



Quicksilver Quips

March 2019

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President's Message – March 2019

Everybody got your horse properly fitted with snorkel and flippers so that you can continue conditioning for spring rides? Yeh, me neither. The ponies are already starting to shed out and say they are ready to go but finding dry trails that coincide with a day off continues to be my challenge!

I admire all of you who were able to get out to rides in the past month and look forward to hearing your stories.

We do not have a club meeting or activity planned for this month, but I look forward to seeing those who can make it to the general meeting at the Summit House next month.

Paddle on...

Jill



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<http://www.qser.net/>

Treasurer's Report

General Account \$14,184.40
Trails Account \$1,074.64

Quicksilver 2018 Calendar



Treasurer's Report

P.O. Box Annual Fee \$64
Goodwill Cards \$65
Insurance \$532
Yearbook/Directory (printing and mailing) \$899.81
Banquet Awards \$1,098.35
Banquet Dinners - expense \$1290.82
income \$ 900.00

Checking (General) Account Balance \$12,312.25
Savings (Trails) Account Balance \$1,074.66

**Congratulations to new QS member Jerry Wittenauer and Carlos
for finishing their first 100 mile ride in 7th place!
See his article on Page 7**

DreamPower is going through some changes, improvements and growth. We are looking for safe, usable dressage saddles for the clients to use. If you have, or know of someone who has a good dressage saddle that is not being used, please let me know. Thanks.

Lori Oleson
408-710-5651

Annual Treasurer's Report

2018 Income		Bank of America accounts		
Membership	\$2,375.00		1/1/2018	12/31/2018
Donation	\$630.00	General (Checking)	\$12,785.42	\$14,431.64
Printed Quips	\$125.00	Trails (Savings)	\$1,074.52	\$1,074.64
QS Fall Classic	\$8,220.00	Junior	\$454.38	
2019 Banquet Tickets	\$210.00	Jr. account dissolved in January 2018 and added to General account		
total income	\$11,350.00			
2018 Expense				
Yearbook	\$615.14	--some expense was incurred in 2017. Total for the 2017 yearbook was \$822.46		
Printed Quips	\$366.26			
Awards Banquet	\$432.12	--some expense was incurred in 2017. Total for the 2018 awards banquet was \$2,002.76		
check image fee	\$21.00			
Sept. Camp Out	\$280.00	--food and insurance		
Insurance	\$532.00			
Meeting Expense	\$146.45	--Ice Cream Social and Holiday Party		
QS Fall Classic	\$6,932.21			
Post Office Box	\$62.00			
Goodwill Cards	\$65.00			
PayPal	\$32.18			
Postage	\$112.64			
Engraving	\$5.00			
Banner - Vista Print	\$43.15			
SquareSpace	\$31.14			
total expense	\$9,676.29			

Lori Oleson, Treasurer



Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association

P. O. Box 20124, San Jose, CA 95160

October 24, 2018

Quicksilver Endurance Riders Inc.
Attention Lori Oleson
P.O. Box 71
New Almaden, CA 95042

Dear Lori,

As you may be aware, in 2015, the Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association held and disbursed funds collected by Pat McAndrews for the building of the Woods Road water trough.

The trough was completed in 2016 with \$431 unused funds remaining in the account. There was talk of additional work needed in 2017, which is why we held onto the funds. However, Pat has confirmed work is complete and we can return the funds.

A total of \$4,350 was collected from five local horse clubs, each contributing a different amount. The **Quicksilver Endurance Riders Inc.** contributed \$1,000, comprising approximately 23% of the total funds collected.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$99.13, which represents 23% of the remaining \$431 unused funds.

We thank you for your support of the equine community and our local trails. If you have any questions, my contact info is below.

Thank you and Happy Trails!


Angie Moffatt, Treasurer
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408-677-8841

QS VP Katie Webb Runs a 100k in Arizona

Last January, Katie Webb drove down to Black Canyon City, Arizona to run the Black Canyon Ultra 100k foot race. She travelled with her parents, Steve and Janet Webb, and boyfriend, Walker Hum, who would be her crew and pacer for the last 20 miles. Her dad, Steve, finished in 16:13 and now qualifies for the lottery to run the Western States 100. Katie finished within the cut-off time.



