



Quicksilver Quips

October 2014

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President's Message – October 2014

Our Quicksilver Fall Classic is coming up October 11th. Are you going? Volunteering, riding? I hope so. It takes a whole club effort for a successful ride. Ride Manager, Peggy Davidson (peggety123@aol.com) is putting the last minute details together now. It is going to be a great day.

2015 Board nominations are now open. Kathy Brayton (kbrayton@aol.com) is the committee chair, so contact her to nominate yourself or someone else. All nominations must be received by the committee by October 30th.

Santa Clara County Horseman's Association is celebrating their 75th anniversary on October 18th at their facility on McKean Road. The celebration runs from 9:00-4:00. Let's support our neighboring club and attend.

Our last meeting of the year will be October 25th at Calero County Park. We will meet at 9:00 AM to ride, have a potluck at noon, and then a meeting. A-G bring dessert and H-Z bring anything except a dessert. There will be a lot to cover during the meeting. Peggy will give us a wrap up of the ride, Pat McAndrews will give us a trails update and much more.

Officers

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Quicksilver on the Web

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

Treasurer's Report

Balance 8/31/14			\$ 5,269.21
Income	Dues		25.00
Balance			
Expenses:			
	Ride Awards	300.15	
	Quips	118.82	(418.97)
Balance 9/20/14			\$4,875.24
Trails Account			\$1,074.10
Junior Account			\$454.38

From Maryben Stover

SCCHA and Quicksilver Joint Playday



Musical saddle racks



Pin the tack on the horse



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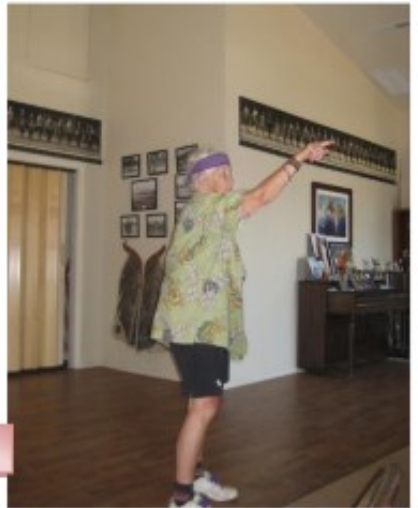


Fun games: charades, pin the tack on the horse, egg race....



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2014



Egg race champion!

Fabulous dinner... YUM!!!



Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt

Virginia City 100 - September 20, 2014



First and foremost, thank you to the most awesome crew a gal could have! In fact, Sam crewed for 3 of us ladies, including Judith Ogus and my friend JayaMae Gregory from up north. He was there at every stop with horse and people stuff immediately on hand, a big smile and words of encouragement. Thank you, thank you, thank you to my wonderful husband!

The VC100 is a super tough ride – I compare it to Tevis in difficulty but it has a different kind of “difficult”. Lots of ROCKS and lots of LONG BIG CLIMBS!

Here are Judith and Mia, just before we went to vet in on Friday. Judith had a wonderful ride and finished in 3rd place! Her last time riding VC was in 1998 where she also finished in 3rd place and got BC on her mare Fames Excitement!



There were wild horses all over the place and here was a group who came into camp at one point in the early am to nibble on the ride hay. Someone took a photo of their feet to show how they looked like a farrier had been working on them – all those Nevada rocks are good for something!



I rode the entire ride with JayaMae Gregory on her Foxtrotter mare Asali who has now completed 3 - 100's this year – Twenty Mule Team, Tevis and VC100! An amazing feat for a non-Arab! This little mare is very tough and Fire decided he liked her enough to spend the entire day and night (in fact, it was 24 hours from start to finish!) Fire was very strong all throughout the ride and I really felt he was enjoying himself and the trail. He made it easy and fun for me – he's such a great guy!



Baily Canyon has a lot of rocks – it's renowned for that! Here is a view of it – actually, Jaya and I thought it was fun – technical and pretty in it's own way. It took an entire hour to finish this section. This is in the first 51 mile loop, before you go back to camp.



