

RIDE & TIE



NEWSLETTER

May-June 2005

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Sheldon Mountain and the site of the 35th Annual Ride & Tie Championship camp.



Picture yourself on the top of Sheldon Mountain looking down at Lake Kooconusa on one side and the Ride & Tie Championship Camp on the other. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there on July 9th. This is the last newsletter before the Championship race. Thanks to those of you who have already let us know that you are coming. It has helped with the planning of this event. Now is the time to start sending in those entries.

Plans for the Championship are coming along. We are excited about the Gaston Mercier saddle valued at \$1700 which was donated by Hi-Tack. The saddle will be custom made to fit you and your horse. It will be won by a participant or volunteer by drawing after the awards. We still need volunteers to help at vet checks, sales of merchandise, at the finish line and registration.

I held a practice ride at the Championship site in April. We used most of loop two. The trails are great. There will be two concentric trails both starting from the camping area at 2000 foot elevation. The first trail will climb to 4700 feet, before reaching the trot-by at 11 miles (3500 feet.) The trail then returns to camp and the only full vet check, at the 21-mile point. The second loop will take a different trail to the area where the trot-by was held on the first loop. It will be easier getting there the second time. From that point you will follow the same trail as loop one back in to camp. This loop is 16.5 miles. About half of the trails will be single track. The rest will be dirt roads except for about 3 miles of gravel surface on the first loop. There will be plenty of trees for tying your horse. Because of the gravel roads and a few rocky areas on the ridge, if your horse has tender feet you may want to add pads or boots. At the least you should probably carry a boot with you. There are no water crossings, but there will be water available for your horse on the trail and in camp.

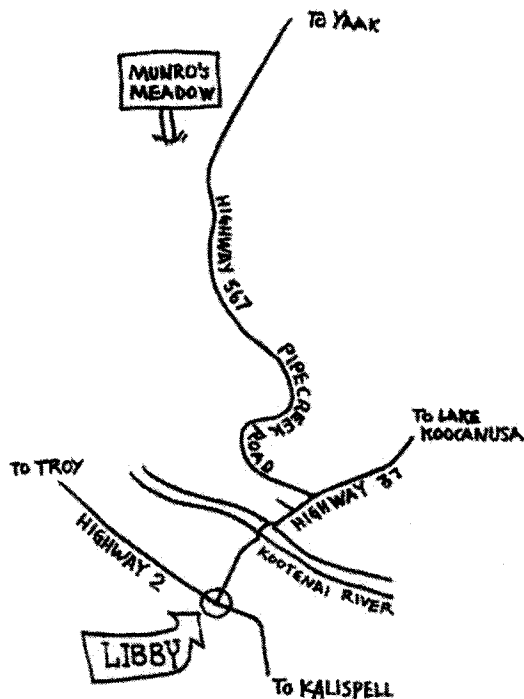
There are 4 positions open on the Board of Directors. The candidates and their statements are in this newsletter. Your ballot is the postcard in your newsletter. Please vote for up to 4 candidates. Make sure each family member of the R & T Association votes for the candidates of their choice. The winners will be introduced at the General Membership Meeting at the race site in Libby on Thursday, July 7th.

See you in Libby,
Don Betts
President, Ride and Tie Association

IN THIS ISSUE: Letter from the President, Directions to the Championship, Championship Schedule, See You in Libby!, 2004 World Endurance Championships by Michele Housh, Traveling With Your Horse, Etc., Candidates for Board of Directors, My First Ride & Tie - Grizzly Mountain by Tim Rubens, Ten for Ten at the Swanton Pacific by Carol Rupprecht, Whiskey Chaser by Karen Deaver and Traci Evans, Race Results, in the News by Carol Rupprecht, Mystery Photo, Mentors, Race Schedule, Race Results, 2005 Race Schedule, 2005 Point Standings, Championship Sponsors, Championship Entry Form!

DIRECTIONS TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The highway which runs through Libby is Highway 2. It runs sort of east and west (easterly and westerly?) through Libby. Highway 37 runs north-ish out of Libby between Main and Mineral Avenues. Take Highway 37 north across the Kootenai River and about half a mile further to PIPECREEK ROAD (highway 567). Left on PIPECREEK ROAD for about 4.4 miles. Watch for RIDE & TIE signs. The camp is in Munro's Meadow.



Emergency Contact Phone Numbers
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SCHEDULE FOR LIBBY CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Camp opens.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

10 AM-Clinic/Practice R&T using loop 2

THURSDAY, JULY 7

Merchandise on Sale

Registration begin

General Membership Meeting

Barbecue and pot luck, we supply the meat.

