

RIDE & TIE



NEWSLETTER

January-February 2005

The Ride & Tie Bud Johns Mile

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Thanks to Steve Shaw and Michelle Roush mile 82 of the Western States Trail will now be called "The Ride & Tie Bud Johns Mile." Their contribution to the Ride and Tie Organization is truly appreciated.

The Tevis Cup Ride relies on the availability and good repair of the Western States Trail for it's very existence. The Adopt-the Trail Campaign is an effort to raise a Half-Million Dollars as a permanent endowment for the Western States Trail. Donations are based on \$1 per foot of the 100-mile trail. Donations are placed into a dedicated investment fund where the principal is protected. Once this Endowment Fund grows to \$500,000, interest and dividends will be made available for WS Trail purposes. (From the Western States website)

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President's Message

Wow! It's the second day in February, it's a sunny 60 degrees, the mud is almost dried up, my cough of January is almost gone, and I've lost 10 pounds. Annie and I spent the weekend at the Pacific Northwest Endurance Ride (PNER) Conference in Portland talking Ride & Tie. Can spring be far away?

This is the 35th year of Ride & Tie and it's off to a good start. There were 12 teams in January at the Pioneertown Ride & Tie. There are 19 local races already on the schedule and half of them are outside California in Montana, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington. Be sure and keep checking the schedule and if your travels will take you to the area of a race, contact the race director and maybe they can team you up with someone or you can take the opportunity to be a volunteer.

The Libby Montana Ride & Tie Championship in the Kootenai Forest should be really special. What a great place for a race! You will like the trails and the views. The weather should be terrific and Lake Kocanusa is only 20 minutes from the camp area. It's a huge lake with lots of recreational opportunities. New this year we will be offering \$1000 cash prizes to the winning teams in M/M, M/W and W/W divisions as well as Pat's Purse for the first Pro/Am team. Help us promote it by cutting out the Ride & Tie flyer in this newsletter and posting it at your local feedstore or other horse or runner place. If you need more flyers, email us at Championship@rideandtie.org or call (360)681-5218.

Our association counts on membership and donations for its existence. It's the first of the year and time to renew your Ride & Tie membership. Check your address label to see if your membership is current.

We will try to send out the Ride & Tie Membership Directory by the end of February. Check last year's directory and make sure your information is correct. If not please send the corrections to Sharen McColl our Administrative Director at sam2001@direcway.com or phone (619) 445-4485.

Lastly we need volunteers. We need people to help with the merchandise, registration, P&Rs, and timing for the Championship. We also need articles and photos for the newsletter. We are making an effort to put the Newsletter out every other month and we definitely need your help. We need suggestions for the location and dates for next year's Championship. This is your organization and we want your input. Send suggestions to me (RideAndTieDon@aol.com) and send articles and photos to my wife, Annie (rideandtienewsletter@yahoo.com). You can also mail them to us at 146 Janssen Farm Rd., Sequim, WA 98382.

Don Betts

Ride & Tie Champion Named 'Ultrarunner of the Year'

Congratulations to William Emerson, winner of the Euer Valley 2001 Ride and Tie Championship with Chris Turney and Buddy.



He has been named the USA Track & Field 'Masters Ultrarunner of the Year' for 2004. William has competed in 23 ultraruns between November 2003 and October 2004. He won 16 of these events including the 50 Mile National Trail Championship. He finished no lower than 6th place in any of the races.

Amateurs take note: William has expressed interest in teaming up with a good riding amateur with a really good horse to win Pat's Purse, a

\$1000 cash prize for a winning pro/am team at the Libby Championship

My First Ride & Tie

by Kim Morse

I've done a couple of practice Ride & Tie's, and one Endurance ride. Plus, I have my own Hunter/Jumper Thoroughbred. I know that horses, no matter how well you think know them, are ultimately unpredictable. No matter what the sport, if you involve horses, it can get a little crazy sometimes. So when I'm standing



Kim Morse on Findafar
photo by Jane Gray

at the start line of my first R&T and there are horses prancing around, rearing and some trying to flee back to the horse trailer they came here on, I'm not at all fazed. Instead, I'm checking out the competition as I would at any type of race. Immediately I'm intimidated by the very fit, very experienced looking Ride & Tie-ers. Wow, I think I might be in way over my head here...

I'm completely relying on my very experienced, top-

notch partners, Carol Ruprecht and Findafar. But before I can get too overwhelmed or change my mind, we're off! The race has begun! Ouch! It's a sprint start, and I'm running (okay, maybe it was more like stumbling around crossed with "the old man shuffle" but I was moving forward!) in the sand while trying to not get run over by people on horses, some of which have clearly never done one of these events before. (CONTINUED on PAGE 11)

Oops! I goofed! In last month's issue I listed the dates for Grizzly Mountain and Northwest Labor Day Rides incorrectly. They should be April 16 and September 4th. Check the updated schedule!

TOP TEN REASONS TO GO TO MONTANA

10 **INCREDIBLE SCENERY!** This state is so beautiful Hollywood goes there to film their movies! A River Runs Through It, Forrest Gump, The Horse Whisperer, Return to Lonesome Dove, The River Wild are just a few! You've got to see this place for yourself!

9 **DINOSAURS!** Dinosaurs roamed all over Montana. While you are visiting be sure to go to one of the many dinosaur museums or sign up to be part of a dinosaur excavation! (Www.dinosaurdiscovery.com and www.timescale.org)

8 **BATTLE OF LITTLE BIGHORN:** Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer made his last stand in Montana in 1876. You can visit this battlefield and many others in Montana. Don't miss the reenactment! For information on Little Big Horn and other Montana Battlefields go to: www.custerbattle.com or www.visitmt.com.

