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President's Message. . .

- No message submitted -

From the Editor: I'm sitting at the Lexington airport waiting for my flight home from the WEG. It's been an interesting six days of horses, sights, sad news, joyful moments and some disappointments.

My whole trip was overshadowed by a dear family member going through the final stages of a losing battle with cancer and the news that my horse is out for the season due to a cracked hoof, but the beautiful horses and amazing riders I've seen were a constant source of joy that helped a lot.

The opening ceremony was very entertaining, but a bit long. I left before the end because I wanted to see the endurance ride, early the next day.

Was at the Lexington Horse Park at "o-dark hundred" the next morning to see the actual start of the ride. The closest thing I've seen to this was at the Castle Rock rides in the mid 80's. Over one hundred fit and rearing to go horses literally stampeded out of the gate and disappeared in the mist. It was over in mere minutes! For the next ten hours I saw horse and rides from many countries come in and out of the vet checks and the front runners pulling away from the rest. I was amazed at how close together the first 10-15 riders were through more than half of the ride, and I was happy to see that our American team was doing really well. Sadly, things didn't quite work out and only one rider in our team finished.

I was shocked and quite angry when Heather and Sam got pulled, particularly after seeing the second and third place horses trot out for the vets. I don't much like politics, and I'm sorry to see that in this case, (in my humble opinion), "money talks" and it talks much too loud. What I saw from our team was nothing less than grace under fire and an amazing spirit. Kudos to you all for your behavior during what seemed a most unfair moment. My already high respect for Becky went up a big notch. Hanging out all day, I saw many that were not as gracious.

The rest of the trip was spent shopping, although I have to say I didn't see a single piece of biothane there! (The AERC convention vendor pavilion takes the cake on cool stuff hands down), watching the endurance BC judging (only 5 horses showed) and awards (in the rain!), eating (ho-hum although the caramel pop corn was oh, sooo good), watching a couple of reining competitions (holy cow!) and one dressage event (preeeety!), listening to the many clinicians (there was something going on all the time) visiting a race track and two horse farms and goofing around...

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October meeting will be at the Almaden Club house. 7PM start time.
Club officer nominations are due.

Becky is looking for the white club binder, which was left at the clubhouse 3 or 4 meetings ago.
Has anyone seen it??

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The museum on the grounds is really great, and they had an "extra" exhibition on the "Gifts from the desert" which showcased an impressive number of artifacts that were being shown in the US for the first time ever. It's amazing to see horse bits that are thousands of years old... not a lot has changed. Al Marah Arabians also has a wonderful exhibit there specifically about the Arabian horse.

The grounds at the Lexington Horse park are a literal walk through the hall of fame of thoroughbred horses. They have Man o' War buried there, immortalized by a beautiful statue in a lovely setting. Many other racing greats are buried on the grounds, and although I know nothing of the breed or the sport, I know they were beautiful and talented horses. This was settled even more when I went to visit a few breeding farms and saw (and touched!) a few horses that are worth a lot more than everything I own combined. One such horse being Curlin, the all time leading money thoroughbred. Stud fee: \$60,000! They are still horses, though, and they shamelessly beg for peppermint candy treats! And don't get me started on the fancy barns.

Back to the park, though.... Molly the pony was there. Rescued from the Katrina floods and viciously attacked by a dog, she lost her right front leg. A prosthesis was made for her (actually she has several and they continue to improve on the design) and she seems quite content to eat grass and be petted. I saw a little boy in a wheel chair, his hand movements quite irregular by who knows what terrible illness, smile the most joyous smile as someone guided his hand over Molly's neck. It brought tears to my eyes.

One vendor booth I found particularly interesting had a fake horse geared up with a saddle and bridle that were connected through many sensors to a computer. As you sat on this horse, the sensors sent specific information on your weight distribution on the saddle and how evenly the seat, thighs, lower legs and stirrups were, as well as how equally tight the reins were being held. I did pretty good on the seat/legs part, but was surprised to find out that when I hold a rein in each hand, I do not hold equal pressure. When the adjustment was made, it felt weird, so it's obviously a habit that needs to be corrected. They did tell me I was one of the few people they had seen that day with such evenly distributed weight on the saddle. Maybe a big butt helps, but it made me feel good. If you ever have the opportunity to try it, go for it, it's worth it. The beauty of this system is that it is wireless, so an instructor can watch a rider going around in the arena, and give specific and instant feedback on minute adjustments.

