



# Quicksilver Quips

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## President's Message – April 2015

Happy April!

Here we go! As the ride season gets into full swing, I hope your horses are happy and healthy and ready to take you on great adventures. And for those of us not riding as much as we might like, I hope that you will write about all the great places that you have been and share it with us here in the Quips. Are you going to a big ride? Or exploring a new trail? We look forward to hearing about it.

The next QSER meeting will be at Tony and Alba's in Scott's Valley on April 22. Folks will gather for dinner at 6.00 and there will be a board meeting beginning at 7.00. This is a great opportunity for our coast side Quicksilver folks to come and join us for dinner and conversation prior to the meeting. Hope you can make it.

Sharon Ralls Lemon said, "*The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit and freedom. How blessed are we?*"

Cheers, and don't forget to enjoy the view!

Jill

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# Quicksilver 2015 Calendar



**April 22—6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM meeting in Santa Cruz**

**June 13—Calero Park, Ride 9 AM-12 Noon. 12:00 Noon-Potluck Lunch and Meeting**

**Sept. 12—Santa Cruz Horsemen's Campout**

**Oct. 3—QS Fall Classic Endurance Ride**

**Oct. 24—Ride wrap-up Meeting and Ride at Henry Coe**

**Dec. 4th—Christmas Party**

**Proposed July/Aug. meetings—Ice Cream social? Tack exchange? What does the membership think?**

## Back Country Horsemen

There are a number of different groups under the heading of Back Country Horsemen of America, and closer to home, Back Country Horsemen of California.org, which is subdivided into different regions or units.

I accessed [www.bchcalifornia.org](http://www.bchcalifornia.org), and found they work with our public lands agencies on a regular basis. BCHC has helped keep public lands open by volunteer trail maintenance, but probably more importantly, they have worked with and held meetings with the following:

USDA Forest Service Department of Agriculture and Bureau of Land Management

National System of Public Lands

National Park Service

BCHC has a Quarterly Newsletter which you can access even if you are not a member. They have links on their Home Page to the Forest Service Department of Agriculture, National System of Public Lands, and the National Park Service.

They also have a Facebook link at the bottom of the page, which I accessed. I found information about the Merced River Plan and it would appear that the stables open on March 27 and close for good at the end of the summer 2015. I am also searching for an article re: Dude Strings in Yosemite Valley, and Yosemite Wranglers—last year of dude rides in the Valley.

If you have questions or comments, regarding this, please contact Congressman McClintock; or go to <http://mcclintock.house.gov/contact/email-me> and enter 93601 OR 93602.

On the National Park Service web site I found an article under Public Lands—Use of Horses/Stock in Wilderness. This will also give you some insight into what the Back Country Horsemen have been doing. This is a .pdf file.

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List provided by Maryben Stover.

# QSER Members Make a Big Showing at the AERC Convention

By Jayne Perryman

QSER was well represented at the AERC convention in early March. The attendees go for many reasons and come home with new knowledge, new friends and lots of energy and excitement about the sport we enjoy. Yes, there were tough conversations about the future of the sport and the FEI events that overshadow what the endurance community has done for our equine friends, but the vast majority of the convention experience is positive.

To capture some of what the experience was like at Reno, several attending members answered a quick survey and what follows are their comments:

## Best Moments

The best moments noted by the attendees all focused on meeting up with friends, sharing and celebrating. Some of our members came from other regions, had friends move to other regions, or have meet friends at competitions from other regions. Convention gives us the opportunity to meet up and connect. Here are the best AERC Convention moments from the respondents:

