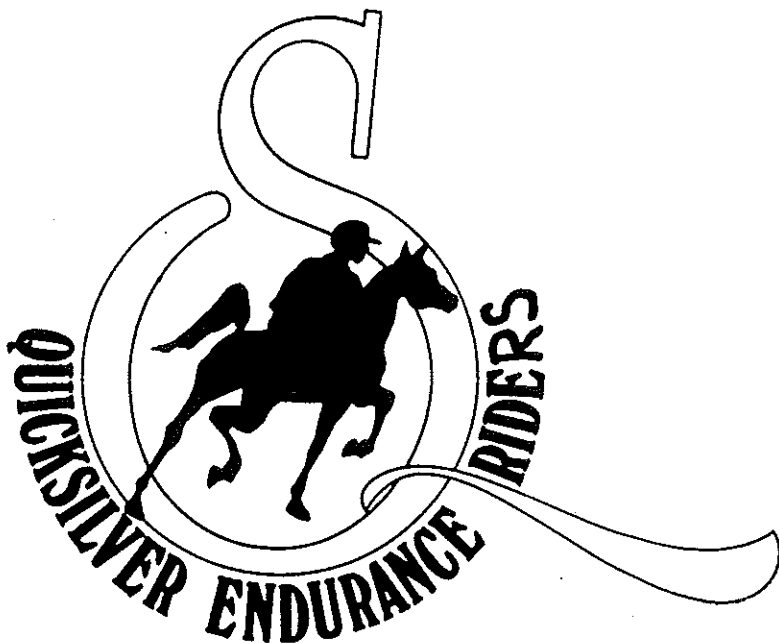


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+++++QUICKSILVER QUIPS+++++

+++Obliging as always, Barbara McCrary has agreed to put on a 100 Miler in conjunction with her Big Creek and Castle Rock Challenge Rides on May 21st. The people who have nominated their horses for the World Championship in Holland in August needed a 100 Mile qualifying ride in this area. BUT Barbara and Lud definitely needs some help...and preferably from night owls. The twenty-four hour allowed time span means there will be riders, crews and veterinarians needing assistance so if you would like to be a part of it all, call Barbara at 408-423-4572.

+++Barbara McCrary, is excited about her Anglo/Arab mare, Fad Tiffany, who produced a bay filly in January by Jim and Jackie Bumgardner's Sheiko Ahwar stallion. The sire of the Bumgardner's stallion is the grandsire of a horse of whom you may have heard...R.O. Grand Sultan+/+++

+++Speaking of the aged and infirm Rio, be advised that he has managed to dump his equally aged and infirm owner/rider twice recently+++

+++The 40th Anniversary Tevis Cup Ride is filled up, but a waiting list has been established. There is usually a lot of attrition so if you want to ride, get on that list right now. The U. S. Forest Service puts a limit on the ride of 250 entries. The trail is better than ever with water troughs installed in the last two years; trail markings at least every half mile and kiosks with maps and trail descriptions at the major route locations+++

+++Julie Suhr sold an eight year old Peruvian Paso mare to two veterinarians in Germany. They have a daughter of \*Marinera and sent an agent to see if they could buy the other six \*Marinera daughters. No one would sell but Julie had a granddaughter so they bought her. In quarantine now, the mare will fly to Germany in mid-May+++

+++Judith Ogus went to Maryland to visit her parents. Judith is doing some research on gut sounds in horses by collecting the vet cards from different rides and seeing if there is a corollary between location, weather, etc. and stomach rumbles. Judith's Dad is a statistician and is going to assist on this project+++

+++Carla Fanara's "Little One" has been returned to her by Michele Valenta and now is spending his golden years with a new owner, Trevor Reader, who is almost as tall as Little One's knees. The twenty-two year old horse and the six year old boy are partners each weekend on a jaunt around the canal+++

+++Ad Vandenhoogen stepped on a nail and is nursing a sore foot so is temporarily neither running or riding. It's spring, Ad. Heal quickly!+++

AND IN THEIR EASTER BONNET S+++++

+++Heather and Holly Bergantz floated off to the Caribbean with stops at Aruba and Curacao among other locations+++

+++Breana and Megan Chamberlain motored to San Luis Obispo to visit their brother+++

+++Becky Hart, Judith Ogus, Maryben Stover, Johnny Ducca, Bill Evans and Robert Oliver brunched in Morgan Hill+++

+++Nancy and Peter Twilight entertained Nancy's sister and family who came from Florida to visit and to see Peter and Nancy's new home. Nancy and sister Teri put in some good riding which took them back to their childhood when as five and six year olds they started their riding careers at Garrod Farms in Saratoga+++

