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President's Message - April 2013

Spring seems to be here early this year, so riding conditions are ideal. I hope everyone is making the time to enjoy their equine companions and the beautiful flowers that are popping out. California poppies are my favorite wild flowers. Years ago, I remember a ride down south, near Lancaster, that we rode through beautiful fields of poppies. Just a good memory of the past.

It is great to see people posting to our Facebook page. I have really enjoyed reading the stories and seeing the pictures from Cuyama, since I was not able to attend. Our Facebook page is for more than just our membership, so if you know of another horse person who may like this, please have them join us. Thank you, Hillary Graham for being our administrator. Keep up the good work.

We did not have a meeting in March, but are planning one on April 17th at Tony and Alba's Pizza in Scotts Valley. I hope many of you will be coming. One of our topics will be our upcoming endurance ride (October 5th) at Bear Ranch. We have a member stepping up to be ride manager and will be submitting a budget to be approved.

As Barbara said in an e-mail, we will not have a May Quips. Look for a June Quips to be full of stories and pictures. April and May are busy times, so there are plenty of adventures to be shared.

Lori



2012 Quicksilver Awards



Elisabet Hiatt, Eleanor Norton Award winner for 2012



Dick Carter receives a Tevis Mile honor from Julie and Katie



Julie Suhr and Barbara White receiving the Horse of the Year Award - for Canadian Brook - from Sandy Holder



Mike Maul, 2012 Hall of Fame Rider on Rroco-My-Sol, 2012 Hall of Fame Horse Mike and Roc also won the Pard'ners Award at the AERC convention

HISTORICAL TRIVIA

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October) Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term 'big wig... 'Today we often use the term 'here comes the Big Wig' because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy.

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal.. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.'

Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board.'

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement.. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt. Therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' wore a tightly tied lace.

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and bars. They were told to 'go sip some Ale and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. 'You go sip here' and 'You go sip there.' The two words 'go sip' were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term 'gossip.'

At local taverns, pubs, and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay close attention and remember who was drinking in 'pints' and who was drinking in 'quarts,' hence the phrase 'minding your 'P's and Q's'.

One more: bet you didn't know this!

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem....how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it.

The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

Submitted by Julie Suhr

The Quicksilver club lost a long-time member on Sunday night with the passing of Joann LeMond. Joann and Pete have been members for a number of years and Joann rode many endurance rides on Najo, their big Morgan gelding. Joann crewed many rides for Pete and his grandkids Michelle and Danya and also for Julie Caprino when she started riding with them. She will be missed by all of us who knew her.

Services will be on Tuesday, April 2, at 12:30 at Santa Nella Veterans Memorial. It is located at 32053 West McCabe Road in Santa Nella. To get there you take 152 East towards Los Banos and over Pacheco Pass. Turn left on State Route 33 and McCabe Road is less than 5 miles. Turn left on McCabe Road.

A Rare Bird

By Barbara McCrary

One day, a few months ago, Lud and I were driving up the hill to our house, when we noticed something startlingly white, sitting in a tall fir tree. Immediately I thought it was a barn owl, but then I realized it didn't look right for an owl. Closer examination with binoculars that we always carry with us revealed a hawk of some sort.

There is nothing in a bird book about a white hawk, so I went online and Googled "white raptor" and I found a website created by a man in Kansas about just such birds.

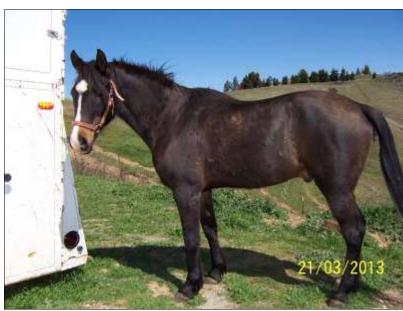
After exchanging e-mails, he identified the bird as a partial albino Red-tailed Hawk. It was coming fairly routinely for a few weeks but I haven't seen it for quite some time now.

