



# Quicksilver Quips

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## President's Message-June 2020

Quicksilver club members got through another month of pandemic social distancing in style of the times—we held a Zoom General Club Meeting. A group of us gathered virtually for some socializing and sharing on May 13. While it would be nice to gather in person, it was also very fun to see and hear from folks who could not normally make it to a meeting! We heard from Karen Hassan about the Marina Equestrian Center at Fort Ord, its history as a WWII training and surgical center, her vision of how this facility might be restored, and the possibility of reviving the Fort Ord Endurance Ride. We also heard from Lori Oleson and Brian Reeves about AERC's plans to implement some ride guidelines for social distancing. A small group of us even met for a socially-distanced but in-person trail ride at Fort Ord the following weekend and got to enjoy some of these great trails and the many wildflowers still in bloom.

I am sad to report that the Fireworks Ride Committee recently decided that we will not be holding the ride this July, but have July 10, 2021 scheduled for a return of the event next year. The group found that we currently could not comply with the various rules being placed on events by the state and local land managers, nor could we feel confident about the health and safety of our riders and staff at this time. Shannon Thomas and Jerry Wittenauer are busy working on the modifications to the ride plans that need to be made to run the Fall QSER Classic, so we may have a Fall Ride to look forward to.

Wash those hands, hug those ponies, and make it a great day.

Jill



# General Information for the Membership



## Trails Update

On the Santa Clara County side:

No changes on trails or park updates. Still same open with social distancing...Happy Trails!

*Carolyn Tucker*

On this side of the hill, I can add that the Henry Cowell's parking lot on Hwy 9 is open. Access to the park from the SCCHA has been open all along. Wilder Ranch parking lot is open. Salinas River beach is open, but you have to park on the street.

*Elisabet Hiatt*

## Meeting on Zoom, April 2, 2020

Jill called to order at 7:05 PM. Present are Jill Kilty-Newburn, Lori Oleson, Maryben Stover, Richard Carter, Trilby Pederson, and joining slightly later, Sarah Marriah Gray.

### New Business:

Quicksilver Fall Classic: Regarding our ride on Oct. 3rd, Shannon received a call from Chuck Stalley that the Tevis board was considering the same date as they anticipate having to push their date back. He was very respectful and asked how we felt about that and what our options are. We discussed our options: changing our date to the Tevis original date (Aug 1st), cancelling the ride (our main source of income), or changing to another date in October. We decided that Shannon would call Chuck back and get more information.

### Quicksilver Calendar/Yearbook:

Traditionally whomever has volunteered to make the annual commemoration decides which to assemble, a yearbook vs. calendar. This year Sandy volunteered to make a calendar but unfortunately it was not finished by the awards banquet and now we have a large mailing bill. Lori motions to repay Sandy and Dick for the mailing fees incurred. Shannon seconds.

Going forward, we will require that the committee and reports finish at the end of January. Also we need to be sure that the list of members is current with dues and if on a calendar, is not on a page that could be viewed by the public. Captions of who is in the pictures would also be appreciated. Any volunteers?

### Committees and Reports:

\*Trilby is working with Lori on the online banking.

\*Nick has made improvements to the website, check it out and let him know what other changes we might want.

\*Elisabet has been helping Barbara with the Quips.

\*Maryben reported that there are 18 members who currently owe dues. Marriah is going to help out with getting the membership on a spread sheet on Google Sheets.

We will need another virtual meeting soon to decide on the issue of our ride. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

# Treasurer's Report

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TREASURER'S REPORT - to date

04-24-2020

GENERAL ACCOUNT \$ 10,799.72

MAJOR EXPENSES TO DATE:

BANQUET	\$ 2,646.65
CALENDARS	1,390.60
INSURANCE	500.00

General Account \$10,613.99  
Trails Account \$1,074.80

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# BLM SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON E-BIKE REGULATIONS

*By Troy Patton, Co-VP Public Lands, BCHC*

The Bureau of Land Management announced on April 2, 2020 that they were opening a public comment period on proposed electric bike regulations. The public comment period will end on June 9th.

The proposed rule would amend the BLM's current management rule of considering e-bikes as off highway vehicles. It would add a definition for e-bikes that would allow them to be considered as bikes in line with the Secretary of the Interior, David Bernhardt's order to expand access on public lands to e-bikes. The proposed change would allow local BLM land managers the authority to use the new definition to make decisions on whether e-bikes should be operated on public lands in their jurisdictions. It would also direct BLM to address e-bike use in any future land use or implementation level decisions.

Wilderness areas will remain off-limits to both traditional bicycles and e-bikes. Also, e-bikes would not be given special access beyond what traditional non-motorized bicycles are allowed. The BLM goes on to state that they have already empowered its local land managers to permit the use of e-bikes, the comment period provides an opportunity for the public to offer feedback on the proposed rule. They state they will use feedback as they craft the final rule.

What this all means is that they will no longer consider an e-bike as a motorized vehicle. For all intents and purposes they would be considered the same as a bicycle without a motor. This re-designation would allow e-bikes on non-motorized trails where the land manager deems it appropriate. In other words, instead of changing the trail designation, they are changing the e-bike designation. Since there are no changes to trail designations, the NEPA process is not in play.

