



Quicksilver Quips

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December President's Message

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Egad, another year is about to end... can you believe it? The older I get, the faster the years seem to go. I remember being a kid and thinking that Christmas would NEVER come around again. A whole 12 months was an eternity. Now it's like... eeeek, stop the world! I wanna get off!!

What I do to combat this "time flies" problem is take pictures. Yep, I take lots of pictures, and I actually look at them often. My office walls are covered with photographs, most of them of horses, of course. Some years ago, my husband came to visit and he made an offhand comment that I had bunches of pictures of my horses, but not a single one of him. Ah, the fragile male ego... so I put up several pictures of him... the ones that were taken when he rode a 25 miler with me... ok, ok, yes, he's on a horse. What can I say? Best of both worlds.

The thing is, when I look at the pictures, I am reminded of the fun stuff I did this passing year... the horse camping trips, the rides, the fun gatherings, friends, family, new experiences, and joyful moments. Then I realize that the time didn't just fly, but that time was well used and the memories created will last a lifetime. I hope that you can sit back for a few minutes and smile as you think of the things you did this year that brought you joy and fulfillment, and then start planning, a new year is coming! New opportunities, new adventures, new friends, new challenges await you. Savor the expectation, and then savor the moment.

I ran across this poem by Mother Teresa the other day. I think she's right on. I want to share it with you.

"People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway."

I think that's great advice. Interesting that she started with the forgiving bit... I guess that's how you start things afresh and move on, by forgiving. I know that our club has some issues, and there are some people who don't like each other. Granted, we can't all be best buddies, but we can all work on getting along. I hope that this poem does for you what it did for me.

President's message (Continued from page 1)

We had a great pot luck at Trilby's on the 16th. I didn't count, but there were at least 15 members there. We had great food and fun conversation, as usual. We briefly discussed plans for next year (including unashamedly inviting ourselves to Sheila Kumar's house for home cooked Indian food!!!), but mostly we talked about the Christmas party on December 7th. Note that this is the SECOND Wednesday of the month. The party/pot luck/elephant gift exchange will be at the Almaden club house, starting at 6:30PM. Trilby volunteered to cook a turkey again, so the rest of us need to bring side dishes, desserts and drinks. I hope to see many of you there!

Finally, We need to start thinking about the banquet (any volunteers?), the calendar (please send photos to Judith Ogus NOW) and the awards: Eleanor Norton, Horse of the year, Hall of Fame Horse and Hall of Fame Person. This year's recipients, Kiki and Peter, Ssamiam (Heather and Jeremy) Razda (Pat Verheul) and Michelle Roush are the Chairs for the committees. Start thinking about nominations!

If I don't see you before then, have a blessed Christmas and very a Happy New Year!

Elisabet

My First Multi-day Ride Experiences

By Elisabet Hiatt

I'm a wuss... yep, I don't like pain, and I definitely do not believe in the "no pain, no gain" philosophy, so for my entire endurance life I have avoided anything like multi day 50 mile rides with much determination. After all, I hurt plenty after one 50, so it seemed logical to think I'd hurt even worse after two or more. But now I have a horse in my life that is smooth, has the physical AND mental ability to do it, so this year I decided to try it before I get too old and creaky. So Tango and I went off and did the Ride Bear two day 50's. Ride manager Sandy Holder did an exceptional job. The trails were wonderful, with a connection between Harvey Bear and Coe that I have dreamt of riding for more than 25 years (that was definitely what pushed me over the edge to sign up for the two day ride). We had some troubles on day two due to a trail marking vandal, but the ranger caught him, and hopefully gave him a big fat ticket. Had to pull out my map a couple of times, but overall, it was a very well run ride, with great awards, awesome food and a very relaxed atmosphere, which contributed to it being a total blast (see photo) and surprise! At the end of day two, I was about as sore as I am after a one day 50 (just double the amount of Ibuprofen, that's all).

To prepare for this ride, I solicited advice from our club, and several people wrote back with great suggestions. I used pretty much all of them, and completed both days with a happy, healthy horse. As a club, we possess an incredible amount of knowledge and wisdom, and it would be a shame not to share that. I am very pleased when I see people asking for advice from other members, and just as happy to receive it. A big THANK YOU to all who responded. End of story.... NOT! Of course I had to try more... and the Desert Gold Pioneer ride was looming in the near future. What to do?? Not in a million years would I dream of riding 50 miles three days in a row... never, ever, ever... but then again... what if?

