



Quicksilver Quips

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June 2014 – *President's Message*

Even though we did not have a meeting, it was quite a busy month.

Within the Quips you will find the CEMEX letter that I wrote on behalf of the Quicksilver club to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County (<http://www.landtrustsantacruz.org/>). I listened to all the comments at our April meeting, read the CEMEX Redwoods Public Access Plan (http://www.landtrustsantacruz.org/downloads/CEMEX_Access_140314.pdf) and received input from individual members of the club to write a letter that I hope best represents the views of the club.

Also, within the Quips is response from DreamPower Horsemanship's Director, Martha McNiel (<http://www.dreampowerhorsemanship.com/start.html>) after being presented with 3 scholarships donated by Quicksilver and 2 scholarships donated by 3 individual Quicksilver members for a Children's Camp in June for those with special needs. All the scholarships are going to low-income, at-risk children or youth from two organizations with which DreamPower has relationships.

Our next meeting is June 7th, at **Bear Ranch in San Martin**. We will be riding in the morning at 9:00 AM, having a potluck lunch at noon and short meeting afterwards. For lunch, A-F brings dessert and G-Z brings anything except dessert. One item on our agenda will be voting on the New Member Committee. Please read the text of the proposal in the Quips to become more familiar with the new committee that would help to make new members feel welcome.

Tevis is scheduled on August 9th. I have been talking to a few members, some planning to ride, some planning to crew and some have no plans at all. We have been discussing having a Quicksilver crewing team to help all of our Quicksilver members who will be riding. It would be a lot of fun working together to support our riders and cheering them on. It does not matter if you have experience or not. We can match up those with experience with those who do not. There are probably going to be about 6-8 members riding. An e-mail was sent out by Judith Ogus (Judith@randomarts.bix) about crewing. There has been good response so far. Let Judith know if you are interested in crewing. We would love to have you there!

Lori

Quicksilver New Member Committee Proposal

Section 10: New Member Committee

The New Member Committee shall consist of three or more club members in good standing and shall be appointed by the President. The chairperson shall be decided by the committee members.

The Membership chairperson shall contact the New Member Committee chairperson each time a new member joins the club. The New Member Committee chairperson shall contact one committee member to reach out to the new member.

The New Member Committee member shall:

- ♦ contact the new member by phone or e-mail to welcome new members to the club (discussion points can include but are not limited to: endurance experience, benefits of being a member, invite them to go riding, find out their endurance goals, etc.)
- ♦ introduce them to other club members,
- ♦ invite to each of the upcoming events and activities held by the club throughout the year, write a paragraph or two for the Quips, introducing them to the club. Include a picture if possible.

At the awards banquet, a small gift with the Quicksilver logo will be given to the new member.



Quicksilver 2014 Meeting Schedule

June 7—Ride/Potluck/Meeting at Harvey Bear Ranch in San Martin.

August 23—Ride/Potluck or BBQ/Meeting/Games at Santa Cruz County Horseman’s Assn.

October 11—Quicksilver Fall Classic at Harvey Bear Ranch in San Martin.

October 18—Ride/Potluck/Meeting at Calero County Park in South San Jose.

December 12—Christmas Party at Almaden Community Center—6:00 PM.

QUICKSILVER TREASURER REPORT
April/May, 2014

Balance 3/31/14			\$7,128.02
Income	Dues	\$250.00	
Balance			\$ 7,378.02
Expenses:	Mike Maul – Award	52.40	(\$637.40)
	M. Stover – reimburse	10.00	
	Calif. Secretary State	20.00	
	Dream Power donation	555.00	
Balance 5/23/14			\$ 6,740.62
Trails Account			\$1,074.07
Junior Account			\$454.38

Submitted by Maryben Stover, Treasurer

Our next club meeting is Saturday, June 7th at Bear Ranch in San Martin. It is our first riding meeting of the year and I hope that many of you plan to come. We will meet at 9:00am in the parking area off San Martin Avenue and ride. The pot luck will be at noon with a meeting afterwards.

