



# Quicksilver Quips

March 2017

## *President's Message – March 2017*

Rain has been the story for February. Rescuing horses, downed power lines, roads closed, trees down, all around crazy time. With all the storm damage to our roads, I am thinking some of our trails might be damaged as well. Maybe we can have a club work day/picnic potluck on a public trail that needs work. The next meeting will probably be put off until late March or April.

The good news is, spring is coming, with all the glorious flowers to see while riding.

*Jeanine*

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# Quicksilver 2017 Calendar



**May TBD**—Ice cream social at Trilby's?

Planning for Fireworks ride

**Saturday, July 15**—Fireworks ride

**Saturday, August 26**—plan Quicksilver, recap

Fireworks, riding meeting—location TBD—possible camping

**Saturday, October 7**—Quicksilver Fall Classic ride

**December 9** (tentative) - Holiday Party—location TBD

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## QSER Board Meeting, February 4, 2017

Board Members Present: Melissa Broquard, Elisabet Hiatt, Jeanine McCrary, Jill Newburn, Jayne Perryman

Committee Reports:

**Technical:** (Melissa): no website changes to report. Discussed the possibility of filling out entry forms online for the QS Fall Classic; Melissa will work out further details with Jayne and report back at a later date.

**Trails:** Pat says the water trough on Hicks Road between Quicksilver Park and Mid-Pen has permits approved and is ready to construct in the spring. There is also a new trail in Rancho San Vincente from near Pat's house to Calero.

**Membership:** the board will discuss outreach ideas.

**Ride Report:** Fireworks: none at this time.

**Ride Report:** Quicksilver: entry is done and posted, and includes a line to join/renew membership with QSER. Ride is sanctioned.

### Unfinished Business:

Job descriptions for committees/officers/chairs. Reassess at next meeting; draft thoughts and begin discussion via email prior if possible.

### New Business:

Endurance 101 clinic with Santa Cruz Horsemen's Association. This will be in the AERC format, a 2-part clinic, with part 1 scheduled in February. Part 2 will be scheduled for either March 18/19 or April 23, with QSER's preference being for April 23 due to weather concerns. There will be a \$35-\$50?? cost for the clinic, with all funds going to SCCHA. Part 1 will be a classroom session; part 2 will be a practical session & trail ride. Horse optional, all welcome! Jill is coordinating this with Heather at SCCHA.

*Late February update: SCCHA cancelled their February meeting due to the stormy weather. As of this writing, the secretary is unsure how our E101 clinic will be rescheduled.*

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# List of Plants Poisonous to Equines

*This article originally appeared in the November 2010 newsletter and was submitted by Sally Francy.*

This is a list of plants which are poisonous to equines. Some may cause mild reactions, such as diarrhea, others can lead to serious problems including horse colic, laminitis, and neurological problems, which, in some circumstances, can be fatal.

- Paterson's Curse has been responsible for the deaths of many horses.
- Crofton weed (*Ageratina adenophora*) (flowers and leaves).
- The deadly *Nerium oleander*
- Avocado (*Persea americana*)
- Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)
- Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*)
- Blue periwinkle or large periwinkle (*Vinca major*)
- Bracken fern (*Pteridium esculentum*)
- Buttercups (*Ranunculus*)
- Cape tulip (One or two leafed) (*Homeria* spp.)
- Cape weed (*Arctotheca calendula*)
- Castor oil plant (*Ricinus communis*)
- Catsear (*Hypochaeris radicata*) Especially draught horses.
- Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*)
- Cocklebur (*Xanthium strumarium*)
- Common heliotrope (*Heliotropium europaeum*)
- Cooktown ironwood (*Erythrophleum chlorostachys*)
- Corkwood tree (*Duboisia myoporoides*)
- Creeping heliotrope (*Heliotropium supinum*)
- Crofton weed (*Ageratina adenophora*) causes Tallebudgera Horse Disease.
- Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) when infected with a toxic mold that grows on it, has been linked to outbreaks of Australian stringhalt.
- Darling peas (*Swainsona*)
- Deadly nightshade or belladonna (*Atropa belladonna*)
- Field woundwort or stagger weed (*Stachys arvensis*)
- Flatweed or catsear (*Hypochaeris radicata*), or perhaps a toxic mold that grows on it, has been implicated in causing 'Australian Stringhalt'.
- Foxglove (*Digitalis*)
- Green Cestrum (*Cestrum parqui*)
- Groundsel (*Senecio cunninghamii*)
- Guildford Grass (Onion Grass) (*Romulea longifolia*)
- Hemlock or Poison Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*)
- Horsetail (*Equisetum*)
- Johnson grass (*Sorghum* spp.)
- Lantana camara

- Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)
- Locoweed (*Astragalus* spp. or *Oxytropis* spp.)  
Also known as: Crazy Weed
- Lupin
- Mallow (*Malva parviflora*)
- Mother of millions (*Kalanchoe delagoensis*)
- Mountain-laurel or Spoonwood (*Kalmia latifolia*)
- Nardoo (*Marsilea drummondii*) contains an enzyme which destroys vitamin B1, leading to brain damage in sheep and horses.
- Oak (*Quercus*)
- Oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
- Onion weed (*Romulea rosea*)
- Paddy melon (*Cucumis myriocarpus*)
- Paterson's Curse (*Echium plantagineum*) [9]
- Perennial Rye-grass (*Lolium perenne*)
- Pheasant's eye (*Adonis microcarpa*)
- Pokeweed (*Phytolacca*)
- Privet (*Ligustrum*)
- Quince (*Cydonia oblonga*)
- Ragwort (*Senecio*)
- Rattlepods (*Crotalaria* species)
- Red Maple, also known as Swamp or Soft Maple (*Acer rubrum*)
- Rhododendron (including Azalea)
- Round billy button or woollyhead (*Craspedia chrysantha*)
- Sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*)
- St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)
- Sneezewort (*Achillea ptarmica*)
- Solanaceae (including Deadly nightshade and Potato)
- Stinging tree or Gympie stinger (*Dendrocnide moroides*)
- Sudan grass (*Sorghum* species)
- Thorn-apple (*Datura stramonium*)
- Tobacco plants (*Nicotiana*)
- Variegated thistle (*Silybum marianum*) Poisons cattle, sheep and rarely horses.
- Water hemlock (*Cicuta virosa*)
- White Snakeroot (*Ageratina altissima*)
- Yellow star thistle or St Barnaby's thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*)
- Yew (*Taxus* sp)

Contact information for Animal Poison Control Center in the United States

*Horse Nutrition Bulletin 762-00* Ohio State University

*Poisonous Plants and Equine* Utah State University

*Toxic Plants in Your Hay and Pasture* University of California Davis

*Horse Pasture Is No Place for Poisonous Plants* University of Illinois



# Horses can read human facial expressions – and they don't always like what they see.

By Lauren Cassani Davis

Humans have been living and working with horses for more than 5,000 years, since the first domesticated equines had their teeth worn down by primitive bridles in northern Kazakhstan. Hands could not have built modern civilization without the help of hooves—to haul ploughs, pull carriages, march soldiers into battle, and carry messages of love and war across hundreds of otherwise-insurmountable miles.

An unlikely pairing of wily predator and one-ton prey, humans and horses have managed to successfully communicate across the species barrier because we share a language: emotion. Experienced riders and trainers can learn to read the subtle moods of individual horses according to wisdom passed down from one horseman to the next, but also from years of trial-and-error. I suffered many bruised toes and nipped fingers before I could detect a curious swivel of the ears, irritated flick of the tail, or concerned crinkle above a long-lashed eye.

Horses can read human emotions, too, often in uncannily accurate ways; alerting us to our sadness or nervousness, sometimes before we've even consciously registered it. As Herman Melville wrote in *Redburn*, "No philosophers so thoroughly comprehend us as dogs and horses."

Today's domesticated horse, *Equus caballus*, is a tamer version of the snorting, shaggy beast who once roamed the plains in the Ice Age; selectively bred over generations for agility and a human-friendly temperament. But horses' ability to form complex social relationships stems from an older evolutionary legacy, of living in close-knit bands of five to 10. Within these bands, foals, fillies, stallions, and mares—who were the observant matriarchs, despite the males' eye-catching flashy necks and noisy displays, as Wendy Williams notes in *The Horse*—all formed close emotional partnerships. Now, humans are part of the herd: Domestic horses respond to the tiniest change in tone of voice, quality of touch, or stiffness of their rider's body.

