



# Quicksilver Quips

November 2012

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## November President's Message

We had another fun and well attended club ride/pot luck/meeting in October. About 22 members were there, some with, and some without horses. The weather cooperated, and as far as I know, everyone had a good time. Two new members joined the club, and I think that is great.

I realized as I was driving home that I did not take any pictures, but I was busy the whole time BBQ'ing for the group so I have a good excuse!! I don't know if anyone took photos, but if you did, please send them to our Quips editor.

Our short meeting was efficient: we approved budgets for the calendar and banquet, new board nominations were made and accepted, we talked about the Christmas party on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and Mary piqued our interest with "it will be a surprise" when we asked about the banquet in February.

I just read a great book called "The Elephant Whisperer". When South African conservationist Lawrence Anthony was asked to accept a herd of "rogue" wild elephants on his Thula Thula game reserve in Zululand, his common sense told him to refuse. But he was the herd's last chance of survival: they would be killed if he wouldn't take them. In order to save their lives, Anthony took them in. In the years that followed he became a part of their family. And as he battled to create a bond with the elephants, he came to realize that they had a great deal to teach him about life, loyalty, and freedom. If you are looking for a good read, I recommend it. Be it elephants, horses, or people, how we approach some problems always makes the greatest difference. Here's a short paragraph from the book that I really liked:

"Every wild thing is in tune with its surroundings, awake to its fate and in absolute harmony with the planet. Their attention is focused totally outwards. Humans, on the other hand, tend to focus introspectively on their own lives too often, brooding and magnifying problems that the animal kingdom would not waste a millisecond of energy upon. To most people, the magnificent order of the natural world where life and death actually mean something has become unrecognizable."

May you find harmony as you go about your day.  
Happy Thanksgiving!

Elisabet





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## Welcome, New Member Heather Bryant!

My name is Heather Bryant and I having been riding horses for 9 years. I love to go trail riding at the different parks, compete in gymkhana shows with my 12 year old paint mare, and teach my horse tricks. I enjoy helping at endurance races by writing the numbers on the horses and helping crew for Andrea Bianchi and her horse, Kid. Thanks for welcoming me to your club.

## Hall of Fame Person

Please send your Hall of Fame Person nominations to either Maryben Stover, Kathy Brayton, or Julie Suhr—who make up the Hall of Fame committee.

## Horse of the Year

*By Judy Etheridge*

This year I am the chair of the Horse of the Year selection committee and as such am looking for a couple of members to help me make the decision. Nominations can be sent to Judy Etheridge--email [misxfire@yahoo.com](mailto:misxfire@yahoo.com), snail mail—P.O. Box 62, Sunol, CA 94586.

The **Horse of the Year** shall be chosen as follows:

Quicksilver **Horse of the Year** Award shall be given to one horse owned and/or ridden by a current Quicksilver member each year separate from the Hall of Fame Award. **Horse of the Year** shall demonstrate outstanding achievement in a single ride season in one or more of the following categories:

1. Outstanding performance at high profile endurance riders.
2. Outstanding accumulative record for the year (high mileage, numerous wins, numerous best conditions or top tens)
3. Multiple offspring of a broodmare or stallion showing outstanding performance in a single ride season.
4. Any horse able to overcome adverse conditions (orphaned, serious illness or injury—not race related, etc.) and able to begin or continue an endurance career.

A horse may only be selected as Horse of the Year one time.

A committee of 3 shall review nominations submitted by the membership and select an individual that best deserves to be named as Quicksilver Horse of the Year. If no horses are nominated by the membership, the committee may select a recipient for the award.

## Hall of Fame Horse Nominations

The **Hall of Fame Horse** committee consists of Julie Suhr, chm. and members Michele Roush, DVM and Pat Verheul. Nominations can go to any one of us. Please be sure to include a picture of your horse so if it is chosen the picture will be in the calendar. My prior e-mails have said the award would be a blanket. The Board has decided to go back to the traditional plaque. Nominations are due by November 30, 2012.

Julie Suhr, chm.