If your last name begins starts with A-F bring a dessert. If it starts with G-Z bring anything but a dessert. The club will provide plates, napkins and utensils. Bring your own drink.

We will be finished up no later than 2:00 so we can all go watch the Belmont and cheer on California Chrome!

Lori

A Riding Trip in Cornwall, England

by Mike Maul

I've taken a number of riding vacations in the past and the latest was in Cornwall, England from May 10-16. The trip was booked through Equitours at www.ridingtours.com in Dubois, WY.

Cornwall is in the southwest corner of England and a 4-hour trip by train from London. It's a rural part of the country with a very different "English" accent. The ride was primarily over the Bodmin Moor - described as "a truly magical place - home to ancient settlements, hut circles, burial chambers and more recently, the domain of smugglers and pirates. Now it is a quiet haven, home to plentiful wildlife, breathtaking scenery and a wildness that is difficult to find elsewhere."

The moor was grass everywhere there wasn't rock. Boggy and wet as well. There were wild ponies and horses everywhere among the many sheep with babies in May. It's a desolate place with its own charm. We could see for miles from the peaks of the rocky outcrops called "tors". Often the only sounds were the ones we and our horses made.

We would ride during the day - the longest was 6 hours. Then off to a different local pub for dinner every night. One night was at the famous Jamaica Inn high on the moor and reputedly haunted by highwaymen. Made famous by Daphne Du Maurier and her book of the same name, the pub is now a cozy retreat on the moor.

Two afternoons were reserved for visits to local historical areas or rustic seaports. The first was nearby Tintagel - home to the fabled Castle of King Arthur. It's a quaint Cornish village full of tea shops, antique shops and a fascinating center of Arthurian legend. The Castle itself is a steep downhill, before a very steep climb up onto the promontory which is home to the 6th century ruins.

The second trip was to one of the most famous and picturesque villages in Cornwall - Padstow. It's a vibrant fishing port still and home to some of the most famous chefs in the UK - Rick Stein and Paul Ainsworth.

The port has a huge bay that during the low tide is completely dry and when the tide comes in - floats everything up again.

During the day rides - we would see things like King Arthur's Hall. It's one of the most fascinating sites on the Moor, thought to be an ancient Neolithic or early Bronze Age ceremonial site. It consists of roughly fifty-six stones arranged in a rectangle with a bank of earth around them.

The wild horses were almost always brown and white with an occasional black and white. Small and of course, wild. There were quite a few foals and many mares looked pregnant.

The horses for our group of four were either small brown and white pintos or fairly stocky mixed breeds for the larger riders like me. The names included Lucy, Rita, Katie - and mine was a gelding named Smurf.

We walked when it was boggy (quite a bit of the time) followed by trotting and some fast canters/gallops when the ground was drier.

Our group of four included an evaluator from Equitours, a Japanese CEO in his 70's, and a woman from near London who had done some Equitours trips before. We were in cottages and ate a big English breakfast together everyday.

One of the most common local traditional foods we had was Cornish Cream Tea - scones, jam and lots of clotted cream.

The weather was rainy and cold the first day but later days were mostly clear with a high one day of 62 and lows in the high 40's. The local roads were narrow with high stone sides covered with moss and plants. Most were too narrow for cars to pass so there were small areas where you would get an extra 3 feet for the oncoming car to pull over. Some bridges were only 6' 6" wide. If you met on a hill - the car going uphill had to back down to the small passing space.



Mike and Smurf

It was an interesting trip combining riding and getting a chance to see a very different part of the world while still mostly speaking English.

I recommend it to anyone who would like to combine riding with exploring a new place.

See more photos on next page.



