



Quicksilver Quips

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March 2014 – *President's Message*

Once again, we want to give a big thank you to Mary Anderson for another successful awards banquet. Mary did a great job of putting everything together and keeping us entertained. Also, thank you to Judith Ogus for another beautiful calendar/yearbook. I have heard many complementary remarks on the calendar since that evening. Congratulations to Dick Carter – Person HOF, Murr The Blur – Horse HOF, Scott Sansom – Eleanor Norton Award and Cathy Lefeber and Magnum's Red Baron – Horse of the Year.

Before the awards banquet got started, the board met and we went over a lot of stuff. Refer to the minutes submitted by secretary, Hillary Graham, for all the details.

We still need someone to help with ideas for the website. Melissa Broquard would appreciate some help with the creative side of things. Contact Melissa (mhbrouquet@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of a website overhaul.

Congratulations to all of you who had a successful 20 Mule Team, whether it was the 100, 65 or 35. It sounds like Quicksilver was well represented. I wish I had been there riding; maybe next year.

Our next club meeting will be on April 16th at Tony and Alba's Pizza in Scotts Valley. I hope many of you will be there. We will plan to start the meeting at 7pm so come around 6 or 6:30pm to get some dinner. The upstairs room will be reserved for us again.

After this April meeting, we will be meeting at various parks for riding, potluck, meetings and social time. The plan is for June at Bear Ranch, August at SCCHA-Graham Hill in Santa Cruz and October at Calero. There will be more details as these dates come closer.

Lori

Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2014 5:00pm
Harry's Hofbrau

- * Lori called the meeting to order.
- * Present: M. Stover, E. Hiatt, B. Granter, J. McCrary, L. Oleson, K. Brayton, H. Graham
- * The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and the minutes of the current meeting will now be looked over by the board before being published in the Quips.
- * Treasurer's Report
 - See Quips, Maryben included Treasurer's report
 - The status of the club's tax return was discussed, as well as a possible future audit of the books.
- * Committee Reports
 - We discussed how many people have renewed for 2014 and encouraged everyone to talk to club members about sending in their dues.
 - Kathy talked to Judith about helping Melissa with the website. We need a member or two to step forward and help Melissa and Judith with ideas for a new look for our website.
 - As for trails, there is a meeting coming up in Santa Cruz about some important new property opening up that will be open to the public. This property is the CEMEX plant in Davenport. Debbie Boscoe and Jeanine are going to the meeting and will update us. This particular meeting is closed, but Jeanine will keep us up to date about meetings where club members could go and make our voice heard.
- * The New Member Committee proposal was discussed.
- * The club's non-profit status was defined and read to us by Barbara Granter.
- * The board talked about giving to other non-profits with proceeds from the Fall Classic. The board wanted to be sure that these donations went towards promoting the club's purpose and adhered to the reason the club was formed.
- * Elisabet updated us on the August 23rd meeting at the Santa Cruz County Horseman's. The club would be able to use the facilities for free and this would include a potluck and free overnight camping. Non-SCCHA members will have to sign a liability waiver upon entrance to the grounds.
- * Next Board/General Meeting is on April 16 at 6pm at Tony and Alba's in Scotts Valley.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00pm.

Hilary Graham, secretary

QUICKSILVER TREASURER REPORT
February, 2014

BANQUET AND CALENDAR EXPENSES

Balance			\$ 5,794.51
Income	Dues	\$ 620.00	
	Donation	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,120.00
Balance			\$ 6,914.51
Expenses:			
Maryben	Office Supplies	\$ 30.58	
Mike Maul	Awards/Postage	52.40	
Bank Charge		3.00	
U.S.P.S.	PO Box Rental	58.00	(\$ 143.98)
Balance			\$ 6,770.53

Calendar	\$ 500.00
Calendar	1,122.78
Calendar	(110.49)
Awards	\$ 1,326.25
Awards	200.00
Awards	52.40
Awards	20.00
	\$3,110.94

Maryben Stover, Treasurer

Quicksilver's Annual Awards Banquet

Quicksilver Endurance Riders held their annual awards program at Harry's Hofbrau on February 15th. The Board of Directors met at 5:00 PM, while the rest of us visited with other members. Dinner commenced around 6:00 PM. Below are photos taken of the various awards at presentation.



