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STEVE' HARROWING DAY

The other day I was towing my trailer over to Santa Cruz and discovered why I'm not a truck river. If you ever want to meet inconsiderate drivers all you have to do is have a horse trailer behind you. The first incident was the guy did the Hollywood stop to get ahead o me, that was on Almaden Road one block from my house. The guy had to be in front even if he jetted out from the side street. The second incident was at Scotts Valley where some woman (I have a better term to use) had to pass, cut in front, slam on the brakes to slow so she could make her turn off the freeway. If I had video of all this it would have been great for a drivers ed. class to show kids how their parents drive. Oh yes, the last one, you know, the black Toyota truck on the way down the mountain toward Los Gatos where a Cal-Trans crew is blocking the right lane. This guy or gal has to pass on the right at an excessive speed to cut in before hitting the gravel truck who is slowly moving to the left. That not good enough at the same or greater speed he cuts past the gravel truck causing him to hold right and smashing some of the orange cones. I now have a great deal of respect for truck drivers and wish I had a cannon on my front hood for when I tow my trailer.



50 miles to go, *Steve*

MARCH MINUTES

The March Board meeting was called to order by Steve at 6:25 p.m.

Absent Board members were Trilby and Marvin.

Steve briefly read the minutes of the January General meeting and the February Board meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

There was no President's report. The Treasurer and Secretary were not present; therefore there were no reports.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Maryben has gotten a few more late membership renewals

Program - Steve motioned to move the barn dance from Trilby's to the Horseman's and invite San Martin and Santa Clara County Horseman's to attend.

Goodwill - \$75 was allocated to Julie Suhr or another person to buy flowers or send a donation to a charity of the family's choice in regards to Chuck Beebe's sudden death.

Ride - Awards, entry fees and trail connections between Calero and Quicksilver for the Fall ride were discussed.

Newsletter - Our newsletter and other club information is now online at : <http://www.homestead.com/qsendurance/files/>

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Instead of a General Meeting, Quicksilver member, Nancy Elliot came and talked to the club about the World Championship in Dubai, UAE where she was USA Team Veterinarian. It was the largest international equestrian event ever held, with 42 countries participating. The UAE covered much of the expense for all the teams, including transportation and lodging. Despite some problems before the race, the USA had a great finish, bringing home the Individual Gold and Team Silver. Nancy brought slides, a photo album and local UAE newspapers that everyone had a chance to look at.

Submitted by Lori Oleson filing in for Marvin



SPRING

In honor of spring, we are waxing poetic this month. See pages 6 & 7. And thank you Lynge and Elisabet .

Many old timers will be saddened to hear that former Quicksilver member Merle Bean died recently . Merle moved to Nevada many years ago where he drove horses in long distance competitions. Many of us remember his teaming up with Virl Norton to drive chariots around the Almaden Valley.



The AERC Convention was held at the Silver Legacy in Reno late in March. You could not walk very far in any direction without running into people you knew and most particularly, Quicksilver members.

The hotel and seminar rooms were separated by about a block from the Convention Center where the Trade Show was. While not as convenient as in past years where everything was in the same building, I think many people were happy to get out in the fresh air when walking between the two. The trade show was the largest ever with everything from decals to trailers and even live horse demonstrations. Just when you think there can't possibly be anything left to invent to enhance our endurance riding, some clever person comes up with a new idea. Each year there are more products to choose from.

I thought the seminars were the best ever with some top rated talent discussing just about every topic connected with our sport. They were well attended with standing room only at some times. Committee meetings were in smaller rooms adjacent to the larger convention hall so it was easy to pop in and out of one to another. The election of officers found Randy Eiland being chosen as president, Brenda Baird as vice-president, Mike Tomlinson as treasurer and Louise

Reidel as secretary.