More advice, that's what I needed, so out another email went... help! Talk me out of this madness! Not this club. You can do it... I heard that over and over. More wonderful advice came in. More reasons to think that maybe, just maybe I COULD. So I started bargaining with myself. IF I can do this many training rides, then I'll do it. IF the weather looks good, I'll do it. IF I get the money for the entry fee, I'll do it... and darn it, all the pieces kept falling into place, so I did it. Not an easy ride, let's get that out of the way. Due to the recent rains, most of the single track trails were off limits to us, so Ride manager Scott Sansom had to re-route the trail to use more of the well established roads. We had some pavement and some pretty hard packed roads to traverse, but it was not unreasonable. The park is not that big, so to get the mileage we had to zigzag a lot, but the trail markings were absolutely wonderful. I get lost in my own back yard, but didn't on this ride, so that says something. A great team of "trail marking fixer-uppers" was constantly on the go, re-marking and re-hanging flags that had been torn down. We could not have done this ride without them.

Even though there are a limited number of trail options, we got some variety on each day's ride. The vistas were gorgeous, and the weather was perfect. I even got a little sunburn! We saw some wildflowers and wildlife on the trails, had lots of green grass for the horses, and encountered mostly friendly hikers/bikers. A lot of QSilver club members were either riding or helping out, which was great. Overall, a great experience. There were times I flew with joy (see photo) and others when I cried in despair and simply repeated, I CAN do this, I CAN. I CAN...

Will I do it again? Not sure... with a broken back, I think I've hit the limit of what over the counter pain meds can do. Will I remember that next year? Maybe, maybe not. We'll see. I hear that after a woman gives birth, they swear they will never do that again... and then they forget. Do the brain cells that hold the painful memories die? I wonder.

Here are a few simple things I learned on my own or through some helpful advice:

- * Do your homework. Be prepared. Get in shape (this goes for you and your horse)
- * Stay well hydrated. I never drank Gatorade before. It is now my new best friend. I think it actually helps you not be too sore the next day.

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- * Eat lots of bananas. They are good for you and I'm totally convinced they help with soreness as well as muscle cramps.
- * Bring more than one pair of well proven, comfortable riding shoes. Change them each day, or preferably half way through each ride.
- * Wear good, thick, cushy socks. Get off and walk once in a while, too, it wakes up your feet and other parts of your body that need waking up.
- * Bring an extra saddle pad, and change it each day (this was very important for Tango, who has a long back and tends to get a bit sore after 50 miles). Actually, bring an extra of everything. You never know what's gonna break out there. The D ring on my cinch broke out there in the middle of nowhere, so the center part of Tango's breast collar was flapping around. Fortunately, it had another D ring on the back, so I took it off, flipped it and on we went.
- * Carry plastic zip ties. They are strong and you can make a lot of emergency repairs with them.
- * Avoid monkey butt. Use whatever you like best in whichever places you need it most. 'nuff said.
- * Let your horse stop and graze out there... just having a few bites is a good picker-upper. I carry carrots and horse cookies, too.
- * Never, ever pass up an opportunity to let your horse drink.
- * Use electrolytes mixed in the grain for a few days before the ride, during and a few days after. I have no scientific evidence, but I think it's easier on their tummies that way than to syringe them.
- * Feed as much hay as your horse wants the nights between rides. Tango tended to eat a lot and fast when I got him, so I started feeding him a lot of small meals all the time (5-6 a day). Now, when I get to a ride, I can put a lot of food in front of him, and he just nibbles all day/night.
- * Save some horse for the next day, and the day after that.
- * Make sure your batteries are charged if you use a GPS, heart monitor or any other "I can't live without" gadget, but don't rely on those alone. At least, learn how to read a map and take a pulse.

Finally, I really learned that some horses actually like doing this. On the third day we came back to camp for our lunch break. I saw a few horses not wanting to leave. I wasn't sure what Tango would do, particularly since at that point I didn't want to leave. I saddled him, climbed on board (not too gracefully), and he stepped out with as much enthusiasm as he did on the morning of the first day. No hesitation, not even a look back. I am simply in awe of this magnificent creature that carries me on his back to places I never dreamed I could go to. I love my horse... how can I not?

Great ride, great trails, great volunteers!!! We'll even give Ride management credit for the great weather!