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## Book Review

### **Bold Spirit** by Linda Lawrence Hunt

I love pioneer women's stories, and this one did not disappoint me. This is what the back of the book says about it, and I think it sums it up pretty nicely:

*In 1896, a Norwegian immigrant and mother of eight children named Helga Estby was behind in taxes and the mortgage when she learned that a mysterious sponsor would pay \$10,000 to a woman who walked across America. Hoping to win the wager and save her family's farm, Helga and her teenaged daughter Clara, armed with little more than a compass, red pepper spray, a revolver and Clara's curling iron, set out on foot from Eastern Washington. Their route would pass through fourteen states, but they were not allowed to carry more than \$5.00 each.*

*As they visited Indian reservations, Western booming towns, remote ranches and local civic leaders, they confronted snow storms, hunger, thieves, and mountain lions with equal aplomb.*

*Their treacherous and inspirational journey to New York challenged contemporary notions of femininity and captured the public imagination. But their trip had such devastating consequences that the Estby women's achievement was blanketed in silence until, nearly a century later, Linda Lawrence Hunt encountered their extraordinary story.*

In her later years, Helga told her granddaughter: "Take care of this story, honey". I am glad Linda took the time to do an amazing amount of research to put this almost lost and forgotten story back together.

*Elisabet*



**New Quicksilver member Melissa Broquard and her mare Confetti at the finish of their first 25-miler, Ride Bear.**

**CONGRATULATIONS, MELISSA AND CONFETTI !**

## Multi-talented Hot Wheels

I spent so much time training with Hot Wheels on Tevis this year, we have missed out on lots of fun playdays and clinics. However, it turns out our boy has an amazing memory and happened to be stellar at the San Mateo Horseman's event this past Saturday. He won High Point of the day and I'll receive an engraved silver buckle for all his success of 4 Blue ribbons, 3 red, and 1 yellow. Only bombed our first class, the Extreme Cowboy, which got him a little too excited. Still working on jumping those barrels. Parelli playdays, camp, and clinics have brought him to a higher level. We are so lucky to have such an intelligent and versatile Arabian.

P.S. lost one of the Blues :(



*By Lori McIntosh*

## Exploring Scotland and Isle of Man

By Barbara McCrary

We left San Francisco on September 17th, after waiting for many hours in the airport lounge. There had been some sort of holdup of our British Airways flight and it was long overdue. On the London end, we arrived the next day, due to flight time and the 8-hour time zone difference, transferred to a flight to Edinburgh, and arrived THERE just in time to settle in for a good night's sleep.

From our hotel in Edinburgh, we walked out along the quiet street the first morning and Lud found several Sequoia Gigantea trees—no coast-type redwoods, but several of the Sierra-type redwoods. The Brits and the Scots had planted numerous foreign species of trees and plants in their gardens. It was quite the style in the past.

We had three days in Edinburgh and had good times there. We took a tour of Queen Elizabeth's yacht, "Britannia", now docked there in retirement because of the great cost of sailing it all around the world. It must also be costly just to dock it there and maintain it, but not as bad. It was interesting to see all the rooms and read the descriptions of family life aboard the vessel. It was one of the Queen's favorite places, because she could relax and get away from crowds of people and her royal responsibilities. It is filled with mementos of their world travels. Lud wanted to see the engine room, as he had spent a couple of his teen years in the Merchant Marine in the engine rooms of several transport ships.

As I always do when traveling nowadays, I try to add to my growing collection of letter knives. I haven't a clue how this got started, but I must have a couple dozen of them—from Mongolia to the Navajo Nation in Arizona, from England to Japan, from China to Ireland. I set out to find a Scottish one. Our first attempts were not fruitful, but finally I was willing to settle for a "dirk", a small pointed knife worn in the top of a knee-high sock in the full Scottish dress regalia. As we went through museums, Lud, unbeknownst to me, was searching for letter knives for me. He found one in the gift shop at the "Britannia" and later—one in a gift shop at Peel, Isle of Man.



While walking around the streets of Inverness, I came across a Clark's shoe store. Lud's ten-year-old casual dress Clark's shoes had given up in Edinburgh—the sole simply separated from the body of the shoe. Funny how he came by those—in 2002, while walking the streets in Galway, Ireland, he remarked that his New Balance running shoes were uncomfortable. At the very moment, we were walking by a Clark's shoe store, and I grabbed his arm and dragged him into the store. Within minutes, the nice man in the store had fitted him with a most comfortable pair of shoes, which we bought on the spot. Ten years later, they gave up and it seemed that we might find a similar pair in the store in Inverness, Scotland. After checking out several pair, I spotted a some that looked almost identical to the ones he had



*The lovely city of Inverness*



*Lud finds a redwood tree*



*A decorative bridge across the River Ness*

lost, so we bought those and Lud walked out with happy feet.

