



Quicksilver Quips

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May President's Message

I love lemons. As kids, my brother and I used to climb up on our big lemon tree, sharp knife and salt shaker in hand, and we'd eat lemons. Peel, slice, shake a little salt, eat... repeat. So I don't really get it when people say "life handed me a lemon..." as if it was a bad thing. All I can think is "YUM!"

Limes, on the other hand, I think are just lemon wannabes. They don't look good, they don't really taste good and they only serve one purpose (more on that later), so, when things don't go the way I planned them, I say to myself "life handed me a lime".

The week before the SASO, my horse Tango broke out in hives, the portion of his cracked hoof got very loose and unstable, and his toes grew faster than they ever have! I was going to do the 50 miler, but with all those "limes" in my way I decided that the prudent thing to do would be to either pull out of the ride, or do the LD. I was bummed. Well, the LD won out so I packed and drove to the ride. Once there, I saw lots of Q'Silver members, as usual, always ready to assist. What a lovely group! The weather was beautiful, tons of grass for the horses to eat, camp wasn't crowded, lots of vets... it was just great. I had a horse that was in shape to do a slow 50, so I decided to let him pick the pace on the 25. Off we went at 8AM and let me tell you: I can't remember when I had so much fun at a ride!! As we ate up the miles in a nice relaxed canter, I pondered things I've heard our members say: Scott Sansom's "if you want to go faster than 10 mph, lope (and if you fall off, I ain't waiting for you, so don't fall off)", Julie Suhr's "aren't we lucky???", Barbara White's "ride your own ride" and just about everyone else's advice: "have fun". I started the ride kind of feeling sorry for myself, but then I decided that the limes I had been handed were good for one thing: I made myself a great "advice Margarita!" YUM!

Our club meeting/pot luck with Amber Knight, the Purina rep/nutritionist was really good. We had about 20 people there (forgive me, I didn't keep track of names!!) but I have to say that Alex North gets the prize for the furthest travelled! And she even brought dessert! As usual, the food was great, and the conversation lively. Amber's presentation was interesting, and she took the time after to answer our questions. Thank you Becky for lining up the speaker and hosting us, I hope we didn't leave too big a mess or any mice.

To the four of you who have read this far, I'd like to know what we want to do for our June meeting as a club. We had discussed a "moonlight" ride (well, maybe a moon-set ride?), a poker ride or another pot luck at a member's place. Any preferences? Please let me know, so we can start planning.

Hope you are riding your horses as much as you can, planning vacations, camping trips and whatever else floats your boat. Whatever you do, do it with a good Margarita in hand!

Elisabet

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Veterinary Information We Can Use

Dr. Dale M. Wallis from Red Rock Biologics was pleased to announce that a USDA license has been issued for their Rattlesnake Vaccine for Horses. This product is indicated for use in healthy horses as an aid in the reduction of disease severity and fatalities due to rattlesnake poisoning. Three doses are recommended, spaced one month apart, and subsequent booster doses are recommended at six month intervals. He noted that this new Rattlesnake Vaccine for horses is distinct from the existing Rattlesnake Vaccine for Dogs. The two products are not interchangeable and each should only be used for the species designated.

Information submitted by Elisabet Hiatt

The Great Endurance Horse Race By Jack Schaefer—1963

This is a great little book of 59 pages, but hard to find and pricey. A limited printing of 750 copies, the book tells the story of a 600 miles endurance race from Evanston, Wyoming to Denver, Colorado in 1908. Same horse, same rider, it became a rivalry between the western bronc and the more highly blooded horses from the eastern part of the United States. Which was the better?

One of the things that makes it a fascinating read is they state the weight each horse carried as well as the weight of the horse. The heaviest rider weighed in at 224 pounds, riding a 900 pound Morgan-Standardbred cross. The lightest rider weighed in at 160 pounds, riding a 1025 pound bronc. The ending is quite surprising. I'm not going to tell.

The 600 mile course was completed in seven days in a tie for first place. This ride was monitored by veterinarians, there were mandatory holds, and they had a best condition award. One hundred years later, we are following the same guidelines.

Book report submitted by Julie Suhr

Canter For The Cure An Appeal for Funds to Help Cure Cancer

Dear Club Members,

By now most of you know about Canter for the Cure - the fund raiser I am doing for cancer research at Stanford - asking people to pledge money per mile that I ride this year. Donations are tax deductible - anyone who donates will receive a receipt from Stanford.