L to R: Kathy Brayton, Jeanine McCrary, Elisabet Hiatt, Hillary Graham, Maryben Stover, Barb Granter, and Lori Oleson at the pre-dinner Board Meeting



2014 Eleanor Norton Award winner Scott Sansom, with Jill Kilty-Newburn and the presenter, 2013 winner Elisabet Hiatt



Horse of the Year Award is presented by Barbara White to Cathy Lefeber for her exceptional horse, Magnum's Red Baron. Baron won 13 Top Tens and several Best Conditions in the 2013 season



Mary Anderson and Maryben Stover had Melissa Ribley on the cell phone to present the Hall of Fame Horse (?) Award to Melissa's mule Murr the Blur

I came over the mountains from Swanton to the Awards Banquet with BOD member Jeanine McCrary (my niece-in-law.) I ordered the beef tips on noodles, and coleslaw, which were very tasty, and split a piece of blueberry pie with Peggy Davidson, with whom I was enjoying becoming better acquainted.

Judith Ogus passed out her splendid calendars, which I personally prefer to any others for keeping track of my appointments and activities. Judith does a beautiful job of putting the calendar together. The raffle provided numerous members with useful gifts, and I received a weekend tote bag and a teal blue bucket just for being there.

All in all, a delightful evening visiting with friends.

"Proven: a teaspoon of sugar DOES make the medicine go down!"

Our horses can make some pretty funny expressions sometimes, and the way they appear to react to certain tastes can give us a good laugh. Now Canadian scientists have put the evidence behind the humor: recent research results showed that horses appear to react differently to sweet tastes compared to bitter.

Ian Q. Whishaw, MSc, PhD, a professor in the Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience (CCBN) at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta, said horses have distinct facial expressions related specifically to taste. In his study, Whishaw and colleague Emily S. Jankunis, a PhD candidate at the CCBN, identified clear equine reactions to bitter quinine and sweet sucrose. They've aptly named the reactions the "sucrose bob" and the "quinine gape."

Whishaw and Jankunis observed 44 stabled riding horses as they received an oral infusion of either sucrose ("sugar water") or quinine. Fourteen of the horses received one of each infusion at separate times so the researchers could compare individual reactions. A control group of horses received water infusions. The team video-recorded and analyzed the horses' reactions on a frame-by-frame basis.

Whishaw and Jankunis found head-bobbing (aka, the sucrose bob) to be the horses' standard reaction to sugar water. All the horses consuming the sweet infusion consistently bobbed their heads—as if they were very pleased—when they got the sugar treat, Whishaw said. They also tended to move their ears forward and relax them, and they licked their lips with the tongue sticking out just slightly.

When horses consumed bitter quinine liquid, they consistently made a gaping mouth reaction (the "quinine gape"), seen here.



The standard "bitter" expression also included back-pointing ears and a significant extension of the head forward. Horses would pull their lips up away from their teeth, open their mouths, and stick out their tongues.

"It looks as if most animals studied (now and previously), including humans, have the same reactions," Whishaw said. "The sweet receptors are on the tip of the tongue, and the sweet reflex response is to make licking movements to bring the sweet substance into the mouth. The bitter receptors are largely at the back of the mouth, and the bitter response is to push the bitter substance out."

Taste's purpose is probably an evolutionary one, he said, as it helps a species survive by preferring high-calorie foods (sweet tastes) over toxic plants and poisons (bitter ones). Because the taste reactions appear so similar among species, taste probably originated with a distant common ancestor—"perhaps a fish or very early vertebrate," Whishaw said.

