



# Quicksilver Quips

October 2013

## President's Message – October 2013

In just a few days (October 5<sup>th</sup>) is our Quicksilver Fall Classic at Harvey Bear County Park. Are you coming to help, ride? I hope to see lots of members there supporting the club in one form or another. The park has opened up trails for us that are usually not open to equestrians. Our ride manager, Peggy Davidson, has been attending to details to assure everyone has a great time. Thank you, Peggy.

Nominations for the 2014 Board are being selected for by our election committee. This committee consists of Barbara White ([barbdoug2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbdoug2@sbcglobal.net)) Becky Hart ([bghart@garlic.com](mailto:bghart@garlic.com)), and Michelle Herrera ([montra7003@sbcglobal.net](mailto:montra7003@sbcglobal.net)) If you have a nomination to submit, contact a committee member. Remember, you have until October 30<sup>th</sup>. After this date nominations will be closed. The by-laws state:

Section 2: If more than seven Directors are nominated, they shall be elected by written ballot. The nominating/election committee will prepare ballots which shall be mailed to each voting member in good standing by November 15th. The ballots must be returned to the committee prior to December 10<sup>th</sup>.

We have a new webmaster for our website (<http://qser.net>). Melissa Broquard has taken over for Jan Jeffers. Thank you, Jan for the work you have done. On September 27<sup>th</sup> (Friday) revised/updated website pages will be viewable. As I write this, it is (Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>), so I haven't seen it yet. Melissa sent an e-mail to the Board letting us know what she was working on. Right now she is updating information. I look forward to seeing it. A new look is coming later. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let Melissa know ([mhbrouquard@gmail.com](mailto:mhbrouquard@gmail.com)).

Our next meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup> at Calero County Park. We will ride in the morning (9:00 am), meet for a potluck lunch at noon, have a brief meeting and then a guest is coming to talk. I am leaving it up to each individual to arrange their own ride. I am planning a slow ride if anyone is interested in joining me. At our last ride/potluck/meeting at Bear Ranch we had a lot of desserts. I love dessert as much as the next person, but maybe this time we can arrange a little more variety. How about A-L side dish, M-R main dish, S-Z dessert.

*Lori*

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## Twenty-four Years in the Saddle

By Melissa Ribley

On September 23, 2013 at 12:01 AM under a full moon in the mountainous desert of south east Idaho, Robert and I took the time to stop our current task of following glow bars in the quiet darkness. We had just hiked up a mountainous trail on foot, leading our horses in order to give them a break from the seemingly endless climbs. We needed a breather and noted on our Indiglo watches that it was midnight, our 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. At the top of this mountain, standing between our horses who were enjoying their rest in the shadows that the bright moon was creating with the trees, we wished each other happy anniversary. Two hours later we were rewarded with the finest anniversary present ever – crossing the finish line with two healthy and happy horses. I can think of no better way to celebrate 24 years together than riding a 100 mile ride. The feeling of riding a 100 mile ride is extraordinary – to be on your horse as the sun rises and to be on your horse when the sun sets and to be on your horse when the moon is high and camp has fallen asleep. Throughout a 100-mile ride, over a potentially 24-hour period on the trail in partnership with your horse, you will experience ups and downs, highs and lows, challenges and accomplishments; but the final result is a feeling like no other and worth every step. Very much like the experience of 24 years of marriage.

September 23, 1989 began a twenty-four year marriage between myself and my best friend and riding partner, Robert, also the best wrangler I know who saddles my horse at 4:30 am in the early morning darkness before every endurance ride.

The AERC National Championship in City of Rocks Idaho started no differently, with Robert saddling my horse. The ride was spectacular with views from the mountain tops of the expansive desert below from where we started. Riding amongst huge rock formations, we were able to watch the rock climbers at work with their climbing ropes and carabineers. Plenty of water and a well marked trail made for a good day for both riders and horses. The trail provided us with everything from narrow, technical switch backs to long stretches of good-going road that the stage coaches once traveled. The brisk winds on the open mountain tops kept the horses cool during the ride, while the hot springs near ride camp provided a warm and comfortable place for riders to visit between riding.

Endurance riding brought Robert and me together and has kept us together. Going through life and 100-mile rides with your best friend and partner is a wonderful way to really experience living.



