



Quicksilver Quips

September 2013

President's Message – September 2013

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Fall is here and the National Championship ride is this month in Idaho. How many Quicksilver members plan to attend? Let us know so we can cheer you on from home. I sure wish I was going to ride.

Our August meeting was held at Harvey Bear County Park. This is the park where we will be having our QS Fall Classic on October 5th. The day we planned for our meeting was the same day there was a big running race at the park. It worked out fine because the foot race was around the flat, paved track. They were not on the trials at all.

We rode, came back for lunch and then had a short meeting. Michael Newburn came and talked with us about Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space plans for the future. They would like our input in deciding what that future will look like. You can make comments at <http://imagine.openspace.org>.

We will need lots of volunteers (and riders) for our fall ride. There are jobs still available such as vet scribe, P&R, timers, etc. If you are able and willing to help, contact ride manager, Peggy Davidson (peggety123@yahoo.com) and let her know.

In September, the Board will select 3 members to be on the nomination/election committee. The by-laws were amended at the end of last year which included changes to our process. The new by-law reads, "It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled. The report of the nominating committee shall be included in the October newsletter. Additional nominations from the membership shall be permitted. All nominations must be received by the election committee by October 30th." If anyone is interested in being on this committee, please contact me (lorioleson@hotmail.com) before September 10th.

Mark your calendars for another riding/potluck meeting on October 19th at Calero County Park.

Lori

Treasurer's Report—August 2013

Junior Account	\$ 454.38
Trails Account	\$ 1,073.98
General Account	\$ 4,238.48

Trilby Pederson, Treasurer

Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 17, 2013
Ride and Potluck

Attendees

Julie Suhr, Barbara White, Barbara Granter, Sandy Holder, Hillary Graham, Scott Sansom, Rebecca Silva, Lori Oleson, Kathy Brayton, Sheila Kumar, Maya Kumar, Jeanine McCrary, Trilby Pederson, Iylla Reissman

Meeting called to order at 12:52 P.M. by Lori O.

Fall Ride Updates

Peggy has been hard at work on our ride. Things are going well overall. We have received three entries.

The ride will stay in Harvey Bear. Maps are being drawn up and will be reviewed.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for us to notify Peggy if we are willing to ride or volunteer for specific positions. Contact Peggy if you were not at the meeting but would like to help or ride!

Ride fliers were passed around with information on the event for us to post, give to friends, and distribute to riding clubs.

The budget for the ride is \$3,600.

There will be a variety of awards given to riders, including buckles, t-shirts, bags, and other awards the club has.

Announcements

Barbara McCrary is trying to clean up/update the Quips. She is going to take down old posts unless she is contacted and asked to keep the info up.

The Board has decided to purchase a PA system. The cost for the system is \$325. This will be very useful at awards banquets, rides, etc.

The October meeting will be on the 19th. It will be another ride meeting/potluck at Calero. We will go over the bylaws and review election protocol. Scott proposed a group be put together for those riders who have young horses. This way, they can all set a time to go out and give their mounts valuable group experience.

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Guest Speaker: Michael Newburn, Mid-Pen Open Space

Mike Newburn was kind enough to come speak to the club about the current and future goings-on at Mid-Pen Open Space. Below is a brief synopsis of his talk for those who were not able to make it!

There are some very exciting things going on at Mid-Peninsula Open Space that will have far-reaching ramifications on our use of their parks in the future. Will they continue to follow the same path or pursue different possibilities? There is currently a 40-year vision plan that they are conducting. It includes two main categories. First of all, what are the resources they are working with? What protected plants and animals exist that should be preserved for future generations, for example. They are also conducting wide-spread public outreach in order to figure out what people would like to see. There have been lots of calls for opening more space to the public, of course. Some agree that this is important, while others believe that it is more important to work on improving and expanding the services and attraction that the current open space provides.