Riding Bodmin Moor



The Blisland Inn



The coast of Cornwall



Mike enjoying his vacation



Feral ponies

Miss Manners on Welcoming New Horses

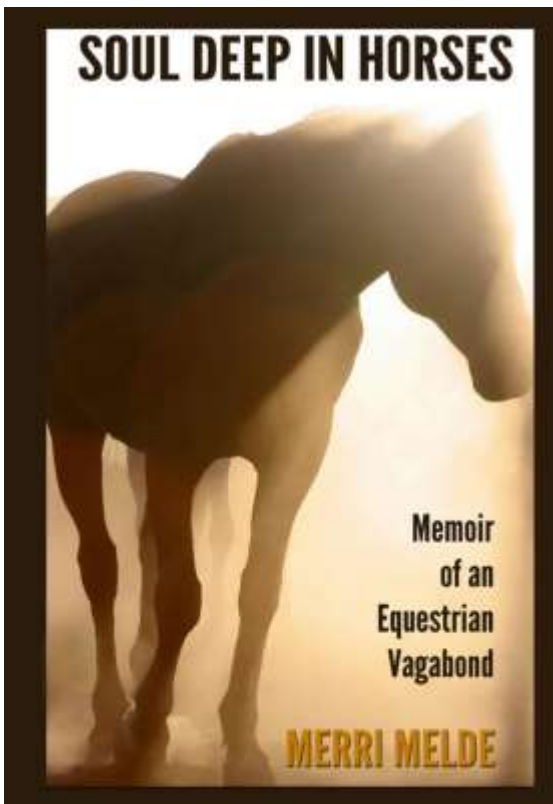
In case you want to welcome a new horse:

Dear Miss Manners • A friend has recently purchased a horse and has plans to obtain another very soon. Should one wait for the second purchase before throwing a horse-warming party? Should such an event be held in a house or a barn, perhaps in a garden or paddock, if the weather is good enough? What would be a suitable gift?

Gentle Reader • Is the hope to warm the horse? In that case, a blanket seems the only fitting gift. And if he won't share, then another one for his friend. As for venue, Miss Manners suggests it be wherever the horse(s) would feel most at home.

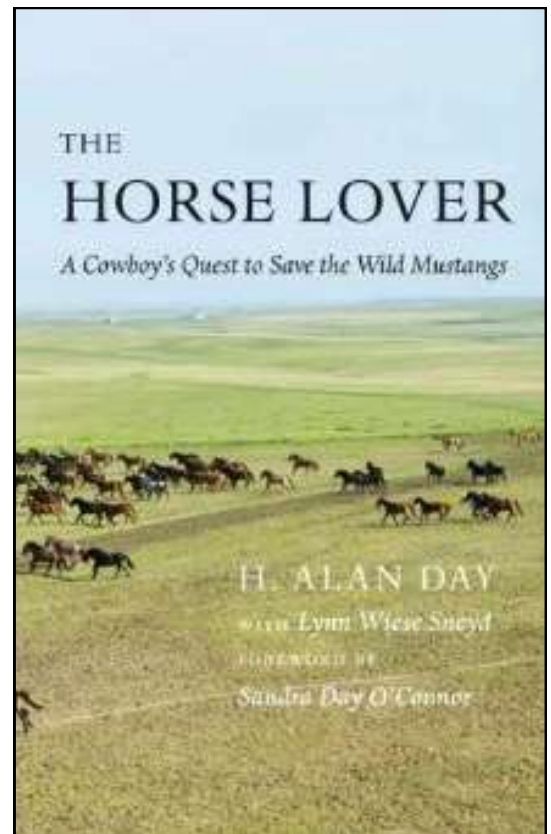
Submitted by Judith Ogus

Book Reviews



I am really hooked on a couple of recently published books. The first is endurance rider **Merri Melde's *Soul Deep in Horses***. She takes us from her childhood to the present with the horses that have guided her life. I don't think anybody I know loves our equine companions as much Merri. Almost every chapter is a story featuring a special horse. Her writing style is exciting, beyond adventuresome. Nobody can take a half dozen words and string them together so descriptively. You are not reading her book, you are in the saddle with her. You are frightened, and scared, joyous and riding high as victory overcomes fear. Her adventures most of the time are with strange horses in far flung places. You can be there with her. She is that good a writer. Read the reviews of her story on Amazon Books.