I would like to ask all of you to join me in asking your friends, family and co-workers to do the same for the miles that you ride during the 2011 season. It could be really fun. I can redesign the small site so that each person who participates can put in his or her mileage as it accumulates and the number of pledges - so we could all watch the funds grow.

I have been riding slowly and carefully so far and despite my efforts, my horse fell in a bog at Cuyama and seems to have a bowed the extensor tendon on her left hind leg. She scrambled out of the bog and I did not see any damage until the next day. I have no horse to ride for the time being so I could really use your help.

It is not hard to do - all you have to do is send an email out to your group of friends and family or post something on your Facebook page or send a tweet and forward them to the Canter for the cure site: www.canterforthecure.org <<http://www.canterforthecure.org>> . Currently it is set up to pledge money only to me - but if I can get a few or several or many of you to help me out, I will edit the site and make this more inclusive.

Many QS members and or their loved ones have been stricken with cancer. Some have survived and some have succumbed. Please help the effort to find better treatments and cures for this disease.

Your fellow QS member,

Judith



Plan to attend the “South County” Animal Evacuation Planning Summit

When: Tuesday, May 24, 2011
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Where: San Martin Lions Club & Community Hall
12415 Murphy Avenue, San Martin

Who should attend:

- Anyone living in South County with animals or pets
- Local pet service providers, suppliers and vendors
- Persons interested in evacuation plans in South County

Agenda:

- Cal Fire presentation on fire hazards and establishing evacuation staging areas
- Sheriff’s Office will discuss evacuation procedures
- Office of Emergency Services will talk about how you can be part of the solution
- Open discussion from all participants regarding evacuation planning and procedures

Join us as we work together to plan for the future success of South County’s evacuation plans!

Lud & Barbara McCrary

The morning after a very windy night in early April, we discovered this huge oak tree uprooted and tipped over into one of our small pastures. After spending several three-day week-ends cutting, splitting, and stacking, we have over seven cords of firewood that will sit there for two years to dry. The stump has been pushed upright as much as possible with a log skidder. Next job—rebuild the broken board fences. Life on the ranch is one repair job after another.



Great firewood, **BIG** mess!

There were two horses in the small pen behind Lud when the tree went down. Imagine their surprise!



Mike Maul

All too often California is in our news with wildfires resulting in loss of life and property. This year - it's Texas that's having a problem due to the extreme drought. I can't remember the last time it rained near where I live.

This may not register on the scale California has had for fires but it's major for us. Here are some quotes from local papers:

"So far this season, wildfires have charred 1.65 million acres across the state, the Texas Forest Service reported. That's almost twice as much land as usually burns in Texas in a year. The ravaged areas included, on Monday, 100 acres aflame in Austin and 325,000 acres from two fires in West Texas. Across the state, 30 to 40 fires were burning, said Marq Webb, public information officer for the Texas Lone Star Incident Management Team."

"We've just been under siege," said Holly Huffman, a spokeswoman for the Texas Forest Service in College Station. "We're at historic dryness levels, and it's expected to get worse before it gets better."

She said the state forest service is fighting fires all the way from the Louisiana border to the mountains of West Texas, a distance of more than 500 miles. Two firefighters have died so far.

Gov. Rick Perry's office said 244 homes have been destroyed this wildfire season. He asked President Obama to declare a major disaster, making Texas eligible for federal aid.

"The wildfires began in March, and the past couple of weeks have been particularly bad," Huffman said. "A combination of dry weather combined and high winds increases the threat," Webb said. "We've had rates of spread here ... up to 8 miles an hour," Webb said. "That's two football fields a minute."

Cathy Kauer



Cathy and Honey -1979

The first Raffles-bred horse I ever met was Razzle, a Raffles-lineage horse with an amazing resting heart rate, in 1986, Marin County, CA. Razzle was owned and loved by Henry and Marina Wright of Sonoma. Henry and Razzle were part of our weekend training ride that would head up Mt. Tamalpais in Mill Valley, where I had my start in California endurance riding. What great riding! I had the fun of conditioning Taxes (born Apr 15), whom I called Maximus, a 5 yr. old Anglo-Arab owned by Sherode Powers, a small animal vet in Mill Valley. We'd meet at Horse Hill, next to 101 / East Blithedale exit in Mill Valley. Taxes was a chestnut Comar Bay Beau-related gelding. Carolyn McFadden, Henry, Sherode and I were the usual group. We had a couple of ride and tie-ers in our group, Robert Eisen and others.