We, the public, are able to directly communicate with Open Space in order to let them know what we want to see and to comment on our experience in their parks. There is a new section on their website for this input. You can also sign up on the website to receive updates and news from Open Space regarding this vision plan. They have held a number of community advisory committees where individuals (equestrians, bikers, hikers, etc.) can talk about what they would like to see. Lori Oleson and Jayne Perryman have attended one of these meetings, and it is very important for equestrians to be involved in the future of Mid-Pen Open Space. The recreation aspect of Open Space has been the biggest area of input from the public, and the issue of bike-only preserves and horse-only preserves has been a topic of discussion.

Currently, Mid-Pen Open Space is listening to the public and gauging public interest in certain areas and projects. Once they gather enough information and get a general idea as to what the public wants, they will move forward with the plan and go from there. All in all, there is some very exciting things happening at Mid-Peninsula Open Space, and it is important that we stay updated and involved in their vision plan moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 P.M.

Members' News Notes

I am SO stoked! Peekaboo and I just got back from the Cuneo Creek rides put on by REER with Dennis and Joyce Sousa ride managers. Yesterday (August 3rd) Boo and I won the 75 mile ride in less than 9 hours riding time and then this morning (August 4th) Boo won Best Condition. He is one fabulous horse!! I hope the Karma Kops will forgive a teeny bit of bragging but this year we've done only three rides, two 50s and the 75, winning all three and Boo getting BC on all three. I am so fortunate to have him as a friend and partner.

By Diane Trefethen

Ride Road Trip

Michele Roush and I decided we would take a road trip each year to a ride we have never done. This year we found ourselves at the Santiam Cascade ride at the Sisters Rodeo grounds in Sisters, Oregon. The ride was beautiful! The footing was good and views of the Three Sisters mountains made you think "wow, the US is such a great place to live & have fun in." The course was not hilly so you could go at a good speed. It had a lovely natural creek crossing where the horses drank & enjoyed the green grass. The town of Sisters was close by & had a great bakery and dining choices. It was a low key kinda ride with lots of friendly people. We had a good time. I want to go back & ride it again. Next time, I am going to remember to bring my phone/camera to take pictures!

By Tracy Hofstrand

Mendocino Magic

As some of you may know, my goal is to do a 100 with my friend Peekaboo, aka, French Quarter. I did a 100 once, in 1990. Boo has never done one. This year we first did two, separate 50s, then a 75, and this last weekend we completed two 50s at Mendocino Magic, finishing 3rd on Saturday and 2nd on Sunday. Peekaboo looked great and I survived. So...I am sending in my entry to the Virginia City 100. My wonderful crew, daughters Shari and Tricia and grandson Thomas helped keep me focused this last weekend and all want to crew again at Virginia City. Since they are all looking forward to the experience, God willing and the creek don't rise, at 5 A.M. on September 21st, Boo and I will set off on yet another, new adventure.

I am blessed to have such an incredible horse and such loving daughters and grandson. I have attached a picture of the four of us holding the blanket Peekaboo won at Mendocino Magic for being the Best Condition horse over the Two-day 100 miles. The one with the impish grin is Tricia.

By Diane Trefethen

Photo credit: Peggy Davidson



Photo credit: Bill Gore



Horse Obituary

Trilby's horse, Clay, colicked on August 27th. He was treated but did not get better. She took him to Steinbeck in Gilroy but he did not make it through the surgery. The vet told her that fatty deposits had strangled the small (I think small) intestines and that it happens a lot in horses. He got that part out but the rest of it was too damaged and would not hold stitches. He was 23 and she was still riding him. She rode him at our last club meeting a couple of weeks ago.

Submitted by Maryben Stover

Our sympathy for Trilby's loss.

Mendocino Magic

By Heather Reynolds

Emma Orth, (our junior that has been helping us out all summer) and I loaded up the four guys on Friday morning. (Jeremy would not be joining us, as he was going to do a big triathlon training weekend with his brother.) Emma and I were heading to the Mendocino Magic, 2-day ride. We took Kings Gold, aka Elvis, and Erebus for the first day 50 and Gold Dust Rising, aka Dust, and Most Likley (this is how you really spell his name), aka Mo, for the second day.

