



# Quicksilver Quips

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## August President's Message

July is over, the days are getting shorter and I'm nowhere near ready to think about Fall... but I know it's coming, so I'm taking advantage of the nice weather and riding as much as I can... how about you?

I went to the Tevis Educational ride a few weeks ago, and it was OK. Mother Nature did not cooperate, and the road to Robinson Flat was still snowed in, so we had to stage at Foresthill. The river crossing to Auburn was too deep and raging, so we could not ride there either, so we ended up not moving our camp from Foresthill. Day one was about 34 miles, partly on the Tevis trail and partly through private property. It really is an incredibly beautiful trail, the views are amazing, and the wildflowers were spectacular. I am blown away just thinking about riding that section of trail in the dark for hours on end. Even with a full moon, it's got some areas that are deep in the woods and would be very dark and totally, freakishly scary!

I cancelled out of day two, as it was going to be only 18 miles. At a \$100 for the day, I guess I'm too cheap to pay \$5.50 per mile... besides, it was my 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and I decided to spend it with my honey. The elusive point to point experience continues to evade me. Maybe next year... unless we put together a small group and go do it on our own sometime in September... anybody up for it? I think it would be loads of fun to take three days and see (actually SEE) the whole trail.

I am really, really disappointed that no members took Jeanine McCrary's offer to camp out at their place and ride those wonderful Castle Rock trails... and frankly a little discouraged at the lack of response from our club all together. I have a hard time believing that so many of you are so busy that you didn't have the time to send a response, even if it was that you couldn't come. Makes it hard to want to plan more of the stuff you asked for...

Speaking of, next on our club agenda is the endurance ride on September 17. Since we are not having the campout we will have a regular meeting on the third Wednesday in August. It's "my side" of the hill's turn, so let's meet at Tony and Alba's Pizza in Scotts Valley at 6:30PM for those who want to eat, and then have a regular meeting at 7PM. Santa Cruz members, I really hope you make an effort to attend. Everyone, please start thinking about what you can do to help before, during or after the ride. I'm sure there's a job for you! And I hope many of you are also planning to ride!

I've been riding close to home these last couple of weeks, and have been thinking a lot about Emma McCrary. Just about everywhere I ride, I use a trail that Emma had some hand in planning, building or maintaining. Chances are that if you have gone on a ride anywhere in Santa Cruz, you have also benefitted from her love of trails. Thanks, Emma... your legacy lives on. I'm sure you've got some wonderful new trails built in Heaven already...

Elisabet

## Horses Are Not Hazardous to Conservation Land

**MYTH:** Horses introduce non-native plants and propagate nuisance weed seeds along trails.

**FACT:** According to current research, horses do not introduce non-native plants along trails. Dr. Stith T. Gower of the Department of Forest Ecology and Management at the University of Wisconsin, Madison concluded that the ratio of non-native plants to native species on trails “did not differ between trails open and closed to horses” at three study sites. Gower’s finding is consistent with those of Mary Benninger-Truax et al. who found no documentation that horses are major source of exotic species. She determined that horses that were not allowed to graze in an area with exotics and had controlled diets did not spread weed seed along the trails.

**MYTH:** Horses can transmit foot-and-mouth disease and Mad Cow disease.

**FACT:** Foot-and-mouth disease (FME) affects only cloven-footed ruminants—such as sheep, cattle, and goats. Neither of these diseases affects horses. The U.S. has had no cases of FME since 1929. Horses that are imported to the U.S. from countries with outbreaks of FME are quarantined for three days and sponged with vinegar to kill any potential virus that may have been transported on their hooves. During epidemics abroad, such as the one that occurred in 2001, the federal government may also prohibit imports of horses and all other animals from countries where FME cases exist.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported one case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), commonly called “Mad Cow Disease,” in 2003. This single case occurred in a Washington state dairy cow born in Canada prior to the US prohibitions on risky feeding behaviors. There is no evidence that horses were in any way involved in this case. BSE is currently believed to occur by feeding infected ruminant protein to other ruminants; this practice is prohibited in the US.

