



Quicksilver Quips

January, 2001

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President's Message - January, 2001

Happy New Year, everyone! Oh boy, isn't it weird to be writing 2001? I remember being a kid in primary school and figuring out how old I would be when the year 2000 rolled around, and getting very sad, because surely, no one lived to be THAT old! Yikes, and now 11 more years have passed. I don't feel old, though. Horses keep us young, I guess!

Any way... first of all, I want to thank our outgoing and incoming Board of directors. Your willingness to serve is much appreciated! Thanks also to Barbara McCrary for taking on the newsletter. Yes, I'm going to say it again: please send her stuff!! The newsletter is only as fun as you want to make it.

So, what are your plans for this year? Do you set goals? I generally don't wait for the beginning of a year to set goals. I tend to set them when I want to achieve whatever happens to be interesting at the time.

This year is different, because I'm starting it as the president of our club, and it's clear to me that we need some goals! To set them, though, the board and I will need YOUR help. What do we want to accomplish as a club? Do we want to have fun? Do we want to do things together? Do we want to grow?

I will be sending out a survey early in January, and would greatly appreciate your response. I want your honest feedback. I want the good, the bad and the ugly. The good so we can make it even better, the bad so we can correct it, and the ugly so we can get rid of it. Criticism is OK, I only ask that it be creative. It's way too easy to say "all these things are wrong" without offering a (reasonable) suggestion on how to make them better. Are you with me? I hope so!

The Club's Christmas party was loads of FUN! Thanks go to Trilby P. and many others who decorated, cooked great food, helped clean up and contributed to the fun evening. The gift exchange was terrific, with many items stolen over and over (and over) again. Steve L. was a great Santa and he kept things moving and relatively orderly... well, kind of. Some items were very popular and the stealing got quite animated. I took some pictures that are somewhere else in this newsletter.

Business: There will be no general meeting in January. The board will meet and discuss the feedback we get from the survey, and also dates for future events. If for some reason you want to attend, let me know and I'll tell you where we will meet (as soon as we figure it out!).

It was voted by the members present at the party that the club would buy a new printer to do the calendars (have you sent your photos to Judith yet?!?) and other club related printing. It was cost effective and we will have the printer for years to come. We also voted to allocate money for the banquet to be held in February at Harry's Hoffbrau (I hope you are planning to come!). Don't forget to send Maryben your mileage.

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Any way, I'm sure I'm forgetting something important (get used to it) but I won't forget to wish you and your horses a very happy, healthy and interesting 2011. As Bob Suhr would say: Make it a good one!

Elisabet Hiatt

Minutes of December 8, 2010 Meeting

The meeting on Dec. 8 was attended by about 30 members, which included most of the outgoing board members and all of the incoming. The only business that was conducted was that we voted \$\$\$ for Judith to get a printer. She will be making the club calendar this year. We also voted a \$2500 budget for the banquet.

We then had a delicious turkey dinner prepared by Trilby, with side dishes and desserts brought by the members. We had the "gift exchange" with lots of great gifts being passed around, argued over, and each one finally landing with the person who was meant to have it.

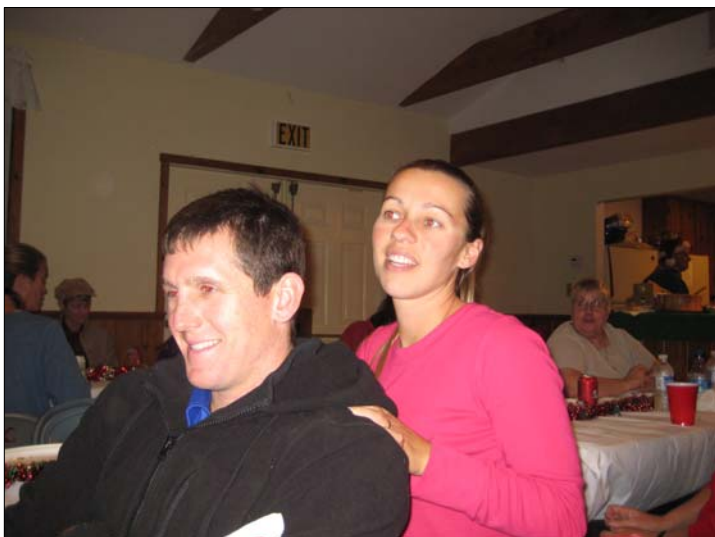
All the festivities ended by 9 PM and we all left tired and happy as we were full of delicious food, great conversations, and had a pretty good gift as well.