We stopped in St. Andrews, known as the "home of golf," but since Lud and I aren't golfers, it wasn't quite as interesting as it could have been. We took a walk up the hill to see the University of St. Andrews, Britain's most prestigious, and the third oldest university in the English-speaking world, proudly represented as "the place where Prince William and Kate Middleton met." Lud, always with an eye open for trees, found another Sequoia Gigantea.

We drove to Glencoe in the highlands, and the mountains, streams, waterfalls and scenery were gorgeous. I wanted so badly to get out on a trail and hike for a few hours, but of course, we couldn't. We were on a bus, on a tour, and personal preferences were subjected to the tour guide's previous arrangements.

We spent quite a bit of time at the site of the bloody 1746 battle of Culloden, where the Scots were routed by the British and thereby lost their independence. We walked around the site (after seeing the excellent museum) and could see how the Scots were so badly beaten. It was a nearly flat moor, boggy in spots, with no cover.



*The Highlands near Glencoe*

After being in Scotland for a good many days, we flew over to the Isle of Man. We had been there in 2002, but this time we learned so much more about this proud little island, with its 1,000+ year old Parliament, its renown for giving women the right to vote at least 30 years before America did, and its quite successful way of managing its own affairs, even though it is technically a British protectorate. Its symbol is three legs, formerly kneeling, facing east as if in



*Left, the old symbol.—center, the new. The Manx motto is: "Whichever way you throw me, I stand."*

*Right, a model of a Roman soldier, with a sign below saying, "No Romans settled here." The Romans got as far north as Scotland but didn't brave the Irish Sea to land on the Isle of Man. The Vikings did, however, and instead of fighting them, the Manx simply absorbed them and intermarried.*

obedience to England, but now standing and facing west, showing their proud independence. They do not answer to the British Parliament at all.

Further along our way, the bus pulled into a large lot and parked. I think our Santa Cruz tour leader and historian, Sandy Lydon, remembered something of interest that had been there before, but now it was merely a small market square. Attracted to a sign that said "Horse and Rider", Lud and I found it was really a tack shop of extraordinary variety and quality, not a pub, as we had first thought.

Sandy had brought a small bottle of water from Loch Lomond in Santa Cruz County to pour into Loch



**L: Sandy Lydon pours water from Loch Lomond, Santa Cruz County into Loch Lomond, Scotland**

**R: A well-supplied tack store where we had a pleasant visit with the owner**



Lomond in Scotland. We had a special little ceremony, standing on a dock, while Sandy returned the water to its original namesake lake. It was a lot of fun and the subject of much humor.

We took the tramway to the top of Snaefell, 3,000 some-odd feet of elevation, the highest mountain on the Isle of Man. We also rode an antique railway, still used as basic transportation around a portion of the island.

We passed a farm with a sign advising us that it was a retirement home for old and retired horses, some of which had been used to pull trams along the streets of the capital city, Douglas. We crossed a small bridge where we were advised to say, "Good morning, little people!" to ward off any mischief from the fairies who were said to live under the bridge. And then the tour guide, an Irishman, kidded us for being so gullible.

On one of our days, we went to the preservation village of Craigneash, used in the filming of "Waking Ned Devine." It is a national site with all the buildings kept as they were in days gone by. In a small café, I bought a couple of chocolate-coated ice cream bars and we ate them as we trudged up the hill to meet our bus. The thick, sturdy sole of my Ariat shoes caught on the rough pavement, I fell to the asphalt, skinning my right hand and both knees, and then flipped head over teacups over the concrete curb into the grass. One of our group said, "Barbara, are you all right?" Lud, ahead of me, turned around in concern, as at that moment, a truck had passed him and he feared I had been hit. People who saw this graceful departure said I never lost my ice cream and when I stood up, I commenced eating it again. Chocolate does have its priorities! A very solicitous and well-prepared couple, out for a hike complete with a day pack, pulled out disinfectant and bandages and attended my hand.

