



# Quicksilver Quips

March 2020

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## *President's Message – March 2020*

It's Monday morning after the 20 Mule Team Ride, and I am musing on gratitude; feeling grateful for a really well managed ride, wonderful volunteers and a great experience, even if I was one of the many who did not complete the challenging course weekend. The trail was beautiful and the weather just as varied as you could imagine! While the QSER crowd did have a fair number of pulls, we also had a few complete and I hope that some of these folks will share their stories.

I'm also feeling grateful for club members who are willing to try new things to serve the group needs. These include:

Elisabet Hiatt for jumping in as our Assistant Editor and Chief Story Hunter for the Quips,

Nick Warhol for his willingness to get our new website updated and populated with the info that we want,

Mariah Grey for offering technical assistance to our Membership Secretary that should make record keeping and welcoming new members easier, and

Jerry Wittenauer for his willingness to support our Fall Classic Ride team as our Ride Secretary.

Your energy and willingness to lend a hand is appreciated!

And finally I am feeling gratitude for you as a community. What a pleasure it is to connect with members over a meal like at the Awards Banquet, or with our horses at a ride camp. We see amazing places, have fabulous adventures, and the experience is so much richer when we get to connect with our extended endurance family.

Hope to see you out there soon...

Jill

## QSER Board Meeting at the Westside Grill

The QSER Board met before the Awards Banquet on Feb 8th at the Westside Grill.

Called to order at 4:07 PM. Present were Jill, Dick, Sara, Marriah, Maryben, Trilby, and Shannon. Lori is our final board member but was unable to make this meeting. Positions in the club were decided with Jill continuing on as President, Dick as VP, Trilby as Treasurer and Shannon as Secretary. Trilby motioned and Dick seconded this decision.

Next on the agenda was a review of our various committees.

**Technical committee:** The website will now be mastered by Nick Warhol and the newsletter will now have Elisabet Hiatt as the assistant editor to Barbara McCrary.

**The Trails committee:** was hoping to get some love from Caroline Tucker who is retiring from County Parks.

**The Membership committee:** We have 40 paid membership dues (some individuals and some families). Thirty or so need to pay their membership dues.

**The Goodwill committee:** This is Maryben; she sends cards when club members need support.

**The Ride committee:** Harvey Bear Park has been reserved for our fall Classic on October 3rd. The Fireworks ride is having a planning meeting soon which Jill and Marriah will attend.

**The Financial report:** We reviewed the last report that was printed in last months QUIPS so please see that if interested. (Editor's note: I am including it on the next page.)

New Business:

**New Member initiative:** We would like to do a better job welcoming new members and introducing them to the club. We decided that Marriah may be able to help Maryben with this. Also, Elisabet as the associate editor of the Quips can publish a profile there.

**Our next meeting:** (all members are invited) is at the Summit house on Hwy.17 on April 22. Meet for socializing at 6:00 PM and meeting at 6:30.

**Our May meeting** will be at the Marina Equestrian Center for a ride led by Shannon through Ft. Ord on the 16th.

Trilby would like to host this year's Christmas party at her house on the 5th of December. She will roast a turkey and it will be a pot-luck.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM.

*Shannon Thomas, Secretary*

“Leave your horse’s hair in a pile somewhere for birds to pick up and use as nesting material... they love it! But do NOT leave long mane or tail hairs with it. Baby birds get tangled up in the long, strong hairs and may hurt or kill themselves.”