The equine ability to read human emotion through sound and touch is exquisite. But horses can also read the expression on a person's face—as a *Biology Letters* paper earlier this month confirmed for the first time. This sophisticated capacity has only ever previously been demonstrated in dogs—and even further disproves the myth (that I believed until now, despite riding for 15 years) that horses have bad eyesight. While horses can't see color, and have a blind spot directly in front of them as a result of eyes positioned on the side of their head,

their vision is actually more acute than domestic cats' or dogs'.

A University of Sussex research team, led by Amy Smith alongside the veteran animal-behavior scientist Karen McComb, showed a group of 28 horses large photographs of man's face making either a positive (smiling) or negative (angry, brows furrowed) emotional expression. The results showed that horses were able to automatically distinguish between the two expressions, and what they meant.

The horses tended to look at the angry faces out of their left eye—a response well-documented in horses and in dogs, indicating that an animal is engaging the right hemisphere of its brain where novel and fear-provoking stimuli are processed. The horses' heart rates also rose more quickly when they were presented with the angry face. Being able to tell a smiling handler from an angry one is a useful skill for a domestic horse—being approached by a frown rarely results in happy consequences.

The authors speculated that horses may simply have been applying an ancestral ability to read the facial expressions of their own species "onto a morphologically different species," in this case, humans. These same University of Sussex scientists found last year that horses have 17 distinct facial expressions—more than dogs' 16, or chimpanzees' 14—many of which are similar to humans' 27 facial movements, like creased brows or eyes widened in fear. (So far, this method of coding facial expressions hasn't been applied to wild animals, and those that aren't part of humans' evolutionary lineage.)

However, since the horses tested in this particular study came from riding schools, where they interact with humans all day every day, their face-reading ability may also have been learned within their lifetime. Previous research has demonstrated that familiarity was a significant factor in dog's ability to recognize human expressions—they performed better when faced with their owners than with a stranger.

While these latest findings probably come as no surprise to those who work with horses on a daily basis, they are one more piece in the increasingly complex picture of the emotional language humans share with other species. Horses' ability to read faces perhaps also refines the explanation for horses' therapeutic and even spiritual effects on humans, documented in our art and stories since the first etchings on cave walls.

They may speak in humming sighs or twitches of whiskered lips instead of words, but it's increasingly clear that horses are highly emotionally attuned—and not all that different from the animals they carry on their backs.

*Lauren Cassani Davis is an editorial fellow at The Atlantic.* ◻

## RC Fargo's First 50-Mile Ride

I am super proud of my 5 year old Rush Creek Fargo for completing his first 50! We did 4 LDs last year so it was time for this opportunity. He loved it out there on those wide open desert trails. He is an excellent traveler as well. Lori Oleson and I left Thursday so we could arrive in Ridgecrest in the morning on Friday. We spent the night in a KOA campground that had a couple of small corrals. He was a lone horse and didn't mind at all. Gave him water and hay and he settled right in. Hopped in the trailer the next morning, eager to see what that day would bring.

