



# Quicksilver Quips

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## *President's Message – July 2018*

Hello Quicksilver Members, I hope your summer is going well. This month our Club is co-sponsoring the Fireworks Ride with the Santa Cruz Horseman Association, at Graham Hill Showgrounds in Santa Cruz. Come ride, volunteer, or just hang out with friends. The trail not only takes you through the redwoods but goes through Wilder Ranch which has views of the ocean. Just a spectacular ride. Please put it on your calendar, Saturday July 14th. I hope to see you there.

*Jeanine*

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## *Quicksilver on the Web*

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



# *Quicksilver 2018 Calendar*



## *Quicksilver Fall Classic*

Save the date: **October 6th**. If you can't ride,  
then volunteer to help.



The Quicksilver Fall Classic is scheduled for October 6th at Harvey Bear County Park. Are you riding or volunteering for our big ride? Each year, we are getting a few more riders. Everyone needs to come and support the ride in some way. If you are riding, great, but if not, you can still help out. Mark your calendars and join the fun!

# Lichen Oaks Adaptive Riding Center

Is pleased to host

**JEC ARISTOTLE BALLOU**

For a special demonstration!

Trainer Jec Ballou will be showing us hands on, some of the exercises as described in her recently published book:

***55 Corrective Exercises for Horses***

**On July 7, 2018**

At 9115 E. Zayante Rd. Felton, CA.\*

Registration: 9:30, Clinic: 10AM-1PM



Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. Please see details below.

## General information:

Over time, horses (like people) acquire postural habits, compensate for soreness and injury, and develop poor movement patterns. This limits performance ability, causes unsoundness and health issues, and ultimately undermines the horse's overall well-being.

Jec will demonstrate how we can actively work to improve the horse's posture and movement, whether he is an active performance or pleasure mount, or one being rehabilitated following injury, illness, or lack of conditioning. Applicable for all disciplines, this is an integral new book that will optimize how the horse uses his body and helps ensure he stays sounder and healthier.

Jec will have her new book available for purchase at the clinic.

If you would like to participate, please fill out and send the information below, with your check made payable to "LOARC". If you have specific questions, please contact Elisabet Hiatt: [e@loarc.net](mailto:e@loarc.net)

There will also be a tack sale at the barn, in case you are looking for something special for your horse!  
All proceeds from this event will go to benefit the LOARC Therapy horses.

\* For driving directions, please go to: <http://lichenoaksarc.org/contact/>

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below:

- Audit fee: \$25.00 per person
- Hands on work with one of our 4 horses: \$50.00 per person (Only 4 horses available, first come, first served)

Please mail form and check to: LOARC, 114 Quail Hollow Rd. Felton, CA 95018 Attn. E. Hiatt

Thank You!



## *Lud McCrary Celebrates His 90th Birthday*

On Saturday, June 30th, Lud had a party! Organized and managed by his daughters, Ellen Rinde and Janet Webb, and his future granddaughter-in-law, Michelle Overbeck (who is also Big Creek Lumber's publicity director), there was a catered BBQ by Barbara's Catering from Watsonville. Daughter Susan Huff made her fantastic triple-berry cobbler that has become famous at potluck picnics. Michelle had assembled a photo timeline of Lud's life and experiences.

The food was excellent and there were about 80 people who came from far and wide—one of his longtime lumber business customers and associates came all the way from Los Angeles area, our financial advisor who has become a great personal friend, came from Discovery Bay on the delta, and numerous neighbors and former neighbors. Julie Suhr came with her daughter-in-law, and Joan Parsons, one of our riding buddies from Año Nuevo Horse Patrol, came from Santa Cruz. Chuck Edgemon, leader of the Año Nuevo Horse Patrol, came from Monterey with his partner, Wendy Robinson.