- \* Guilia Orth's best moment was catching up with a friend who has moved to the East Coast. As Guilia put it, "It was wonderful to see her smile again."
- \* Melissa Ribley's best moments were watching her husband Robert swear in the AERC Officers at the Banquet and watching Quicksilver members get their regional and national awards.
- \* Pete Harper enjoyed meeting old friends from the Central Region. He and his wife Leslie had a good time visiting and catching up on how everyone was doing.
- \* Kathie Schmid's best moment was a "hilarious, awesome dinner with a couple of saddle pals who I had not seen in a while." Kathie added, "We laughed uncontrollably, told stories and had the restaurant staff in hysterics!"
- \* Judith Ogus best moment was working the "Red Carpet" as convention goers waited to get into the banquet hall. Judith pulled in professional photographer Lynne Glazer to capture Jennifer Perryman and Melissa Ribley's bling outfits for the Saturday night Awards Banquet.
- \* Jennifer Perryman's best moments were getting to read the names at the Regional Awards ceremony on Friday night and going to the workshops. In addition, Jenny said "It is nice to see friends from the trail like Tom Bache and Cheri Brisco. Tom's been hiking the Pacific Coast Trail and Cheri always has a story to tell about her stallion Echo."

## #1 Take Away from the Workshops

Convention brings together the newest research and techniques in our sport to share. The workshops were well attended and here are some of the highlights:

- \* "Most critical point on my list is the importance of supporting the equine endurance athlete beyond cross-training and conditioning rides," commented Giulia. "We ask a lot of our horses and I learned about ways in which long-time endurance riders and vets support their horses physiologically so they can perform in endurance year after year. I learned about the benefits of nutritional supplements, like Omega 3s in freshly ground flaxseed, and also injectable joint supplements like Legend/Adequan/Pentosan to prepare and support our horses' joints during the ride season," added Giulia.
- \* Melissa and Judith both focused on how much practice and preparation it takes to present a horse well for Best Condition (Becky Hart presented a workshop with lots of great demo videos about The Ins and Outs of Garnering a Best Condition).
- \* Judith also attended the Gastric Ulcers in the Endurance Horse workshop put on by Dr. Gary Magdesian. Judith's take away...almost all horses have them. In addition, Judith went to Dr. Ken Marcella's Back Issues in the Endurance Horse seminar and learned that the horse has a poor design and major weakness at the lumbo-sacral joint which is the source of most back pain in horses.
- \* Pete attended the Protect Trail Access and Plan for the Future workshop put on by Jan Hancock. "The trails talk was very good. Jan had a lot of great information on building and maintaining trails. Mixed use with bikes and hikers. She gave us all a book. I have an extra copy that I plan to share with QSER," said Pete.
- \* Kathie was short and sweet about her #1 Take Away. She said, "Lameness comes with speed! Someone finally said it out-loud."
- \* Karen Chaton's presentation on Longevity: Keep Your Horse Going for Years was Jennifer's #1 Take Away. The presentation had lots of good tips and checklists.
- \* Of the five workshops I attended, Dr. Susan Garlinghouse's Body Condition Scoring and More and Dr. Hal Schott's 100 Mile Survey Analysis presented my biggest take ways. It is so important to be sure our horses have enough fuel in the tank and on their bodies to be able to use the reserves when going long distances. But, there is balancing act, because the extra fat can hold in heat. Getting the body condition to just right is the hard part.

But it is not all about workshops. Jenny and I attended the General Session where members can present questions to the AERC Board. The issues brought forth focused primarily on two issues, 1) must the actual mileage be 50 miles regardless of the altitude change or other environmental factors (heat/humidity) and 2) problems with growing our sport

as population demographics change and new members join for a year or two then drop out. These two topics will continue to be part of the AERC conversation as we continue to allow our sport to adapt.

### Who Did You Meet for the First Time?

Meeting Becky Hart made a lasting impression on Pete Harper at the convention. Kathie met Terri and commented that she was hilarious. Melissa met with couple that are producing the educational videos for AERC and was impressed by the time and dedication they are putting into the project. Giulia was impressed with Dr. Susan Garlinghouse who she found to be open, thorough and inspiring.