I always find the big fire in the gazebo a great place to sit, have a wine cooler and relax for a while... a wonderful extra "homey" touch.

Elisabet Hiatt and Tango—Wheeeeeeeeeee!"



Julie Suhr sent this bit of history:

I have found among Bob's historical records a report of the 1873 Annual Meeting of the Stock Holders of the Quicksilver Mining Co.

It was held on February 26, 1873 in New York City. "The production of Quicksilver from the New Almaden Mine in 1872 was 18,574 flasks of 76-1/2 pounds each." Income was \$909,370.72. Expenditures were \$457,611.55 of which about \$100,000 was expended on tunneling and prospecting.

Passages

Quicksilver member, Becky Glaser, lost her father the morning of November 29th, in Austin, Texas. He was 91.

Three Exciting Exceptions

By Barbara McCrary

In answer to Elisabet Hiatt via a Ridecamp question as to what it was like to ride five consecutive days on the same horse, I supplemented another rider's answer with my experiences: "My experiences were a bit different. The first day was the slowest, the second day – better, and I agree that the third day was the best. Fourth and fifth days backed off a little, although there were a couple of exciting exceptions." Sandy Holder read that and answered, "I'd love to hear about the exciting exceptions!! . . . story, story, story!!!!"

So, here goes...

In the early 1980s, Lud and I rode the XP ride from central Utah to eastern Nevada. On Day 4, Lud was mounted on Freckles, a handsome Hyannis gelding with a sense of humor. I was riding my favorite horse of all time, Courage, part Hyannis breeding and part Dainton breeding. That day, we had crossed the Fish Springs Range, and rode into the Goshute Indian Reservation. For a few miles approaching the center of the village, the US Government had seen fit to pave the road. All the other roads around were dirt but that one. The instructions were to ride through the village until we came to a trailer and a person who would take our numbers. Then we would turn around and ride back to the spot where the dirt road met the pavement. Lud and I had been riding with Becky Hart on Rio, and another rider whom I do not remember. I knew Becky wouldn't let us win without a challenge. I looked at Lud and my eyes told him we should push Becky a little bit.

Suddenly, Becky and Rio took off and I noticed Freckles was goofing off. Courage, on the other hand, always understood racing. Becky was several lengths ahead of me. We had three 90-degree turns on the road, apparently following section lines—or something. Rio almost went into an irrigation ditch at the first 90-degree turn but regained his balance and was going for the finish. I came to the first turn, and to avoid Rio's near miss, I checked up Courage ever so slightly so he could retain his balance, and then we were in hot pursuit. I merely leaned over Courage's neck and said to him, "Go get 'im, Courage" and he turned on the after-burners.

From a few hundred feet behind Rio, we crossed the finish line almost neck and neck, with Courage just one-half neck behind. That was quite simply the most exciting moment I have ever had in endurance riding, at least from the racing perspective (which is something I rarely did.) I've had exciting moments of discovery—the first time I saw Death Valley, the first time I saw the Great Salt Lake Desert, the first time I rode the Applegate-Lassen Trail... All ridden on Courage, one of the most honest, safe, and amazing little horses I've ever been privileged to ride.

Exception Two: Day Three on the 1982 XP ride, Dave Nicholson's first XP event. Andy Bender had already won the ride 20 minutes previously, and Tom Sherwood and I were riding together. The finish line vet check was held about 1/2 mile before the actual finish line. Tom's and my horses both passed, and we started trotting toward the finish line. I asked him, "How do we resolve this? Is it 'ladies first'?" Tom looked at me seriously and said, "It's whoever crosses the finish line first." I thought, "I've just been challenged," and took off, as did Tom. But Courage out-ran him—AND—took BC that day, too. The award for BC was a miniature silver-colored plastic trophy cup with a post-it note on the base, printed with a ball point pen, "I ran the Hell out of my horse and still won Best Condition-Simpson Springs XP." I treasure that award, partly because of its sense of humor and partly because Courage won it. The paper is dry and crumbling, the ink is faded, but it's still a treasure to me.

Exception Three: The last day of one of the XP rides from Utah to Nevada. We were to finish on the old trail east of Shellbourne Station. That day, we had crossed the pass that was covered in snow, chest-deep on the horses. I was riding Courage, and Hal Hall was riding his wonderful Tevis winner, El Karbaj. We took turns breaking showdrifts for the following riders. Courage was literally plowing his way through the snow. We finally emerged from the snow and were back onto a snow-free road. Hal took off, headed for the finish which was downhill and only about a quarter-mile away.