After leaving the Isle of Man, we flew to London for our last day in the United Kingdom. Before we left home, nearly two weeks earlier, we had contacted old friends, Pat and Mike Brock, from Levi's Ride & Tie days in the 1970s, to let them know we were going to be in London on our last day and would have some time to visit them. This couple, once San Franciscans, were offered jobs in London at least 20 years ago and never returned to the USA. Their two daughters, born in California, now speak with heavy British accents. We were stunned to find that the girls both remembered us from 1996, when Lud and I went to England and stayed with them for a few days before striking out on our own—west to Cornwall and north to Scotland. The younger daughter is in university studying medicine, while the elder one has already graduated and is employed in some sort of technology job that I didn't quite grasp. It was such fun to see all of them again, to visit and have dinner with them.

Before dinner, Pat took us to an extensive display of ancient armor, collected by the late titled resident of the mansion that is now a museum. It was quite fascinating. Along with cases of battle axes, swords, and other life-threatening equipment, and various styles of body protection, there were two life-size horse and rider models, fully outfitted with armor—horses and riders alike. I couldn't photograph them because flash was not permitted, and I couldn't figure out how to disengage the auto-flash on my camera. Such a disappointment...

We were sorry to leave the next day for the long flight back to San Francisco, but we arrived in the evening, so that when we got home, it was time to go to bed and get some sleep. It had been quite an adventure...

## Quicksilver Fall Classic 2012

By Lori Oleson

The Quicksilver Fall Classic was held at Grant Ranch on October 6<sup>th</sup>, on a picture perfect fall day. I don't know all the exact numbers but I believe there were 35 total starters in the 25 and 50 combined. Several Quicksilver members were riding and even more on the ground helping out. I don't want to start listing names because I am sure to leave someone out.

The ride meeting Friday evening was a little different than a normal meeting since it was Brian and Val's 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They chose to celebrate it by managing the Quicksilver ride for us. There were gifts exchanged and everyone had cake afterwards.

I was given a simple job at camp all day so was able to see all the riders coming and going, and visit with crews. Riders looked happy throughout the day. I was a very low key ride.

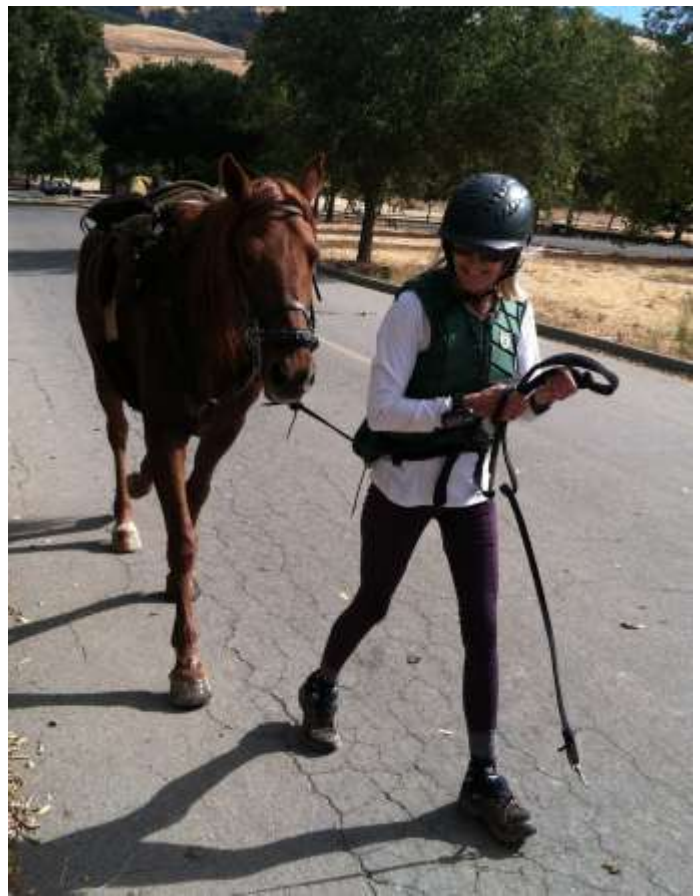
The highest placing Quicksilver members were Tracy Hofstrand in the 25 on her Tevis horse. It was her horse's first ride since Tevis so she kept it simple. In the 50, new member Andrea Bianchi was 2<sup>nd</sup> and BC. Some will remember Andrea from year's ago riding the amazing mustang, Robin Hood. After years of running barrels, she is back on the endurance trail with us (side note: she is still running barrels).

