

Ride & Tie

The Newsletter

November 2001

WINNERS



William Emerson, Budweiser & Chris Turney

The Pro-Am team of William Emerson, Chris Turney and his horse "Buddy" won the 2001 Championship Ride & Tie at Euer Valley in 4:02 over the 35 mile course.

William is a long distance runner from Washington state who met up with Chris in Auburn after coming to California for the 100 mile run (Yes, he completed it). What a way for him to go home.....a *winner* in his first ever Ride & Tie!

Chris has been a Ride & Tie competitor for many years. He has 3 previous wins to his credit with various partners and horses. Chris has trained and conditioned "Buddy" for endurance and Ride & Tie since his purchase in 1995. This is the horse's 5th Championship.

BEST CONDITION

It's one thing to finish a race fast...the BEST thing is to feel good afterward and have the physical ability and the mental attitude that says "I could take on some more". This is what the Best Condition award is all about. For the 2001 Championship Ride & Tie this coveted award went to *Magic Sirocco*.



Jim and Sirocco at the start

Sirocco is a 4th generation bred and raised Ruprecht family horse. Joan and Ted Ruprecht started many years ago breeding for the type of endurance horse they needed and Sirocco is indeed a fine example of this type of breeding. The horse was raised and trained by Jim and Elaine (Ruprecht) Howard. Much credit goes to their years and so many, many hours of training and conditioning that brought Sirocco to this point in his life. At 7 years old, he has done a few endurance rides, but NO Ride & Ties....this was his 1st!

Magic Sirocco and his teammates at the Championship, Dennis Rinde and Jim Howard, completed the 35 mile course in 4:10 and placed 3rd.

Swanton Pacific 100 Miles 7/7/01

1. Janice (Haug) Helfbride/Jean Heishman Boomer 22:37
2. Bruce Burnam/Jim Dempsey Buster 22:37
3. Kathy Broaddus/Lani Newcomb Joker DNF

Fireworks Ride & Tie

July 28, 2001

Cheryl Domnitch

For the second year in a row, the campsite for the Fireworks Ride & Tie was at Wilder Ranch State Park. The ocean view is spectacular from this site. Wind and fog prevailed, as typical, leaving the normal Santa Cruz chill in the air...perfect Ride & Tie weather! By race morning, the wind had died down. The fog and ideal temperatures were with us until the last team crossed the finish line.

I believe all teams had a great time, but the race was not without challenges. The two biggest were the course routing and marking at the first vet check loop and delays

at the second vet check due to priority not being consistently given to RAT's over endurance riders and the vet not knowing the Ride & Tie horse criteria for the day. I'll do my best to fix these next year. Remember, this is Ride & Tie!..The challenges make our teams tougher!

Although I was far from the finish line, I was told by my husband, Larry, the official race timer, that the race for first place was quite exciting, with only 32 seconds separating the first and second place teams.

We had one pro-am team of Dawn Hartsock and Fred Dellagata, also one amateur-novice team, Kathy Adams and Terrie Landini, riding Commando, the Morgan. Kathy, Terrie, and Commando will also be

doing the Championship together, hopefully their new ladder stirrups will arrive in time so they are not changing lengths at every transition. Welcome newcomers, to this crazy and wonderful sport!

Believe it or not, the Ride & Tie event had drag riders! Yes, the official R&T rules actually require drag riders. Quicksilver Endurance Riders Judy Etheridge and Jack Enderle volunteered for this fine task. (Following is Judy's view)

Aside from the beautiful course and the always perfect Ride & Tie weather, the best part of this year's race is that we more than doubled the number of teams from last year. Here's to next year, when we double participation again!