## Treasurer's Report



| <b>2019 Income</b>            |                    |  | <b>Bank of America accounts</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Membership - PayPal (11)      | \$360.00           |  | 12/31/2019                      |
| Membership - Check/Cash (29)  | \$985.00           |  | General (Checking) \$13,780.61  |
| Membership - QS Fall Ride (6) | \$210.00           |  | Trails (Savings) \$1,074.75     |
| Fireworks                     | \$500.00           |  |                                 |
| Printed Quips                 | \$0.00             |  |                                 |
| QS Fall Classic               | \$9,070.00         |  |                                 |
| 2019 Banquet Tickets          | \$900.00           |  |                                 |
| SCCHA Refund                  | \$99.13            |  |                                 |
| <b>total income</b>           | <b>\$12,124.13</b> |  |                                 |
| <br>                          |                    |  |                                 |
| <b>2019 Expense</b>           |                    |  |                                 |
| Yearbook                      | \$899.81           |  |                                 |
| Mailed Quips                  | \$386.83           |  |                                 |
| Awards Banquet                | \$2,389.17         |  |                                 |
| check image fee               | \$0.00             |  |                                 |
| Insurance                     | \$532.00           |  |                                 |
| Meeting Expense               | \$14.98            |  |                                 |
| QS Fall Classic               | \$5,576.82         |  |                                 |
| Post Office Box               | \$64.00            |  |                                 |
| Goodwill Cards                | \$65.00            |  |                                 |
| PayPal                        | \$23.32            |  |                                 |
| Postage                       | \$11.00            |  |                                 |
| Engraving                     | \$0.00             |  |                                 |
| Tevis 1/2 mile                | \$2,640.00         |  |                                 |
| SquareSpace                   | \$12.15            |  |                                 |
| <b>total expense</b>          | <b>\$12,615.08</b> |  |                                 |

Lori Oleson, Treasurer





In the middle of December, Shannon Thomas got to do one of the most fun things us horse crazy people get to do... pick up a new horse!

GS Samson, AKA Sam joined an eclectic herd at her place. I think she is starting a collection... one of each kind/color perhaps? Let's begin with what is there:

One very talented Arabian named Fawkes (Fox for those of you with a dirty mind), Sandy, one lovely National Show Horse (and soon to be a decade team horse!) and the show stopper, Milton Burro... a sweet long eared critter who will steal your heart no matter how hard you try not to let him do it... trust me, I know!



Newcomer Sam is a Rocky Mountain horse, soon to be 8 (March 27th, in case you want to send him some cookies) and so far, he has done a great job. His first outing after arriving home was a trip to the beach... yes, Shannon likes to live dangerously, and Sam took it all in stride. As she puts it, "she likes that he's so trustworthy and brave". I have seen this myself a number of times already. He's a thinker!



Sam seems always eager to explore, and looks at weird things not as threats but as a potential source of treats! Yes, he is the proverbial cookie monster and if you do happen to have a cookie on you, I guarantee you will not be able to resist giving it to him.

It has been really fun for me riding with Shannon and Sam and I can see why she wants to spend lots of time "out there" seeing trails with him! He keeps up just fine, thank you very much, and when that gaited, turbo charged engine is engaged, he can really go! My horse walks fast, but when Sam is on a mission, we have to trot to keep up. In the mean time, Shannon could just as well be having a glass of champagne and not spill a drop. If you have ridden a gaited horse, you know what I mean... it's pretty cool, actually!



Sam has done two LD rides (2018 and 2019) at the Sesenta Años rides, and may be introduced to a 50 this year if all goes well.

There is a new kid in town, and he's ready to have some fun! If you see them out there, make sure you stop and say hi... just make sure you bring a cookie!

## Laurel Mountain

*By Elaine Elbizri*

Yes, Elizabeth we all have stories. I compose them while I'm racing along trails, in the middle of a swimming pool or where ever it is not possible to use pen and paper let alone a computer.

In 2019 we had a very wet winter and my plans to start the season with two LD rides at Cuyama in March, were changed as the ride was moved to Laurel Mountain. Due to fires in 2018 and getting bucked off, we – Bella and I - had not done a ride since Cuneo Creek in September. Aside from rides Bella loves camping, she is very companionable and enjoys the presence of all those other horses, she watches them and calls to them. At Laurel Mountain on a cold March day she was not so thrilled, she was wary and listless, did not eat much and stayed quiet and still.

Our first desert ride, we rode for miles and miles of the same scenery – rocks among small bushes - interspersed were spectacular mountains and rock formations and delightful fields of spring flowers. Around LM camp there is a loop of 4-5 miles that starts the ride and sometimes ends it to make up the mileage. Towards the end of the ride we were on that loop when two black rocks hiding behind a bush startled Bella, who, in an instant did a one eighty and swung me off, I hung on to the reins – fearing I would lose my horse in the desert – and dislocated my middle finger! I rode on and was joined by one of those riders who is prepared and she produced adhesive bandages I used

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to straighten and secure the bent finger to the index finger. She was very patient and helpful with me and we rode the last few miles together, I'm so sorry I cannot recall her name now.

