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President's Message - November 2014

October was another very busy month. There was the Quicksilver Fall Classic on the 11th, the Santa Clara County Horseman's Association's 75th Anniversary Celebration on the 18th and our last meeting of the year at Trilby's on the 25th.

Our club endurance ride was a huge success again this year, thanks to Ride Manager, Peggy Davidson, and her wonderful staff of volunteers. Leading up to the ride and even the day after, it was hot. The day of the ride started out foggy and then turned warm. We were so fortunate that it did not get really hot. I could start listing everyone who came out to work or ride, but I would be sure to leave someone out. You know who you are and thank you. It takes a whole club to make a ride a success.

Peggy has already agreed to be our Ride Manager for the third year in a row. The date will be October 10th and the sanctioning request has been submitted. She has already talked with Park Rangers and they are going to allow more riders because everything went so well.

As requested by our ride manager, I have included in the Quips a letter I wrote to the Parks Department on behalf of the club. Hopefully, in the near future, they will re-designate some trails to multi-use. The letter addresses the Ed Wilson Trail at the upper north end of Harvey Bear County Park, the park we use for the QS Fall Classic. Right now it is hiking only, but they do allow us to use it on the ride. I have asked San Martin and Santa Clara Co. Horseman's Association's current presidents to join us and lobby to have horses included on this trail.

Quicksilver participated in the Santa Clara County Horseman's Association's 75th Anniversary Celebration. Our display was headed up by Giulia Orth. She did a great job. There is one picture in the Quips. Giulia went all out. Not only did she display pictures and awards, but also printed some Quips to distribute, made a beautiful poster, was persistent and found the club banner, put together a bunch of donated raffle prizes and made sure the table was staffed all day. Thank you Giulia for all your efforts.

Nominations are now closed for the 2015 Board. Kathy Brayton, Chair of the Nomination/Elections Committee, has a list of everyone nominated and information on the election process. A couple of good points were brought up at the meeting regarding the elections. First, when choosing who to vote for, don't just choose a familiar name. Know something about the person you are voting for. If it is an unfamiliar person, ask around to learn about that person. Maybe this new person would be a great

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addition. Second, it shows the health and strength of the club that two years in a row we have needed to vote for board members. People are stepping forward to get involved.

The Christmas Party will be Friday, December 12th at the Almaden Community Center. It is on Friday again so most people do not have to go to work the next day. More to come from Trilby, who will be heading this fun event. The Annual Awards Banquet will be February 7th at Harry's Hoffbrau. Mary has already started working and

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Lori

QUICKSILVER TREASURER REPORT

(By Maryben Stover)
October, 2014

Balance 9/20/14			\$ 4,875.24
Expenses:			
	Harry's	\$ 200.00	
	K. Brayton – awards	\$ 38.06	
	Pony Express Tack	\$ 32.63	
	Melissa Ribley	\$ 500.00	
	Cory Soltau	\$ 500.00	
	SCC Parks – camping	\$ 768.00	(2,038.69)
Balance 10/25/14			\$2,836.55
Trails Account			\$1,074.13
Junior Account			\$ 454.38

Quicksilver Endurance Riders Awards
Banquet
February 7th, 2015
Harry's Hoffbrau

390 Saratoga Ave., San Jose - Dinner will be at 6:00 with the awards starting around 6:45.







Quicksilver Club Meeting Minutes October 25, 2014

Lori called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM

Treasurer's Report: See QUIPS. Balance as of 10/25/14: \$2,836.55. Trails Account: \$1,074.10. Junior Account: \$454.38.

Membership: Two new members joined the club at the Horsemen's and one individual joined the club this month.

Technical: Check out the Facebook page for more pictures from the ride.

Good Will: Cards were sent to Susan Garlinghouse, Diana Chapek, and Rachel Lain. We will continue to send cards to members of the endurance community going through some form of hardship.