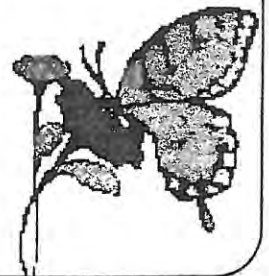
The banquet on Saturday night was the grand finale and we all cheered as the Briscoe stallion, Dr. Thunder Bask, went into the Hall of Fame. Doc has covered our endurance trails for over ten consecutive years amassing a total of over 13,000 miles. Lew and Hanne Hollander were ushered into the rider Hall of Fame for their combined efforts in the sport of endurance riding, a deserved honor. The last surprise of the evening was the awarding of the Pard'ners Award to Jackie Bumgardner and her beloved Ross (Sierra Fadrzal). The two of them have been a team for so many years that it was a heart warming moments for all who know them. The evening ended with the 1998 Yearbook being issued to all those in attendance. All other AERC members will receive it by mail.

The Board meetings on Thursday night and Sunday morning were not too heavily attended by non-board members which is too bad since they are open to all and it is such a great opportunity to see your Board in action and who the different movers and shakers are.

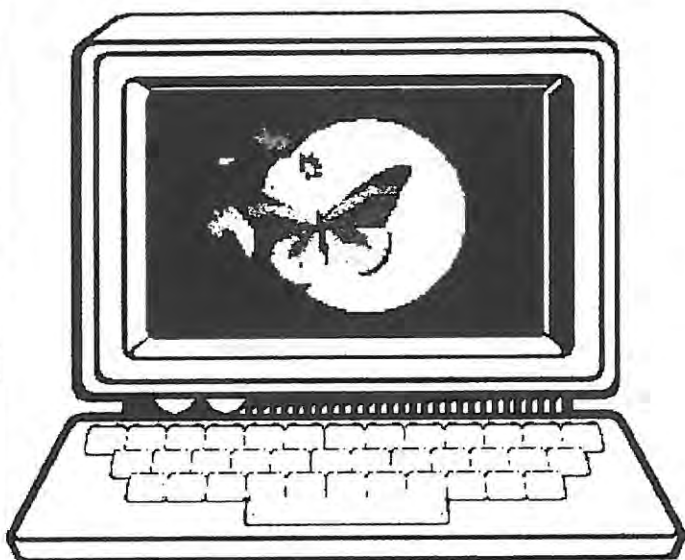
I think that the best thing to come out of the Convention was the emphasis on trails. It was pointed out repeatedly that we must become more active politically on both local and wider levels if we are to keep our horse trails. We are being squeezed out by larger and more vocal special interest groups. There is strength in numbers and we must make our voices heard.

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Quicksilver Quips is going to be featuring our new members in the next few issues. Linda Cowles will be our first *Star of the Month*. Watch for her in the May QQ.



The Quicksilver Endurance Club has an Internet homepage!!



The Quicksilver Endurance Club now has a home page on the Internet. Maryben Stover had suggested doing it to Mike Maul at the AERC convention and now - with the help of Julie Suhr, Maryben Stover, and Judith Ogus - we now have a page at

<http://www.homestead.com/qsendurance/files/>

The homepage is still in development and we are happy to get suggestions about what to add to the page.
It presently has:

- A short history of the club
- A list of the Officers and Board of Directors
- The monthly Calendar
- The Western Region Ride Calendar
- The Pacific South Region Ride Calendar
- A list of upcoming rides/events in our area and by the club
- A listing of all club 2000+ mile riders and their mileage total
- The most recent club newsletter without the photos
- A place to put photos from the club - horses/people

A list of e-mail addresses of club members
A short list of endurance and tack suppliers that are local

And links to the online AERC ride calendar, the AERC homepage, ride results, AERC point standings, equine information, and many others.

If you have suggestions for additional things to put on this page - please contact either Mike Maul or Maryben Stover.

If you have an article that you would like posted - please send it in either a text format or the output of a word processor like MS-word to Mike Maul at mmaul@flash.net.

*Thank you, Mike,
from Quicksilver*



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CHUCK BEEBE MEMORIAL SERVICE



As most all of the Quicksilver members know by now, Chuck suffered a fatal heart attack on March 5, 1999, while running on the beach with one of his beloved Great Danes.. I went to the memorial service yesterday with the usual feeling that people have. They really don't want to go but feel obligated to pay last respects to a friend.

