



# Quicksilver Quips

April 2021



*Happy  
Easter!*

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## **President's message**

We had a great club ride at Fort Ord last month, with about 9 horses and riders navigating the very crowded parking conditions and going out to enjoy the beautiful if not somewhat cool trail conditions. The park staff were in the parking lot encouraging safety on their multi use trails, and it seemed to be working that day; while the park was very busy, everyone was really well behaved and a good time was had by all.

As we were riding along it struck me that we have good number of folks who have been getting together to ride on Fridays, and maybe we could make something a little more formal of this, so we have decided to get together on the Fourth Friday of the month for a group ride hosted by different club members each month.

Carolyn Tucker has agreed to lead the April 23<sup>rd</sup> ride – please check out the details in this newsletter and mark those '**Fourth Fridays**' as a date to come out (play hookey from work if you must) and ride with friends in some of our great local parks. Want to lead a ride at your favorite park? Reach out to me and we will get you on the schedule!

Finally I hope you all saw the email that Michelle sent to all of us about Senate Bill 287, the "Recreational Trailers Licensing" bill. It will be heard on April 13 and allows for drivers towing gooseneck trailers with a GVWR between 10,000 and 15,000 lbs to do so with a Class C license, with a recreational vehicle endorsement. This is a huge improvement over previous legislation that would have required a Class A license – and I hope you will take a moment to reach out to a few of the members on the Senate Transportation Committee to make your opinions known.

Enjoy that spring weather and I hope to see you out there soon-

Jill

***From Carolyn Tucker:***

Just back from horse camping at Rancho Oso, Thousand Trails RV and Horse Camping Park near Santa Ynez, off Hwy 154. Lots of beauty and trails. Arenas, Pens and nice camp grounds.

The little town of Los Olivos is so cute with a great tack shop and cute sidewalk restaurants and little gift shops. We did a "trip to town day" and had so much fun visiting the tack shop and a wonderful feed and tack shop in Santa Ynez.



*Rancho Oso RV Park includes corrals, round pen, arena, miles and miles of beautiful trails, water for horses,*

*camping sites and optional cabins or covered wagon rentals, heated bathrooms with hot showers, hot tub, swimming pool, miniature golf, general store, RV dump and other RV park amenities.*

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## A Contrast in trends...

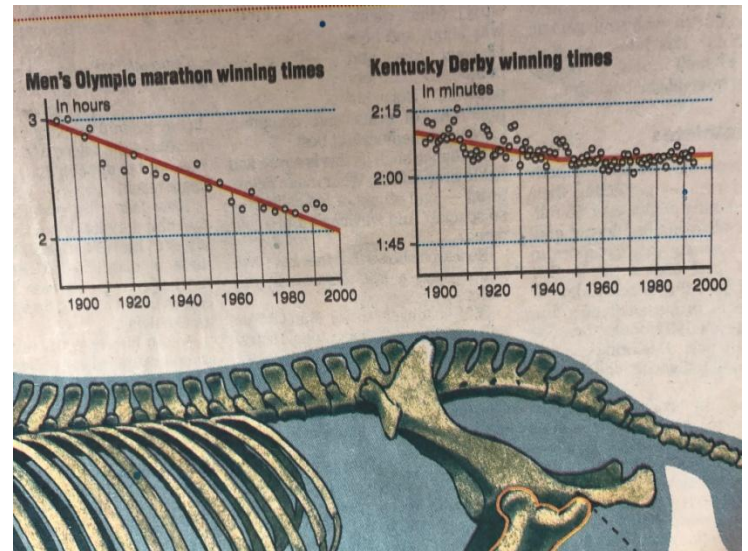
Submitted by Julie Suhr

Human runners are breaking records with predictability, but equine athletes are no better than their forebears. Kentucky Derby times have been on the same plateau since the late 1940s.

**Secretariat** clocked in at 1:59.40 at the 1973 Kentucky Derby, the fastest time to date.

The fastest human marathon runner to date is **Eliud Kipchoge**, from Kenya, with a finishing time of 2:01:30.

How come man keeps running faster but horses do not?



**Answer next month...**

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*I saw this on Face Book and it sounded alarmingly familiar... and I'm willing to bet a few horse carrots that it will make you cringe and chuckle at the same time. Enjoy. Elisabet*

## Meeting my new physician... a true story.

While filling out the necessary paperwork to see a new physician I noticed a line for "previous injuries." It was A line. A single line for maybe one, two major injuries. Now, how in the heck am I supposed to explain 30+ years of equine related "misadventures" in just one line? Simple. I wrote the word "over" with an arrow.