Quicksilver Fall Classic: Ride was a huge success. The club did make money (see income and expense statement). The club discussed how we can make the food cheaper next year. Potluck? Club pitches in and makes pasta, salad, etc? Nick Warhol is writing an article for Endurance News about marking trail and is going to use some pictures of our ride markings. **A motion was made to accept Nick's trail marking services and give him and Judy a membership in our club. Motion was seconded. Motion was passed. We are going to send him a thank you card as well.** We have awards left over for next years' ride or a future QSER award event.

Trails: Lori sent out a thank letter to the SCC Parks thanking them for helping to make the ride such a success and saying we look forward to working with them next year. The letter included a request that the Parks consider making the Ed Wilson trail multi-use.

Unfinished Business: Kathy B. is chair of our nomination and election committee. Pete Harper, Trilby, Jill Newburn, Jayne Perryman, Pat Verheul, Maryben, Barbara Granter, and Jeanine McCrary have been nominated. Eight individuals are nominated altogether.

Report on SCC Horseman's Anniversary Event: Made \$80 in raffle ticket sales and club presence at the event was positive. The club commended Giulia for all of her hard work on the event.

Articles of Incorporation: Barbara G. is still working towards getting this done and is planning on having it done by the end of the year.

Quicksilver Christmas Party: December 12th at the Almaden Community Center. Jayne is going to be asked about repeating her Santa performance this year.

Awards Banquet: February 7 at Harry's Hofbrau. Mary has estimated that it will cost her \$2400.

\$1700 Awards (includes calendar materials and printing)

\$200 to pay Harry's

\$500 to pay Judith for doing the calendar

The \$1700 for the awards could be less if we can use awards left over from the ride or left over from other club events over the years. A motion was made to approve this budget. The motion was seconded and passed. The club will reach out to winners of the big awards and make sure we get the awards back for this year's winners. Jayne is going to tabulate people's mileage again this year.

Peggy has agreed to be ride manager again next year and the date will be October 10. The sanctioning has been sent off this week.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.

Quicksilver's Letter to Santa Clara County Parks

October 20, 2014

Santa Clara County Parks Patrick Silva, Park Ranger

As President of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc., I would like to thank you for your support and willingness to work with our club to make the Quicksilver Fall Classic at Harvey Bear County Park, a huge success for the past two years. The rangers and maintenance crew have been very helpful and accommodating working with ride management. There is talk to make adjustments and improvements for next year's ride.

Riders from all over California have come to enjoy the beautiful trails and the camaraderie of fellow riders. There was nothing but praise from all the participants.

During the ride, we were allowed to use the Ed Willson Trail. Currently, this trail is designated as hiking only. This is a beautiful trail at the upper north end of the park that is rarely used by hikers because it is so far from the parking area. Quicksilver Endurance Riders is asking that the Parks Department re-designate this trail as a multi-use trail (hikers/bikers/equestrian).

At so many parks throughout the Bay Area, mountain bikers and equestrian do not mix well on the trail. This is not the case for Harvey Bear County Park. Most trails are open with good visibility, but more important, the bikers who ride at this park are extremely polite. I personally ride here year round (weather permitting) and have always had good experiences with mountain bikers.

Thank you for the opportunity to hold our event at Harvey Bear County Park.

Please consider changing the Ed Willson Trail to multi-use for everyone to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Lori Oleson
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Response to Lori's Letter to Santa Clara County Parks

Dear Ms. Oleson,

Thank you for the Quicksilver Endurance Riders letter to request the Department to consider expanding allowed uses on the Ed Wilson Trail at Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch County Park to include equestrians.

Requests for change in trail use are considered very carefully in light of the original intent of the trails planned for the park, the setting and physical characteristics of the trail, potential safety concerns, potential impacts to other users or other park operations, and future plans for expansion of the trail, if any.

We hope to be able to provide you with a summary of our findings shortly and possible next steps to consider this request.

Thank you again,

Elish Ryan

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Obituary for Chere Montgomery



Chere passed away at her home in Hollister, CA on September 10, 2014 at the age of 69. She was born in Colorado and attended high school in Santa Maria, CA graduating in 1963. After graduation from San Jose State College, Chere worked many years in education, recreation, law enforcement and mental health fields. She was a passionate competitor in endurance and trail riding and other equestrian sports. Chere loved horses, dogs, family, and friends.