The start: 7:00 AM



This is the race story as sent home in e-mails via Katie's aunt, Ellen Rinde, who flew down to Arizona to crew...

Race report #1: 2/16/19 7:00 AM *They're off. It's in the high 30s, windy, showers. Very muddy; the icky, sticky clay that clumps on your shoes. The usual pre-race pandemonium. Lots of cars getting stuck trying to get out of the parking field.*



Walker has food and water ready as Katie enters a checkpoint

Race report #2: 11:35 AM Although running a little behind their estimated times, both Steve and Katie made it through the first crew accessible aid station, approximately 20 miles out. Steve was running about 30-45 minutes off, enough so that Janet was starting to stress out and imagine everything that could have gone wrong. He looked a little frazzled but said he's doing okay, just feels like he's run 20 miles. Katie was about 15 minutes off her goal time. She said she felt low energy but also doing okay; down to the ultra runner shuffle. Due to all the rain here in the past few days, the course has been re-routed. They will go through the next checkpoint twice.

Race report #3: 2:24 PM The course has been re-routed because the Agua Fria River is flooded. The revised course makes 3 loops out of Black Canyon City. The aid station and crew parking is in a big gravel lot, our home for the duration of the event. Rather dismal. Also, chilly and breezy; will probably be freezing tonight. With nearly 1,000 runners, it's quite a mob scene. Katie just headed out from the mile 36 checkpoint. Gaining time on Steve and looking better than she did at mile 20.

Race report #4: 5:00 PM Both Steve and Katie are through the 40-mile checkpoint; an out-and-back 22-mile leg to go. Steve has about a 40-minute lead. Both are trying to make a sub 17-hour finish; going to be a push to make it.

Race report #5: 11:22 PM Steve just finished. Katie is still on the trail.

Race report—Final: Steve said it took him 3:15 to do the "out" half of the last leg and he felt good enough to push the last section. He finished at about **11:15 PM, approx. 16:15 hours**. That qualifies him to enter the lottery for Western States 100 which was his goal. He said he was sort of up and down all day; learning to just keep plugging along through the downs until he felt better again.

Katie said she felt like dog meat at 20 miles but felt a lot better later. Unfortunately, she blistered the pads of her feet so had to slow down on the last leg. She finished at about **1:30 AM**, still well ahead of the cut off. It got down into the high 30s in the lovely gravel lot at the finish area. Fortunately, there was a fire ring, so Janet and I sort of took over and kept it stoked up, helping the stiff, befuddled runners that cycled through as we waited.

Our Air-BnB house looked like the typical post race carnage this morning and my rental car was spattered with mud. Signs of a good day.



Walker prepares to pace Katie's last 20 miles; Mom Janet gives her an encouraging hug.

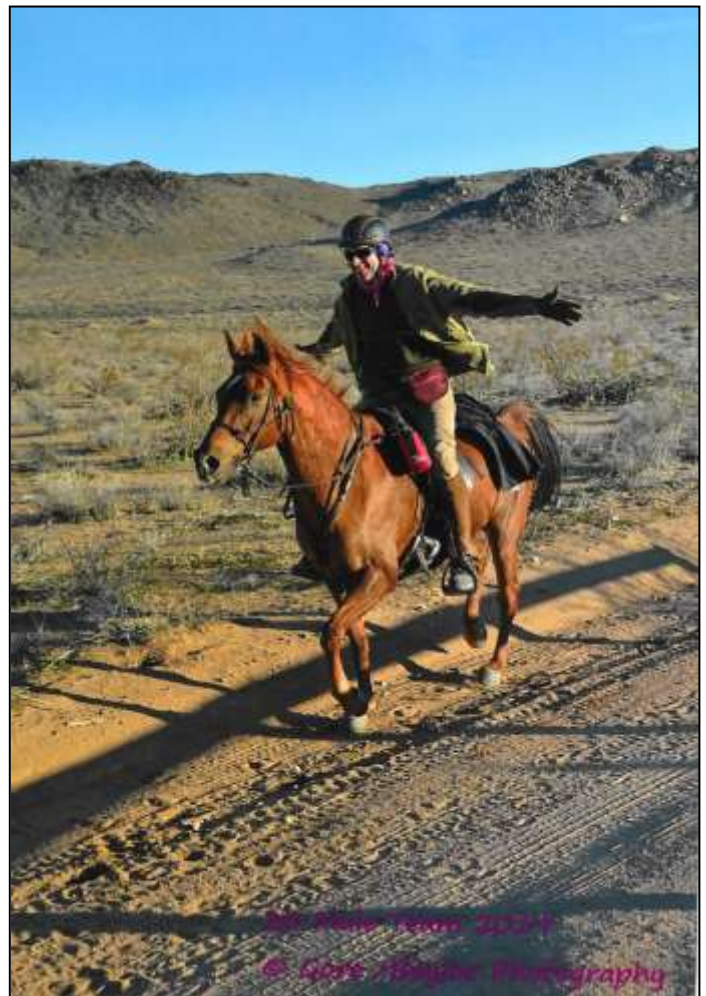
Ride Notes From the 23 Feb "20 Mule Team" 100 miler