Took a zillion photos, had my first (and second!) Mint Julep, met a lot of nice Kentuckians, saw William Shatner (the original "Captain Kirk" for you non-Trekkers) at the airport (he was showing a Saddlebred at the opening ceremonies), saw Mary Todd Lincoln's house downtown Lexington, and generally had a good time, but it's good to be on my way home... there is nothing like my own horses. I miss their smell, I'm dying to go for a ride and I'm even looking forward to shoveling some manure!

Elisabet

You know you're a horse person when...

You cluck to your car when you go up a hill.

Your horse's hair is in better condition than your own.

You refer to your car as "my portable tack room."

You are excited when your friend tells you that there is a huge sale at the bridle shop, then you are disappointed when you realize they mean the bridal shop.

You have the vet's number but not your kid's pediatrician on your speed dial.

Your spouse can track dirt into the house all they want, but God help them if they muddy up the tack room.

Your house is a mess, but the barn is as neat as a pin.

Your nice clothes are the ones without horsehair all over them.

You have to go to your friend's wedding in riding clothes because you took too long at the barn.

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Man O' War



Heather and Sam coming in on their second or third loop. They looked awesome.



Curlin enjoying a scratch from me, even though I did not have any peppermint candy. I'm holding this year's breeding book, with his photo on the cover.

John Lyons being goofy. Yes, your horse can understand rein cues, even if you are not quite seated on the saddle the way he is used to.



Molly the pony.

The prosthesis comes out a night for her to be able to lay down

QSER MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2010

This month's meeting was held in Scott's Valley at Tony and Alba's Pizza. The meeting was called to order at 7:30. Our President was absent as she is in Kentucky with the US Endurance Team. The rest of the officers and the Board were present. The Vice Pres. conducted the meeting. We had a couple of guests and there were approximately 15 members present.

Reports:

Treasurer – the bank balance stays around \$4000 and the statement was given to the VP.

Goodwill - several cards have been sent from the club to members who have suffered injuries, health issues, or the loss of a horse.

The report was given related to the club ride, which is Oct 2. All the paperwork is completed; the trail map has been created. There are plenty of volunteers.

Next meetings:

Oct. 20 –at the Almaden clubhouse (nominations will be taken for club officials)

Nov. 17 –at Kathy Kauer's home in Aromas.

Dec. 8 – Christmas party will be at the Almaden clubhouse.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Ahem... these would be perfectly normal things to say in horse company, but not things you'd want to say in public, or non-horse people might get the wrong idea!

Do you like my breast collar? His sheath was really dirty, but I cleaned it. In the winter, his Ass gets really hairy. Don't jump on him, sit down gently. What a lovely Jackass! She wants to breed to my stud. There's nothing like 17 hands between your legs! Can I pet your Ass? He had a bad attitude, so we castrated him. He's got a lot of stamina, you can ride him all day long. Is she a maiden? He broke his leg, so they shot him. I wanted to breed to her stud, but he's all booked this season. He's really good at walking and pooping at the same time. He didn't try to run away when we drove the nails in. She bites her baby if it behaves badly. She's on a new diet, she's only eating grass. She just got a new rack. If he's not good, just grab his lip and twist it. When I'm done riding him, you can have a turn. I jumped 4 feet high yesterday. They cut his toe shorter and he walks better now. If her baby nurses too hard she bites it. What color are her gums? He's much better if you ride him with a crop. She's got a really nice, big, square butt. All of her babies have been sold overseas. The mother is black and the father is white, and the baby came out black and white spotted. Don't worry, it's normal for his mouth to foam. I know she's going to have a baby soon because her butt is soft. Her baby started walking about 20 minutes after birth. Her body was covered in 4-inch long hair, but I clipped it off. He has trouble mounting her because she's so tall. She likes to roll in the dirt after her bath. He has 64 babies. He goes outside in just a blanket. He was about 6 months old when we branded him. I have to use a stool to mount him. If he's spilling his food on the ground, he might need a dentist. I was listening to his gut sounds last night. One testicle is visible, but I can't even feel the other one.



Mystery Photo: who is Elisabet hanging out with? Hint: he plays the guitar...