Respectfully submitted by the club's outgoing and incoming secretary,

Kathy Brayton



"Santa" Steve Lenheim



Heather and Jeremy enjoying them selves



Chef Trilby Peterson



Obviously, everyone is having a great time!

1975 - A Great Adventure

By Barbara McCrary

This is the story of an amazing horseback adventure - at least it was amazing to us at the time. Since then, bigger and better adventures have taken place and some of our Quicksilver members have participated in them. But in 1975, and for us, it was very special and enhanced our lives to a considerable degree.

With the 1976 Great American Horse Race capturing our fancy enough to lay out the \$500 apiece entry fee deposit, we decided in September of 1975 to practice how we would be riding in the following year. Or so we thought. In reality, as we began to see the organization fall apart, we asked for our \$1000 back, but it took a lot of firm persuasion to achieve this. Also, Lud told me he couldn't imagine how he thought he could take off the six months from his job to do this.

We took two horses: Grey (the Morgan X Percheron gelding whom we had bought about two months before after he had completed Tevis in 16th place), and Beau, a small, tough little Morab gelding who was our daughter Janet's horse. We trailered to the town of Beckworth, north of Truckee and began riding. The format was as follows: using Forest Service maps marked with suggested routes, given to us by a friend who was a FS employee, we started riding each morning after breakfast - Janet, then 15, and one of us adults - with the other adult driving our rig with the horse trailer. We would stop for lunch, feed the horses, and commence riding again after lunch, alternating adult rider. Janet always rode, because she was not yet old enough for a driver's license. We rode overland through wilderness marked only by a good dirt road and the remnants of an old logging railroad, now nearly lost in the grass. The scenery was enchanting.

We camped along the way and kept feed in front of the horses all night, getting up to replenish it. Eventually, we came to Highway 395, east of Susanville, crossed it, and rode into the watershed of Little Pete's Creek. Since it appeared we were on private property, I stopped at what I guessed to be the owner's home and asked permission to ride and camp on the land. We were granted permission and we camped at Pete's Creek that night, securing our horses at the corral located there. As we were eating dinner, the owner drove down to see us. We were sure he was checking on us to be certain we weren't doing any damage, and when he found everything neat, clean, and secure, he generously shared a special secret with us - Indian petroglyphs carved into boulders at the edge of a canyon. At the time, I believe it was pretty much a secret from most of the world, but now - sad changes have taken place on the route we travelled. The petroglyphs are now publicized and are protected from the public, and the dirt roads we trotted those first two days are now paved. Sigh....

After breaking camp at Pete's Creek, Lud was the designated driver and Janet and I took off cross-country, using our map-reading abilities (learned during many years of backpacking in the Sierras) to get us across the mountains to Horse Lake. We arrived just about the same time as Lud did. He had to drive a great many miles around - to Ravendale and thence inland to Horse Lake. At this point, Janet drove the rig; since we were so far away from any possible Highway Patrol presence, we felt safe letting her drive. We camped the night at Ravendale (try and find it on a CA map!), tied the horses to a belly-dump trailer left in a parking area at the end of the now disused Ravendale Airport, and walked across the highway (#395 again) to a little café for dinner. The food was mediocre, as determined by their serving canned string beans along with the meat and potatoes. Anytime a restaurant serves canned string beans, they have lost my patronage. They may have lost other diners, too, since the restaurant is no longer there. Cows were grazing in the fields and they would line up along the edge of the highway, wait until the rare truck or car was coming down the road, then step quite deliberately onto the highway to cross to the other side. The traffic today would not allow either cows or us to travel the highway; it would not be safe. But in 1975, we did a great deal of highway shoulder riding.