During my examination my new physician began reviewing my documents. He got to the injury line with the word "over" on it. This gave him pause. He just looked at it then slowly turned the paper over to reveal an entire list of riding related injuries covering the backside of the paperwork.

"OH MY GOD!" He gasped.

"Oh, yeah, guess I should tell you I'm an equestrian." I replied.

He looked at it ashen-faced, as if he'd seen a ghost. One by one he slowly went through the list of injuries. After about the 5th one he realized I had an interesting equine related story for each and this examination could literally last all day.

"Ok, let's narrow this down. Which ones still haunt you?" He asked.

"Emotionally or physically?" I replied.

He just sighed and gave a nervous chuckle, as if to say "what heck have I gotten into?"

I'm happy to say he kept me on as a client and was one of the best physicians I ever had! He's since retired but I like to think my equine "s#t list" still haunts him (emotionally). 🌈🌈🌈

Cindy Hyers-Embry

***Camping days are here, and this list comes in handy to make sure we don't forget anything important! There are a few questionable items (make up?!?!?) but it's a start.***

### HORSE CAMP CHECKLIST 2018

#### VEHICLE

Change Oil  
Map  
Directions  
Utility knife  
Tool Kit  
Pen & paper  
Blankets  
Tarp  
Cash & credit card  
Small Ice Chest  
Sunglasses  
Tow chain  
Jack  
Headlamps  
Spare batteries  
Fire Extinguisher  
Lug wrench  
Water Bottles  
Cell Phones

#### HORSE TRAILER

Folding Chairs  
Hay  
Hay nets  
Halters/Lead rope  
Water Tubs  
Feed Buckets  
Grooming Items  
Hoof Pick  
Shipping boots/Wraps  
Insect Repellant  
Fly Masks  
Fly Spray  
Rope  
Lunge whip  
Horse  
Blankets/Sheets  
Poop scoop & rake  
Electrolytes  
Supplements  
Duct Tape  
Helmet  
Pkg of Diapers  
Wire & cutter  
Wheel chocks  
Lug wrench  
Proof of Ownership  
Horse drinking water

#### CAMPER

Propane Tanks Full  
Level  
Book  
TP/PT  
Tissue  
\*Food  
\*1st Aid Kit  
Sleeping Bags  
Blankets/Pillows  
Body/Hand Soap  
Towels/Cloths  
Funnel  
\*Clothes  
Sun Block  
Lip Balm  
Matches  
Axe  
Fire Wood/Paper  
Water Bottles  
\*Makeup Kit  
Ice Chest - Ice  
Can Opener  
Toaster  
Dish Soap  
Rubber Gloves  
Hand Lotion  
Plastic Baggies  
Foot Spray  
Alarm Clock  
Dish Towels  
Dish Sponge  
Trash Bags  
Camera  
Coleman  
Lantern/Fuel

#### TACK

Bridle & reins  
Breast collar  
Saddles/Pads  
Water Bottle Bags  
Extra Halter/Leads  
Pommel Bag

#### RIDER

Riding jacket/Vest  
Helmet  
Ear muffs  
Riding shoes  
Britches  
Bandanna  
Small knife  
Allergy medicine  
Whistle

#### 1ST AID KIT

Aspirin  
/Aleve/Tylenol  
Ibuprofen  
Alcohol Pads  
Antibiotic ointment  
Tweezers  
Cleanser/Alcohol  
Band-aids  
Decongestant/  
Benadryl  
Bee Sting Kit  
Needles & thread  
Gauze  
Matches  
Scissors  
Tape

#### VET SUPPLIES

Betadine scrub  
Saran wrap  
Scissors  
Gauze squares  
Oral "bute"  
Gauze wrap  
Vetwrap  
Stethoscope  
Thermometer  
Sponges