Back at camp neighbors – also well equipped – provided tape and splint to secure my finger. I did not doubt that I could ride the second day. That night we had an outrageous wind. I camp in a tent. I sensed we would be blown away any minute and the flapping and noise of the tent gave no chance for sleep. I crept into the backseat of my truck.

We had a successful second ride though Bella's lack of enthusiasm at camp remained. We left for the long haul back home with me puzzling and worrying that I had asked too much of my horse or was she not cut out for this kind of caper? I also declared that desert rides were not for us and we would stick to green hills and woodland scenery for our future adventures.

We had a good season in 2019, a total of 9 rides including 3 fifties!

2020 end of January found me on the road to Laurel Mountain with a promise of no wind and 70 degree temperatures! Signed up for a fifty!

This story is short – pulled up and camped right next to Sandy Holder and Q. Sandy had come in first with BC on the first ride and was looking for someone to ride with her on the second day. I was happy to join her but thought Bella and I would not get past the lunch break. But we did... we had a great very fast ride; Bella was in top form and found a new love at camp – Q! ■



*Bella and me in the woods*



*A very relaxed Bella in Calero*



Stacey Rader is a tough cookie AND probably a saint... well, at least she is in my book, since that's what I think of high school science teachers! Stacey teaches AP biology (an introductory college-level biology course), anatomy and physiology, and chemistry. Toughness and sainthood are good qualities to have when your goal is to ride endurance, so I think she will do very well!



Stacey started riding when she was 8 years old and showed hunter jumpers into her early 20's. Unfortunately, her TB gelding was diagnosed with navicular disease and had to be retired, and sadly, she had to stop showing.

During college, she worked at Alum Rock Ranch (when it existed) giving trail rides and lessons for a couple of years, but then started working at a small animal veterinary hospital, and unfortunately stopped riding for almost 25 years.

Her first horse was an Anglo Arab mare named Lisa (possibly her one true love ♥ she says!), and her second horse was an off the track thoroughbred gelding named Ace. A challenging horse, or, in her own words, "a complete nut job, but a great jumper". As often as some of those challenging horses are, Ace was a sweet boy on the ground.

The next lucky equine was a rescue horse named Teddy. Teddy was a true bomb proof trail horse and a lesson horse she worked with.

*Teddy's claim to fame:* Eric Roberts once fired a prop gun off of Teddy's back in a Civil war reenactment done for a movie.. how about that!?



His  
I'm  
Eric!

Unfortunately for Teddy, he decided he hated children, and beginners in general, and he tried to murder several! Yikes!! His owner was going to sell him for meat so Stacey bought him for \$300 (his market value at the time). She ended up selling Teddy to a little old lady in Morgan Hill. Stacey's mom told her that the old lady would ride him to a small diner in San Martin that still had an old school hitching post out front. She did it into her late 80's. Teddy was in his early 20's when she sold him, so he must have lived into his 30's. They grew old together, and that's just plain adorable!



She has recently started riding again and is doing a partial lease of a sweet Canadian warmblood named Donnie. She is quite smitten with him, but it seems like his owner will never sell him.

While Donnie is a great trail horse, he isn't available for her to train for endurance riding, so she is enjoying him and taking lessons to build her rider fitness and get her "horse fix".

She is keeping her eyes open for a horse that she can bond and build with, so club, let's help her out and keep our eyes open!



Stacey says that she has always wanted to try endurance riding and has decided that now might be her time. Her claim is that "I have zero experience!" but clearly she knows horses, so I think she will fall in love with the sport.

Stacey joined the Quick Silver club to hopefully meet people that she can learn about endurance riding from, and to make horse friends. I think she came to the right place, don't you?

Welcome to the club, Stacey and Donnie! We look forward to meeting you both and sharing some fun adventures!

Happy trails!