Backcountry Horsemen of California need to make their opinions on this change known. You can find the proposed rule at this link (<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=BLM-2020-0001>). You may submit comments on the proposed regulation, identified by the number RIN 1004-AE72 by either using the link above or US mail:

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Director (630) Mail Stop 2134 LM  
1849 C. St. N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20240  
Attention RIN 1004-AE72

This country was explored, surveyed, mapped and settled by people using horses and pack stock. We have a strong historical background in the development of our nation and we should not be pushed into only riding in Wilderness Areas.

BCHC does not agree with this change. We will be sending an official comment from the organization, but we would like all of our members to also comment individually. We feel that they are endangering the safety of equestrians and hikers by allowing e-bikes with speeds over 20 miles an hour on the same trails where a horse or human are moving around 3 miles an hour. It is a recipe for conflicts and disaster. The e-bikes should remain classified as what they are - a motorized vehicle. BLM states in their "Background and Description of Proposed Action" that "The objectives of these regulations are to protect the resources of the public lands, to promote the safety of all users of those lands, and to minimize conflicts among the various uses of those lands." We do not believe the proposed change will accomplish those objectives.

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# First Aid on The Trail

by Elisabet Hiatt



Let's face it... if you ride horses, sooner or later you are going to come across an accident of some sort. Sometimes it may be the horse, sometimes the rider, and occasionally both. I think that there is no worse feeling than wanting to help, but not knowing what to do.

Although I did not work in the industry, I was an EMT for 20 years and had the opportunity to help a lot of people, on and off the trail. It's a great feeling to know that you contributed something to increase someone's chance of recovery, no matter how small. It's also good to know you can help yourself, if you're the one who is hurt!

I thought it would be beneficial for most of us to go over a few basic things that we can all do to make a bad situation better. So let's start at what I consider the beginning.

Before you leave your house, you need to make a very important decision: Are you willing to help? I say this because if your answer is NO, Maybe you don't need to read any further!

If your answer is YES, then you need to decide now, as best you can, how far you are willing to get involved. It could be as simple as calling 911 or holding the injured person's horse, or as involved as providing first aid care to someone who needs it. By thinking about it now, it will be one less decision you'll have to make when the doo-doo

hits the fan. I know this sounds a bit silly, but I have found that once you make this particular decision, you will start looking at things quite differently.

**Legal stuff:** You need to know that in the state of California, the **Good Samaritan Law** falls under California Health and Safety Code Section 1799.102. This law states that when a person renders emergency care and acts in good faith without expecting compensation, they won't be held liable for their acts or omissions. The one thing to keep in mind, is that you should NOT act outside of the scope for which you have been trained. This alone, is a good reason to go and take a first aid and a CPR class... they will give you valuable information and teach you useful skills. Opening someone's airway by tilting their head back a little is very different from performing a tracheotomy! Know what you are allowed to do.

The other thing you need to know is that IF you decide to help, you have made a **commitment**. If you change your mind and leave, it could be construed as "abandonment" and there could be legal repercussions. This does not apply if you pass the care on to someone with equal or greater medical training (Yay, the EMTs/Paramedics arrive), or if the scene becomes unsafe (Yikes, the building is on fire and about to collapse!). Remember that YOUR safety is your number one priority. This is not selfish. This is common sense and you need to be OK with that, or risk becoming another victim, or even worse, die. Think about it when you play with scenarios in your head.



**Common sense stuff:** Face it, we all get tunnel vision. Before you jump in, take a deep breath, survey the scene and see if there is a reason for you NOT to get in the middle of it. Getting yourself hurt just doubles the problem.

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Once you've done that, take a look at what's actually going on. How many people hurt? How many people already there? Is anyone helping? Often, there will be people there who want to help, but don't know how. The relief they feel when someone who knows what they are doing (you!) starts giving them direction is tangible. Is a horse loose? Have someone hold it. Is someone there that can hold your horse? Has someone called 911? Is there a First Aid kit available?

Speaking of First Aid kits, in case you are wanting to put one together and are not sure what to take, here's what I carry with me, but first....

### My two rules:

1- It needs to be on my person. If for some reason my horse takes off with my first aid kit strapped to the saddle, it's useless.

2- I need to know what to do with the contents.



On the last page, you will see a photo of my fanny pack. I wear this pack every single time I get on a horse, unless I'm taking a lesson. I am so used to it, I actually feel kind of naked without it!

I admit, it is a bit big, and it weighs around 7 lbs. but it has been used so many times, it is totally worth it. There are other options, but I'm comfortable with this one. Find something that you like and will use. It doesn't do any good if it gets left in the trailer. What I look for in a fanny pack is that it's big enough for what I want to carry, and it's comfortable enough for me to wear it for hours on end. I like lots of compartments, and I like a wide strap, so it does not cut into my body. Unfortunately, it's not really easy to find one that meets those requirements. The best place to look is in fishing stores. They seem to get the "compartment thing" better than others. The other thing I think is important, is how you wear it. I wear mine "gun slinger style" low on my hips, so it does not put pressure on my back. It's the little things...

I view this fanny pack as something I can use to spend the night "out there" if I have to, and not just as a thing I carry in case I have to help someone else. You may have to "self rescue" and having these things handy can make your life much easier.

So, on to the contents and WHY: (see photo on next page, from left to right).