7 **GHOST TOWNS, OLD MINING TOWNS, GOLD MINES,** and other neat old stuff! Visit the ghost towns of Virginia City and Nevada City, make a tour of the Orphan Girl Gold Mine and the World Museum of Mining near Butte (miningmuseum.com). Pan for gold near Helena (www.geocities.com/gmrv.gold.html) See a terrific old car museum and tour an old Prison (all for one price!) at Deer Lodge, MT. (<http://goldwest.visitmt.com/listings/3148.htm>)

6 **LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION BICENTENNIAL:** Montana is celebrating the bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark expedition through Montana. Follow the Lewis and Clark Trail and join in on the celebration! (www.lewisandclark.State.mt.us)

5 **RAFTING, BOATING, KAYAKING and CANOEING:** Do you like water activities? Montana is the place for you! The Kootenai River starting at the Libby Dam is only one river offering terrific opportunities for rafting or paddling. Plan a trip on the Kootenai or one of the other rivers such as the Flathead, Blackfoot, Bighorn, Big Hole or Beaverhead Rivers. Or enjoy paddling around the Flathead Lake or Lake Koocanusa in the Kootenai National Forest. Learn more at www.bigskyfishing.com/River-fishing/nw-mt-river/kootenai-river-floatinginformation.htm

4 **FISHING:** Montana offers some of the greatest fishing anywhere! Flathead Lake is renown for its fish. The rivers around the state are famous for their Bass, Pike, Rainbow and Bull Trout as well as fresh water Salmon! Learn more at www.bigskyfishing.com

3 **YELLOWSTONE PARK!** When was the last time you saw Old Faithful erupt? Have you visited the historic Yellowstone Fort? Have you basked in the waters of the Hot Springs? Did you know you can camp with your horse at Yellowstone? (307)344-2160 for information www.nps.gov

2 **CAMPING, HIKING AND HORSE RIDING OPPORTUNITIES:** Montana wilderness is outstanding with its open spaces for riding, hiking and camping opportunities. (www.horsetraildirectory.com, www.horsetravels.com, www.horseandmuletrails.com and www.nps.gov/glac/activities/horses.htm)

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NUMBER

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REASON FOR GOING TO MONTANA THIS SUMMER IS..
THE 35TH ANNUAL RIDE & TIE CHAMPIONSHIP!!!!.

EAST COAST RACES FILL UP

By Lani Newcomb, D.V.M.

Well, not actually, but our 2005 race schedule is rounding out nicely. Here is a brief summary of our events so you Westerners can pick which one(s) you'd like to attend. It's time for you all to broaden your horizons, come out of the sand, rocks and dust and see how much fun humidity and precipitation can be!

--Our first event is a new one, held in conjunction with a long-standing competitive ride. The Chesapeake 15/30 mile R&T will be held March 26 in Fair Hill, MD and promises rolling wooded hills, lots of water, good footing and cool temperatures. Or if it rains it might be slippery and a bit chilly but hey, you won't get overheated! --The No Frills 30/55 mile R&T on April 9 in Star Tannery, VA is one of the prettiest rides you'll ever do. Long rolling views of mountain tops all the way west to Ohio (if you have really good eyesight and squint just a little) and east to the Washington Monument (if you're sucker enough to believe the local mule riders), although getting there does involve a few rocky scrambles. Ride management is excellent and there's lots of cheerful encouragement from the AERC riders.

--The Bear Swamp 5/10/20 mile R&T held near Ithaca, NY on Sunday June 5 is a stand-alone event, running through rolling forest land and populated by a cheery enthusiastic management team. The weather in Upstate New York in June is about as fine as you'll ever see.

-- All Kidding Aside 12/25/50 mile R&T on August 27 in Central Ohio, this event is held with a NATRC ride (lots of moral support!) on fairly flat terrain in lush woods. "Lush woods" in the east translates as "lot's o' poison ivy" - our crew comes down with a whopping case of it every year just from handling the tie rope. Oops. The weather here could be hot, but it's almost all in the woods and there are many creeks to cool off in.

--The Big South Fork 10/30/50 mile R&T near Knoxville, TN on September 10 is a definite must-do. Management is superb and the trails are gorgeous with rolling hills and frequent water crossings. There is something for everyone - for you Westerners they even have sand, rattlesnakes on the trail, bees and the occasional big cat. The AERC riders are always very supportive, especially as several of them do the R&T one day and the 50 mile AERC the next.

--Our final event is the Fort Valley 12/30/55 mile R&Ts on both October 22 and 23 near Front Royal, VA. This falls during peak east coast leaf peeping season and the views from the mountain tops are terrific, as is splashing in the Shenandoah River and jogging along the grassy logging trails. There are quite a few rocks, but you learn to work around them; weather can range from the perfect 70's to, well, ahem, snow and sleet on an off year. The AERC riders here have been weaving in and out of the R&Ters for many years now and view us as an essential part of the experience. For the truly dedicated, this is an opportunity to do the 50 mile R&T both Saturday and Sunday.

Plan a trip to the east this year and see what we have to offer! For information on any of these events, contact Lani Newcomb, DVM at give2bute@aol.com or (703) 435-1911 and she'll hook you up with the right people. As our core group is slightly (ahem) smaller than yours is, we tend to be less competitive and more survival oriented (as evidenced by the way that any time you guys come over you blow us out of the water on our own turf). We do our best to make sure everyone finds their way around the trail and finishes with a smile!

From the Archives



Who are these folks? Which championship is this? Email your answer to Newsletter@yahoo.com. What will you get? Uh... Well, how about our thanks! We don't know who or where this is!

