



Quicksilver Quips

July 2015

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President's Message – July 2015

This is a group participation thing; your thoughts and opinions are requested. For those living in the Twitter-verse – skip to the bold text below to find the questions that I would like you to answer.

After six months as serving as the Quicksilver President, I have had some time to reflect, on what is to be part of this club that has grown and evolved quite a bit since its inception. Begun as a local group of friends who would get together and ride the trails, we have evolved into a group that can be more geographically spread out, electronically connected, and quite diverse in our riding and interests. I think this is a good thing, but it is definitely a bit more challenging to know what people are thinking and are interested in.

So this leads me to ask the following questions:

What is us that draws us together as Quicksilver Endurance Riders, besides our love of sitting on a horse for many hours? **How do we build community amongst a group that is widely spread out?** And **are there issues and activities that we feel strongly about and want to put our energy into?** (Beyond riding?)

Please send me your response and I will summarize it in next month issue of the Quips. I'll ask the question via email as well, for those of you who like that "Reply All" button, or you can write me independently, or heck – send a post card. I love a good post card and will send you one in return sometime soon.

I recently found myself having dinner with a lovely group of folks who were really engaged in trail issues, wilderness access and activism to build relationships with community members and government agencies to make things happen. They understood that relationship building with government employees and elected officials was important to achieving their ends. They also happened to be bicycle enthusiasts. They were positive, proactive and open to hearing how horse people saw some of the issues that they are thinking about. I was keenly aware that the opinions I shared that evening were my own, and probably did not best represent the diversity of opinion of our club members.

Our most recent past club President is fond of saying that the President's role is not that of being a dictator (or something close to that – forgive the paraphrase, Lori), and I really could not agree more. I also find it difficult to be of service to the community if I am not sure of your thoughts and opinions.

So, I ask the questions above, look forward to your response, and hope to see you and your horse soon...

Jill

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List provided by Maryben Stover in April.*

Quicksilver 2015 Calendar



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



Treasurer's Report

From Trilby

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Stevie and Katie Run for the Gold

By Katie Webb

On May 30th, I rode Stevie (CSF MS Quick Step) in her second 50-miler at the Run for the Gold 50-miler in Mariposa, CA. I traveled to the race with fellow Quicksilver member Jeanine McCrary and her friend Karen. Jeanine brought her Rocky Mountain horse, Red Ryder, to do his first 25-miler.

We arrived at ride camp on Friday around noon, with plenty of time to set up camp, go for a nice pre-ride, and socialize. It was already very hot in camp and it stayed hot all weekend. Since Stevie and I didn't have a designated riding buddy for ride day, we went on a nice pre-ride by ourselves so she didn't get too attached to the horses we were camping with who were doing the 25. Stevie is one of those funny horses who's actually more confident out on the trail by herself than she is in the company of horses she knows. When she doesn't have anyone else to rely on for emotional support, she just puts on her big girl panties and gets on with it! Just fine by me!

At Stevie's first race we started late at the back of the pack, but she started so calmly that this time I decided to just go out on time with everyone else. She was excited, but very manageable and ratable so it ended up working just fine. We paced the first hour or so with Alyssa Stalley and it was fun getting to know her a little bit. She was on her Tevis-bound horse, who has quite a bit more base and conditioning than Stevie, so I pulled back from them when we started getting to some longer uphill grades. We rode by ourselves into the first vet check at a moderate pace, and then we hooked up with a really nice lady from Southern California named Liz Clements and her awesome quarter horse gelding. Her gelding and Stevie paced together perfectly and we were enjoying each other's company, so we rode together for the rest of the day. That's the fun part about going to a ride without a riding buddy; sometimes you end up making new acquaintances along the way!

Stevie did a super job on her second 50-miler. We rode very moderately, in keeping with my goal of slow 50's for her first season. I'm still impressed by her work ethic and professional behavior. She's an awesome little drinker and getting better at being a consistent eater too. She eats great in camp the night before, but she tends to get a little distracted, horse- and people-watching at vet checks early in a ride. Usually by 35 or 40 miles she is way more focused on eating whatever she can get her hands (hooves?) on. She's been really good about taking care of herself after the race, too. So far so good!