From a neuroscience point of view, Whishaw said observing taste reactions in horses is exciting research, as it suggests a connection between taste and pleasure/distaste centers in the brain.

The researchers' identification of the "sucrose bob"—which has never been described in science before—also provides evidence that horses do indeed recognize sweet tastes, despite modern arguments to the contrary. "Some people had proposed that horses have lost sweet sensitivity, but our work shows that is not so," he said.

From a practical point of view, this also means owners can help horses that object to unpleasant tastes, like deworming medication, Whishaw said. "My colleague (Jankunis) took a horse that refused to take its oral dewormer and treated it with sugar," he said. "It did not take many trials before it became very accepting of having things squirted into its mouth, and then it readily accepted the dewormer."

Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt

Introducing New Member, Katie Webb

Katie has just joined Quicksilver Endurance Riders. She has been involved in endurance since she was just a toddler, as her family managed Swanton Pacific rides. She use to hang out at vet checks and help incoming riders, serving refreshments to them. She has been riding Jassen's Legacy (Jess), a 17-year-old Arabian gelding, for several years in competition.

Katie, 24, is a graduate of UC Davis, majoring in Agricultural Marketing, and is employed by her family's business, Big Creek Lumber in Davenport, where she is in charge of publicity. She is one of the fourth generation of the family to work in the business.

Katie and Jess have finished all of their rides, 50s and multi-days, but one - Virginia City 100 - where Katie's caution led her to ride too slow to finish. Add in a combination of rain, dark, and no light sticks...but they're a game team and will likely try again. Jess is a dandy little endurance horse, bought by her grandmother (your Quips editor) for herself, only to find that she is a bit too arthritic for this sport anymore. (I do so hate to admit this!)



**GILROY HOT SPRINGS
AND
HISTORIC ANZA TRAIL TOUR
ON HORSEBACK
MARCH 15, 2014**

Would you like to dip your fingers in the warm mineral waters of the Gilroy Hot Springs, see the bath houses and cabins?

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Bring your own horse, water for you and your horse, lunch (to be eaten on the trail).

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See Coe Park website for directions.



Quicksilver 2014 Meeting Schedule

April 16 – Meeting at Tony and Alba's in Scotts Valley. Dinner/drinks at 6:00,
meeting at 7:00

June 7 – Ride/Potluck/Meeting at Harvey Bear Ranch in San Martin.

August 23 – Ride/Potluck or BBQ/Meeting/Games at Santa Cruz County Horseman's
Assn.

October 18 - Ride/Potluck/Meeting at Calero County Park in South San Jose

December 12 – Christmas Party at Almaden Community Center 6:00

Should AERC Demand FEI Enforce Its Own Rules?

1) Is AERC going to hang Emmett Ross, USA's Chef d'Equipe, out to dry by backing down from the commitments to action which he used so effectively in Lausanne?

"The American Endurance Ride Conference is the largest endurance riding organization in the world, with 973 races last year and 19,000 riders, and THEY ARE ABOUT TO KICK US OUT." [Emphasis mine.]

2) What part, if any, did AERC-I have in the strong stance by Mr. (Emmett) Ross? I ask this question because I have not read one single statement from AERC-I supporting ANY AERC move other than sitting back, advising, and waiting (hoping?) to see if the FEI takes meaningful action. With this, the most visible and damning set of events ever publicized concerning international Endurance, AERC-I has not deigned to issue one report to AERC and its members in support of stricter and appropriate enforcement of current FEI rules along with a promise of future action. The most obvious reason not to issue such a report is that AERC-I doesn't PLAN any actions. Is this true?

3) If some members of AERC-I are secretly in support of a move for AERC to distance itself from the FEI should it fail to correct the situation in Group VII countries, did they also secretly go to Mr Ross and tell him that although AERC-I is opposed to AERC doing anything, they personally support action, not just words? If so, did they act secretly because they were afraid of being ostracized by the AERC-I leadership which seems firmly in the pocket of Group VII?