The drive was uneventful in the semi truck, although driving the big truck on the road from Willits to Ft Bragg, (Hwy 20), was like trying to ride an elephant on a single track. We got there without any issues.

After setting up, we checked in and then vetted and pre-rode the day 1 horses. I would ride Erebus and Emma would be on Elvis. It was very foggy but not cold. Mendocino is very beautiful, so I was really looking forward to the rides over the weekend. It would also be my first race with Emma, who has been helping us ride all summer.

After the ride it was just about time for dinner. We headed over to the potluck, which had way too many great choices, and found familiar faces to eat with. It was great seeing all of my West Coast friends.

That night I hardly slept, as our crew of horses found a talent in banging buckets on the side of the trailer and clanking the high ties around. At one point one of the dudes even started rocking the trailer significantly by scratching his rear end on the side of the trailer. Oh well...

In the morning we got on and headed to the start. At this ride there are two ways to the start, one was going down the hill to the meadow the same way you will come out of the meadow when they let you start, the other was going around the back of the meadow and circling around to the start. We went down the way you come out on day 1 with the two seasoned horses. Erebus and Elvis warmed up like pros. Both were very well behaved. Looking professional in their Easyboot Glue-Ons and Reactor Panel saddles. (There were a lot of people sliding around on the grassy slopes but the boots we had did awesome).

When it was time to start they both trotted smartly down the road and then up the first big climb. It is so nice being on horses that are relaxed. The day went by in a beautifully scenic way. The fog was heavy in the morning, my ride picture from the morning was so thick in fog you could make out my helmet and my smile and Erebus' star! Then the fog lifted to show you spectacular views of the ocean below. Also the forest was amazingly serene in the fog with the redwoods and ferns and even some aspen with the sunbeams filtering through the fog. Very majestic.

At vet check one both horses vetted right through and we relaxed at the trailer; then, on to loop 2, which had a tremendous climb, in turn giving us more stunning views. The lunch hold came and went. The ride provided lunch to the riders, which is always a relaxing treat as it is one less thing that you, as a rider, need to worry about.

The last loop was super fun. We were the 2nd and 3rd horse out of the vet gate. We caught up to the front runner shortly after leaving the check. Then there was another really long climb so we took advantage of our horses fresh feel and went up the hill rapidly, then for the rest of the loop we flew, passing LD riders, 50 mile riders and Ride And Tie Teams. The horses loved this, although Erebus was wondering how they had all gotten ahead of us! The trail on this loop was a single track of twisting, rolling, tight trail—very fun. I would call out to Emma things like, "Watch your head", "Watch your Knees", "Watch your face!" Very exciting trail.

At the end of day 1 we were 1st and 2nd. When we weighed in Emma weighed as much with her tack as I do by myself, first thing in the morning!! We got the horses ready for BC and then showed them. They both looked great.

After taking care of the horses and showing for BC we saddled up for round two and pre-rode the day 2 horses. Mo and Dust were very happy to be doing something. After the ride we headed to town with Emma's mom, Giulia, and brother Luca, for some handmade ice cream at the local ice cream shop. I had, once again, the mushroom ice cream that they make. It is made from a candy cap mushroom and tastes a lot like maple.

Then it was dinner time and awards. Erebus ended up with BC but Elvis had only lost BC by 1/2 a point so he won the high vet score. Super day.

That night I slept much better, as I was now pretty tired. In the morning we saddled up and took the round-about way to the start, and about 5 mins. late to avoid getting Mo excited on his first 50. Emma was riding Mo as she has been riding him a lot this summer and really wanted to ride him.

Both horses started really nicely and we had yet another great day. This day was warmer and less foggy. The views were even better and the trail was amazing. Emma and I counted 12 different varieties of wild flowers on this day and we only started counting from the second loop onwards.