My first ride was the Castle Rock 30, June 1988, on Taxes, and where I first met Barbara McCrary. I first heard of endurance riding in 1979 in Tucson, where I was a student at the University of Arizona. While going to school part time, I put an ad in the paper to exchange exercising horses for riding privileges. I was surprised at the number of responses, and the one I chose had Arabian horses, the first I'd seen. I rode Honey, a cute 13-year-old bay, who had done the "Tucson to Tombstone 50 mile endurance ride". I took dressage lessons for a while on her but she loathed arena work and really enjoyed trails.



Alex North sent these photos of the Buck Meadows Boogie

On the left is her horse, CV Nobody's Fool, ridden by Holly Corcoran from Pennsylvania, placing 11th AERC and 6th FEI on the 50-miler.

Below are unidentified riders, warmly dressed for chilly conditions. SNOW!



George, One Lucky Weimaraner, at Cuyama Oaks XP And Thanks to Tim Miller, Farrier

By Lori McIntosh

Last weekend, Nigel and I headed south from the San Francisco Bay area to Cuyama, 32 miles East of Santa Maria off Hwy 101. We started up front to practice waiting with the crowd as he always started previous rides 15 minutes late or close to last. After lunch, I noticed he seemed off but the ground was very uneven as he seemed 100% again. Later, after crossing a creek, some riders came up to us and a guy pointed out how I lost a shoe at the right front. That explained the temporary unbalanced gait. I had no choice but to continue riding back to camp and hope for good footing. I got it except for some rocky parts where I hopped off and walked. Somehow we still placed 10th overall for the day. Not many competitors at this ride anyway so it wasn't really a big deal. I knew his trot out would not be pretty so I put Finn's Easyboots on after having to borrow some tools to pull off the right hind shoe as well. He passed so we were on for the next day of riding, if I found someone to help me out. It just so happened the guy who spotted Hot Wheels without a shoe was a farrier from the San Diego area. He finished right before me and I asked if he would put on a new shoe for me. He said "later". I knew he wasn't super excited as this also happened to be the hottest day of the year at 90 plus degrees. Lots of horses and a few riders didn't do so well on Day 1 with the heat. Now missing 2 shoes we either had to give up and go home, find Elfta, a Facebook friend farrier, I met in person briefly on the trail, or beg Tim for a set of 4 new shoes. I went for Tim. I walked all through camp, found him, and asked if he would help me out. As a gift, I had money, chocolate, beer, and I offered a professional portrait of his dog, George. He wasn't so impressed with that, but his wife was.



After it cooled down, we took the plunge, and asked Tim to give Hot Wheels new shoes without having any idea whether he was a decent farrier or not. Had to take a risk. But after doing some investigating around camp, I found out he was an excellent shoer, had a big heart, was always willing to help someone in distress, and best of all, he put all 4 shoes on right before winning Best Condition with his stallion. Good Karma I tell ya. It turns out Tim won BC again on day 3 and he gave his horse a rest on day 2.

So, all in all, if this Weimaraner didn't come to Cuyama with her dad, Tim Miller, my current new hero, I would have had to go home from the 3 day event with no extra conditioning preparation for Tevis and would have been very very sad. OK. Kind of dramatic as there are other rides, but no 3 day rides anytime soon. My entire schedule for Hot Wheels is planned out up to July 16th, the day of Tevis and I wanted it to work out as best as possible like all the other contenders out there. Proof that Tim did a fabulous job. He checked in with me both following

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days. Watched me come in 4th on day 2 and told him how we did an extra loop backwards (I had to redo it of course to make it official) on day 3. I thought I was following Crocket Dumas out but didn't have my glasses on. I had to suck it up and think we are training and I might have to give the Duck more money for the extra miles we did. Hot Wheels came in 13th instead of 5th where he was all day and placed 4th overall. He was ready to go out again on day 4. Too bad I may not ever get the chance to do a five day multiday with him as he would be perfect for it. Looking forward to seeing Tim again at Lost Padres in April so I can give him his gift of George. I hope I can change his mind about portraits. I know down the road he will appreciate it. This is one dog-loving family.