Jennifer met John Parke who rides the Hall of Fame Horse Remington and had a massive white dog with him at the convention (might as well of been a horse, the dog was so big). Jenny also met Carla Richardson. Jenny said, "Carla came up to me at the Banquet and said she was so happy to finally meet me. That was really exciting." Jenny remembered the last day of the 2012 Death Valley Encounter where Carla was the last competitor on trail and because she was going so slow, the ribbons had been pulled off the trail before she completed. Carla's hilarious comment about the lack of ribbons at the DVE awards ceremony left a lasting impression on Jenny.

I had the opportunity to sell a saddle to nice guy from near Santa Fe, NM. Jeff Averhoff rides a Mustang mare in endurance and we had a great time sharing stories of our horses. I look forward to seeing him on the trail.

### Why Are You Going to the Next Convention or Not?

In general, most of this year's attendees look forward to going to convention again next year. There were some reservation about traveling to the East Coast. Pete has attended the Convention four times, one in Texas and three in Reno. "Georgia is a bit far, but we would go to Reno again," said Pete.

Kathie looks forward to the next convention to have more fun, learn and see old friends. Judith was not sure she would be attending the next convention, but Melissa will be there. "We always go to the convention to see friends we don't often get to see and hear from some great speakers," added Melissa.

Giulia said, "If the venue were local (six hour drive or less) I would go back next year because it's a good place to learn about new products and exchange ideas with other endurance riders. If I had to pay for flights and accommodation costs I probably would not attend though, for budget reasons."

This is the second convention Jennifer and I have attended and we both came home energized. College would prevent us from traveling across country to an East Coast convention, but going to Reno is worth the drive!



*L to R: Katie Webb, Karen Cohen, and Jeanine McCrary dropping raffle tickets into their choices of regional containers*

*Melissa & Robert Ribley—as elegant and dashing as ever, at the AERC Convention awards dinner*



*David De La Rosa took these photos at the WSTF Party at the AERC Convention*

## Announcements

Ahoy, matey! The Pirates are supporting DreamPower Horsemanship.  
On June 27, 2015, from 4-9 pm, we are having a Pirate Party.

DreamPower is hosting a new fundraiser that is shaping up to be a lot of fun. The venue will be Morgan's Cove in Morgan Hill. Think Pirates of the Caribbean, pirate ship and everything.

The caterer will be Just In Thyme, providing a very elegant sit down dinner with appetizers and a three course dinner. We will have a spirited live auction, led by Mark Turner and a silent auction. The evening will round out with music and dancing.



A local winery (or two) will be serving our wine needs. The first glass is included in your ticket price.  
For more information about the upcoming event, contact Lori Oleson at (408)710-5651 or  
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## A Letter to the Quips Editor

Dear Barbara,

Jenny and I had a great 2014. I was in such good shape, doing all the workouts, keeping up the nutrition and looking fit. Here's a photo of me at Wild West in June of 2014.

Then we started working really hard and we competed at Tevis for the first time. This picture shows me at Camp Zen at Robie Park the day before Tevis 2014.

Jenny then went back to college; she did come back to ride the Quicksilver Fall Classic and after that my shoes were pulled and I went out to the pasture for a nice long break.

As the picture of me at home in March 2015 shows, I have fully embraced my food and easy pasture life. Jenny tells me to enjoy the time off, since she learned from the AERC Convention that taking a nice break helps us equines stay healthy and sound season after season. Right now, I earned my nickname of "Pot Roast".

Jenny gets out of school at the beginning of May, so we will be back riding in the Summer. Back to the workouts and power food; but right now, I am fat and sassy!