## Great News!

By Pat McAndrews

Calero has opened a new trail called Oak Cove that starts near our staging area on the side next to the reservoir and connects near the Cottle Trail. The new trail is beautiful and perfect for a conditioning ride. It can connect you to the Cottle trail that goes up to our other new trail leading to the ridge at Open Space or you can take one of two circular trails back to the staging area. The only downside of the trail is that it is also available for bikes to use to allow access into the park and connect the parks. I have ridden it now multiple times and have found the bikers more than courteous. My GPS states that from the staging area to the intersection at the end of Oak Cove Trail is just over five miles.

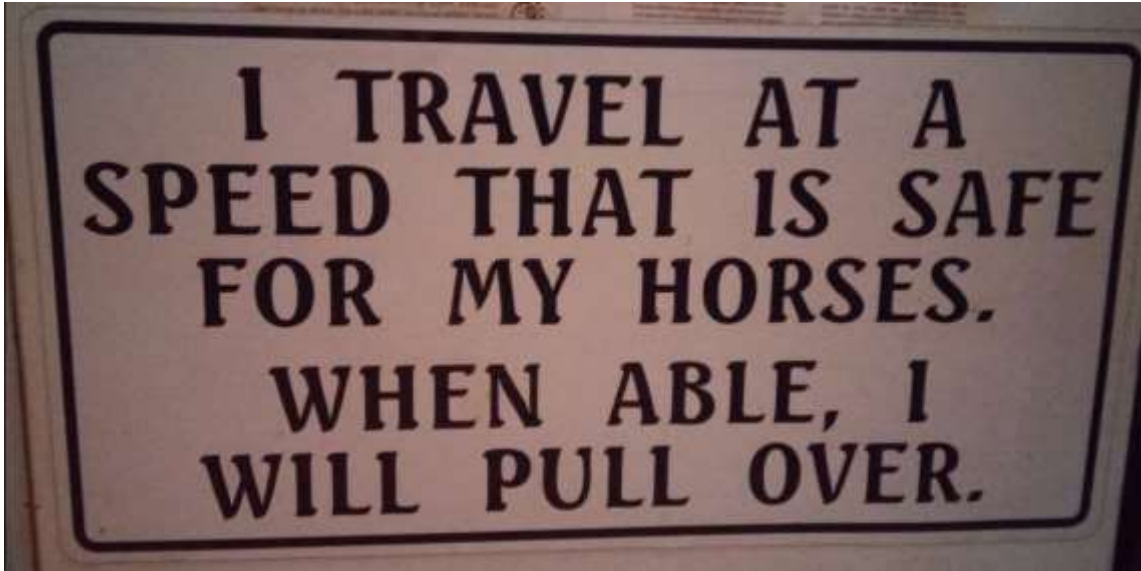
Kitty Monahan has also reported to me that a new connecting trail in Quicksilver Park is being constructed that will tie together English Town to the main trails that we use from the Mockingbird entrance to the Park.

Please thank any ranger or maintenance man that you see in the parks, as they have worked hard to add to our riding pleasure.