+++Dave and Carla Fanara celebrated with a quick and unexpected trip to the veterinarians. The Easter ride on Punkie fell apart when he slipped and cut his knees and had to have some stitches+++

+++Mark Falcone and Pat McDonald worked on their Easter appetites by running the 50 mile American River Run the day before. Both finished as Mark readies himself for the 100 Mile Western States Run in June and Pat just keeps in shape+++

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Our Pin-Up of the month lives in Santa Cruz County with her husband and her horses. To make your job of identification easy, we are going to give you several pictures. The first shows her on a ranch work horse in Santa Clara County at a very tender age. The second shows her in a party dress on "Foxy" with her sister clinging on behind. The third shows her as a young lady with her pinto pony "Sparkie" and her dog "Termite". She and her husband usually ride together and between them have chalked up a lot of AERC miles. Who is she?  
(answer on back page)

## WILD MUSTANG CLASSIC

Some endurance rides are just good rides and then there are others that are real happenings. Dan Barger's Wild Mustang Classic fell into the latter category. With 190 plus horses and who knows how many people assembled at Grant Ranch, it was impossible not to think that it was really the best place to be on that particular glorious spring day. Once the early morning fog dissipated, all of the Santa Clara Valley and in the further distance, the Santa Cruz Mountains, were spread out below while within your immediate range were some of the best trails, horses and riders found in our sport. Superb trail marking kept everyone on course whether entered in the 25 or 50 mile endurance ride or the 16 or 25 mile Ride and Tie. It would be impossible to name all the Quicksilver riders participating without leaving someone out as campers, motor homes, trailers and trucks covered just about every inch of the area and it was hard to see and speak to everyone. Dan's pre-ride briefing was brief but complete and when he asked if there were any questions, there were none. A first, I think. Dan has obviously found his niche in sports marketing if the Mustang Classic was an example of his talents.



CHERE MONTGOMERY has moved to her new home further down McKean Road. We wish her many great years in that beautiful countryside south of Calero Reservoir. Add her name to your membership list at 23900 McKean Road, San Jose, CA 95141-1000. And while you have your list out, the LIGHTFOOT FAMILY has rejoined the club. Their address should read 970 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, 95123. Expect a report on the Triathlon scheduled for April 23rd in the next Quicksilver Quips. Skip Lightfoot has been the guiding force behind its success for years. This year Dan Barger has the responsibility.

Because I cannot possibly keep tab on everybody in the Quicksilver Club, I am asking a favor of the other club members. We have a lot of unsung heroes among our members who go about their business doing good deeds here and there which never get into this Newsletter. I would like to have a short column each month in which recognition is given where deserved. If you know of some nice gesture, helping hand or other contribution that was made, would you please either write a paragraph about it, or call or send me the information and I will write it up?

I think I will title the column "PLAUDITS" and it is up to you to make it go. An example .... During the Wild Mustang Classic Ride, Gloria Vanderford's horse shortened his stride considerably when a new saddle Gloria was using caused some discomfort. It looked as though Gloria was going to have a long slow ride the last ten or twelve miles and she was considering leading the horse the distance to spare him. Joyce Sousa, not a Quicksilver member, but someone most of us know, rode with her a ways and then suggested they switch saddles. In spite of Gloria's protests that she did not want to interfere with Joyce's ride, Joyce insisted that with the short distance to go, she could not harm her horse even if the saddle did not fit him perfectly. They did switch and within a few minutes, Gloria's horse returned to his normal gaits and finished the ride nicely. As did Joyce and her horse. "PLAUDITS" to Joyce in her display of great sportsmanship. There are so many instances of the Vanderfords helping others when things weren't going right, that it seems nice to have them on the receiving end occasionally. If you know of anybody out there to whom you would like to give a pat on the back, please let "PLAUDITS" know.

Open Space Authority newsletter article--

### Open Space Authority on June Ballot Vote Yes on Measure A

An important opportunity to protect open space will be before voters on June 7 -- Measure A--the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Advisory Measure. Thousands of acres of beautiful hillsides, wetlands, creeks and fertile farmlands will be permanently protected with passage of this measure. In addition, funding will be used for multi-use trail networks and neighborhood parks and recreation facilities.