Peaceful

By Lori McIntosh

I started thinking about how the only time I truly feel peaceful is when I am horse camping with my hubby, dog, and both horses. We love to camp out all over and hope to someday make it outside the state. Finn has already been to Bryce Canyon and the Grand Canyon so I'd love for him to show me the ropes. I don't know about Patagonia but this book, "Riding into the Wind," sure was a great read by another photographer in the Equine Photography Challenge, Elly Foote. It is about her travels with her husband, dog, and horses in Patagonia. There are some great photos and one of my favs is her hubby lying down with his horse. That was one very peaceful image that stuck with me. I hope my husband gets inspired to read this book and feels the same way I do when our little family is all together. Also, I call this shed our vacation home as I always feel relaxed and peaceful when I am in it, getting this and that for my boys.



Lost Padres Ride

By Judith Ogus

Kathy Brayton and I had planned to go to Lost Padres together for weeks. Since all my riding efforts this year are geared toward accumulating miles for Canter for the Cure, I have been riding at middle of the pack to tail end speeds. We all know about best laid plans...on the third day of Cuyama, 2 weeks before Lost Padres, my mare Mia decided to leap over a woody shrub and bruised the front of her left hind leg. She did not bow her extensor tendon as I feared, but needed time off to heal. As many of you know, I sent out a plea to the QS club to help me by either joining Canter for the Cure, or by lending me a horse for Lost Padres. Many thanks to all of you who either joined or offered me a horse. Heather and Jeremy offered me Stirgess, their 6 year old gelding. I rode him the Thursday before the ride for about 40 minutes on a tricky trail at Santa Teresa. Jeremy told me his only vice was not standing still for mounting - great for Jeremy who vaults on horses like an acrobat, not great for me, just about 60 and losing some of the "boing" in my knees. Heather held the horse while I got on, and like Mia, as soon as my bum hit the saddle, he was off. Though his "whoa" seemed a bit questionable that day, his agility and sure-footedness made me think he was a safe bet. As it turned out, I could not have asked for a nicer horse. He never shied, never stumbled, never balked, no matter what the terrain. He walked through every body of water or bog without hesitation and with great care. He only "lost it" a little bit on the first day - more about that later.

Lost Padres takes place on the Santa Margarita Ranch just east of the town of Santa Margarita. It's a Duck ride -



L to R: Kathy Brayton on Bart, Judith Ogus on Stirgess

therefore only one vet check in 50 miles and it is up to the riders to monitor their horses' well-being. The terrain is spectacular - rolling hills, oak trees casting their great silhouettes on expanses of green meadow. After a short pre-ride on Friday, we decided that it would be best for the horses' brains and our well-being for Kathy to ride with Barbara White and for me to ride with Stacy James-Ryan. We started day one by passing a mirror-still lake, reflecting the woods on its far side. Stacy and I all called it Morgaine Territory (after her grey mare) - a scene worthy of the Knights of the Round Table. Then we broke off onto a single track, up and over a hill, past the ranch vineyards and out into cattle country and miles of spectacular scenery. The ride is never boring - there are no long stretches of monotonous terrain. There were a couple of boggy spots because of the excessive rain we have had, many gates, several shallow water crossings, profusions of

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green grass and plenty of water for the horses - a very easy ride to do with only one vet check. Stacy was kind enough to get off and do just about every gate - I wasn't sure I could get back on Stirgess without someone holding him, without lowering him into a ditch or raising myself up on a rock... The Duck teased me mercilessly about this and suggested I get an Icelandic. I am prepared to go slow and steady - but not that slow.