**Horse cookies** - just because horses have to have cookies!

**Leather strap** - in case I have to put a tourniquet on someone, and long enough to use to tie a splint if needed.

**Matches**, fishing line and needle - in case I have to catch and cook my dinner, dig out a splinter or mend my socks while I'm at it!

**Hand cream** - who wants dry, cracked hands?

**Bandana** - can be used as a face cover, a bandage, a wash cloth, a sling... you name it.

**Leatherman tool** - this one is worth its weight in gold. I remember one endurance ride when I came across a horse whose foot was caught on a cowboy fence (wire was stuck between the hoof and the shoe). I was able to cut the wire and all was well. the rider and horse finished the ride.

**Gatorade chewable electrolytes** - it's an easy way to replenish electrolytes. I was at a Fireworks ride one year when a rider was sitting in the middle of the trail acting disoriented... she was dehydrated and completely out of energy, but after eating a couple of those and having a good drink, she was able to finish the ride.

**Nuts, candy, fruit leather, cereal bars and juice** - sugar gets you out of a funk in a hurry, but it does not stay in your system very long, so candy and juice are good "firsts", but the nuts and cereal bars will give you a more lasting bang for your buck.

**Aspirin, Ibuprofen and Excedrin** - everyone likes a different type of pain relief. Some people are allergic to certain pain medications, so it's nice to have a variety. Also, remember to replace

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them every few years.

**Chap stick** - who wants chapped lips on their way to the hospital?

**CPR mask** - if things get really bad, it's a good thing to have. I will not do CPR without a mask on a stranger. If someone is in cardiac arrest, I am willing to do chest compressions if I do not have a mask available. This is one of those important "ahead of time" decisions I'm talking about.

**Compass, whistle, light, mirror and magnifying glass tool** - if you need to get a search party's attention, a whistle and a light or mirror are great things to have.

**Dry electrolyte mix** - light weight and easy to put in a bottle and drink it when needed.

**Basic first aid kit** - band aids, sterile pads, gauze bandages.

**Vet wrap** - perfect to hold a sterile bandage in place, or to apply a pressure bandage on a person or a horse!

**Shoe laces** - come in handy for repairs or to tie things in place.

**Sun screen** - don't burn your nose on those desert rides!

**Gloves, scissors, feminine napkin and TP** - it's always best to wear gloves to protect yourself from potential diseases. Scissors are handy, since sometimes you have to cut garments to see what's going on, and if there is blood, a feminine napkin takes little space but makes a great absorbing bandage. I'm pretty sure I don't have to explain what the TP is for.

**Emergency blanket** - you can use it for shade, or to keep someone or yourself warm. It's also highly reflective, so if you are lost and trying to get a search party's attention, it is very visible from the air.

**Kleenex** - in case you run out of TP or need to have a good cry!

**Paper and pen** - it's good to document what you have done if you helped treat an injured rider. It's also good if you want to leave a note for someone, or give the cute Paramedic your phone number.

**Money** - you never know when you may need a few bucks. I carry the quarters because I'm old enough to remember pay phones... sigh.

**ID** - photocopy of my driver's license and my husband's phone number... in case I am the injured person and they need to call my family.

**Zip ties** - (not pictured) - have helped many a rider repair their broken equipment with those!

**Cell phone (not pictured)** - pocket or fanny pack, always carry on your person!

**Water (not pictured)** - I carry two water bottles on my saddle bags. They are too heavy to carry on my person, but if I'm riding by myself, I often put a small bottle of water in the fanny pack, in case my horse and I part ways.

The next installment will deal with common injuries we may encounter on the trail and what to do. If you have any questions or situations/stories you would like to share or ask about, feel free to contact me. I think that when we share our experiences, (the good the bad and the ugly!), it benefits us all... and the more "what if" situations you can think about, the better off you'll be.

If you have a plan, it's easier to turn it into an action, even if you have to make some modifications due to your particular circumstances. That's the reason I started this article with an invitation to think about your willingness to help before you went any further.

The next article will deal with specific circumstances, so if you have any stories, send them on! That about covers it, and this is getting a bit long, so I will leave it at that for now. Stay safe!

*Editor's note: Elisabet was a member of the UCSC police force and also taught first aid to the Año Nuevo Horse Patrol, of which she, I, and numerous other Santa Cruz horsemen were members many years ago.*



