

QUICKSILVER QUIPS



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Steve's President's Messages will continue next month.

Don't Forget....Our Annual Fall Classic is Saturday, November 8th in the Almaden Quicksilver Park. Brian Reeves has taken on the job of managing it for the second time. He is going to need the help of all of us. Primarily, he needs riders. But next, and of equal importance, he needs people to call him at 725-8602 and ask him how or where you can help. There are too many details for one person to handle. This is our primary fund raising project of the year. Please join with the rest of us in supporting Quicksilver and Brian.

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QUICKSILVER NEEDS YOU!!!



I know that you have heard this song and dance each year at this time, but it is so important!

The Quicksilver endurance riders collectively and individually must decide who they wish to have guide our club in 1998.

Please put on your calendar that the October 8th General Meeting will help decide our future. At that time:

Nominations for Quicksilver officers will be made. They will be voted on at the November General Meeting.

Nominations for Quicksilver Directors will be made at the November General Meeting and voted at the December General Meeting.

In your next Newsletter, the November issue, there will be a form on which we ask you to record the rides that you and your horse or horses completed in 1997. This information will be used to decide our annual awards winners. Don't be left out because you forgot to send it to Maryben at 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose, CA 95125.

Steve Lenheim once again has agreed to put together our Annual Yearbook/Calendar. He says the hardest part of the job is getting people to send in their pictures. None of us care whether it is an old or a new photo, whether your horse is or is not in it with you, or whether you photograph like Marilyn Monroe or Patsy Kline. Just do it! Go to your snapshot album, the refrigerator door or that stack of photos you have been wondering what to do with, grab one at random and stick it in an envelope addressed to Steve Lenheim at Campbell Mortgage, 2100 South Bascom Avenue, #4, Campbell, CA 95008. Steve is going to spend hours at this project. Please spend five minutes to help him out. If your picture includes your horse, put his name as well as your own on the back of the photo. Steve always gets them back to you as soon as the Yearbook/Calendar is printed.

Our October Meeting at the Horseman's Grounds will be special. Catherine Kauer has arranged for Ramona Koch, a horse trainer of the Tom Dorrance persuasion, to give a live demonstration of the methods she uses to train horses. I once had an aunt who bought every kitchen gadget known to man, 90% of which she never used. Her rationale was that if she found one time saver, one item that made life easier, it was worth all the others. I feel the same way about horse clinics. If you go home with one good idea that saves time and makes life easier for you (and your horse!) it is well worth the effort. 6:30 pm. Let your horse know you care enough about him to go!



The Gardnerville Gallop should be retitled the **Great Gardnerville Gallop** because it was a great weekend. South of Carson City a few miles, it attracted

Quicksilver members to the pinon nut forests where they had the choice of riding a one day 50, another 50 the second day, or a two day 100 or a 25 miler or a 25 mile ride and tie. Nevada means rocks and there were a few of those (understatement), but there was plenty of good going for some high speed trotting or galloping. The trail rose to 9,500 feet and if you ever want to feel on top of the world, this is the place to be. On a clear day you could see forever and it was a clear day. The trails were honest fifties and the winning times reflected that.

The Vanderfords were there from Loma Rica and Gloria came in a strong 3rd on the two day 100 on Blue. Hugh earned first heavyweight riding Stormy. Chuck Beebe and Jangling Spurs were there with Divian tending their every need. Bob Suhr rode the big Fadot on Day One and Julie completed on Razz who is coming along nicely after a slow start last year. Melissa Ribley vetted the first day and then rode Reebok the second day with Robert on Johnny Red. Caralee White and her handsome young son were helping as well as visiting with their good friends, the Vanderfords.

The Gardnerville Gallop was a benefit ride for the Douglas County Search and Rescue. The volunteer help to make this ride a success did a beautiful job of keeping the riders fed, hydrated and happy. A tack sale and a drawing were well received, especially by Bob Suhr who won a saddle and didn't even have to buy a raffle ticket. Hugh Vanderford took home the free entry to the Virginia City 100 later this month. The Douglas County Fairgrounds made a super ride headquarters. j.s.

Jerry and Diane Luternaureur have relocated to eighteen acres at Rogue River in Oregon. They back up to a great trail system and are now in the process of moving their horses and household effects. The new address is 13237 E. Evans Creek Road, Rogue River, Oregon 97537. They don't have a phone number yet, but we'll have it for you next month.