IN MEMORY OF JUDY STEIN-AVILES

Our sister, Judy Stein-Aviles, of Photo Finish Photography, unexpectedly passed away on January 4, 2005. Judy was instrumental in getting our finish line team photos that were used as awards for Ride and Tie, as well as capturing participants at their most intimate moments.



Debbie Cabrera and Judy Stein-Avila at the finish line

Judy loved being part of our photography team, and helped pour over the shots that would be used as awards. She would slip photos under the table to those who wanted their photos, but only had enough gas money to get their horses back home. She had a special place in her heart for junior riders, and wanted to make sure they succeeded in the sport of horses.

Judy did her one (and only) Ride and Tie in the 1980's, on Debbie's horse, Bootie. She was paired up with a non-horsewoman, a San Jose State runner. She took off riding, tied Bootie (continued page 5)

Judy Stein-Aviles--continued
to a tree at their tie point, and started running. The partner, knowing very little about horses, untied Bootie to start riding. Bootie spooked, broke loose and proceeded to run amok in Quicksilver Park for 5 hours. Needless to say, they didn't finish, and a tired Bootie was found and brought back to the trailer.

Judy loved sitting on the side of the trail, waiting for the runners and riders to come by. We cracked up at the funny horse and rider photos (photographer funny, not subject funny) and made sure that our "favorite customers" had enough photos to choose from.

As sisters, we were very close, being born 15 months apart from each other. We rode together, competed together and had cameras in our hands together. (Continued on page 5) With the 3 of us shooting Ride and Tie and endurance, we had to remember where we were stationed, as we couldn't tell who took which photo. Putting that aside, you don't pick your family....you pick your life partner.

Judy leaves behind her loving husband Robert, and daughters Mallory and Hanna. Judy made sure her family shared in her love of horses and livestock, as she, as well as her girls, was very active in 4-H. They say that your animals meet you in heaven first, before your loved ones. We believe that Judy has been bombarded by her animal friends, and her loved ones have a long line to stand in.

A trust has been set up for her girls, and we hope that those that remember her from behind the lens, can share their generosity
Judith Stein-Aviles Fund
Stanford Federal Credit Union
P.O. Box 10690
Palo Alto, CA 94303-0843
She appreciated those that worked hard to keep the sport going. She will be missed. There's a hole in our fabric that can't be mended.

Debbie Cabrero and Stephanie Hamilton
Photo Finish Photography



Horsethief Canyon Ride & Tie

By Trish Laney

Descanso, Calif., November 6, 2004 - A cool bright November morning greeted competitors at the start of the annual Horsethief Canyon Ride & Tie. The ride, managed by Rufus Schneider, had two race options; a sanctioned course of 25 miles, and an introductory course of 12 miles. The course was laid out across private property, starting and ending on the Howe Ranch. Turn out was high, with a total of sixteen teams in the two races.

Competitors from northern California swept the long course with first place going to veteran ride and tie racers Warren Hellman, Jeff Townsend and Lakota Mare in 3 hours and 2 minutes. In second place were Doyle Eggers, Frank Lieberman and Gypsy in 3 hours 31 minutes, also from northern California for this last race of the season. The two teams made do by sharing a trailer for the long drive.

Ride and tie is a sport born of necessity: it began as a method of transportation, not a sport. Two people of lesser means would "make do" with one horse between them. While the sport has come to represent sharing and comradarie, this weekend the Horsethief Canyon Ride & Tie also had its share of "making do" as typified by the team of Kathy Swigart and Kim Meillo on Windy, an equine that surely could be described as the world's smallest Arabian horse.

Kathy Swigart recruited a new teammate: this was Kim Meillo's very first ride and tie race. They used an exchange strategy Swigart uses for most newcomers: lots of flying ties. Swigart sent Meillo out in front with the horse. Meillo then tied the horse and ran until Swigart and the horse caught her. At that point, Swigart would hand Meillo the horse: this is the exchange called a flying tie. By utilizing the flying tie, allowed under ride and tie rules, the team reduces the time spent tying and untying the horse by half and, according to Swigart, "you spend less time looking for the perfect tree to tie to."

The course was mostly very narrow, technical single-track trail, with twists and turns like a slalom course. Swigart reported that sharing it with a horse and someone on the ground was very challenging and tricky at times. The brush and rocks were close and turns were tight. During the ride, Swigart and Meillo found that while on their 13.2 hand horse they had to lift their legs up to get through the thorny brush, which caused them to repeatedly lose their stirrups. About three miles into the ride, at about their third tie, they shortened the stirrups to avoid the brush. While this change was probably harder on Meillo, who is three inches taller than Swigart, they both gladly made do with the shorter stirrups.

When the team realized they were missing their ride and tie rope, which is usually a length of climbing rope terminated in a carabineer for quick ties and releases, they had a choice: they could either quit the race, or use the reins. Knowing her horse, Swigart told Meillo to keep going, and make do with the reins. They would have to tie the horse with the reins for the duration of the course...now those flying ties were even more appealing than ever.

For Meillo, the short course proved to be more than expected. She was surprised at the difficulty of the hills. She thought she could jog them, and could not. Her partner Swigart, a campaigner who has completed a 75-mile ride and tie and intends to tackle a 100-mile course in 2005, assured her that walking the hills would have been a perfectly acceptable strategy.

After the race was over each horse was examined, once again, by the attending veterinarian. When all the scores were tallied, the first place horse, Lakota Mare, was awarded Best Condition. Second place, Gypsy, moved over and made room for Lakota Mare in the trailer, glad enough to make do with a little less space, to have the company for the long ride north.

IN THE NEWS

By Carol Ruprecht

The sport of Ride & Tie has recently appeared in articles in the following venues, published since your previous newsletter. There have also been recent articles in equestrian magazines in Australia, Germany and Scandinavia on which we do not have precise details.