Bareback riding hatchet and archery demonstration.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Vet in your horse

Farrier (available by phone)

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Championship Ride & Tie 9:00 AM

Ultra Trail Run 9:00 AM

Short Course Ride & Tie 9:30 AM

Farrier will be available all day

Judging for Best Condition

Roast Pig Banquet

Awards

Montana Old Time Fiddlers for your entertainment

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Biathlon 10:00 AM

Camp closes

ON GOING ACTIVITIES

Desert potluck Saturday through Wednesday evenings
 (Bring your voice and instruments, we will be playing tunes)

Horse shoes, volleyball, and badminton available

Caterer- Wednesday through the weekend

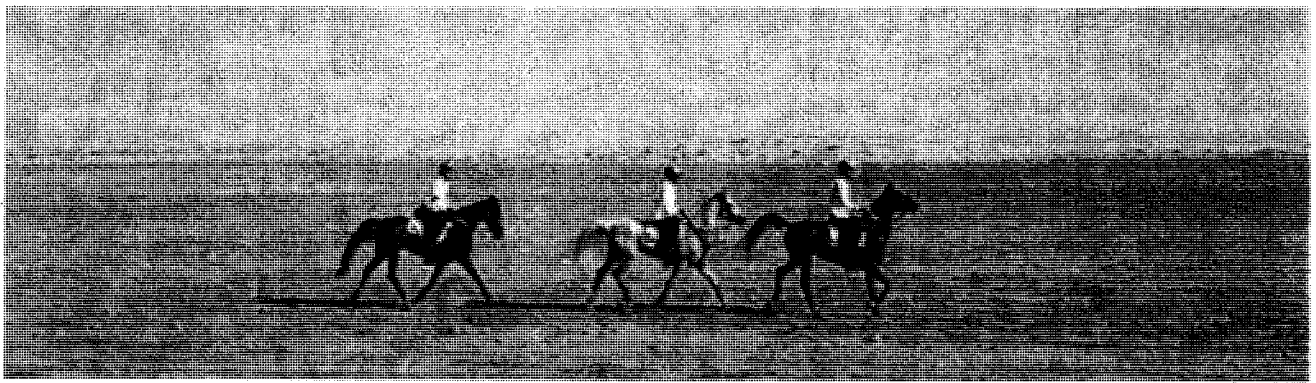
(Coke, coffee, pancakes, burgers, hotdogs, all the good stuff)

WE'LL SEE YOU IN LIBBY!

The following folks have committed themselves to compete at the Championship: Steve Anderson/Liz Carrey, Carrie Barrett/Laurie Wilson, Don Betts/George Hall, Jim Brown/Russ Kiernan, Pat Browning/Chris Turney, Kaci Calloway/Sherrie Calloway, Tim Calloway, Cowman/Cory Foulk, Jim Clover/Annette Parsons, Pru Critchley/Sybil Soulsby, Jane Depner/Linda Riley, Doyle Eggers/Sara Kelly, Kim Fehir/Susan Gilford, Arlene Foster/Dave Foster, Barrie Grant/Dannie Grant, Byron Grant/Paul Johnson, Dawn Hartsock/Dave Riffle, Warren Hellman/Jeff Townsend, Danika Hummel/Nile Neu, Jonathan Jordan/Tara Jordan, Peter Klopfer/Martha Klopfer, Ann Langstaff/Rufus Schneider, Frank Lieberman/Don Strong, John Osterweis/Thomas Schreck, Lisa Preston/Josh Steffen, Juanita Rose/Denise Schwartz, Don Roth/Steve Shaw, Carol Ruprecht/Ted Ruprecht, Sid Sullivan/Mary Tiscornia, Alina Vale, Tod Wadsworth/Con Wadsworth, Karen Wolfsheimer



When you are traveling to or from the Championship along Highway 90 in Washington, stop at the rest area on the Columbia River near Vantage, WA and look south east to see the "The Wild Horse Monument" on a nearby hill!



Left to right: Michele Roush and Tallymark, Bev Gray and Pal, and Carol Giles and Stranger. Photo by Lisa Schneider

2004 World Endurance Championships, Dubai, UAE By Michele Roush

The world of International endurance racing is on one hand, vastly different from our own homegrown variety, and on the other hand, very similar. It is a different game out there in FEI, around the world. Endurance began right here in our backyard, with a bet about whether or not a horse and rider could go the 100 miles of what is now known as the Western States trail, but the rest of the world has taken the sport to a new, professional level. It could possibly better be labeled "long flat track racing," but it still pits horse and rider against 100 grueling miles. The winning times for this event in the United Arab Emirates have closed in upon 7 hours. Professional trainers have strings of 100 or more horses that they train to canter around the desert, and attempt to peak for the various races during the winter months. With temperatures regularly 120 degrees in the summer, not much riding goes on at that time of year. Europe then becomes the playground of these rich and powerful Sheiks.