Maryben Stover bought David St. Charles' camper.. It has a few more amenities than her old one. However, it will probably be filled with Juniors as Maryben does not go far without one or two sharing her quarters.

Barbara McCrary and her horse, Charlie, parted company when the wasps took exception to their riding overhead. With a broken rib to show for it, Barbara and Lud still managed to get off to England on schedule.

Ben Hatfield has 2,000 linear feet of pipe fence railing. If someone is interested, call him at 408-257-4897. Of even more interest, Ben has a showing of his aerial photograph collection of the Santa Clara Valley in the mid-1940's on display at the Santa Clara Library on Homestead Road in Santa Clara. This exhibit shows in detail the area from Moffett Field down through the Almaden Valley. Do you want to see what Quicksilver Park looked like when the mines were still in operation? It will be there through the month of September and it is well worth your while.

Jeri Ayers-Scott is recovering nicely from her second angioplasty performed at the end of June. It would be good to see her back on the trails again.

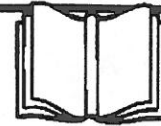
Those of you who watched the funeral services for Princess Diana probably noticed the good looking black horses accompanying the cortege. Commentator Tom Brokaw said they had "been fed high energy feed" the night before to keep them alert. Apparently it worked because there was a good deal of head tossing.

Deb Cooper and Marga Bouten are moving their horse operation to new quarters on Larkin Valley Road. The larger facility will allow them to expand their horse boarding and training programs.

We will have an in depth report on the Pan American Championship Ride in Bend, Oregon in the November Issue of Quicksilver Quips. There were loads of Quicksilver members there.

QUICKSILVER MONTHLY BOOK REPORT

THE MAN WHO LISTENS TO HORSES by Monty Roberts
The Story of a Real-Life Horse Whisperer



It is always fun to recognize places with which you are familiar in a book. Monty Roberts was born in Salinas and cut his teeth at the Salinas Rodeo. His father's method of breaking horses was to break their spirit through rough and abusive handling. Monty took exception to this and disappeared into the Nevada desert at age 13 to observe the wild horses. From them he learned how to communicate through body language. A gentle man, he has spent his life training horses and his abilities have led him all over the world. He believes in non-verbal communication with animals as well as in human relationships. He has worked with over 250 corporations showing that there are "forms of communication far stronger than the spoken word and that they are accessible to all who will learn to listen". He has had twenty sessions with Queen Elizabeth while working with the royal horses. His main thrust is that if you will observe and listen to horses, you can speak their language and train them with kindness rather than force. This type of thinking is thankfully very prevalent now with Tom Dorrance, Ray Hunt, John Lyon and Pat Parelli all following similar lines of thought. I would characterize the book as sort of a self-congratulatory autobiography. It is written in the first person and takes Monty Roberts from the time he was a very small child to the present. You cannot argue with his successes and you will learn something. Published in 1996, *The Man Who Listens to Horses* is \$23 in hard cover. I do not think it is in paper back as yet. His web page is www.MontyRoberts.com.
j.s.

QUICKSILVER QUIPS QUESTIONABLE QUARTERLY QUIZ QUERIES

So you think you know horses....

1. The world's tallest horse was a) 19 3/4 hands, b) 21.2 1/2 hands, c) 23.3 1/2 hands?
2. Do you think this horse weighed a) 2884 pounds, b) 3010 pounds or c) 3360 pounds?
3. Was this wonder equine a) a) stallion, b) mare or c) gelding?
4. Was the monster a) a) Clydesdale, b) Shire or c) Mongolian War Pony?
5. Its name was a) Giant, b) Fadot, c) Sampson?
6. The world's smallest horse was a) 14 inches, b) 16 1/2 inches, c) 17 inches?
7. Do you think this equine wonder weighed a) 19 1/2 pounds, b) 20 pounds, or c) 22 pounds 6 ounces?
8. What was its sex? a) stallion b) mare or c) gelding
9. How old do you think the world's oldest horse lived to be? a) 51 1/2 years, b) 59 years or c) 62 years.
10. Did he live in a) Argentina, b) Nova Scotia or c) England?