#### GROOMING GEA

R:  
Hair Brush  
Make Up Kit (?)  
Shampoo  
Shower Sponges  
Shower Tack Box

#### FOOD

Carrots  
Apples  
Bananas  
Oranges  
Lettuce  
Tomatoes  
Garlic  
Onions  
Zucchini  
Green Beans  
Salad Mix  
Protein Bars  
Coffee & Creamer  
Eggs  
Bread  
Mayo  
Mustard  
Energy Drinks  
Milk/Creamer  
Sweetener  
Sodas  
Chips  
Cheese  
Crackers  
Trail Mix  
Canned Tomatoes  
Canned Corn  
Canned Ripe Olives  
Smoked Oysters  
Chili Season Mix  
3/4C Corn Meal  
Salt  
Pepper  
Seasoned Salt  
Vitamins  
Soy Sauce  
Salad Dressing  
Grated Cheddar  
Cheese  
Ground Beef  
Bacon  
Lunch Meat  
Pork/Beef/Chicken  
Water Bottles  
2 Bags Frozen Peas  
ICE

***A lot of conflict in the Wild West could have been avoided completely if cowboy town planners had just made their towns big enough for everyone.***

I had one heck of a week! it started with my truck breaking down AGAIN the day before I was supposed to head to Arizona from the bay area for the Land of the sun ride in Wickenburg. I was planning on staying at Brian Reeve's place on the way down, then he and I were going to Ridgecrest for a day and a half to work on the trail for the upcoming 20 mule team / fire mountain combo ride on April 10th. My transmission failed again on the way back from a local ride with Judy and Donnie. Sometimes my luck does work- the tranny was replaced 20 months ago, and the repair had a 2 year warranty. Whew! It's in the shop now getting fixed under warranty, but once its back it will never tow a horse again. Not to mention it was serious luck that it broke before the day before I left for my week-long trip. I called Brian to cancel and he said: "No, use one of my trucks!" He told me to drive down to his place in Squaw Valley, Ca, (not the ski place, the one near Fresno) and leave my car and take his dodge dually home and the trip is on as planned. He and Val have a really nice ranch setup in the hills near King's Canyon. I got his truck, drove it back home, loaded up and off to Ridgecrest we went. I spent a half day with him in a side by side and a day on my bike finishing up the trails for the ride. There are several changes since we are doing it the same weekend as the fire mountain ride, and there is a large motorcycle race on Saturday that caused some major re-routing. All is good- we have the new routes set, and the changes on the 65-mile loop are VERY good for the horses. (I removed 4 miles of hard, rocky, downhill, boring roads)



Sorsha and I truck pooled to the ride with Gretchen Montgomery and her mare Coquette. It was another 7 hours from Ridgecrest to Wickenburg. 15 hours of driving is a bit much for a 50, but there are just no rides yet where I am, and I wanted a 50 before the 100 at 20MT on April 10. I'm not sorry I went at all. I love doing rides in new areas I have not been in yet, and it did not



disappoint. Ride camp is at a place called Boyd Ranch at the end of a good eight-mile dirt road from the highway. We arrived on Thursday, giving the horses a full day to recover. The ride camp is about perfect- it was deluxe and had everything you might want short of hot showers. We took the girls out for a ride Friday afternoon to get them loosened up, and to introduce Sorsha to the Saguaro cactus. These things are monsters! They grow from the size of a fire hydrant to bigger than a football stadium goal post. She did not seem to care about them, or the six foot high cholla cactus plants, or the massive prickly pear plants the size of cars, but for some reason she did not think much of the barrel cactus. I grew up in the desert, but let me tell you, there was a LOT of cactus in this place.

The weather was cold at night, but during the day it was really nice- cool but not cold, and not hot. My perfect weather is when it's too cool in the shade for short sleeves, but just right in the sun. The 50 would be run on three loops: 17, 12, and 20 miles, all of which returned to base camp. It seemed a little odd to only have one hold after the second loop,

but it's good to have the time at this ride. The 50 started at 6:30 in the almost light. The first loop started out really neat- single track across the open desert through the rolling hills. The trail was tight- it wound back and forth around bushes (AND CACTUS!) every few feet. It would open up a bit, then get really tight again. you needed a lot of trail marking on trails like this since you are riding from ribbon to ribbon, and they provided! The trail was marked superbly using a lot of ribbon, and the nice bio degradable spray paint arrows on the ground. I came to really appreciate those arrows! The area is pretty rocky everywhere, but was not an issue for us with Sneakers. The single track was really fun, but after a while I noticed that it was getting demanding. It wasn't like just trotting along at Point Reyes, it took your full attention and concentration for every turn to make sure you stayed on trail, and more importantly, steering your horse with your hands and legs to keep them out of the cactus that was everywhere. After a