L—Courage's headstone

R—1983, Barb and Courage on Drake's Bay 50



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I usually don't gallop downhill, mostly out of fear of falling, but I couldn't help myself and took off after Hal. He beat me by precious little, but it was a very exciting finish, and on the last day of a five-day ride, too.

It was interesting to note that Courage was a nephew to El Karbaj, he being a son of the Hyannis stallion, Kosciusko, and Courage being the son of Koszar, a Kosciusko son that was Hyannis' race horse. I loved that breeding—too bad it's pretty well died out. Many of the early day endurance winners, ridden by the likes of Pat and Donna Fitzgerald, Kathy Perry, and Marion Robie Arnold, were Hyannis-bred offspring of Kosciusko.

Courage lived to be 27 and I had to have him euthanized because he had emphysema so bad that he could hardly breathe. It broke my heart to have to make that decision, but vet Chuck Kessinger and I decided it was the only thing to do.

Courage lies next to the old Castle Rock trail on our ranch. He has a magnificent headstone, created by our neighbor, a world-renown sculptor who works in metal and stone. I had a bronze plate made for the stone with the obituary: "From his back, I discovered the world." As I mentioned before, I first saw several remarkable landmarks while mounted on this grand little horse.

He was virtually unflappable—with one exception. When Lud and I were members of a Mounted Assistance Unit patrolling the beaches north of Año Nuevo Point, back in the 1980s and 90s, we were confronted with both surf and local wildlife. When Courage saw his first Elephant Seal bull, he took it for a large grey log on the beach, but when the log reared up, thrust its proboscis into its throat, and exhaled short bursts of air—causing a deep, resonating, honking sound, Courage was truly frightened. Ever after, even when seeing a large rock on the desert, he would spook, being absolutely certain it was another one of those terrifying creatures that look like logs, but honk like a fire engine. ■

The Third Generation

By Barbara McCrary

Our family has been endurance riding since 1970, when our eldest daughter Susan decided to try riding Castle Rock 50, since it started right here in Swanton. Susan had dutifully trained, and as it turned out, over-conditioned her Mustang-Quarter Horse gelding, Tommy, for this exciting adventure. She made it to the first VC, 12-1/2 miles from the start, in 45 minutes. She says she did not go faster than a trot, but Tommy had a phenomenal trot. He did not recover his P&Rs within the required time and was pulled. However, there was no rescue trailer at the site, and incidentally—no water, either. This was in the earliest days of 50 milers, and there were a few details that were not realized to be of great importance. So...Susan and Tommy turned around and rode home—another 16 miles. After her aborted attempt, gradually we all got into endurance.

Now, Susan's daughter, Aleksey Huff, is well started in her career of endurance riding. She is 19 and dutifully conditions and rides my horse, Banners Flying.

Banner needs a little introduction... I bought him sight unseen, after watching a video of him being ridden on his place of birth, a cattle and wheat ranch in east-central Montana. I had him shipped to Swanton and was slightly surprised when he got out of the trailer. He was 6 years old, a bit thin, and looked shell-shocked. In truth, after travelling a couple of years later to Montana to meet the folks I bought him from, I discovered there were no trees whatsoever on the prairies of that part of Montana. Banner was, at first, frightened of trees and the light and shadow patterns they cast.

I rode him for several years, competed him in a couple of 50 milers, and discovered two important things that affect the older rider. 1) His trot is very strong and elevated (read uncomfortable), and 2) he had a way of jumping 6 feet sideways, with no warning whatsoever, pulling himself right out from under me and depositing me on the hard ground, usually in a pile of rocks. Things such as ferns are very likely to eat horses, and he wasn't taking chances. On the other hand, he is the most surefooted, trail-savvy horse I've ever ridden, and definitely the smartest. Reluctantly, I sold him to Susan for Aleksey to ride. I figured Aleksey is bold, young and agile, an excellent rider, and...the most important factor...she bounces when hitting the ground. They spent about two years together and then Aleksey discovered BOYS. I bought Banner back. But he has my number and managed to scare me a couple of times. I HATE getting old because one's