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack strength, but rather a lack of will.
-Vince Lombardi

The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life.
-Muhammad Ali (Who was a special guest at the WEG opening ceremonies)

The economy is so bad...

I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., I called the Suicide Lifeline. I got a call center in Pakistan, and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck...

Tire failure article... this applies to horse trailer tires also:

Tire failure on RV's can be extremely dangerous and can cause extensive damage to your RV. There are lots of reasons for tire failure on RV's, like under inflation, over inflation, overloading and the age of the tires. This discussion is about how the **age** of your RV tires, and exposure to the elements, can lead to tire failure.

Tires are designed and built to be used. The rubber used in tires ages faster when they are not used, so more use results in longer tire life. The problem is lots of RV's don't get used that much.

When tires are manufactured, compounds are added to help protect the rubber from weather cracking and ozone damage. The problem is the tire needs to be rolling down the road, heating up and flexing for these compounds to work their way to the surface of the tire and protect the rubber from damage. So, when tires sit still, like in storage, they start to dry out causing them to age faster.

Weather cracking or checking occurs on all tires when they are exposed to heat and sunlight. This is especially true of the tires sidewall. Ozone in the air and UV rays from the sun shorten the life of your tires. It's not uncommon to see RV tires with low mileage and plenty of tread that are ruined by the damaging effects of ozone and UV rays.

Ozone in the air causes tires to dry rot and deteriorate. UV rays from the sun, and not using the RV make it happen quicker.

You need to inspect your tires for weather checking or cracks in the sidewalls before each trip. Cracks less than 1/32 of an inch deep are ok, but if the cracks are more than 2/32 of an inch deep the tire should be replaced immediately. If you notice damage to the tires and you're not sure what to do, have them inspected by a professional.

This faster aging and weather cracking are why tire manufacturers recommend replacing the tires on RV's when they are 5 to 6 years old, especially if the RV isn't used that much.

So how can you tell how old the tires are? All tires manufactured in the United States have a DOT number. The DOT number may be on the inside or outside sidewall. At the end of the DOT number the last three or four digits identify how old the tire is. Older tires used three digits. The first two identify the week of the year the tire was built and the third identifies the year. Newer tires use four digits. For example 3208 is the 32nd week of the year and 08 is the year 2008. If you question the age of your tires, especially on a used RV, and you can't find the DOT number, have them inspected by a qualified tire center.

Even though there are many other factors that can affect the life of your RV tires you can see that the age of the tires is one of the most important consideration. Watch a 20/20 report on how the age of tires can result in dangerous tires:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDgSk5xWkrl>



My Favorite Horse(s)

Barbara McCrary

It would be impossible to choose between my two favorite horses. I've had at least one horse, and sometimes several, at any time since I was 12 years old, so I've had a number of them come into my life over the years.

Cinnamon came first, a gorgeous golden dun with dorsal stripe, black points, and amber - not brown - eyes. He was said to be one-half Arab and one-half Quarter Horse, stood 14.3 hands, and was



multi-talented. I rode him endurance for many years, mounted on him two out of my three Tevis completions. I don't remember ever being afraid of his footing or ability to climb, and he had a phenomenal trot. We bonded deeply. He worked cattle for me, and did quite a remarkable job once when a bull was refusing to be moved. I body-slammed the bull with Cinnamon repeatedly until the bull gave up and went the direction I requested.

His particular downfall was his inclination to injury. I used to say he would go lame if he sprained his eyelash. I never knew exactly why in all cases, although one contribution was his over-extension at the trot. Finally,

after his last injury, knowing that he would never be completely sound for endurance again, I sold him to a man for a pleasure horse. I have regretted it to this day. I should have kept him for my own pleasure horse, but we were still competing, and supporting a horse that wasn't 100% was not particularly sensible. I still miss his personality and his dedication to me.

My other favorite horse was Courage, a 14.3 hand grey purebred Arab. When I heard about him for sale, I drove to Santa Rosa to see him. It was February and what I saw was a non-descript little furry grey gelding. I was not immediately impressed. I rode him up into the hills and everything went well. I did not commit to buying him at that time, saying I would think it over. When I got home, I told Lud about him, saying that he was not particularly pretty (so I thought at that time), and just sort of non-descript. I told Lud that I had gone riding and everything went well. Then a bell rang in my head and I realized the horse had done a good job for me, so why was I fussy about his appearance. His conformation was fine; he just didn't strike me at first. I decided to take a chance on him.