On the other hand, while these feats of endurance racing seem unattainable to most of us (and perhaps they will prove to be!), it might astonish you to realize that the US riders who can compete at this level are regular old riders, some of whom even got their starts in Ride & Tie! I am one of those people who never, ever, expected to compete at the World level, yet there I found myself, in January, in Dubai, a part of the four-person team riding for the US. While the results of the race were not as any of us had planned or hoped, the experience was priceless.

It all started way back in 2002, when I rode PR Tallymark, bred by our own Sherode Powers and owned by Steve Shaw, in his first 100 mile race. The horse was a natural, and after careful training, many prayers, several layers of bubble-wrap, and a team gold

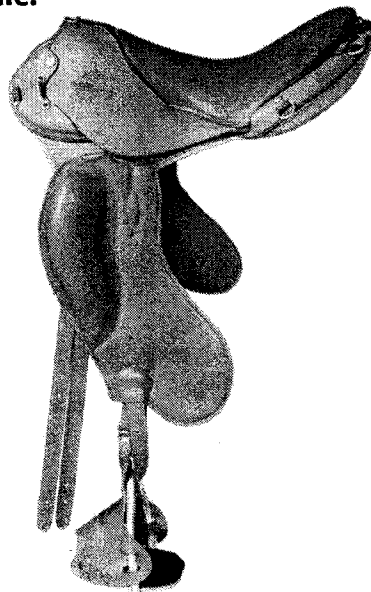
medal for the Pacific North squad at the 2003 Pan American Championships, we were named to the 15 person US Endurance Team in October of 2003. We went on to training camp in Florida, as guests of Larry and Valerie Kanavy, in December 2004, along with 11 other teammates and their horses. Tallymark got to fly via FedEx to Florida, as I could not see subjecting him to the rigors of a cross-country drive at that time, with so much at stake. I actually got to fly on the airplane with Tallymark, and that

was a blast. It is really strange to see your horse loaded with two others into this little box of a converted cargo container, and get lifted up into the bowels of an airplane. The airlines and airports are not at all set up to handle horses, as there are no quiet places to offload them from the pallets during layover time. Once they are in the pallet, that is where they stay until the destination is reached, whether that be five or fifteen or twenty hours later. The takeoff and landing

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WIN A SADDLE!

Championship entrants and volunteers will all have a chance to win this exceptional 8 pound saddle (15 with fenders and stirrups) custom made for you and your horse. This Gaston Mercier saddle is valued at \$1700. Value of saddle could be applied toward purchase of another Hi Tack saddle.



The Gaston Mercier No Flap saddle gets you closer to your horse than any other available, providing comfort and stability for you, and protection for the horse. The No Flap is the purest form of the Gaston Mercier saddle, built by adding a large fender with incorporated knee rolls to replace the leathers. The No Flap allows riders to wear light clothing, and non-traditional footwear, making it the perfect choice for Ride and Tie competitors. Your choice of stirrup attaches directly to the fender. Hi-Tack recommends purchase of a closed stirrup for extra safety.

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TRAVELING WITH YOUR HORSE

by Annie Betts

In an informal survey I asked people experienced in traveling with their horses questions about what works best for them. I also interviewed Jim Steere, DVM, the head veterinarian for the Ride & Tie Championship, and he sent me several articles about stress during transport of horses. Following is a summary of the information I gathered and the information the articles offered.

BEFORE TRAVELING

I asked Dr. Steere to research this since most of our Championship competitors will be traveling out of state to get to Montana. He reported that before traveling get a Coggin's test for equine infectious anemia and a health

certificate from your veterinarian. Montana and several other states require a 'travel permit.' The vet issuing the health certificate can call the Montana State Veterinarian at (406)444-2976 for a permit number which will be posted on the official health exam.

Dr. Steere recommends that your horse's vaccinations be up-to-date. (tetanus, western and eastern encephalomyelitis, rabies, influenza, rhinopneumonitis and West Nile Virus.) He also recommends that your veterinarian checks the horse for soundness at a trot before beginning the trip.

DIET AND SUPPLEMENTS DURING TRAVEL

The majority of the repliers feed their horses electrolytes before or after travel but not during travel since the horse would not have water available. A few restrict grain before traveling. Many feed wet grain and hay to avoid dehydration. Carol Giles, a pacific northwest rider, ties a bucket of water and a bucket of wet beet pulp in the trailer for her horse to munch on while traveling. Dr. Steere, suggests that since so little energy is used during the trailer ride, there is no need to feed grain while trailering. Carolyn Stull, PhD, from UC Davis, suggests in her paper "Trailing: A Stressful Situation" that quality hay, free from mold and dust, should be offered on a free choice basis during transit. She reports that moldy or dusty hay will "contaminate the air and overwork the mucociliary system in the respiratory tract." 1