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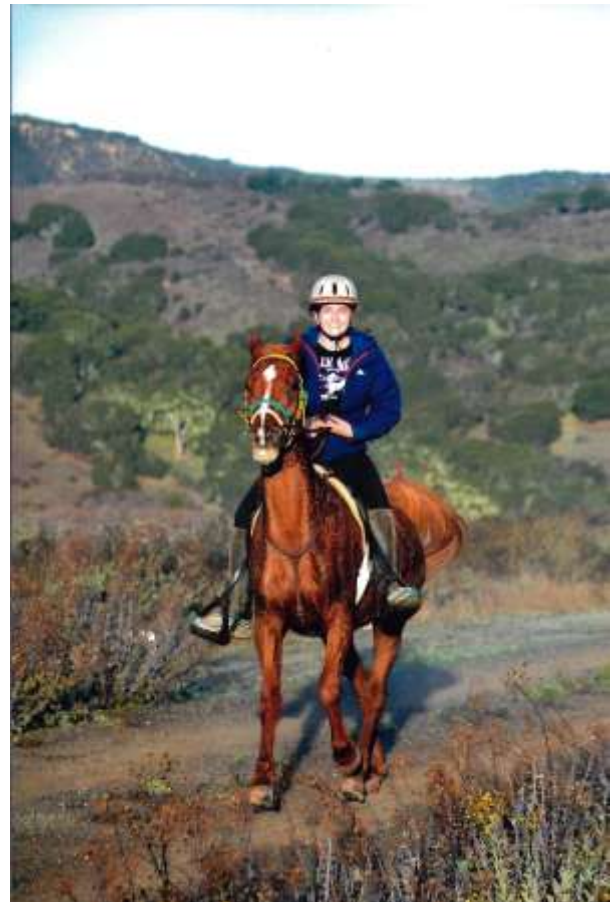


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courage and confidence begin to wane.

So the current status is: Banner is my horse, but Aleksey is his rider. They are doing very well together. She's done three 50s recently and just top-tended Day 2 of Desert Gold. So here I have a top ten horse and I'm afraid to ride him. Sigh... I'm going to let Aleksey tell her story in her own words:

"Even though I was raised around endurance riding, I am just starting my career as a competitive endurance rider. I have completed about seven endurance rides, on all of which I was mentored by Jeanine McCrary, Julie Suhr and my Mom. But this past weekend at Desert Gold 50, I decided to challenge myself and ride the race alone. Well, I really wasn't alone, because I had the best teacher of all, my horse, Banner, to guide me through the race.

My dad and I drove to Fort Ord Friday afternoon and arrived at the pristine and beautiful campsite for the Desert Gold Pioneer ride. The organization of the ride was fantastic and the ride manager, Scott Sansom, was incredibly nice and helpful. The trail was very well marked. Even when flagging was torn down, the riders didn't have to worry because there were awesome motorcycle and ATV riders to fix the markings before we even got there. I didn't have to reference to my map once! The bicycle riders, dog walkers and runners in the park were all very polite and friendly to the riders.

At first, I was a bit nervous doing the ride by myself, I had never ridden alone and neither had my horse (except for training rides). But, it turned out Banner and I both did much better by ourselves. I had the ability to just focus on Banner and myself and that was it. At this ride, I really wanted to figure out what Banner was made of, so I pushed him (a little) but the rest was letting him pace himself. It was amazing to see how competitive and how smart he was when it came to pacing himself. He knew how long he could trot and canter for without over exerting himself. I figured that out of the 50 miles, we only walked about 2 or 3 miles. We rode with several different groups of people, all of whom were incredibly fun to ride with. I found that riding with groups really lifted Banner's spirits, he would get huge jolts of competitiveness, to the point of racing at a gallop with other horses. We came in to the only vet check at about 25 miles, Banner got straight As on his vet check and that made me feel great. Now I knew I was doing something right. Since he did so well at the vet check, I assessed that I wasn't pushing Banner too hard. We continued and finished the ride at a speedy yet constant pace. We completed the ride in about 5 hours and made 7th place. That was Banner's and my first time ever being in top ten, or top 20. So as you can see, I really tested myself and my horse, we came through together, and he finished in great condition. After the ride, I noticed little things that I will do next time at other rides to maximize my horse's performance: I need to give him more electrolytes, and during the winter, I might need to shave him a little more so he isn't nearly as hot.

There is nothing more rewarding than finishing a ride and having your horse in great shape. So I wish you all happy trails and go out there and challenge yourself and your horse."



