



Quicksilver Quips

December 2013

President's Message – December 2013

December already??!! The 2013 ride season has come to a close and the new ride season is here. Other competitive equestrian disciplines have a break in their ride season, but not endurance riders. I think the difference is that we love to ride more than most.

Your ballot for the new Quicksilver Board was mailed a couple of weeks ago. If you did not receive it, contact Barbara White and let her know. This is the first year for Quicksilver to elect Board members by mail and we hope that it will increase participation.

Our **Christmas Party is Friday, December 13th at 6:00pm at Almaden Community Center** on Bertram Road. Trilby will be putting together a wonderful spread. For the pot luck, those with last names beginning with A-L bring a side dish and those beginning with M-Z bring dessert. Trilby will provide one turkey and she is looking for someone to bring a ham. Give her a call (408-997-7500). Also, bring a gift to share and participate in the fun of stealing those gifts from each other.

Mary Anderson is organizing our **Awards Banquet which will be held a Harry's Hofbrau on Saturday, February 15th at 6:30pm**. Save the date for an evening of catching up with friends and celebrating our horses.

Pictures for the calendar/yearbook need to be sent to Judith Ogus (judith@randomarts.biz). She is asking for your original horse art and she will choose one for the cover. **Your year end points and mileage needs to be sent to Jayne Perryman by January 15, 2014**. Within the Quips you will find a form to complete or you can download it from our website <http://qser.net/yearend.php>.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas season and may you and your horse have a Happy 2014 that includes lots of riding down the trail.

Lori

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Patricia McCain McKendry

08/14/30 – 11/04/13

Patricia McCain McKendry passed away peacefully in Morgan Hill in the comfort of her home and her family's love. Pat was born the third of four children of Earl and Mary McCain, raised in Millbrae, CA, and was educated at San Mateo High School.

As a young girl she showed a great affinity and affection for horses, which lasted all throughout her life. After high school, Pat married, had three children, and put her passion for horses on hold. In 1970, she and her husband, Jay, moved to Morgan Hill, CA and began their Curley Horse Ranch.

With her Curley Horse, she participated in 6 Rose Parade's with other Curley Horse owner's. And with her favorite Appaloosa horse, Polka, she competed in many competitive 50 and 100 mile endurance trail rides including her passion, the 100 mile Tevis ride which she completed 9 times. Pat was well liked by all in the horse community and was always ready to help a new horse owner/rider.

Patricia is preceded in death by her husband, Jay McKendry and brothers Gene and Earl (Husky) McCain. She leaves behind her Sister Peggy O'Brien, children Dolores, Gregory, and Judy, Grandson Greg, and Great Grandson Mickey Jay McKendry.

According to her wishes there will be no memorial services and her ashes will be scattered by the family.

Recovering

Lud and I have been blindsided by the sudden necessity of his triple coronary bypass surgery on November 11th. It was kind of a shock for someone who has been so active all his life. He spent two miserable weeks in the hospital, but is now home and slowly recovering his strength. It will be weeks before he will be driving, running a chainsaw, building fences, or cutting firewood. Fortunately, surgery was successful and he should be fine in time. I shudder to think how close we came to disaster, as the only symptom was an occasional shortness of breath during the previous three weeks, something that didn't set off alarm bells until it occurred in the middle of one night. Off to the hospital at 1:00 AM and into Emergency, followed three days later by the surgery.

Maryben sent a card from all the Quicksilver group, and we thank you all for your morale support. I've learned more than I ever wanted to know about the function of the heart, and how fragile it can become when it isn't working just right.

Barbara, your Quips editor

The Tevis Golf Tournament

The Tevis home page <http://www.teviscup.org/> has a special thank you to the hole sponsors for the recent golf tournament. The purpose was to raise funds for the restoration of the trail sections damaged by the American Fire in August. It's great to see the QS logo up there.

Work crews are on the fire damaged areas of the trail as frequently as they can be, trying to get in as much erosion control as possible before the winter storms. QS's donation will help to ensure a great 100 Mile Ride in 2014.

Barbara White

Quicksilver Annual Christmas Party

Friday, December 13th, is our QS Christmas Party at the Almaden Community Center. I know we haven't finished the ride season or Thanksgiving yet, but the Christmas season will be upon us soon. Please save the date and plan to come. Trilby will be making a turkey and she is asking if someone would be willing to make a ham. Give her a call and let her know (408-997-7500). Also, for the pot luck, she is asking that those with last names beginning with A-L bring side dishes and M-Z bring desserts. Bring a gift to share and participate in the fun of stealing those gifts from each other.

Quicksilver Annual Awards Banquet

Save the date: Quicksilver Awards Banquet, February 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM—Harry's Hoffbrau. There are no AERC rides in CA, NV, or UT scheduled that weekend. See you soon, and don't forget to turn in your ride mileage by the Dec. Xmas Party.