At one point, various people shared their experiences relating to Lud with the crowd. I was particularly interested in the reminiscences of our daughter Ellen who told stories of her experiences in growing up—how her father had put so much trust in her and her sisters to allow them to do things on their own, once trained to handle the challenges...running chainsaws, backpacking in the Sierras without us, swimming in Big Creek as children (without supervision), and riding and hiking all over the hills here at home.

Lud shared experiences of his youth—tagging along with his uncle—fishing, hunting, helping with his uncle's cattle, learning to split redwood pickets and shakes, working in Bel Air shipyards during World War II, studying diesel mechanics at a trade school in San Francisco, and joining the Merchant Marine at the age of 16, sailing out on various trips across the Pacific (shipping ammunition out and wounded servicemen back.) He recalled that on his last trip, his ship received radio communication that the U.S. had dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, thus ending the war. He has often said to me that if that horrific incident had not taken place, he would no doubt have never returned, as the Kamikaze pilots were sinking our ships. We found out during our trip to Japan in 2005, that most of the Japanese citizens were actually relieved that we did end the war, because carrying it on further would have resulted in many more deaths on both sides.

The BBQ was held on the site of the last vet check of Swanton Pacific 100, next to Big Creek, and the weather was perfect. It was a very memorable day from start to finish. What a way to celebrate a birthday!



*L to R: Jeanine McCrary, Julie Suhr, her D-I-L Gayle, and Janet Webb.*







*An uninvited guest*



*Lud at right, talking to longtime friend and fellow Año Nuevo Horse Patrol rider, Joan Parsons*



*Talking to Sandy and Annie Lydon, with whom we have traveled to many places around the world—China, Japan, the British Isles, Isle of Man, Mongolia, and Russia*



*Don and Joan Pedersen, longtime friends. Joan was my bridesmaid at our wedding. I've known her since we were 12 years old in junior high school.*



*Lud sharing some of his life experiences with the crowd.*



## *Re-homing Working Cats*

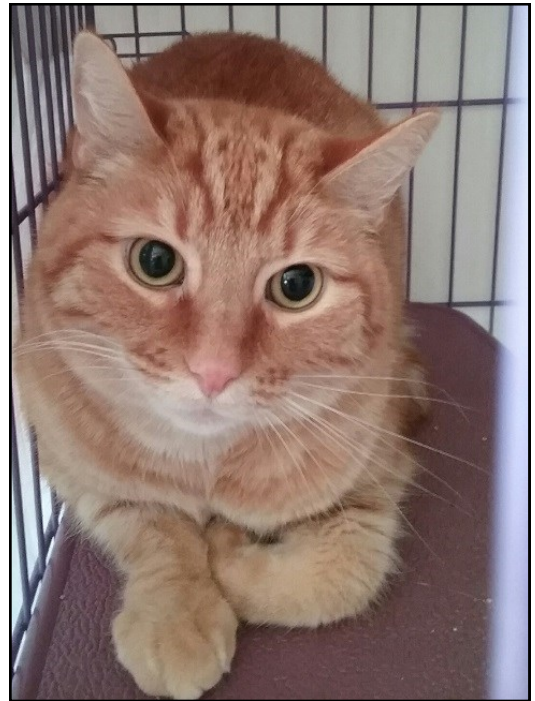
By Janice Frazier

Want a ninja mouser? You may know not every cat enjoys to be cuddled or petted, and some really prefer the outdoors with shelter, and a little less human contact. Please help us give these cats second chance.