Mo was playing a game during the ride that each time we would get to a water bar he would tuck up and hop across; this was pretty funny considering we would be walking along, come to one and he would tuck up and hop and then go



Heather on Erebus

Mendocino (Continued from page 4)

back to walking.

On our last loop we let the horses move out a bit and there were a number of small streams so Mo got to jump over them and have a great time; it was a game he liked, and even though he can walk across he had way more fun leaping at the canter over them.

At the end of day 2 we came in 10th and 11th. Pretty cool considering we were just out taking in the scenery and hiking a lot of the down hills. On Mo's final trot out, he trotted out and then cantered back. I guess he had a good time:)

Before dinner we took Roo, Merlin and Shasta (the Orth's dog) down to the pond for some fun. Roo and Luca went swimming while Shasta ran at top speed around the pond, falling in sometimes as she went. It was a super fun time. Roo was having a blast with his water Frisbee, too.

The final dinner was fun saying 'bye to everyone. Emma and I had a really fun time. If you get the chance to do the Mendocino Ride I would recommend it to anyone. It is very well run, well marked, beautiful, great food and great prizes.

The last night there was also a fire with a lot of story telling. That was fun as it was like the old endurance rides I remember as a junior.

Monday we drove home, stopping at Starbucks, of course. When we got home all four of the horses rolled and then took off. They all looked great.

Hope to see you at the Quicksilver ride at Harvey Bear on Oct 5th.

If you want to add what I consider to be a 5-star ride to your bucket list, Mendocino Magic is over the top with gourmet chefs cooking Saturday and Sunday, and trail marking that only Robert Ribley could do better with his hot pink arrows at Wild WestMendocino Magic is incredible. Cynthia and Forrest are wonderful hosts with awards and food plus a view of the ocean from ride camp; it does not get any better than that. The footing is remarkable, steep ups and downs. They hosted the Ride 'n' Tie Championship as well and it was fun to see the runners race down the hills I could barely walk down; wow they are awesome! Cynthia has incredible energy and paid tribute to the last 10 riders completing the ride, bestowing them with the Sundowner awards.. Really cool. **It was great!**

Mary Anderson

From the Rim Fire Front

The fire started one ridge over from us in Buck Meadows. We evacuated our horses and cats Monday evening without any advanced warning as the fire came roaring out of the Tuolumne River gorge towards us in 45 minutes. It was stunning. We couldn't leave via Hwy 120 as it was already closed and the guard rails were burning on both sides of Buck Meadows. We escaped through the forest.

Only residents are allowed back at the moment because the fire is active to the east of us and trying to work its way around the ridge and back to us again. You've done this....air quality is hazardous.

From Alex North in an e-mail to the Quips editor



American Fire—August 31, 2013

Hampered by heavy-fueled forests, high winds, and low humidity for several weeks, the American fire near Foresthill, California, which started on August 10, 2013 in the American River Ranger District of the Tahoe National Forest, (cause under investigation), was declared 100% contained on August 29th, but not before damaging both the Swinging Bridge and a smaller footbridge on the Tevis Cup/Western States trail.

As soon as safety permits, qualified personnel will inspect the bridges to determine their foundational integrity and identify repairs needed before the public can safely use these structures.

With the Labor Day Holiday weekend upon us, Forest visitors are urged to comply with area and road closures. These closures are in place to protect visitors and fire fighters. The closed roads and areas are unsafe due to several factors including: fire-weakened, burned trees that pose a risk of falling; burning holes in the ground from tree roots and stumps; and heavy smoke making visibility extremely poor. These areas and roads will continue to be re-evaluated and will be re-opened as soon as possible. Donations toward the Tevis trail and bridge rebuilding efforts can be made here:

<http://www.teviscup.org/how-to-help/how-to-support-the-western-states-trail>

QUICKSILVER FALL CLASSIC

OCTOBER 5, 2013

25/50 mile ride & 10 mile fun ride



MISSION STATEMENT

QSER exists to promote the sport of endurance riding by conducting endurance rides and advocating for equestrian trails. It seeks to provide a high 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.