REST STOPS

About half the respondents stop after 3-5 hours of travel. A few don't stop at all and a few stop more frequently. Of the people who do stop to let their horses have a break from traveling, most take their horses out of the trailer and let them walk around and graze. Others find that just stopping, and offering water through the window without taking the horse out of the trailer is sufficient. Those people who take

their horses out, do so at rest areas, gas stations, in empty lots and along country roads. In "Avoid Shipping Stress," an article in John Lyons' Perfect Horse Newsletter, (December 1999) it is recommended that you should not travel with your horse more than eight hours. Jim Steere recommends rest stops at least every six hours which include taking the horse out for some exercise and cleaning out the trailer so that there is not a build up of ammonia and other irritants from the manure and urine.

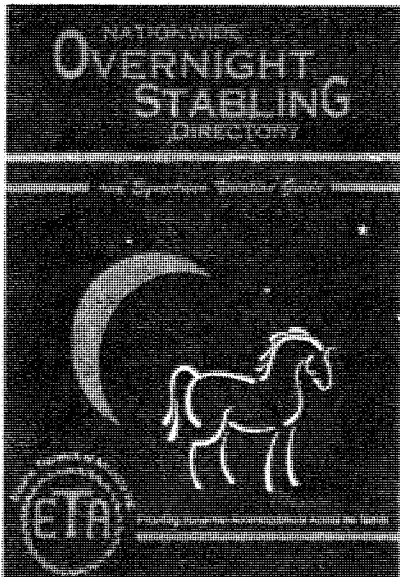
THE TRAILER

Most of the travelers with horses do tie their horses in the trailer. Several tie long so that the horse can put his head down and eat from the floor, clear his nasal passages and get out of the wind. Dr. Steere reports that it is important that horses are able to put their heads down during long trips so that they don't get dust and ammonia into their lungs which can set off 'shipping fever pneumonia'. Dr. Stull, in her previously mentioned paper and James H. Jones, Ph.D., D.V.M. in his article "Effects of Transport on Stress and Disease in Horses" also mention the importance of allowing the horse to lower their heads while traveling: "The common practice of tying horses by their halters in transport vehicles has the potential to act as a stressor and contribute to the development of transport-associated respiratory disease." 2

Karen Wolfsheimer, DVM, began hauling her horse backwards in the trailer after noticing that when hauling in a trailer without dividers the horse would turn around and face backwards. Hauling backwards is noted in the Jones article also: "Anecdotal evidence suggests that rear-facing horses in transport vehicles may be more relaxed than those that are forward-facing. A number of researchers have

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LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY WITH YOUR HORSES ON THE WAY TO LIBBY? This very helpful stabling directory is available at www.overnightstabling.com.



etc.

THE RIDE AND TIE ASSOCIATION trailer needs to be towed back to California after the Championship. In return the Association will reimburse you for gas. Contact Don at RideAndTieDon@aol.com or (360)681-5218.

Calamity Jane Margulis is looking for someone to share travel expenses to the Championship from California. If you are interested contact Jane. jbmarginis@hotmail.com or (415) 454-1132.

Paul Johnson, outside of Moscow, Idaho, welcomes Ride & Tie to stay at his place on their way to the championship!! Call Paul at (208)883-3809. Paul says his place is about five hours from Libby.

WARNING: Keep those articles and photos coming! Don and I have some very cute granddaughters and if we don't have ride and tie stuff to fill the pages here, we're going to start using their photos!

HANDY HINT learned from a Washington Trail Rider: Put a luggage tag on your saddle so if you get dumped or otherwise lost from your horse, whoever finds your horse will know where to take him!

FOUND! When cleaning out the R&T Association trailer we found the Lost and Found box from a previous championship. In it were: A bike helmet, two pairs of glasses, two cameras and a pair of running shoes! Think they might be yours? Email us at RideAndTieNewsletter@yahoo.com!

Deadlines for articles and photos for the next newsletter will be delayed until August 1st so that we can get your articles and photos from the championship into it! Don't delay on sending them in!!!

CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ballots for the election of Board of Directors members are included in this newsletter. Please take the time to vote for the four candidates of your choice. Following are statements from the candidates wishing to be elected or re-elected to the Ride and Tie Association Board of Directors:

DAWN HARTSOCK

I have been involved with the ride & tie since the Park City Utah Ride & Tie in the early 1980's. I know what it is like to be the Mom babysitting all the kids and pit crewing for up to 10 teams at a time, I know what it is like being the ride manager, and I know what it feels like to cross the finish line with two special friends at the end of a race well run. But most of all I know how important the ride and tie family has been to me and my family over the years. I believe in order for ride and tie to continue we all need to get involved. I hope to give back to ride and tie by becoming a member of the board. I feel I have a unique

perspective to share. I am one of the many folks in the back of the pack regularly and happy to be out there with my human and equine friends. I sometimes feel the folks in the back and mid-pack are forgotten. As a member of the board I would like to shed a little more light on the mid-packers and the back of the packers. I support the mentor program and hope to help ride & tie continue to be a friendly, family sport.