If "firmly in the pocket" seems unduly harsh, consider that no one from AERC-I has

- a) Stepped forward to apologize for having sold horses into Group VII,
- b) Acknowledged that they were misled by the buyers of their horses (if that's the case), or
- c) Acknowledged that they refrained from asking too many questions for fear of queering the deal (if that's the case),
- d) Made any suggestion that AERC take positive action IF there is no progress by FEI in 1, 2, 5, whatever years,
- e) Made any suggestion that AERC take positive action if the FEI's 10 year plan fails to halt FEI rule violations in Group VII.

The AERC-I leadership's failure to propose any course of action should the FEI's plan not correct the situation in Group VII, a reasonable expectation in light of the decade long history of abuses in that part of the world, reflects a predisposition towards maintaining the status quo which for the FEI Endurance leadership consists of this cycle: fail to enforce their own rules, ignore the resulting abuse of horses, express righteous indignation when some spoil sport lays it out for them, promise to act, form a committee, issue rule changes, fail to enforce their own rules, ignore the resulting ...

By Diane Trefethen

Just a quick note for the Quips. Thanks!

Making our voices heard – thanks for doing you part.

A few months ago I shared a link to the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space vision plan survey with you all, and asked that you log on and share your perspective as an equestrian and parks user. I wanted to thank those of you who did take the survey, and share it with others in your networks – as about 500 of the hits to that site were attributed to my link.

Yes, someone on staff actually went through to see where the votes come from, and you definitely made our voices heard!

You can check out the final version of the vision plan at www.openspace.org/imagine

Jill Kilty-Newburn, via e-mail

Quotation

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt

Obituary

Robert Clovis "Dr. Bob" Goulding, 1922 – 2014, was a beloved husband and father. He shared a love of horses and that of being a cowboy.

Bob died January 13 in Auburn, peacefully and with his family close by, at the age of 91 years old. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Marjorie Goulding, and granddaughter Cynthia Brush.

Bob was born and raised in Sacramento. He graduated from McClatchy High School and earned his veterinary degree from Washington State University. Bob owned a private vet practice and then held a long career with the State of California in the Bureau of Animal Health's Horse Program. He owned a cattle ranch in Modoc County, California, where he lived the frontier life with spring water, periodic electricity from a gas-powered generator, and a CB radio for communicating with his daughter 20 miles away. After retiring from the State of California he remained active as a judge and advisor for American Endurance Ride Association and the North American Trail Ride Conference. He was a head judge for the Tevis Cup in the 1960's. Bob was one of the original Pony Express riders for the Centennial Pony Express Re-ride, riding from Phillips Station to Strawberry Station in the Sierra Nevada Mountains on what is now Highway 50. He also served as Wagonmaster for the Kit Carson Mountain Men Annual Wagon Train from South Lake Tahoe to Placerville.

Bob was active in such organizations as Kit Carson Mountain Men, Native Sons of the Golden West, Masons, Shriners, and St. Peter's Anglican Church.

Bob is survived by his wife of 63 years, Charlotte; children Cathy Baldwin, Candy Phillips, Claudia Brush, Curt Goulding, and Carolyn Goulding; sister Harriet Lawrie; 2 nieces, 6 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Donations can be made to: VEF Cynthia Brush Memorial Scholarships, c/o Ken and Claudia Brush, 19724 Dixie

An Interesting Discussion of Late...(on Ridecamp)

I'm wondering what drew you to endurance riding, and what your suggestions are for recruiting more men into the sport? (not that the men/women ratio needs to change, but I think marketing/recruitment tactics might be different.) *Steph Teeter*