Here are some views from the trail – this is after leaving the Washoe vet check at mile 39 – we are going back up the mountain and headed for the S.O.B.'s. Anyone who has done Washoe knows about the S.O.B.'s. I don't have a photo of them. It wouldn't do them justice – the first one in particular. It would have been good to have a ride photographer there, just like at Tevis. It's like a long version of Cougar Rock – Fire leaped up the first part – it would have been a cool photo. Then it goes up, up, up for a long while – I'm guessing 100 yards of vertical? JayaMae was worried as we stood at the base of the first one and looked up. But the horses did great – had to stop a couple times, but went up that first nasty one nice and strong! The next one isn't so bad, and the last one is a piece of cake after the other two!

This is a view after you come down off the mountain, on the way to the first vet check at mile 24. Nice view of the mountains to the west. There was a spring that meandered down the road in front of us. Amazing to see water amid all the dryness.



We had to cross the railroad track 4 times on the 2nd loop – this was after the first 1 hour hold after completing 51 miles. This 2nd loop was 25 miles. We rode into the sunset and up over Mt Davidson in the dark. The weather was perfect! It wasn't that cold and there was a nice little breeze at times – can't get any better than that!



The unbelievable sunset that evening and a sign to keep us on the trail!



And some of the many the wonderful volunteers out in the middle of nowhere at about mile 60 or so, with a collection of yummy cookies and drinks for us. This is the stop before we went up Mt Davidson which is a roller-coaster- like trail way up high with beautiful views of the lights around Washoe Lake below. We had another 1 hour hold in camp and then left on our last loop of 24 miles which was relatively easy compared to everything else. We finished, coming in next to the cemetery, being led by Connie Creech, the ride manager. Ride camp was at least 1.5 miles away and we walked through the darkened streets, clip-clop of hoofs echoing off the buildings. This is my favorite 100 mile ride and I'm happy to have finished it 3 times now. I hope to ride it again next year!

Visitors at Virginia City

By Judith Ogus

Peggy and Sam Davidson and I went to Virginia City with Fire and Mia - both of whom finished Tevis. They also both finished Virginia City. There were 14 horses there who did both rides. Mustangs visited camp everyday during the weekend - a black stallion, several mares and lots of foals.



In Memory of Chere Montgomery



Memories

In this eucalyptus trees on the banks of the San Tomas River in the Valley of Hearts Delight, eighty years ago, I had platforms between the branches. I sat on them and read horse stories and thrilled to the courage of the wild mustangs who outran the cowboys who would take their freedom from them. How this special tree, which my father planted, has been spared by the bulldozers, I am not sure, but once a year my son and daughter-in-law take me to revisit this spot. This picture was taken in September 2014. The San Tomas River, which was about 15 feet wide and full of pollywogs in the 1930s, is now a concrete basin perhaps 30 to 40 feet wide, filled with dirty drain water, sewage and algae. Progress...

Julie Suhr



At age 9, riding my first mount, our neighbors' plow horse, Queenie. I would walk up the hill to their place to borrow her and ride her in our 2-acre pasture. I was in Seventh Heaven.

Barbara McCrary



This is me at Pratoni del Vivaro in Italy when I was 9 years old, carried by my favorite school pony, "Forever"!

Giulia Orth

Memories



Here is a pic of my handsome prince VP Native Spirit - otherwise known as Calypso. This photo was taken at my ranch up in the Santa Cruz Mountains, not sure what year, I don't remember how to check that. This was the first time anyone had been on his back, and to my mind proves that if you handle them with love and care from day 1, you can have a great foundation.

Calypso was out of Tanqueray (Tang) by Bask Encore, and YES, she was Trilby's mare.

Tang changed my life in so many ways. She loved me, loved trails, loved that baby boy - and just loved life. When my daughter Gill and I went to see Tang at Trilby's place, Gill rode up the trail on her and I swear they were both laughing as they came back down the trail. That was good enough for me!

However, after we had bred her to that stallion, it occurred to me that it was a bit stupid because we were now going to have at least 4 horses at board in Saratoga..... so we decided to buy a ranch, and that led to Vista Point, otherwise known as VPR. Calypso was born at VPR. This property was situated at the top end of Castle Rock State Park near the headwaters of the San Lorenzo River, many trails, which led to Endurance, and so on.

Jo Barrettt

Welcome to the Newcomer

Leslie's TWH mare had a filly last night. The stud was our Black TWH, Pushers Walk On By. Aka The Dude. Leslie rode Joy for years as her main trail horse, and some limited distance. Joy is now retired, her new job is producing some wonderful babies

If you know anyone looking for a TWH stud we will breed to outside mares. The Dude is one of the last remaining sons of world champion The Pusher. The Pusher line is popular in endurance. They are known for their smooth gaits, gentle disposition and are very tough.