while it felt like a three-hour dressage test! it was fun, but relentless. We would get a break every once in a while, but unfortunately the relief was trudging through deep sand washes. I prefer the single track! The ride management said they did it their best to mitigate some of this sand by routing us out of the wash and into the desert next to the wash for relief. Well, it was relief of sorts; it was 18 inches deep in the wash and a foot deep out of the wash. This was the only really tough part of the trail for us, since I don't train in this stuff. Sorsha has never even been in sand that deep before. We just trudded through it at a walk. I tried to walk some on foot for a bit but it was too deep for me to even make much headway. I was always amazed when people would come trotting by us at speed through this stuff. It's fine if you are prepared for it, but we were not, so we just took it really easy. It was slow slogging for a couple hours of the ride.

Once out of the sand, we got back into the desert and more single track. Turn, Turn, Turn, concentrate, turn, repeat for an hour. Gayle Peña

coined the perfect phrase that described this type of riding- it was hours of pole bending, but the poles had spines! The first loop did end with our real first flat section, a nice hard wash that we trotted on for about a mile and a half. WoW! That felt good to actually move out a little. The loop ended on a weird series of roads and soft wash that ran through ranch property. The trail in went right through base camp to the vet area for a pulse, trot out, and go vet check. The second loop continued with the same type of trails. We found and saw Crockett's Saguaro, (In one of the pictures) the absolutely bizarre giant cactus that someone had to design. It could not have grown like that! It was pretty cool. We also got to see lots of a plant called an Ocotillo, a yucca I think, that looks like a cactus, and feels like a cactus, but is not. It's a big, spiny thing that looks like, well, an Ocotillo! (in the pictures) The flowers were just starting to come out. Back into the sand and more single-track pole bending through the cactus. It was about here, around 30 miles, that I found myself thinking something I don't think I have ever thought in 30 years of riding. "Boy, I'm ready to get off the single track and find a nice dirt road!" Usually it's quite the opposite!



The hour hold at 30 miles felt good, and the ride provided bag lunches for us. We set out on the last loop of 20 miles and it was actually better in terms of diversity of trail. Yes, there was still plenty of pole bending and deep sand trudging, but we were given a few miles of dirt roads that were quite welcome. We encountered a couple of gold miners on the trail, including one big, scary looking guy who had blocked the trail with his truck, making us ride into the rocks to get around. He had dug a huge hole that looked like a grave next to the trail. Yuck. He was not at all friendly, so we left him to do his thing, whatever it was. There was some nice trail that we could actually trot along at a good clip, and even a real honest-to-god downhill that we could lead down on foot! I realized I had not really been off the horse in about 45 miles. That felt good on



the old creaky knees. Some more sand led us to the last road section in the wash and we popped out of the wash at camp and into the finish. Both horses looked great- the Big, Brown, Girly horse's CRI at the vet out was 40/40, about normal for her. One thing I miss with the Covid stuff is the

awards meeting. It is really nice to know how many horses there were, finishers, who placed where, etc. I have no clue how we finished, other than there were about 37 starters, and we finished with about 9 horses behind us. Pretty specific! I have no idea about pulls.

It was a long week with lots of driving, but it was worth it to sample the Arizona desert. It is spectacular country, that's for sure. My only gripe about the ride was the sand, but other than that it was a fun time. We got the final trail details worked out for the Fire Mountain / 20 mule team ride coming up in a month, and I got to spend a day on my bike in the desert which is always a plus.

I hope to see everyone at the ride on the weekend of April 10<sup>th</sup> in Ridgecrest. It will be a great party, that's for sure! I'll be riding Sorsha on the 100 for the 4<sup>th</sup> time here- (she is 2 for 3) Funny- it's the only 100 she has done so far! We will have to do something about that this year. Championship, Big Horn, Tevis.....

