding developed as a response to such events. The Criniere protected the neck, the croupier the hind quarters, the flanchard the flank, and the peytral the chest. It's nice to



know that the desire to care and protect your mount, stretches back hundreds of years.

The Battle of Waterloo of course is a big event in EnglishHistory. It is the battle in which The Duke of Wellington (Arthur Wellesley) defeated the

mighty Napoleon Bonaparte. What I have come to learn is that both Commander's horses have gone down in infamy along with their riders.

Napoleon's horse was named Marengo. Napoleon first rode him in the battle of Marengo, and hence named him after that battle. He went on to ride him to victory in 4 more Battles with the Russians, before Waterloo. The British captured him at that battle, and he lived in England as a military horse until the ripe age of 37, and is interred at the British War Museum in Chelsea.

Copenhagen, the Gray Arabian stud was the unflinching horse of The Duke of Wellington. He went on to win several Battles with the Duke, never having lost. He was the Dukes favorite mount,

and was said to have remarkable composure while charging through explosive battlefields. He lived to be 26, and was buried with full military honors at the Duke's country estate. The War Museum asked the Duke to dis-inter Copenhagen

to bury him alongside Marengo 9 years later, but the Duke feigned knowledge of his burial site, as he preferred to have him stay with him, where he still lies on the family farm (marked with a stone monument).

Finally, the British love and reverence for their horses continued into the 20th century. I attended Royal Ascot Racetrack one day on my trip to find a rather imposing memorial constructed at the Racetrack entrance in honor of "The War Horses, 1914-1918" for all those who lost their lives in the first World War. Steven Spielberg made a movie about these heroes a few years back.

So, for me it was a treat to see in real life over 5 centuries of esteem heaped on an animal that is so near and dear to my heart. My hope is in our own little way, we as horse owners and a horse club, can leave equal lasting veneration in the 21st century and beyond for the American horse!

And as a side note, one of the purposes of our trip, rooting for the LA Chargers, whose original logo is the "Charging War Horse", won the game in London, 20-19! A "horse" from America made his mark on this side of the pond October 21, 2018!

Cheers!

James M. Iacono  
President  
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# Trail Boss Report

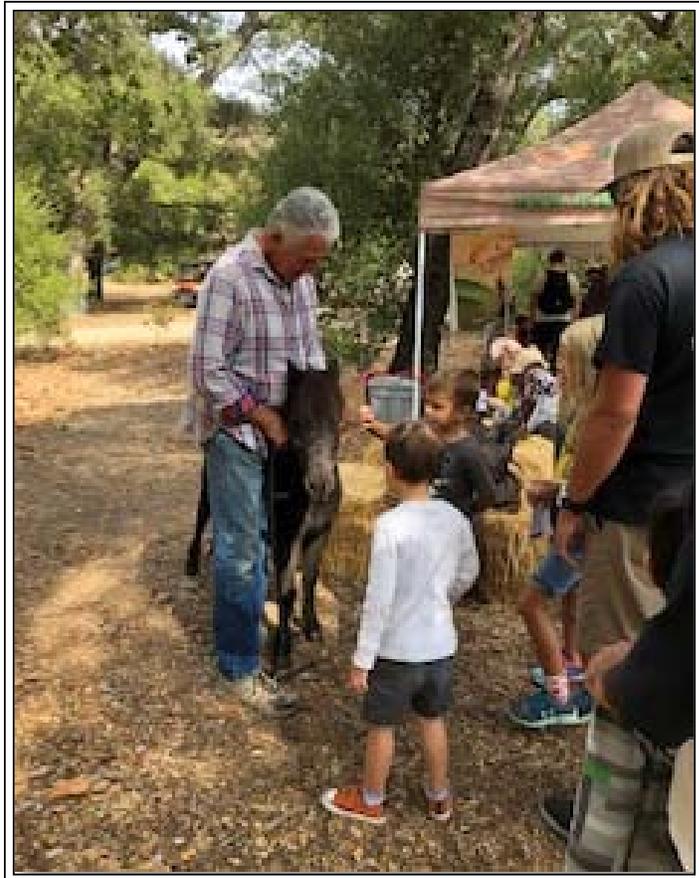
By Debbie Kelly

## ACORN DAY 2018

Saddleback Canyon Riders was once again represented at the time honored Acorn Day in O'Neill Park. Since 2013, when our dear friend Karen Hopkins Balthaser reprised our roll at the event, we have showcased our club and equestrian lifestyle at this fun and educational family event. For the past several years our table included club involvement in the community and a very fun and stimulating "stick pony" barrel race activity for the kids. This year I decided to mix it up a bit and gave the pony a reprieve from the race course. He still joined us as a simulated horse on a hay bale for the kids to pose on. We had a real live mini horse join us this year thanks to our neighbor Ernest Currie who brought Ollie down to the event. Ollie was a huge hit and was the highlight of our table. I'm thinking he was the hit for the entire event, at least for the kids. We are extremely grateful to Ernest for his time and effort.