Submitted by Pete Harper





Submitted by Elisabet Hiatt

A Great Idea

By Elisabet Hiatt

Someone who loves my horses very much gave them these cute ID "anklets". They attach with velcro and have your cell phone number engraved on them. In the event you have to evacuate your place in a hurry, or even have a neighbor turn your horses loose if you can't get there, they will have a number on them that can be used to reach you.

They are soft, stay in place really well, and clean up fine with just a rinse. My horses didn't even notice I put them on. I leave them on while they are in their corrals, but when I go riding, I take them off and attach them to my saddle. I may, after further testing, just leave them on all the time.

As you can see, my boys are very pleased with their new "bling" and want to show it off.

They are made in the USA, by EquestriSafe.com, 877-600-1375. Unless your horse has really, really skinny pasterns, get the standard size.



More Stuff on our Trip to Siberia



On the official Irkutsk coat of arms, the "*babr*," a mythical animal with a sable in its teeth, represents a symbol of nobility and affluence. We also heard that someone got the animal a bit mixed up and put the tail of a beaver on it. Sables live in the forest environs of Siberia and were trapped for their luxurious fur. Nowadays, they are farmed for their fur rather than hunted.

The city of Irkutsk lies west of Lake Baikal, a UNESCO World Heritage site that has long been considered the "Galapagos of Siberia." The world's oldest, at 25 million years, and deepest lake at nearly 5,600 feet, the reservoir contains 20 percent of all the freshwater on the planet. It has species of animals found nowhere else in the world—freshwater seals among them.

The word on the coat of arms is "Irkutsk" in the Cyrillic alphabet, used in Russia. I was very fortunate to have taken two semesters of Russian at Cabrillo so that I could read the Cyrillic

alphabet. Some of the words were English words but were written in Cyrillic. Other words were Russian that I couldn't translate. It was like a puzzle all through our visit—challenging, but fun.



A small but particularly beautiful part of Lake Baikal. In some places, one could see the opposite shore as if looking across a large sea. It is just over 12,248 Square miles in size, 395+ miles long, and is very clear. It lies on a seismic rift zone.

By Barbara McCrary

Classifieds

ANNOUNCING

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Jean Kvamme

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Michelle Herrera
montra7003@sbcglobal.net

WANTED

Board wanted in Scotts Valley or Felton area for two horses. They can be in the same enclosure of an acre+. Need a shelter.