The second book is ***The Horse Lover* by H. Alan Day**. A southwest cowboy, he purchased 35,000 acres in South Dakota to house BLM unadoptable wild mustangs. His love of the animals is deep and he manages to overcome their fear of man by his herd



management practices. Government bureaucracy brought him to his knees. I met him personally a few weeks ago and he is a fascinating story teller with very definite ideas about the future of the mustang and the need for slaughter houses in the United States. As Merri does in her book, he pays tribute to the individual horses that developed his character.

Both these books are available through Amazon books. I hope they have wide circulation.

By Julie Suhr

Cache Creek 50 – May 10, 2014

Cache Creek is an excellent ride that should be on everyone's to-do list. It is not that far from the Bay Area, camp was spacious, trails were difficult but beautiful, and management does an excellent job of putting it all together.

There were over 150 riders in two distances. The trail had good footing, it was marked beautifully, water was placed appropriately, vet checks ran smoothly, and the Saturday dinner was great. Generally, this ride is very hot but this year the weather was pleasant most of the day, turning cold and rainy for awhile in the afternoon.

Quicksilver had six riders: Judith Ogus, Barbara White, Tracy Hoffstrand, Robert and Melissa Ribley and myself. We all finished.

By Lori Oleson

Our Quicksilver President Writes to Santa Cruz County Land Trust

May 7, 2014

Land Trust of Santa Cruz County
Attn: CEMEX Access
617 Water Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

As President of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc., I would like to comment on behalf of the club on CEMEX Access. We are very grateful to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County allowing us to be a part of the conversation on determining how the property will be used in the future.

The Access Plan – Opportunities and Constraints, shows that only 18% of the questionnaire respondents were equestrians. Although that percentage is low, I can assure you that the equestrian population who are interested in riding the trails is much higher. The Quicksilver members are excited to ride our horses on new trails in Santa Cruz County.

One of the biggest concerns in the survey is trail conflicts between all the different user groups. I would like to address the potential conflict between horses and bikers. We would like to see a safe and enjoyable environment for all users interested. The majority of those who ride horses are on the trail to enjoy the serenity of the outdoors with their horse partner.

Horses are interesting animals. They are prey animals and humans are predators. Through thousands of years of domestication, this natural, survival instinct has never been bred out of them. This is a good thing. Their two reactions are fight or flight. The fight mainly comes into play when they are trapped and unable to run away. In a trail situation, it is not likely that they feel trapped, so it is the flight instinct that is relevant to this discussion.

Most horses can be trained to co-exist with bikes. My horses are great with bikes coming and going. The problem is when coming around a blind turn and a bike is coming at speed towards us. Another problem is bike downhill speed. Many bikers are unable to stop even if they try, and will slide into a horse or human, potentially causing a serious accident. Even my horses may spook in these types of situations and the flight instinct will kick in.

Bikers will say that we need to better train our horses in order for them not to be afraid. As I stated before, this flight instinct is why they have survived for thousands of years. They are afraid of situations they do not understand. Bikers may not fully understand or appreciate that horse psychology is very complex.

In order for all users to be safe on the trail, it is important that wide trails with a good line of sight are designed for multi use. Horses need to see the bikes before they are upon them in order to recognize them for what they are, rather than thinking they are horse eating predators. Therefore, narrow trails with blind corners and steep drop-offs are not appropriate for horses and bikes together at the same time. Separate trails could be built, every other day sharing or one way trails for some users could be considered. I liked the suggestion of trail stewards to educate users and mediate conflicts.

We hope the Land Trust will consider the concerns and needs of all users and carefully design trails to protect all trail

Cemex Access (Continued on page 7)

users. In other situations, bikers have taken over the trails and equestrians stay away to avoid conflict or injury. We do not want to be pushed out by the bikers but it is more important for us to be safe.

