



# Quicksilver Quips

April 2019

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## President's Message – April 2019

They say that April showers bring May flowers, but I would be just as happy if the April showers just decide not to show up at all... the flowers will come any way, since March brought more than an endless supply of showers, snow and mud! Enough already!

Many of us are eagerly planning our ride calendar, a few may have already done some rides (lucky you!) and others are just starting to dust off their saddle and wondering if their horse will remember what those things are for.... Whichever category you find yourself in, I hope that you get to have some fun with your horse this month!

For those of you who like to plan ahead, I will be managing the Quicksilver Fall ride (with the help of Nicola Mohr and Jeanine McCrary), and would appreciate as many volunteers as possible to jump in with both feet and help! This will be my first time managing a ride and I'm very aware of the amount of work and effort that goes into planning these things! Please consider lending a hand! Did you know that if you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes than there were before? Let's work together so that there are no holes left on this net (ride)!

Our next meeting will be held on April 24th at 6PM for dinner with the meeting starting at 6:30 at the Summit House. If you haven't been there, it's at the top of Hwy 17. I hope many can come and join us. We will be discussing several important items that affect the club such as ways to honor members who have passed and your opinion and participation are valued.

**Shannon Thomas**  
 QS secretary

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## Quicksilver on the Web

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

# Quicksilver 2018 Calendar



## Treasurer's Report

Checking (General) Account Balance \$11,834.25  
Savings (Trails) Account Balance \$1,074.66

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

## Remember

Quicksilver Meeting @  
The Summit House on Highway 17  
Wednesday, April 24  
6:00 PM

# AERC Convention

By Lori Oleson

Several Quicksilver members were in Reno for the AERC Convention at the beginning of March. Jeanine McCrary and I drove over on Thursday afternoon with time to stop at the hotel/casino to drop off books at the trade show. There was a vendor space available for me to sell my books, which was very nice. After dropping off, we headed over to Heidi Seigel's house in Fernley, where we were staying for the weekend. Heidi and I connected at last year's convention because she was selling her autobiography. It was great seeing her again and she was very generous to open up her home to us.

Quicksilver members were featured as speakers both days. Friday started out with Nick Warhol talking on "Endurance Clinics and Fun Rides: The Do's and Don'ts". Next up was Melissa Ribley, DVM filling in for another veterinarian speaking on "When do Metabolic Problems Begin?" Saturday was Robert Ribley's turn to talk on "Tips for Finishing 100's."

There were several members floating around the trade show, listening to talks and attending the Regional Awards ceremony. I know if I tried to name them all, I would be sure to leave some out.

At the National Awards Banquet, Nick Warhol and his wonderful friend Forever Dawn GA (Donnie) won the prestigious Pard'ners Award. "Rider and horse perform together as a mutually bonded team. Rider and horse engender a spirit of friendship, enthusiasm and championship that makes those around them glad to have attended the ride. However competitive they may be, good sportsmanship remains their first priority. Horse and rider take care of each other. Together horse and rider personify the prevailing and abiding goal of AERC: 'To finish is to win.' This award was established in honor of the late Mae Schlegel." Congratulations Nick!

Absolutely nothing interesting to share at the moment, but my baby Echo and I are going to Cuyama next week and \*\*\*hopefully\*\*\* we will finish and have a good ride to report. Just doing one day, 25 miles, since this is his first ride ever.

By Elisabet Hiatt



**I found this on Facebook. We're all doomed!**

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## Obituary

**Marvin R. Snowbarger**  
**Oct. 9, 1936-Mar. 17, 2019**  
**San Jose**

“Marvin died peacefully at home on March 17, at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Joyce Knapp Snowbarger, daughter Shelley (Gary), son Chris, 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He had a love for horseback endurance riding, ultramarathon running, swimming and animals big and small.

As per Marvin’s wishes, no service or memorial are planned. May you Rest In Peace. We all love and miss you.”



# CV Butter Bea

By Alexandra North

If we are very lucky, there comes along a horse that blends with us so perfectly that you can't imagine life without them. The Bea was that horse for me. While she would ALLOW us to ride with other competitors briefly, when she wanted to leave them, it was like riding the space shuttle. She would toss her head and it was time to leave. Then she would put the hammer down sometimes trotting at over 21 mph. Yes, that's MPH not KPH.