Nick Warhol  
West Region

*"Life is a song -sing it. Life is a game -play it. Life is a challenge -meet it. Life is a dream -realize it. Life is a sacrifice -offer it. Life is love -enjoy it." -Sai Baba*

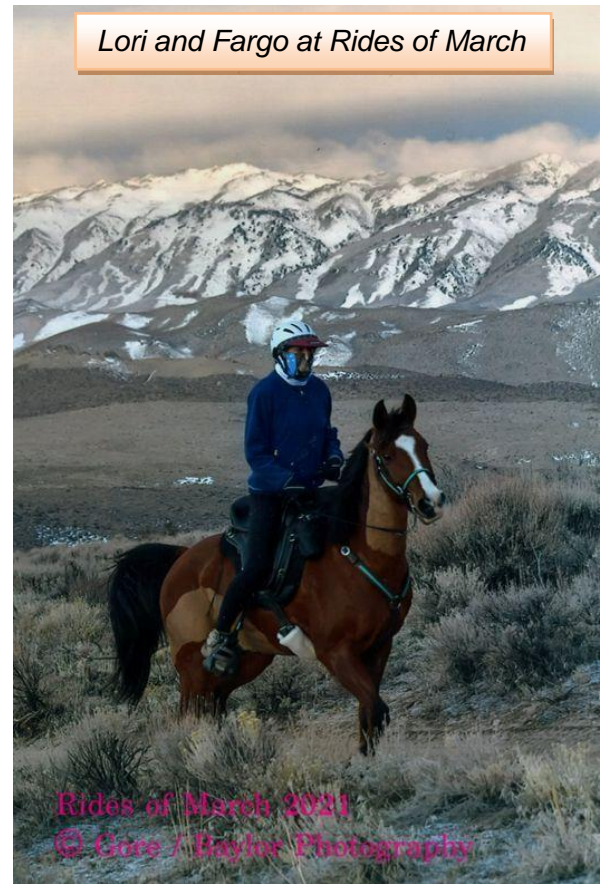
### Ride report from Lori Oleson:

RC Fargo and I went to Nevada for the first West region sanctioned ride in 2021.

Weather was not ideal for driving, so management arrange camp to be open on Thursday. We took off Thursday afternoon and got to camp before dark. Friday was nice to rest, visit and go for a little ride.

I thought I had my clothing figured out for the Saturday ride, but wasn't expecting snow. It snowed on and off the entire ride. Boy was it cold! Vet checks were in camp and I was able to change during the 1 hour hold to be a little more comfortable.

Fargo didn't really like going into the corn snow because it was pelting him in the face, but he was a good sport. We had a successful day, rode with some great people, and volunteers were wonderful. We finished 6th and came away with best condition. Next up is the Nevada Derby in 2 weeks. Hopefully, there will be better weather. Either way, we will be there!



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## Whiskers & Lips & Muzzles

Horses use their whiskers to explore and identify things. Each time the horse's whiskers touch something the nerves fire off a 250mph electrical message to the brain to determine what the horse is touching.

A horse's brain contains cells that receive information from their whiskers.

Horses breathe through their noses.

Flehmen: When a horse curls its top lip up. This happens when the horse traps pheromone scents in the vomeronasal organs so they may analyze them more closely.

Horses have a prehensile upper lip. Meaning that they use the upper lip for seizing, grasping, or taking hold of something.

Because horses can't see right below their nose, due to the position of their eyes, they use whiskers to help guide them toward and away from edible items and hazardous objects.

## A bit of Cowgirl wisdom...

YOU DON'T STOP RIDING  
WHEN YOU GET OLD

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WHEN YOU STOP RIDING

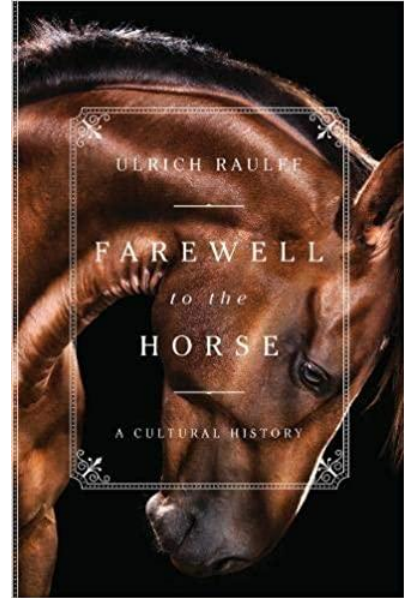


**Book review: *Farewell to the Horse: A Cultural History*  
by Ulrich Raulff**

By Julie Suhr

"I am reading this book. It is about four hundred pages long. It is slow reading because it takes time to digest all the author is saying that we have not heard before. It is worth the money."  
Julie

We have too soon forgotten how much we owe to an animal we now barely know, said Melissa Holbrook Pierson in *The Washington Post*. "Today the horse is a creature from a lost pastoral myth", but Ulrich Raulff's eloquent tribute reminds us that for 6,000 years humanity had no more significant partner in the making of the contemporary world. Raulff, a cultural historian, focuses on roughly the last 150 years of that run, a period that began with Napoleon conquering Europe on horseback and closed with millions of horses dying on the battlefields of World War II. By then, the great shift from an agrarian to an industrial culture was nearly complete, and Raulff's graceful study, by closely appraising the horse's retreat to marginality, offers the noble beast "nothing less than a requiem mass."