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| 1. John Osterweis/Mark Richtman | Victor | 2:52:12 |
| 2. Warren Hellman/Jeff Townsend | Sam | 2:52:44 |
| 3. Merry Law/Robin Davis | Flame | 3:21:53 |
| 4. Curt Riffle/Nancy Kerns | Corky | 3:32:32 |
| 5. Dawn Hartsock/Fred Dellagata | Slick | 3:33:41 |
| 6. Steve Anderson/Frank Lieberman | Raider | 3:37:20 |
| 7. Katherine Adams/Terrie Landini | Commando | 5:02:25 |
| 8. Laurie Wilson/Michelle Jay | Stashi | Completion |
| 9. Cheryl Domnitch/Lorie Stringfield | Mr.Mocha Brown | DNF |

THE JOY OF RAT DRAGGING

Judy Etheridge

Jack Enderle and I volunteered to help out at this year's Fireworks R&T and we were given the **BEST** ride job that I have ever had. The Ride and Tie rules call for drag riders; ride participant/organizer Cheryl Domnitch told me that this was the first time she had actually seen drag riders on a RAT! The RAT did not start until 8:30 AM so I got up blissfully late and leisurely

prepared to ride. I even enjoyed a large cup of espresso, which I could normally never think about having.

Jack and I started well back from the RAT's and ran into people coming back from doing a hand tie--something new to me. We enjoyed our ride into the first vet check where our horses and we were fed snacks. Then on to the next check where we waited for a while until the location of a missing team was determined--they had gone back to camp after missing a turn, I guess.

We were entertained by four very charming young girls in the p/r crew. To pass the time they formed an impromptu chorus line and braided one another's hair. Step Aside, Jack's pretty stallion, was the object of much loving attention. We watched the first two 50 milers come in; the horses looked like they had been doing a pleasure ride, nice to see. We got back to camp around 2:00 PM, cleaned up and enjoyed the excellent dinner. All in all a very pleasant way to pay our dues!

2002 R&T CHAMPIONSHIP ~ ~ EUER VALLEY RANCH ~ ~ SEPTEMBER 7th

Message from the President

What a year for ride & tie! A fun new Championship venue that added endurance running and riding and biathlon events; a 2000 mile ride & tie across the US on the Pony Express Trail; a successful new "buckle series" in southern California; record participation levels for the East Coast ride & ties; two additional sanctioned pro-am events (Oregon and southern California in addition to the Bay Area and the East Coast).

As most of you have told us, we will be continuing our push to increase both our membership and participation levels at least 30 % in 2002. Our strategy will be to use personal "reach out" efforts through local mentors and clinics, pro-am events and pairing of more ride & tie events with endurance events. This strategy requires all of us to take an active and personal role in reaching out and bringing new as well as past participants into our sport. If you can't take this active role, your membership dues and annual donations will be much appreciated and will help us strengthen and grow ride & tie.

I want to thank Ellen Rinde who retired from the Board this year after 9 years of strong contributions to the Association and the sport of ride & tie. I also want to thank Judy Haulman who will be retiring at year end as our Administrative Director. Judy has been involved with ride & tie for many years and has always put 110% into helping the sport. We are going to miss both of you! I want to welcome Rufus Schneider to the Board representing southern California. Rufus manages many races each year and is very passionate about ride & tie. In the next newsletter, we'll discuss how each Board member has specific responsibilities to manage and grow our sport in 2002.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone! Rest up and get ready for the 2002 season. First race is January 26th in San Jose, CA!

Curt Riffle

President, The Ride and Tie Association

Annual Awards Party at AERC

Come join the Ride and Tie Association for drinks and party food at the AERC (American Endurance Ride Conference) Convention in Reno on Friday evening, March 1, 2002. We will honor our annual award winners including the prestigious High Point Horse award. It will be fun, not too long and as rumored, MAY be followed by the infamous Ride & Tie dance. The AERC Convention (March 1-2) has many informative seminars for AERC members and many vendor booths to browse including the always popular Ride & Tie booth. More details will be sent in the next newsletter.

2002 Membership Fees

This fee schedule goes into effect for the 2002 race year.