Overall, it was a good weekend. We missed those of you who were not able to join us.



*Clockwise from top left: Jennifer Perryman, Tracy Hofstrand, and Pat Verheul*

*(Continued on next page)*



*Clockwise from top left: Jeff Luternauer, Barbara White, Robert Ribley, and Becky Hart with new-member-to-be, Stacy James-Ryan*



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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**

## FOR SALE

Equipedic pad, older model, but not used much. Thin inserts. \$150/offer.

**Elisabet - [lazo@ucsc.edu](mailto:lazo@ucsc.edu)**

## 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.

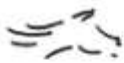
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Lance cab-over camper, 1991. Everything is in working order. Hydraulic jacks, oven, stovetop, fridge, bathroom with shower and outdoor shower. Lots of storage. 9'4" gives you extra room without needing to extend the bumper. Hitch and levelers included. Reasonable condition, except seat cushions and curtains. \$1500/obo

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## BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT!



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](http://www.marinerapublishing.com) All proceeds to **CENTER FOR EQUINE HEALTH**, School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis, California \$24.95

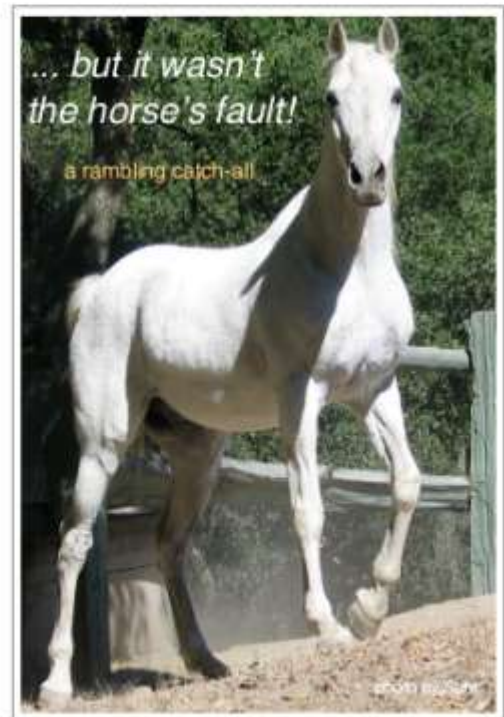


by  
Julie Suhr

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

*One of the earliest religious disappointments in a young girl's life revolves upon her unanswered prayer for a horse.*

*Phillis Theroux, as quoted in Julie's book*



**FOR SALE**



**Schleese Trail Saddle \$4000**  
Excellent condition. Owned only 1 year and is no longer available as it is discontinued. Perfect for cross training your dressage horse. Comes with adjustable/removable knee rolls. Has custom conchos and additional D rings for showways, breast collar and crupper. Excellent for endurance all very comfy.

**FOR SALE**



**Schleese Infinity Dressage Saddle \$3500**  
18" Infinity saddle just bought in Oct. 2011. Hardly used. This saddle is \$4700 new. Please call with additional questions.

Offered by Lori McIntosh—please e-mail [Lori@lorimcphoto](mailto:Lori@lorimcphoto) for additional photos and questions

# Classifieds

## SUPRACOR ENDURANCE PAD

Supracor Endurance Pad, green, \$375. I have only used this pad to try out with various saddles so it has been hardly used and stored very well. See Supracor website for more details. It currently sells for \$505. **(408) 776-7591 or cell (415) 235-5246** **PRICE REDUCED TO \$300**

I'm a Cal Poly-trained Farrier but I only shoe my horses so I'm always checking out better ways to protect my horses feet and legs.

My horse chipped his hoof wall and I called to ask about a glue product they have called "Adhere".