Measure A gives voters a chance to save the hills, farmlands and wetlands that frame our communities, provide watershed protection, parkland and unmatched vistas. The area included within the Authority's jurisdiction includes the Diablo Range foothills from Milpitas to Gilroy, the Santa Teresa Ridge, the Southern Santa Cruz Mountain foothills west of San Jose and Morgan Hill, and South Bay wetlands. Urban open space areas within the cities of San Jose, Campbell, Milpitas, Santa Clara and Morgan Hill are also eligible for acquisition funds.

Measure A has been endorsed by a wide array of community organizations including environmental, business, recreation and civic organizations. The measure asks voters to approve an average \$12 annual assessment which will raise approximately \$3.5 million each year. In addition, voters will elect the Authority's seven member board of directors in June. Although created through separate state legislation, the Open Space Authority will operate in a similar fashion to the MidPeninsula Regional Open Space District which covers northwestern Santa Clara County and southern San Mateo County.

The Open Space Authority will help us provide an important legacy to future generations. We welcome volunteers to work on the campaign by calling (408) 977-0460. And remember, vote YES on MEASURE A.

Contributed by Nancy White,  
Greenbelt Alliance, Outreach Education/Volunteer  
Coordinator



Not all of the Quicksilver members were subscribing to the Western Horseman in 1942. A few of us were! (Hi, Viri) Below are some trail riders from the Merced/Mariposa Stock Horse Association on the 3rd Annual 88 Mile Trail Ride. They were allowed 18 hours over a two day period to complete the ride.

• Start of the ride, Dr. Moyle giving instructions.



... The judging was done both days on the road where the horse could be observed under actual working conditions and again on the morning of the third day when the mounts were led into the arena on the halter.

JULY-AUGUST, 1942

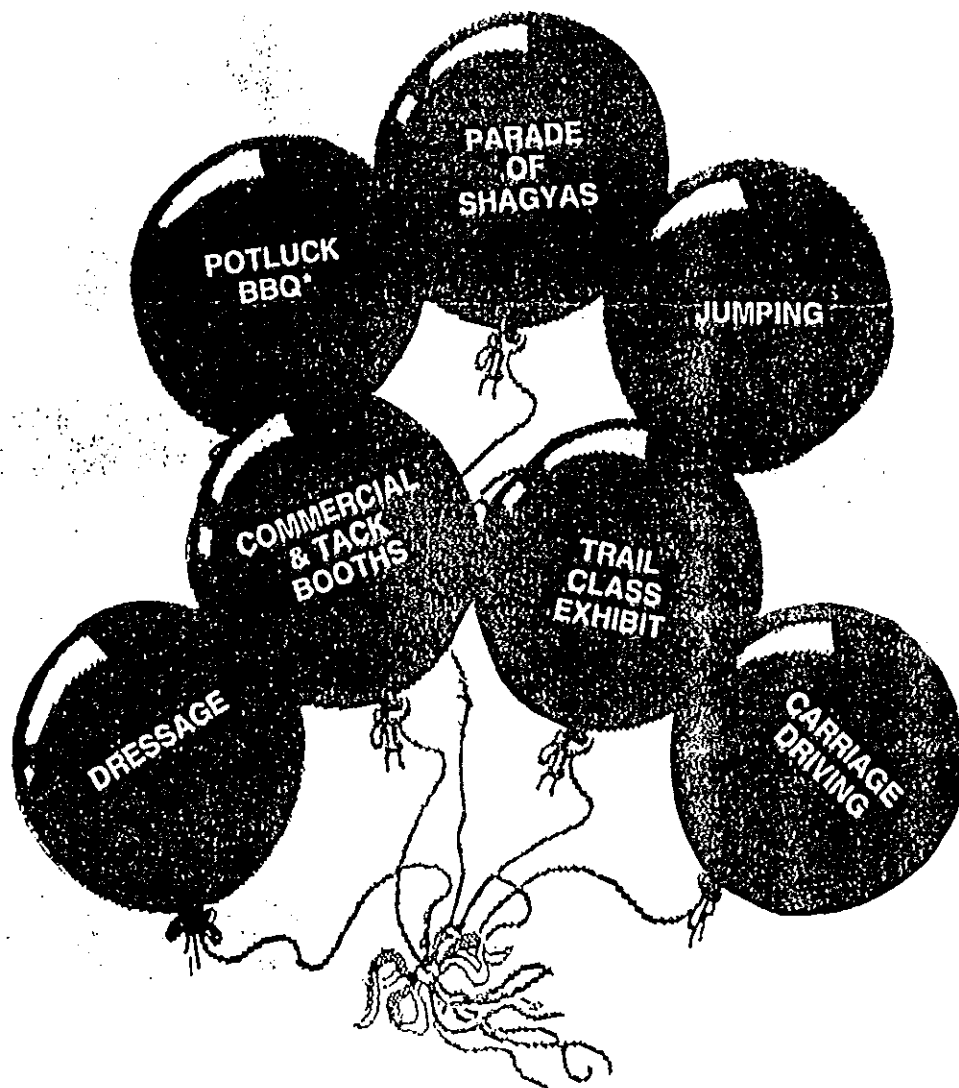
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From QUICKSILVER MEMBER C A R O L Y N T U C K E R