By Jerry Wittenauer

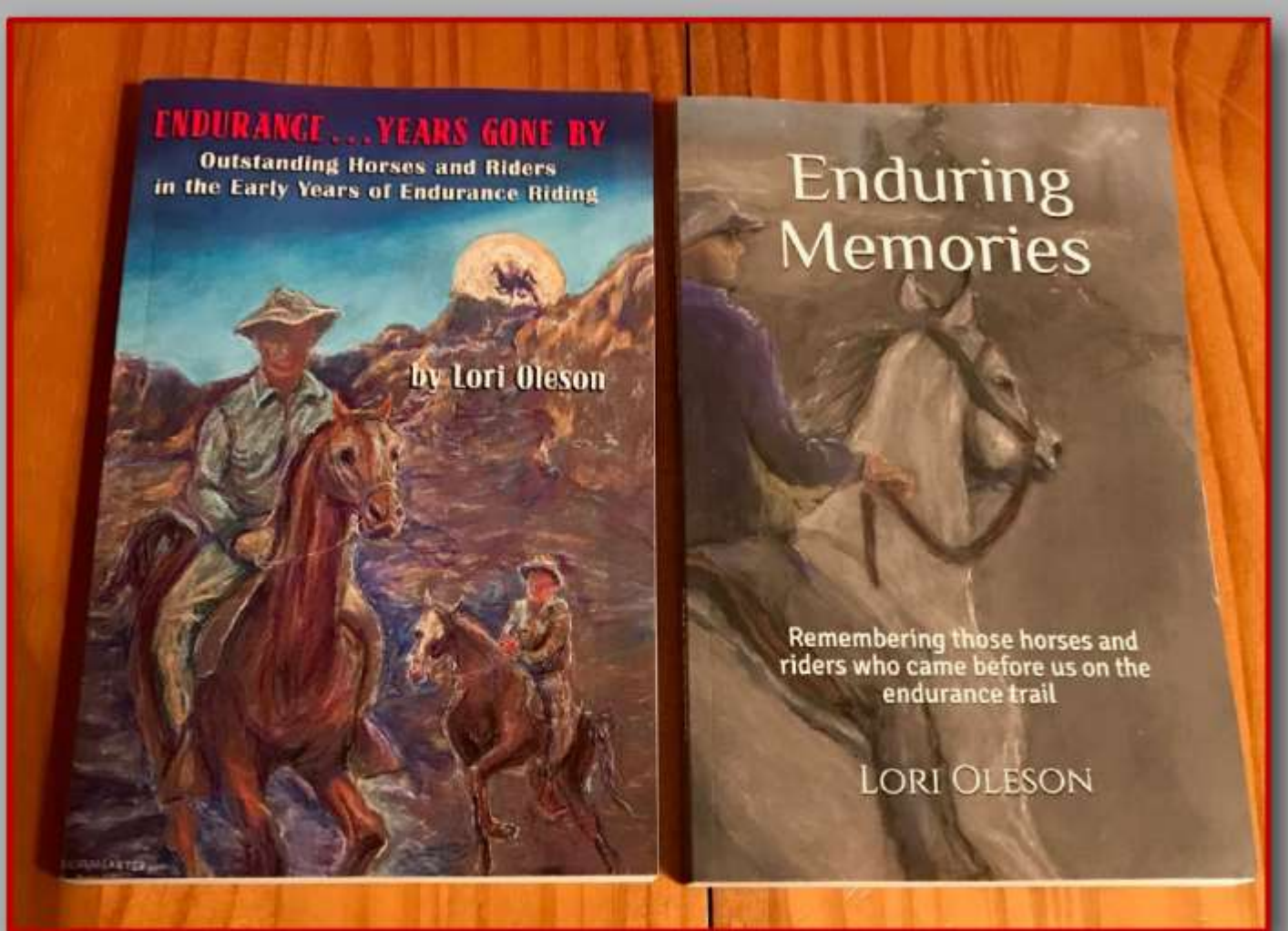
Shown in the attached photo, I call this riding with "Flaps Down" as I try to moderate Carlos' pace while we fly across the Mojave Desert! We completed our first 100 mile Endurance Ride this weekend, near Ridgecrest, CA! Carlos, aka "Supernaturahl", will be 8 years old in May, a Polish Arabian; this is our fourth season doing Endurance. With a 6:00 AM start and temps below 30F, some 36 riders headed out across the scrub-covered desert hills to take on the "20 Mule Team" endurance ride. We rode steady all day as things warmed up to the mid-50's. We passed thru numerous veterinary exams to ensure health-of-horse (they don't scrutinize the riders much), I alternate between long stretches of riding solo with Carlos and sometimes sticking with other riders as everyone's pace ebbed and flowed during the day. I met some great folks along the trail. As darkness fell, we headed out into the desert for a final 35-mile loop riding completely alone. Neither Carlos nor I have ridden at night before, so this was the most adventurous part of the day! This will be my most enduring memory from the ride. It was pretty special to put complete trust in Carlos to see the trail and keep us both safe while he kept churning thru the hardpack with his steady trot (I couldn't see Jack!). As we crested a ridge with about 6 miles to go and could see the lights of Ridgecrest laid out below us on the desert floor, Carlos came to life and broke into his monster trot for the nice downhill to a 12:30 AM finish. We ended up as the 6th team to complete the ride and his final vet check was really solid. We made it safely home on the Monday (7 hr. drive) and are BOTH looking forward to a two-week rest before we start ramping up for our next ride in late April (American River.)