It was actually a man, my farrier, that encouraged me to try endurance. I think part of the reason more men don't ride distance is because A: they are the ones supporting the family and the wife's passion for horses, (somebody has to work) B: because of work there is no time to train, C: while men seem to enjoy long-lasting sports, like Indy 500, and baseball, they themselves don't want to be on a horse that long. Also, I think women are better at caregiving for the most part, and that is a HUGE part of this sport. Obviously we have men riding in endurance and doing very well AND taking good care of their horses. I remember volunteering to scribe at a ride once, and on the 25 mile loop the top ten were coming in. One couple riding together were racing. The wife ended up slowing down a bit and told her husband to do the same. He ignored her and came in with a horse who was bleeding out of the coronary band of both front hooves. Just my observation, but I have in fact seen more men ignore the condition of their horse to try and top ten. I have seen women riding a horse that was "off" and they didn't feel it, or a horse that looked tired and they didn't recognize that. I did however see a woman get on her horse whose back was so sore the horse dipped when she sat in the saddle. I told her her horse looked like it was sore and she told me to mind my own business. I'm pretty sure she didn't complete. So my point is, I think men are not attracted to this sport because it takes too much time and effort. There are lots of men in barrel racing, bronc riding, and reining and those events don't usually last more than a few minutes. Go figure :) *Lisa Salas*

When I consider true horsemen, I feel there are equal numbers of both men and women. The huge inequality is in the rank and file riders across disciplines. I find men are generally less interested on a whole in the actual riding of horses. This is not unique to endurance. Men also seem to be attracted to equestrian disciplines where the horse is more of a means to an end than a partner. The exceptions are noteworthy, but I strongly feel they are exceptions. My best guess is that horses are "complicated", e.g. "girlfriend with baggage" complicated (very bad after the age of 25) instead of "many moving parts" complicated (actually kinda fun.) As a guy, I will only allow a finite amount of complication in my life. In my case, I have a horse, but she is a very uncomplicated and my tolerance of further complications from other sources is low. If you want a blanket change to get men at large into endurance, you'd have to emphasize the competitive aspect. We generally really like competition, especially when we can bet money on it. The highest percentage of men you will ever see at an equine event are on the backside of a track. Obviously, this is not the path I think we should take. Also, we generally much prefer cowboy hats to helmets. As far as how to identify guys who have what it takes to be true horsemen, I'd recommend focusing recruitment on guys in other disciplines who demonstrate that they truly care about their horses. If they haven't already sought out horses, your pool of candidates is overwhelming given the scarcity of the skill set in question. Your best bet would be to target recruitment efforts at guys who are the middle child with at least two or more sisters and no brothers. Those dudes can handle complications. *Nate Hoyt*

You Might Just be an Endurance Rider if,,,

20. You won't consider going to the doctor unless an artery is literally spurting blood all over the pavement, or a bone is sticking out, yet will take your horse in if he is the tiniest bit off.
19. Winter is the only time of the year that housework gets done.
18. You know you're surrounded by the best horsemen in the world when they stop on the trail to lend you a helping hand, even if it means losing their placing position.
17. Your non-horse friends look at you weird because your house is full of horse tack, your closet full of stretch pants, and you don't think twice about using your dishwasher to wash horse tack.
16. You can take a pee in the poison oak/ivy so fast that it can't even catch you.
15. You can find a digital pulse, gut sounds, and heart rate quicker than the average joe can change his underwear.
14. You know it's possible to have a complete conversation with a person while passing each other at a working trot, going opposite directions. In this brief encounter you can exchange information on weather, vet stops and horse health and never miss a stride.
13. You are more likely to survive being stranded in Death Valley than *Survivorman* is.
12. You know precisely the speed of your horse's working trot at all times, but you haven't got a clue how fast you were going when the cop pulls you over on the interstate.
11. You spend more money in a season on hoof boots and/or horseshoes than most people spend on their tack, their rig, and their horse combined, yet agonize over an \$80 pair of shoes for yourself that will last you a year.
10. Boulders? You haven't seen any boulders. Oh, you mean those big rocks about 1 foot in diameter that you and your horse just climbed over for the last 2 miles? Heck, that's just gravel.
9. You are the only horseback riding competitor in the entire horse world to happily spend \$100 on an entry fee, only to get a T-shirt as a prize, and actually be thrilled about it!
8. You only buy clothing that is bug proof, wind proof, water proof, sun proof and can be used to ride in.
7. You refer to your horse as your therapist.
6. You know how to pack every one of life's essentials on your saddle, on your person, and on your horse. This would include toilet paper, food, water, first aid, maps, extra clothing, glowsticks, and a GPS.
5. You actually know what the glowsticks are for.
4. The color of your tack is every bit as important as the fit of your tack although it really shouldn't matter because it's all covered in sheepskin anyway.
3. Your rig costs more than your house, your neighbor's house, and your other neighbor's house – all combined.
2. You swore off wearing spandex in public, and now proudly sport it all weekend. In bright colors and wild prints.
1. You ask friends and relatives to schedule events such as baby showers, weddings and parties around your ride schedule.

Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt

The Wisdom of President Teddy Roosevelt

While many Presidents were accomplished riders and breeders, no one embraced the horsemen's life quite like Teddy. His rugged cowboy persona was more than just political posturing, it embodied what he called his approach to "the strenuous life." In 1898, he helped establish the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry, famously known as the Rough Riders, to assist in the Spanish-American War. Even while in office, Roosevelt did not neglect his cowboy ways. When White House officials tried to give him an automobile for state duties, he famously refused: "The Roosevelts are horse people," he remarked. Damn right, Ted.

Roosevelt was so serious about his riding that anyone invited to accompany him on the trails was given a printed copy of his *Rules of the Road*. Here they are, courtesy of the White House Historical Association:

Roosevelt's Rules of the Road:

First: The president will notify whom he wishes to ride with him. The one notified will take position on the left of the president and keep his right stirrup back of the president's left stirrup.

Second: Those following will keep not less than ten yards in the rear of the president.

Third: When the president asks anyone in the party to ride with him the one at his side should at once retire to the rear. Salutes should be returned only by the president, except by those in the rear. Anyone unable to control his horse should withdraw to the rear.

Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt



BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT!



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
2. **...but it wasn't the horse's fault!** Available from Marinera Publishing, www.marinerapublishing.com All proceeds to **CENTER FOR EQUINE HEALTH**, School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis, California \$24.95

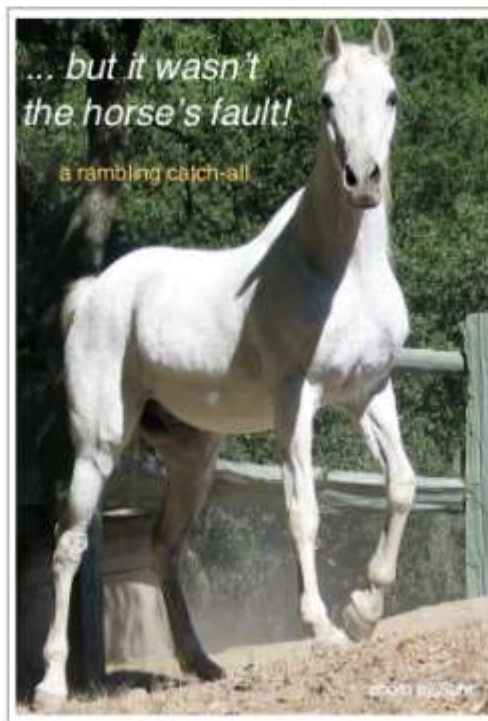


by
Julie Suhr

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

*One of the earliest religious
disappointments in a young
girl's life revolves upon her
unanswered prayer for a horse.*

Phillis Theroux, as quoted in Julie's book



"TEN FEET TALL, STILL"

My first book, *Ten Feet Tall, Still*, is out of print, but is now an e-book for downloading at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and some other places. One Hundred Percent of the proceeds go to the AERC Trails Fund and the WSTF Trails Fund.

This is shameless advertising, but I believe in the cause.