I was so intrigued with an article I read in the last issue of our newsletter about the Cougar Rock Ranch. The beginning of such an excellent endurance line of Arabian horses began in so very much the same way as the beginning of Shagya Arabian breeding in America! In the late 1980's we had heard of this old Hungarian Arabian breeding but could find none of this breed anywhere. As it turned out, a breeder by the name of Adele Furby, living in Montana, heard that the Bitterroot Stock Farm may have what she was looking for. This was a 22,000 acre ranch that the Countess Besseney inherited from her Grandfather, Marcus Daly, known as the "Copper King of Montana". Margit Sigray grew up in Hungary on her Hungarian Father's estate. Her mother was the American born daughter of Marcus Daly. She fled Hungary during World War II, came to America and inherited the Anaconda Copper Company, now known as "ARCO Oil", and several other estates. All of the family horses were lost in Hungary, but she was able to purchase nine horses from the Army Remount. These were horses that General Patton had helped to save. With these first nine imports the Countess began breeding and established the Hungarian Horse Association of America.

She kept impeccable breeding records. Her stud books were easy to follow in that she used three colors, red for Thoroughbred, black for Warmblood and green for Arabian. She bred horses for carriage driving, dressage, jumping and endurance. When Adele went to the ranch to see the horses she found there had been three Shagya Arabian mares imported from Hungary. The mares had always been bred to Hungarian Stallions for Carriage horses, but Adele found one that had been bred instead to the Army Remount Polish Arabian Stallion, \*Pilot, who was by Trypolis and out of an Ofir daughter. His name was Hungarian Bravo and he was then 24 yrs. old!

That fall, the Countess suddenly died and in her will it was stated that 22 of her most favorite horses would be put down so as not to fall into the wrong hands. Hungarian Bravo was on the list! The farm Manager had 30 days as Margit's legal agent and he could sell Bravo to Adele. He did and this was the beginning of Shagya breeding in America!

The first thing that Adele did after purchasing Bravo was write to the International Shagya Society and find out more about the lines. As it turned out, the current President of the ISG was the same young vet working at the Polish State Stud during the war and it was he who had brought the yearling colt \*Pilot to be saved by Patton! Dr. Frielinghaus was now 70 years old and when he heard there was a son of \*Pilot still alive in America he was overwhelmed with excitement! He helped us to establish the North American Shagya Arabian Society and to import 5 of the first Shagya Arabians to be registered in the U.S. Hungarian Bravo, at age 24 became the Foundation Stallion for Shagya breeding in the U.S. and sired about 30 offspring before he died at age 28. He was bred mostly to U.S. registered Pure Arabian mares and had mostly fillies. These fillies are being bred to the Pure Shagya Stallions for Purebred Shagya Arabian registration.

I have two offspring from Hungarian Bravo, one gelding and one mare. The gelding has competed in 3 NATRC trail rides, winning two of them! The mare is from the only breeding from Bravo and the imported Shagya mare \*Arriva. We have had our first colt born from her and \*Oman. \*Oman was imported along with the first 5 Shagyas in 1986.

Wouldn't it be nice if the Countess Besseney could see what her influence has created! We are having our annual Open House and Shagya Presentation April 30 1994. It is a Potluck Barbecue and there is no charge. Please RSVP if you would like to come.

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# Blazing a New Trail

***If the original travelers of the Oregon Trail made their trip in 1994, they may have encountered different hardships.***

*By Charles W. Miller*

**M**y wife and I followed a portion of the Oregon Trail last summer. Some of the museums and exhibits we visited showed that the pioneers who traveled the trail to Oregon were willing to endure many hardships in order to reach their destination.

But could they have reached it at all if they also were required to put up with today's laws and regulations? Here's how it might have been ...

In the spring of 1850, a number of wagons were parked in an open area on the outskirts of Independence, Mo. Their livestock grazed nearby while some of the men inspected their wagons and checked supplies. Women washed clothes, packed trunks and children played around the wagons.

Several men stopped their work as a man approached them on horseback. He had a neatly trimmed beard, wore a denim shirt, heavy trousers and had calf-length boots. He dismounted and removed a helmet from his head.