Rest assured, "you have never read a book like it," said Kate Kellaway in *The Guardian.com*. Raulff "has an extraordinary connective mind," and he's as interesting on 19th-century country doctors as he is on Clever Hans, an Arab stallion that briefly gained fame for its supposed ability to do arithmetic. "We can barely remember all the ways in which horses were once used," said Verlyn Klinkenborg in *The New York Review of Books*. Raulff returns us to a time when they were the answer to the human need for speed, enabling the conquest of continents but also quick errand runs. Our dependence on horses in fact surged in the early stages of urbanization and industrialization. In 1900, New York City was home to 130,000 working horses, a labor force that inconveniently produced 1,100 tons of manure a day. Around the same time, it was possible to visit an American farm and see a 40-horse team pulling a combine harvester.

Raulff doesn't stick with the economic narrative for long, said Gregory Curtis in *The Wall Street Journal*. Though he grew up on a farm that still relied on working horses, he has since cultivated a deep interest in the horse's role in legend and literature, and reading him on those subjects "gives the same feeling of elation and abandon that comes when you are lucky enough to ride a horse at a gallop across open land." I was only disappointed that his book ends without any grand conclusion, about, for example, how humans may have been changed by the sudden end of our species' long bond with horses. "All of *Farewell to the Horse* seems to be leading to that question: I put down the book with it hanging in the air, unanswered."

### **'Fourth Fridays' are for Club Rides!**

Join your fellow QSER members on the fourth Friday of the month for a group ride in some of our favorite local parks.

Carolyn Tucker will lead our first ride on Friday April 23, at 10.30, at the Rancho San Vicente Trailhead at 21151 McKean Rd. You can get there from Hwy 101 to Baily Road going west like you are going to Calero, then turn right on McKean and go two miles to the entrance. She plans a ride of about 10 miles on some really beautiful trails. Look for some more information on the QSER Facebook page as the date approaches.

The Fourth Friday rides can be led by any club member at any park in the Bay Area. Want to share your favorite trails with fellow club members? Send Jill an email to sign up – [mail@knfarms.com](mailto:mail@knfarms.com).

## Quicksilver ride report

by Alicia Stanton

On Saturday, March 13, the Quicksilver Club went for its first group ride of the year at Fort Ord. Without a doubt, the very best time of year to visit this park is in early spring. The weather, although cloudy and windy, was perfect. The horses were eager and so were the riders. What a day! I've been a member of the club for just a short time, so this is only my third group ride, but each time I've been really impressed by the beauty of the horses and the skill of the riders. Last Saturday was no exception.



Apparently the secret of Fort Ord's beauty in spring has gotten out and the parking lots were crammed to overflowing. After consulting with the park ranger and some deliberation, we were directed to park along the road and walk our horses into the trail head. It turned out that Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz was doing an informational kiosk in the parking lot to share trail etiquette knowledge. We skipped the training.



It's fortunate that the park is so large because, once we got away from the trailhead, we seldom passed more than a few people at a time. Those people we did come in contact with added to the pleasure of the day. Every encounter was friendly, from small children (thrilled by the horses) and many dogs (including Dalmatian puppies), to polite cyclists and curious goats. Shannon, our intrepid leader, took us on a circular route starting away from the crowds along a small foot trail which quickly opened up into broad fire roads, allowing those who wished to go faster to break off.

Initially, we were nine strong, but after our group photo we split up in two. Our group was led by Shannon, and

included Elisabet, Jill, Naemi (guest) and myself. Although ours was to be the slow ride, we were often able to look ahead to catch sight of Lori, Margaret, Elaine and Kristen (guest) trotting off briskly ahead of us.



Our horses were also eager to move out fast but we kept getting distracted, stopping to do things like pick up litter, check out water troughs, look for goats and swap stories about previous trips or tales of horse adventures. Thanks to Shannon's skillful leadership, we were able to finish our ride shortly after the "fast" group and had a happy few minutes together at the trailhead.