- All American Trail Running Association, posted our Montana race site announcement on their front page under Latest News/Events, with photo.
- Equestrian News "My First Ride & Tie Competition" by Kim Morse, Nov/Dec 2004
- LA Sports & Fitness "The Faces of L.A." Nov/Dec 2004
- Equus "Extreme Sports: Ride & Tie" December 2004
- Young Rider "Ride & Tie: Give This Cool Horsey Sport A Try!" by Sarah Coleman Jan/Feb 2005
- The Equestrian News "Kirsten Seyferth Stages Ride and Tie Practice" by Kirsten Seyferth, Jan/Feb 2005
- Endurance News "35th annual Ride & Tie Champs set for July 9" January 2005
- Sonoma County Horsemen's Newsletter, by Les Nightingill



35th Annual World Championship Ride & Tie

To be held in the
Kootenai National Forest
Near Libby, Montana
July 9th, 2005

\$4000 cash prizes available to winning teams

For More Information visit www.rideandtie.org

Or email Championship@rideandtie.org

Or phone Don Betts (360)681-5218

Cut out flyer and post in public place

**35 Annual World Championship Ride & Tie
Kootenai National Forest Libby, Montana
July 9, 2005**

Please Circle the race you are entering and make checks payable to the Ride and Tie Association. Mail to Race Director, 146 Janssen Farm Road, Sequim, WA 98382

Championship Race \$100 Short Course Ride and Tie \$50 Ultra Run \$50 Biathlon \$50

Rider #1: _____ Phone #: () _____ Age: _____ R&T # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Rider #2: _____ Phone #: () _____ Age: _____ R&T # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Horses Name: _____ Age: _____ Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____ R&T#: _____

Owner: _____ Phone #: () _____ Address: _____

NOTE: Both riders must be members of the Ride and Tie Association.

THIS IS A RELEASE. IT CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY. READ IT!!!

I understand that Ride and Tie, Ultra Runs, and Biathlons are hazardous activities which involve being in remote areas for a long time; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which race 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 anytime, and that there is NO ambulance or medical help present. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM ENTERING THIS EVENT AT MY OWN RISK and upon acceptance of my application for entry in the above described race, I acknowledge that I assume FULL RESPONSIBILITY for my own safety. I and my heirs, executors, and administrators, will hold the Ride and Tie Association, and all officers and directors thereof, any member of the race management and race personnel, and all property owners/tenants whose land the race crosses BLAMELESS for any injury or loss to myself or my horse which occurs due to my participation and free from all liability for such injury or loss. In short, I will not sue the race management, their personnel, landowners or tenants, Ride and Tie Association for ANY REASON! I am fully aware of all race rules and agree to abide by those rules set down by the race management and Ride and Tie Association. " I fully understand the consequences for not following race rules. As a participant in this race, I have read the above liability release and will agree to abide by ALL rules.

Rider # 1: _____ DATE: _____

Rider #2: _____ DATE: _____

Horse Owner: _____ DATE: _____

Ultra or Biathlon Runner: _____ DATE: _____

MINORS OR JUNIORS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING RELEASE SIGNED.

We, the undersigned parents or guardians of _____, born on _____ understand that Ride and Tie can be a hazardous activity, that injuries or accidents can occur, and that this ride has no medical aid or insurance for my child. We have entered our child in the above named ride AT THEIR OWN RISK and understand that we will assume full responsibility for the child's safety. We have read the above release that our child, as a rider/runner, has signed and fully understand the release and ride rules. We agree to release the Ride and Tie Association and all officers, directors and all members of ride management and personnel, and all landowners/tenants, from all claims, demands, law suits or liabilities which might otherwise arise by virtue of injury to our child or child's horse, no matter who is at fault. We do further authorize any ride personnel of the above ride to consent in our behalf to any emergency medical treatment by a properly licensed person, which may be require for our child, and do agree to indemnify and hold harmless anyone giving such consent.

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY

POINT STANDINGS for 2004

SYSTEM FOR AWARDING POINTS

Points are awarded in all sanctioned events using the following formulae:

INDIVIDUAL POINTS: 25 points for entering an event + 0.5 points for each completed mile + 3 points for each team you beat to the finish line (i.e. if ten teams finished the event and you finished first, you and your team would receive $9 \times 3 = 27$ place points). In the case of DNF (Did Not Finish) each Person and Horse get 25 points, for just entering. No miles points are awarded and the "team" gets 0 points for that race.

TEAM POINTS: 25 points for entering an event + 0.5 miles for each completed mile + 3 points for each team in your division (Man/Man, Man/Woman or Woman/Woman) which you beat to the finish line. In the case of DNF (Did Not Finish) no miles points are awarded and the team gets 0 points for that race. There are no team points awarded for Pro-Am events.