"Howdy," he said with a smile. "Jake Wycliff's the name."

"Ezra Martin," replied one of the men as they shook hands. "That's a strange-looking hat you're wearing."

"Oh, that. It's required by law for all horseback riders. Supposed to prevent head injuries in case a person gets thrown from his horse." He paused and then asked, "You all planning on goin' to Oregon?"

"That's what we're fixin' to do," replied Ezra.

"You got a wagon master yet?"

"Nope. We plan to go into town tomorrow and look one up."

"Well, I'm a licensed wagon master and I'm available. Had to make the trip to Oregon and back and take a written test before I could get my wagon-master's license." Jake reached in his pocket and removed his wallet. He took out a small plastic card and handed it to Ezra. As Ezra and several of the men examined it, Jake said, "It's all legal and up to date."

"What are your terms?" asked Ezra.

"Fifty cents a day and I guarantee to get you there."

After some discussion among the men, Ezra said, "OK, it's a deal."

"Good. I'll inspect all the wagons and all owners must

sign an agreement absolving me of any liability in case of any trouble. And make sure your public-liability and property-damage insurance policies are current. Also, your wagon-registration certificates and driver licenses are good for at least a year."

The men nodded and Jake said, "Don't see why we can't leave day after tomorrow if everything is in order."

He paused and then added, "It's not required, but you might consider fire, theft and comprehensive coverage. Also, uninsured team-driver insurance."

"Dammed red tape we have to go through. What's this country coming to ..." muttered one of the men as Jake put on his helmet and rode away.

Several days later the wagons were all lined up and ready to move out. Jake handed out litter bags as he collected the wagons, but he came up one short. He

looked at his list and saw that the Hansons' wagon was missing.

"Where are the Hansons?" he asked the man in the wagon directly ahead of the space where the Hansons' wagon should have been.

"Oh, he got a recall notice from the Department of Transportation yesterday. Something about replacing the axles on his wagon. He's at the dealer right now."

"Well, we can't wait," replied Jake. "We're movin' out."

As he rode along the line of wagons, Jake had to remind many of the passengers to fasten their seat belts. Many of the mothers were quite upset because they couldn't hold their babies in their arms; they had to ride in infant seats. But spirits were high and the first week went well in spite of a river they had to ford.

One evening Jake walked up to Jeb Smith. "It's your turn to stand guard tonight, Jeb."

"I can't, Jake."

"And why not?"

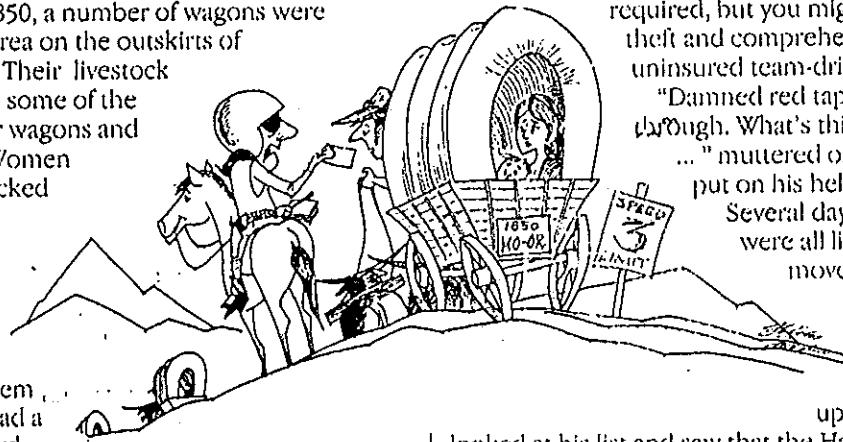
"I don't have a rifle."

"You mean to tell me that you came on this trip without a rifle?"

"Well, I tried to buy one in Independence but they have a 15-day waiting period for firearm purchases."

With a disgusted look, Jake replied, "See if you can borrow one. We all have to take our turn."

A few days later, the group came upon a small river. The children wanted to go swimming but the mothers





stopped them and made them put on life jackets before going in. Jake had seen some elk nearby and thought some fresh meat would be a treat. But he had trouble organizing a hunt because most of the men hadn't bothered to get hunting licenses. Some had fishing licenses, but with a limit of only eight fish each, there wouldn't be enough for everyone.

Around the campfire that evening, one of the ladies asked Jake, "Do you think we'll be attacked by Indians?"