# Book Report

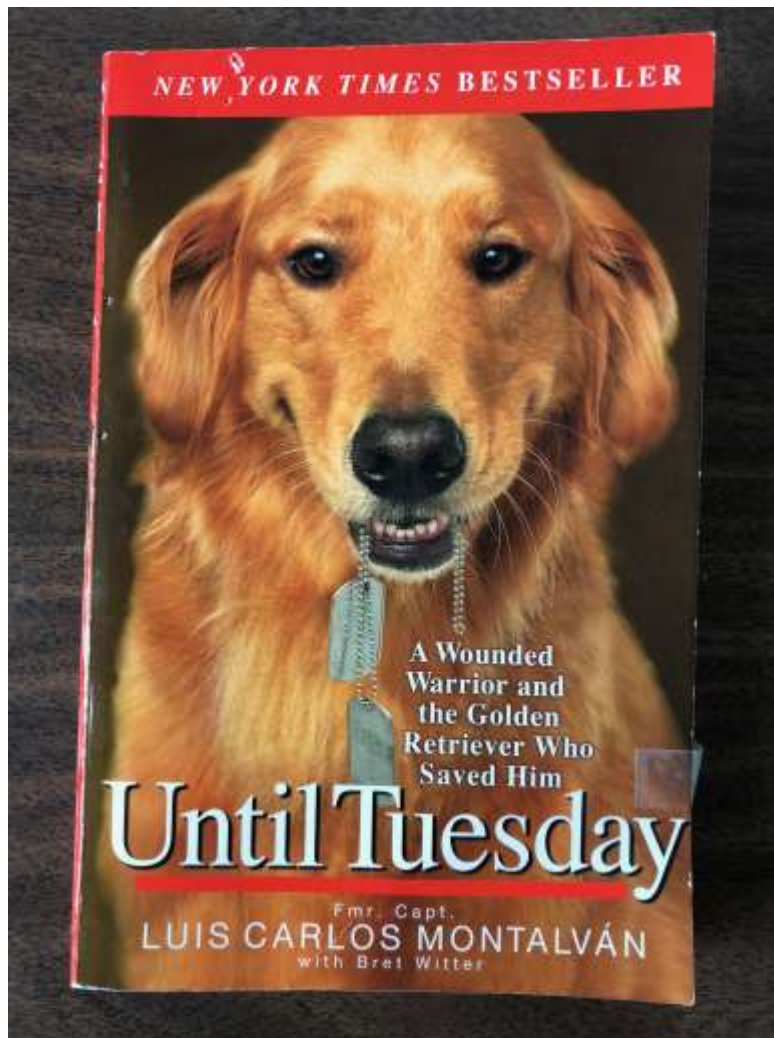
By Julie Suhr

My book report this month is not about a horse story but rather a dog story. Most of us have dogs so I decided it was okay. The book is titled *UNTIL TUESDAY* by Captain Luis Carlos Montalvan.

The author, a captain in the U. S. Army, served two tours in Iraq. He suffered some physical wounds but his post-traumatic stress disorder was the most difficult. Highly decorated for valor and very bright, the author of his own story has difficulty in both adjusting with depression and lack of purpose. He is given a highly trained service dog, a Golden Retriever, to be his constant companion. The handsome dog's name is Tuesday and they bond immediately. With Tuesday next to him the captain recovers to the point where he could pursue his journalism career as he graduates from Columbia University. The dog literally was never physically far from the author's side. As a recognized service dog, Tuesday was allowed in restaurants and public building in the same manner service dogs for the blind are.

There is a second book by the author titled *Tuesday's Promise*. I have not read it.

This book is not an easy read. It bogs down in places but the triumphal ending makes it worthwhile. It is on the New York Times BESTSELLER list. Captain Montalvan, both the author and subject of the book, was awarded two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart and his writings have appeared in many publications including The New York Times and The Washington Post. Capt. Montalvan died at the age of forty-three in 2016. This book is not for the faint of heart. Few war stories are."



# Behind the Lens:

## Get to Know Endurance Ride Photographer Bill Gore

by Merri Melde-Endurance.net  
May 15 2020



My "Behind the Lens" series, featuring members of the [Endurance Ride Photographers Guild \(ERPG\)](#), showcases the West region's Bill Gore.

Most of you probably know him best for shooting Cougar Rock with his team at the Tevis Cup. For over two decades, Bill Gore has been behind the lens recording your endurance ride memories, starting with, in fact, the Tevis Cup. There's a good story behind that, of course, that Bill will tell you here.

Bill's website is

<https://williamgorephotography.smugmug.com/>

### **Where do you live?**

Auburn, Ca

### **What is your profession?**

Fuel Transfer Engineer (Truck Driver)

### **Do you have horses? Do you ride?**

I currently have 4-year-old mustang mare. Last endurance ride was Tevis 2004. Usually rent a horse when I go hunting.

### **How did you first get into photography?**

Around my freshman year in high school I received my first camera (Pentax ME, which I still have). I used to carry that camera most everywhere but didn't have a specific subject to shoot. It wasn't until 1997 that I got into shooting endurance.

### **What equipment do you normally shoot with?**

I shoot Nikon. First decent camera I got (at least that was how I looked at it at that time) was a Nikon N90 kit camera. So when I went to upgrade the body I already had Nikon glass, so I stuck with Nikon. I currently shoot a Nikon D5 with a 28-300 lens.

### **When did you start shooting endurance rides?**

First endurance ride I shot was Tevis in 1997.

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### **Why do you like shooting endurance rides?**

Shooting endurance felt like a natural fit. Some disciplines you feel like an outsider, but when shooting endurance I felt like I belonged. The people in endurance are down to earth, always willing to help each other out. When at rides I feel like I am with my extended family.

### **What are challenges you find in shooting endurance rides?**

There are plenty of challenges when shooting endurance.

Weather (insert wind, dust, wind, dust, rain, fog, snow, temperature (I can't feel my fingers anymore. Operator error. Low battery, malfunctioning equipment, forgetting to update camera settings from previous shoot. Low light, you find that perfect spot but the horses arrive before the sun rises. Walking to chosen spot to shoot only to find you need to wade through a creek or swampy area. Forgetting bug spray.