Sincerely,

Roaster

*See photos next page*



*Roaster at Wild West—2014*



*Roaster—Camp Zen at Tevis*



*Roaster at home—  
March 2015*

*Story and photos by Jane Perryman*

## The Light That Quicksilver Riders Give Me

By Sandy Holder

I remember the Quicksilver Ride where I first joined the club. It was at Henry Coe and probably the toughest ride I'd ever done – definitely the hardest ride my wonderful pony Tally had ever attempted at that point. 50 miles mentoring another rider and not really being totally experienced myself, we finished the ride, mid-pack I believe, and my boy did something unexpected – he lay down in front of me to rest. Dick said he looked a bit tired, and having passed the final vet check, was probably OK. I was distraught and quickly caught Melissa's eye and pleadingly asked for her help. She confirmed my mentor's perception and thoughtfully suggested if anything changed, she was more than willing to come take a look at him again. Nervously I attended to him until Dick suggested I actually "let him rest" . . . at which point I started pacing further away. I quickly found myself with Maryben, who to this day I'm not sure what question she asked, but she quickly distracted me from my worry and began to share the history and prestige of the club. Before I knew it, I was opening up my checkbook, convinced that I too could belong to the club and become a "Quicksilver Endurance Rider!"

I look back over the years and still shake my head at how really green I was, and continue to be in some areas. Dick 'brought me into the fold' and before I knew it, I was helping Peggy as an Assistant Ride Manager, adding to my knowledge, and then, at Dick's insistence, joining the Board for a year, before shockingly being "nominated for President." Oh, dear Lord, did I want to say no, but as you can imagine between being given a resounding yes from the Duchess of Endurance and the fine man that's taken me on like a daughter, "no" really wasn't an option.

The Board experience for the club was tough and I really applaud all those that have done it and continue to provide leadership for us. Personally I "tried hard" to create a positive environment, but not knowing "Robert's Rules" well enough, and really wanting to make everyone feel equally positive (including the newbies just starting with LDs), it was tougher than expected. I almost gave up at one point and seriously believe but for the call from Julie midway through that first year and then the encouragement of Elisabet the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, that I would have.

I look back now and realize that over the years, many, many club members made me feel 'good' and have offered advice, helping me become a better horsewoman – bringing me "Light". From overcoming distress that comes from actually MAKING my horse thump by giving him the wrong electrolytes and correcting that issue (Michelle, Kiki and Peter); training for the ultimate rides (Barbara White – completing Swanton, Tevis and Virginia City all on the same horse in the same year); pacing, detecting lameness, breeding (Dick) and a million other things; to supporting my efforts as RM (TOB – The Other Barb, Katie and so many, many kind folks); and in the last couple of years, birthing and raising a baby – two actually now. . . and then there's showing for BC.

BC – yep that's one, that unless it's for a horse I DIDN'T ride, I still can't do! Suffice it to say, believe it or not, I find myself too nervous to actually show my horse (by any reasonable standards) for Best Condition even WITH the help and encouragement of fabulous members of our club! It's akin to finding my way out of a wet paper bag, even though the 'best of the best' have patiently tried to teach me (sorry Becky and Judith). So, after finishing my first 100 miler, the scintillating Swanton Pacific, on a horse that tried to canter to pass 3 other horses the last ½ mile before the finish line (I did NOT let him), I wasn't going to even attempt it. Unfortunately for me, Julie was parked next to us, and when I was still lying on the floor of my LQ at 7 AM Sunday morning looking at my horse, she offered herself AND her beautiful daughter's help in "cleaning up my horse to show"... well, let's just say he was shown in some semblance of a circle, with me tripping 2 or 3 times, and, oh yeah, it was an utter failure. Last year after much practice, I was asked at the completion of 3 days of LD's at Cuyama to "Trot in a straight line and come back" for a CRI. Somehow I managed to trot out, back, do a semi-circle in one direction and then the other. The only good news is our club namesake, Quicksilver WR, was more nervous standing at the finish than I was and once I "put him to work" trotting him out, he relaxed and came back with a 42/42 CRI.