As it turned out, I was really glad I went. There were so many people there, it was standing room only in the hallways. The eulogy was delivered by Chuck Kessinger, after which many



many people got up to share their memories of Chuck. There were speeches that made tears flow and just when you thought you could bear it no more, someone would tell a story that had us all laughing. It was a very moving service. There were park

Vivian and Chuck Beebe-1981 rangers, long time friends, horse friends, the mariachis who performed at 27 of the Beebe Christmas parties and many family members. There were also many young people there which is something I have not usually seen at a memorial service. It was a

fitting tribute to our friend which showed just how many lives he touched and how loved he was. Chuck and Vivian were a team and we extend our sympathies to her. She knows how much we will all miss him.

...Maryben Stover



Vivian has asked that contributions in Chuck's memory be made to the Santa Cruz Horsemen's Association Trail Fund. The address is P. O. Box 1014, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. They will notify Vivian of your remembrance. This is so fitting because Chuck was Santa Cruz County's most tireless trail advocate.



Thanks to Cyngel Simoni for forwarding this great poem

Story of Mongrel Grey by Banjo Patterson

This is the story the stockman told
On the cattle-camp, where the stars were bright:
The moon rose up like a globe of gold
And flooded the plain with her mellow light.
We watched the cattle till dawn of day
And he told me the story of Mongrel Grey.

He was a knock-about station hack.
Spurred and walloped, and banged and beat:
Ridden all day with a sore on his back.
Left all night with nothing to eat.
That was a matter of everyday
Normal occurrence with Mongrel Grey.

We might have sold him, but someone heard
He was bred out back on a flooded run.
Where he learnt to swim like a waterbird:
Midnight or midday were all as one -
In the flooded ground he would find his way:
Nothing could puzzle old Mongrel Grey.

'Tis a trick, no doubt, that some horses learn:
When the floods are out they will splash along
In girth-deep water, and twist and turn
From hidden channel and billabong.
Never mistaking the road to go:
For a man may guess - but the horses KNOW.

I was camping out with my youngest son -
Bit of a nipper, just learnt to speak -
In an empty hut on the lower run.
Shooting and fishing in Conroy's Creek.
The youngster toddled about all day
And there with our horses was Mongrel Grey.

All of a sudden a flood came down,
At first a freshet of mountain rain,
Roaring and eddying, rank and brown,
Over the flats and across the plain.
Rising and rising - at fall of night
Nothing but water appeared in sight!

'Tis a nasty place when the floods are out,
Even in daylight: for all around
Channels and billabongs twist about,
Stretching for miles in the flooded ground.
And to move seemed a hopeless thing to try
In the dark with the storm-water racing by.

I had to risk it, I heard a roar
As the wind swept down and the driving rain:
And the water rose till it reached the floor
Of our highest room: and 'twas very plain -
The way the torrent was sweeping down -



We must make for the highlands at once, or drown.

Off to the stable I splashed, and found
The horses shaking with cold and fright:
I led them down to the lower ground,
But never a yard would they swim that night!
They reared and snorted and turned away,
And none would face it but Mongrel Grey.

I bound the child on the horse's back,
And we started off, with a prayer to heaven,
Through the rain and wind and the pitchy black
For I knew that the instinct God has given
To prompt His creatures by night and day
Would guide the footsteps of Mongrel Grey.

He struck deep water at once and swam -
I swam beside him and held his mane -
Till we touched the bank of the broken dam
In shallow water: then off again,
Swimming in darkness across the flood,
Rank with the smell of the drifting mud.

He turned and twisted across and back,
Choosing the places to wade or swim,
Picking the safest and shortest track -
The blackest darkness was clear to him.
Did he strike the crossing by sight or smell?
The Lord that held him alone could tell!

He dodged the timber whene'er he could,
But timber brought us to grief at last:
I was partly stunned by a log of wood
That struck my head as it drifted past:
Then lost my grip of the brave old grey,
And in half a second he swept away.

I reached a tree, where I had to stay,
And did perish for two days' hard:
And lived on water - but Mongrel Grey,
He walked right into the homestead yard
At dawn next morning, and grazed around,
With the child strapped on to him safe and sound.

We keep him now for the wife to ride,
Nothing too good for him now, of course:
Never a whip on his fat old hide,
For she owes the child to that brave grey horse,
And not Old Tyson himself could pay
The purchase money of Mongrel Grey.