At the height of her career, I used to have to take her every 3 weeks to Ft. Ord and find a safe empty stretch of road to let her blow off steam so she would be more manageable at rides. When I knew the road was clear and safe, I would let her run as fast as she wanted at full speed like she used to on the race track. Once an endurance friend came with us to ride and watch. When we flashed by my friend waiting for us at the end of the road, she was shocked and said, "Do you have ANY idea what the speed looks like. That horse just mauls the ground." I said, "No, but I know what it feels like and I can't see worth a darn, either." There was total trust between us.

Because she would come when I called or whistled, I was asked to use her in a promotional Arabian farm video. My husband held her at the bottom of our pasture and I was way at the top of the mountain, out of sight. He released her as I called and whistled. She took off with such power that her shoes struck the surrounding stones sending a shower of sparks into the dry grass and literally set the pasture on fire around Steve.

At 5:56 PM PST at the age of 27, the greatest equine athlete and friend I'll ever be fortunate enough to own and compete on, left this world. Run free my beloved Beemer. I will forever hear your ringing whinny in my head until the it's my time to go.



# Whiskers & Lips & Muzzles

Horses use their whiskers to explore and identify things.

Each time the horse's whiskers touch something the nerves fire off a 250mph electrical message to the brain to determine what the horse is touching.

A horse's brain contains cells that receive information from their whiskers.

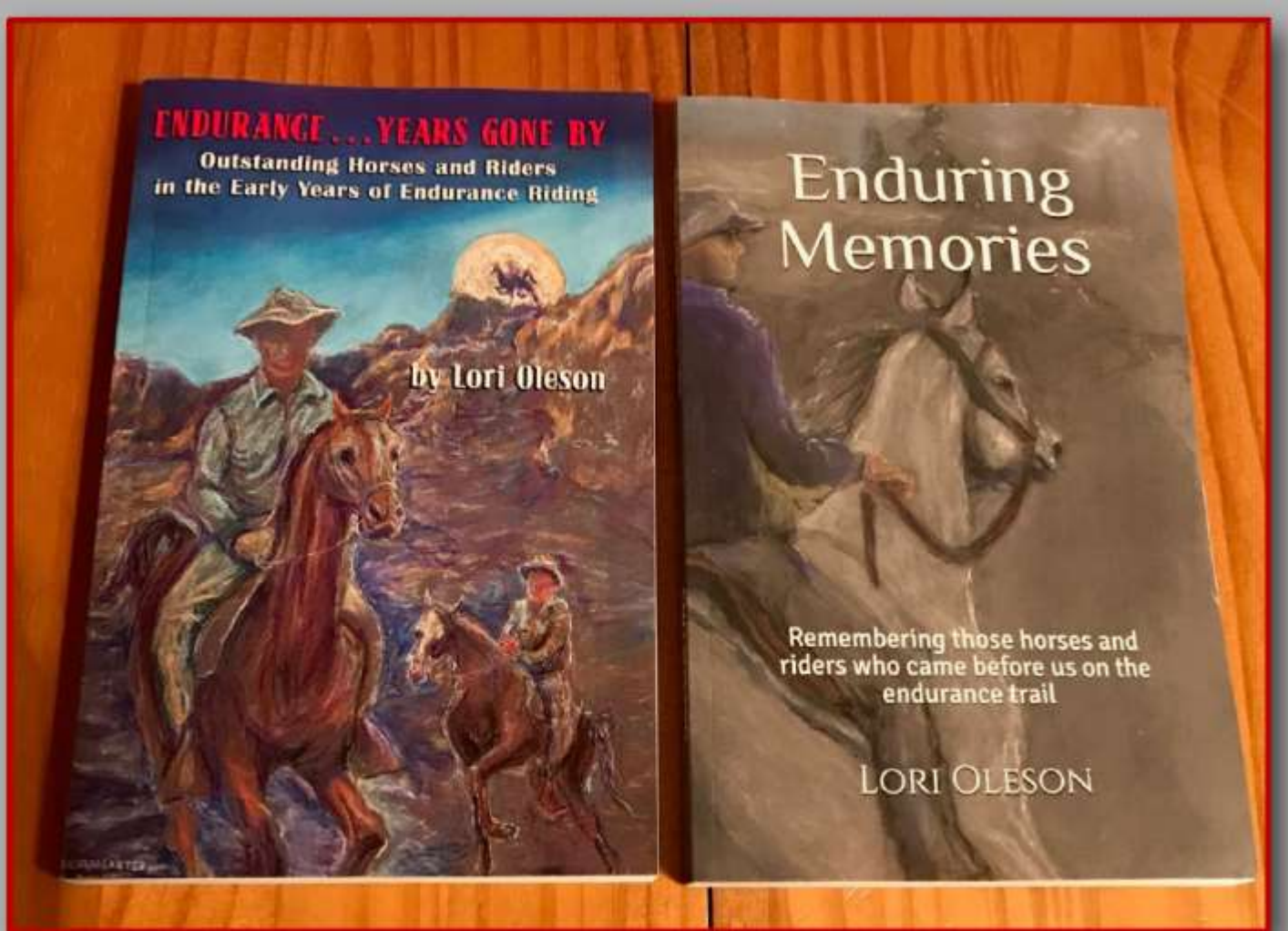
Horses breathe through their noses.