Jill floated the idea of having a monthly ride, perhaps on the first Friday, to be organized by a different Quicksilver member each month. This would give everyone a chance to share a favorite trail and allow us to get together to do what we love best. I think that this is a great idea and hope that our next group ride can happen soon! Any volunteers?

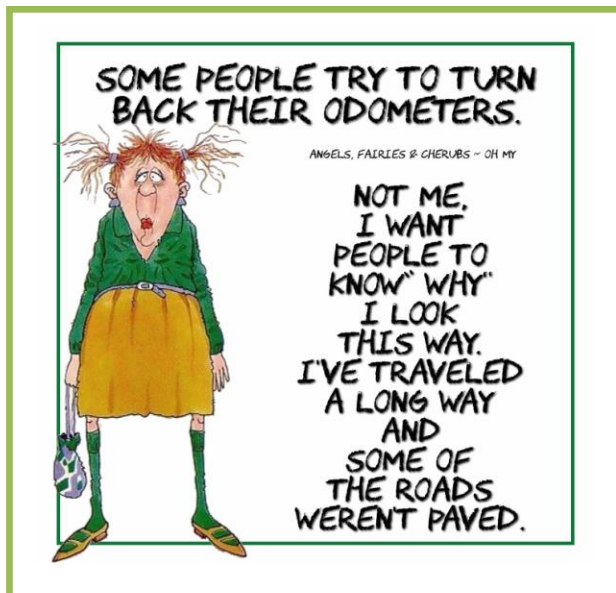
**A little movie trivia...**

*This is King Charles, a Thoroughbred foaled in 1937. He was a grandson of Man O' War and played the horse "The Pie" in the movie National Velvet. Trained as a hunter and owned by a wealthy socialite, he was offered for use in the film. At the end of filming, the horse was gifted to Elizabeth Taylor on her birthday. Elizabeth Taylor fell in love with the horse prior to and during production and was an accomplished rider. The horse remained with her the rest of his life.*



Drink water from the spring where horses drink. The horse will never drink bad water. Lay your bed where the cat sleeps. Eat the fruit that has been touched by a worm. Boldly pick the mushroom on which the insects sit. Plant the tree where the mole digs. Build your house where the snake sits to warm itself. Dig your fountain where the birds hide from heat. Go to sleep and wake up at the same time with the birds – you will reap all of the days golden grains. Eat more green – you will have strong legs and a resistant heart, like the beings of the forest. Swim often and you will feel on earth like the fish in the water. Look at the sky as often as possible and your thoughts

will become light and clear. Be quiet a lot, speak little – and silence will come in your heart, and your spirit will be calm and full of peace.” - Unknown





# Birthdays!!!



## April

Shannon Thomas: 4/2, Alicia Stanton: 4/3, Don Brown: 4/3, Melissa Ribley: 4/8, Kathy Brayton: 4/20, Julie Suhr: 4/21, Jill Newburn: 4/22

**A note on birthdays:** I don't have a complete list of Quicksilver member's birth dates. If you feel inclined (and don't mind having your birthday date published), please send me a note. I don't want the year, just the month and day. Thanks! Eeisabet

## Quicksilver Endurance Riders (QSER) Club March 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

QSER Board Meeting  
March 17, 2021 – Zoom Call  
Minutes

Members Present: Jerry, Maryben, Nick, Carolyn, Jill, Trilby and Margaret

### Call to Order

Agenda Review

### Review of Committees and Report

- Technical
  - Newsletter – requests from Elisabet for stories, pictures, fun stuff from other publications
  - Website – Nick request content, but no new updates to report.
- Trails

Carolyn reports that parks are opening up for camping and other activities.
- Membership

Maryben will make calls/emails to regular members who have not yet renewed. Nick will set up a Google Doc and share with Maryben to coordinate our renewals and keep track of members as they pay both through the website and by sending a check to Maryben.  
New member Elizabeth Grajeda joined on Feb 24 – elgrajeda@gmail.com
- Goodwill

None to report this month
- Ride Committee Reports
  - Update on QSER Fall Ride status – Jerry

Outdoor equestrian activities are now allowed in the 'Purple Tier for COVID planning, so this bodes well for the ride in the fall.  
The bad news is that there is not currently any guidance on camping.  
Jerry will work with Nick on getting our entry and payment system on line in the next couple of months before we go live with the information on the website.  
Shannon Thomas will continue as our Ride Manager and Jerry will be our Ride Secretary.  
*Update from Carolyn – SC Co Parks will take our permit application to hold the dates for the ride in October.*
  - Update on Fireworks – Jill

Fireworks Ride date has been moved to August 28. The committee feels good that the State Parks will be issuing group permits for August, and we are working with all other parties to secure needed permissions to use the trail. This will be a 'No-frills' ride this year, as we expect that numbers will still be limited due to COVID considerations, and we trust that there will still be a crowd that wants to ride anyway.