PR Tallymark Wins BC at Desert Gold

Michelle Roush's horse, PR Tallymark, a Standardbred-Arab cross gelding, bred by longtime endurance rider and vet, Sherode Powers, placed 3rd and won BC at Desert Gold Sunday, November 27th. Tallymark, foaled in 1994, is by Sherode's good Standardbred stallion, Hunter's Tallyman. His dam is Kiss and Tell, who goes back to Kouros, Abu Farwa, Bask, and Negatiw, so there is some good stuff back in there.

Michelle tells this about Tallymark:

"Tallymark now has at least one top ten completion every year for 12 years in a row, and also at least one BC for each of all those years except 2005, when Steve Shaw had him; 3,340 miles, 60 starts, 56 completions, 21 BCs. 12 for 13 100 milers, and the one 100 mile pull was TOTALLY my fault.

What an awesome superstar he is.
I am so fortunate to know him."

Photo credit to Gore/Baylor Photography

Hock Injections And That Magical Thing –Ice

A combination of hyaluronic acid, steroid and antibiotic is injected into the hock joints of Rafa, my Thoroughbred ex-racehorse, which relieves his hock pain and enables him to stand straight relieving some back pain due to standing comfortably, with his hocks more forward. Since I have had excellent results which last about 6 to eight months for Rafa, I suggested to my sister, 53, that she investigate this treatment for use in her own fetlocks as she has a rare debilitating arthritis, affecting only the outside of her ankle joints. She is fit, slender and flits around doing a million things and has been severely curtailing her life due to this arthritis. Her doctor said he was not even going to discuss how different the physiology of the equine was compared to humans, but said that some people trying these joint injections experienced good results, and the rest didn't (I don't have any data). Turns out there is a similar human protocol of hyaluronic acid and lidocaine only and she now has received weekly injections on one ankle, then started the other, for a total of three each ankle. An anesthetic shot was done first so she did not feel pain upon injections. She had immediate pain relief in the first ankle, so much so that she thought it might have been due to the anesthetic; however is experiencing less pain relief in her second ankle. I asked whether she was going to be on stall rest, recommended for Rafa for three days after the injections, and she said she was not required to be restricted in her stall and that ice was recommended for pain after the shots. Unlike in horses, human results are supposed to show 6 weeks after the injections, which are covered to some extent by her insurance. It is also indicated in human knees. I hoped that if any of you have a similar serious condition this may help. It can cost approximately \$900 for three injections and is paid for by some insurances. I paid about \$300-330 for two injections in each of Rafa's hocks. I'd be happy to buy you a Jolly Ball for the recuperation period.

By Cathy Kauer

Regional Mileage Championship

Central Region

Rider	Name	Equine Name	Breed	Sex	Miles
2	Michael Maul	Rroco-My-Sol	1/2 Arabian	G	810

West Region

Rider	Name	Equine Name	Breed	Sex	Miles
1	Karen Chaton	Pro Bono D	Arabian	G	3600
		Granite Chief+ /	Arabian	G	

Regional Best Condition Standings (Endurance)

Rank	Equine Name	Breed	Owner	#BC	Points
4	Pro Bono D	Arabian	Karen Chaton	2	100

National Mileage Championship

Senior Region

Rank	Rider	Region	Equine Name	Breed	Sex	Miles
1	Karen Chaton	W	Granite Chief+ /	Arabian	G	1415
3	Karen Chaton	W	Pro Bono D	Arabian	G	1380

Regional Point Standings

Central Region

Div.Pl.	Rider	Equine Name	Breed	Sex	Miles	Div.Pts.	Ov.Pts.	Ov.Pl.
2	Michael Maul	Rroco-My-Sol	1/2 Arabian	G	810	1594	861	6

West Region**Featherweight Division**

Div.Pl.	Rider Name	Equine	Breed	Sex	Miles	Div.Pts.	Ov.Pts.	Ov.Pl.
1	Karen Chaton	Pro Bono D	Arabian	G	2135	4292.5	2730	1
2	Karen Chaton	Granite Chief+ /	Arabian	G	1465	3279.5	1702	6

Middleweight Division

Div.Pl.	Rider Name	Equine	Breed	Sex	Miles	Div.Pts.	Ov.Pts.	Ov.Pl.
8	Jeremy Reynolds	A kutt Above	Arabian	G	300	1150	1050	