Come and be a part of our wonderful club. You will have the opportunity to a part of our annual awards ceremony, annual yearbook/calendar, Christmas party, fun ride/potluck/meetings, monthly Quicksilver Quips, discussion of current topics and more.

Membership Chair: Maryben Stover
408/265-0839
Merryben@live.com

Ride Description and Rules

Ride Description: The entire ride will be held in Harvey Bear Ranch County Park located in the beautiful oak studded rolling hills above Gilroy and San Martin. The Quicksilver Fall Classic is a moderate ride and would be good training for a new horse and rider. The terrain consists of good footing with some climbs, dirt roads and some single track. There are beautiful views down to the Santa Clara Valley and down on to Coyote Lake Reservoir. You might even get a glimpse of one of our resident bald eagles over the lake! For those of you considering the Fun Ride, we encourage you to come and check out our "family" of endurance riders! We are a passionate group of horse people who LOVE spending hours and hours with our equine partners – this very well could be the sport for you, so come join us at our event – we welcome any questions you may have!

Weather: The fall weather can be variable – either hot or mild, so check the weather forecast before you come!

Food: Lunches will be provided by our wonderful club volunteers! There will be an Awards Banquet with delicious food and awards for ALL participants, including the Fun Riders! We hope you all will stick around to enjoy this event!

Awards: The awards for the 50 mile ride will be first place, best condition, top ten, junior awards and completion awards for everyone. The 25 mile ride will have completion, junior awards and AERC best condition. We have some beautiful historic belt buckles from our club that will be given out as well!

Ride Manager: Peggy Davidson 831/238-0495
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Quicksilver Fall Classic

October 5, 2013

25/50 mile rides / 10 mile Fun Ride

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Rider Name _____ AERC # _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ AHA# _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name of Horse _____ AERC # _____ AHA# _____

Age _____ Breed _____ Color _____ Sex _____ Height _____

Horse Owners Name _____ AERC # _____ AHA# _____

I wish to participate in the Quicksilver Fall Classic ("the ride"). I am aware that an endurance competition course covers difficult terrain on trails where the footing for the horses may be unsure, and will include road crossings and hazards. I further acknowledge the competitive events such as this, over considerable distance, contains inherent risks of injury and damage to me personally, to my animal(s) and equipment. In appreciation of the acceptance of this entry application to enter and participate in the ride, sponsored and administered solely by the Quicksilver Endurance Riding Club, the undersigned and my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release the ride, and any person or individual connected in any way with the ride, or their representatives, successors, and assigns from any and all rights, claims, or liability for damages for any or all injuries to me or my animal, in the event of an accident caused by me or my animal, or any accident caused by anyone else connected with, or participating on this trail ride.

Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Minors Date of Birth _____ Name of Sponsor _____

Division: _____ FW (160 lbs or less) _____ LW (161 – 185 lbs) _____ Junior
_____ MW (186 – 210 lbs) _____ HW (211 lbs and over)

50 mile (Seniors \$120) (Juniors & Ride Managers \$90) _____
2013 Ride Managed: _____
25 mile (Seniors \$110) (Juniors & Ride Managers \$80) _____
10 mile Fun ride \$35.00 (no charge for kids under 12) _____
\$15 Non AERC member fee (applies to 50 / 35 mile riders) _____
Extra dinner ticket(s) @ \$15 each _____
\$10 late fee if postmarked after September 25, 2013 _____
I will be staying for the dinner on Saturday night. Yes No (please circle one) _____
Total Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to **QSER**

Return entry and check to:
Kathy Brayton
2147 Harmil Way San Jose, CA 95125

Bring your current AERC cards to check in or send a copy with entry. Checks will be deposited after the ride. **No refunds for no shows.**
Full refund for cancellations by **8pm October 3rd (Thursday)**.