Ranger Diane Wollenberg provided us with 100 fun western style scarves and marking pens for the kids to draw on. They loved it and the scarves went really fast. We also had a fishing game (something Karen would have thought of and really loved) where kids of all sizes could catch a toy fish for a prize.

It is estimated that there were an unexpected 1800 visitors that day. With the campground being closed to campers due to a water main break, we did not know what to expect. I wasn't prepared with enough prizes so we actually shut down operations about an hour early. Message to self for next year; be prepared and overstock!



As a club we are grateful to have O'Neill Park right in our own back yard. We have spent years building a strong and committed relationship with the staff and as a result they recognize us as strong presence and as advocates for preservation and community. If you ever have the chance, be sure to thank them for all they do to make our experience in the park just about the best there is for the equestrian lifestyle.

Thank you again to Jim and Vicki Iacono, Sue Marucci, and Ernest Currie for offering up your time that day. And to Jeff Kelly for helping me set up.

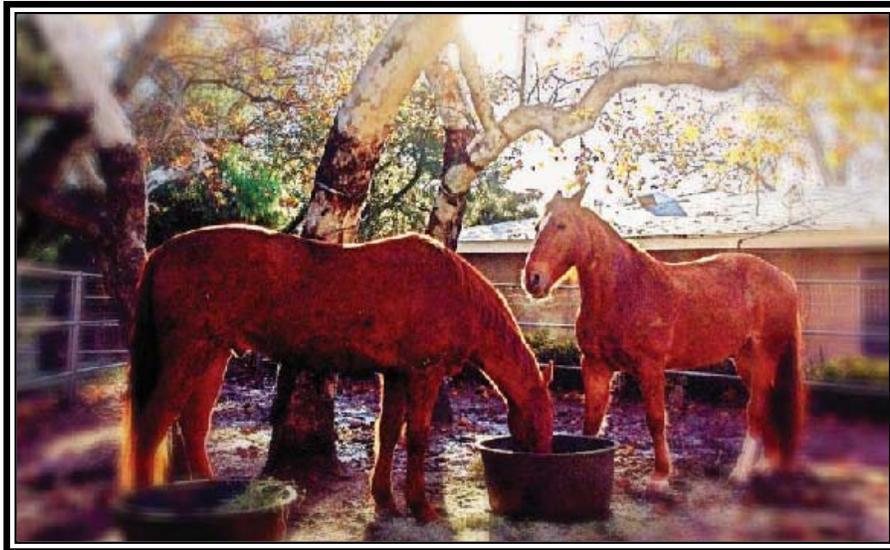
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**Thursday, November 1st, 2018:** Meeting starts at 7:30 (arrive early to order dinner)  
**M&C Grill:** 31911 Dove Canyon Dr., Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679

Date	Event	Time	Location	Contact	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
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

<b>DECEMBER</b>					
13	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
15	Saturday	Christmas Party	5:30 pm	Iacono's home	Jimmy I (714) 612-1789

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## Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: SEPTEMBER 2018

<b>Ending Balance (BoFA):</b>	\$10,136.84
<b>DEPOSITS:</b> Deposits Made After Closing:	\$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits	\$10,136.84

### EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2129	K Holden	board dinner	\$ 50.00
2198	K Holden	pancake breakfast	\$ 27.74

**TOTAL EXPENSES PAID:** \$77.74

### UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED THIS PERIOD:

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

<b>FUNDS ON HAND AFTER EXPENSES PAID &amp; UNPAID CHECKS THIS PERIOD:</b>	\$10,136.84
<b>PETTY CASH ON HAND (INCLUDED IN BALANCE):</b>	\$400.00
<b>CORRAL FUNDS ON HAND:</b>	\$10,536.84



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Renate Soderstrom

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