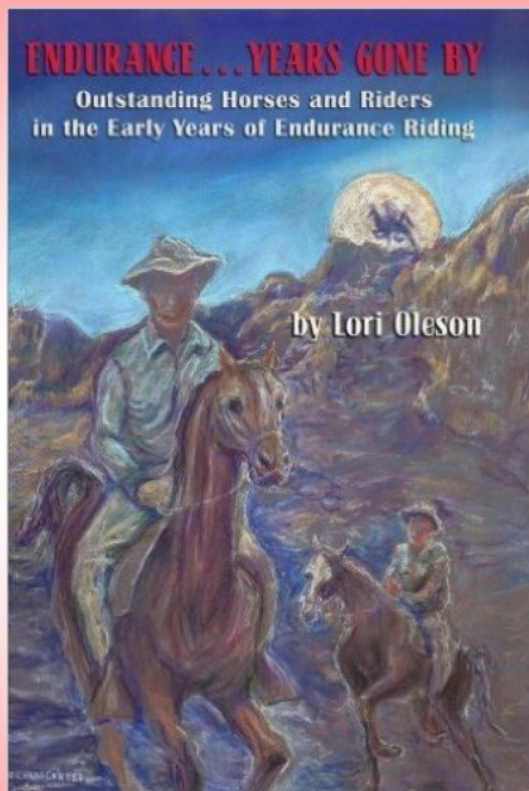
Many of these cats are owner-surrender cats, and at local shelter swat or otherwise act antisocial. These cats usually adjust to the new homes very quickly; though we won't promise they will be BFF to you, many have turned out to be very friendly once out of shelter (but still good mousers!).

All cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, flea treated, and FREE!  
Depending on your location, if you need equipment for imprinting we are able to lend you that too.  
Happy to say we do have prior QSER adopters that are happy they did!

I have 7 cats to place right now, some pics included.  
Contact [Janice.Frazier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Janice.Frazier@sbcglobal.net) or 408 390-1226



## *Classifieds and Services*



This book is on great horses and riders in the beginning of our sport starting in the 1970's. It has been a fun project and I'm excited to introduce (or re-introduce) those that made endurance riding what it is today.

Dick Carter did the beautiful cover, Susan Garlinghouse wrote the Forward and 5 chapters are about great Quicksilver horses and riders.

A percentage of all sales will be given to the AERC Education Committee.

Lori Oleson

[endurancehistory@gmail.com](mailto:endurancehistory@gmail.com)

Cost of book is \$24 + tax/shipping

### **PRINTING SERVICES**

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.

E-mail **Becky: [bghart@garlic.com](mailto:bghart@garlic.com)**

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## Classifieds

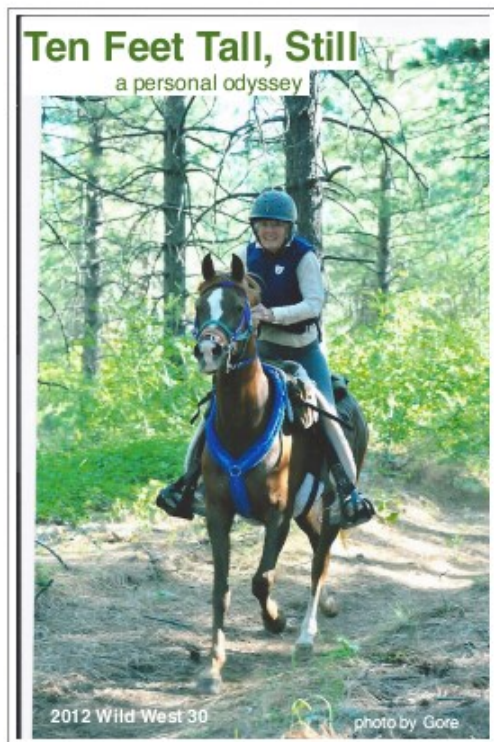


BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT!