TED RUPRECHT

I am a lifetime member of the Ride and Tie Association and have completed 23 championships. There are 5 members plus 2 spouses and one grandson, of my family who have finished championship R&Ts. Clearly I have a great enthusiasm and commitment to the health of R&T. This long association gives me important perspective as well as new ideas. As a professional economist, I can bring useful talents to the Board.

THOM STEERE, D.V.M.

MARYTISCORNIA

I'd be happy to continue to serve on the board. I've done every Ride & Tie Championship from the beginning. I have won 7 or 8 W/W 2 or 3 M/W and 2 or 3 B.Cs in the Championships. I've done lots of other races as well. I've been on the Board for quite awhile. I'm a founding member and contributor.

LAURIE WILSON

I have been participating in R & T for 10 seasons, and hope to keep it up for another 10. Many great people have served our sport in the past, and I have reaped the enjoyment of all their hard work. And I thank you all. I feel that it is my time to pitch in and help a sport that I truly love. So I am stepping forward as a prospective board member for the upcoming election.

My First Ride & Tie--Grizzly Mountain

It's a twenty five mile race. My team was competitive in the first half but after the vet check, I get going way behind the others. The horse balks at going out again and I'm not sure how hard to push her since she isn't my horse. We're out here all alone, not another team in sight, and I'm feeling a bit more tired than I should. I'm a little discouraged that we're going to make a poor show of it.

The race is the April 16th, 2005 Ride and Tie event at Grizzly Mountain near Prineville, Oregon. Don Betts has invited me to partner with him. I accepted and am now committed. I had the notion there would only be a handful of entries, so when I get to the campground on Friday afternoon, it's a surprise to see what looks like a couple hundred rigs with horse trailers. The place is bustling with busy people tending to tack and feed, and more Arabians than I've ever seen in one place. Our event is being held with an AERC endurance competition, and most of these folks will be doing 35, 50 and 75 mile rides tomorrow.

I find Don and Annie and they introduce me to Doyle Eggers and Dawn Hartsock who are experienced ride and tiers. I learn we have a change of plans. Don and Doyle are going to

team on Doyle's horse, Turtle. Dawn and Lisa Preston are going to ride Dawn's horse, Tess. Bill Mintiens, who lives nearby, will show up in the morning and we will ride Don's mare, Cinder. After entry forms, vet check and Dawn's lasagna, there's a race meet and we chat about logistics and we all turn in.

Saturday morning we're scheduled for a nine o'clock start, after the endurance teams have gone out. The weather is low broken overcast, cool when the wind blows, which it does -- and just a hint of sprinkle now and then. The course is across a lot of flat ground through the sage brush and juniper, with enough hills and draws to make it interesting but without real killer climbs. There are water tanks every few miles, and a lot of thought was used to lay the course in several loops that come back to camp for vet checks. Some nice folks named Dennis and Linda Tribby and Sara Miller deserve a lot of credit for hosting a well run event.

There are only four Ride and Tie teams. Lisa and Dawn are the
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Tim Rubins on Cinder and Bill Mintiens at Grizzly Mountain

ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP CONT.

are the scariest part for the horses, but most of them handle it extremely well, especially if the pilot is asked to brake smoothly on landing, so the horses do not end up upside down. They actually get bored in the air, because it is so smooth.

In Florida, the team members stayed at the Black Prong Equestrian Center, a beautiful, world-class carriage driving facility, and the horses were stabled at Kanavys'. There, the horses learned how to travel in flat, sandy terrain, and the riders learned how to live in close quarters with each other for six weeks at a time. We focused on team building activities, final conditioning preparations, and race strategy for the big day. In mid-January, nine of the twelve horses were vanned to New Jersey, and then flown out of New York to Dubai, where they had only ten days to recuperate before the big day. That may have been our downfall.

The desert in Dubai is just what you might expect when you think of an Arabian desert. Quite flat, with the only contours coming from piles of sand dunes. There are camels roaming around, doing what camels do, which is apparently eating all the sparse vegetation they can find.

Occasional fenced-off areas afford a glimpse of the contrast in vegetation when it is allowed to grow without hungry camels around. It is still sparse, but at least what scrubby bushes there are, have leaves on them. The camels are used for racing, and are worth much more money than the horses. In an effort to change the climate, the Sheiks

to cut branches to feed their camels, are acres and acres of trees. It is truly amazing, to see this project coming to fruition, as well as to think of the audacity and scope of imagination of the minds behind it. The forest is a good reflection of the entire country. It is a vibrant blend of tradition and innovation. Born of desert hospitality, the Sheiks will treat visitors to the fanciest parties they've ever dreamed of, but the next day, will hold back nothing in an effort to beat those same visitors at a 100 mile horse race.