We proceeded northward to the town of Likely where we found a man who had a leather repair shop. We had him apply leather guards on Beau's front interference boots and started riding into Jess Valley and on to the Patterson FS station, where we camped for the night. Janet stayed in camp, reading a book, and Lud and I took a hike up the ridge of the Warner Mts.

The next morning, Janet and I rode and were heading for the east side of the Warners. At the summit, we looked down into a valley that made me feel I had arrived in Heaven. This was Surprise Valley, and it was the most beautiful place - long and comparatively narrow, with the Warners on one side, the mountains of Nevada on the other, and the three Alkali Lakes strung together down the center. We passed through the tiny town of Eagleville and headed for Cedarville, about 15 miles up the valley. At one time, Eagleville had thrived; now most of the businesses are gone, but people who love this land still live there and the biggest industries are raising cattle and growing alfalfa hay.

We stopped in at the fairgrounds of the Modoc County Fair and Lud (being at the time a member of the Santa Cruz County Fair Board of Directors) asked for permission to put up for the night. The fair had just closed three days before and we were granted permission to put our horses in stalls. With them safely confined, we went out to dinner (this restaurant was much better) and then drove east on Highway 299E to do some exploring. Many years later, we would ride this same route on the Applegate-Lassen ride.

The next day, we rode north, through Lake City and on to Fandango Pass, famous as a rugged mountain crossing used during the mid-1800s by the pioneering Applegate brothers and Peter Lassen. We arrived in Davis Creek, by luck the home of a cattleman we knew. We asked permission to camp in his front yard. We put up the horses and bedded down in our GMC Suburban - just in time - as the only rain we encountered fell that night.

We rode on to Alturas the next day and picked up some anti-inflammatory from the local vet clinic for Beau, who was

showing signs of hock soreness. He responded well to the medication and eventually we arrived in Adin, where we turned south for Eagle Lake. We camped on the shore of Eagle Lake (below, left), wondering if anyone minded horses in a human campground. Apparently not, and we didn't encounter any authorities to tell us otherwise.



On day 8, we achieved our goal, 310 miles on horseback, riding every day, averaging about 38 miles each day at a 7 mile-per-hour trot. It was truly an amazing adventure and one we'll never forget.

Because of that experience, we were quite prepared for riding the 5-day XP and Applegate-Lassen rides that came along several years later. Because of that experience, Janet and her husband bought 5 acres and an old falling-down house in Eagleville a few years ago and had it restored. They drive up there for R & R time - hunting, hiking, fishing, exploring. All because Lud and I once had a dream to ride across the United States on horseback.

News Notes from our Members

Graduation news...

Could be inspiring to others since I'm over 50! Graduated on Dec. 20!! Finally Made it!!

San Jose State University: Bachelor of Science: Business Administration - Management, concentration in Materials Management and Supply Chain and a Minor Degree in Parks Management. It has been a long haul. I accepted a job with Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation this summer and I really love it... :-))

Carolyn Tucker via e-mail

"An Honest Horse" Cougar's Clown

After a homecoming year at ride and tie, Cougar's Clown, 23, developed kidney cancer and was put down on Tevis day. She did three ride and ties this last year, one of which was the Championship long course.

Clown was a unique horse; no one could ever steal her. You couldn't hide her. She had a harlequin face and hence her name Clown. She was the offspring of a Mustang/Appy cross mare that Bernice Kalland got off the Apache Indian reservation in New Mexico, and Cougar Rock, the Arab endurance stallion.

Clown had a great career after Vern Biehl put brakes on her. She did many ride and ties in top ten and numerous endurance rides. One year she was 4th at Tevis. But the best thing about her is she was what Virl Norton used to call a "honest horse." Clown would give you what was possible and with no nonsense. She was calm, would load, shoe easily and waited somewhat patiently at ties. Many people could ride her at many levels of competition without danger. But she was a competitor too. She wanted to get the job done. Clown had a four-and-a-half to five-mile-per-hour walk that would go on and on.