Heavyweight Division

Div.Pl.	Rider Name	Equine	Breed	Sex	Miles	Div.Pts.	Ov.Pts.	Ov.Pl.
7	Robert Ribley	Sacajawea	Arabian	M	280	1061.88	481.25	

Bob & Julie Suhr Husband & Wife Team Award*Sponsored by Sundowner Trailers*

Rank	Name	Region	Miles	Points
2	Jeremy & Heather Reynolds	W	1315	3750.31

Pioneer Award Standings**Featherweight Division**

Rank	Rider	Region	Equine Name	Breed	Sex	Miles	Points
4	Karen Chaton	W	Pro Bono D	Arabian	G	560	997

National Mileage Championship**Senior Division**

Rank	Rider	Region	Equine Name	Breed	Sex	Miles
2	Karen Chaton	W	Pro Bono D	Arabian	G	2135
5	Karen Chaton	W	Granite Chief+ /	Arabian	G	1465

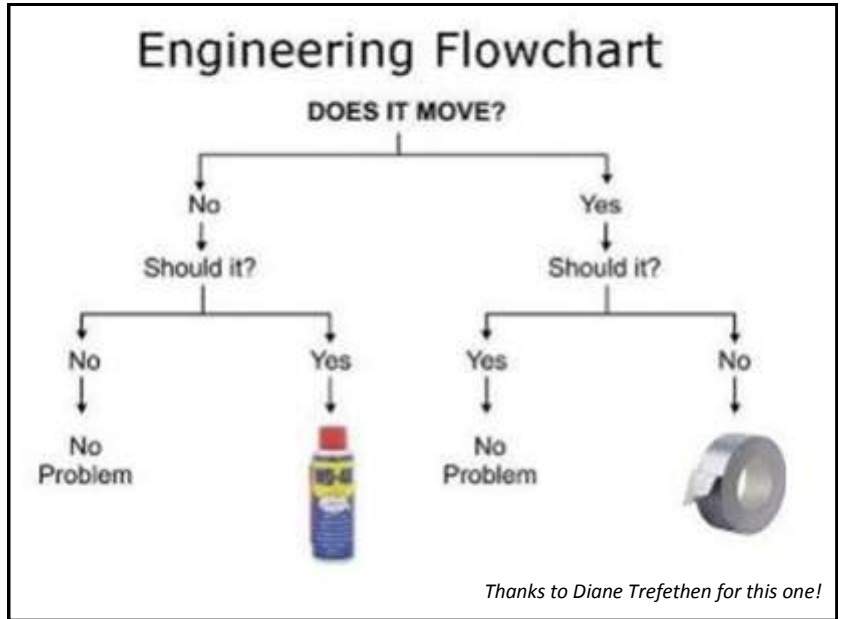
Thanks to Mike Maul for assembling the Points Standings for Quicksilver members

From Your Editor:

My apologies for the Quips being late. Today has been a day from Hell. Our much-loved gelding, Shiko's Flying Cloud had to be euthanized tonight, after much agonizing and indecision on our part. I found him this morning looking colicky. We've had horses with varying degrees of colic before, two fatal, some not exceptionally serious. I had the vet up this morning and she treated him and analyzed his condition. It didn't sound good. He had a blockage in the large intestine. She told me to take him out for a walk or jog. We ponied him behind the Gator and he jogged along behind it in a willing way. But the movement recommended by the vet did no good and he did not improve. By 7 PM, I had the vet out again and she did further examination. The symptom I noticed the most was how increasingly distended his belly had become - not a good sign. Whatever the cause, we have lost a dear family member, a horse that, ten years ago, was on his way to becoming the most promising endurance horse I had ever ridden, a home-bred horse that was such a HAPPY fellow. When he was seven, he was bitten on the pastern by a rattlesnake, so he never realized his full potential. I rode him not too long ago, and we had a such a GOOD time together. Rest in Peace, Cloud...



Humor



Thanks to Diane Trefethen for this one!

This caught my fancy, being the cattle rancher I am.

Despite the world's trials and tribulations and the frightening decline in the economy, I hope you all find happiness this Christmas season. Family, friends, and love are the most important gifts in the world. May we all be thankful for that.



Bob Suhr would have been 93 on December 20th. We all miss his cheerful personality, his integrity, his generosity, and his many special qualities. The world needs more like him.