Wild West Pioneer – June 2015

By Lori Oleson

A big thank you to the Ribleys for managing another great ride. The Wild West Pioneer is located at the Skillman Horse Camp, a beautiful pine-treed campground. It is tight, but we all fit. The trails are a mix of road and single-track among the trees, with spectacular views. Trails are always well marked and water placement is great.

There were a lot of Quicksilver members in attendance. Cathy Lefeber, Jennifer Perryman, and Elisabet Hiatt finished all 3 days. Other QS riders on various days and distances were: Michele Roush, Melissa Broquard, Stacy James-Ryan, Sheila Kumar, and myself. Backing up a great management team were the volunteers. QS members Jayne Perryman, Mary Anderson, Pam Villa, and Brian Reeves were a few of the volunteers. I hope I didn't forget anyone.

Congratulations to Elisabet and Tango for completing all 3 days and reaching 2,000 miles on Day 2 of the ride.

By Jayne Perryman

It was a great weekend in the Tahoe National forest. 124 horses competed and there were very few pulls, actually zero pulls for limited distance riders (Fri.-30 miles, Sat.-35 miles, and Sun.-25 miles) and no horses needed treatment. Some exciting moments at the finish line on Sunday; for that matter each of the three days had some fun finishes. Cathy Lefeber and Baron had overall fastest time for the three days! Sheila Kumar won the coveted Turtle Award on Sunday on her new horse, and Jenny Perryman won the middle of the pack award on Saturday.



Lori on Rosie

NASTR 50 & 75

By Jennifer Perryman

I got home from college in early May and could not wait to get back into the saddle again. I had a busy semester and no time for riding. Roaster was taken out for little trail rides now and again, but no real conditioning.

So I hopped on in early May and Roaster was a total beast. He was a handful and a half and after two conditioning rides, I knew he needed a 50 as soon as possible. I went riding with Peggy Davidson at Calero and she said she was going to ride the NASTR 75 with Fire. I asked if I could hitch a ride since I had never been to a Nevada ride and Roaster really needed to go. Because Peggy is awesome, she said sure and we made plans to meet in San Juan Bautista and head to Dayton, Nevada.

On the way to Dayton, Peggy told me the sad news that the junior she was sponsoring was not going to be able to ride due to an injury to the horse. Peggy had lost her riding partner for the 75 and was worried that Fire would not do well alone. We joked around about putting Roaster into the 75 and that I would carry him for the last 25 miles.

Once we arrived in Dayton at the Rodeo Grounds, we set up camp and talked to Connie Creech about the trail. We explained Peggy's concern about riding Fire alone and asked Connie's opinion about putting Roaster into the 75. She said it was doable if we were careful and the entry was only a \$5.00 difference. 25 additional miles for \$5.00!! What a deal. Even if I have to carry Roaster for those last 25 miles!

We started at 5 AM and the half-brothers hit the trail. Roaster and Fire are both from the same sire, Sam's Fireball. Both Roaster and Fire were raced...Fire raced more successfully than Roaster who did not like to leave the comforts of the starting gate. But I digress...

The first loop had a lot water crossings. The trail was rocky...rocky, rocky, rocky. Beautiful vistas and scenery, some instances of deep sand. We rode carefully and the horses had many water stops which was good since the day warmed up into the 90s. By the time we got to the first 40 minute hold at 26 miles Peggy and I were pretty hot and hungry. The 40 minute hold was in a beautiful spot with lots of space and shade. There were many volunteers, along with food for people and horses. The good news was all of the holds were in the same beautiful place.

Best moment of the ride had to be when we noticed the cans of beer in the water troughs. What a Nevada sense of hospitality!