INDIVIDUALS

TEAMS

MAN/WOMAN TEAMS

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| R. Noer/M.Wier | 168 |
| A. Peterson/J. Whitman | 100 |
| S. Anderson/E. Carey | 96 |
| S. Han/B. Mack | 91 |
| J. Jordan/T. Jordan | 89 |
| T. Gey/C. Ruprecht | 88 |
| K. Townsend/A. Townsend | 80 |
| S. Sullivan/M. Tiscornia | 75 |
| R. Ribley/M. Ribley | 72 |
| L. Hollander/D. Wagner | 69 |
| J. Clover/A. Parsons | 66 |
| E. Michielssen/D. Tryde | 63 |
| D. Rinde/E. Rinde | 63 |
| D. Van Wicklin/C. Brun | 57 |
| T. Ruprecht/C. Ruprecht | 54 |
| J. Laws-King/S. Laws-King | 51 |
| D. De La Rosa/K. Seyferth | 47 |
| M. Whelan/M. Cassinatis | 44 |
| C. Riffle/B. Eischen | 44 |
| D. Howe/R. London | 44 |
| D. Eggers/S. Kelly | 42 |
| L. Yates/E. Rinde | 42 |
| D. Eggers/M. Jay-Russell | 41 |
| E. Cogdell/J. Heltibridle | 40 |
| C. Riffle/M. Arp | 39 |
| R. Kiernan/M. Tiscornia | 39 |
| D. Howe/B. Tatanni | 39 |
| C. Riffle/T. Milkovich | 38 |
| J. Steffen/E. Steffen | 38 |
| F. Lieberman/L. Press | 38 |
| M. Keil/M. Keil | 38 |
| J. Steffen/L. Preston | 38 |
| J. Steffen/L. Wallace | 38 |
| S. Anderson/B. Page | 36 |
| D. Eggers/D. Hartsock | 36 |
| B. Stolfi/S. Schaeffer | 35 |

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| G. Proulx/K. Wolfsheimer | 54 |
| B. Brinkley/K. Isaacs | 50 |
| C. Domnitch/M. Jay-Russell | 48 |
| J. Heltibridle/K. Kane-Joyce | 46 |
| B. Bohnke/K. Seyferth | 45 |
| C. Godwin/J. Whitman | 44 |
| S. Kelly/B. Page | 44 |
| J. Whitman/T. Whitman | 43 |
| L. Green/J. Whitman | 43 |
| J. Hill/S. Mahoney | 42 |
| L. Carey/A. Vale | 41 |
| S. Kelly/A. Vale | 41 |
| J. Heltibridle/L. Green | 41 |
| K. Deaver/T. Evans | 39 |
| M. Martin/J. Powell | 39 |
| J. Heltibridle/C. Huebner | 38 |
| K. Fuess/J. McGrath | 38 |
| K. Morse/C. Ruprecht | 38 |
| K. Ramsdell/A. Vale | 36 |
| G. Brinks/K. Seyferth | 36 |

MAN/MAN TEAMS

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|----------------------------|-----|
| W. Hellman/J. Townsend | 184 |
| D. Eggers/F. Lieberman | 170 |
| C. Riffle/D. Riffle | 108 |
| J. Osterweis/M. Osterweis | 96 |
| K. Miller/D. Strong | 81 |
| J. Howard/D. Rinde | 75 |
| D. Betts/B. Mintiens | 73 |
| J. Brown/R. Kiernan | 72 |
| J. Alper/T. Steere | 69 |
| F. Lieberman/C. Miller | 63 |
| D. De la Rosa/M. Fraysse | 60 |
| B. Grant/P. Johnson | 54 |
| L. Hollander III/D. Wagner | 48 |
| G. Hall/D. Betts | 42 |
| D. Moores/D. Van Wicklin | 42 |
| J. Reynolds/T. Reynolds | 41 |
| W. Hellman/M. Richtman | 38 |
| M. Harriott/L. Hollander | 38 |
| S. Anderson/J. Clover | 38 |
| G. Hall/L. Yates | 38 |
| P. Cowan/R. Rogers | 38 |
| J. Alber/T. Steere | 36 |
| W. Ethridge/H. Stolfi | 35 |

WOMAN/WOMAN TEAMS

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| K. Broaddus/L. Newcomb | 251 |
| A. Langstaff/R. Schneider | 120 |
| C. Domnitch/S. Teller | 112 |
| J. Tiscornia/A. Vale | 102 |
| B. Page/L. Wilson | 63 |
| T. Evans/J. Powell | 57 |