Travel to rides can be a challenge. And stressful. Figuring that if you get up by 1:00 AM and out the door by 1:45 AM you should be able to get to the ride, park and hike in before the riders get to your spot. But once on the road you realize you need coffee, gas, snack and somewhere along the drive nature calls, all cutting into your precious time. Once at the ride you park, grab all your gear (hopefully) and hustle to your spot. Get there and put up your signs, check settings on camera, check trail to look for any fresh tracks. Then you can hear the front runners heading your way.

### **What are one or two of your favorite ride shooting stories/adventures/misadventures?**

It is very difficult to pick a favorite story from a ride as there are so many.

From the simple; while shooting you notice that there is something just not right about the rider approaching only to realize they only have one stirrup attached to the saddle and the other is in their hand. But having seen the photographer sign they tried to ride past me to get their photo. They didn't have anything to fix the issue. I pulled the shoe laces from my shoes and was able to patch together a quick fix and she was able to make that last until the next vet check.

To a more emotional story, which seems to happen a couple times a ride while shooting Tevis. When I get to watch a rider approach Cougar Rock with a look of focus, determination and a little fear. And when they make it over Cougar Rock I can hear them sobbing while they praise their horse saying, "We did it." I always feel honored to be there to memorialize that moment for them.

### **Any other pertinent info you'd like to share with us?**

When I first started shooting Tevis I met Kate Riordan. That progressed into me helping out showing film crews different locations along the trail. Which led to a very cool experience of being able to go up in the helicopter with a film crew.

All of my helping out/volunteering for Tevis ended up rewarding me when I received a call from Melinda Hughes. She told me that she had contacted Kate and explained to Kate that she was giving up shooting Cougar Rock. (Which had to do with their photographer falling off CR and getting life-flighted out the previous year.) Melinda said she wanted to hand over the reins of Official Cougar Rock Photographer and wanted suggestions for a photographer from Kate. Kate gave Melinda my name and I will always be extremely grateful to Kate for that.

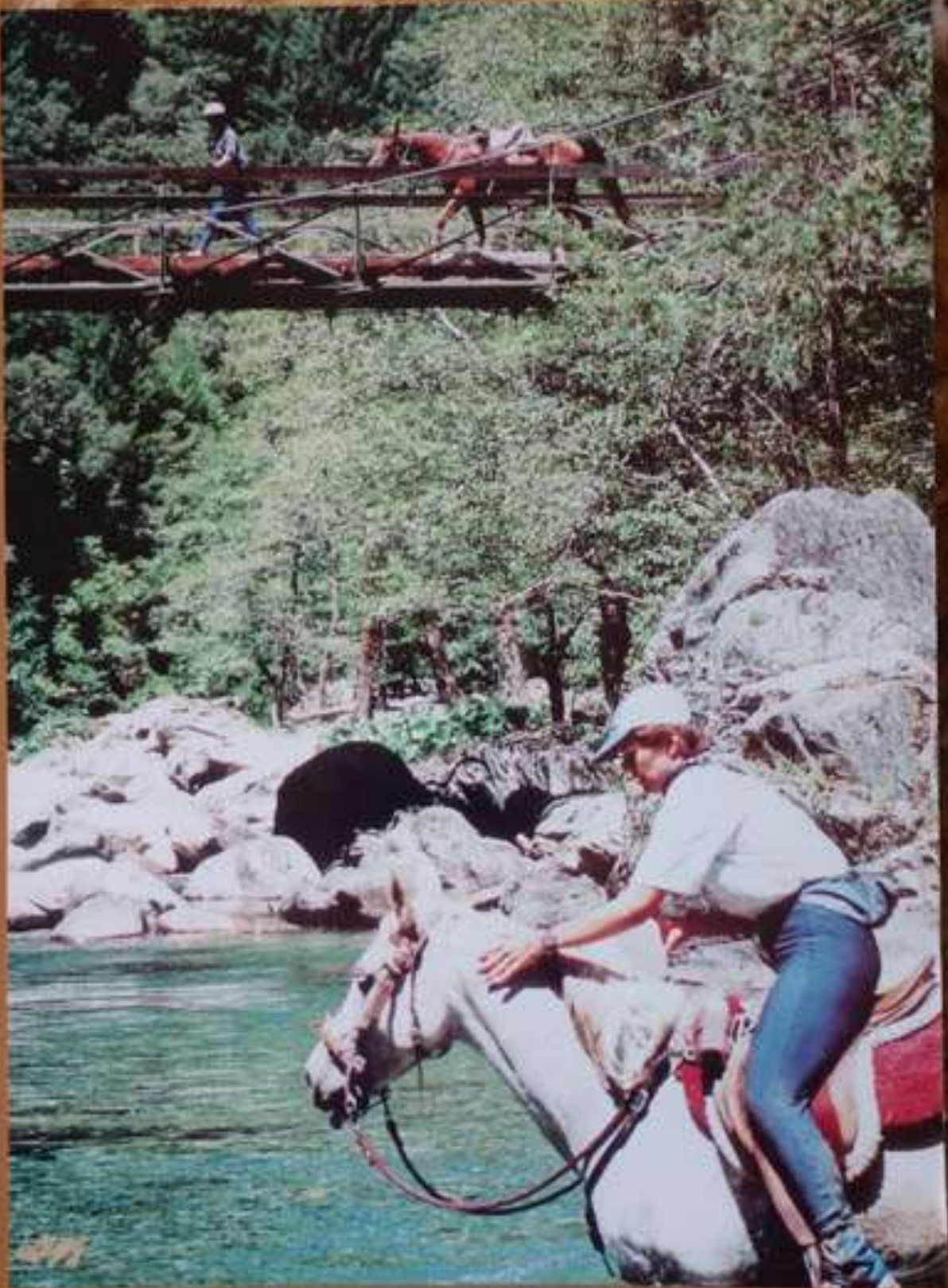
As a side note, the first year I was to shoot Cougar Rock the ride didn't even go over CR. That was the year they started in Auburn and finished in Auburn.