Julie Suhr

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Classifieds

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Humor and Birthdays

A couple were celebrating 50 years together. Their three kids, all very successful, agreed to a Sunday dinner in their honor.

"Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad," gushed son number one.

"Sorry I'm running late. I had an emergency at the hospital with a patient, you know how it is, and I didn't have time to get you a gift."

"Not to worry," said the father. "The important thing is that we're all together today."

Son number two arrived and announced, "You and Mom look great, Dad. I just flew in from Los Angeles between depositions and didn't have time to shop for you."

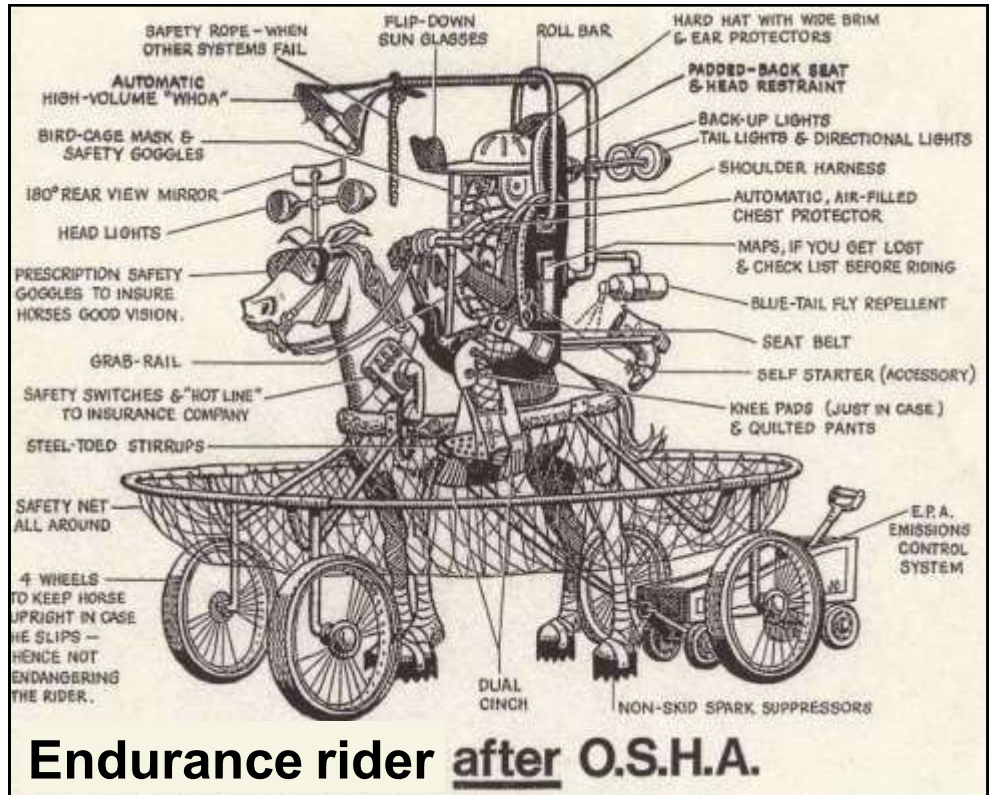
"It's nothing," said the father. "We're glad you were able to come."

Just then the daughter arrived. "Hello and happy anniversary! I'm sorry, but my boss is sending me out of town and I was really busy packing so I didn't have time to get you anything."

After they had finished dessert, the father said, "There's something your mother and I have wanted to tell you for a long time. You see, we were very poor. Despite this, we were able to send each of you to college. Throughout the years your mother and I knew that we loved each other very much, but we just never found the time to get married."

The three children gasped and all said, "You mean we're bastards?"

"Yep," said the father, "And cheap ones too."



Happy March Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Peggy Davidson	2
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"Life outside of endurance? I don't think so."

Dave Rabe

"Nothing can stop a man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

Thomas Jefferson

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QSER 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 standards of sportsmanship and horsemanship within the context of this sport. It supports and provides educational events and leadership in each of these areas.

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