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Classifieds

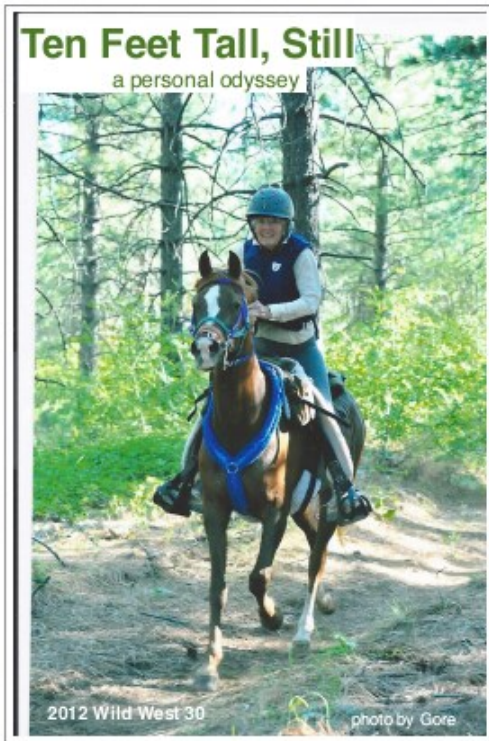


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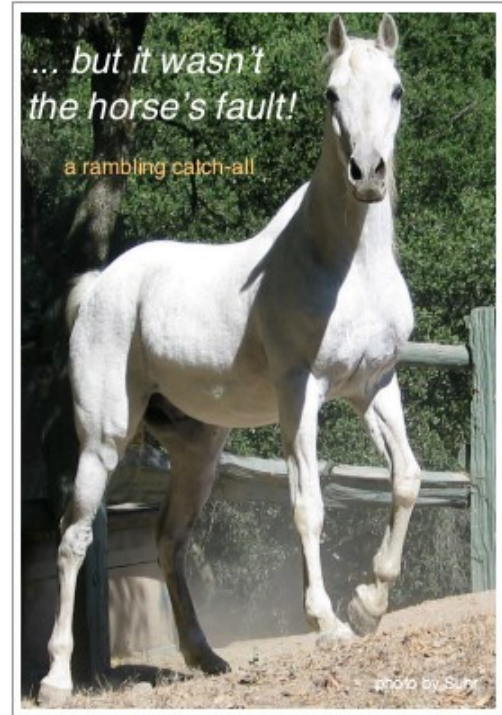
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

1. **Ten Feet Tall, Still** is out-of-print, but available as an e-book from Amazon, Barnes and Noble and others. All proceeds to **AERC Trails Fund** and **WSTF Trails Fund** for preservation of horse trails. \$9.99
2. **...but it wasn't the horse's fault!** Available from Marinera Publishing, www.marinerapublishing.com All proceeds to **CENTER FOR EQUINE HEALTH**, School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis, California \$24.95



by
Julie Suhr

You are never quite the same after you ride a good horse.



"TEN FEET TALL, STILL"

My first book, *Ten Feet Tall, Still*, is out of print, but is now an e-book for downloading at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and some other places. One Hundred Percent of the proceeds go to the AERC Trails Fund and the WSTF Trails Fund.

Julie Suhr (831) 335-5933

Logan Coach Wrangler II Utility Stock Trailer

Specs: 1999 steel, 2 horse step up slant with walk in tack area, bumper pull, 14' X 6' 6", white with spare tire. Used lightly, original owner, great condition. \$4000

Cally Davis (831) 338-0671 or 331-7201

Needs a New Home

7 year old bay half-Arab mare: Clowns Charisma aka Pippa. Has been started on trail. Smooth to ride with good ground manners. Has had one foal.

Contact **Michele** at **(530) 292-1902** or **bcm@gv.net**. Located in Grass Valley area.

FOR SALE

WWW 2-horse bumper pull with ramp and full size tack compartment (You can even slide a queen size mattress in under the pullout saddle racks to sleep on.). This was done in a pouring rainstorm at a ride once years ago.

The tires and running gear are sound and the paint, wiring and lights are serviceable. Repairs are needed to the bottom of the rear doors, ramp and floor. The ramp could be removed entirely eliminating any work on it.

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Quicksilver 2014 Calendar

October 11 — Quicksilver Fall Classic at Harvey Bear Ranch in San Martin

October 25 — Ride/Potluck/Meeting at Calero County Park in South San Jose

December 12 — Christmas Party at Almaden Community Center 6:00pm

February 7, 2015—Quicksilver Awards Banquet

Services



HORSE BOARDING FACILITY

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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.

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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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Humor and Birthdays

The Story of Adam & Eve's Pets



Adam and Eve said, 'Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you any more. We are lonesome here, and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us.'

And God said, I will create a companion for you that will be with you and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves.'

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve.

And it was a good animal and God was pleased.



And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and he wagged his tail.

And Adam said, 'Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal.'

And God said, 'I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG.'



And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them.

And they were comforted.

And God was pleased.

And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, 'Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well.'

And God said, I will create for them a companion who will be with them and who will see them as they are. The companion will remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration.'

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve.



And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes, they were reminded that they were not the supreme beings.

(Continued on page 15)



*And Adam and Eve learned humility.
And they were greatly improved.*



*And being owned by a cat, I understand this perfectly and
accept my position as an inferior being.*

Your Editor

And God was pleased..

And Dog was happy.



And the Cat . . .



didn't give a damn one way or the other.

***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

**deceased*



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And your phone number, Fax, e-mail

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Total enclosed \$ _____

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

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

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

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

May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful year riding together as Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!

"Life outside of endurance? I don't think so."

Dave Rabe

"Nothing can stop a man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

Thomas Jefferson

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

Mission Statement of Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

QSER exists to promote the sport of endurance riding by conducting endurance rides and advocating for equestrian trails. It seeks to provide a model for the highest standards of sportsmanship and horsemanship within the context of this sport. It supports and provides educational events and leadership in each of these areas.

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