Touch someone's heart. Remember them on their birthday by sending a thoughtful card.

If you would like to be remembered on your birthday, and I don't yet have your date, please send it to me. All I need is your name, month, and day. I don't collect years of birth. After all, who wants everyone to know how old you are?

Barbara

bigcreekranch@wildblue.net



December

Happy December Birthday to our Quicksilver Members and Endurance Friends

Ruth Waltenspiel	1
Dick Carter	6
Elaine Elbizri	6
Lisa Schneider	11
Julie Caprino Best	19
Bob Suhr	20
Larrissa Voight	21

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THANK YOU FOR FLYING **AIR AMATEUR**



*Exits are located at the front, rear and sides * You may experience some turbulence during your descent * Please remain on the ground until your body comes to a full stop * In the unlikely event of a water landing, your saddlepad may be used as a flotation device * Thank you for flying Air Amateur, and we hope you enjoy your trip.*

Thanks to Becky Hart for this gem!

Classifieds...

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Wendy Ebster
horsewife@ymail.com

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English Speaking, reliable, dependable, honest person seeking employment as a senior citizen/handicap companion helper. Light housekeeping, good cook. No alcohol, no smoking and no drugs. Gilroy, San Martin areas
References upon request
Contact:

Susie Sotelo
Cell #: 408-607-9436

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For Sale: THOROUGHBRED (Made in England) 16" English Saddle.

Two beautiful leather contoured girths, stirrups with new leathers, plus sheepskin pad and saddle cover - \$1,000.

Contact :
Jo Barrett
(408) 270 2709.

I have a set of portable corrals for sale. There are 12 panels that are 12 feet long. They are light weight and white.

Paid \$1100 asking **\$500.**

Heather Reynolds
408-687-7082

FOR SALE

1998 FEATHERLITE 3 horse slant with living quarters. Large separate bathroom with sink, cabinet, toilet and separate shower. Two burner stove top and microwave. AC and heater. 6 gal. water heater. Box length is 23'. 8' wide and tall roof. Trailer part has WERM flooring. 4 new tires (which are always kept covered). Drop down windows, sliding windows on off side, extra outside lights, stud panel in front stall with exit door, walk through door from LQ to horse area. Comes with two HiTies on the off side. It has an electric motor to raise it off the hitch. Rear tack has 3 saddle racks and many bridle hooks. Rear tack also has 50 gal. water tank. There is a small solar panel mounted on the roof. Additional storage under mangers.

May sell with Honda 3000 Inverter which is enough to run the microwave and AC.

It needs a new vent cover in the bathroom and the sewer pipe underneath needs to be replaced. I did not fix it because I use a porta potty and save going to the dump sites, which is a pain for me.

Extra water tank in corner of back tack room.

\$20,000.00

Maryben
408-265-0839

PLEASE INFORM ME PROMPTLY IF YOU HAVE SOLD OR WITHDRAWN YOUR ITEM. I'D HATE TO KEEP ADVERTISING SOMETHING THAT WAS ALREADY SOLD LONG SINCE.

From Becky Hart

As you may know, Tom Stutzman donated a large quantity of tack to the club, including 3 orthoflex saddles. One is brand new, never out of the box. We sold one saddle, but still have the new one and a stitchdown for sale, as well as miscellaneous tack. The sale of the tack generated enough revenue to have a nice awards banquet (it was going to be scaled way down) and to replace the old printer with a new laser printer that will print double sided and color. This printer will be used for the calendar and can be made available to ride managers who would like to print much more cheaply than Kinko's or other copying stores. They need to provide their own paper. The board will need to determine what the price will be to others.

Ortho-Flex Officer's Patriot,
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seat (western sizing). Billets
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seat - built for a person 5'3 1/2" Virtually
new, has buck stitching and carving on
fenders.
Price \$2,850.
Other photos available.

Jan Jeffers—(408) 921-7698

For Sale: Abetta Endurance Saddle
Arabian wide tree, 15 inch seat.
Chinches, latigos, billets and round
barrel pad included.
Black synthetic seat w/ fenders removed.
Lots of rings and tie straps.
Good clean condition.
Can deliver to Holiday party!! Sorry, no
photos.
Price \$200.

SR Saddle—Jan Jeffers

Michelle—(831) 427-1533

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

FIRST: We need your name

And then your address

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail

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
 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!!!

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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