The day went quickly as the horses were strong and Peggy and I chatted, told stories and kept an even pace as best we could. Peggy's plan was to finish at 8:00 pm. Our crew for the ride was Peggy's husband Sam who was accompanied by the dog, Wick. Sam met us at the finish line with refreshments when we crossed at 8:13 pm. Not bad for a 75 mile ride. We got in before the sunset.

At 5:30 am, the morning after the ride, there was quite ruckus in camp as a Mustang stallion and two mares were enjoying some hay with the horses in ride camp. One of the mares came up to me and I was able to pet her which made the stallion mad and he snorted loudly. OK, I get it, and I backed away. Don't want any trouble. At about 7:30 am, a large group (100+) sheep walked right past camp which freaked Roaster and most of the other horses in camp out. And while this was happening, there was the sound of someone playing the banjo in the background. Now this was a real Nevada ride.



Jenny & Roaster

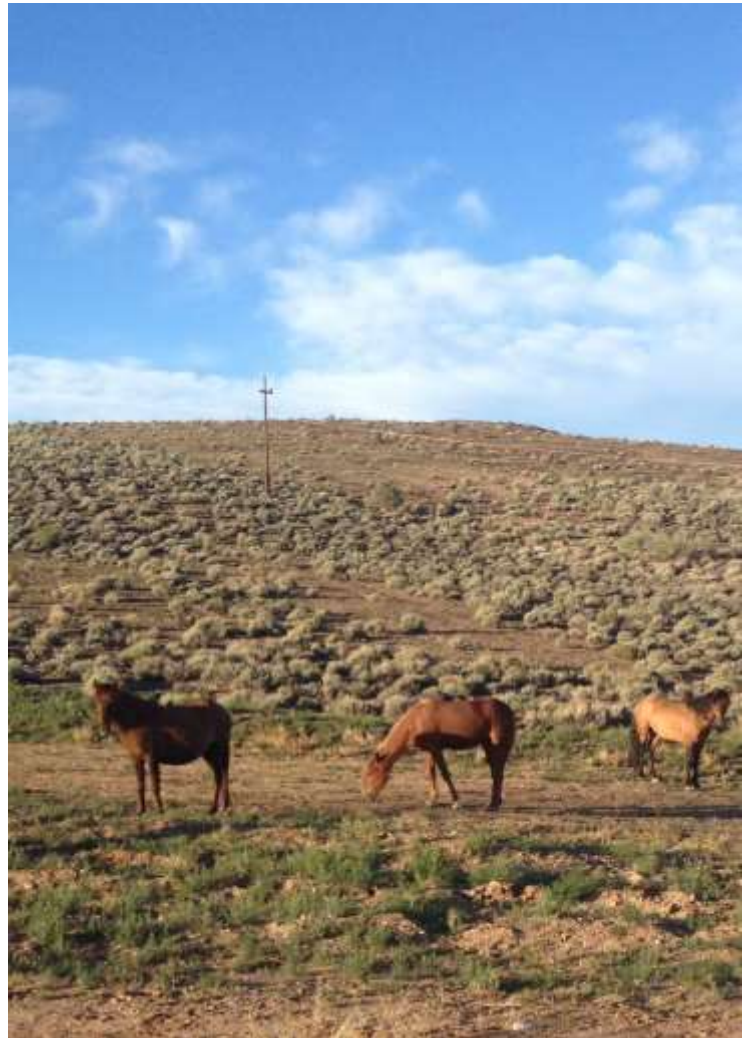


Jenny & Roaster,
Peggy & Fire

More photos
next page



Peggy with beer (Bud Light, no less!)



Mustangs at NASTR



Sheep at NASTR

Between Mustangs and sheep, this is a REAL Nevada ride!

Lake Almanor (alternate) Held at Camp Far West

By Peggy Davidson

This is the only photo I have from the ride – it really whooped our butts! Too tired, sweaty, sticky to have taken any more photos. Had to take care of the horses, eat, shower and then to bed!!! Here is Barb enjoying herself in the shade!