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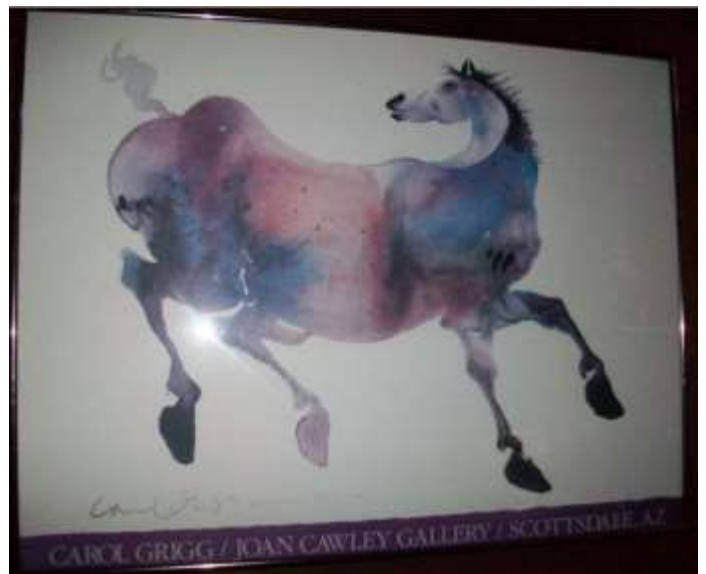
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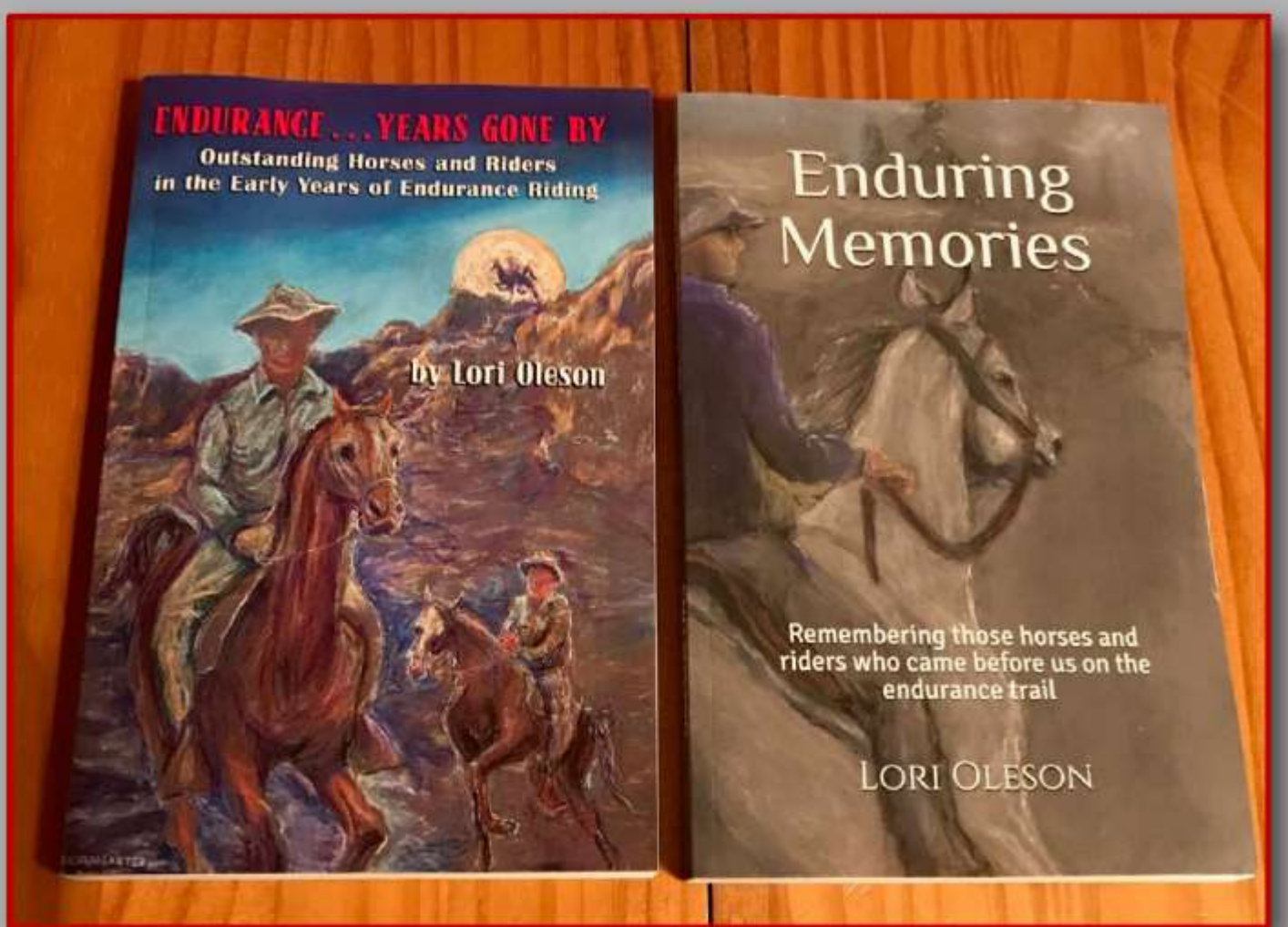
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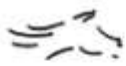
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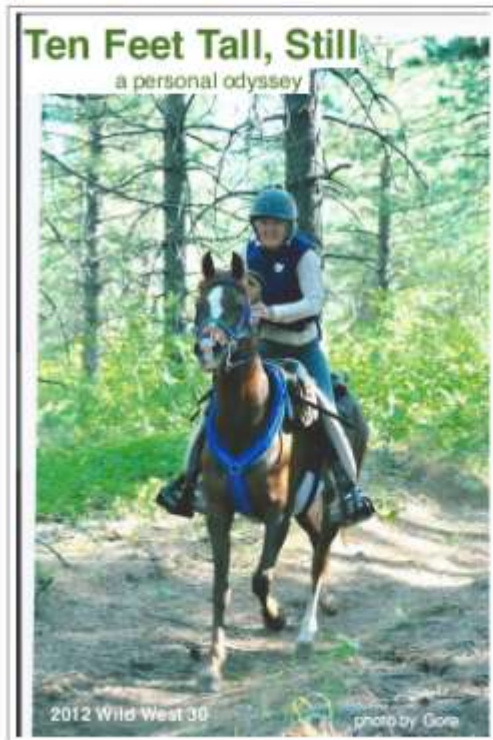