**MYTH:** Horses spread Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

**FACT:** Contact with horses does not pose a risk of contracting Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) to humans or other animals. While EEE is a viral disease that can affect humans, horses, and birds, horses are “dead-end” hosts for the virus. In other words, horses can get EEE from an infected mosquito, but they cannot infect other animals, humans, or mosquitoes. EEE is transmitted to humans only through mosquito bites. There are approximately five cases of human EEE infection per year in the U.S.

**MYTH:** Horses spread E. coli, Salmonella, Cryptosporidium, Giardia, and other waterborne diseases.

**FACT:** According to Johnson et al., scientific studies confirm that adult horse intestines do not contain significant quantities of E. coli 0157:H7, Salmonella, Cryptosporidium, or Giardia, which are the organisms of most concern in the water-borne spread of disease. In other words, horses are not responsible for the spread of waterborne diseases.

**MYTH:** Horses emit greenhouse gases.

**FACT:** Horses are not a significant source of methane gas, the gas of concern in greenhouse/global warming issues. “The primary source of methane release in livestock production is ruminant animals,” according to the ARS Air Quality National program (as cited by the USDA Agricultural Research Service).

**MYTH:** Horseback riding on trails cause erosion.

**FACT:** According to Professor Gordon E. Brown Jr. of Stanford University’s School of Earth Sciences, the primary causes of erosion are natural and far surpass any impact of trail use by horses. In a five-year study, Summer concluded that horse traffic was not the dominant process causing erosion on trails. Trail degradation was a function of landform, climatic and catastrophic events, and geomorphic processes. Limited data suggested that foot traffic produced effects similar to horse traffic in exposing the trail to the effects of geomorphic process or climatic events. Williams and Conway-Durver concur that factors other than user type are more closely linked to trail degradation. Lightly used trails may grow over and require more maintenance, whereas moderate horse activity may help to maintain a multiple-use trail.

**MYTH:** Horses on trails disturb wildlife.

**FACT:** Horses are prey animals and, as such, do not disturb other wild prey animals, such as birds or deer, that might inhabit the conservation land. Conversely, dogs and humans are predator animals, and cause alarm among prey animals. In an extensive review of recreation effects on birds, Bennett and Zuelke concluded that disturbance from recreation has temporary effects on behavior and movement of birds. Direct approaches caused greater disturbance than tangential approaches. For example, the rapid movement of joggers was more disturbing than slower hikers; children and photographers were especially disturbing; and passing or stopping vehicles were less disturbing than human foot traffic. Horses and riders did not disturb birds. Sporadic human use can disturb wildlife. However, “many animals are less afraid of horseback riders than hikers. Riders seldom dismount to touch flora or fauna. Riders can be a dedicated and energetic volunteer and advocacy group. Horses are useful for patrols, supplying trail maintenance, and doing surveys. Horse traffic can be used to maintain firebreaks and seldom-used trails.”

(Williams).

**MYTH:** Horses on trails adversely affect water supplies.

**FACT:** According to studies by the National Animal Health Monitoring System, the University of Colorado, and UC Davis-Tulare, horses on trails are not detrimental to water quality. While horses do defecate on trails, they do not readily urinate on trails (Gosslin). Horses stretch their bodies out in an awkward position to urinate, often standing on the front edges of their hooves in a splayed posture. This stance places them in a vulnerable position if attacked by a predator. Sixty million years of evolution and survival means that this is an activity not undertaken lightly by the horse. Most horses prefer the safety and security of their stall or paddock to undertake this function (UC Davis Book of Horses 1996). Because of this unique behavior, it is easy for a rider to spur a horse out of a stream bed to avoid urination in a water body. No studies implicate equines in groundwater contamination. According to UC Davis Manure Management Specialist Meyer, horses eliminate primarily in their pastures and paddocks. Furthermore, any manure left in a loose heap in deposits on trails loses its nitrogen rapidly. According to Quinn, it is "inconceivable that trail horses making dispersed deposits could possibly impact ground water. Most contamination of this sort occurs from areas associated with feedlots where thousands of commercially harvested animals are confined at one time, or from excessive fertilization added to soils."