*Melissa and Robert on their wedding day. Connell Allison is the driver.*



*Melissa & Robert celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary on the AERC National Championship at City of Rocks, Idaho*



*"Which way is the trail?"*

*Photos by, and courtesy of, Merri Melde*

**From Nita Browning:**

Many of you might know that Michele Roush, a lifetime member of Ride & Tie and also AERC, had a serious accident while mentoring some riders on the Tevis trail. She lost five of her front teeth and damaged two others. She does not have any dental insurance, so the \$35,000 needed to fix them all will be tough for her.

Members of the Ride & Tie Association and AERC helped Pat and me many years ago when Pat had a \$35,000 horse wreck and we had no insurance. It was SO greatly appreciated. We would like to ask for that kind of help for Michele. We would appreciate it if you would send in anything for her. You can send \$10 or whatever to help with this fund. It all adds up. Any and all checks are tax deductible and those over \$250 will get a letter needed for the IRS.

**If you can help please send checks made out to the Ride and Tie Assoc. to:**

**Ben Volk, President  
Ride & Tie Association  
2709 N. Rd. 64  
Pasco, WA 99301**

Just mark on the check Donation: Tooth Fairy Fund or Michele Roush Medical. Thank you one and all for your consideration for our friend and fellow rider (and ride veterinarian.)

**From Jean Kvamme, owner Lichen Oaks Ranch:**

**Wanted:** Program Director for therapeutic riding/adaptive riding start-up center in Felton, CA. (Santa Cruz County) Our goal is to provide and promote effective horse-assisted therapies to strengthen the bodies, minds, and spirits of children and adults with disabilities and to inspire and train others to do the same. The Program Director would train and evaluate the horses and volunteers to get the program off the ground and continue running the program as it grows. Would need the years of experience that this description entails. Would be good if certified by PATH or another certified group, but not mandatory. Our ranch is set on 90 beautiful acres, with a new gorgeous covered arena and a new barn where the therapy horses would be stalled and cared for. All interested parties should email [jeankevents@yahoo.com](mailto:jeankevents@yahoo.com)

**From Julie Suhr:**

**I have known Jean Kvamme for many years and feel this is a golden opportunity to bring a therapeutic riding program to our area.**

**Hopefully there will be a Quicksilver member who can put her on the track to finding a Program Director.**

## Diane & Boo on Virginia City 100

Well, the Virginia City 100 went as planned... until it didn't.

Boo and I arrived late Thursday afternoon. I set up our camp and took him for a walk. Friday my daughters Shari and Tricia and grandson Thomas arrived. While the weather on Thursday evening had been mild and calm, Friday morning, though sunny, was breezy. The breeze progressed to a wind and by the time Tricia and Shari tried to set up their 8-man tent, it was at first challenging and finally verged on what might become dangerous. They took a motel room instead.

Saturday we started on time and Boo did his usual - moving up to the front and then taking off. At the first trot by, about 20 miles out, he looked great and the photographer was there. I've included one of Rene Baylor's shots.

The next 4 miles were downhill and then into a housing development and the 1st Vet Check where he was definitely a bit off on the right rear. After 35 minutes of our hold, he was much better but not 100%. I felt it might be just a slight muscle problem that he could work out of and the Head Control Judge decided to let us go to the next way point, a 15 minute hold at 39 miles. We left the first VC and alternately walked and jogged through Bailey Canyon, a very rocky (think boulders) creek bed and Boo seemed fine. We emerged from Bailey Cyn and trotted up to almost the top of the ridge, again moving well, but then his gait changed.

I could feel his stiffness so we dropped to a walk and with a few exceptions to see if he'd loosened up any, we walked to the Washoe 15 minute hold where we pulled.

It was disappointing but the good news is that by the time the "Horse Ambulance"

had taken Peekaboo back to camp, he was walking fine and the next morning I trotted him out for one of the vets (btw, the vet crew was excellent!), and he trotted completely sound. That does NOT mean he was really ready to tackle a ride. It just means that the muscles involved were not sore then. I feel fairly sure that had he been asked to go out on trail at that point, in 3-5 miles he'd have been sore again.