On page 12 is one of Bill's favorite shots, taken at Swinging Bridge on the Tevis Trail.

### **Ride Photographer Bill Gore**



AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE



1998

YEARBOOK OF ENDURANCE RIDING



Getting to know you... Alicia Stanton

Like most endurance riders that I know, I cannot remember a time when I did not love horses. My earliest ambition was to grow up to become a horse. This seemed to me to be as reasonable a choice as becoming either a nurse or a fireman. I took every opportunity to improve my horse skills by eating grass, cantering, and wearing my hair in a ponytail.

As I grew older, I became more realistic. I began to read nothing but horse stories and to dream of keeping a horse in our suburban back yard. My parents were unwilling to go along with my wishes. It wasn't until I had my first job that I realized that there was nothing to stop me from fulfilling my dream. I set out to find myself a horse.

A small classified ad in the Santa Cruz Sentinel led me to a bay mare on a ranch near Pescadero. She was supposed to be a 12-year-old  $\frac{3}{4}$  Thoroughbred,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Quarter Horse former packhorse. She was broken down and underweight, scars and sores on her back, but I thought that she was beautiful. I couldn't afford a saddle; I put a pillow on her bony back and off we went to explore every trail that I could find. Within a year, convinced that she was the most wonderful horse ever, I bred her to a local stallion, and within the next year, I had a newborn filly.



Initially, my intention was to train my filly to jump cross-country courses, but I soon realized that I loved exploring more than doing jumps or circles in an arena. A lucky set of circumstances took me to a boarding stable and deposited my horse next to Elisabet's horse.

Elisabet tried her usual trick of taking me, as a new arrival, out on a long, fast ride, figuring that I would be like the other boarders, quickly worn out and unwilling to go again. She couldn't have been more wrong. She opened my eyes to the fact that, not only could a horse trot or canter for hours, but that there were horses who loved doing it! We began riding regularly together and still have not lost our love of either horses or exploring.

While my filly enjoyed being out on the trail, she had no interest in going for more than 25 miles. I was convinced that I needed an Arabian horse to complete longer endurance rides.



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I found a 4-year-old black Arab stallion who needed a temporary home while his owner was figuring out what to do with her life. Eighteen years and many adventures later, my beautiful black wonder horse died after surgery for a bad colic. In some ways, he was always too much horse for me- too valuable, too untrained, too wild, too clumsy- but I loved him and was devastated to lose him when he was still so full of life.



When I was finally able to think of having a horse again, I went looking for another black Arab. Of course, that is not what I got. As has happened with so many others, the horse that I found really found me. He's a pinto Saddlebred/Arab cross who might be a bit anxious but will try to do anything that I request. I could not ask for a more willing or joyous companion on my adventures.



He is my friend, my solace, my teacher. He makes me want to be a better rider. I may never be able to become a horse, but I have found a way to share my heart with one.

Alicia and I met in the mid 80's at the boarding stable where we kept our horses. We didn't really see each other that much until one day when, to my horror, I realized that my horse (Lazo) had eaten Luna's gorgeous tail. Understandably, Alicia was a bit upset, and I felt terrible, but there wasn't much we could do. About a week later, when we both happened to be at the boarding stable at the same time, we saw that Luna had eaten Lazo's tail! We had a good laugh, we went on "the test ride" and the rest is history. I think of Alicia as the sister I always wished for, and I'm glad that a couple of tail hungry horses led us to a long lasting friendship! *Elisabet*

# At A Gallop

Cor Fire - "Cory"

May 7, 1982 – May 2, 2020

(Cor Fire by Corsair [by Comet], out of April Fire [Witez – Abu Farwa])

What does one say when one's soulmate dies? Cory was never "my horse". He was an extension of my mind and spirit, my once-in-a-lifetime equine-human experience.

Cory was our retired 100-mile endurance horse, but for the last 15 years or so, he was our all-around ranch horse, pony for visitors, therapy horse, trouble maker, and grounding force. Need to move the cows to another pasture? Take Cory. Looking for lost hikers or lost animals in the adjacent 10,000 acre county park? Take Cory. Looking for a neighbor's lost sheep? Take Cory. Help with outdoor events including life flight helicopter duty? Take Cory. No more.

Cory was always the horse I tacked up when we had visitors who would like to go on a pony ride. He was the perfect babysitter for the littlest kids, elderly relatives, and adults who have never ridden a horse before. When he felt that someone was slipping off his back, or seemed insecure, he just stopped moving. I chose to lead him, but really, no input was required from me.