She is survived by her father Donald Montgomery of Longmont, CO, brothers Gary and Michael, and sisters Donna Ciccarelli, Nancy (Dirk) Bronson, Kimberly (James) Boxrud, Kathy (Brad) Simmering, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother Alice "Sunny" Montgomery and her sister Terri Lash.

A Celebration of Life potluck gathering for friends and family was held on September 21, 2014 at 2 PM at Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association, 20350 McKean Rd, San Jose, CA 95120. Many members of her family and loved ones who passed thru her life were in attendance. The friends were from high school, college, careers, and fellow riders from the Quicksilver Endurance Riders and beyond.

The Celebration of Life for Chere Montgomery was a wonderful upbeat event with lots of great pictures, good food and REALLY entertaining stories which included the one where Chere told a friend that she had ridden her horse naked one night. The memorial came to a very emotional close with a riderless horse (chosen because he looked so much like Chere's favorite horse Shaunah) being led away into the distance.

The information above was not available for the October Quips. It just arrived via e-mail on October 30th.

Santa Clara County Horsemen's Assn. 75th Anniversary Celebration Quicksilver Endurance Riders Booth



Guilia Orth and Maryben Stover (wo)man the booth

Just in Time for Halloween!





Tarantulas give some people the creeps because of their large, hairy bodies and legs. But these spiders are harmless to humans (except for a painful bite), and their mild venom is weaker than a typical bee's. Among arachnid enthusiasts, these spiders have become popular pets.

The annual tarantula mating ritual began early on the East Bay's Mount Diablo, sending the giant, hairy spiders skittering across roads and meadows, in search of a willing partner.

The prowling male tarantulas are usually seen in September or October, but it's possible the record-breaking drought conditions or just the recent cool down have triggered the behavior early this year. These fellows were seen on the trail at Harvey Bear County Park.

Information from the Internet and local news media

Candids From Quicksilver Fall Classic



Jayne Perryman makes yummy PB&J sandwiches for riders and crews



Our enthusiastic ride manager, Peggy Davidson with our awesome ride secretary, Sheila Kumar



Sheila Kumar hard at work



Julie Suhr and Pat McAndrews



Red, white, and blue ladies on three grey horses: L to R: Michele Roush, Tracy Hofstrand, Ruth Waltenspiel



"Lilja"—the Fjord that won the "most interesting mane" award



Melissa Broquard with her Haflinger, "Confetti"



First to Finish—50 miler—Dennis Tracy



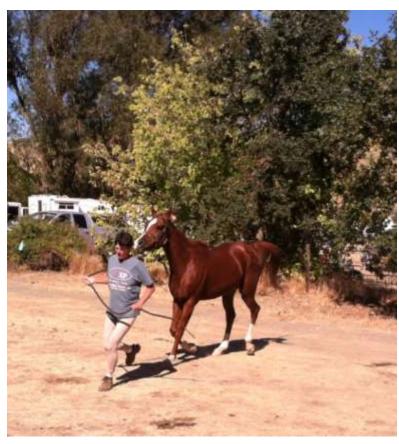
Head Vet Chuck Kessinger and Judith Ogus



Pete Harper and "Rocket"



David de la Rosa cooking up something tasty





Cathy Lefeber and her Best Condition Horse

MR. RIDE MANAGER, Sam Davidson



Start'em young!

An Adventure (or "My Kingdom for a Horse") October 27th, 2014

Lud and I occasionally wander up into our timber property in the Butano Canyon, the site of several miles of the Swanton Pacific trail (after leaving the first 1-hour vet check and after crossing Pescadero Creek where the photographer takes riders' pictures.) The woods are quiet, serene, and soothing. Sometimes we go there to spray the invasive French Broom that is constantly trying to take over the forests. Yesterday, we didn't have a job—we just went there to bask in the surroundings.