But Barb and I had a great time and we really thank Michele Roush who found wonderful people to make the ride happen at the last minute! They lost their original camp site due to a logging crew that came in and took it over so we had nowhere to camp.

Thanks to Hillorie Bachmann and Shawn and Lisa Bowling coming to Michele's rescue, the venue was changed to Camp Far West from Lake Almanor. I had never done this location before so was looking for some new trails to discover.

Friday was brutal – it was 106° and my refrigerator decided to die.....super bummer.....no cold beer at the end of the ride.

We began the ride at 6AM, thank goodness. It only got up to about 95° (we think) on ride day and there was a breeze that periodically blew to keep us cooler. The first loop was

long – was supposed to have been 24 miles but most people clocked it at 29 – 30 miles. Dakota and Fire were very hungry at that point. This first loop included some roads and some very nice single track through the Oak tree forest which provided a little shade – not a heck of a lot of trees so any shade was extremely appreciated. We rode a bit slower than planned thinking the mileage was 24. This caused us to be behind on time as we took another hour back to camp. Now we were getting into the hottest part of the day and feeling kinda discouraged. There were many great people to cheer us on – we were the tail end riders, Becky Hart was particularly encouraging!

The second loop was also longer than the info given but we really enjoyed it! There was a lot of single track and we had some nice views from up high as we climbed up and down some good grades. We crossed a very nice stream with lots of water and spent a bit of time cooling the horses, letting them drink and eat grass. Then back on the very hot trail at that point....horses were working hard – especially Dakota, as this was his first 50 since July of last year. I wanted to be extra careful with him to get him through what was now a tougher ride than I had planned. Coming into the next vet check he was very hot so I had to take the saddle off. He plummeted down to criteria after I did that. I was lazy and tried to bring him down with just water as taking the saddle off was an effort, but a necessary one! Fire was doing great with Barb Granter as he already has 125 miles under his belt. We left with only 1 hour and 15 minutes to ride 10 miles, though some people told us it was only 6 or 7. Dakota came alive on that loop and led the entire way after a good dose of electrolytes and some grass hay.

The final loop unfortunately took us longer despite moving out so we were 9 minutes overtime. Because of mileage miscalculation, Michele Roush is trying to make the ride a 55 instead of a 50 and the 25 a 30. Thirty-three riders started and 11 finished in the 50. Hopefully Barb and I will be 12th and 13th!

Overall, it was a tough day but we had fun in the end – great comradery from everyone there, from ride management to our QSER friends. The mileage difference on the trail made it more difficult but at least we had a ride! Everyone worked so hard to make it happen and must be greatly commended!

The camp area was beautiful! Barb and I found a nice tree to park under so both we and the horses had shade. The morning after the ride, after sleeping in, we spent drinking coffee and enjoying the view of the lake.. Again, THANK YOU SO MUCH to those who made it happen!

DreamPower Horsemanship – Camp For Children with Special Needs 2015

We had so MUCH FUN in the DreamPower Camp for Children with Special Needs 2015 there are many, many photos to go through! Here is the first group of photos - there will be more to come! Special thanks to the campers and parents for participating, the Gilroy Assistance League and Quicksilver Endurance Riders for sponsoring camp, the South Valley Community Church Youth Group for being such AWESOME buddies, and to the DreamPower staff and volunteers and horses who make it possible. Every year I think "this is the most fun camp EVER" - I do believe, "THIS was the most fun camp EVER!" Good job, everybody! Check back later and there will be more photos of even more fun in the making.