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*Submitted by Julie Suhr*

## Great Britain: WEC Pre-ride Held

On July 24, Euston Park held the pre-rides for the 2012 World Endurance Championship, which we be held in 2012, exact date to be announced.

USA's **Heather Reynolds** finished first on Opium Lord in the FEI CEI\*\* 120 km Endurance Ride at Euston Park on 24 July 2011. The pair crossed the finish line in 5:26.03, averaging 22.45 km/h, 8 seconds ahead of second place Khalifa Ghanem Al Marri of the UAE, riding Taita.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum won the FEI CEI\*\*\* 160 km Endurance ride at Euston Park on 24 July 2011 in 7:40.06, averaging 20.86 km/h.

In fact the first 8 finishers, all from the UAE, finished 1 second behind the next, all averaging 20.86 km/h for the finish. Spain's Alex Luque, riding Ikland, finished 9th, averaging 20.17 km/h, with Great Britain's Alice Beet riding Nediem, rounding out the Top Ten, in 8:17.56, averaging 19.28 km/h. The USA's **Becky Hart** finished 13th on Oued El Kebir Larzac (from the barn of Juma Ponti Dachs), in 8:43.47.

**HOORAY for our Quicksilver riders!!**

*From Endurance Riding News online*

## What a Wonderful Ride Weekend!

It was a great feeling knowing that the trailer was packed, everything was ready THURSDAY night, for an early departure on Friday morning. I teased Katie that SHE was the reason we had to leave at 7 a.m. – needless to say, she's NOT a morning person, but committing to being Ride Secretary for the 2 days of riding we were going to do – she WAS responsible!

The Cooley Ranch Rides...they've always been so special to me, most of the time for their "trainability" the 4 weeks prior to Tevis and once because of what I learned, painfully, about not changing anything the night before the ride. This year was (originally) going to be different, we would be at Tevis and the Cooley days would be much later – but then Robinson Flat was 8 feet (or so) under snow and Tevis moved to 10/8. So having just ridden July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on the exact Tevis Ed Ride trails, we quickly decided we HAD to go to Cooley and enjoy their special trails and hospitality. For those of you who haven't been there recently, Ruthie ran an incredible ride for many years on some of the prettiest (hilliest) property I've ever been on, but being a Ride Manager is tough (I know) and with the desire to actually be able to ride and enjoy the event, she graciously turned it over to Forrest and Cynthia. Needless to say, they've carried on with the traditional 'pissing and moaning' award but have also brought some incredibly special new things to the event... fabulous "Cooley Ranch Ride" branded giveaways, delicious gourmet food with wine tasting, and this year – the PERFECT WEATHER! I'm sure they were in "cahoots" with the Decision Maker to have the cool mornings with stunning views. But I digress...this tale is about my fabulous crew, all THREE of them!

Three of them you say? Well, given that Katie was completely taken over by Ride Management as Ride Secretary (sigh, how could I members come from? To start taken up learning the sport of after losing the love of her life 21 we brought my 5 year old great-more positive energy at 6 a.m. MUCH to our surprise, TOB ("The call her), Barb Granter shows up Oh my gosh, are we going to be spectacular crew) for this year's doesn't get any better!!

Every Vet Check was a this point! It so makes a experienced rider crew for you can bring (with a sweet 'I Love and food for both horse and rider Every Vet Check was the same I was walking into the warmest mind, we were all pretty spoiled nice water troughs, sponges in drinks, snacks, sandwiches, etc. the while, the fun question of finding adventure with his that the 5 or 6 of them all various times, were in a safe horses (and taught Landon that) but could truly be kids exploring and playing in the out of doors. They even "climbed to the top of the mountain" as I heard it!