We do love living here—away from civilization—where we are privileged to see some quite rare creatures. Others—not really rare, but infrequent—are mountain lions, foxes, coyotes, coons, and skunks. Bobcats are actually residential, as are deer. We have a small herd of deer than hang out fairly close, even walking into our paddock about 150 feet from our house. We figure they feel safer close to us, and even our dog, than out in the wild with the lions.





Orion
Still Shining
At 28 years old



Orion, pictured above age at 28, recently had his teeth floated and I was surprised when the vet said a couple of his molars are "expired". This means the roots of the teeth are gone and the crowns are being held in place by the adjacent teeth. He doesn't seem to notice, gobbling up everything in sight but may start having problems chewing if the crowns become loose or fall out. He has put on at least 100 lbs. since his endurance days and is quite content hanging out in the pasture with a buddy or two--who knew under that lean racing machine lurked a pasture potato :-)

Quicksilver Riders Go To Cuyama Oaks Ride

By Elisabet Hiatt

Last weekend I was lucky enough to go to Cuyama Oaks and ride Tango on day one and three of the ride. I thought that it would be easy, being a multi day ride, but boy, was I wrong! Day one was 55 miles and it seemed like we climbed every freakin' mountain in the Sierra Madres! I took it easy, as I was still not sure if Tango was really able to do the miles, given his navicular issues. Ten hours later, we crossed the finish line and he was fine... yay!

I took day two off, to give Tango a break, and rode day three, just as slow. Day three was also quite challenging and a bit hotter. Lots of up and downs, and a few parts that were so steep, I got off and sort of slid down the trail! Another finish with a sound horse, and I was very relieved.



Saw lots and lots of Q'silver members there. Had the pleasure of riding quite a few miles with Jill Newburn, a most entertaining and interesting riding companion. We camped close to Barbara White and Brook, who reached 3,000 on this ride! She's quite an amazing and unflappable horse.

Sandy Holder and Barb Granter were also close by (thanks for the use of the shower, Sandy!!). I saw Jeff, Judith, the <u>Ribleys</u>, Michelle R., Sam and Peggy out there... I am sure I'm missing someone, seems like there were familiar faces everywhere!

GO Brook!

On the second day, while everyone was out riding, Barbara G. and I explored a nearby section of trail that was part of the Pony Express. This was the first time I'd seen ANY section of the Pony Express trail, so it was quite a treat. I had seen it the day before, as it was near the finish line, and got so excited that Tango thought it was some kind of monster, jumped sideways, and almost dumped me!



Cuyama was not as covered in wild flowers as I have been told it can be, but it was still beautiful. The views were amazing and the weather just about perfect. The food Annie prepared was delicious, and of course, the company superb. As peculiar as the Duck's rides can be, I enjoyed the weekend and the relaxed atmosphere very much and really had a great time!

Godfrey Sullivan Long-Time Endurance Rider Whom Many of Us Know

With Splunk, Godfrey Sullivan pulled off one of 2012's strongest IPOs. But it's his hobbies and no-drama management that have made his reputation.

FORTUNE — Godfrey Sullivan has an odd idea of fun. For the past two decades the 59-year-old chairman and CEO of data analytics firm Splunk has competed in a little-known type of race called Ride and Tie: Two partners alternate between riding a horse and running on long, rugged courses. "After you've run 30 or 40 miles in the mountains, your dependency on your team is crystal clear," he says. It's not unlike managing his company.

San Francisco-based Splunk (SPLK) sells software aimed at IT departments that want to make sense of machine data — the mountains of files created by servers, apps, and devices "talking" to one another. Customers include the U.S. Defense Department, Facebook (FB), and Staples (SPLS). Splunk — the name comes from "spelunking," the sport of exploring wild caverns — went public in April 2012. The stock generated one of the biggest first-day gains of 2012.



Godfrey Sullivan with Buttercup, Splunk's mascot

doubling at its opening. (Overall, the stock is up about 84%.) The company says revenue for the current fiscal year is on track to be \$194 million, up 62% from the year before. The 650-person company hasn't turned a profit, but analysts are enamored of its potential.