| NAME | POINTS | MILES | NAME | POINTS | MILES |
|---------------------|--------|-------|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Doyle Eggers | 373 | 171 | George Hall | 86 | 59 |
| Frank Lieberman | 343 | 203 | Lewis Hollander III | 84 | 34 |
| Curt Riffle | 319 | 127 | Dave Wagner | 84 | 34 |
| Warren Hellman | 312 | 128 | Celina Brun | 78 | 34 |
| Alina Vale | 308 | 127 | Kim Fuess | 76 | 50 |
| Kathy Broaddus | 288 | 171 | Jane McGrath | 76 | 50 |
| Lani Newcomb | 288 | 171 | Bill Mintiens | 76 | 40 |
| Jeff Townsend | 268 | 106 | Ted Ruprecht | 75 | 34 |
| Carol Ruprecht | 250 | 104 | Martina Keil | 69 | 20 |
| Jean Whitman | 236 | 185 | Lisa Preston | 69 | 25 |
| Brandi Page | 224 | 81 | Genevieve Proulx | 69 | 34 |
| Steve Anderson | 209 | 103 | Mike Whelan | 69 | 25 |
| Dennis Rinde | 207 | 109 | Karen Wolfsheimer | 69 | 34 |
| Cheryl Domnitch | 200 | 105 | Karen Deaver | 67 | 21 |
| Dave Riffle | 199 | 55 | Jason Laws-King | 66 | 34 |
| Don Betts | 196 | 74 | Sasha Laws-King | 66 | 34 |
| Janice Heltibridle | 193 | 112 | Christine Huebner | 63 | 26 |
| Kurt Miller | 192 | 131 | Kim Morse | 56 | 25 |
| Russ Kiernan | 186 | 55 | Biz Eischen | 53 | 25 |
| Richard Noer | 183 | 104 | Jeremy Reynolds | 53 | 25 |
| Mary Tiscornia | 183 | 55 | Tim Reynolds | 53 | 25 |
| Melanie Weir | 183 | 104 | Beth Brinkley | 50 | 50 |
| Anne Langstaff | 182 | 95 | Karen Isaacs | 50 | 50 |
| Rufus Schneider | 182 | 95 | Mischa Arp | 48 | 22 |
| Jonnie Alper | 168 | 55 | Barbara Bohnke | 48 | 34 |
| Thom Steere | 168 | 55 | Dan Moores | 48 | 22 |
| Liz Carey | 164 | 81 | Claire Godwin | 47 | 25 |
| David De La Rosa | 161 | 59 | Rebeca London | 47 | 25 |
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| Max Osterweis | 156 | 55 | Bethany Tatanni | 45 | 22 |
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| Jennifer Tiscornia | 147 | 55 | Mark Keil | 44 | 20 |
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| Jim Clover | 143 | 59 | Mark Richtman | 44 | 25 |
| Sabrina Teller | 143 | 71 | Eric Cogdell | 43 | 30 |
| Tracy Evens | 139 | 55 | Tara Whittman | 43 | 30 |
| Mike Fraysse | 139 | 34 | Gesa Brinks | 42 | 22 |
| Kirsten Seyferth | 137 | 81 | Jackie Hill | 42 | 22 |
| James Howard | 135 | 34 | Shannon Mahoney | 42 | 22 |
| Laurie Wilson | 132 | 34 | Pete Cowan | 41 | 25 |
| Jim Brown | 129 | 34 | Russ Rogers | 41 | 25 |
| Sid Sullivan | 126 | 34 | Dawn Hartsock | 39 | 21 |
| Dave Van Wicklin | 126 | 56 | Marci Martin | 39 | 22 |
| Ellen Rinde | 123 | 109 | Kayla Ramsdell | 39 | 22 |
| Don Strong | 123 | 56 | Morgan Harriott | 38 | 20 |
| Josh Steffen | 120 | 65 | Lauren Press | 38 | 25 |
| Jennifer Powell | 111 | 56 | Stefani Schaeffer | 38 | 20 |
| Melissa Ribley | 111 | 34 | Erika Steffen | 38 | 20 |
| Robert Ribley | 111 | 34 | Brad Stolfi | 38 | 20 |
| Debbie Wagner | 108 | 34 | Liz Wallace | 38 | 20 |
| Michele Jay-Russell | 104 | 59 | Will Ethridge | 35 | 20 |
| Jonathan Jordan | 104 | 59 | Hank Stolfi | 35 | 20 |
| Tara Jordan | 104 | 59 | Ginny Brown | 25 | 0 |
| Annette Parsons | 102 | 34 | Michael Bustillos | 25 | 0 |
| Andy Peterson | 100 | 100 | Sky Carrithers | 25 | 0 |
| Shan Han | 97 | 81 | Terri Castellano | 25 | 0 |
| Barbara Mack | 97 | 81 | Camille Coleman | 25 | 0 |
| Byron Grant | 96 | 34 | Gunilla Kent | 25 | 0 |
| Paul Johnson | 96 | 34 | Susan Lynch | 25 | 0 |
| Tom Gey | 94 | 45 | John McTasney | 25 | 0 |
| Eric Michielssen | 93 | 34 | Glen Morgan | 25 | 0 |
| Dana Tryde | 93 | 34 | Georgann Nicol | 25 | 0 |
| David Howe | 92 | 47 | Elizabeth Schaefer | 25 | 0 |
| Ann Townsend | 92 | 60 | Sydney Vale | 25 | 0 |
| Kevin Townsend | 92 | 60 | Gary Yargus | 25 | 0 |
| Leslie Yates | 92 | 59 | Jim Fredette | 25 | 0 |
| Lisa Green | 87 | 56 | | | |

HORSES

| HORSE | OWNER | POINTS | MILES |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Majik | Riffle | 322 | 127 |
| Teabiscuit | Broadus | 225 | 137 |
| Basia | Carey | 220 | 106 |
| Lakota Mare | Hellman | 218 | 81 |
| Gypsy | Lieberman | 208 | 147 |
| ZarZaFire | Lightfoot/Osterweis | 203 | 81 |
| Mocha Brown | Domnitch | 200 | 105 |
| Cei Emrys | Whitman | 186 | 135 |
| Findefar | Ruprecht | 175 | 70 |
| Wesob | Steere | 168 | 55 |
| Friky C. | Huebner | 155 | 86 |
| Gavilan | Betts | 146 | 74 |
| Bones | Clover | 143 | 59 |
| Rasan | | 139 | 55 |
| Majic Sirocco | Howard | 135 | 34 |
| Pizzaz of Pico | Edwards | 135 | 56 |
| Cinder | Betts | 132 | 40 |
| Nightcap L. | Shea | 132 | 34 |
| Yaquar Adonai | Brown | 129 | 34 |
| Jazz | | 126 | 56 |
| Whisper | Shea | 126 | 34 |
| Zheke | | 123 | 56 |
| Mis P | Hollander | 122 | 54 |
| Anna Mia | Shea | 114 | 34 |
| Shifty | | 111 | 34 |
| Najaim | | 108 | 34 |
| Flyer | Jordan | 104 | 59 |
| KD Kooteney | | 99 | 34 |
| Eddy | | 96 | 34 |
| Corky | Lightfoot/Riffle | 95 | 47 |
| Scatris | Seyferth | 95 | 59 |
| Fallen Star | | 93 | 34 |
| HC Fleet ADM | | 92 | 60 |
| Koona | | 84 | 25 |
| Abu | Steffen | 82 | 45 |
| Justin | Schneider | 82 | 45 |
| Olympian | Ruprecht | 75 | 34 |
| Gen. Geranium | Kinde | 73 | 75 |
| Rascal | | 69 | 34 |
| Bay Laurel Shadow | | 66 | 34 |
| Victory | Shea | 63 | 34 |
| Albi | Tiscornia | 57 | 21 |
| Mesa | Chu | 53 | 55 |
| Budweiser | Turney | 51 | 21 |
| RRR Fire | Shea | 51 | 34 |
| ConnicaRosePasha | | 50 | 50 |
| Jeb | Clark | 50 | 50 |
| Samurai | Hellman | 50 | 25 |
| Rocket | Ribley | 48 | 21 |
| Bandit | | 47 | 25 |
| Stashi | Jay | 47 | 25 |
| Ranger | | 45 | 22 |
| Gickleon | | 44 | 25 |
| Notara Mesa | Rigsbee | 44 | 26 |
| Prystina | Kanavy | 44 | 25 |
| Navajo Gray | | 42 | 22 |
| Sparkling Sky | | 42 | 22 |
| Clown | Shaw | 41 | 25 |
| Nicky | | 41 | 25 |
| Gem | Ramsdell | 39 | 22 |
| Keako | | 39 | 22 |
| Tess | | 39 | 21 |
| Fire Mt Scamp | McGrath | 38 | 25 |
| Hickory | Newcomb | 38 | 26 |
| Jet | Stolfi | 38 | 20 |
| Tiger | Stolfi | 35 | 20 |
| Anna | | 25 | 0 |
| Cruz | Schaefer | 25 | 0 |
| Diane | | 25 | 0 |
| Lilly | | 25 | 0 |
| Mickey | Bustillo | 25 | 0 |
| Razario | | 25 | 0 |
| Royal | | 25 | 0 |