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Thank you to Elisabet Hyatt for sharing this poem with the Quicksilver members.

*When I am Old
I shall wear diamonds
And a wide brimmed straw hat
With ribbons and flowers on it
And I shall spend my social security
On white wine and carrots
And sit in the alley of my barn
And listen to my horses breathe.
I will sneak out in the middle of a summer's night
And ride the dappled mare
Across the moonstruck meadow,
If my old bones will allow.
And when people come to call, I will smile and nod,
As I walk them past the gardens to the barn
And show, instead, the flowers growing there
In stalls fresh-lined with straw.
I will learn to shovel and sweat and
Wear hay in my hair as if it were a jewel.
And I will be an embarrassment to all
Who look down on me
Who have not yet found the peace in being free
To love a horse as a friend,
A friend who waits at midnight hour
With muzzle and nicker and patient eyes
For the kind of woman I will be
When I am Old.*



".....we'd like to share more knowledge about horses with the bicyclists to co-exist."



The Sacramento Bee

► GREAT

New multi-use trail

Another chance for cyclists, equestrians to co-exist in peace

By Kansas McGahan
Special to The Bee

A great example of multi-use trail building, the Foresthill Divide Loop Trail was opened in November just in time for winter mountain biking in the foothills.

The new trail was conceived and built by volunteers from the Folsom-Auburn Trail Riders Action Coalition (FATRAC) in conjunction with California State Parks.

The Foresthill Divide Loop Trail is designated a multi-use trail. That is, mountain bikers, trail runners, weekend hikers and equestrians will all share space on the 11 new miles of dirt track. Multi-use trails are machine cut to a standard width of four feet, and the maximum speed is 15 mph.

For mountain bikers, the trail is an advanced beginner/intermediate route. It features gradual sloping hills rolling up and down with stupendous ravine views of the American River Valley.

"This is a great step forward in opening multi-use trails to a broad range of the community," said FATRAC President Jim Haagen-Smit, whose coalition of predominantly mountain bikers performed more than 1,000 hours of building and maintenance on the

trail. "It's attracting bikers of all abilities and ages with a wide variation of experience; beginners, families and more advanced types. And I'm seeing a lot of hikers enjoying it, too."

The trail can be ridden by beginners on mountain bikes with small chainring gears to climb the short hill sections. Trail markers indicating direction are prominently posted.

There is one technical culvert stream crossing via a wooden board, but FATRAC secretary Cathy Haagen-Smit said it will soon be replaced with a bridge to facilitate horses and ease the crossing by bike.

More advanced mountain bikers will find that riding the entire loop twice will offer off-road interval training. Each loop of the Foresthill Divide Trail contains approximately 1,300 feet of climbing.

After riding the loop on her mountain bike for the first time, Sacramento architect Alissa Doljanin said, "The trail is a lot of fun. I had a blast. I'll definitely be riding more in Auburn this winter."

For Lore Clarke, equestrian member of the Foresthill Trails Alliance, the new trail is a welcome addition to the equestrian network in the Auburn area.

"It's all good. We love it," Clarke

Foresthill Divide Loop

This new multi-use trail recently opened in the foothills.



said. "It's wonderful to have a trail for use below the snow line. We know bicyclists did most of the work, and we'd like to share more knowledge about horses with the bicyclists to co-exist."

The new trail was completed amid a tenuous peace between equestrian and mountain-biking advocates. Recreational mountain bikers far outnumber horse owners and bristle at the disproportionate political clout the latter group wields.



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"Do not startle a horse"

Horses are flight animals.

opens near Auburn



Bee graphic

Mountain bikers are lobbying hard for additional access to existing trails in the foothills that are currently equestrian-only.

Equestrians cite safety concerns as the reason for separate-use trails, so the Foresthill Divide Loop is an opportunity for mountain bikers to demonstrate the viability of multi-use trails.

Jim Haagen-Smit applauded the trail-building volunteers and the state parks system for the accomplishment.

"I foresee much collective us-



Can't we all just get along?