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| 2. | a)___ | b)___ | c)___ | 7. | a)___ | b)___ | c)___ |
| 3. | a)___ | b)___ | c)___ | 8. | a)___ | b)___ | c)___ |
| 4. | a)___ | b)___ | c)___ | 9. | a)___ | b)___ | c)___ |
| 5. | a)___ | b)___ | c)___ | 10. | a)___ | b)___ | c)___ |

answers are on page 8

THE MOONLIGHT RIDE

as reported by JANE ROTHERT-FANARA



The message on the phone recorder was from Patsy Scharfe--"Don't forget the moonlight ride tonight!" Being a bit of a gimp these days, riding and moonlight rides were the furthest from my mind, but with Dave's gentle encouragement we threw the chaise lounge in the trunk of the car and took off for Calero Park. To my pleasant surprise, there were several other club members and gimps (you know who you are) who came out for the same reason--to enjoy the festivities and the company of good friends.

The weather was perfect--one of the best evenings we have had in the 10 years that Chere Montgomery has been putting this on. It was warm with just the right amount of chill as the evening wore on. The moon was three quarters full and very bright, and the sky sparkled with stars and a few wispy clouds. Approximately 25 riders took off in the dark to enjoy the trail while about the same number sat around the bonfire, socializing and waiting their return.

The food was wonderful--what a group of chefs we have in the Quicksilver Club. The chili and cornbread was terrific thanks to Rosanne Phin and Pat McAndrews; the hearty chicken soup was wonderful, thanks to Chere Montgomery; and the lasagna was yummy, thanks to Mara Mosqueda. There were also salads, cookies, coffee, and hot dogs, and I apologize that I don't know who all to thank. It was a wonderful feast. And as if that wasn't enough there were door prizes donated by Mara Mosqueda and Janice Frazier for the lucky ticket holders! A steady background of beautiful guitar music by John Goldsworthy accompanied our chatter and laughter. What an evening!

It was a successful and fun evening that was enjoyed by all, and netted the club treasury \$134. Once again, a round of applause to Chere Montgomery for orchestrating this yearly event. Thanks Chere.

Sincerely,

Jane Rothert-Fanara

Help—I forgot to pick up my long handled soup ladle after the Moonlight Ride. If anyone rescued it, please call me at 268-2911. Thanks. Chere Montgomery.

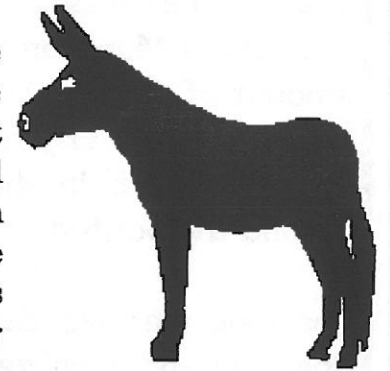
Lassen Ride by Ken Cook

Day one, the arrival.

The Quicksilver crew, Maryben Stover, Julie Caprino, and myself, Ken Cook, arrived at Lassen with quite a splash, or maybe that was a splat, as we promptly got stuck in a ditch, and couldn't get out, (or as Maryben would tell you I got the truck stuck!!) But there was a kind gentleman, or maybe he just felt sorry for an idiot, that pulled us out. Although we did have to use Scarlett for ballast in the back of the trailer, see, mules are good for something.. After checking in and getting our ride packets, and a little visiting, when you travel with Maryben you visit a lot, we put our week-end chef to work. That was to be Julie. After a few pointers from Maryben on how to use and not use the camper, and that there was not a garbage disposal on board, except for the four in the trailer (dogs). Julie proceeded to cook a rather fine pasta dinner, and I didn't leave much for the dogs, they could fend for themselves

Day two. the race

Sat. morning arrived a bit chilly, as usual at Lassen. You are at about 4500 ft. elevation, and Lassen still has snow on it. But we braved the chilly air and managed to all get ready and be the first ones at the starting line, even Maryben! We didn't want to wear all the dust that was sure to be hanging in the air, and trust me, it can be thick enough to fry a Dust Buster. There were 53 starters in the fifty and 16 starters in the twenty five. Sandy had the twenty fives start at 9:30, and the fifty's started at 7:00, This was rather nice for a change, extra sleep, and daylight to start by. Maybe this could catch on at other rides, at least during the summer. This also prevented a traffic jam at the vets checks.



Upon the ok to begin we took off in the lead, but were quickly passed by other riders that decided they didn't like our brand of dust. The three of us rode together for awhile, Scarlett was moving like a race horse on this relatively flat course. This was her kind of ride, at least until we came to the first hill, then she decided we had tricked her and she slowed down. Julie and I rode together for a few miles, until Julie and Atlantys decided Rocky and I were dead weight and decided to head out on their own to explore this rather pretty trail by themselves. Lassen is a pretty ride, with some beautiful views, cold water creeks, and mostly good footing, a few rocky areas but not many. This ride only has one climb on it, the rest is mostly flat. This makes for a relatively fast ride, but a very pleasant one.