Trailer parking is a big plus for equestrians. We don't need much, just space that allows us to park and turn around. When parking, we leave space between rigs in order for horses to be tied. We also need space behind the trailer for loading and unloading. This is unlike cars that can park very close side by side. At the parking area, we would love to see a water trough.

Thank you for the opportunity, for those of us who love the outdoors, to help decide on the future use of this beautiful area.

Sincerely,

Lori Oleson
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Looking Back...

In 1979, I was asked to crew for a couple of Castle Rock Horsemen's Assn. members who were riding the Pony Express Trail, sponsored by the British Post Office in honor of the invention of the postage stamp. AERC's own Dave Nicholson was the trail master. The couple's former crew had to leave in Wyoming.

I flew from San Jose into Salt Lake City with daughter, Janet, and nephew Brian; we were picked up by the couple and driven to Evanston, WY to pick up their horses, then backtracking to Simpson Springs, Utah, to catch up with the remaining riders. For the next week, I crewed for them and became fascinated with the concept of day-to-day riding, although the format of the 1979 XP rides was different than ours of today. Riders had four horses each, and they could change horses during the day if they desired. Mileages each day varied, up to 80 miles. Mileage depended on availability and suitability of camp sites along the trail.

Brian and I had to leave our crewing job at the end of a week, as we had other commitments. We were driven to Reno and flew home. Janet crewed for the couple into the finish in Sacramento.

Fast forward a few years...Dave called me one evening to ask my support for a ride he wanted to put on. He knew I had experienced the concept of multi-day rides and, as I was on the AERC Board of Directors at the time, he asked me if I would support his proposed ride when the issue came up before the Board. Dave knew there was one director who was strongly opposed to his idea. Dave's concept was approved and the first 5-day ride took place in 1983 on a section of the Pony Express Trail from north-central Utah to eastern Nevada.

I just HAD to ride the trail I had crewed on, and so I did. I found a crew person/driver and off we went. I took two horses and alternated them by days. Being AERC sanctioned rides, I had to ride one horse all day for 50 miles. I rode again the next year with daughter Susan as crew. I placed first on one of the days, riding a favorite horse, Courage. In 1985, Lud joined me, and we took four horses. Later on, we would each ride one horse all five days on other multi-day rides—Applegate-Lassen, Soldier Meadows, and Death Valley.

Gradually, the concept changed from riding historical trails (a concept I still favor) to riding multi-days, anywhere from three to five days, using one or more horses—rider's choice. Sadly, riders found it difficult to locate crew/drivers to follow them on point-to-point rides and the format morphed into one basecamp, multi-loop rides. They are easier to set up camp, but they will never match the wonder of riding point-to-point on a trail that is the remnant of history.

I rode Courage on many of these rides. He was a happy, steady little horse that could trot 13 mph for miles and miles and miles.

I finally lost him to emphysema at the age of 27 and had to have him euthanized.

I had my first horseback view of the Pony Express Trail, my first sight of Death Valley, the Applegate-Lassen Trail, and High Rock Canyon mounted on this small, fast, tough, wonderful little grey horse. He is buried on a grassy flat on our ranch, alongside of his friend and riding companion, Grey; his epitaph reads: "From His Back, I Discovered the World." And indeed I did...



CEMEX Redwoods Online Survey Results

This is a summary of results from the Land Trust's online survey taken by more than 2,400 people.

Who responded

Percent of responses from Bonny Doon or Davenport: 12
Percent of responses from outside Santa Cruz County: 46

Top things respondents want to allow

Hiking: 90%
Loop Trail: 90%
Ridgeline to Ocean Trail 90%
On-leash dogs: 65%
Horseback riding: 63%
Biking: 54%
Hike-in camping 51%

Top things respondents don't want to allow

Off-leash dogs: 49%
Biking: 24%
Hike-in camping: 21%
Horseback riding: 17%
On-leash dogs: 14%

Top concerns of respondents

Illegal uses: 51%
Trail conflicts: 51%
Fire risks: 46%
Wildlife impacts: 37%
Parking: 28%
Impacts to water quality: 22%

Submitted by Julie Suhr



DreamPower Horsemanship Children's Camp

At the April meeting it was voted that Quicksilver provide three scholarships for underprivileged children to attend DreamPower Horsemanship Children's Camp the week of June 16-20, 2014. In addition, three members have provided two more scholarships for children to attend camp.