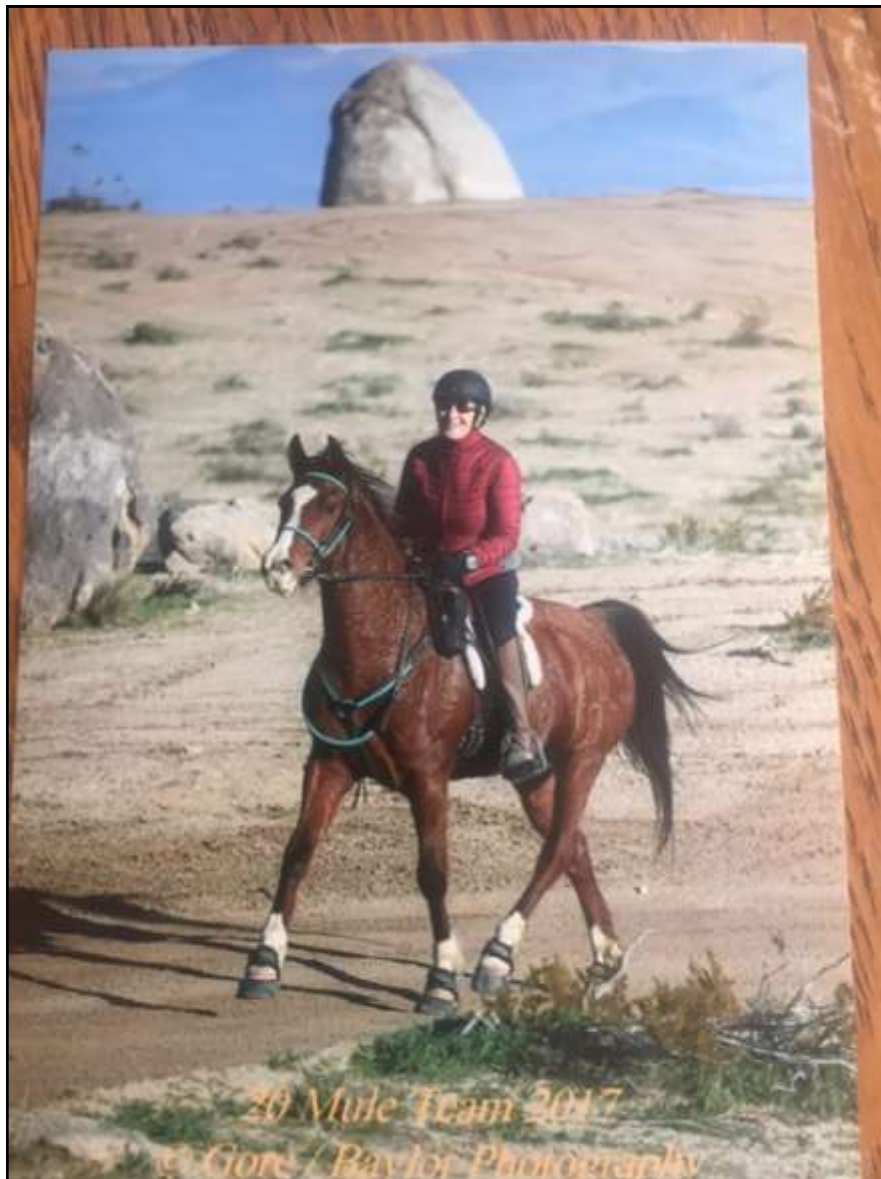
He really likes cruising down the trail, but I learned that if there's horse in front that he can see, it's much more important to Fargo to try to catch up than listen to me when I ask "Could we slow down just a bit"? My shoulders and arms are now recovered, but it took a couple of days using my vascular therapy device (the Bemer) and good old Arnica to stop grimacing! We will be trying out different bits for future rides!!

His recoveries were great. He'd be at 44 before I'd even located my crew bag at the vet checks. I was happy to meet Mike Tomlinson, DVM, as I enjoy the articles he writes for Endurance News. Fargo and I met him at the pre-ride check and then happened to see him through out the ride. Fargo earned all A's except for one B for gut sounds at the 2nd check. I think we finished about 18 out of the 54 starters. We rode with a couple of very nice people and horses so the experience of doing his first 50 was definitely positive.

On Sunday we had a 9-hour trip back to the ranch. He came happily out of the trailer, through his pasture gate and trotted over the hill to tell all his herd buddies how cool he was now that he'd done 50 miles of amazing desert trail.

And we both send a huge thank you to Lori O. for sharing her LQ and taking us to the ride.

*Kathy Brayton*





# Classifieds and Services



This book is on great horses and riders in the beginning of our sport starting in the 1970's. It has been a fun project and I'm excited to introduce (or re-introduce) those that made endurance riding what it is today.

Dick Carter did the beautiful cover, Susan Garlinghouse wrote the Forward and 5 chapters are about great Quicksilver horses and riders.