"I don't think so," he replied. "Actually, some of the Indians have helped pioneers in distress." He again pondered the question. "We do have to be on the lookout, however. If we are attacked, don't shoot back unless you absolutely have to. Last year a wagon train was attacked and an Indian was badly wounded. A lawyer got ahold of him and they brought suit against the pioneer and won. Took him for everything he owned — wagon, money, belongings, everything. Didn't ever hear what happened to that family."

"How much did the lawyer get?" asked one of the men as he tossed some wood on the fire.

"I don't know," said Jake, "but they also brought suit against the Hawken Arms Co. That one's still in the courts."

The group looked forward to reaching Fort Laramie where they could replenish their supplies. However, they weren't too pleased when 7.5 percent sales tax was added to their purchases. Also, they had to pay 25 cents a day to park their wagons outside the fort.

Several weeks after leaving the fort, they came to a large river. Jake rode along the river for some distance in both directions. He came back to the wagon trail and said, "Must have been a big snow melt in the mountains this spring. The river is way too high to ford. We'd never make it."

"What do you suggest?" asked one of the men.

"I think the only thing we can do is build a large raft and ferry the wagons across. There are plenty of big trees over yonder."

The next morning with crosscut saws and axes, the men went to work. A man wearing a khaki uniform and a helmet with an official-looking insignia on it rode up to them.

"What do you think you're doing?" he asked.

"We're cutting trees to build a raft," replied Jake.

"Not here. No way. I'm from the U.S. Forest Service and you have to have a permit to cut timber here. Besides, the BPA has declared this area off limits. It's the nesting area for the red-tailed hawk."

Just then, a small band of Indians rode up to them. One dismounted and walked up to the men.

"I am Grey Wolf. You want logs?"

"Yes," replied Jake.

"We got permit for over there," said Grey Wolf, pointing to a large stand of trees in the distance.

"If you help us, we'll pay you 16 cents an hour — minimum wage."

"No," said Grey Wolf. "We have union. Want 22 cents an hour, time-and-a-half for overtime."

Jake called the men together for a brief meeting and emerged after a few minutes. "You got yourself a deal," he said.

After two weeks a large raft was built, and one at a time the wagons were ferried across the swollen river.

As they resumed their trip, they met a small group of wagons heading east. After stopping and exchanging greetings, Jake asked, "Didn't you get to Oregon?"

"Oh sure," replied the man in the lead wagon. "Beautiful country. We would liked to have settled there, but we couldn't afford to stay."

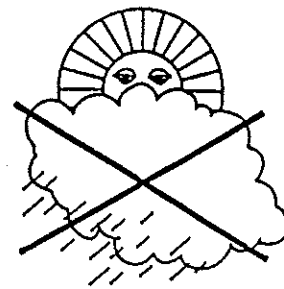
"I thought the government gave each family 160 acres," said Jake with a puzzled look.

"That they did, but they didn't say anything about the property taxes. Same thing in California." He motioned toward his wagon and added, "Wait until you see what the wagon-license fee is."

Another man who had been listening added; "They got a tax on the hay your horses use. Supposed to be used to build better wagon roads." He climbed back up in his wagon, fastened his seat belt and yelled to his horse, "Come on, Sam, we got to get going."

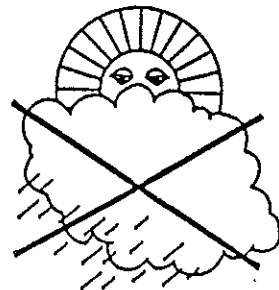
As his wagon pulled away, he said to himself, "I wonder if I can still get my little farm in Ohio back?"

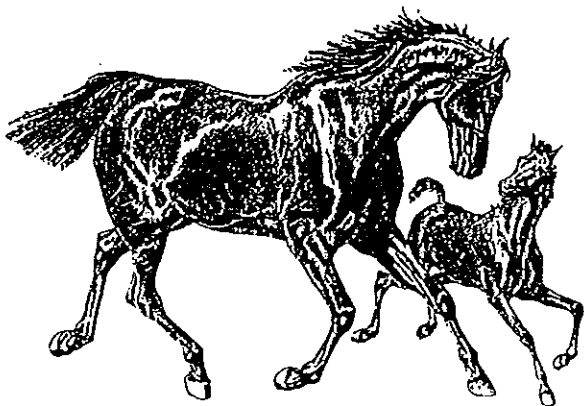
*Charles W. Miller is a freelance writer from West Sedona, Ariz., and has been a Good Sam Club member since 1980.*