MORE: Best and worst IPOs of 2012

Despite his hard-core extracurriculars — he's also an avid fan of endurance horse riding — Sullivan has earned a reputation as one of Silicon Valley's most level-headed CEOs. Case in point: Sullivan didn't bring in an entourage, change Splunk's corporate culture, or push out its founders when he was brought in four years ago to take the company public.

Michael Baum, Splunk's founding CEO and now a partner at Rembrandt Venture Partners, says Sullivan acted "selflessly" as he transitioned into the CEO role and Baum prepared to leave. "You don't blow the place up," Sullivan explains. "You learn and you accept."

MORE: Why SurveyMonkey is holding off on an IPO

Sullivan grew up middle class in Waco, Texas. He describes himself as a latchkey kid with pyromaniac tendencies. (He once lit a fire in his bedroom.) After graduating from Baylor University, he moved west and eventually landed at Apple (AAPL) as a sales director. "Godfrey proves you don't have to backstab everybody to get ahead," says Carol Bartz, who hired Sullivan in 1992 when she was CEO of Autodesk (ADSK).

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Godfrey Sullivan (continued from page 6

Not surprisingly, Sullivan likens his company's trajectory to a race. The IPO was just "mile three" of a marathon. Now Splunk must live up to the hype — not to mention a \$3 billion market cap. It also has to contend with competitors like Oracle (ORCL) and IBM (IBM). Luckily, Sullivan is plenty comfortable with long and grueling runs.

This story is from the February 4, 2013 issue of Fortune.

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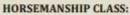
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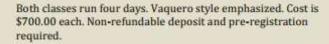
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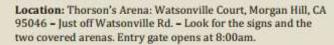
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Julie Suhr

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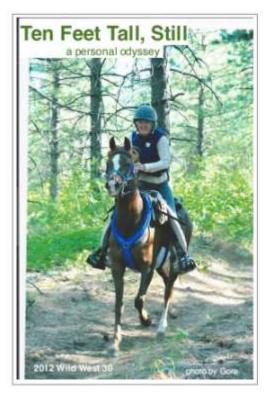


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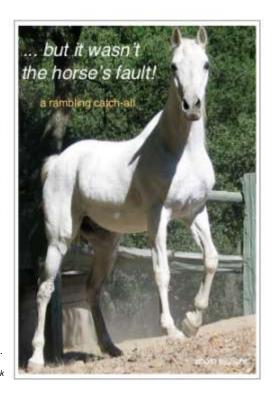


by Julie Suhr

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





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I thought some Quicksilver folks might want to know. David De La Rosa

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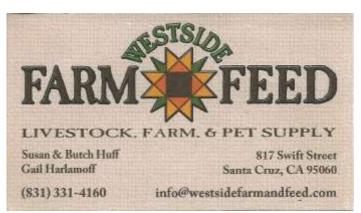


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Humor and Birthdays

How many riders does it take to change a light bulb?

ENDURANCE RIDER:

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WESTERN PLEASURE RIDERS:

Oh, my God, someone fix that bulb, I have to have light so that my silver and spangles all glow to their best and so that all the highlighter on Old Peanut Head makes his nose look so smooth and sparkly, and oh, my diamond studs have to flash in the light, you know, so oh, someone has to fix it -- oh, maybe you without all the silver on your saddle, obviously you can't ride, you can do it.

DRESSAGE QUEEN:

Change a light bulb? Are you joking? I couldn't possibly be expected to subject myself to such a menial task. Change it yourself. Oh, and wash your hands when you are finished. The very thought!

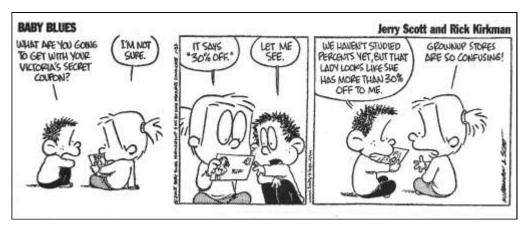


It is the compelling zest of high adventure and of victory, and in creative action that man finds his supreme joy.

Antoine de Saint-Exupery (1900-1944)

Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker. Failure is delay, not defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a dead end. Failure is something we can avoid only by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing.

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

Dave Rabe

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