Why did this happen? There are several possibilities. He could have taken a misstep that I didn't notice. He could have had a mild pull of some sort before we even left home. He was wearing different shoes than he does normally and while they are fantastic shock absorbers, they also limit the amount of "slide"

in a horse's gait. Perhaps that limitation changed his way of going just a bit, enough to start using muscles unaccustomed to the work. Since he was wearing pads and packing (this Nevada ride is really rocky!!), the chance of a stone bruise is very small. Additionally, there was no joint pain, inflammation, or deep muscle pain, so assuming a muscle problem, the insult to his muscles would probably have been minor.

I will lay him off for at least two weeks and put his regular shoes back on his hind hooves. Then in mid/late Oct or Nov, we'll try a 50 and watch carefully on how he does. And, of course, I'll discuss this with both his veterinarian and his farrier.

I hope you enjoy the picture. Peekaboo is just as cute in person as in this photo. He's got a tremendous work ethic and he's also a sweet boy. On Sunday, I gave Thomas (almost 12 y/o) several rides on Boo bareback. It was Thomas' first time ever on a horse. At first he was reluctant, typical pre-teen, he's too big, I don't want to, you get the picture, but eventually he was up and asking for more when we stopped :) Might make a horseman out of that boy yet. I am so proud of him for trying and really happy that he liked it.

So while we did not complete the ride, Peekaboo is feeling good and we humans had a wonderful family time together. Work, horse play, dinner out, and a nightcap at a bar/pizza house (serves non-alcoholic beverages too) which featured a live band doing country and rock/pop from the 60s - 90s.

Oh - and out on the trail, it rained, sleeted, snowed and the wind was still blowing. I can't deny I have some mixed feelings about missing all that :)



## Katie and Jess Tackle Rocks and Rain at the Virginia City 100

By Katie Webb

On the weekend of September 21<sup>st</sup>, I set out with my tough little gray Arab, Jassens Legacy, aka Jess, to do our first 100-miler at NASTR's Virginia City 100. I've been riding Jess in endurance on loan from my grandmother, Barbara McCrary, for the last four endurance seasons and this year I felt like he had developed enough base to try his first 100-miler.

The weather forecast for the weekend indicated cold temperatures, rain, the possibility of snow and winds in the 30-40 mile per hour range—not exactly the most ideal conditions for our first 100, but we were both game. We were accompanied to Virginia City by a crew of both my parents, Janet and Steve, and my boyfriend Dan, who would be experiencing his first endurance ride crewing experience to date.

If you've never done the Virginia City 100, the start of this race is arguably one of the most magical experiences you can get at the start of an endurance ride. Riding through the historic downtown of Virginia City at 5:00 AM is a real trip back in time, and a big thrill when surrounded by 46 other extremely fit equine athletes focusing on the task ahead with unwavering concentration and determination. No first-time endurance ride starting line antics here! Jess is always a little hot and unable to settle until after the first vet check and this proved to be true again at this ride.

The first hour or so out on the trail were some of the best I've had. We enjoyed some beautiful fast trotting across a wide valley in the Nevada desert with the setting moon on our left shoulder and the rising sun on the right. Wild horses crossed our path many times and the weather was favorable. After that first hour though, the bad weather came back and we dealt with cold wind and intermittent rain showers for the rest of the ride. It was the kind of weather where you feel warm enough while you're on the horse, but as soon as you jump off at the vet check, all you can do is stand around and shiver in five layers of jackets while your crew covers the horse in blankets and administers feed.

Jess powered his way through the Nevada rocks and steep terrain at what I felt was a decent pace considering the



toughness of the terrain, the poor footing and the inclement weather. Up until the 50-mile vet check we were running an hour ahead of the cut-off times, which I could remember them saying during the ride meeting was plenty of time to finish the race on time. Coming into our hour hold at 50 miles we were only 45 minutes before cut-off, which I was a little uncomfortable with but still felt was good enough to get us in at the finish before 5:00 AM. Jess was eating, drinking and moving out really well and I knew I didn't need to worry about him having issues with the remaining distance.