When I arrived at the first vet check, lunch, or maybe it was breakfast (9:10am)Julie was already 40 min. ahead of me. I believe she left in first place. I had apparently picked up a few places at the vet check, because as I found out later I left in fourth place, but didn't know it at the time. Maryben and Scarlett came in about forty minutes behind me, and they were looking in good shape. Scarlett was eating everything in sight, I moved Rocky and myself out of harms way, because mules will eat just about anything!

At 10:10 Rocky and I escaped the hungry mule and rode off towards Mt. Lassen. The second half of the ride is the prettiest, along side of creeks and with some spectacular views of Mt. Lassen, and through lots of trees. Rocky was feeling good so I let him go after the last vet

check. We had stayed there longer than most and had let some riders go ahead of us. Rocky really liked the tall green grass next to the creek, and wasn't in any real hurry to leave. But when we hit the trail he was really moving good. We passed some of the riders we had let go ahead of us, and were right behind two ladies when one of them suddenly fell off. Rocky, being the gentleman he is, stopped and let me off to help catch her horse and make sure she was ok. As soon as all the body parts were accounted for, we re-mounted and continued on together. That was when I found out I was back in the top ten riders. We finished the last couple of miles to the finish without further problems. Rocky and I finished eighth, Rocky was again the gentleman and let the ladies go first!!! After vetting in with good scores we went back to camp to find Julie there wondering what had taken us so long. She had finished second by one minute, and was 50 minutes ahead of us. I think she was a lot more excited than she let on. But her biggest thrill was yet to come, as later on at the post ride meeting and dinner, she was honored with the Best Condition award, and was spoken very highly of by all the riders and vets. Every one agreed that she had earned this award.

Scarlett and Maryben came in 22nd, setting a new speed record for a mule. Scarlett's hooves were still smoking an hour later. She knew there was food back in camp!! And her buddy Rocky.

Also attending the ride were Quicksilver members, Gerry and Dianne Lutenuer, they finished in the top twenty riders. They were in route to their new digs in Oregon. We wish them good luck in their new home.

Out of the 53 starters, 48 finished. This is a fun, well managed ride, and the vets were quite efficient, and very nice. This was my second ride at Lassen and I look forward to being there next year.

Day three. the trip home

The morning started out as usual, checking horses and loading gear. Every one was in good spirits, as we all still had sound horses, and mule. We stopped and ate breakfast and visited with some other riders, great morning, so far... After being on the road for a couple of hours we decided to stop at one of the rest stops and let the horses out for a drink of water and to stretch their legs. Julie climbed out of the camper and asked why we had stopped, so being the joker I am sometimes, I told her we had broken down and had to wait for a tow truck. Julie actually believed me and kept asking how long we would have to wait. I thought she had been around Bing long enough not to be tricked so easily. Eventually I told her it was just a joke and we loaded back up. But as it turned out the joke was to be on me! About twenty miles down the road we stopped to fuel. That was when we noticed oil all over the trailer. Our fun week-end was about to take a turn for the worse, and my foolish joke was about to become reality. I discovered a hole in the cover of the rear-end, we had lost a tooth off of one of the gears and it had gone through the cover. This time we were really stuck. And it was getting hot. Dunnigan, is a small town, without any shade, about 80 miles north of Sacramento. So here we sit with 3 horses, 4 dogs, and a broken truck. Thank goodness for cell phones, and friends. We got on the phones and located a tow truck, and our good friend Bing Voight, who promptly got in his truck and drove four hours to come haul home his wayward friends, all ten of us! Thanks Bing!!!! Moral of this story, never even joke about breaking down, as the big truck god in the sky may punish you severely.

Ken Cook and Rocky (the little Arab that thinks BIG)



QUICKSILVER
HISTORY
LESSON

Submitted by
Jeri Ayers-Scott

Like Father, Like Son

When Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt became involved in politics in the 1890s, he began to distance himself from foxhunting because he believed it carried an elitist stigma. But he continued to ride and to keep horses at Sagamore Hill, his home on Long Island, New York.

Roosevelt's six children shared his love of animals, particularly his son Archibald, but it was his youngest son, Quentin, who provided one of the best animal stories in White House history.

Above: Teddy Roosevelt's son Quentin rides his beloved pony Algonquin at Sagamore Hill.