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Veterinarian: Our head veterinarian will be Dr. Chuck Kessinger, DVM.

Camp: Ride camp will be in a field just beyond the San Martin Avenue main entry to the park, and will be very well marked. It is a large grassy area and is fairly easy to navigate. We will have horse water available, but you will need to bring your own people water.

Camp will be open on Friday, October 4th at noon. Depending on how many entries we get, parking may be a little tight. Only small portable corrals will be allowed. We will need to leave camp the way we found it. All hay and manure must be bagged and removed. Bags will be provided.

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Check In and Vetting: Friday, when vets arrive around 3pm. All horses must be examined and numbered before starting the ride. Pre-Ride Meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Friday evening, the ride veterinarians will set and announce the pulse/respiration criteria. The ride manager will make other announcements at this time including last minute changes, etc.

LD Note: For those of you new to endurance, and entering your first LD ride with us, please know that **you do not get your completion time until your horse pulses down to 60 beats per minute** after you cross the finish line. We encourage you to ride your horse slowly to the finish, getting off and walking if you are able, so that you have the best chance of having this required pulse when you cross the finish line.

Directions: From U.S. Highway 101 in San Martin, take the San Martin Ave. exit. Proceed east on San Martin Ave. for 2 miles (RIGHT if you are coming from the South, LEFT if you are coming from the North). The main entrance to the park is on the LEFT, one-quarter mile east of Foothill Avenue. Go just beyond this main entrance until you see the signs for ride camp also on the LEFT. (This is a very short distance).

Junior Riders:

- A Junior Rider sixteen (16) years or older may enter the 25 or 50 mile ride without a sponsor (must be 16 years old as of December 1st, in the year of competition).
- A Junior rider under sixteen (16) years of age on December 1st, in the year of competition, may enter the 25 or 50 mile ride with a sponsor who is entered in the ride and agrees to remain with the Junior Rider throughout the ride. A sponsor is an adult over twenty one (21) years of age and must carry the Junior Rider's vet card. Change in a sponsor must be reported to and approved by Ride Management at the checkpoint. The Junior Rider must be within one minute of the sponsor at all times. If you are a Junior Rider and are 14 calendar years or older and have ridden 500 AERC sanctioned miles, you may petition to AERC to ride without a sponsor.
- A sponsored or unsponsored Junior Rider must wear a safety helmet approved by AHSA, PCA, ANSI or Snell Z 90.4.

REFUND RULES: 1) A full refund will be made if Ride Management is notified by 8:00pm October 3rd (Thursday). Cancellations after this date will be subject to a \$15 fee being withheld from the refund amount. 2) "No shows" will forfeit the entire entry fee. 3) \$15 will be withheld if your horse does not pass the pre-ride vet check. All entry fees include the California State Drug Testing Fee, AERC Sanctioning Fee, a participation award, routine veterinary examinations before and during the ride, and a dinner ticket. Should a horse require special emergency treatment, payment is the responsibility of the rider and will be handled individually by the attending veterinarian.

Ride Rules:

- Equines must be at least 60 months old for the 50-mile ride and 48 months old for the 30-mile ride. Mares in foal will not be permitted.
- Abuse of the equine or the use of stimulants and/or painkillers is prohibited. All horses are subject to saliva, urine or blood tests. Any horse tested for drugs and found to be POSITIVE will be disqualified.
- No substances of any type may be injected by needle into the horse during the day of the ride.
- The same horse and rider must pass all vet checks and stay on the marked trail in order to qualify for awards. The responsibility for reporting in and out of vet checks rests with the rider.
- All equines must be presented for pre-ride veterinary inspection beginning at 3:00pm on Friday, October 5th. Early morning vet-in will be available. Opinions of the veterinarians are final regarding the health of the horse.
- The 50-mile ride must be completed in twelve (12) hours and the 25-mile ride must be completed in six (6) hours. Equines must be at the starting line and prepared to begin the ride at the appointed times.
- Violation of any of these rules will subject the horse and rider to immediate disqualification.
- The 50 and 25 mile rides are sanctioned by AERC and will comply with AERC rules and guidelines (www.aerc.org).
- You must bring your 2013 AERC membership card, or you will be assessed a \$15 non-member fee!
- The post ride criteria for the 50 mile ride will be announced at the Ride Meeting.
- All dogs must be on a leash. The Parks are very strict on this rule.
- Horse riders/owners are responsible for making payments to the veterinarians for any treatments administered.
- No entries will be accepted the morning of the ride.