A percentage of all sales will be given to the AERC Education Committee.

Lori Oleson

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Cost of book is \$24 + tax/shipping

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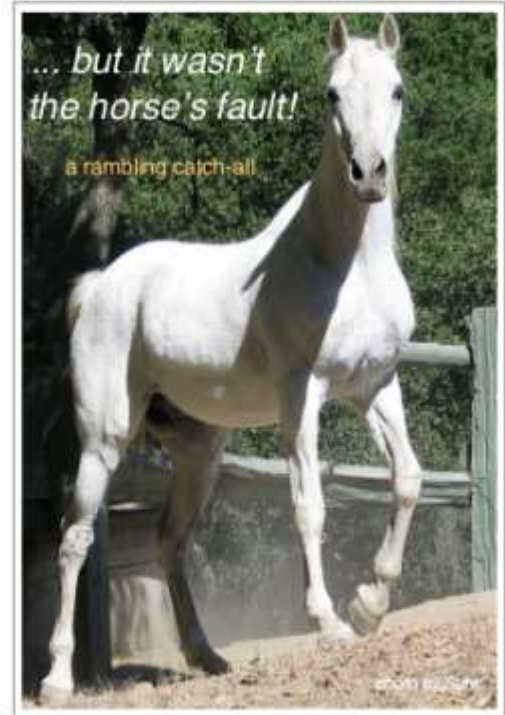
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

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.*



## "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.

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## Member Stories

### Twenty Mule Team 35, 65, 35, and Introductory Rides

I went down last Wednesday to help Brian and Valerie Reeves set up the 20 Mule Team ride. It is mind boggling how much administrative work as well as physical work is required. There were a 100, 65, 35, and an introduction 10 mile fun ride. Then you add the FEI requirements which is in kilometers 110,75,45 (?) and the different hold times wow! Try explaining that to two brand new volunteers working as in and out timers. Riders really need to be patient and articulate their distance and rider numbers as many volunteers may have not done this before. Many volunteers have been working for 6-10-24 hours please remember it takes 2 seconds to say thank you. I know as a rider we tend to get anxious and confused but being rude is not acceptable. I will say it is much easier to ride than to crew or set up a ride! Hats off to ride managers, crew and volunteers as these rides would not exist without your dedication.

The weather was awesome for the most part, I almost put my shorts on. The wind did come up in the afternoons, but Saturday the day of the ride was perfect.

Nick Warhol once again came down early to mark trail with Brian and a few locals on motorcycles, quads and bicycles. Nick as he was riding his 100 mile ride on Saturday, stopped and fixed trail markings that were moved due to a foot race using the same color ribbons. I think he rode an extra 5-10 miles..

Nick, you rock!

The Memorial slideshow for Jackie was wonderful, we will miss her very much. Her legacy as being gracious, kind and generous will be in our hearts as we go down the trail. Jackie trained many great endurance horses over the years and helped many riders become awesome endurance riders.

*Mary Anderson*

### News Post-Ride—Twenty Mule Team As of March 1st:

Brian is still down there cleaning up, pulling ribbons, etc. Judith And Becky broke down on Tehachapi Pass on the way to the ride and I asked Alexandra North if she would kindly unhook her semi truck and drive to rescue them after the tow truck got them to the shop . Pretty scary.

*Mary Anderson*

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## Humor and Birthdays

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds.  
People move out of the way much, much  
faster now.

Everyone has a right to be stupid. Politicians  
just abuse the privilege.

I decided to change calling the bathroom "the  
John" and renamed it "the Jim". I feel so  
much better saying I went to the Jim this  
morning.



Apparently Mac supports Windows now.

You can tell a lot about a woman's  
mood just by her hands. If they are  
holding a gun, she's probably pissed.

You know that tingly little feeling you  
get when you really like some-  
one you've just met? That's common  
sense leaving your body.



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



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

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**FIRST: We need your name**

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**And then your address**

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**And your phone number, Fax, e-mail**

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

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

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San Jose, CA 95125-3535  
(408) 265-0839**

**May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful year riding together as Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!**

*"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*



## **Mission Statement of Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.**

**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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