Archie was stricken with measles and whooping cough, an illness exacerbated by grief over the death of Jack Dog, his beloved fox terrier. In an effort to cheer his brother, Quentin coaxed Archie's small calico pony, Algonquin, into the White House elevator and led him, fully tacked, into Archie's room.

Archie recovered, and when he was big enough to ride horses, Quentin inherited Algonquin and rode him to public school in Washington, D.C.

Even when the family outgrew him, Algonquin was still a treasured resident of Sagamore Hill.

—Dale Leatherman

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT by Maryben

A HORSE living in a box stall is comparative to a human being living in a portapotty.

A HORSE communicates by body language. How can a horse in a box stall communicate with its neighbors? How would you like to live in a house with no windows and no telephone?

PASTURE HORSES get fewer colds, fewer lamenesses and fewer colics. Due to evolution, they are extremely tolerant of extreme temperatures.

Classy Classifieds

Jim and Jackie Bumgardner have four proven endurance horses and one legged up four year old for sale. If you call them at 760-375-8915 or 760-932-7716 or e-mail them at jbumgard@regent.net you might have a chance to choose between these "ready-to-go" endurance horses. The training and conditioning are already in four of them.

1) Serya Robask is a partbred bay Arab gelding who stand 15.2 or .3. He is a twelve year old who can carry a heavyweight and he has a good endurance record. He did all five days of the June XP, the 1997 Tevis and just completed the Gardnerville Gallop. Never been pulled in 700 miles. He's worth the \$4,000 price tag..

2) Sweet Cal Echo is another partbred bay Arab gelding who stands at 15.1. Cal also has never been pulled in 700 miles and completed the 1996 summer XP and Tevis. Just completed the Gardnerville Gallop. On top of all of this, he is sweepstakes nominated and passported. This is a \$5,000 horse.

3) Mr. Maajistic is a dark grey partbred Arab gelding who stands 14.3. Egyptian bred, he is five years old and has completed two 50 milers. He eats and drinks like a champ and is very correct. \$3,000.

4) Fire Mountain Cosmo is a bay registered 1/2 Arab gelding. He is a 7 year old Sierra Fadwah+/- son and is out of a proven endurance and ride and tie mare who is a TB/Standardbred cross. He has done three 50 mile rides and his full sister is currently leading HWT. in the Northwest. \$3000 for this one.

5) Fire Mountain Blaze is a chestnut coming 4 year old with a blaze. She has been raced but would rather be an endurance horse. She's well legged up with a snappy walk and forward trot and should be about 15 hands when mature. Video available. \$3500.

Raul De La Rosa has a 6 1/2 year old gorgeous bay gelding that sports two white socks and a blaze. He's 15 1/2 hands tall and needs a strong woman rider. Raul wants \$2,000 for him or would consider a trade for a trailer. Call Raul at 408-427-3040.



Trilby Pederson has room for one tenant and six horses at her place on Almaden Avenue. A loft above the barn has 1600 sq. feet. The monthly rental fee of \$1400 includes the utilities. In her pasture she has room for six horses at \$150 per month. And in her barn she has two 14x14 foot stalls with attached paddocks for \$200 per month each. Trilby can be reached at 408-997-7500

Quicksilver Quips Questionable Quarterly Quiz Queries Qualifying Answers

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| 1. b | 6. a |
| 2. c | 7. b |
| 3. c | 8. a |
| 4. b | 9. c |
| 5. c | 10. c |



If you answered all the questionable queries correctly, you have the book.

If you were correct in only a few cases, hey, nice try.

If you didn't get any right, you just don't care.

Sampson, the world's tallest horse, was a shire gelding foaled in 1846 in Toddington Mills, England.

The stallion, Little Pumpkin, the world's smallest horse, was born in 1976 in South Carolina.

The world's oldest horse, Old Billy, was foaled in England in 1760 and died in 1822 at the age of 62.

Source: Guinness Book of Records, 1997 Edition

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| October | 4 | Comstock Arabians 25/50
Mickey Zimmerman 702-972-7241 |
| October | 4 | Tar Springs 30/50
Skip Dyke 805-489-1832 |
| October | 8 | Quicksilver Meeting.
Ramona Koch, horse trainer. see page 2
Horseman's Grounds, 6:30 p.m. |
| October | 11 | American River 25/50/75
Penny Scribner 916-333-1652 |
| October | 18 | Crystal Peak 25/50
Pam Mott 702-677-2720 |
| October | 25 | Lake Sonoma 50
Ruth Waltenspiel 707-433-8254 |
| October | 31 | Halloween |