So this past weekend finding myself in the Top 10 (seriously only because I didn't get lost) the first day, I completed another failed attempt at trotting my horse out. A friend and current training partner, Rebecca, suggested that it looked more like a very pointed triangle. Julie, as always, smiled at me and said "he really looks nice!" All 3 days I kept my boy at a steady pace, slower than he wanted to go, when we were on flat ground and power walking the hills and only cantering on the last day with Cathy in front (thank you for letting me ride with you) within 2 miles of the finish. He was incredibly strong all 3 days. Luckily after Day 3, Rebecca realized how "unable" I was and offered to show my boy, an offer graciously accepted! By the way, the Light our club gives me is strong, because for those of you who don't know, Rebecca worked for Heather and Jeremy for 18 months and, as she put it, they managed to "teach her" how to actually do it!

Well, while I failed miserably at the whole BC trotting out thing, Rebecca, as the vet said, made him look "fantastic", and we actually did something amazingly wonderful – winning overall Fastest Time (only because Cathy got lost on Day 1) and Overall BC for all 3 days. WooHOO!!!

Thank you, Quicksilver Endurance Riders, for allowing me to join your club, for sharing your knowledge (and patience) while I've been learning and for continuing to offer your help, no matter my failings, whether I've had a 'wardrobe malfunction' or not, and for bringing LIGHT into my life!!!



Sandy's Cuyama Experiences



*Sandy & Quicksilver's BC Award...*

*and Overall Fastest Time Award*

*Oops! Time for a new pair of riding tights*



## Tennessee Walkers are Leaving Their Mark!



I have a shameless brag from the Convention. ;-)  
My Tennessee Walking Horse mare, Iron Eagle's Ladyhawk was awarded the 2014 ride season High Mileage and High Point Tennessee Walker endurance horse from the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association. Ladyhawk is 18 years old and 2014 was her 9th season participating in AERC endurance. She has a total of 2810 lifetime miles, the highest of any registered TWH. For 2015 ride season we look forward to passing the 3000 milestone and achieving 10 years of riding together.

*This is a photo of Ladyhawk and me on Day 2 of the 2013 Death Valley Adventure.*