I come out of every AERC ride with a couple of key "Lessons Learned." From this ride, 2 corrections are needed for the future: (1) New "rule"- to allow at least an 8-day gap between "new shoes" and "ride day." I had Carlos shod on Tuesday of ride week, and he had a pinchy front left that he just barely got over in time to do the ride...it haunted me all day that this might come back to get us, but he made it thru the day with "B" scores on his trot-outs. And (2) Figure out a way on the winter rides to keep Carlos' tack warm the night before the ride. At 5:30 AM on ride day, I took his blanket off, threw on my Equipedic Pad that was probably 25° F from being in my trailer all night, and Carlos seemed kind of stunned – his whole body cringed! I don't want to ever do this to him again!

The Quicksilver Family was well-represented at the ride with Valorie and Brian Reeves serving as Ride Managers, Melissa Ribley on the Veterinary Team, and Nick Warhol ably managing the trail marking. I saw Michelle Roush Rowe at the ride, and I'm probably missing others. It's a great feeling to be part of an activity with so many good people to meet and share experiences with. Carlos & I look forward to doing this for many years to come!



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Endurance...Years Gone By and Enduring Memories are available at \$25 each. Contact me at endurancehistory@gmail.com or call (408) 710-5651. Both books are also available on Amazon.

[Lori Oleson](#)

PRINTING SERVICES

For Quicksilver club ride managers. Our club now has a color duplex printer that is located in the home of Becky and Judith. You can do the printing at the cost of 25¢ per page color and 6¢ per page B&W, if you provide the paper. If you e-mail the printable files to Becky, she will do the printing for you at the cost of 27¢ per page color and 8¢ per page B&W, including the paper.

