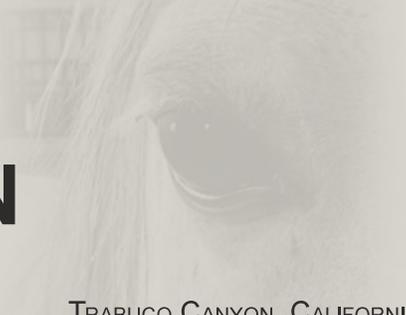




SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS NEWS



TRABUCO CANYON, CALIFORNIA
EQUESTRIAN TRAILS INC., CORRAL 357

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Transition Zone

By Debbie Kelly

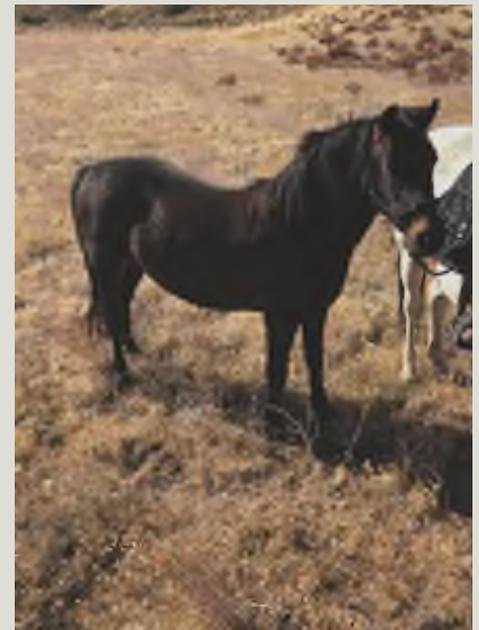
I was so excited to ride with new friends I met on Facebook and finally met while they were camping in O'Neill Park. The gal, Debra, (I know, the world is full of us) and her husband Jay are also members of ETI Corral 9 near Lancaster. There is more to how we actually connected but a long story and not necessarily paramount to this article. I will say that the Equestrian life we lead with all of its components and intersections, is very small indeed. These two are warriors, always sharing new riding adventures and camping all over California. They are also involved in conservation and give back by working on the Pacific Northwest Trail and a Nature Preserve near the Mohave Desert. More about that later.

Mike Wallace and I set out (with our horses of course) at 6:30 am that Saturday, allowing ourselves enough time to make the 9:30 staging time. Or so we hoped. We had Google

maps, we had Siri, and we had Waze, but still were not quite sure where we were going to actually end up. The drive was long and suffice it to say we were getting concerned about making it on time, and of all things, running out of gas. My rig does pretty good when hauling for an SUV but we encountered a great deal of stopping and starting which lent to poorer gas mileage than usual. It was about the time we left the main highway, somewhere near Lancaster, (I never said geography was my forte) heading to our destination on a long stretch of desert road, that I realized I may be low on gas. Along that last leg, with virtually no signs or services, stood out a little pit stop, some kind of a general store, and a very vintage looking gas station; I wasn't even sure if it was open. But it was real at \$5.25 a gallon. I was not concerned about that, but by now we were late and I just hoped beyond hope that I would not run out of gas and cause an even longer delay for our new friends. There were several rigs

and riders waiting for us. We were in phone contact, sketchy as it was, but everything looked the same so we could not really identify where we were. Once the road markers on Google maps began to appear we knew we were close. You can imagine our relief when we saw several trucks and trailers waiting at the fork in the road to lead us to the staging area for this ride. And, as always, my concern for being late and keeping others waiting was for naught. No one seemed to care and there were still others yet to arrive. At least I figured out where we were, somewhere in the West Mohave Desert. Broad. At one point on the ride, we were looking directly to the Tehachapi Mountains and the spinning turbines.

This was an ETI ride although not all were members. Some folks came from Tehachapi, Bear Valley Springs, and even a couple who are Back Country Horseman and make their home in the back country for a good part of the year. Others were local club members from the





Littlerock Trailblazers. Now I know I am somewhere near Littlerock, and not Arkansas thank goodness.

So, from the primary meeting area we caravanned to the entrance of the preserve and lined up the rigs one in front of the other to where it reminded me of a circus or other traveling show with the carnies' motorhomes parked on the parameter of the venue. But these were horse trailers with so many beautiful horses and I was so excited to be part of the day. This was also where ETI members would stay behind while others



rode and prepare a delicious BBQ hot dog, chili, and cornbread lunch. Later, during that lunch, and much to my surprise, the club president conducted their combined member and board meeting! What a treat. I was impressed with their agenda, it consisted primarily of the 2020 riding and camping schedule. There was some small club business besides that along with the newest board members announced.

