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Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, they go to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who have been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance.

Her right eyes are intent; her eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly she begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, her legs carrying her faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again.

The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.



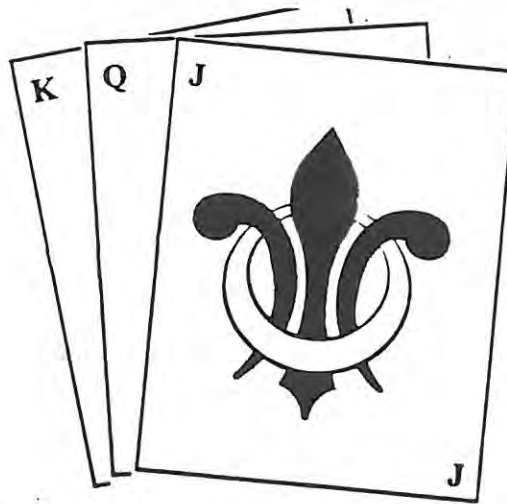
Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.

(author unknown)

POKER RIDE



CALERO PARK
SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1999



REGISTRATION
BBQ LUNCH
PRIZES AWARDED

10am
12:30-1:30pm
1:30pm

Phone (408) 248-3900
for information



COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
Regional Parks and
Recreational Areas

NEW **NEW**
BASE CAMP!!! **TRAILS!!!**

QUICKSILVER FALL CLASSIC

30 & 50 MILES
OCTOBER 9, 1999



LOTS OF AWARDS!
GREAT SATURDAY NIGHT BBQ

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THE APPLGATE-LASSEN TRAIL

JUNE 6 - 10, 1999



HISTORY: In 1846 a route to southern Oregon was opened eastward from the Willamette Valley by the Applegate Party. This route crossed the northeastern corner of California below Goose Lake and then proceeded generally south and eastward to come into the main Humboldt River Trail at Great Meadows (also called Lassen's Meadows, now Rye Patch Reservoir near Imlay, Nevada. This is the site of our first night's camp.) In 1848, Peter Lassen persuaded a group of emigrants to follow a new route to the Sacramento Valley and his rancho. His route followed the Applegate Route as far as Goose Lake and then cut south and west through mountainous plateau country that had not been previously scouted by him. After much hardship, the wagons succeeded in getting through. In 1849, this new trail was heavily used by emigrants and gold seekers who mistakenly thought it was a short cut to the Great Valley....

This Applegate-Lassen Route had only one year of great usage - 1849, the second year it was open. That year the rumor circulated among the emigrants and gold seekers that this was a new and shorter route to the Sacramento Valley, and before the season was over, it had been estimated that between one-third and one-half of all the California-bound travelers turned off that way.

We will be retracing much of the historic trail. In some places, we will ride on the exact trail, carved for eternity in the sand and rock of the Nevada desert. In others, we have had to take some creative detours, as the original route is either too hazardous or inaccessible. But this ride will fill you with awe at thought of our pioneer forbears braving such terrain, previously unexplored, with so little grass and water for their livestock. Lud McCrary will give historical vignettes each day. Join us for a trip backwards in time.....

INFORMATION: This is a point-to-point ride, so YOU NEED A DRIVER FOR YOUR RIG. Last year we had rain and a thunder storm on one day. In the previous two years the weather was hot but not unbearable. However, the weather on the desert can be unpredictable - overcast and chilly, rain and hail, snow or blistering heat. We guarantee NOTHING! Bring plenty of water for yourselves and horses and adequate storage for water, as there is little or no natural water on the trail on all but one day. Horse water is available at each evening's campsite. **The trail has rocky stretches; management recommends pads or Easy Boots over shoes.**

ITINERARY: DAY 1: Mill City near the Humboldt River to Rabbit Hole Springs. Water and supplies available at Burns Bros. Truck Center, Mill City; **carry** an adequate supply of your own clean water for people and water for horses along the trail. One vet check at 25 miles, only muddy spring water available, poor accessibility.

DAY 2: Rabbit Hole Springs to Gerlach. Water available at Rabbit Hole Springs, good time to refill your supply of horse water. One vet check at 25 miles, no drinking water available. **Hot spring for people to enjoy; bring your swim suits.** Camp that night at the town of Gerlach. There is a restaurant, motel (702-557-2220, if you wish to reserve a room in advance), gas station with diesel fuel and ice. Be sure to top off your fuel tanks before leaving Gerlach. We will have dinner at Bruno's and distribute awards.

DAY 3: Gerlach to Mud Meadows Reservoir. We hope to be able to ride on part of the Black Rock Desert (if it is dry enough). Vet check at the old Wheeler Ranch. Camp at Mud Meadows reservoir, water for horses.

DAY 4: Mud Meadows Reservoir to Massacre Lake. Vet check at 35 miles at Steven's Camp, a cow and hunting camp in Upper High Rock Canyon. Ride management will provide sandwiches, snacks, and drinks, as **crews will not be allowed (access is difficult and parking limited).** Camp is at the set of corrals by the side of road 8A about one mile and the second windmill beyond the cattle guard. Water for horses is available from a small stream if there has been enough precipitation in the area this winter.