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- Financial - see Nick's report below

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

Informal Proposal – First Fridays group rides – Jill

A good number of members ride on Fridays, so we will encourage club members to 'sponsor' a club ride on the first Friday of the month, and publish this information in the Quips and share details on the Facebook page. Rides can be held wherever the leader wants to go and encourage members to get out and connect for some fun on the trail.

How do we welcome new members? – Jill

Ensure that all new members get a welcome email. Maryben has been doing this and in the future the email can be initiated by either Maryben or Nick as the new member is added to the Google Doc list.

Welcome email will include

Nick & Maryben

Elisabet, so she can get an introductory story into the Quips

Mike Maul so he can get them onto the Google Group email list

Plus the President so s/he can keep up and offer a welcome as well

*Either Nick or Maryben will initiate this email and update the Google Document, depending on who receives the payment.*

Our Facebook page is getting some good traffic, so we can look for ways to connect with new members there and include them in any activities or gatherings.

**Next Meeting – April 21, 7 pm**

### Trea\$urer'\$ report:

General Account Balance: **\$9,419.09**

Trails account Balance: \$1,074.90

**SAW BAD MAN. BIT BAD MAN.**



**END OF REPORT**

Wait here while I call mother and tell her you followed me home!



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**Books by Lori Oleson --- Enduring Memories and Endurance... Years Gone By** are available for sale. Re-live the adventures that tell the stories of horses and riders who made their way down the trail in the 1960s through the 1990's. Books are available by contacting Lori at **(408) 710-5651** or [lorioleson@alumni.cpp.edu](mailto:lorioleson@alumni.cpp.edu)

**WANTED:** T-Shirts from Endurance Rides, any size or condition.

I am making a T-shirt quilt and am a few squares short  
Need about 7-10 more shirts for a queen size quilt. I will pick up.

Please contact: Michelle Herrera - 831 427 1533 or by e-mail: [montra7003@sbcglobal.net](mailto:montra7003@sbcglobal.net)

## Submitted by Julie Suhr:

**From Sweetbeau horses:** Hi Everyone, Last year a few of you wanted to participate in the Sam Van Fleet Liberty & Energy clinic, however it was already filled. Today, we locked in the dates for this year's clinic (June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) and I'm sending out this personal notice to ensure you all had it ASAP and those interested can register.

Info on the clinic is below:

**Areas covered:** Groundwork, Body Control, Creating a Draw, Side-pass, R+ intro, Direction Changes, Funneling, Individual Liberty and more.

**Dates:** June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

**Breed:** All breeds welcome

**Location:** Sweetbeau Horses, Creston CA

**Cost:** 2 days = \$400/participant or \$60/auditing ----- 1 day = \$250/participant or \$40/auditing

Anyone interested or would like additional info (stalls, lodging, food etc.), just call or email me.

Thanks, be safe and see you soon!



Best, Michael Soffel, Co-founder [msoffel@sweetbeauhorses.org](mailto:msoffel@sweetbeauhorses.org) Mobile: 650-303-6762

# IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE QUICKSILVER RIDERS!!!!

**Club Mission** - Quicksilver exists to promote the sport of endurance riding by conducting endurance rides and advocating for equestrian trails. It seeks to provide a model for the highest level of sportsmanship and horsemanship within the context of this sport. It supports and provides educational events and leadership in each of these areas.

FIRST: We need your name \_\_\_\_\_

And then your address \_\_\_\_\_

And your phone number and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 30 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior membership is \$ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

(a junior is under 16 years of age)

Family Membership is \$45 \_\_\_\_\_

Mailed Quips (paper copy) \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You can go to our website at : [www.qser.net](http://www.qser.net) to join, OR send a check made out to: **Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.** to: Maryben Stover, 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose, CA 95125-3535

**THANK YOU!!**