Classifieds

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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

"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.

This is shameless advertising, but I believe in the cause.

Julie Suhr

WANTED

Endurance rider turned cowgirl looking for Big Horn brown Cordura Western saddle. Will purchase outright or will consider temporary trade for my Freeform Liberty treeless endurance saddle in like-new condition.

Beverley Kane sensei@horsensei.com **650-868-3379**

FOR SALE

Reactor Panel saddle, VSD Baker Trail model, 18" seat, 13+" tree size. Black. Includes dressage girth and endurance kit. Bought new for \$3800, hardly used. Priced at \$2700.

Call **Jeanine** at **831-423-4774** or e-mail: jmccrary@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Jerry Dowdy in Scotts Valley has 14 saddles from McClellans to Western, Australian and English plus a lot of harnesses, bridles, and miscellaneous horse gear for sale in Scotts Valley. If you are interested he will send you a CD with pictures of them and also include a list of tree and seat sizes. All very reasonably priced. His number is

(831) 335-5587

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

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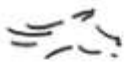
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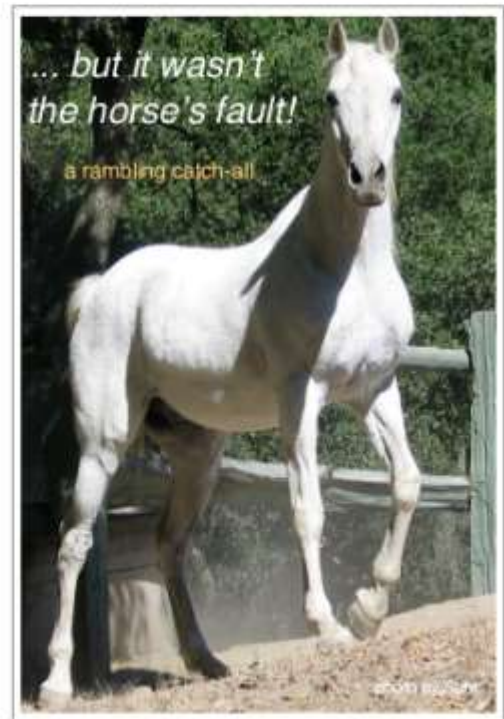


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Humor and Birthdays

Two 90-year-old women, Rose and Barb had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear that Rose was dying, Barb visited her every day.

One day Barb said, "Rose, I know the Bible teaches us that there will be horses in heaven and we both love to ride, especially doing endurance rides all our lives. Please do me one favor: when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if they do any endurance rides in heaven."

Rose looked up at Barb from her deathbed and said, "Barb, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you."

Shortly after that, Rose passed on.

A few nights later, Barb was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to her, "Barb, Barb."

"Who is it?" asked Barb, sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?"

"Barb -- it's me, Rose."

"You're not Rose. Rose just died."

"I'm telling you, it's me, Rose," insisted the voice.

"Rose! Where are you?"

"In Heaven," replied Rose. "I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," said Barb.

"The good news," Rose said, "is that there are the most beautiful Arabian horses here in Heaven and endurance riding is regularly done and with a passion. In fact all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can ride all we want, and we never get tired!"

"That's fantastic," said Barb. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?"

"You're riding with us Tuesday."

Life is uncertain - eat dessert first.

Thanks to Elisabet Hiatt



Happy September Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

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"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?)

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