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| First year (competitor): | \$25 |
| One day member: | \$15 |
| First year Family: | \$40 |
| Competitor: | \$50 |
| Competitor Family: | \$75 |
| Friend (non-competitor): | \$20 |

"Ten" for "Ten" with Joe Wee

Superior equine athlete makes Ride & Tie HIS sport

Gino Pomilia found a nice horse in '89 thru an ad in the paper for his wife Babs to ride endurance with. On her 1st 25 miler, about 2 miles out, Babs dismounted and deemed the horse "crazy". Came to learn that this horse truly knew his stuff...he just gets so anxious to start that he seems maniacal...let him get going and any amateur could ride him...light mouth, easy gaits, great P&R's. Just click the carabiner snap on the tie rope and he slows to pull over, he knows it's time to tie.



Eric Stenson on Joe at Euer Valley

The name came from their daughter Kathryn she came up with what was thought to be "Joey"...everyone was quickly corrected by Kathryn that it was 2 words..."Joe" and "Wee". Gino and Joe started their first Ride & Tie Championship in 1990 with Chris Knoch, completed 3 years, took a year off, then 7 years in a row ran with Eric Stenson. 10 starts....10 finishes...all would have been in the Top Ten except in '98 he was 12th behind 10th by one minute, due to a lost shoe. He earned the BC award in '96, and has been runner-up for that prestigious award 4 times.

Gino speaks with pride, "This horse has *Never* stepped on a starting line without crossing the finish line"...this holds true for Ride & Tie and endurance rides alike. "In addition, Joe is family oriented...all 3 kids have learned to ride on him."

Word is out that Joe Wee is now semi-retired but fact may be that we have not seen the last of this great horse that was

BORN TO RIDE & TIE.

Headwaters of the Rogue 25 miles 8/26/01

1. Jim Clover/Dela Merrill

Bones

3:15

Rockbridge 50 miles 9/2/01

1. Jean Heishman/Janice Haug Heltibridle Cri Emrys

10:18

2. Kathy Broadus/Lani Newcomb

Diamondback Rattler (Mack) 11:20

Big South Fork

Ride & Tie Tennessee Style

From Joanne F. Grimes

This letter is a little late. My neighbors have now returned from New York City. Their son worked on the 104th floor of the South Tower of the World Trade Center. While they were gone, there were a few more things to take care of around here and my correspondence skills were interrupted. My neighbors have had one service in New York for Rob's wife, son and daughter. After they got back here, we had another service for more friends and family. May the United States struggle through this tragedy

The endurance ride vets, Otis Schmitt, Ken Marcella and Mike Brown sorted out the entries on Saturday. Nancy Gooch was the timer on Saturday. Trish Harrop was the vet on Sunday. On Sunday, Kara Disbrow (since she never quite found a partner coming anywhere close to her stirrup length) dragged the course, decorating her horse with ribbons in the process. All the Saturday trail marking was done by Karen Clark's capable crew. Lucy Scanlon gave her support with clipboard checks on Sunday too. It takes quite a few people to put on these events.

Well another year of absolutely gorgeous weather!! And even better-no rattlesnake reports!! I didn't hear many complaints about the course this year. There was some discussion that the 10 mile course *was not* for wienies with those big hills! There were no complaints at all from the

four junior participants, the youngest being only 9 years old!

The awards were not real glamorous—everybody got a water hose for the sanctioned events. Let me know how ya'll use the grip twists - sort of a 100# twist tie - got them on the good ol' handy internet at www.thecontainerstore.com look under garage-tools-page 2. They are sort of unusual-but how else do you describe Ride and Tie? All the winners got tapestry blankets. The turtle massagers should come in handy for sore muscles. The Novice awards (one year membership to R&T Association for highest placing) have been mailed to first time participants Brad Kompoltowitz, and the Brother-Sister team of Denise Culberson and Curtis Beyers. Nice going!!

Since there were no Century teams this year the Masters Division went to the Twin Team of Jean Heishman/Janice Heltibridle in the 50, Jerry Fruth/Karen Clark in the 30 and Cindi Zurhellen/Kathy Kalisek in the 10. (Jerry-you're just going to have to find an older partner-Karen's too young.) Hope ya'll enjoy the "oldies".