Mountain bikers need to realize that a horse is much harder to control than a bike. With that in mind, the following advice about horse-mountain bike encounters were suggested by Stephanie Collins, former Vice President of the Foresthill Trails Alliance.

Make your presence known – Do not startle a horse. When encountering an equestrian from behind, the cyclist needs to make their presence known with a quick greeting. "Hi there, bikers back!" Talking out loud will also assure the horse that you are a human and not a mountain lion. The sound of a human voice will comfort the horse.

On winding parts of the trail where the line of sight is limited, it is important mountain bikers keep their speed down to have adequate time for verbal acknowledgement.

Yielding – Horses are flight animals. The instinctual inclination for a horse fleeing danger is to scramble upslope. When passing an equestrian on a narrow section of trail, the cyclist should pass on the downslope side. In other words, bikers should not put themselves in between the horse and the horse's potential escape route or the horse may feel trapped.

To dismount or not to dismount?

– Mountain bikers should yield the decision whether to dismount from their bikes while passing a horse on the trail to the equestrian rider. Horses have unique personalities and while one horse may not be spooked by any animate motion, another horse may cause a ruckus at a cyclist riding past.

According to Collins, "Most of the time, equestrians will pull aside trail and indicate to the bikers that it's OK to ride through. If not, they'll ask the cyclists to dismount from their bikes before passing. Riders will know if their horse is skittish."

Let your numbers be known – If you are the lead rider in a group of cyclists, state how many riders are behind you as you pass.

The big, hairy four-legged types are our friends.

A smile and a friendly greeting can go a long way. Leave the fake rubber snake at home and bring an apple.

– Kansas McGahan



age," he said. "I'm hopeful the success of the Foresthill Divide trail can lead to more advanced trails in a spectrum network throughout the Auburn area."

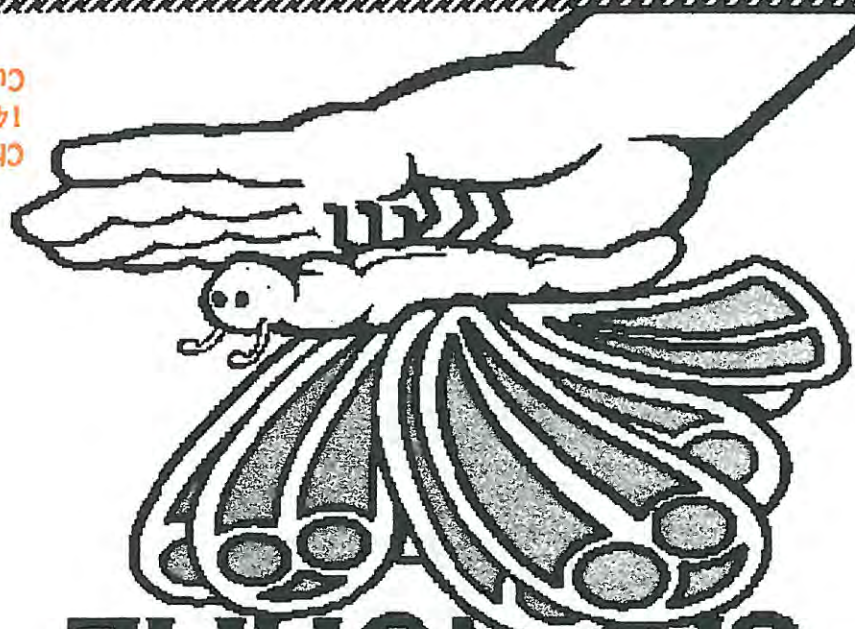
How to get there – From Interstate 80, take the Foresthill Road exit in Auburn. Continue across

the Foresthill Bridge and past the OHV entrance to Mammoth Bar. About 4 miles from the Interstate exit is a paved parking area to the right at Skunk Hollow.

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- April 14 QUICKSILVER MEETING - 7p.m.
Endurance Horse Care with Becky Hart
- April 17 PIT STOP 25/50
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- April 17 MOUNTAIN SIDE 25/50
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- April 24 SHINE AND SHINE ONLY !V 25/50
Becky Hart 408-997-0814
- April 24 AMERICAN RIVER 30/50
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