Four of the scholarships will go to children at Community Solutions (<http://www.communitysolutions.org/>). Below is a note from Martha McNiel, Director of DreamPower:

"Last Thursday I told the case managers from Community Solutions that we have four camp scholarships we are offering to their clients first and they are so excited. One case manager wrote the following that night:

"I have two clients from Community Solutions that have attended horse therapy and love it. They will be graduating from therapy next week and will then no longer be able to attend horse therapy. The kids would really love to keep working with horses. I would love for them to be able to participate in this camp. "R" and "A" lost their mother two years ago. Mother was murdered by her boyfriend. The children were placed in foster care for about a year and were recently reunified with their father last fall. Since then Dad has created a stable environment where the children are beginning to flourish. If you could accommodate them in your camp I know the family would greatly appreciate it."

Two of the scholarships will be going to those two children and the other two will go to others from Community Solutions. I will let you know about the other two as soon as I hear from the case managers."

The fifth scholarship will be for a low-income, at-risk child or youth. They will come from either the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program which has some unaccompanied minor children (refugees) they want to send or Freedom House (for girls who are victims of human trafficking) has some girls they want to send.

As you can see, the scholarships will be put to good use for children with troubled lives to enjoy the horses like we do daily.

Submitted by Lori Oleson

Our History in Endurance Riding

1969—Castle Rock Horsemen's Assn. wants to put on a full 50-mile ride, Castle Rock Challenge Ride (founded by Julie Suhr.) We offer part of the trail and a base camp.

1970—Eldest daughter Susan decides to ride, but had over-conditioned her horse and is pulled at the first vet check, at 12 miles, where there is no water.

1971—Susan and I try again, this time I ride my QH who has no conditioning at all. Trail markings were vandalized and water was scarce along the trail; we make it to 45 miles in 12 hours—overtime.

1972—Lud and I finish. I ride our youngest daughter's QH for my first endurance ride finish (dead last, but ecstatic.)

1973—Five of our family rides, and we all finish. Janet, our youngest, is 12 years old.

1975—We get into Ride and Tie when Janet runs the Levi's R&T at Paso Robles with their high school cross-country champ, who, incidentally didn't know how to ride a horse. Janet conducted training sessions on her QH. At this Ride & Tie, we spot Grey, a 1/2 Morgan, 1/2 Percheron gelding who places second and BC. We manage to locate his owner and subsequently buy him. (Best move we **EVER** made.)

1978—The management of the Challenge Ride transitions to the McCrary family and continues for many years. We add the Big Creek 70, the Barley Patch 30, and the Big Creek Ride & Tie.

1983—Our head vet, Jim Steere, persuades us to put on a 100-mile ride and Lud and I go exploring through two counties to lay out a trail. The first year of Swanton Pacific 100 takes place that fall.

1984—A rider from Switzerland comes to CA to ride Tevis and uses one of our horses. We accept no payment, but do accept an invitation to come to Switzerland the next year.

1985—We go to Switzerland, ride a 32 KM endurance ride, a shorter R&T (in the rain), and a 62.5 KM endurance ride in Austria (the European Championship) as representatives from the USA.

1986—We host the first FEI endurance ride in the western hemisphere along with the Swanton Pacific 100.

2008—We finally retire from managing endurance rides, as we had been doing it for 30 years—pretty much a two-man (oops! man/woman)/family and friends job, from trail clearing to secretarial work to trail flagging and some de-flagging.

Barbara McCrary

Words of Wisdom

Our energy is in proportion to the resistance it meets. We can attempt nothing great, but from a sense of the difficulties we have to encounter.

William Hazlitt (1778-1830)

We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about.