The Best Conditioning Crew award for the 50 went to Bob Heltibridle. That man single-handedly kept four women reasonably happy! What a guy! The Best Conditioning Crew for the 30 went to the Alexander Clan from Indiana. They learned a *whole lot* in a very short period of time. Don Alexander got his 16 year old nephew, a high school track team member, as his partner this year. The nephew, Brad Kompoltowitz came

from Michigan and got a R&T bumper sticker for coming the farthest!

The 10 milers received Ride & Tie pins. They are courtesy of Steve Shaw, R&T director in California. For the 10 mile award ceremony the first two places went to several women who all share adjoining pastures in the Disco community of Blount County. Friendly threats were exchanged regarding next year's Ride and Tie. But what I want to know is, "what's in their water?"

Also in the 10 mile race, there was a hot contest for third and fourth place.

The junior runner, Joanie gave it everything she had. Her riding partner was already in. It was *really* close. Both horses came down to criteria in the same minute. For this event, like the spring triathlon, I use the 50 mile AERC finish criteria where the IN time stands as long as the horse comes down to vet criteria within 30 minutes. In the 30 mile AERC finish criteria, the finish time is whenever the horse comes down to criteria after crossing the finish line. These are slightly modified for this running and riding event. The family of four from Kentucky enjoyed their turtles. They had a real family bonding experience with their quarter horses. Matthew Crocker, age 11 will use this running experience on his middle school track team. His little sister thought 10 miles was a mighty long way.

Thank-you to Karen Clark! Without allowing me to piggyback on her MUCHO EXPENSIVE, special use permit for the endurance ride, there is no way I could have done this event.

Enjoyed it, See Ya Next Year!



| Time | 50 Mile Ride and Tie | | Big South Fork 2001 Ride and Tie | |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| First | Lani Newcomb, DVM | Kathy Broadus, DVM | TF Red McIntosh | WW Sponsored by Coors Light |
| 9:52 | Herndon, VA | Herndon, VA | 14.1 Chestnut Arab gelding (7) | Collector of fine Turtle awards |
| Second | Jean Heishman | Janice Heltibridle | Cei Emrys | WW Twin Team |
| 9:02 | Fort Valley, VA | Maurerton, VA | Bay Arab gelding (6) | Masters Division |
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| First | 30 Mile Ride and Tie | | | |
| | Jerry Fruth | Karen Clark | Jeb | MW |
| 4:39 | Wadesville, IN | Elizabethton, TN | 15.0 Bay Anglo/Arab gelding (11) | Masters Division |
| Second | Don Alexander | Brad Kompoltowitz (16) | Rocket Swining Jazz | MM |
| 4:39 | Lynn, IN | Plymouth, MI | 15.2 Sorrel QH (11) | The Running Cousins |
| Third | Denise M. Culberson | Curtis Beyers | WF Ice Hot | MW Masters |
| 5:07 | Modoc, IN | Zanesville, OH | 15.1 Bay Arab gelding (8) | Brother/Sister, Triple Novice |
| Fourth | Debbie Russo | Missy Goad | Pawnee | WW |
| 5:19 | Gallatin, TN | Hendersonville, TN | Black Walking Horse Mare (6) | Triple Novice |
| Fifth | David Shenkel | Marie Threadgill | Chocolate | MW |
| 5:24 | Nashville, TN | Wildersville, TN | 15.0 Grade Chestnut gelding | |
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| First | 10 Mile Ride and Tie | | | |
| | Tykey Truett | Holly Scarlett | Sam Mazon | Disco Dream Team |
| 1:38 | Louisville, TN | Friendsville, TN | 14.2 Harab grey gelding (17) | |
| Second | Cindi Zurhellen | Kathy Kalisek | Rafbar (Cadence) | WW Masters |
| 1:38 | Friendsville, TN | Maryville, TN | 14hh grey Arab gelding (17) | |
| Third | Joannie Gail Miller (12) | Betsy Felty | Tuc | WW |
| 1:46 | Madisonville, TN | Philadelphia, TN | Palomino Harab gelding | Longest Pony Tails |
| Fourth | Eva DePaulis | Kathleen Johnston | Par Te Saver (Spider) | WW |
| 1:46 | Nashville, TN | Nashville, TN | 15.0 Grey QH Mare | Triple Novice |
| Fifth | Rhonda Alexander | Mort McColium | Flo Jo | WW Masters |
| 2:10 | Lynn, IN | Richmond, IN | 15.3 Bay QH (11) | Triple Novice |
| Sixth | Candy Norris | Helen Chamberlin | Southern Sleuth | WW |
| 2:15 | Ringold, GA | Hixon, TN | Red Roan App Gelding (14) | Triple Novice |
| Seventh | Roni Crocker, DVM | Matthew Crocker (11) | Old Train | MW |
| 3:22 | Franklin, KY | Franklin, KY | 15.0 Sorrel QH (13) | Mother/son Team |
| Eighth | Dan Crocker, DVM | Claire Crocker (9) | JJ Doc Sugar Lynx | MW |
| 3:23 | Franklin, KY | Franklin, KY | 15 Sorrel QH (10) | Father/daughter Team |