Michele Roush on Tallymark (photo by Lisa Schneider)

(who rule the country) have started an extensive forestation project. Behind miles and miles and miles of solid fencing designed to keep out not only camels, but also camel handlers, who might jump an ordinary fence

Race day dawned well for the six US horses and riders selected to start. The team consisted of Bev Gray and Paladin, Dennis Summers and Rosie, Carol Giles and Stranger, and Michele Roush and Tallymark. Individual riders were Becky Harris and Honey, and Carolyn Hock with Sando. All the riders started out on the first loop riding together, and despite a few snags, made it around in good time. We then split into two groups of three, but this only lasted for one loop, after which time, problems started arising. One horse got overheated, and another had trouble with a CRI. Tallymark had to go out by himself on loops three and four. Thank goodness for Steve Shaw and Lisa Schneider, who were our
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TRAVELING CONTINUED

suggested that transporting horses restrained facing away from the direction of transport (head backward) might reduce accelerations and decelerations of their centers of mass and increase their stability.² The John Lyon's article suggests that horses may face backwards in the trailer because of the wind. "Horses do instinctively turn their rear ends into the wind when caught out in a storm."³

Mary Tiscornia hauls her horse without dividers in the trailer. Dr. Steere recommends "If you have a straight load trailer, take out the divider. The horses don't hurt each other. They hurt themselves climbing the walls when you corner or climbing into the manger."

Most of the people who replied do put something on the floor of their trailer to absorb urine. Usually it is wood shavings, but Terry O'Brennan from Canada reports that kitty litter works best for her. Jim Steere suggests that nothing be put on the floor because of the dust and particles which may blow around inside the trailer when it is moving adding more stress to the lungs.

FLY MASKS AND BLANKETS

Most people who replied don't use fly masks, blankets, shipping boots or tail wraps on their horses when trailering. A few do use blankets when weather is cold, or shipping boots when they have a horse who steps on himself frequently. About a third of the repliers do use a fly mask to protect the horse from flying wood shavings and street debris.

OVERNIGHTING

The majority of the travelers stop overnight at fairgrounds when they are available. The second most popular place was to stay with friends or people who are willing to put up traveling horses. Several use the AERC or Ride & Tie directory to find horse owners who are in the area through which they are traveling. They have made some terrific friends this way. Tied for third most popular place to spend the night was at a stable/horse motel or in a campground. When a horse camp is not convenient, a couple of travelers report that they call campgrounds such as KOA and ask if they have a place they could camp. When they explain they do have a portable paddock and

need no hookups, the campground is usually able to find a back corner for them. Additionally, people have stayed in rest areas, truck stops and at the side of the road, leaving their horses inside the trailer overnight. In the John Lyon's article it is recommended that "Spending the night in a small paddock or round pen is probably ideal. He will benefit from the opportunity to move and roll, as well as from the fresh air. There's less chance of picking up an unfamiliar virus or bacteria when outside, too (use your own water bucket). If not a paddock or pen, take the time to vigorously walk (not stand around and graze the horse for 15 to 20 minutes, or lunge him.)"

POST TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS:

Dr. Steere suggests that horses need the same amount of time to recover from their travels as they do traveling. He suggests that electrolytes after travel, especially during hot weather will help a dehydrated horse. He recommends a sloppy bran mash to assure that the horse is taking in some liquids. Dr. Stull discusses "shipping fever" in her article and suggests the following:
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ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP—CONTINUED

support vehicle crew. They drove along with us on trail, and Lisa got her exercise jumping out of the 4-wheel drive, to hand me water bottles to pour on Tallymark to keep him cool. It is a method that works very well over there, where heat is a huge factor, and virtually all of the trail is easily accessible by vehicle.

Unfortunately, our temperature control system was not enough to enable Tallymark to complete the course. He had to be retired after 76 miles, as he was tired and dehydrated. The rest of the team fared no better, and our only US finishers were our two individual riders. Becky and Honey finished in a very respectable 8 hours, 47 minutes, in 19th place. It is interesting to note that at that level, unlike our AERC motto of "to finish is to win," the only thing generally recognized is a win. Becky did not even receive a finishing award for her efforts!

Although we did not do so well in the race, I had a fabulous time, and feel that I could not have done anything differently to change the outcome. My training both before and during Florida camp went very well. I saw huge improvement in Tallymark's heartrate recoveries, and there was not a sounder horse on the squad, thanks in part, to Sneakers horseshoes. If I had it to do over, I'd lobby the team staff to fly the horses over there earlier. I do know that travel plans were hampered by the very strict quarantine procedures of the UAE.