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RACE RESULTS

PIONEERTOWN RIDE & TIE

January 15, 2005

Best Conditioned: Koona

21 Mile Course

1. Anne Langstaff and Rufus Schneider on Koona 3:10
2. Doyle Eggers and Frank Lieberman on Gypsy 3:31
3. Steve Anderson and Kirsten Seyferth on Joey 3:34
4. Rick Noer and Melanie Weir on Kamanche 3:41
5. Jonathan Jordan and Tara Jordan on Flyer 3:55

11 Mile Course

1. Michael Fraysee and Beth Crawford on Annamia 1:31
2. Jessie Cordray and David Perez de La Rosa on Scatris 1:32
3. Thomas Gey and Carol Ruprecht on Findefar 1:36
4. Jim Calkins and Logos Hall on Zima 1:38
5. Mai Nguyen and Sydney Vale on Hat Trick 1:48
6. Kim Fuess and Jane McGrath on Fox 1:51

6 Mile Short Course

- Anita Ekstrom and Bryce Vale on Justin 1:06

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2005 Schedule



JANUARY 15, 2005
PIONEERTOWN Ride & Tie
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APRIL 9, 2005
NO FRILLS Ride & Tie,
Star Tannery, VA
30/50 mile courses
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APRIL 16, 2005
GRIZZLY MOUNTAIN Ride & Tie,
Madras, OR
20 mile course
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APRIL 16, 2005
WHISKEYTOWN CHASER
Redding, CA
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19396 Natalie Way, Redding CA 96003
(530) 275-8570 kdeaver@suhdsd.net

MAY 14, 2005
SANTA YSABEL Ride & Tie
Santa Ysabel, CA
11 & 22 mile courses
Contact: Rufus Schneider
P.O. Box 311, Descanso, CA 91916
(619) 445-2060

MAY 21, 2005
QUICKSILVER PRO-AM Ride & Tie, PLUS
San Jose, CA
5, 14, 23 mile R&T's,
PLUS a 12 mile ride/5 mile run Biathlon
Contact: Curt Riffle
469 Casita Way, Los Altos, CA 94022
(650) 949-2321 crriffle@earthlink.net

JUNE 25, 2005
BEAR SWAMP Ride & Tie,
Ithaca, NY
6, 12, & 20 mile courses
Contact: Roberta Schmidt
19 Muckey Road, Binghamton, NY 13903
(607) 724-7080 Rschmid@stny.rr.com

**35th ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
RIDE AND TIE-JULY 9, 2005**
LIBBY MONTANA
15 & 35 mile courses
Contact: SharenMcColl (619) 445-4485
Or Don Betts (360) 681-5218
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JULY 9, 2005
GOLD COUNTRY Ride & Tie
Georgetown, CA
20 mile course
Contact: Cheryl Domnitch
(530) 273-5668 cdefpe@aol.com

JULY 10, 12, 14, 16, 2005
FORT STANTON Ride & Tie,
Fort Stanton, NM
35 mile courses each day
Contact: Beth Brinkley
4800 N Poverty Flats Lane, Willcox, AZ 85643
(520) 384-2948 bbrinkley@ncch.com

AUGUST 6, 2005
CHAMPAGNE FIREWORKS Ride & Tie
Santa Cruz, CA
12 & 25 mile courses
Contact: Curt Riffle
469 Casita Way, Los Altos, CA 94022
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AUGUST 13, 2005
SANTIAM CASCADE Ride & Tie
Santiam Pass, OR
20 mile course
Contact: Anna Sampson
16501 S. Butte Creek Rd, Molalla, OR 97038
(503) 829-5321 flyingn@molalla.net

AUGUST 20, 2005
SWANTON PACIFIC Ride & Tie,
Davenport, CA
75 & 100 courses
Easy 75 mile or more challenging 100 mile
Contact: Ellen Rinde
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(831) 423-6089 Ellenm@big-creek.com

AUGUST 27 & 28, 2005
ALL KIDDING ASIDE Ride & Tie
Waverly, OH
10, 25 & 50 mile courses
Contact: Maggie Pritchard
1934 Buchanan Road, Waverly, Ohio 45690
(740) 947-2883 maggieszoo@dragonbbs.com