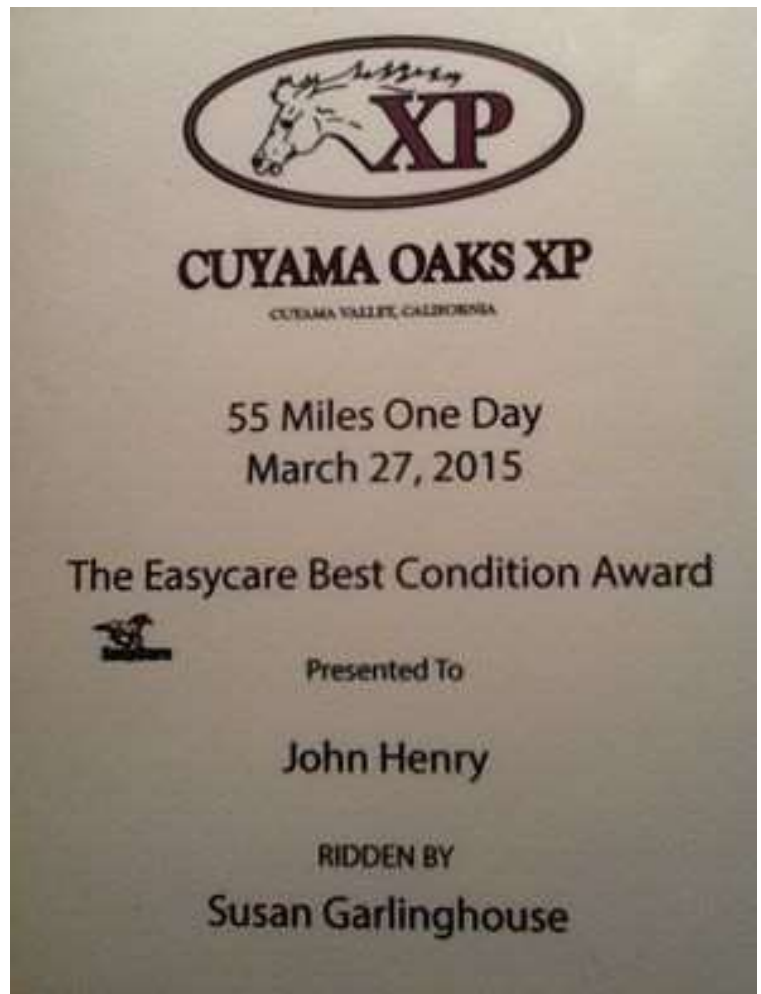
*By Peter Harper*



Just had to brag on my boy, The Mighty John Henry, who

finished 2nd and Best Condition at the Cuyama Oaks 55 on Friday; and then 5th in the 50 the following day, both with ride times on steep, technical trail of between 6:15 and 6:27. Pretty hot day, too. This puts John Henry into the lead for the most Best Conditions at endurance distances of 50+ miles for a gaited horse.

*Susan Garlinghouse, DVM*



## Twenty Mule Team Ride

By Robert and Melissa Ribley

The desert was in rare form for the 2015 Twenty Mule Team Ride on February 28 and March 1. There was a spectacular show of desert wild flowers awaiting riders, who enjoyed miles of mountain and desert vistas. Quicksilver members turned out to both ride and volunteer. Tracy Hoffstrand managed a tasty and very friendly Welcome Reception Friday evening, inviting riders to join in a wine, cheese and friendly barbeque. Jayne and Jennifer Perryman were in full charge of timing at the vet checks, while Quicksilver member Michele Roush rode her way to a Best Condition on the 50 mile ride. Lori Oleson, Nick Warhol and Barbara White all had a great day enjoying the trails on their horses with a great finish on the 50 mile ride. One of the youngest Quicksilver members, Andrew Reeves, rode the Introductory Ride with

his mother Valerie Reeves while his father, Brian Reeves ran the show as co-ride manager, ride secretary and president problem solver. Cathy Lefebber rode her ever so ready Baron to a solid finish on the 100 mile ride, on a horse that looked bright and ready to take on even more trail. Mary Anderson took control of each ride's start by leading out the controlled start on the ever steady Beau. Mary then cooked up a mean breakfast for the hungry 100 mile riders at the Sunday morning awards banquet. The Twenty Mule Team Ride proved to be an enjoyable and successful weekend for Quicksilver members, and the inviting desert awaits all those who wish to participate next year!



20 Mule Team Scenic Trail



Riders on the Trail

### Fund raising FUN RIDE for the Pacific South Endurance Riders

#### PACIFIC SOUTH FUN RIDE

April 25, 2015

**LOCATION:** Joseph D. Grant Ranch Park San Jose CA

**TIME:** 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Suggested donation of \$20 plus park entry fee and or camping fee to be paid at arrival. If camping please make reservations through the county park system call (408) 355-2201 or visit [www.gooutsideandplay.org](http://www.gooutsideandplay.org)

Perks of fun ride will be riding among beautiful wild flowers with friends, couple of guided routes to choose from & some drinks and food will be provided. All monies raised will be used to send PACIFIC SOUTH riders to the North American Endurance Team Challenge in Millbrook Canada in August!

Please contact Tracy Hofstrand if coming or for questions (408) 391-8912 [tracy.hofstrand@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.hofstrand@gmail.com)

Thanks and hope to see you there

## *Random Thoughts About This Year's Cuyama Ride*

By Elisabet Hiatt

In all the rides, in all the years and all the places I've gone to for an endurance ride, I've NEVER had to wait for the cows to cross the road before I could go home, until today. It was kind of a fun way to say goodbye to the Cuyama camp and add yet another notch to my smile. We did it, and it felt like a big accomplishment.



Great ride. Tough. Hot. Challenging.

Access to the original camp was lost to some “back East investors” who purchased the land between the Mitchell’s place and the main highway and won’t let us cross it to get to the Mitchells (how mean is that!?!?). Last year, a new camp was secured and although I think the parking is way better, it doesn’t have the picturesque setting the old camp had. Oh well, at least the ride goes on. The new camp “landlords” are rather interesting. On their front yard, they fly a flag with “INFIDEL” written on it, threatened to shoot us if we woke them up too early and I have to admit, I have never seen anyone drinking whiskey at 3:00 PM before.