All in all, it was a once in a lifetime experience, and I am so grateful to all the people who made it possible, and to Tallymark, who gave me all he had. I wish the new US Endurance Chef d'Equipe, Tom Johnson, and his staff and team, all the best for the next world championships, in Aachen, Germany, in 2006.

TRAVEL--CONTINUED

"Respiratory ailments, such as shipping fever (pleuropneumonia), may not show symptoms for 2-3 days following transport. However, depression in the attitude of the horse, lack of appetite and the development of coughing or nasal discharge may indicate the symptoms of shipping fever. Daily recording of rectal temperature in horses transported long distances is advisable." Dr. Steere reminds us that a horse's normal temperature is 100 degrees. If it goes above 102 and the horse is not eating, a veterinarian should be consulted.

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Here are some of our favorite ideas from our experienced horse haulers:

--Lani Newcomb, DVM, has a Trailer Cam in her horse trailer so that she can make sure her horses are okay while traveling.

--Don Betts has a weather station in the horse trailer with the receiver in the cab so he can make sure the horses aren't too hot or too cold.

--Karen Wolfsheimer, DVM, has a "\$10 box fan from Walmart in the back open window." She attaches it to a generator in the back of the truck to get a good breeze in the hot southern summer.

--Kim Fuess reminds us to make sure that we allow at least one day of rest upon arrival after a long trip so that the horses can 'rehydrate and recover from travel.'

--Dawn Hartsock and Doyle Eggers recently found out that although the tires on their horse trailer looked fine, they had been sitting in the sun long enough to cause a flat tire on their trip to Oregon for the Grizzly Mountain Ride & Tie.

--Other experienced travelers remind us to have a jack for the trailer, and to have the

trailer's wheel bearings packed, have the brakes checked and make sure the lights are working. And don't forget to replace your 12 volt emergency battery for the emergency brakes.

1. Stull, PhD, Carolyn, "Trailing: A Stressful Situation" Veterinary Medicine Extension, University of California, Davis.
2. Jones, PhD, DVM, James H., "Effects of Transport on Stress and Disease in Horses," World Equine Veterinary Review (Volume 4: No. 6: '99) p. 15-20
3. "Avoid Shipping Stress," John Lyons' Perfect Horse, December 1999.



Newcomers Cindy and Mark Pilliod at their first race at Grizzly Mtn. near Madras, Oregon.

Photo by Barry Johnson

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IF YOU CAN HELP US PLEASE LET US KNOW
AT RIDEANDTIEDON@AOL.COM OR CALL (360)681-5218.

Whoops!

In previous issues I left Pat and Nita Browning off the Board of Directors list! Please forgive me!

Also, Doyle Eggers is a lifetime member! Sorry Doyle!

If you find errors in the newsletter for me to admit to, email me at Ride And Tie Newsletter@yahoo.com or phone me at (360)681-5218.

FIRST RIDE-- CONTINUED

A team with their horse's rump marked accordingly. Don and Doyle are B and we are C. D is a novice team, Mark and Cindy Pilliod, from nearby Sisters Oregon.

We take off with no great fanfare, and fall into the rhythm of the event. I've never done this before and I'm not sure how hard to push myself, not sure how long to ride before I tie and start running, and I'm not sure how much I can ask of this mare. Bill has done several races before, and we talk every time we pass. He says, "I'm feeling good, go a mile", which is a bit more distance than we had planned. I pass him and go what I think is three quarters mile, but when I tie off and look back, I see Bill not a half mile away. I light out running, and soon he's passing me. Once again I have the trail to myself and fall into my running trance, then around a bend there's Cinder tied to a tree.

The women's team jumped into an early lead. Lisa was obviously a strong runner. Sometimes they were out of sight, but every so often I'd get a peek of them less than a mile ahead. The B team traded second place with us a few times which helped keep it fun and interesting. At the vet check it took a while for Cinder to get her pulse down. She was lathered up and wasn't drinking. I took stock of myself and decided I'd be fine if the race was over now. My cotton shirts were soaking wet and I was a bit sore where I had landed on my back when I came off one time.

My legs were okay, but the prospect of ten more miles of the same punishment was daunting. I drank some juice, changed shirts, and got ready to go again. By the time we were vetted out, we were way behind the two lead teams. Bill had a fifteen minute lead. Cinder and I had to go find him. At the pace we were making, we couldn't be gaining on him very fast. It was hard to get any giddyup out of her until we started seeing other riders. As soon as she got wind of them, she perked up, started squealing and lit a fire to go get them. I started feeling like we had a better chance now.