Photos submitted by Lori Oleson



Fiero

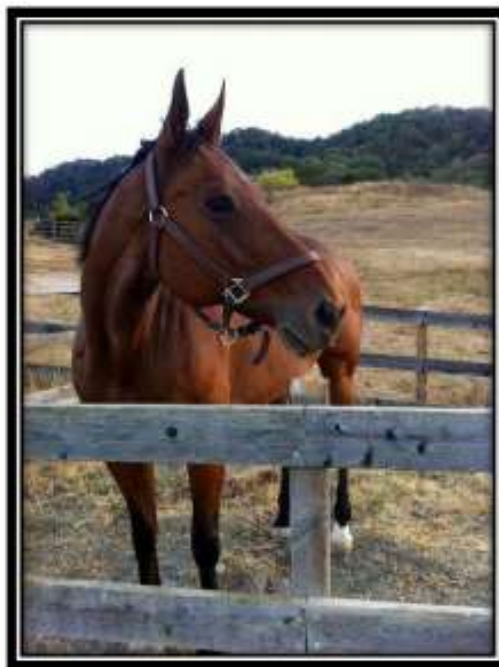
Retirement Ready!!

Fiero is an 18-22 year old gelding, appendix quarter horse *, 16.2h Bay with a small star and a sock on his left hind. He has been a wonderful project horse for the last 5 years. We found him as a rescue and was fairly green. He has great ground manners, single ties, cross ties, trailer loads, lunges, worms easily and has been working on training level dressage. He is sweet with other horses. He is barefoot with good feet. He has good teeth. He has no bad habits (no cribbing, no wood chewing).

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Ideal situation would be a pasture setting with shelter and other horse(s).

If you are interested in adopting or know of someone who may have the ability to adopt him, please contact us at 408/927-5213.



**We adopted him as a rescue and don't have full breeding papers. Age, breed and prior history (prior to 2010) are all estimated.*

Fiero



Classifieds



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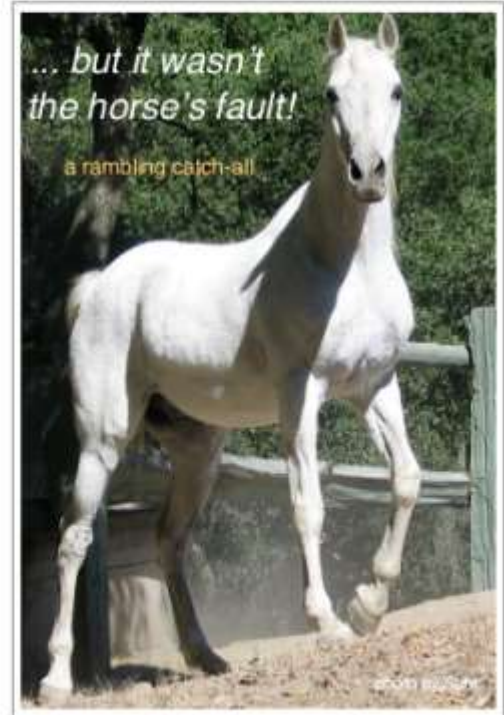
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by
Julie Suhr

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



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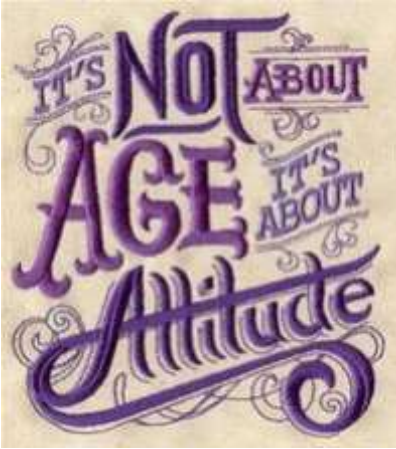
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Humor and Birthdays

Aging Well



From the editor's friend with the quirky sense of humor

"Has there been any insanity in your family?"



"Yeah, my husband thinks he's the boss."

**Happy July Birthdays
to our Quicksilver Members
and Endurance Friends**



Elisabet Hiatt	2
Ildy Nadasdy	6
Judith Ogus	12
Scott Sansom	15
Trilby Pederson	20
Steve McCorkle	22
Diane Trefethen	26
Sam Davidson	27

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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.

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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?)

Mission Statement of Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

QSER 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 standards 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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