What a gem he turned out to be - fast, sensible, brave, sure-footed, cow-savvy, and with a great sense of adventure. He was very fast and seemed to understand the game of racing. On one day of an XP ride, I was riding with Lud and Becky Hart (on Rio.) I thought it would be fun to challenge Becky a little, as I knew she and Rio were legendary winners. I prompted Lud to challenge them, but his horse was a bit of a goof-off and didn't get the picture. Courage did, and when Becky took off for the finish line, Courage needed no more than my words in his ear, "Go get 'em, Courage!" He almost succeeded. From a position of a couple of hundred feet behind them and perhaps a quarter of a mile to go, Courage closed the gap to cross the finish line only one-half neck behind. What a race that was!

He was one of the most level-headed horses I ever rode, because he would think his way out of trouble rather than panic and tear himself up.



I lost him at the age of 27 when he had emphysema so badly he could barely breathe when he walked. He is buried under a stone monument with a brass plate reading "From his back I discovered the World..." I did truly discover some amazing places from his back: the Pony Express Trail, the Great Salt Lake Desert, Death Valley, Virginia City, and the Applegate-Lassen Trail - my first time seeing each of these historical sites. There has to be a special place in Heaven for horses like these.



This year was the 150th anniversary of the Pony Express. Here's a first hand account:

"We had had a consuming desire, from the beginning, to see a pony-rider, but somehow or other all that passed us and all that met us managed to streak by in the night, and so we heard only a whiz and a hail, and the swift phantom of the desert was gone before we could get our heads out the windows. But now were expecting along every moment, and would see him in broad daylight. Presently the driver exclaims: 'HERE HE COMES!'

Every neck is stretched further, and every eye strained wider. Away across the endless dead level of the prairie a black speck appears against the sky, and it's plain that it moves. Well, I should think so! In a second or two it becomes a horse and rider, rising and falling, rising and falling –sweeping towards us nearer and nearer – growing more and more distinct, more and more sharply defined – nearer and still nearer, and the flutter of the hoofs comes faintly to the ear – another instant a whoop and a hurrah from our upper deck, a wave of the rider's hand, but no reply, and man and horse burst past our excited faces, and go winging away like a belated fragment of a storm!

So sudden is it all, and so like a flash of unreal fancy, that for the flake of white foam left quivering and perishing on a mail sack after the vision had flashed by and disappeared, we might have doubted whether we had seen any actual horse and man at all, maybe."

Mark Twain, in *Roughing It*, a narrative of his travels in the West.

Along the road to WEG

Most of us will hardly ever have a chance to get close enough to the inner workings of the WEG. Last month, we heard from Michele Roush, DVM on her journey as a competitor in the WEG process. This month we are switching "views" and hearing from one of the people who is part of the selection panel.

Alex North has been riding and training horses for over 41 years and endurance for 17. In 2002 she successfully campaigned her mare, CV Butterbea, who earned the much coveted "War Mare" award and went through two selection processes as a competitor. Alex has 3,675 endurance miles and 370 Limited Distance miles. She has also sold two horses internationally to SH Mohammed, ruler of Dubai.

Alex and her husband Steve run the Blackberry Inn, an idyllic Bed & Breakfast in Yosemite, where you can go for a ride in the morning and hand feed hummingbirds in the afternoon! Check it out:

<http://www.blackberry-inn.com/>

I sent Alex a few questions that I thought would be interesting to all about the selection process. I hope you enjoy this glimpse of the very important part she has played in the upcoming WEG.

What is your role, exactly?

I'm one of five selectors who are charged with the task of picking five horse and rider teams that will go to WEG.

What makes a selector qualified to do the job?

When the selector list is declared, probably everyone who's

interested in the process goes to the AERC website to check out all the selector riding records. The mistake is made when people assume thousands of miles equal the ability to pick a good FAST horse/rider team. At one of the trials one of the selectors was approached/asked "what makes you qualified to judge these horses and people", in a rather condescending way. They didn't realize they were talking to the first USA finisher from a past WEG in a foreign country.