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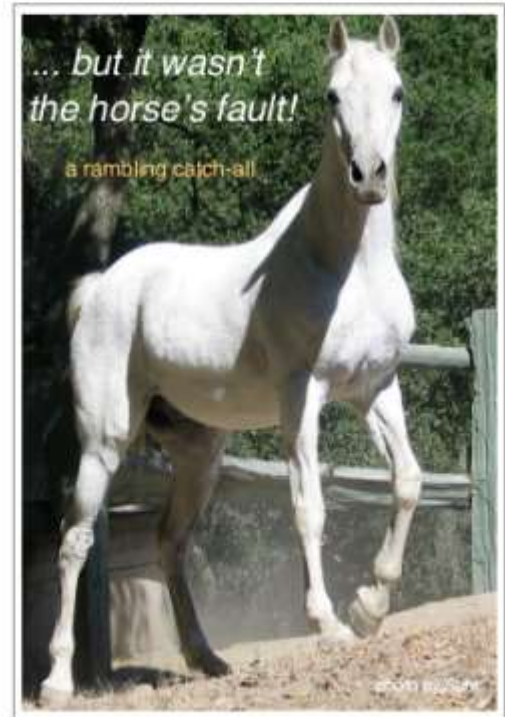
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

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
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

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quite the same
after you ride
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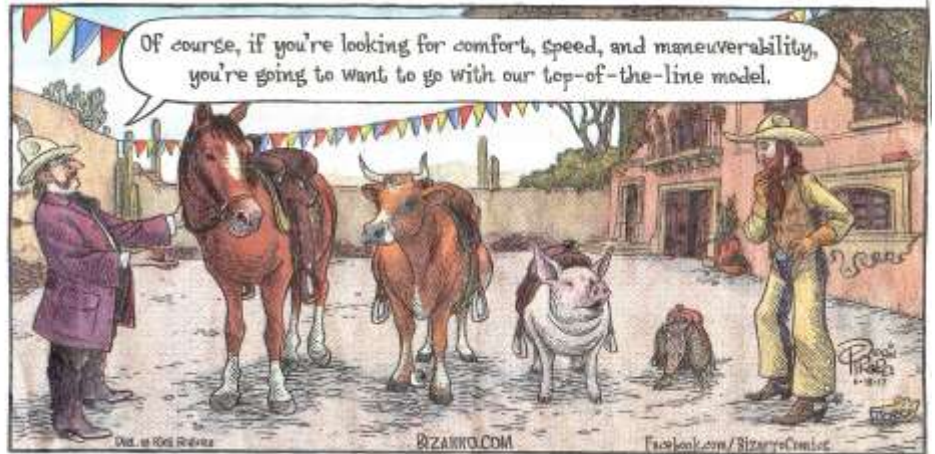
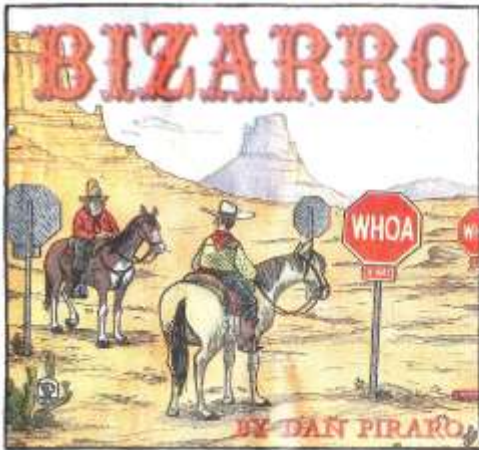
96' X 48' uncovered outdoor arena. We clean. Shavings available. 1.25 miles to entrance to the Quicksilver County Park (3600 acres and 19.2 miles of manicured trails). I provide my trailer for use to boarders. My place borders Quicksilver Park.

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Humor and Birthdays

PICKLES

Brian Crane



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



QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS — MEMBERSHIP

Club Mission—Quicksilver 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 levels of sportsmanship and horsemanship within the context of this sport. It supports and provides educational events and leadership in each of these areas.

Name _____

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Senior Membership \$30

Junior Membership \$20

Family Membership \$45

Go to our website at www.qser.net to join or send a check made out to Quicksilver Endurance Riders and mail to:

Maryben Stover, 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose 95125

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

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

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

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

Mission Statement of Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

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