A ride manager has to be able to roll with the punches and Becky Hart learned how to do that a long time ago out on the endurance trail. When March rains forced the cancellation of her March SASO event she called sanctioning director Barbara McCrary and found that under emergency circumstances it was possible to delay a ride 24 hours. So Becky rescheduled her ride for 24 hours later and lo and behold, everyone came!! The sky was blue, the grass was green and the horses eager...a day made in Heaven for the 56 fifty milers and the 27 twenty-five milers. Quicksilver's 1994 National Champion Junior Rider, Heather Bergantz, showed she has what it takes to ride as a senior as she posted her first win on Tyler. Head veterinarian Melissa Ribley did an admirable job as usual and a good time was had by all. The next SASO ride is scheduled for April 23rd. Y'all come!

## SHINE AND SHINE ONLY RIDES





# Help Us Raise the Roof!

Dear Fellow Horse Enthusiast,

We want to ask a minute of your time today to share with you an exciting project that will benefit all the equines of Santa Cruz County. It's the barn-raising that's going on at the Santa Cruz SPCA. We've seen the current four-stall stable that, after years of continuous use, earthquake and dry rot, has only one safe stall available. It's definitely not the place we'd want our horses stabled if they were found wandering and brought to the SPCA!

The dedicated folks at the animal shelter have been working on raising money for their new stable for the last two years. They've secured a \$10,000 grant from the prestigious Marguerite Doe Foundation, but that's \$25,000 shy of the goal. The Doe grant offer runs out at the end of June, so the remainder needs to be raised NOW. We're writing to you because, as a fellow horse enthusiast, you know how important it is to have a safe, secure sanctuary for our equines should the unforeseen happen.

The planned stable is nothing fancy: a simple six-stall breezeway facility manufactured by MD Barns, with plywood-reinforced metal sides and a durable metal roof. The floor will be base rock covered by mats. Modern lighting and plumbing will be sufficient to allow the SPCA Animal Care Technicians and visiting veterinarians to do their important work, even in times of emergency. This wonderful stable will serve our community for decades to come and will be a model of safe and appropriate stabling.

We've enclosed an information sheet that answers some basic questions you might have about the project. We hope that once you've reviewed all the material you'll send a generous donation in support of this worthwhile project. Help us raise the roof on this critically-needed stable!

Julie Mabie

Barbara Brechel

Peter Haan

Crystal Elzer

Julie Suhr

Lisa Leask

# QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SPCA BARN-RAISING

*We pay tax money. Why don't the animal control contracts build a new stable?*

The government pays absolutely zero towards new buildings or renovations at the SPCA. A small portion of the contract budget is allocated for maintenance only of the current facility. When the SPCA needs to do major renovation or construction work, it has to dig into a tiny reserve fund from its donation income.

*My horses will never end up at the SPCA. Why should I donate?*

Never is a long, long time. Is your property immune to natural disasters? Totally protected from fences breaking and gates coming loose? Horses can spook at almost anything and simply start running. And they may end up—waiting for you—at the SPCA. Remember the Lexington Reservoir fires? The SPCA intervened for all the animals there—cats, dogs, horses and other livestock—caring for and fostering out all those in need of help. No one was turned away.

*I know the SPCA can take care of dogs and cats, but are they competent to take care of our community's horses?*

That's one of the reasons we're building a new barn. Our Animal Care Supervisor, Debbie Harris, is committed to the highest quality of care for all the animals we serve. We have many devoted riders and horse owners on our staff. The Animal Care Technicians and Animal Control Officers are specially trained in breed identification, handling techniques, trailering and identifying serious injuries. Debbie and her horse Shalom are active NATRC members and have been riding together for 17 years. We know that horses are special and have special needs.

*Isn't \$35,000 a lot of money to spend on a six-stall stable? I could throw a basic shelter together for under a thousand!*

We can't provide just "basic shelter" for the animals that come into our care. We need a solid, dependable shelter that will withstand the elements, earthquakes and the occasional "kicking mule." A "basic" roof might serve when you know your horses and their temperaments but we must be ready for anything. We need a facility that can accommodate everything from a miniature horse to a draft animal, on a moment's notice.

The equines and other livestock that will be using this facility come to us for a variety of reasons. Some are abused or neglected. Some are sick or injured and need special care. Some are lost and frightened. In each case we need to provide a safe, secure place for them. To this end we must have a properly graded area with good drainage. We need lighting and plumbing to facilitate the best in care for our guests. This all costs money and can't be thrown together for "under a thousand."