Charles Kingsley (1819-75)

Judith Ogus Organizes Tevis Crews

Dear Tevis Participants,

These are the stops where people have so far expressed interest in having volunteers. Please let me know if you want to add No Hands Bridge - it is only about 4 miles from the finish and there is a water trough between there and the finish. Pit stops are for drinking, taking a nibble of mash and cooling. It would be nice to have cold water at all of these if we can - possibly some ice and emergency replacement water for riders. Riders - please state any special requests that you have for these stops - sequence in which you want help, hay or mash or drinks or if you want someone to have your electrolytes or administer ones that you have with you. Also - anyone please add your two cents to this so everyone gets what they need.

Robinson Flat - First major 1 hour vet check - all Primary Crews

Dusty Corners - 9 miles after Robinson, has a water trough, 5 miles before gate and go at Last Chance

Michigan Bluff - Coming out of the canyons, 1.5 miles before Chicken Hawk Gate and Go - Julie Suhr and two family members will be here

Chicken Hawk/Volcano - 4 miles before major Forest Hill 1 hour hold - could use a team of 2-4 volunteers here

Forest Hill - Last 1 hour hold - all Primary Crews

No Hands Bridge???

Finish

Please consult your rider information - this is not a list of all the gate and go stops. Both Franciscos and the Lower Quarry, where no crews are allowed, provide food and volunteer help for the riders.

FYI Recoveries at the first two checks - Red Star Ridge and Robinson Flat are 60; all the rest are 64 as of now. Things could change.

Volunteers who are not primary crew - Please let me know where you would like to station yourselves - and if anyone feels like hiking down into the canyons or somewhere not on the list - please let me know.

It is possible that we will have several pairs of riders:

Robert and Melissa

Judith and Stacy

Lori and Jennifer

It is also possible that they will all split up, depending on circumstance. So it would be nice to have enough volunteers to work on two horses at a time.

Here is a current list of the prospective Tevis riders and QS members volunteering to help with the team crewing:

Riders

Stacy James Ryan
Melissa Ribley
Robert Ribley
Judith Ogus
Barbara White
Jennifer Perryman
Becky Hart
Cathy LeFeber
Lori Oleson
Diane Trefethen

Volunteers for Crew

Julie Suhr - Julie Suhr <marinera@aol.com>
Jayne Perryman - Jayne Perryman <jayneperryman@yahoo.com>
Peggy Davidson - Primary Crew for Jennifer and Lori <peggety123@aol.com>
Susan Stillman - will be at Robie then Forest Hill
Michele Cable - <equiscelt@gmail.com> will drive Judith & Becky's rig from Robie to Forest Hill or Auburn, then available for team crewing
Giulia Orth - Primary Crew for Judith <gzanone@hotmail.com>
Roberta and Steve plus friend - (possibly) also primary crew for Stacy but I think they will enjoy team crewing too
Peter Harper <peteharper1@yahoo.com> (Primary crew for Jennifer Perryman)
Jill Kilty Newburn - <mail@knfarms.com>
Sheila Kumar - <paintmypony@yahoo.com> has accommodations for people, too!!
Kiki Leuther and Peter David - Judith's primary crew but will help team
Kim Barger - kbarger@ymail.com
Brenda Benkley and Kathy Campbell - primary crew for Judith but will help everyone, too.

Classifieds

New Policy for Classified Ads

We accept ads from Quicksilver members at no cost. After 3 months, the ad will be removed unless the advertiser contacts the Quips editor (Barbara McCrary – bigcreekranch@wildblue.net) and advises her of the status of the item. Non-members may run an ad for one month, after which the advertiser will be asked to join the Quicksilver club.

English model ortho flex 17" seat.
Booties in good shape. Long billets. \$650 obo.
[925-789-0217](tel:925-789-0217) Michelle



For Sale

Camping Corral - \$295

Pipe panels (four) in short 8 foot sections,
4 rails 5 feet high.

Attach together with butterfly clamp, bolt & wing nuts.

Free standing makes an 8x8 or use trailer side to make a pentagon. Fits on side of trailer or in stall/tackroom.