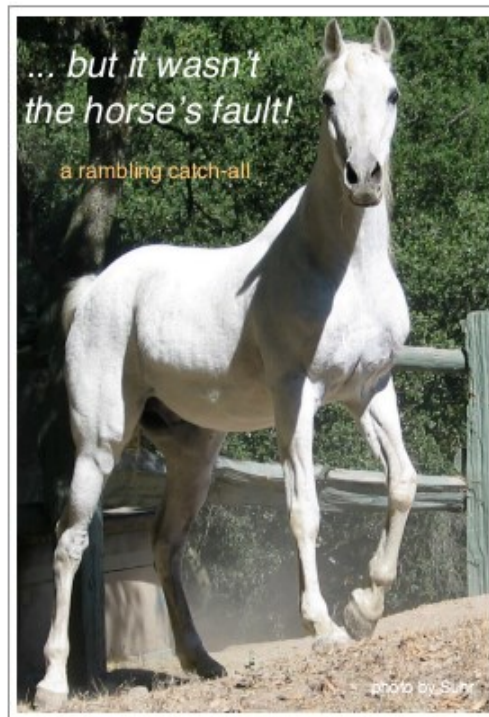
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

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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## *Classifieds*



### **HERO RANCH—ALMADEN AREA**

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE  
PERFECT FOR ENDURANCE HORSES  
GREAT FOR RETIREES**

Our pasture is a real pasture with grass and trees and not a crowded dry lot. (See photos above.) We have trail access to miles and miles of beautiful trails in Santa Teresa, Quicksilver, San Vicente, Calero and Casa Loma parks. No need to trailer. Huge pipe paddocks (36 X 72) with 12 X 12 stall. Lots of room for one or even two horses. New tenants are offered \$50 off of their third month of board. Top quality grass/alfalfa hay fed twice a day and paddocks cleaned 5 times a week. Ring is open to boarders when lessons are not being held (usually Wednesday, Friday and Saturday). Round pen is available anytime. Centered riding lessons are available with three-time world champion (<http://www.beckyharthorsepro.com>)

**Rates:**

Paddock/Stall: \$ 350.00

Pasture: \$ 310.00

Trailer Parking: \$ 25.00

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### **HORSE BOARDING FACILITY**

20535 Rome Drive, San Jose, California.  
Stalls: \$320.00, pasture \$220.00,  
fed twice a day high-quality  
orchard-alfalfa mix hay.

96' X 48' uncovered outdoor arena. We clean. Shavings available. 1.25 miles to entrance to the Quicksilver County Park (3600 acres and 19.2 miles of manicured trails). I provide my trailer for use to boarders. My place borders Quicksilver Park.

**Trilby – (408) 997-7500**

# *Humor and Birthdays*

## **An Ode to English Plurals**

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,  
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.  
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,  
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.  
If the plural of man is always called men,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,  
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?  
Then one may be that, and three would be those,  
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,  
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!  
Let's face it - English is a crazy language.  
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger;  
neither apple nor pine in pineapple.  
English muffins weren't invented in England.  
We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.  
And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?  
Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend.  
If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?  
If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?  
If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?  
Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.  
In what other language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?  
We ship by truck but send cargo by ship.  
We have noses that run and feet that smell.  
We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.  
And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same,  
while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?  
You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down,  
in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on.  
And in closing, if Father is Pop, how come Mother's not Mop?



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

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



## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE QUICKSILVER RIDERS!!!!

FIRST: We need your name

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And then your address

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And your phone number, Fax, e-mail

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And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 30 \_\_\_\_\_

Junior (under 16 years of age) membership is \$ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Family membership is \$ 45 \_\_\_\_\_

If you want a printed copy of Quips mailed to you (as opposed to PDF file e-mailed) add \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Why join the Quicksilver Endurance Riders? You will have the opportunity to participate in poker rides, moonlight rides, endurance rides, trail projects as well as attend monthly meetings, the Christmas party, and the annual awards ceremony; saving the best for last, you will meet the best friends you will ever have!

How are our dues spent? Annual Yearbook/Calendar; monthly Newsletter; a representative voice in local horse politics; trail maintenance and improvement projects; year-end awards and monthly meetings.

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

Mail to Membership Chairperson: Maryben Stover  
1299 Sandra Drive  
San Jose, CA 95125-3535  
(408) 265-0839

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*

## **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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**Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.  
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