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*Yes! I want to help the horses of our community to have a safe refuge when they need it most. Please use my tax-deductible donation of:*

\$ 500     \$ 250     \$ 100     \$ 50     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to discuss a naming opportunity with an SPCA representative.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

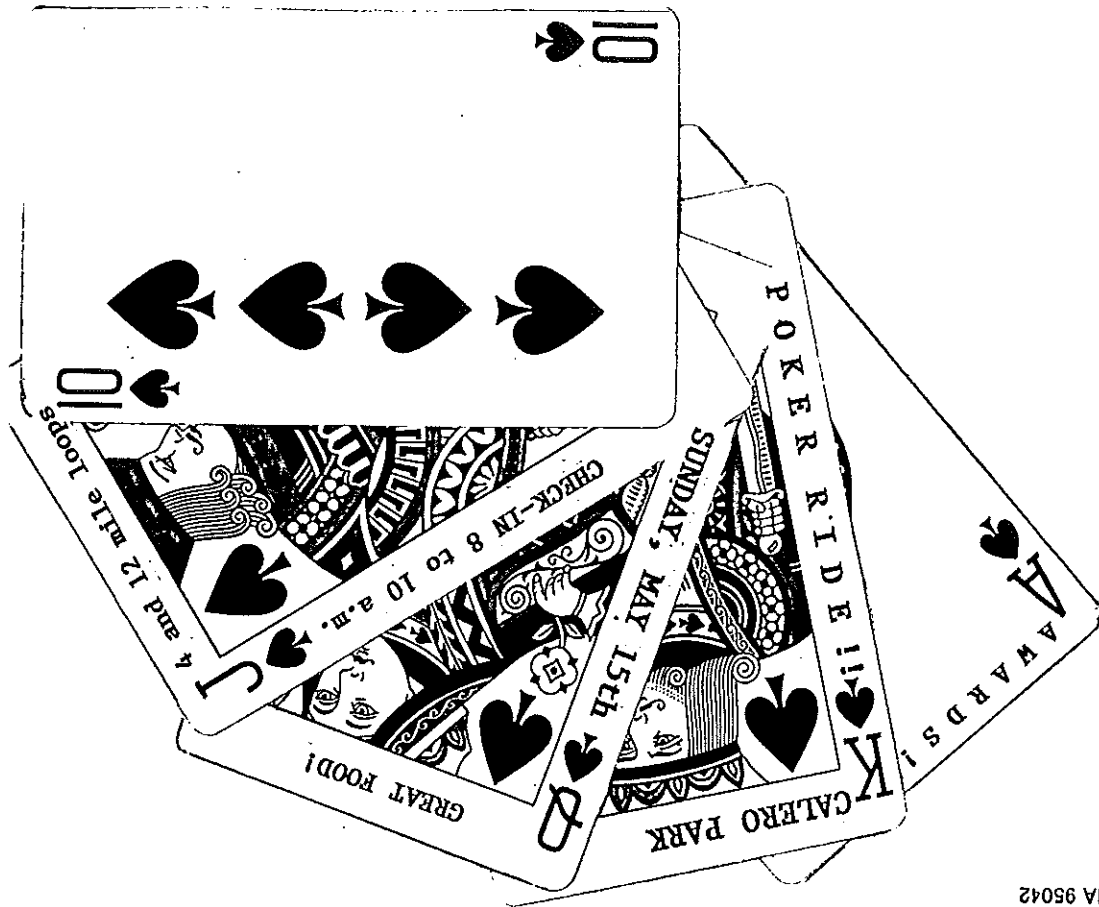
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(Pin-Up of the Month..Diane Luternauer)



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**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY**

- MAY 7...SCOTTS FLAT 25/50/70, Nevada City, CA  
 Suzi Souza 916-268-2607  
 MALIBU 25/50, Agoura, CA  
 Karyn Zontelli 818-889-7228
- MAY 11...QUICKSILVER BOARD MEETING 6:30 p.m.  
 QUICKSILVER GENERAL MEETING 7:30 p.m.  
 Speaker: Not Available at press time.
- MAY 14...WASHOE VALLEY 50 Nevada  
 Liana Comeaux 702-882- 2791
- May 15...QUICKSILVER POKER RIDE  
 ♥ Carla Fanara 408-779-7085 ♠  
 Calero Park, see page 1
- MAY 21...CASTLE ROCK CHALLENGE RIDE 50  
 BIG CREEK 70/100, Davenport, CA  
 Barbara McCrary 408-423-4572
- MAY 28...CAMP FAR WEST 25/50  
 Tom Bowling 916-663-4069
- MAY 30...MEMORIAL DAY