I spent about 30 minutes on the phone with the California Vettec Rep yesterday and he was extremely knowledgeable and generous with his time. He also explained how the Vettec products can be used instead of pads which will reduce nail movement in the hoof wall and provide a more secure nailing.

He also told me that if anyone wants to ride the Tevis, he will provide the product and installation free of charge and all he wants is to take before and after pictures of the hoof.

His name is **Larkin Green (916) 705-8380 <http://www.vettec.com/>**

I thought some Quicksilver folks might want to know. David De La Rosa

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## WANTED

I am looking for my next horse, and would greatly appreciate it if you would keep you eyes and ears open for possible horses for me. I am looking for the epitome of a Julie Suhr, later-in-life horse. I need a short, safe, smooth Arabian gelding no taller than 14.3. Ideally, I would like to clone my precious endurance horse Raj, but that is not going to happen. Please let me know if anything comes across your radars and I would be grateful. Thanks for the assistance and happy trails. **Margaret Graham**

## 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**

## Quicksilver 2013 Calendar

**Judith Ogus has agreed to do the QuickSilver calendar again this year.... Yay!**

**Please start collecting those great ride photos, past and present, and sending them to her.**

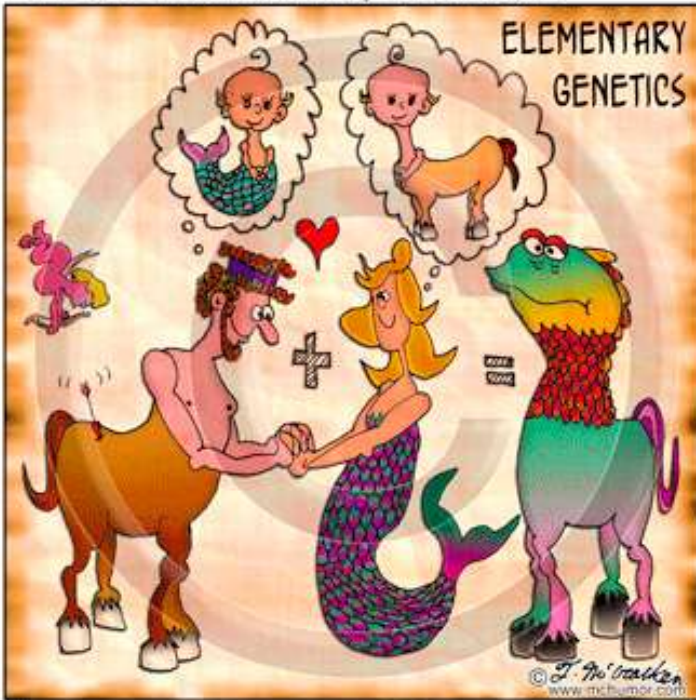
**Q'silvers, doing the calendar is a BIG job, please let's make it as easy as we can for Judith!**

**Don't wait until the last minute to send her your pictures.**

**Thanks!  
Elisabet**

# Humor and Birthdays

**McHUMOR.com** by T. McCracken



Yes, that is a doggie door...



Our horses know our secrets;  
we braid our tears into their manes  
and whisper our hopes  
into their ears. ~

*Author Unknown*

**Happy November Birthday  
to our Quicksilver Members  
and Endurance Friends**

Sandy Holder	13
Melissa Broquard	26
Lori McIntosh	26

**Desert Gold ride is 8 years old on November 26th!**

# Windows vs. Ford

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on:

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that get 1,000 miles to the gallon."

**In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:**

If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.
10. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call "customer service" in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!!!!

*Sent to your editor by a friend with a quirky sense of humor*

## **Blessed are the cracked, for they let in the light!**

- ...My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
- ...I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
- ...Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
- ...I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
- ...You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
- ...Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
- ...I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are just missing.
- ...The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- ...Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- ...Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!
- ...Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew Up.
- ...A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- ...A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- ...Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
- ...He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD..
- ...A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
- ...Ham and eggs -- A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!  
Life is too short and friends are too few!

*Submitted by Jo Barrett*

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE QUICKSILVER RIDERS!!!!**

**FIRST: We need your name**

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**And then your address**

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**And your phone number, Fax, e-mail**

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**And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 25 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Junior (under 16 years of age) membership is \$ 15 \_\_\_\_\_**

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

## **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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