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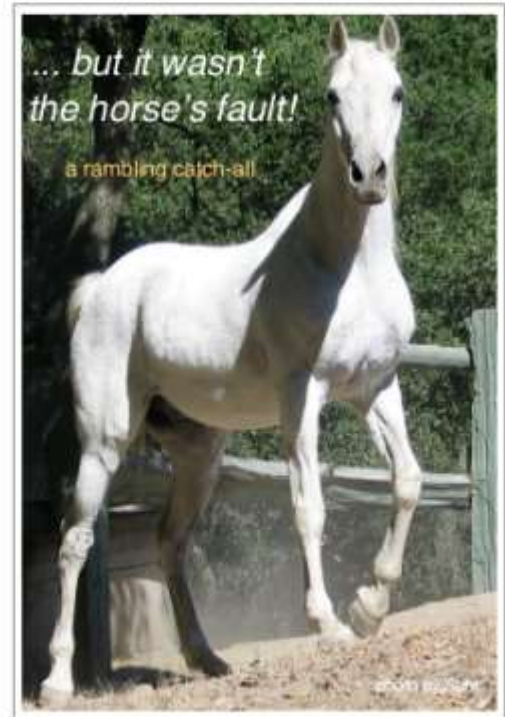
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

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

**Husband:** "Seems all we ever do is argue. Let's both stop our sarcasm and just enjoy this drive."

**Wife:** "fine with me. Look at the fine pen of mules over yonder."

**Husband:** "Relatives of yours?"

**Wife:** "Yep, in-laws."

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**Tourist:** "Does this road lead to Westbrook?"

**Old timer:** "Don't know. Haven't heard of it."

**Tourist:** "Well, do you know how I can get to a road going south?"

**Old timer:** Nope, not from here, anyway."

**Tourist:** "You sure don't know much, do you?"

**Old timer:** "Maybe not, but I ain't lost."

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**Mary:** My doctor is helping me lose weight with these three pills. This red one's for before dinner. The green one's for after dinner."

**Molly:** "And what's the pink one for?"

**Mary (sighs):** The pink one is dinner."

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other thing.

*Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865*

- \* It's okay to let you mind wander, just don't lose it.
- \* It's often only an excuse when we say something is impossible.
- \* Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.
- \* Never trouble another for what you can do for yourself.
- \* Character is the result of two things: mental attitude and the way we spend our time.
- \* No one can help another without helping himself.
- \* If the power to do hard work is not a skill, it's the best substitute for it.

## Happy March Birthdays to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends



|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Peggy Davidson *  | 2  |
| Jennifer Perryman | 3  |
| Carolyn Tucker    | 11 |
| Kiki Leuther      | 11 |
| Jan Jeffers       | 13 |
| Diane Enderle     | 13 |
| Jeanine McCrary   | 14 |
| Pat McAndrews     | 17 |
| Skip Lightfoot    | 20 |
| Jerrod Voight     | 22 |
| Giulia Orth       | 23 |
| Janett Van Nuland | 24 |

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"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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