We drove quite a way above the High Bridge. At one point, while driving uphill, we met with near disaster. Lud's truck was still carrying the 100-gallon fire pumper he always carries during the dry summer months, and it was full, with most of the weight on the passenger side of the truck bed. That's 800 pounds of water, plus a heavy metal tank, reel, and 100 feet of hose. The road is big enough for a large pickup truck—no problem there. But we had had over 1/2" of rain a few days ago and we hit a slick spot. Lud put the truck into four-wheel drive, which can cause it to be difficult to make turns. Suddenly, I let out an un-lady-like expression and Lud stopped the truck just before it was about to go over the edge of the road and down a STEEP mountainside. My greatest fear—falling. I opened the door and struggled to get out onto the downside, which was soft, afforded little grip for my boots, and was well below the truck floor. Lud got out and surveyed the situation, unreeled his winch, and attached it to a stout fir tree a short distance up the road and on the opposite side of the truck. He took up the slack so the cable was holding the truck, then got back in the cab and attempted to pull himself and the truck back onto the road. Unfortunately—no luck. The truck slid further toward the edge. The undercarriage of the truck was sitting on the berm of the road, preventing any possibility of getting the truck back onto the main part of the road. I wish I had a camera with me to record this predicament.

We thought about our situation for a few minutes and realized our only hope was walking out to civilization and returning the next day with some sort of heavy equipment—like a log skidder. That would be quite tedious, because it is over a 3/4 hour trip from our sawmill to the main gate of the property, with the skidder on a lowboy, then probably another hour to drive the skidder to the site of our truck.

We started walking. About 4-1/2 hours later, after walking uphill and downhill, crossing the creek and scrambling up a steep bank (this saved us from walking another extra couple of miles), we reached a spot on top of a hill, where we managed to contact our daughter at the mill office via cell phone (at 6:00 PM) and ask her to come and rescue us at the main gate. This was a 1/2 hour drive for her and the same amount of time for us to reach the main gate. We arrived within a couple of minutes of each other. We had hiked about 9 miles in 5 hours.

Our much-loved dog, an Australian Shepherd named Bentley (you know, after the car), loves riding in Lud's truck, and we always take him on adventures. Having him with us made the hike more companionable, and dogs make fun out of any trip.

Lud and I are both in our 80s, and we haven't hiked like that since we were in our 40s. There was considerable concern about the condition of his heart since his triple bypass last November. But we took it easy and he is fine. We really didn't have any other option.

P.S. Our son-in-law, Steve Webb, another of those practical and skilled woodsmen, took Lud back up to rescue the truck the next day. Steve has a 4WD truck much like Lud's—no winch—but a couple of heavy duty snatch blocks added more power and direction to the effort of pulling Lud's truck back onto the road—and out of the woods. Lud and Steve came back, all safe and sound, including the truck. From what I hear, the truck came out fairly easily. Our daughter, Janet, says about her husband, "Steve is resourceful and has a great innate sense of basic physics. He can move mountains with blocks, jacks, levers, wedges and rollers." We're so lucky!

Barbara McCrary

Nominations for Next Year's OSER Officers

Our nomination committee has been hard at work through September and October thinking about, talking to and accepting qualified members who will happily serve as members of our esteemed Board of Directors. The following people have been nominated and will be on the ballot that will be mailed this month to all members. The nominating/election committee will prepare ballots that will be mailed to each voting member in good standing by November 15th. The ballots must be returned to the committee prior to December 10^{th.}

Nominees are: Pete Harper, Trilby Peterson, Jill Newburn, Jayne Perryman, Pat Verheul, Merryben Stover, Barbara Granter, and Jeanine McCrary

Eight individuals are nominated altogether.

Kathy Brayton - chair of nomination and election committee

Barbara White and Jill Newburn - committee members

Book Review

Julie Suhr sent me a book that she knew I would enjoy. It is entitled "Walking the Gobi" by Helen Thayer. Helen, born and educated in New Zealand, began climbing mountains when she was nine years old. In 1988, at the age of 50, she became the first woman to trek solo to the magnetic North Pole. She developed a program, Adventure Classroom©, to bring the four corners of the world into classrooms. "Walking the Gobi" was written after she, at age 63, and her husband Bill, age 74, walked 1,600 miles in 126-degree temperatures, encountering fierce sandstorms, dehydration, dangerous drug smugglers, and the ever-present scorpions.