Horses have a prehensile upper lip. Meaning that they use the upper lip for seizing, grasping, or taking hold of something.

**Flehmen:**  
When a horse curls its top lip up. This happens when the horse traps pheromone scents in the vomeronasal organs so they may analyze them more closely.

Because horses can't see right below their nose, due to the position of their eyes, they use whiskers to help guide them toward and away from edible items and hazardous objects.

## Classifieds and Services



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

[Lori Oleson](#)

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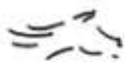
For Quicksilver club ride managers. Our club now has a color duplex printer that is located in the home of Becky and Judith. You can do the printing at the cost of 25¢ per page color and 6¢ per page B&W, if you provide the paper. If you e-mail the printable files to Becky, she will do the printing for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

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# Classifieds and Services



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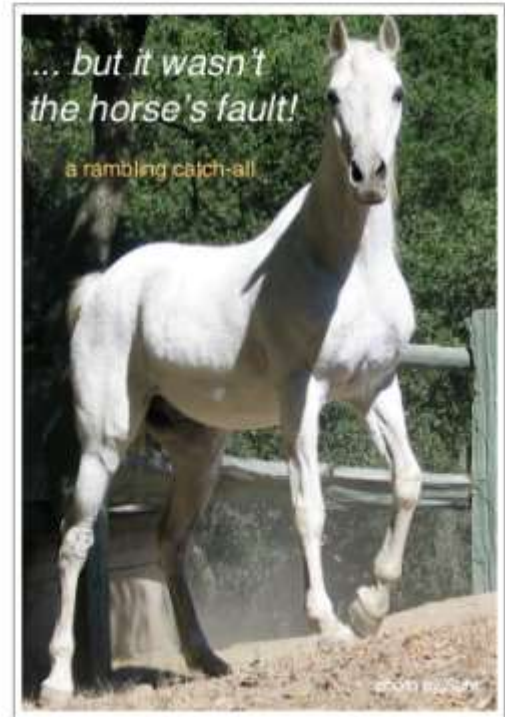
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

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](http://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.*



## "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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## **Fashion Experts Say You Should Stop Wearing Jeans Once You Reach This Age**

If you've reached a specific age, the advisors suggest donating all your jeans to the thrift store because they're out of fashion for you. While this advice can be taken with a grain of salt, it is worth hearing her out.

The fashion advisor is not just using their personal taste as a reason for older people to kick the habit of wearing jeans. They used data and statistics to prove their point.

UK-based parcel company Collect Plus sent a survey out to shoppers to nearly 2,000 people across the United Kingdom. They were studying the connection between blue jeans and age, and the results are leaving people peeved.

According to the study, people think that if you're 53 years old or above, you need to stop wearing blue jeans. While the study did not examine articles of clothing like short-shorts, tights, or crop tops, respondents were harsh on older people who liked their blue jeans.

# Classifieds



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## Humor and Birthdays

**This has to be one of the best singles ads ever printed. It is reported to have been listed in the Atlanta Journal.**

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me... Call (404) 875-6420 and ask for Annie,

I'll be waiting.....



**Over 150 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society.**

**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



## 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.

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"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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