A selector needs to be objective, without favorites and conflicts of interest, and good at judging lameness. They need to understand the pressures on the horse/rider at a WEG and be able to judge whether or not that team can hold together under sometimes very adverse situations.

How do you make the decision about who gets to go?

We comb through all the information we have on each pair and then they all have to trot out for soundness. We then vote on each pair. Sometimes your fastest horse or best rider, are left in the barn because the horse simply won't pass a vet check. And sometimes as a selector, you're not given all the facts. It's a difficult reality.

Alex and CV Butterbea on their way to a BC at Deadman 50



Is it strictly by the numbers, or do you have some wiggle room for intuition, experience, anything else?

We take into consideration every piece of information we have available, as well as feedback from the vets, the Chef and the farrier. We also rely on each other's strengths and knowledge of endurance. There is an extensive amount of information available on each horse/rider team. Three vets examined each horse at each of the trials, pre and post and blood tests were taken throughout the events. We also look at the following:

1. Is the horse sound? Is the horse sound? Is the horse sound?
2. Did the rider do what was asked of them throughout the process? If not, what were the circumstances.
3. Did the horse deliver what was asked of it throughout the trials? If not, why. Are there mitigating factors?
4. If #1, #2 and #3 above are yes...Can the horse and rider deliver the speed that is necessary to be competitive? If either of them can't do the speed, it's a waste of everyone's time and money to select them to go further in the process. Sometimes the horse may be able to deliver the speed, but the rider can't. The start of a WEG is like nothing any rider will experience at an AERC ride. The result is the same. That combo won't be competitive.

What's the hardest part of making the decision?

When you have a pool of good horses, and have to narrow it down to five. Someone doesn't get to go at the end of a two-four year process. You can make a lot of enemies in the space of a 60 second announcement and it's a heartbreaking few moments for those who don't get to ride.

The easiest?

Selecting those horse and rider teams that delivered what was asked of them at the trials and over the last two years that are sound.

How are the riders and horses rated?

No one is rated who made the group of ten. After the first ten, then the rest were ranked in case something happened to one of the ten pairs before the final submission deadline. The pairs really aren't ranked after that either. You're either on the team or riding as an individual which is also voted on by the selectors. That was new for this year. In the past, the Chef selected which riders were riding for the team medal. That is no longer the case.

How much personal time are you dedicating to this?

A lot. For the June trials I was traveling for 10 days and spent countless hours going over records. I felt it was my responsibility to know about each pair before arriving at the trial and not wait until meeting them. It's difficult to be away from home for that amount of time. I've had to give up competing my own horses due to the time constrictions and conflicts of interest.

Why do you do it?

I forgot to step back when they were picking people to do this. JUST KIDDING. Whenever I do something different concerning endurance, it's to learn new information and also to give back to the sport. If I can participate in all aspects of the sport, then I develop a much larger knowledge base going forward. That can only help me as a rider.

Personally, I equate being a selector to being like an auditor. Necessary, but everyone either fears you, or hates you based on an outcome. However, without volunteers, this sport would be nothing.

By the time you read this, the Endurance event at the WEG will be over, but whatever the outcome, we are all very grateful for the hard work everyone involved has done to represent our Country! Just getting there is an amazing accomplishment, and we are very proud of you all.
Elisabet



At 42, there's just no reining in Magic

Horse is older than most live to be, yet more active and in better health than horses half her age.

Photos by John Gibbins

Contributed by Jill Newburn

Bob Manns takes Magic, a 42-year-old Arabian horse, on 10-mile rides every weekend around the Santa Margarita River Trail. Magic is older than most horses live to be, yet she is more active and in better health than many horses half her age.

Passage

At 42 years old, Arabian horse Magic is healthier and has more energy than horses half her age.

A unique breed: Arabian horses are considered the oldest known breed of riding horses, with archaeological evidence of Arabian horses dating back 4,500 years. Today, Arabians are

found worldwide and are one of the top horse breeds in the world. They're known for their high-carried tail and their distinctive head shape.

Quote: "I thought she would've died five years ago. Every night, I tell her 'just one more night girl, make it one more night.' She's just an amazing girl." — Magic's owner, Bob Manns

Magic, a 42 year-old Arabian horse it thought to be the oldest Arabian in the United States.