Stacy and I finished the first loop with plenty of horse left and while we were eating our lunches, Kathy and Barbara arrived, saying their horses felt great. They vetted through, came back to the rig and as soon as Kathy unsaddled her horse, Bart, he rolled in his muddy paddock. At first we thought this was funny, listening to Kathy groan about the clean up job she would have to do before going out in the afternoon, but when he went down a second and then a third time, Kathy realized something was wrong. He rolled, then suddenly his whole body went rigid and trembly. Neighboring riders ran over and started massaging his sides. Kathy and another woman tried to pull him up and I opened up the paddock to get the corral out of the way. It was terrifying. All four of his legs stuck straight out, his belly was hard and eyes rolled back. If any of you have seen a cow suffering from bloat - that is what Bart looked like - so painful. We were afraid he was dying. Somehow the massaging stimulated him and he lurched forward, throwing Kathy and the other woman off balance. They grabbed at his lead rope again and got him up. In the mean time - Stacy was saddled and ready to leave and I yelled at her to go get the Duck - She galloped off on a stunned Morgaine. Kathy started to lead Bart toward the Duck's camp and he met her half way in his jeep - told her to go on to the camp, where he dosed Bart and recommended that she get him to Alamo Pintado. Barbara White offered her rig - since she had come simply with a truck, camper shell and bumper pull. Stacy and I left for our second loop, worried but glad the horse would be taken care of. We had a wonderful time until we were about 7 miles from the finish. After trudging through a hock-high black mucky bog we came upon a herd of mooing black Angus - all blocking the very gate we needed to go through to continue. Stirgess was sort of okay until about 8 more riders joined the chaos. We finally herded the cows out of the way, someone managed to open the gate, get us all through, but now Stirgess just wanted to get the h__l out of Dodge. Jeremy had told me to just let him canter for a few miles if he got antsy - to not pull on him. We did this for about 1/4 of a mile, but the other horses were hot on our heels (all of them knew we were on our way home), so I decided to hold him back anyway and Stacy helped by letting me tuck him behind Morgaine. Still, it took allowing all the horses to get out of sight and about 3 miles intermittent trotting and cantering before he settled down. Then we had a nice calm finish. As soon as the horses were settled, I called Kathy. Bart was stable, seemed fine and was staying at the clinic overnight for observation. The only thing the vets could find wrong with him was an electrolyte imbalance - not enough magnesium or potassium. Everything else was normal. Kathy did not give Bart any electrolytes the night or morning before, thinking he would be fine since she was going to go slowly, there was plenty of grass and water, that the temperatures were mild - in the very pleasant high 60's. I am sure many other riders made the same decision. I am recounting this as a cautionary tale - that we don't really understand our horses' metabolisms that well. The clinic vets were mystified about his extreme symptoms. Remember that he passed the vet check before crashing, and felt strong and able out on the trail. Maybe do we have to pay close attention to electrolytes on slow multi-day rides as much as we do on fast FEI rides. But what really happened to Bart? Whatever it was, was every rider's worst nightmare. Fortunately he is fine - pulled through completely and received great care at Alamo Pintado.

The next day we rode the same trails in reverse - so up some steep descents from the day before. The Duck warned everyone to go up the first long hard hill slowly because two horses had tied up there the previous year. Stirgess again performed perfectly. The uphill was a piece of cake for him. It rained a bit in the morning and since he was wearing 4 glue-ons I had to get off and walk down a long wooded and slippery descent - but he stood for mounting when I got back on and did so the rest of the second day.

Lost Padres is a beautiful ride - not too hard, challenging enough to teach a young horse about obstacles or for an experienced horse to have a grand old time. I highly recommend it for a spring get away.

PS: If any one else would like to sign up to do Canter for the Cure, please email me: judith@randomarts.biz. It's easy - I will add your name to the website and your friends can sponsor you for miles you ride during the 2011 season. Go to <http://www.canterfortheure> to see how it works. All proceeds go to the Stanford Cancer Center, where they are doing wonderful research to help cure and treat cancer.



Top: Stacy James-Ryan on Morgaine
Bottom: Barbara White on Canadian Brooke

All photos in this article by Lynne Glazer

Equestrians, Ranchers! Boarding Facilities!

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Baling Twine

To Trash for Trails



Recycling creates cleaner facilities,
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Contact Diane Offutt, California State Horsemen's Association Trail Rep,

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Collected at Owl's Crossing Ranch Pleasanton CA



Would Quicksilver members establish a collection center and transport baling twine to the above location? It's worth the effort! Who lives, or works, near Pleasanton, and could do this for the club and the environment?

Classifieds...

1977 Toterhome with a rebuilt 88 International engine and a new 4 speed Allison Transmission. Runs great. Has a nice living space with a large fridge. Price reduced to \$5,000.

Heather Reynolds
408-687-7082

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I am selling this saddle for \$1200 including mohair girth 22", standard fenders worth \$205 or if you prefer standard stirrup leathers worth \$120 and E-Z stirrups from Specialized saddles. The seat is an 18" Classic X that has a slightly built up cantle and moulded "poleys" worth \$315 new.

Lori McIntosh - Cell #: 415-235-



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Barbara McCrary
831-423-4572
bigcreekranch@wildblue.net

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For sale: BCR Katerina Bey
#2A337107-1999 ¾ Arab bay mare, 15 hands, Echstrordinary X Fad-Tiffany. Sweepstakes nominated. Price \$3,500/OBO

Has had lots of training (including Natural Horsemanship) but has no one to ride her at present. Strong uphill horse, very balanced downhill, surefooted, has considerable trail experience. Friendly, easy to catch, lovely ground manners. Very light and responsive; collected, forward trot. Best with experienced, light-handed rider. Will make a great endurance horse. Video available.