This was in stark contrast to my rides with him! All of my rides on Cory are memorable, and I am fortunate to have these memories with me forever. As with any horse, a few rides were special. My first endurance ride with Cory (Camp Far West), my first 100 mile ride (Californios), and Swanton Pacific 100. Cory was 16 years old when I purchased him for \$1 from our dear friends Mary Capistrant and Courtney Hart. Some people definitely thought I overpaid. He had quite a few riders in his endurance career, and not many would put up with his, umm... "high spirits" for very long. A few choice comments about Cory were along the lines of "crazy lunatic", and "I'm never riding THAT horse again". But somehow Cory and I just worked. He took care of me, and I took care of him. Cory was agile and confident on any terrain, and wanted to make sure I don't fall off. Not so much to protect me, mind you, but having the rider come off just results in unnecessary delays, and would hinder his progress to go down the trail. Riding him was actually very straightforward, as he had only very few, yet non-negotiable, rules for appropriate rider behavior. They can be summarized in the following 8 words: 1) Get on, 2) Sit down, 3) Shut up, 4) Hang on. Follow those rules, and Cory would do the rest.

Cory was the horse I rode when I was having a challenging day. He somehow knew how to run fast enough so that any tears were wiped right off my face by the wind. Cantering the trails feeling his powerful stride, and looking down the trail between his pricked ears, was a joy that could truly make me forget everything else.

At 37 years old, we still went on trail rides once a week, usually a 5 mile ride in the hills around our ranch. On these rides, Cory was his usual self, the way he was as an endurance horse. We would warm up for a little while, and then he would trot, canter, and gallop, the gallop being his favorite gait. Yes, I tried to control his speed; yes, I did stop him from cantering downhill. But he would still paw and stomp the ground when we stopped for any reason, cantered sideways when we didn't go fast enough, and generally behaved like the lunatic he has always been. And I loved that horse!

Cory left this world on his terms, doing his favorite thing, going down the trail. He was trotting one moment, and collapsed unable to rise ever again the next. I think he appreciated that the vet came out to see him out on the trail one more time. Because that's what endurance horses do during a ride, after all.

I am grateful and humbled to have had Cory as my equine soulmate. May we all be so fortunate.

So, where do they go when they die? Where do any of us go? I don't know. But I do know this: I know how he's getting there –

At A Gallop

By Kiki Leather



Courtney Leroy Hart

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On Thursday, May 7, 2020, Courtney Hart, of Hermosa, SD, passed away at the age of 80 at the Monument Health Hospice House in Rapid City.

Courtney was born in Santa Cruz, CA, on May 2, 1940. He went to Watsonville High, graduating with the class of 1956. He then went on to graduate from Stanford University with a Master's degree in Engineering in 1962.

Courtney worked for many years in the semiconductor industry in California and has several patents from this work. He loved camping, hunting and fishing. He was also very involved in the sport of Endurance horse riding. Several horses that he trained attained national and international wins. He wrote a book called Winning Strategies for Endurance Horse Racing.

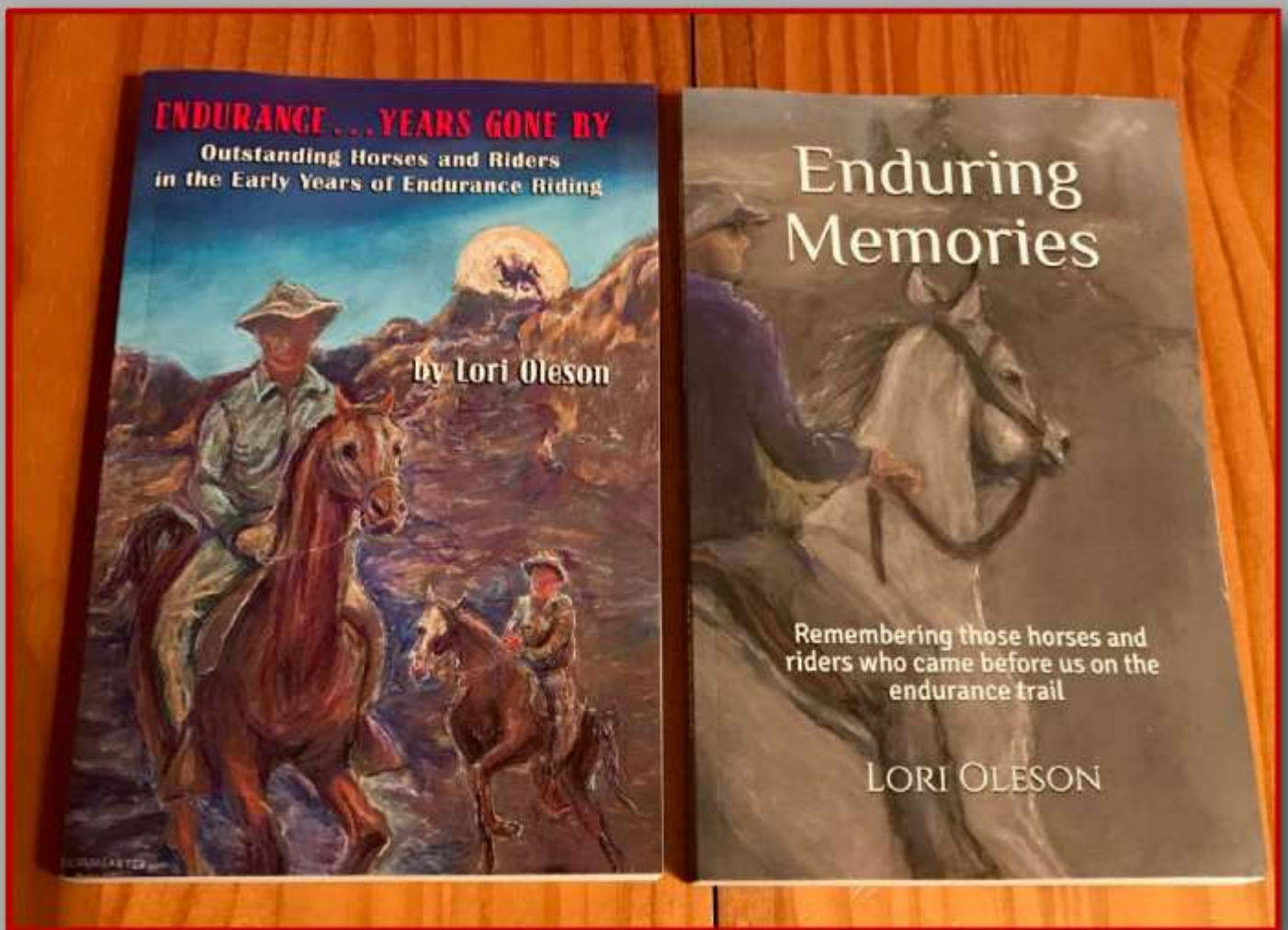
He enjoyed travel and visited Russia, Israel, Sweden, many countries in Europe. He also lived for many years in North Yorkshire, England.