In any event, our ride went extremely well with Justice taking great care of himself and me getting off only to walk or run all down hills. This is a different type of riding for me, as I've really enjoyed the company of TOB, Dick Carter and Barbara White these last few years – yet, it did give me a chance to learn from their experiences and share some of my own. I really enjoyed riding next to one rider, I at an easy canter on a loose rein and she trotting on a mare that had been trained with Standard Bred horses at the track...looking at my GPS and letting her know the speed she was traveling! We did this for 2 or so miles so she could get a feel for the exact speed 12.3 versus 13 mph was, all the while with Justice at 109 – 111 heart rate! The only exception of riding together occurred on the last and final 2 day loop where 2 riders kept passing us at an inconsistent pace and I decided I needed to let them 'go on' without me. Not really a popular choice, from Justice's perspective – who really is great at listening and riding on a loose rein. The look on his face when I stopped and held him back going UP hill was less than positive about my decision making capability!! His transparent face said it all when he turned his "opinionated" head back to look at me! To his credit though, he's a tough little guy and always more than willing to listen, and so we finished alone...a great bonding opportunity, really, and fabulous crew meeting us at the finish. Justice finished well with a CRI of 52/52 at 15 minutes (better than he'd been at any other part of the 2 days) and wonderful hugs for both horse and rider by my 3 fabulous crew members!



blame them), where did THREE crew with, my dear friend Suzanne has crewing – and it keeps her mind busy months ago. To balance her maturity, nephew, Landon, who brings almost than you can stand. Finally, and very Other Barb" as Barbara White and I in ride camp in her car at 9:30 p.m.! having some amazing fun (and Cooley Ranch Ride!!!!!! It honestly

delight! I think I'm beyond spoiled at difference when you have an (Barb), the best hugs a little 5 year old You Auntie Sandy' every single time), (thanks Suz) waiting! Heavenly!! location and every single time I felt like welcome anyone can have. Keep in by Ride Management as well – hoses, buckets and mash for the horses; awaiting riders in the coolers...and all "where's Landon" – running around wonderful new friends. It was obvious cavorting around some place at location, knew NOT to RUN around

by Sandy Holder

## Pony Express Ride—2011

Our good friends Karla & Patrick Perkins, who had set their hearts on joining the XP had to return home early, and not wishing to lose the opportunity of participation, Karla invited Judith Ogus and myself to take their places. Judith saw a great opportunity to increase her miles for Canter for the Cure. I was thrilled to be invited to participate because I have not done an endurance ride for two years and liked the challenge of the XP though I did not quite know what I was taking on!

With Karla's horse Cherry and Judith's horse Mia, we met up with the XP riders at Shellbourne on the Eastern border of Nevada. Our plan was to alternate riding and crewing. We met up with good friends who helped us fit in with a very hectic routine and I soon learned that riding is a lot more fun than crewing. Also the XP is quite a different challenge from one or two days of endurance. I very quickly got to understand that attention to detail and learning from others – especially Judith were essential to this 'newby' making progress. I was not only privileged to have a very experienced person in Judith but also a very experienced horse. Cherry, better than any other horse I have ridden, knows herself and her needs; she takes huge drinks of water on the trail whenever it is offered and grazes when the chance arises. Back at camp she asks for her feed and munches through her hay all night long. She never faltered with me, she likes to be with the leaders, and takes on steep mountain trails just as happily as long flat plains of nothing but sage brush. My greatest concern was that I would not be able to keep up with her.



**Elaine and Cherry on the way to Virginia City, Nevada—7/17/11**

With Judith's help and Cherry, I completed 200 miles of the 2000 that the ride covered in 40 days. We have great stories and rides to talk about. My mind is still a maze of gorgeous mountain scenes, riding in to the dawn, gushing creeks full of columbine, irises, lupines and large white poppies, flash thunder storms and dust storms in the afternoons, riding through shady glades of aspen, sage brush deserts going on forever, clambering up trails full of rocks and loose stones – that is the China Grade taking us from 4,000 to 6,000 feet and the ride's final destination Virginia City.