Championship 2001

Cathy and Fayette de Cameo
Potato and Fille de Cailana
Cousin Steve and his Shoes
Enriqueta and Czaruska HCC

It was addressed to me, it must be a mistake! This particular piece of mail appeared to be an invitation to the 2001 31st annual Ride & Tie Championships. Someone must need a crew, I thought. That's the only explanation. But, no! It was indeed an "invitation" to participate in a 50-mile endurance ride, among other events held for the first time in conjunction with the R&T Event of the Year! With the memory of Tevis still vivid in my mind, its 100-mile distance making a mere 50-miler seem by comparison a walk in the park, my intended, Potato Richardson, and I signed up. As did my cousin, Steve, for the 35-mile trail run, and our friend from Mexico City, Enriqueta, for Sunday's biathlon. We loaded the appropriate horses and hit the road!

The weekend was memorable, the setting drop-dead gorgeous. Kudos to Laura & Tom Christofk for (1) having the imagination and sheer guts to pull this off (2) doing it! Five events in one. Ours began at 6 in the morning, with a controlled start. Usually "controlled start" is an oxymoron, but this time it worked, and 45 of us set out on Loop No. 1 of a four-loop day. Here we go loop-de-loop!

My mount, incidentally, is the famous Fayette de Cameo, a Shagya Arabian and winner of this year's Haggin Cup. She always makes my heart stop during the first couple of miles of a race, and this one was no exception. We're both relatively new at this endurance stuff, but once we get the wrinkles out and I remember to help Potato and Fille de Cailana spot trail ribbons, we do just fine, thank you.

The first loop literally flew by, and as we passed a few other competitors, I took the opportunity of "chatting bloodlines" with those who will listen without wanting to slap me out of the saddle. To me, an endurance ride is a moving horse show. I view every

Arabian horse as a beautiful creature unique unto his or herself. My apologies to those who don't ride Arabs. It's just my thing, and I'm sticking with it!

All went according to plan, that plan being starting and finishing with no life-threatening events taking place. The trail was extremely well-marked, we actually listened to Tom's pre-race talk the night before, but low and behold, upon arriving at the second loop within Loop 2, things began to unravel. "Read the signs," Tom pounded into our heads again and again. Indeed, there was adequate signage; however, we are an easily-confused bunch, and by the time we passed a sign reading "Loop 2 second time," we came to a screeching halt. As riders began collecting, among much head-scratching and guessing, someone pulled out a map! Imagine! What a genius move that was! I was reminded of my old biking days when several of us gathered, gazing at the same map and coming up with five hundred ideas of which way we really wanted to go without doing too many "stupid miles."

An executive decision was made, with the underlying thought pretty much being "why would we do this THREE times!" and to the vet check we went. Only to discover that our reasoning was somewhat flawed. Tom gathered us together, came up with a truly brilliant Plan B, acknowledging that "doo-doo does occur," and off went the Misguided Few.

Once the ride and tie began, we were sharing the trails and crew areas with them, and I'm here to say that half the fun of these events is visiting at the crew areas! Bob Edwards was our nearest "neighbor," and he still stands as Suspect No. 1 for the disappearing Coronas! I spotted my cousin coming through on one of his loops, and as Potato put it, he looked like he'd been shot at and hit! No wonder - he started in the dust cloud known as The Start, with all the ride and tiers and the limited distance endurance folks. Did someone say dust?