Back at the ranch in Fallbrook are Manns and Magic, who, despite her years, shows none of the signs of advanced aging. Bob Manns likes to play a game with visitors to his Fallbrook ranch: He asks them to guess which of his four horses is the oldest.

There's Cherokee, the black and white 10-year-old; Misty, the 13-year-old wild child; and Raven, the 17-year-old stallion who loves giving people kisses. And then there's Magic, the chestnut Arabian who celebrated her 42nd birthday in June. No one ever guesses that she's the oldest.

At 42, Magic is a rarity. She is older than most horses live to be, yet she is more active and in better health than many horses half her age.

"Everyone kind of lives around her," Manns said about Magic. "She lives in her own world. You'll go up to her to say 'Hi Magic' and she'll have a bunch of hay on her head.

"She's just adorable, she's sweet."

The average horse, including Arabians, lives about 30 years, said Magic's veterinarian, Daniel Grove of West Coast Equine Medicine in Fallbrook.

"It's impressive that we've got a horse that's lived to be that age," Grove said. "It's a run-of-the-mill horse that Bob takes very good care of."

What's more impressive is that Magic still has the physical abilities of a younger horse. Manns said he takes Magic every weekend on 10-mile rides around the Santa Margarita River Trail, where some of the hills are 300 feet high and the trail goes as low as the river valley. And even when she's got Manns and his saddle — a combined 280 pounds — on her back, Magic still gallops effortlessly down the trail. Most of the time, she ends up leading Manns' other horses.

For years, Magic has had people fooled about her age. Manns saw Magic for the first time during a barrel-racing competition. The young girl who was riding Magic had to "hold on for dear life," Manns said. She ended up beating all the other horses' times.

When Manns bought her in 2001, everyone told him Magic looked like an 18-year-old. It turned out that she was already 30. Since her birth in 1968, Magic has had five owners, including Manns. She's had six foals, and her veterinarian says she could very likely handle having another one.

For most of her life, Magic has been a pleasure and trail-riding horse. She's also been used for professional cattle cutting and sorting and barrel racing. Manns estimated she's also given hundreds of children and adults their first riding lessons.

Magic is a good horse to ride because she "gauges the personality of the rider," Manns said. She can tell when she has a new rider on her back, and will go slower. Those new riders include 9-year-old twins Paige and Sidney Bonenfant, who visit "Cowboy Bob's" ranch to ride Magic and the other horses. The girls have learned quite a bit during their visits to the ranch. They have learned how to care for horses, often helping Manns feed and brush his horses. But it's not just knowledge about horses that the girls are acquiring. Their mother, Melanie, said they're also learning life lessons from their time at the ranch. "The horses help children increase their confidence," she said. "It builds a lot of character." Magic is perfect for the twins and other children because of her personality, said the girls' mother. "No other animal is like that," Melanie Bonenfant said of Magic's gentle nature.



But just because she acts like a young horse doesn't mean Magic isn't starting to show her age. Little specks of gray have started showing up in her coat, for example. There are a few marks where she's been wounded in the past. There are scars where barb wire wrapped around her right leg; that happened when kids got into Manns' ranch one night and tried to let the horses loose. Magic's injury required 47 staples and 100 stitches, and caused Magic to sit out riding for a year. There's also a quarter-sized bump on her neck. One night, Manns said, guests of their neighbors were playing a game — the first to hit a horse with a rock was the winner. One of the rocks hit Magic right in the neck.

Her veterinarian is starting to advise caution because of Magic's age. Manns said he's been told not to let Magic go too fast during their weekend trail rides. That doesn't always work out, however. Manns said that when he tells Magic they're just going to walk, he can see her get visibly upset. Despite her age, Magic still wants to go fast and work hard. Manns said he buys extra-strong horseshoes for her, because she wears out the regular ones too quickly.

"That girl, there's nothing she does halfway," Manns said. She's still in perfect health, has never had major illnesses and doesn't even have a special diet. So for the time being, Magic will keep on blazing around the canyons. The Bonenfant twins will keep coming around to ride her, especially now that it's summertime. And Magic will keep fooling everyone about her age.

Classifieds....

1977 Toterhome with a rebuilt 88 International engine and a new 4 speed Allison Transmission. Runs great. Has a nice living space with a large fridge. \$6,000 obo.

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Heather Reynolds
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