The trails on the preserve are rather new, only created in the last two years by some from ETI and



the Transition Habitat Conservancy. They are regularly maintained and great care has taken place so as not to intrude on the plant and wildlife. Portal Ridge Preserve is a Transitional Zone which means multiple ecosystems intersect, often resulting in a fragile balance of nature, the plant life, and the wildlife. Eventually there will be park systems, but not before all areas of ecological significance are protected, including wildlife corridors. The goal is much like we have here with all of our open space. Keep safe from over development, protect our wildlife and natural plant life, and connect our trails for equestrian and foot travel in the present and for the future.

It was a long day, but so worth it. Collectively the horses spent seven hours in the trailer that day. We rode for a little over two. I think my next trip to Portal Ridge will be an overnighiter. I hope you enjoy the photos of this land and our Corral 9 ETI brothers and sisters.

*Debbie Kelly
Trail Boss
Saddleback Canyon Riders
Equestrian Trails Inc., Corral 357*





Christmas Party - December 14th

Ya Gotta Be Here! Everyone's Invited!

Howdy All!

Come join us for the BEST party of the year! You won't want to miss this! Please RSVP so we know how many people to plan for...this year we're going to have some homestyle recipes so good you're going to wish you had made 'em!

We want you and your family to come for some great appetizers, cowboy-style eats, great holiday drinks, warm cowboy welcomes and our "no holds barred" gift exchange!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 11th

WHAT TO BRING:

BYOB- if you want something other than beer or wine

DESSERT- bring your favorite dessert...maybe a homemade favorite!

GIFT - only if you want to participate in the gift exchange

CHECKBOOK - if your dues are due (must be a member in good standing to attend)

OPTIONAL: Cowboy Gift Exchange. Bring a gift of \$15-\$20, and we will do our traditional exchange, but please bring something you would like to get yourself!

Looking forward to seeing EVERYONE - ALL OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS (members can bring a guest, or if you're not a member, you can sign up at the party!) as we celebrate a traditional Saddleback Canyon Riders Cowboy Christmas!



WHEN: Saturday December 14, 2019

TIME: 5:30 Cocktail Hour, meet and greet; Dinner at 6:30



WHERE: Bert & Janel Meric's
32991 Pinnacle Drive
Trabuco Canyon, CA 92678
949-375-8391 cell
janelmeric@yahoo.com

COST: Members: \$10
per adult includes homestyle dinner and drinks
(Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks). Children under 12 are \$5/ea.
Non-Member Guests: \$20

We will also be handing out special awards for service and participation for 2019

Contacts:

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949-444-1990

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Rich Gomez
949-888-1604

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Jim Iacono
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2019 UPCOMING EVENTS