One of the stories about Clown is when she was pregnant with her second foal, Shamrock. Having been misdiagnosed as not pregnant Clown finished 3rd in a 75 mile endurance ride. Two months later she had Shamrock who was and is healthy. This was when Bernice owned Clown at about 6 years of age. Clown has two other of her get around as well.

Michele Roush wrote me these words when she heard about Clown's passing:

What is it to fly through the night on borrowed wings as steady and strong as the Earth itself?

What is it to run with the wind in your face, unencumbered by any frail human form?

What is it to feel the rhythm of harmony, and of ancient bedrock wisdom?

It is to have been carried by that irrepressible bald-faced,



blue-eyed mare.

I will never forget how easy it was to spot Clown, looking up the trail for my horse during ride and ties. Her face was like a glowing light that you couldn't miss.

Steve Shaw via e-mail

Photo above shows Merry Law riding Clown, with George Hall running

Quicksilver Members' Year-end Standings

Thanks to Mike Maul

Middleweight Division

DIV PL	RIDER	REG	EQUINE	BREED	SEX	MILES	DIV.PTS.	OV.PTS.	OV.PL.
1	Michael Maul	C	Rroco-My-Soul	1/2 Arab	G	1130	2194.5	1213.5	1

Regional Mileage Championship - Central Region

1	Michael Maul	C	Rroco-My-Soul	1/2 Arab	G	1130			
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West Region - Featherweight Division

1	Karen Chaton	W	Granite Chief+/ Pro Bono D	Arab	G	1475	2191	1531.5	5
2	Karen Chaton	W	Pro Bono D	Arab	G	1000	2170	1475	6

West Region - Lightweight Division

4	Terri Rashid	W	Keen Sweep	Arab	M	480	1726.25	1255	
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West Region - Heavyweight Division

3	Scott Sansom	W	Farzonn	Arab	G	505	1825	11	
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Regional Mileage Championship - West Region

2	Karen Chaton	W	Granite Chief+/ Pro Bono D	Arab	G	2475			
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National Mileage Championship

5	Karen Chaton	W	Granite Chief+/ Pro Bono D	Arab	G	1475			
10	Michael Maul	C	Rroco-My-Soul	1/2 Arab	G	1130			

Bob & Julie Suhr Husband & Wife Team Award

Sponsored by Sundowner Trailers

3	Jeremy & Heather Reynolds	W				1935	4875.25		
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Pioneer Award - Featherweight Division

5	Karen Chaton	W	Granite Chief+/ Pro Bono D	Arab	G	365	525		
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Pioneer Award - Heavyweight Division

6	Scott Sansom	W	Riverwatch	Arab	G	165	495		
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Classifieds....

1977 Toterhome with a rebuilt 88 International engine and a new 4 speed Allison Transmission. Runs great. Has a nice living space with a large fridge. \$6,000 obo.

1998 Logan Competitor 3 horse LQ. 8 Ft short wall, mangers, drop down windows, rear tack, small fridge, shower, toilet, ac, heat, microwave. In good shape. \$12,000 obo.

Free Horse: needs 6 months off for a hind suspensory. Fun horse, 13 yr old, 15 hand bay gelding. Very fun and loves to go places. He loves people more than horses.

Heather Reynolds
408-687-7082

Deluxe Endurance Halter Bridle Combination and Deluxe Endurance Breastplate by Zilco. Both are burgundy. Like new. \$150 for both.

Kathy Brayton
kbrayton@aol.com

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Lori McIntosh. Cell #: 415-235-5246



TA Chicashah Bey, AERC#: H34253 Arabian, 15 hand, Bay, 11 year old gelding. Bey is an energetic, fun horse. He is very personable. He can Top Ten whatever ride you would like to do. He would do well at Tevis. \$8000 OBO

Heather Reynolds 408-687-7082

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FOR SALE - Specialized Saddle, 18" seat International model, black with attractive border. Nearly new. The twist is too narrow for me; otherwise it is a very comfortable saddle. Will sell it with a HAF pad that fits with the saddle perfectly. \$1500