[Michelle Herrera 831-427-1533](tel:831-427-1533)

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Classifieds

CANADIAN GELDING LOOKING FOR HOME

Beautiful Canadian gelding foaled in 2002 is looking for a loving home. Not suited for endurance as he is heavily muscled. Trailers great. Easy keeper. He bonds well with women and gets along great with all horses. Sceptical of men due to past abuse. Looking for a lifelong home where he can have a job and be loved. Steadfast, kind disposition. Needs a good rider as he can be a bit spooky and insecure. Located in San Jose, CA



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WANTED

Looking for a Crates or Circle Y western saddle. Something under \$1000. with semi-QH bars.

I can be reached at **831-708-8121** or by email msmarriah@gmail.com

Free Douglas Fir Firewood

Dead for 3 years Fir rounds ready to burn, clean and dry; most of the bark has come off, great firewood for camping! (or home use) Rounds need to be split, most are knot free! You pick-up in Santa Cruz Mts.

Michelle Herrera
831-427-1533

What is a Compounded Drug? (excerpt from a longer article on drugs for horses)

Dr. Miller says drug compounding provides "flexibility in strengths and concentrations, dosage forms such as topical, chewable treats, and liquids, and flavoring options." A licensed veterinarian or a licensed pharmacist must perform drug compounding under a veterinarian's prescription for a specific patient.

Compounded drugs may not be made in bulk, and if there is already an FDA-approved product on the market, pharmacies compounding any form of that drug must make it from the FDA-labeled product rather than from raw materials. For example, let's say your horse with Cushing's disease doesn't care for his Prascend. Your veterinarian might write a prescription to a compounding pharmacy to have the medication made into a different flavor or form for your horse; however, the pharmacist must make the drug using Prascend rather than bulk pergolide.

Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt, who found this interesting and thought you would, too.

Classifieds



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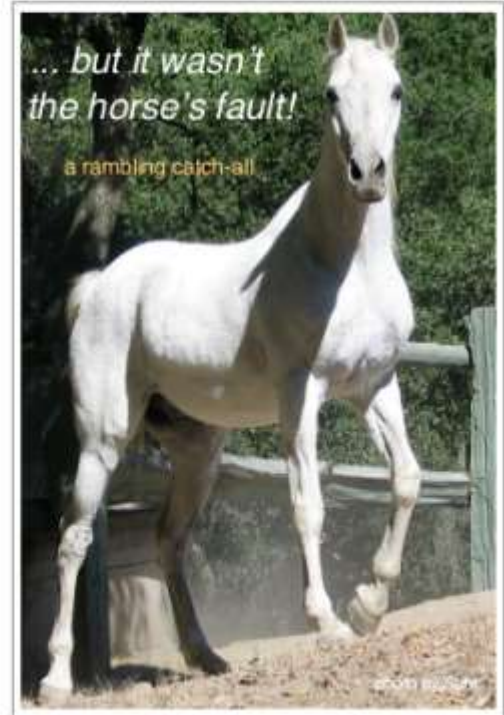
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1. **Ten Feet Tall, Still** is out-of-print, but available as an e-book from Amazon, Barnes and Noble and others. All proceeds to **AERC Trails Fund** and **WSTF Trails Fund** for preservation of horse trails. \$9.99
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by
Julie Suhr

You are never quite the same after you ride a good horse.



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Humor and Birthdays



IDIOT SIGHTING

My daughter and I went through the McDonald's take-out window and I gave the clerk a \$5 bill. Our total was \$4.25, so I also handed her a quarter. She said, 'you gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a dollar bill back. She sighed and went to get the manager, who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the quarter, and said 'We're sorry but we could not do that kind of thing.' The clerk then proceeded to give me back \$1 and 75 cents in change.

Do not confuse the clerks at McD's.

IDIOT SIGHTING

When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'it's open!' His reply: 'I know. I already got that side.' *Ford dealership in Canton, MS*



Happy June Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

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