SEPTEMBER 4, 2005
NORTHWEST LABOR DAY Ride & Tie
Mount Vernon, WA
25 mile course
Contact: Don Betts
146 Janssen Farm Road, Sequim, WA 98382
(360) 681-5218, RideAndTieDon@aol.com

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2005
BIG SOUTH FORK Ride & Tie,
Oneida, TN
Saturday: 30 & 50 mile courses
Sunday: 10 Mile course
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OCTOBER 1, 2005
MANZANITA Ride & Tie,
Boulevard, CA
13 & 25 mile courses
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505 N. Mollison #103, El Cajon, CA 92021
(619) 445-5443, cancer@inetworld.net

OCTOBER 15, 2005
FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADE Ride & Tie
Santiam Pass, OR
20 mile course
Contact: Anna Sampson or Mary Nunn
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(503) 829-5321, flyingn@molalla.net

OCTOBER 22-23, 2005
FORT VALLEY Ride & Tie
Fort Valley, VA
12, 25 & 50 mile courses each day
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Fort Valley, VA 22652
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NOVEMBER 5, 2005
HORSETHIEF CANYON Ride & Tie,
Descanso, CA
11 & 22 mile courses
Contact: Rufus Schneider
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 down a little. My heart is pounding through my chest still, as my body desperately tries to warm up and shake off pre-race nerves. Somewhere in the back my mind I'm nervous about getting my foot caught in the stirrup and getting dragged, or making a wrong turn and never seeing my partners again. And then there is the competitive side of me really doesn't want to finish last...

We make our first switch without much hassle. My pounding heart happy to jump on Findefar and my brain still trying to figure out why one would get off a perfectly good horse and away from it?

Carol and I have agreed that she will lead the ride, meaning she will make all of the ties and therefore always stay ahead. We also agreed that I would hand the horse off to her rather than tie. This is great for me as it alleviates the pressure of me making a bad tie or messing up our timing. Quickly I learned I needed to unlearn traditional "Pony Club" rules, for example, never get off your horse on the right side. Oh, and posting properly at the trot became more of a game of survival than trying to look pretty and proper! As the race progresses, I realize that this really isn't a nice long run, its more like doing 1 mile long intervals for 13 miles and is going to be a lot harder than I thought. In between looking ahead for my 4-legged partner, trying not to make a wrong turn and wishing I would've done more training runs, I take more notice the competition. It becomes very clear to me that there are 2 things that make the top competitors in the sport. 1) PRACTICE (with your horse and partner preferably) and 2) EXPERIENCE. If you can't get on your horse or waste valuable time trying to untie, well, it doesn't matter how fast you run or how fit your horse is.

Experienced R&T-ers are communicating about how they are doing, how the horse is doing, etc.; adjusting race strategy as needed throughout the race. Additionally, they are the one whose horses are ready to race, pretty well behaved, yet competitive. The experienced riders make good and fast ties and unties (unlike yours truly who actually let the horse get loose during the race! Yikes!); and are on and off fast. Their horses and the runners are fit too. Additionally, they have experienced crew that assists them in a quick and efficient Vet Check. All of this adds up to a top race time, a healthy, sound horse and running partners crossing the finish line all together - which to me, as competitive as I sometimes can be, is the most important goal and greatest accomplishment!

If you can find an experienced R&T-er to teach you the ropes - I urge you to try it out!

The whole experience is a blast! There nothing like running up to your new horse friend and having them nicker at you to come untie them! A truly encouraging and touching sound! They are smart, fun, fast and competitive teammates to have! Although they won't hug you at the finish line, they'll be sure to give you a nudge to let you know they're happy with your performance!

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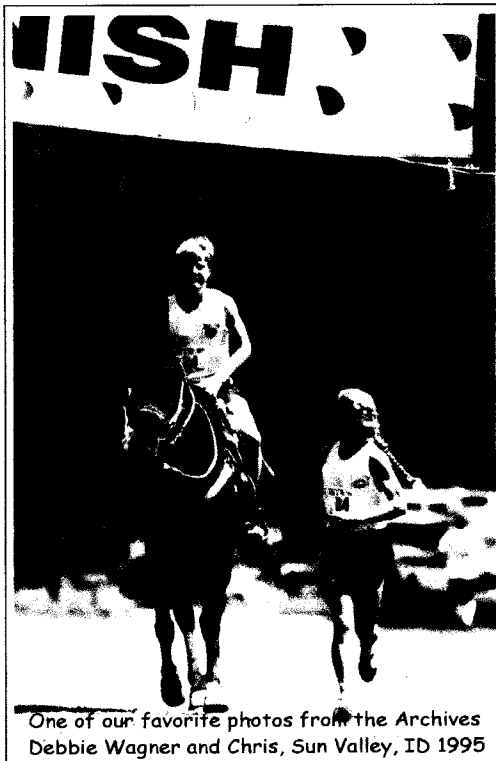
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Congratulations DAWN HARTSOK, our newest lifetime member of the Ride @ Tie Association!!

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE! If you want to be in the next Members' Directory, don't procrastinate!

Paul Johnson is welcoming all R@T's traveling on Highway 95 to overnight at his place on their way to the World Championship this July. Paul lives just outside Moscow, Idaho which is approximately 5 hours from Libby, Montana. His number is (208) 883-3809. He has room for rigs! MORE ON WHERE TO STAY ON THE WAY TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN FUTURE ISSUES!!!

Have you checked the website lately? Trish Laney updates it frequently. Thank you Trish!

DID YOU KNOW? At this year's Championship, first place teams in each division (woman/woman, man/woman and man/man) will receive a cash prize of \$1000. Pat's Purse is also available to the first place Pro/Am team! (An amateur is someone who has not completed three races over twenty miles or a championship)

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GO RIDE @ TIE!