Quicksilver Christmas Party



Date: December 13, 2014

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

**Location: Almaden Community Club
21727 Bertram Road
San Jose, CA 95120**

POTLUCK & GIFTS

Trilby will make one turkey and we need someone to bring a ham. Give Trilby a call at (408)997-7500. Those with last names starting with A-L bring a side dish and M-Z bring a dessert to share. Also, bring a gift to share.



How to Prepare an Advance Directive for your Horse

Horse Owner

- Create a written document that states the horse's name, age, and physical description. If possible, include a photograph.
- If the horse is insured, include the name of your insurance company, the policy number, and contact information of the agent, as well as type of policy (i.e., Major Medical vs. Mortality).
- Designate an emergency contact person and provide multiple contact numbers.
- Designate your primary care veterinarian with contact information, including a backup DVM if one is available.
- Clearly state your intentions for your horse should it be injured or become ill and efforts to reach you fail. Include details regarding referral for intensive care and a financial cap if relevant.
- Designate your emergency contact and your veterinarian as agents to authorize humane euthanasia in the event that you are unreachable and your horse is suffering and stabilization or transportation to a referral center are not possible or humane. This wording is personal and will depend on your circumstances. Standard protocols for insured horses will be followed.
- Indicate your aftercare preferences: private cremation vs. transport to rendering.
- Indicate if you wish to keep a memento such as a shoe or piece of mane or tail.
- If you board your horse, provide your barn manager with a copy of this information.

Horse

- In an emergency, make every effort to keep the horse calm and consult with your veterinarian on management while waiting for medical help to arrive. Safety is always a paramount concern.
- In elected euthanasia for a geriatric horse, select a quiet time of day and offer a last meal or favorite part of the daily routine. This is a personal decision and can serve as a final bonding moment.
- Select a location that is relatively soft and free of debris.
- ~~Consider light sedation as an option to minimize stress. Your veterinarian will guide you in this decision based on the circumstances of the horse.~~
- It is important for herd mates to understand that their friend has passed and not just disappeared. This is especially true for mares with foals, and most veterinarians will leave a deceased foal with a mare after euthanasia to allow her to adjust and recognize the finality of the situation. Instinct runs strong in mares and they will often wander away or back to food within 30 to 40 minutes. In the wild, death draws predators and the instinct is to move away.

DVM

- Schedule some time with your veterinarian or talk with him/her at a routine visit about your plans for your horse. Provide them with a copy of your advance directive so that they may retain it in their records. They will help to walk you through the process and answer any questions or concerns that you may have. Make a note to update the document yearly.

Submitted by Julie Suhr—From "The Horse Report"

Classifieds

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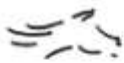
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BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT!



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 All proceeds to **CENTER FOR EQUINE HEALTH**, School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis, California \$24.95

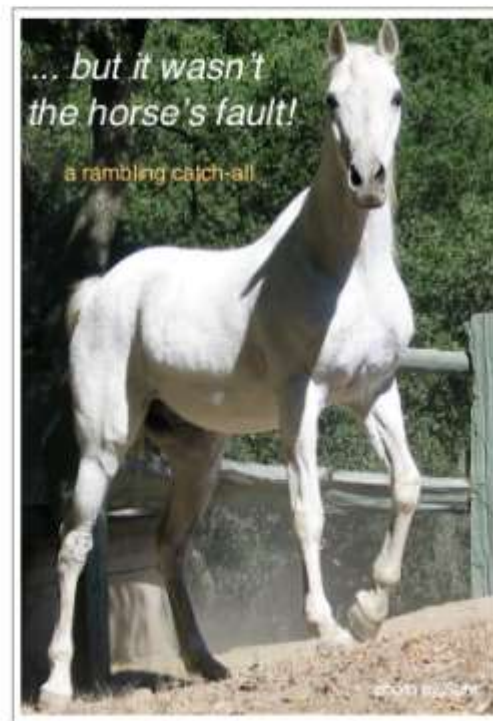


by
Julie Suhr

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



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"TEN FEET TALL, STILL"

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

This is shameless advertising, but I believe in the cause.

Julie Suhr

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Classifieds

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Mileage: 92,000

Body Style: Passenger Van

Exterior Color: Green

Interior Color: Gray

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Please call David at 831-427-3040

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Peggy Davidson
831-238-0495
Peggety123@aol.com



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Humor and Birthdays

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Logical Argument- Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor; by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.

Thanks to Elisabet Hiatt



Merry Christmas—Happy Holidays !

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
Heather Bryant	22

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

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

Dave Rabe

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

Thomas Jefferson

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

Mission Statement of Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.

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

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