Courtney was preceded in death by his father, Leland; his mother, Loretta and his son Kevin.

He was survived by his wife, Mary Capistrant; his children, Christine Hart and Stephanie Hollenstain and his grandchildren, Tyler DeCarlo, James Hollenstain, Henry Hollenstain, Robert Hollenstain and Cody Hart.

Courtney will be laid to rest in Pajaro Valley Memorial Park in Watsonville, CA.

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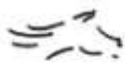
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My place borders Quicksilver Park.



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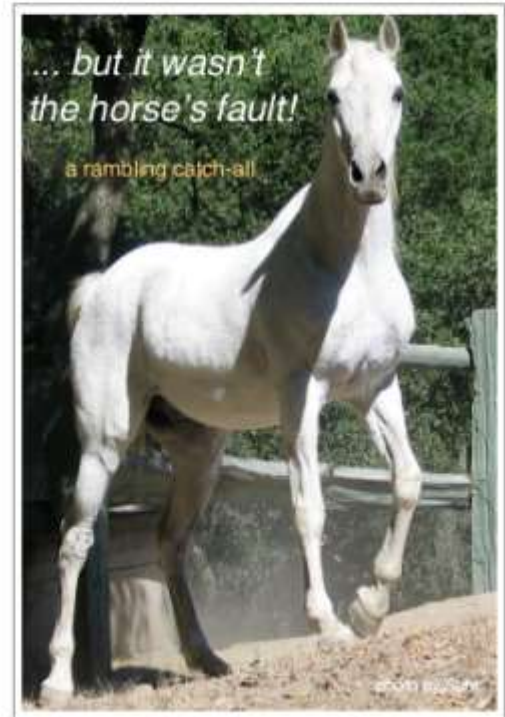
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

1. **Ten Feet Tall, Still** is out-of-print, but available as an e-book from Amazon, Barnes and Noble and others. All proceeds to **AERC Trails Fund** and **WSTF Trails Fund** for preservation of horse trails. \$9.99
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by  
Julie Suhr

*You are never  
quite the same  
after you ride  
a good horse.*



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# Humor, Philosophy, and Birthdays

Nothing in life is more remarkable than the unnecessary anxiety which we endure, and generally create ourselves.

*Benjamin Disraeli (1804-81)*

That man is happiest who lives from day to day and asks no more, garnering the simple goodness of life.

*Euripedes (485-406 B.C.)*

Different people have different duties assigned to them by Nature. Nature had given one the power or the desire to do this, the other that. Each bird must sing with his own throat.

*Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906)*

Good intentions are, at least, the seed of good actions; and every one ought to sow them, and leave it to the soil and the seasons whether he or any other gather the fruit.

*Sir William Temple (1628-99)*

It's a great thing to have ability, but the ability to discover ability in others is even greater.

We can do just about anything we want as long as we stick to it long enough.

**Patrick:** "Visiting Uncle Ned's ranch was a lot of fun. I saw a man who made horses.

**Mother:** Patrick, are you pulling my leg?

**Patrick:** "No, he had a horse nearly finished. When I saw him, he was just nailing on the feet."

**Suzie:** "Why so glum?"

**Sally:** "My boyfriend just lost all of his money."

**Suzie:** "That's too bad. I'll bet you're feeling very sorry for him."

**Sally:** "Yes. He's really going to miss me."

A knowledge of the path cannot be substituted for putting one foot in front of the other.

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.

In nature there are neither rewards nor punishment—only consequences.



Happy June Birthdays to our  
Quicksilver Members and  
Endurance Friends

Michele Roush	4
Jeff Luternauer	6
Michelle Herrera	11
Alex North	26
Susie Hartline	26
Lud McCrary	30



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"There is no secret so close as that between a rider and his horse." -R.S. Surtees

"To ride on a horse is to fly without wings" -Unknown

"Life outside of endurance? I don't think so" -Dave Rabe

**We would love to have you join the Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!**

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