They rented two Bactrian camels, whom they named Tom and Jerry, to carry their gear, food and water. The trek took 60 days, and Helen struggled to keep going despite a severe leg injury, a result of an auto accident encountered while she and Bill were conditioning and planning for their trip. They nearly gave up the idea of the trek, but in the end, went ahead with their plans.

The story resonated with me because we have been to Mongolia, at one point near the edge of the Gobi; we have met the Mongolian nomads and eaten their food, drunk fermented mare's milk, and treasured their hospitality. We explored the ruins of the Buddhist temples, destroyed by the Russians after they took over Mongolia in 1938. In 1990, when the Communist government crumbled in Russia, Mongolia achieved its independence, is restoring its religion and its temples, and the nomads are living their lives as they have for hundreds of years. Every time the author described something or some place where we had been, it felt so familiar—an experience I've never had with any other book I've ever read.

While this book is not about horseback endurance riding, it IS about human endurance, the kind most of us will never experience. I recommend it highly, as it will give the reader the courage to persist despite pain and fatigue.

Barbara McCrary

May your Thanksgiving be filled with the joy of family gatherings, delicious turkey and stuffing, or whatever food you celebrate with. Our family has a favorite recipe from past generations—candied sweet potatoes with pineapple and marshmallows. We also have a recipe given us by good friends—broccoli casserole, made with mushroom soup, milk, mayonnaise, egg, and shredded cheese. It's really yummy, and I don't like broccoli! But it's the one dish with broccoli that I will eat—and enjoy. Happy Thanksgiving!





Classifieds

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Jean Kvamme

Executive Director

info@loarc.net

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Classifieds



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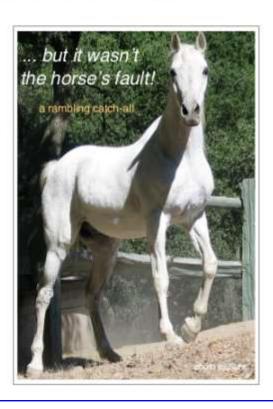
To benefit our trails and our horses, I have written two books. They are entirely different in style.

- Ten Feet Tall, Still is out-of-print, but available as an e-book from Amazon, Barnes and Noble and others.
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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

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Quicksilver 2014 Calendar

December 12 — Christmas Party at Almaden Communty Center 6:00pm **February 7, 2015**—Quicksilver Awards Banquet

Services



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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.

E-mail Becky: bghart@garlic.com

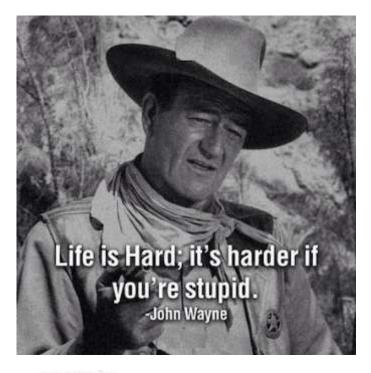


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Humor and Birthdays





"You're lucky to have the figure to pull that off. Holsters make my hips look too big."





Happy November Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Katie Webb	7
Sandy Holder	13
Melissa Broquard	26
Lori McIntosh	26

IT'S NEVER TOO LA	ATE TO JOIN THE QUICKSILVER RIDERS!!!!!			
FIRST: We need your name				
And then your address				
And your phone number, Fax, e-mai	I			
A	And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 25			
	Junior (under 16 years of age) membership is \$ 15			
	Family membership is \$ 40			
	Total enclosed \$			
moonlight rides, endurance rides, tr and the annual awards ceremony; sa have! How are our dues spent? Annual Ye	Riders? You will have the opportunity to participate in poker rides, rail projects as well as attend monthly meetings, the Christmas party, aving the best for last, you will meet the best friends you will ever earbook/Calendar; monthly Newsletter; a representative voice in local d improvement projects; year-end awards and monthly meetings.			
Send your dues, checks made out to	o: Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.			
Mail to Membership Chairperson:	Maryben Stover 1299 Sandra Drive 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.

Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc. P.O. Box 71 New Almaden, CA 95042