Barbara McCrary
E-mail: bigcreekranch@wildblue.net



Codigh ("Cody"-- MV Double Vision) 12 yo grey Arabian Gelding for sale. Did his first 25 in August with **Judith Ogus, EDPP**. Finished his 1st 50 at Desert Gold. **Raffles** (Al Marah) breeding. AHA registered. Smart and forward. Superb ground manners. Light as a feather, excellent gaits. Surefooted and all heart. 14 hh. Perfect for confident, experienced junior or small adult. (Was also ridden by a 200+# man before I got him!) Serious shoppers, please EM me for **photos** and available **video**. **Beverley.** sensei@horsensei.com. **650-868-3379**

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Horse boarding facility at 20535 Rome Drive, San Jose, California.
 Stalls: \$270.00, pasture \$200.00, fed twice a day high-grade oat and alfalfa.
 96' X 48' uncovered outdoor arena. We clean. Shavings available. 1.25 miles to entrance to the Quicksilver County Park (3600 acres and 19.2 miles of manicured trails). I provide my trailer for use to boarders. My place borders the Quicksilver Park.

Wanted: cheap heart monitor, basic model.
Elisabet
lazo@ucsc.edu
831-234-4732

For sale: BCR Katerina Bey, #2A337107-1999 ¾ Arab bay mare, 15 hands, Echstrordinary X Fad-Tiffany. Sweepstakes nominated. Price \$3,500
 Has had lots of training (including Natural Horsemanship) but has no one to ride her at present. Strong uphill horse, very balanced downhill, surefooted, has considerable trail experience. Friendly, easy to catch, lovely ground manners. Very light and responsive; collected, forward trot. Best with experienced, light-handed rider. Will make a great endurance horse. **Video** available.

Barbara McCrary
831-423-4572
bigcreekranch@wildblue.net

For sale: Chocolate aka "Chewy", 9 year old palomino Haflinger gelding, 14.2 hands. Excellent trail horse, broke to drive. Looking for an intermediate rider to love and explore trails with. \$3,500 - good home a must.
 Contact Jeanine McCrary, 831-423-4774



Sandy Holder wears costumes on Halloween every year, even if its a "work day" and she has business meetings with clients.

Did You know...?
Tracy Hofstrand was a commercial beekeeper in Campbell, Los Gatos and Hollister. She sold honey, candles, bee pollen, honey comb, and bees wax She also rented out her bees to pollinate crops from Hollister to Chico.

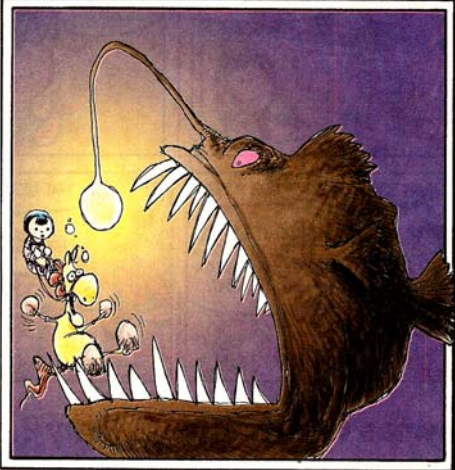
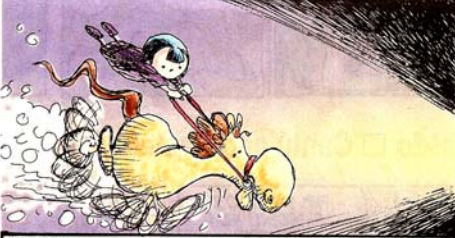
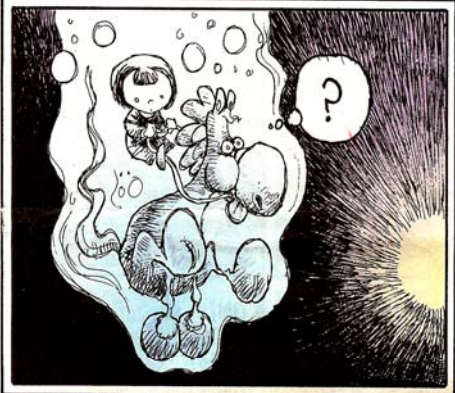
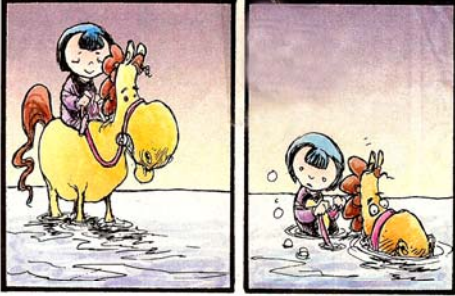
Becky Hart used to play the violin in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Symphony