DAY 5: Massacre Lake to Cedarville, CA. We cross Forty-Nine Pass and ride into California. Vet check at 25 miles at the stock tanks of Sand Creek Ranch on the edge of Middle Alkali Lake. We finish in Cedarville; camp at the Modoc County fairgrounds. Stalls at the fairgrounds are \$7.00 each and general camping fee is \$7.00 per rig. Showers are available, included in the camping fee. Cleanup after your horses is required by the fairgrounds. Final awards dinner will be held at the Country Hearth Restaurant.

REGISTRATION: Pre-ride registration is preferred so we can assure adequate vet care for the number of horses entered. However, we will accept on-site and day-to-day registrations. You may enter any or all days, paying only for the ones you actually start. You may ride one or any number of horses. There will be daily winners and best condition awards, The overall winner and overall best condition will be determined from those horse-rider (same horse, same rider) teams who completed all five days.

DIRECTIONS: The first night's camp will be at the Burns Bros. Truck Center at Mill City, Nevada. Take I-80 past Lovelock, Nevada to Exit #149 at Mill City. The truck stop has a restaurant and most of the necessities you may need.

CHECK-IN & PRE-RIDE VETTING: Afternoon and early evening of June 5th.

WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 10 RIDERS FOR THIS EVENT TO BE SUCCESSFUL. TELL YOUR RIDING FRIENDS THIS IS A GREAT RIDE - SCENIC, FAIRLY EASY, PERFECT LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR NEW MULTI-DAY RIDERS, FUN FOR EXPERIENCED MULTI-DAY RIDERS, DELIGHTFUL SURPRISES FOR ALL. CALL FOR UPDATE BEFORE JUNE 4th.; WE'LL CALL IT OFF FOR LESS THAN 10 ENTRIES.

THE APPEL GATE-LASSEN TRAIL

JUNE 6 - 10, 1999

Rec'd _____
Paid _____

RIDER _____ AGE _____ RIDER AERC# _____

DIVISION: HWT(211#/up) MWT(186-210#) LWT(161-185#) FWT(160#/BELOW) JUNIOR

ADDRESS _____ PHONE () _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ FAX () _____

HORSE #1 _____ BREED _____ SEX _____ AGE _____ COLOR _____ HORSE AERC# _____

HORSE #2 _____ BREED _____ SEX _____ AGE _____ COLOR _____ HORSE AERC# _____

OWNER'S NAME/CITY/STATE #1 _____ OWNER'S AERC# _____

OWNER'S NAME/CITY/STATE #2 _____ OWNER'S AERC# _____

As a participant in the **APPEL GATE-LASSEN TRAIL** ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and the aforementioned ride. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control, and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. **I AGREE TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MYSELF AND THE ANIMAL I AM RIDING.** I will hold AERC, ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride passes blameless for any accident, injury, or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride, and free from all liability for such injury or loss.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS LIABILITY RELEASE

RIDER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

FOR JUNIOR RIDERS:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Signature gives permission for emergency medical treatment.

JUNIOR DATE OF BIRTH _____ NAME OF SPONSOR _____

FEEES, IF POSTMARKED BEFORE MAY 28: AERC MEMBER-\$65/DAY SPONSORED JR.RIDER-\$55/DAY
FEEES, IF POSTMARKED AFTER MAY 28: AERC MEMBER-\$70/DAY SPONSORED JR.RIDER-\$60/ DAY
NON-MEMBERS: ADD \$10 AERC RECORD-KEEPING FEE TO YOUR ENTRY CHOICE
WE MUST RECEIVE MAILED ENTRIES BY JUNE 3, AS WE LEAVE FOR THE TRAIL ON JUNE 4.

DAY 1 \$ _____
DAY 2 \$ _____
DAY 3 \$ _____
DAY 4 \$ _____
DAY 5 \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO **BIG CREEK RANCH** AND MAIL TO:
BARBARA McCrARY, 330 SWANTON ROAD, DAVENPORT, CA 95017
PHONE# 831-423-4572 FAX# 831-423-8869
E-MAIL: BMcCrary27@aol.com

CHECKS WILL NOT BE CASHED UNTIL AFTER THE RIDE

WE WILL ALSO ACCEPT ENTRIES ON-SITE AND ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, BUT PRE-ENTERING HELPS ASSURE ADEQUATE VET CARE FOR THE NUMBER OF HORSE/RIDER TEAMS ENTERED. **\$75/\$85 PER DAY FOR ON-SITE ENTRIES. REFUNDS FOR ANY DAYS NOT STARTED.** ***PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING SHEET; IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW.***



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June 1999

- June 5 Mt. Laguna 25/50
Terry Wooley Howe 760-489-2238
- June 6 QUICKSILVER POKER RIDE
Judy Etheridge 408-248-3900
- June 6-10 Applegate Lassen 250 Mile-5 Day
Barbara McCrary 831-423-4572
- June 9 QUICKSILVER MEETING
Saddle Fit with Linda Cowles, see page 6
- June 12 NASTR 25/50/75
Jackie Beupre 702-577-9347
- June 12 Chalk Rock 25/50
Elaine Kerrigan 707-443-0215
- June 19 Mariposa Run for the Roses 30/60
Rich Theodore 209-742-7895
- June 19 Hashknife 25/50
RuthWaltenspiel 707-433-8254
- June 26 Oakland Hills 25/50
Laura Fend 925-935-8147