We managed to finish in fine style at around 2:30 in the afternoon. The

horses were tired and glad to stop, although I'm certain that Fayette now thinks every ride is 100 miles and fully expected to be saddled up for the final 50. Our crew of one, Enriqueta, was without a doubt the best and took very good care of us. Every trip she made to our RV involved a trek across the cow patty-strewn field. She figured she put in a 20-K by the time all was said and done that day.

At this point, I want to thank ALL of the volunteers and the vets, without whom these events could not occur. It was especially neat to see that nice Dr. Greg Fellers participating in Sunday's biathlon as a runner! What a multi-faceted guy!

The banquet that evening was one of the best ever for any event I've attended in my long career as a runner/biker/crew person. The awards ceremony was memorable for me because my good pal Chris Turney and his partners William and Budweiser WON! As luck would have it, Potato and I were resting on our laurels at one of the mandatory holds when Chris, William and Buddy crossed the finish line. It was such a thrill to see them come across in first place! When last spotted, they weren't so very far in front of the always competitive Tom Johnson/Skip Lightfoot team. Buddy's distinctive blaze and "let's go" attitude are unmistakable. I know Chris trained really hard for this championship.

Laura's silent auction and raffle gig topped off a PERFECT day/evening! I only regret being too pooped to keep my head up and join what must have been a swell party afterwards! If invited, I'll be back next year!!!!

Thanks Laura and Tom for putting on such an imaginative, successful event. Great move getting the endurance people and the ride and tiers together! Overshadowing the weekend and very much on everyone's mind, of course, were the happenings of September 11. I personally thank Laura for such a great speech at the pre-ride meeting. She's absolutely right - let's get out there and "endure" in the face of this unheard of slap in America's face. And we did! Same time next year!

CONGRATULATIONS MULTI-YEAR AWARD WINNERS

If you don't think Ride & Tie is addictive, just talk to these people who received recognition of their Multiple-Years Completions at this year's Championship Race!

Pat Browning became a member of the exclusive "25 - Timers Club". Only Mary Tiscornia, with a whopping 29 completions, has completed more Championship races than Pat. There is a lot of effort, determination and love of the sport behind those kinds of numbers.... we all do admire and congratulate you Pat!

Completing 20 Championships is nothing to shake a stick at either. This year Ted Ruprecht and Gino Pomillia earned their 20-Year Awards.

15-Year Awards were proudly earned by Warren Hellman, John Osterweis, Mark Richtman, Ellen Rinde and Dennis Fesler.

Happy winners of their 10 - Year Awards were Tom Gey, Elaine Ruprecht, Debby Lyon, Dennis Tracy and Erik Stenson.

Those earning 5-Year Awards (and I'm sure rearing for more!) were Frank Lieberman, Rufus Schneider, Sid Sullivan and Dana Tryde.

Congratulations to all of these and previous winners!! The names include top competitors as well as middle and back of the packers. Longevity and consistency are commendable, satisfying things in themselves, regardless of the level of competition.

It is a big part of what makes us feel like a "family". Multiple - year awards are given in 5-year increments and winners receive a newly - designed, attractive enamel pin depicting the Ride & Tie logo. The pin colors are distinctive for each "level" earned and can be proudly worn on a hat or jacket.

If you are a previous multiple - year award winner and would like to purchase one or more of these great new pins we will be happy to send them to you. Mail your request to me and be sure to give me your name, mailing address, specify the year(s) pin you want and include \$10 for each pin. Make checks payable to the Ride & Tie

Association and mail them to Leah Mirsch, 4 Cinchring Road, Rolling Hills, CA 90274.

Biathlon News



Robin Davis is all smiles as Flame is "vetted"

Merry Law and Robin Davis had teamed up earlier this year with the goal of "Championship" in mind. They were all set to go... Merry got the flu. Not to be left out, Robin borrowed Merry's horse, Flame and entered the Ironperson category in the Biathlon...and won it in 2:58!