Kathy Mayeda was behind a drill rig in Candlestick Park as a field geologist just a couple of years out of college.

Elisabet Hiatt can tie a cherry stem in a knot inside her mouth (without using her hands, that is) !

Barbara McCrary won an archery contest in Mongolia in 2007, 57 years after graduating from high school, where she was high-point archer

Non Sequitur □ Wiley Miller



IT'S NOT THAT DEEP,
YOU BIG WEENIE!!



OK...THEN
YOU WALK
THROUGH
THE CREEK
WHILE I SIT
ON YOUR
BACK

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The Far Side

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"Henry! Our party's total chaos! No one knows when to eat, where to stand, what to ... Oh, thank God! Here comes a Border collie!"

Why Do I Like Horses?

Why do I like horses? I think I must be mad.
My mother wasn't horsey - And neither was my dad.
But the madness hit me early - and it hit me like a curse.
And I've never gotten better. In fact I've gotten worse.
I hardly read a paper - but I know who's sold their horse.
And I wouldn't watch the news - Unless Mr. Ed was on, of course.
One eye's always on the heavens - but my washing waves in vain
As I rush to get the horses in - in case it's gonna rain.
I spend up every cent I've got - on horsey stuff for sure
I buy saddles, bridles, fancy boots - and then I buy some more.
I can't sew on a button - I don't even try
But I can back a truck and trailer - in the twinkling of an eye.
It's jeans and boots that I live in night and day
And that smell of sweaty horses just doesn't wash away.
I ache from long forgotten falls. My knees have got no skin.
My toes have gone a funny shape - from being stomped on again and again.
But late at night, when all is still - and I've gone to give them hay,
I touch their velvet softness and my worries float away.
They give a gentle nicker and they nuzzle through my hair
And I know it's where my heart is - more here than anywhere.

- Author Unknown -

**QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS, INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT - Maryben Stover
December, 2010**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
GENERAL ACCOUNT		\$ 5,250.01
EXPENSES :		
AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER BANK CHARGES	\$ 42.00	
DEPOSIT FOR ROOM AT HARRY'S	200.00	
SECRETARY OF STATE FILING FEE	20.00	
STEVE LENHEIM	34.35	(296.35)
INCOME:		
TACK SALE	\$ 1,803.00	
DUES	250.00	
DANCE PROCEEDS	55.00	2,108.00
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 7,061.66
TRAILS		\$ 1,072.09
JUNIOR		\$ 453.60

Our annual awards banquet will be held on
Friday, February 11, 2011 - 6:30 PM
at Harry's Hofbrau -
390 Saratoga Ave., San Jose

Come, even if you're late. Maryben says there will be
lots of prizes!



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And then your address

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail

And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 25 _____

Junior (under 16 years of age) membership is \$ 15 _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Why join the Quicksilver Endurance Riders? You will have the opportunity to participate in poker rides, moonlight rides, endurance rides, trail projects as well as attend monthly meetings, the Christmas party, and the annual awards ceremony; saving the best for last, you will meet the best friends you will ever have!

How are our dues spent? Annual Yearbook/Calendar; monthly Newsletter; a representative voice in local horse politics; trail maintenance and improvement projects; year-end awards and monthly meetings.

Send your 2011 dues, checks made out to: **Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.**

Mail to Membership Chairperson:

Maryben Stover
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San Jose, CA 95125-3535
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May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful year riding together as Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!



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