Great ride—despite all the warnings, there was plenty of parking and water for everyone. Food was yummy as usual, and the company the best! I had the honor to have Julie Suhr crew for me. It was one of the many advantages of parking next to Barbara! I’m not used to having a crew, so it was a luxury I thoroughly appreciated. Imagine coming back to camp after your ride and finding your corral cleaned up! Woohoo! The full moon cast the perfect light to peek out your vehicle’s window and see your horse quietly munching away during the night. The awards were nice. The porta potties had toilet paper!! I think the Duck is going soft on us.

Tough—yep, there were some climbs that kicked our butts... especially on day two, when we had to climb the same super long and steep hill THREE times on the same day (Tango’s absolutely least favorite thing to do). You know that look your horse gives you when he’s trying to say “are you freakin’ kidding me?” Well, I definitely got it, and more. To avoid a divorce of butt and saddle, I begged off a “tow” from Barbara... she ponied Tango, and I tailed up. We must have looked like a rather odd caravan, but hey, whatever works. Besides, Djubilee is madly in love with Tango, so I think she enjoyed having him on a leash for a while and telling him where to go.

Hot—yikes... 95 degrees on Friday, out in the sun was not super fun. We did have a bit of a breeze, and the Duck had water out at reasonable intervals, but we were not allowed to scoop. Sadly all the creeks were bone dry. Saturday and Sunday were a bit cooler, but not by much. The evenings were lovely, and the clear sky offered an amazing array of stars. Wish there was a way to store some of that coolness for the next day!

Challenging—there were some places where you could move out, and some super technical sections that forced us to watch every single step we took. Hilltops with incredible views, and canyons that gave me (finally!) a nice glimpse of the famous Cuyama wild flowers I have been promised for years. A new section of trail to the West was really fun and gave us a little break from the brutal climbs. Friday and Sunday had different trails to the West that I think were gorgeous, but a guy in a tractor doesn’t think the same way we horse folks do when we build a trail. Guess horses are the original “all terrain vehicles” and we had plenty of opportunities to prove it in a couple of spots.

I did not see a lot of Q’silver folks there, but I may have missed them. Julie and Barbara were there. I saw Stacy James-Ryan, Sandy Holder, Peggy Davidson, and of course, Mary Anderson, who was pretty much everywhere doing pretty much everything... as usual. Sandy Holder and Quicksilver got the overall B. C. for the three day Cuyama ride.

Can’t wait for next year!

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## KITTIES!

I am trying to find homes for 9 cats currently at San Jose shelter (SJACC.) They are not social as those SJACC puts up for adoption, but are pretty used to people, and have no address to TNR (Trap Neuter and Return) to, so need new homes or get put to sleep. They would be fine in outdoor (barn/yard etc) or in/outdoor settings. They are neutered/spayed, have vaccines, microchipped and flea treated. Contact Janice if you would consider taking any of these cats.

[Janice.Frazier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Janice.Frazier@sbcglobal.net)

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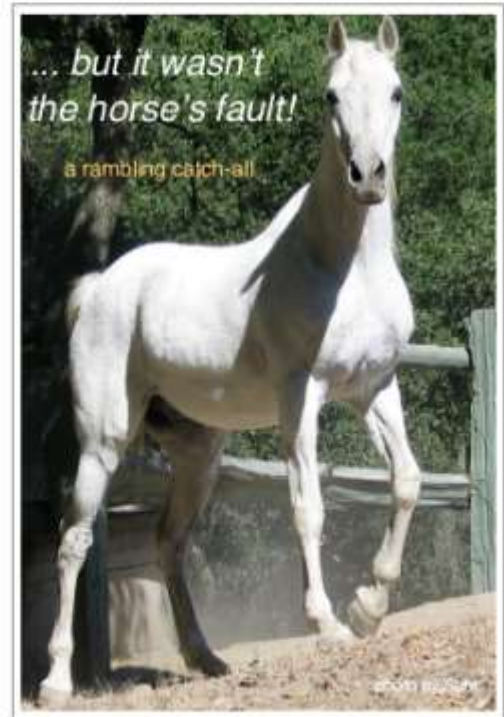
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

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.