*From Elaine Elbizri*

## The Standings From Online as of July 31

### Regional Best Condition Standings (Endurance)

#### West Region

Rank	Equine Name	Breed	Owner	#BC	Points
4	Pro Bono D	Arabian	Karen Chaton	2	100

### Regional Point Standings

#### West Region Featherweight Division

Div.PI.	Rider Name	Equine	Breed	Sex	Miles	Div.Pts.	Ov.Pts.	Ov.PI.
1	Karen Chaton	Granite Chief+ /	Arabian	G	1415	3214.5	1652	2
2	Karen Chaton	Pro Bono D	Arabian	G	1380	3017.5	1888.5	1

#### Heavyweight Division

Div.PI.	Rider Name	Equine	Breed	Sex	Miles	Div.Pts.	Ov.Pts.	Ov.PI.
4	Robert Ribley	Sakakawea	Arabian	M	280	1061.88	481.25	

### National Mileage Championship

#### Senior Region

Rank	Rider	Region	Equine Name	Breed	Sex	Miles
1	Karen Chaton	W	Granite Chief+ /	Arabian	G	1415
3	Karen Chaton	W	Pro Bono D	Arabian	G	1380

#### Regional Mileage Championship

#### West Region

Rank	Rider Name	Equine Name	Breed	Sex	Miles
1	Karen Chaton	Granite Chief+ /	Arabian	G	2795
		Pro Bono D	Arabian	G	

#### Bob & Julie Suhr Husband & Wife Team Award *Sponsored by Sundowner Trailers*

Rank	Names	Region	Mileage	Points
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 Paid \$1100 asking **\$700.**

**Heather Reynolds 408-687-7082**

The PAC SOUTH endurance fundraising for the North American Team Challenge ride 9/24/2011. Please buy raffle tickets at Healthy as a Horse, or if you have things to donate to the raffle, people can contact me at 408 379-6209. This year's chief is Skip and team vet is Chuck Kessinger. I think our club has a couple of members trying to go to the event. **Tracy Hofstrand**

**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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# Humor & Birthdays

I was looking at the Sunday comics, as I always do. I could not resist this one, because our granddaughter, Agnes (Ahn-YES) is in Afghanistan, a medic with the 101st Airborne. I clipped this, scanned it and e-mailed it to her. I thought she would get a laugh out of it. Trouble is, she says, there is a lot of truth in it.

This is the granddaughter who grew up crewing for Swanton Pacific riders at the airstrip vet check, the one who went running with her father, so that when she joined the Army, she was somewhat ahead of the game and was able to hike miles and miles carrying an 80-pound pack along with her rifle.

Her duties included making trips across the desert to villages to help Afghan women with whatever medical issues they might have. The Afghan social structure will **not** allow men medics or doctors to attend their women. She is now doing physical therapy in the field hospitals.

She has one more mission and then she'll come home, unlikely to be deployed again. I've been a nervous grandmother for the entire time she's been overseas.

### UPDATE! July 31, 2001

Agnes is now back in the USA at Fort Campbell, KY. We are all vastly relieved to have her back on home soil.

Barbara

## The Economy is Sooooo Bad...

- \* The economy is so bad that African television stations are showing 'Sponsor an American Child' commercials!
- \* The economy is so bad, a picture is now worth only 200 words.
- \* The economy is so bad, I went to my bank the other day and the teller handed me a note saying, "This is a robbery!"
- \* The economy is so bad, my ATM gave me an IOU!
- \* The economy is so bad that the highest-paying job in town is jury duty.
- \* The economy is so bad I saw a man in Costco buying one roll of toilet paper.
- \* It's so bad, the Lone Ranger sold his silver bullets on Ebay.
- \* The economy is so bad that 7 of 10 houses on Sesame Street are in foreclosure.
- \* The economy is so bad, that I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
- \* The economy is so bad, that when I ordered a burger at McDonald's and the kid behind the counter asked, "Can you afford fries with that?"
- \* The economy is so bad, if the bank returns your check marked "Insufficient Funds," you call them and ask if they meant you or them.
- \* The economy is so bad, parents in Beverly Hills have fired their nannies and learned their children's names.
- \* The economy is so bad, a truckload of Americans were caught sneaking into Mexico.
- \* The economy is so bad, Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.
- \* The economy is so bad, Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.

Thanks to Ellen Rinde

## August

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?