Congratulations to Robin for such a show of Spirit!

The Two-person category of the Biathlon was won by Jim Brown & Todd Bertalone with Jim's horse, Leastreak in 2:35.

Championship 2001 Pictures

Earl and Marty McCowen spent the day of the Championship taking pictures so the Competitors would have lasting mementos of this race day. As luck would have it, and we are talking BAD LUCK here, due to a flat tire, the pictures were not developed in time to share them at the post-race activities.

Anyone interested in finding out if there are pictures of themselves should call 415-924-4280 or please email mccowen@home.com. There are 5 rolls of *Wonderful* pictures. Effort will be made to have them available for

viewing at some of the earlier Ride & Ties and at the R&T table at the AERC Convention (March 1 & 2 at the Silver Legacy in Reno, NV)

Thank you Earl & Marty for all your efforts.

2002 Race Schedule

Ride & Ties will be held with all the Shine & Shine Only endurance races in San Jose, CA.

The dates are: January 26, February 23 and March 23 (all Saturdays). The lengths are 12 and 23 miles. Contact Curt Riffle 650-949-0620.

Swanton Pacific 100, Davenport, CA, is scheduled for the full moon in August (24th). Call Ellen Rinde 831-423-6089

Rockbridge R&T, Rockbridge, VA, will run September 1. Call Jean Heishman 540-933-6991

Championship, Euer Valley, (Truckee) CA, September 7. Call Laura Christofk 530-268-8647

Big South Fork, Onieda, TN, September 14 & 15. Call Joanne Grimes 865-693-4308

Thanks from DOBBIN

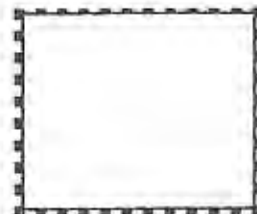
Annie and I would like to thank everyone for their help when our horse Dobbie tied up in the third mile of the championship. We would particularly like to thank Don Roth who stayed and cared for Dobbie all the way to the animal hospital in Loomis. Lynn Harris who rode her bike to the rescue. Susan Simons and Doyle Eggers, who took the trailer to pick him up, and Judy Hall for her great support. We also appreciate the fine work and attention of Dr. Bob Morgan of the veterinarian staff. We would like everyone to know, after a night in the animal hospital, Dobbie is home and doing fine. He should be able to race again.

Don and Annie Betts

AERC Convention
MARCH 1 & 2, 2002
Silver Legacy Resort
Reno, Nevada



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E Mail address _____

- I am a Rider
- I am a Runner
- I need a teammate and a horse
- I have a horse, but need a teammate
- I have a horse to loan or lease

All categories of membership will receive Ride & Tie News bimonthly, The Ride & Tie Journal annually, information and applications for the annual World Championship Ride & Tie, advocacy for growth and competition in all aspects of the sport, inclusion and eligibility for the national point system and assurance of the continuance of the sport of Ride & Tie. As a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, these membership contributions are tax deductible.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

(check your choice of membership)

- Lifetime member (\$500)** Pay no more annual membership fees. Eligible for special savings as offered.
- Competitor Member (\$50)** Provides access to the membership database which can link up teammates with horse, riders and runners.
- Competitor Family Membership (\$75)** Immediate family residing at one address. Please list all names to be included.
- New Member-1st Year (\$25)** Offered at a reduced rate for those checking out the sport. Equivalent to a competitor membership.
- New Family Membership (\$40)** Immediate family residing at one address. Please list all names to be included.
- Supporter (\$100 or more)** Same benefits as a competitor member. Also eligible for special savings as offered.
- Friend of the Ride & Tie (\$20)** Not an actual competitor but would like to show their support for ride & tie. Included in all Association mailings.

HORSE REGISTRATION FORM (ONE HORSE PER FORM)

REGISTERED NAME OF HORSE _____

NAME (NICK NAME) As you wish it to appear in future race results _____

GELDING MARE STALLION BREED _____

OWNER (IF DIFFERENT FROM

ABOVE)
Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____