As soon as darkness hit at about 7:45 PM, our ride started to take a turn for the worse. The terrain was still relentlessly rocky and steep up and down, which prevented us from making time when we needed to. The heavy cloud cover obscured what would have been a nice riding moon and the trail was incredibly dark, with no light sticks on the trail yet to help us along. Jess, getting mentally burnt out from traveling by himself all day, was walking at a snail's pace, picking his way carefully through the rocks. He wasn't physically tired, just unwilling to walk faster on the uneven ground in the dark. We stopped several times to scan the trail for ribbons and hoof prints with my flashlight to make sure we were still on the trail.

We had a water stop with hay, mash and a number taker at mile 60. Dan and my parents had driven the truck out to meet us at the stop. After some discussion about the weather conditions, our pace, the time and the difficulty of the remaining 40 miles (which a call to ride management confirmed we'd have to do at a walk), it became apparent that our comfortable 1-hour cushion ahead of the cut-off times had evaporated and there was no way we'd be able to finish the race on time. As the

song goes, "you have to know when to hold 'em and know when to fold 'em".

It's always hard to give up when horse and rider still feel great, especially after coming so far and overcoming so many challenges during the day. It's the first time I've ever rider-optional out of a ride and the first pull for Jess, which was also unfortunate. In this case though, I was confident that it was the correct decision and I was grateful to be able to put a happy, healthy horse, who is now that much fitter for the tough 60 miles we did, away at the end of the day. We'll be trying again for our first 100-mile completion in early 2014 if all our plans go right. I've been incredibly fortunate in sharing the endurance trail with Jess and I've had the pleasure of watching him develop into a steady, dependable and big-hearted endurance mount during our time together. I have no doubt that he has all the right stuff to make a good 100-mile horse and I'm looking forward to adding that to his list of accomplishments!

*Editor's note: Katie is a prospective Quicksilver member, and being an up and coming endurance rider, I thought it worth including her story.*

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> (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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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.

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## "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**

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## 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

the paper.

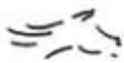
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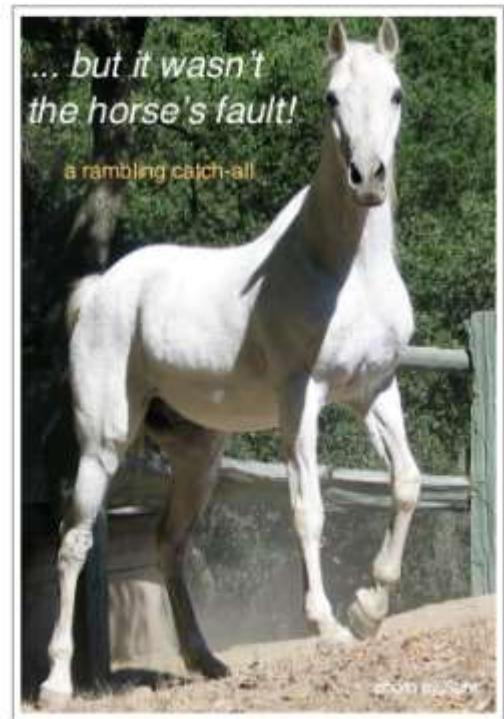


by  
Julie Suhr

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# Humor and Birthdays

## Mathematical Conversions:

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. 2,000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
5. Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
6. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
7. 16.5 feet of silver in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Sterling
8. Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
9. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
10. Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
11. Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
12. 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
13. 1 million microphones = 1 megaphone
14. 1 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
15. 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
16. 2,000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbird
17. 52 cards = 1 decacards
18. 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 FigNewton
19. 1,000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen
20. 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
21. 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
22. 10 rations = 1 decoration
23. 100 rations = 1 C-ration
24. 2 monograms = 1 diagram
25. 4 nickels = 2 paradigms
26. 4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League
27. 100 Senators = Not 1 decision

*Submitted by Ellen Rinde*



Happy October Birthday  
to our Quicksilver Members  
and Endurance Friends

Michelle Coble	3
Mary Anderson	5
Kylan Rashid	5
John Plaggmier*	6
Lena Spillman	6
Michael Newburn	8
Kathie Schmidt	26

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

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*Dave Rabe*

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*Thomas Jefferson*

(Do you think maybe Jefferson was an endurance rider?)

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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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