Barbara

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

## Happy August Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Virl Norton	1
Heather Reynolds	4
Megan Chamberlin	8
Pat McKendry	14
Barbara White	16
Lori Oleson	16
Annie George	17
Becky Glaser	26
Beverley Kane	27

# Humor

**PARAPROSDOKIANS:** "A figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation." **Example:** "Where there's a will, I want to be in it,"

1. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
12. Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
17. I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
18. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
19. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
20. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
21. I used to be indecisive.. Now I'm not so sure.
22. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
23. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
24. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
25. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
26. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
27. A diplomat is someone who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you look forward to the trip.
28. Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.
29. When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.

*Submitted by Elisabet*

## Gotcha!

**A cranky old man invested in one of the new invisible hearing aids. A few days later he returned to the store to express his delight.**

**"I'll bet your family likes it, too," the salesman said.**

**"Oh, they don't know I've got it yet, and I'm having a ball," the old man said. "I've already changed my will twice."**

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**Mail to Membership Chairperson: Maryben Stover  
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San Jose, CA 95125-3535  
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**May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful year riding together as Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!**

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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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## Pony Express Ride—2011

Our good friends Karla & Patrick Perkins, who had set their hearts on joining the XP had to return home early, and not wishing to lose the opportunity of participation, Karla invited Judith Ogus and myself to take their places. Judith saw a great opportunity to increase her miles for Canter for the Cure. I was thrilled to be invited to participate because I have not done an endurance ride for two years and liked the challenge of the XP though I did not quite know what I was taking on!

With Karla's horse Cherry and Judith's horse Mia, we met up with the XP riders at Shellbourne on the Eastern border of Nevada. Our plan was to alternate riding and crewing. We met up with good friends who helped us fit in with a very hectic routine and I soon learned that riding is a lot more fun than crewing. Also the XP is quite a different challenge from one or two days of endurance. I very quickly got to understand that attention to detail and learning from others – especially Judith were essential to this 'newby' making progress. I was not only privileged to have a very experienced person in Judith but also a very experienced horse. Cherry, better than any other horse I have ridden, knows herself and her needs; she takes huge drinks of water on the trail whenever it is offered and grazes when the chance arises. Back at camp she asks for her feed and munches through her hay all night long. She never faltered with me, she likes to be with the leaders, and takes on steep mountain trails just as happily as long flat plains of nothing but sage brush. My greatest concern was that I would not be able to keep up with her.



**Elaine and Cherry on the way to Virginia City, Nevada—7/17/11**

With Judith's help and Cherry I completed 200 miles of the 2000 that the ride covered in 40 days. We have great stories and rides to talk about. My mind is still a maze of gorgeous mountain scenes, riding in to the dawn, gushing creeks full of columbine, irises, lupines and large white poppies, flash thunder storms and dust storms in the afternoons, riding through shady glades of aspen, sage brush deserts going on forever, clambering up trails full of rocks and loose stones – that is the China Grade taking us from 4,000 to 6,000 feet and the rides final destination Virginia City.

I don't quite know how to express my deep appreciation to Karla & Patrick for the challenge they presented to me and the great experience I have had because of their generosity.

\*Judith is riding as many miles as she can this year – her target is 1000 – to raise funds for Cancer Research. You can help too by participating either as a rider or a sponsor. Pledge money per mile for the rides successfully completed this year and help cure and treat cancer. The funds will benefit the Stanford Cancer Center. It is easy and takes no time at all to sign up. Any amount will help.

Go to [www.canterforthecure.org](http://www.canterforthecure.org) or email [Judith@randomarts.biz](mailto:Judith@randomarts.biz)



**Judith arriving in Virginia City 07-17-2011**



***Elisabet's horse Tango on the Tevis training trail***



***I donated my time and talent for the Pregnant Mare Rescue in Corralitos last month. I will email you from my phone the image of one of the silent auction winners, Taylor Altizio and myself. The "Breakfast with the Babies" event had over 400 visitors at their annual fundraiser in May. I think it is great to know about local horse rescues in the area for the QS club.***

*Lori McIntosh*