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Heather Reynolds
408-687-7082

From Becky Hart

As you may know, Tom Stutzman donated a large quantity of tack to the club, including 3 orthoflex saddles. One is brand new*, never out of the box. We sold one saddle, but still have the new one and a stitchdown for sale, as well as miscellaneous tack. The sale of the tack generated enough revenue to have a nice awards banquet (it was going to be scaled way down) and to replace the old printer with a new laser printer that will print double sided and color. This printer will be used for the calendar and can be made available to ride managers who would like to print much more cheaply than Kinko's or other copying stores. They need to provide their own paper. The board will need to determine what the price will be to others.

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Heather Reynolds
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A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.



Philosophies of Life

"It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived"

(Thanks to Elisabet)



Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
Then You Are Probably...

The Family Dog!



(Thanks to Ellen Rinde)



The Seven Stages of Aging on Horseback

Stage 1: Fall off pony. Bounce. Laugh. Climb back on. Repeat.

Stage 2: Fall off horse. Run after horse, cussing. Climb back on by shimmying up horse's neck. Ride until sun-down.

Stage 3: Fall off horse. Use sleeve of shirt to stanch bleeding. Have friend help you get back on horse. Take two Advil and apply ice packs when you get home. Ride next day.

Stage 4: Fall off horse. Refuse advice to call ambulance; drive self to urgent care clinic. Entertain nursing staff with tales of previous daredevil stunts on horseback. Back to riding before cast comes off.

Stage 5: Fall off horse. Temporarily forget name of horse and name of husband. Flirt shamelessly with paramedics when they arrive. Spend week in hospital while titanium pins are screwed in place. Start riding again before doctor gives official okay.

Stage 6: Fall off horse. Fail to see any humor when hunky paramedic says, "You again?" Gain firsthand knowledge of advances in medical technology thanks to stint in ICU. Convince self that permanent limp isn't that noticeable. Promise husband you'll give up riding. One week later purchase older, slower, shorter horse.

Stage 7: Slip off horse. Relieved when artificial joints and implanted medical devices seem unaffected. Tell husband that scrapes and bruises are due to gardening accident. Pretend you don't see husband roll his eyes and mutter as he walks away. Give apple to horse.

Thanks to Julie Suhr for this accurate representation of our lives on horseback

The kids have all their little SMS codes...like BFF, WTF, LOL etc. So here are some codes for the seniors:

ATD - At the Doctor's

BFF - Best Friends Funeral

BTW - Bring the Wheelchair

CBM - Covered by Medicare

CUATSC - See You at the Senior Center

DWI - Driving While Incontinent

FWBB - Friend with Beta Blockers

FWIW - Forgot Where I Was

FYI - Found Your Insulin

GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low

GHA - Got Heartburn Again

IMHO - Is My Hearing-Aid On?

LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out

OMMR - On My Massage Recliner

ROFL...CGU - Rolling on the Floor Laughing...Can't get Up!

TTYL - Talk to You Louder

WAITT - Who Am I Talking To?

WTP - Where's the Prunes

WWNO - Walker Wheels Need Oil

Both of these were submitted by Barbara's friend, Les Clark

These glorious insults are from an era before the English language got boiled down to four letter words:

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - *Winston Churchill*

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - *Mark Twain*

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." - *John Bright*

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." - *Forrest Tucker*

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." - *Oscar Wilde*

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - *Stephen Bishop*

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - *Groucho Marx*



APHORISM:

A SHORT, POINTED SENTENCE EXPRESSING A WISE OR CLEVER OBSERVATION OR A GENERAL TRUTH

15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)
18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.
19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead!
20. Always be yourself. Because the people that matter, don't mind. And the ones that mind, don't matter.
21. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

Thanks to Elisabet Hiatt

THE ZEN of SARCASM

1. Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me either. Just pretty much leave me alone.
2. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and leaky tire.
3. It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
4. Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
5. Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.
6. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
7. If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
8. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

Thanks to Ellen Rinde for these gems (more next month)

May

If you would like to be remembered on your birthday, and I don't yet have your date, please send it to me. All I need is your name, month, and day. I don't collect years of birth. After all, who wants everyone to know how old you are?

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Touch someone's heart. Remember them on their birthday by sending a thoughtful card.

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