**Julie Suhr (831) 335-5933**

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# Classifieds

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## WANTED

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My dear horse Shadow was retired last November after he showed signs of being permanently stiff in the point of the hip. I was devastated. My shoer recommended that I try **Kim Gillespie** who does **Horse Kinetics** to adjust him, and I am happy to say that he is back and ready to race again after one treatment! I am so excited about his work that I scheduled a clinic for him at Santa Clara County Horsemen's on April 26th during our Playday for anyone interested. Peggy Davidson can also vouch for Kim's work. Anyone interested in having your horse worked on or wanting more information should call me mornings—[Pat McAndrews — \(408\) 828-1140](tel:4088281140). His work is nothing short of genius!



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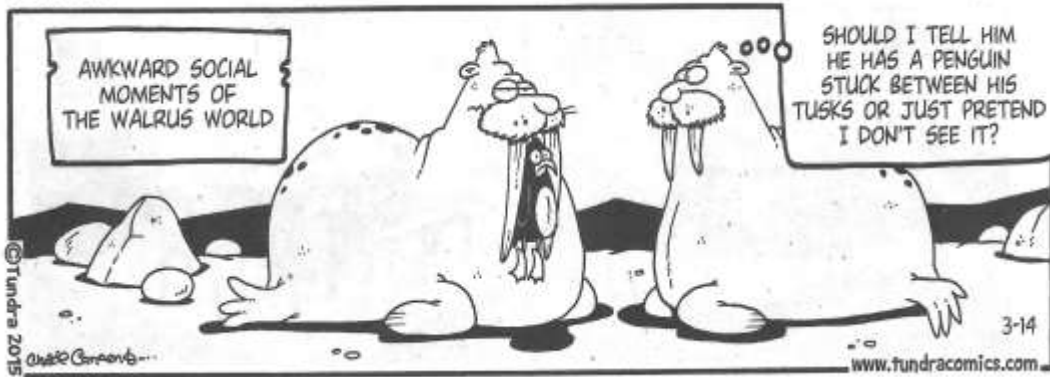
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# Humor and Birthdays

TUNDRA

Chad Carpenter



BIZARRO

Dan Piraro



Happy April Birthdays  
to our Quicksilver Members  
and Endurance Friends



Don Brown	5
Melissa Ribley	8
Kimberly Peterson	9
Kathy Brayton	20
Julie Suhr	21
Katie Alton	21
Jill Kilty-Newburn	22
Breanna Chamberlin	27

## Philosophy...plus a little Humor

One day an old German Shepherd starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old German Shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!," says the panther, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes.

The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther.

The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old German Shepherd sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?," but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says...

"Where's that damn squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

Moral of this story...

Don't mess with the **old dogs** ... Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery! BS and brilliance only come with age and experience.



**Surprise!** Sneakers showed up after a three week absence. Where she was and what she was doing, I have no idea. I thought surely she was dead, as I stated in last month's Quips, but she isn't anything of the sort. She had lost a little weight, but then she was too fat anyway. She comes around every so often and asks to come into the house, but spends most of her time, voluntarily, outside somewhere. She's gone from a 24/7/365 house cat to a most-of-the-time-outdoors cat, with the occasional visit inside to my lap for a tummy-rub or near the fire. I think cats elude complete understanding by us humans.

*Barbara, your Quips Editor*

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

**Mail to Membership Chairperson: Maryben Stover  
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**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*

(Do you think maybe Jefferson was an endurance rider?)

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