2019 CALENDAR ETI Corral 357 Calendar

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Indicates Change

Date		Event		Location	Contact	
Jan	3	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Dave (949) 533-7153
	10	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
Feb	7	Thursday	Members' Meeting - <i>Animal Communicator</i>	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Dave (949) 533-7153
	9	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	14	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	23	Saturday	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Mar	7	Thursday	Members' Meeting - <i>Malibu Evacuation</i>	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Dave (949) 533-7153
	14	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	23	Saturday	Swallows Day Parade	7:00 am	Meet at CVS	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	30	Saturday	Month-End Ride	10:00 am	Meet at O'Neill Park arena	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Apr	4	Thursday	Members' Meeting - <i>TCA/Live Oak Stables</i>	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Dave (949) 533-7153
	6	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Jimmy (714) 612-1789
	11	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	12-14	Fri-Sun	Casper's Campout & Ride	10:00 am	Casper's Wilderness Park	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	28	Sunday	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	9:00 AM	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
May	2	Thursday	Members' Meeting - <i>CA Horsemen's Assoc.</i>	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	9	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	26	Sunday	O'Neill Ride	10:00 am	O'Neill Park arena picnic area	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Jun	1	Saturday	Imperial Beach Ride	8:00 am	8:00am at CVS	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	6	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	8	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park arena	
	13	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	15	Saturday	Evacuation Drill & Trailering Clinic	10:00am	O'Neill Park arena	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
	30	Sunday	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	9:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Jul	4	Thursday	July 4th Parade & BBQ	8:30 am	Trabuco Canyon	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
	11	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	14	Sunday	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	8:30 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Aug	1	Thursday	Members' Meeting	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	2	Friday	Pancake Fund Raiser - <i>Setup</i>	5:30 pm	RSM	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	3	Saturday	Pancake Fund Raiser	5:30 am	RSM	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	8	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
	24	Saturday	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	8:30 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	Sep	5	Thursday	Members' Meeting - <i>OC Polo Club</i>	7:00 pm	27271 Silverado Canyon Rd
12		Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm		
20		Tuesday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	Debbie (949) 244-0670
21		Saturday	Inner-Coastal/Watershed CleanUp	8:00 am	Trabuco Creek Bridge	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
28		Saturday	Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum	-10:00 am	meet at CVS	Jimmy (714) 612-1789
Oct	3	Thursday	Members' Meeting and Nominations	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	5	Saturday	Acorn Day <i>NEED VOLUNTEERS</i>	10:00-3:00	O'Neill Park	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	10	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Kristen's	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	12	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	8:00 am	O'Neill Park	
	12	Saturday	"The Ranch" Restaurant; Country Dancing	6:00 pm	meet at CVS at 5:00pm	Jimmy (714) 612-1789
	20	Sunday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	26	Saturday	Cook's Corner Ride	8:30 am	Stage at O'Neill Park arena	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Nov	7	Thursday	Members' Meeting and Elections	7:00 pm	M&C's Sports Grill	Kristen (949) 444-1990
	8-10	Fri-Sun	Pomona Horse Expo	10:00 am	meet at CVS	non-club event
	9	Saturday	Trail Maintenance	9:00 am	O'Neill Park	Rich/Patti (949) 888-1604
	14	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Debbie's	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	20	Wednesday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	Debbie (949) 244-0670
	23	Saturday	Trabuco-Rose Preserve Ride	10:00 am	Stage O'Neill; meet Trabuco Oaks gate	Debbie (949) 244-0670
Dec	12	Thursday	Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Iacono's	Jimmy (714) 612-1789
	14	Saturday	Christmas Party	5:30 pm	Bert & Janel's	Janel (949) 375-8391
	20	Friday	Newsletter deadline (for articles)	7:00 PM	newsletter.eticorral357@gmail.com	Debbie (949) 244-0670



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OCTOBER 2019

BY VICKI IACONO

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DEPOSITS: Deposits Made After Closing:	\$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits	\$10,032.99

EXPENSES:

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Source:</u>	<u>Reason:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
2162	K Holden	board dinner	\$50.00
2163	R. Gomez	web domain	\$18.95
2165	J. Iacono	bd dinr nwsltr mbr mtng	\$174.00
2234	K. Holden	pancake bfast	\$10.75
2236	USPS	annual fee	\$176.00

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID: (\$492.73)

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED THIS PERIOD:

<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Source:</u>	<u>Reason:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
2237	J Iacono	newsletter	\$10.75
2161	Holden	board dinner	\$50.00
2164	D Kelly	board dinner	\$50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID & UNPAID THIS PERIOD: (\$110.00)

FUNDS ON HAND AFTER EXPENSES:	\$9,922.24
PETTY CASH ON HAND (INCLUDED IN BALANCE):	\$400.00
CORRAL FUNDS ON HAND:	\$10,322.24



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

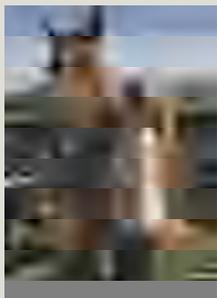
Board Members meet monthly (2nd Thursdays); Saddleback Canyon Riders Members are always welcome to attend or host a meeting. RSVP required.

Members Meetings (1st Thursdays) are open to the public.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

BY RENATE SODERSTROM



THANK YOU DEBBIE KELLY FOR HELPING ME PUT TOGETHER THE NEWSLETTER AGAIN THIS MONTH!!

STAY IN TOUCH!!



MEMBERSHIP RATES:

Junior Membership (under 18)	\$45
Senior Membership (over 18)	\$60
Family Membership	\$90

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1/4 Page	\$15.00	\$25.00
1/8 Page	\$5.00	\$10.00

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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.

Saddleback Canyon Riders

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