Cinder had figured out we were still racing and not just having a nature walk. She ate up four or five miles in a big hurry, passing up groups of endurance riders. I was looking hard to make sure we didn't pass up Bill unseen. At about mile seven I passed Lisa running. She was still smiling. When I pulled up to water Cinder at the next tank, Don and Dawn were there. We swapped howdies and they trotted off.

It wasn't much farther on when I passed Doyle on the ground, and then the tied A and B horses, and then Don and Dawn running. All of a sudden we were in first place! We still had a good lope going, and my big worry was, where's my partner? If I passed him up a few miles back and made him run the whole ten, I wouldn't be very popular. I needn't have worried. I caught up with him at the finish line. With his speed and the head start he had in the second half, it took us that long

to come up with him.

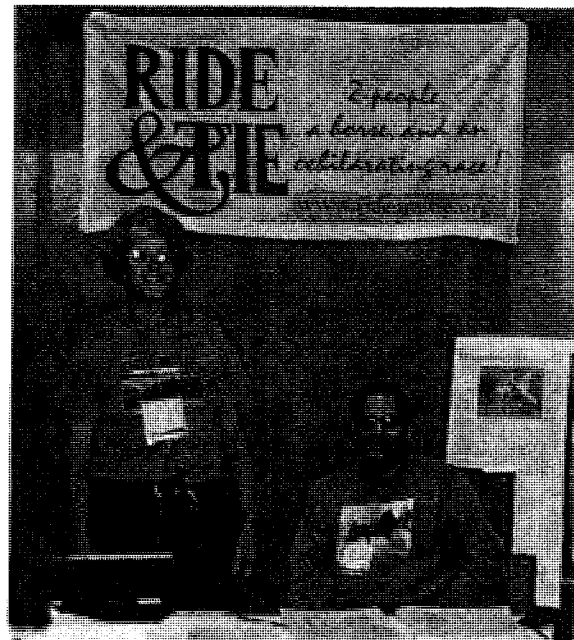
So what did I learn the day I lost my Ride and Tie virginity? First, it's a lot of fun and you are going to meet some mighty fine folks and make some good friends.

What else? Be in shape. I run several times a week, but it wasn't enough. I hadn't been doing any riding, and you should go into a race with some recent hard rides on you. You might think the run is the tough part and the ride is where you sit back and let the horse do the work, but you need both skills sharpened up.

Stay on the horse. That sounds obvious, but at one point in the first half I got a little overheated trying to catch the front runners, got just a bit reckless, and in a moment's inattention Cinder put me on the ground. Later I caught on to her moves. She'd shy at some imagined thing and do a short stop with a jig to the right. If you're not right with her, you're airborne.

Stay on the trail. Sounds obvious I know but we lost the trail briefly, and so did the other teams. You can't make good time around the course if you don't stay on it!

Have a good horse. Besides Bill Mintiens' powerhouse running, Cinder won the race for us. Except for her reluctance after the vet check, she was flawless. She ran strong the whole way, was well behaved at every tie and passing the other horses. She stood still for mounting and she gave me the gaits I asked



Thank you Liz Carrey, Alena Vale, Steve and Linda Anderson who manned the Ride & Tie booth at the AERC Convention this year. Liz Carrey and Steve Anderson shown. Photo by Linda Anderson.

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TEN FOR TEN AT THE SWANTON PACIFIC

You've already made your decision about attending the 35th Annual Ride & Tie World Championship in Montana. You are either well into your conditioning, or looking past the July 9th date for another event to target.

Why not make this the year you tackle the Swanton Pacific 75 or 100-mile Ride & Tie? If you race at Championship, then you are fit and ready for the longer event on August 20th. If you don't race at Championship, then you are looking for a great race closer to home, right? If you like Ride & Tie, then prolong the experience, come enjoy the sport for, say ... 15+ hours!

Jane McGrath plans on tackling the 100-mile course with her partner Kim. And Kat Swigart wants to extend to the 100 too, if her horse is up to it. She's signed up a serious adventure racer (who also rides) to team with her. Team

Rinde isn't certain yet, due to their house building activities this summer, but last year they delighted in the 75-mile course and joy of finishing before dark. The Ruprecht sisters are teaming up with their husbands at the 75, and they are inviting every other husband/wife team they can think of to join the fun.... Ribleys are you ready? George Hall is ready to test out his new hips at Swanton, he has a horse lined up and is finalizing his partner plans. Barb is conditioning herself and her horse, and is seeking a partner for the 75. Frank Lieberman has his partner lined up, and is ready to go.

Notice! The limit at Swanton Pacific is 10 Ride & Tie teams. Let's do it, let's make 10 teams at the starting line to the 10th Annual Swanton Pacific Ride & Tie. There are only 2-3 open spots before the waiting list for this race. Make your plans to join us, and sign up

WHISKEYTOWN CHASER

by Karen Deaver and Traci Evans

You guys ROCK!

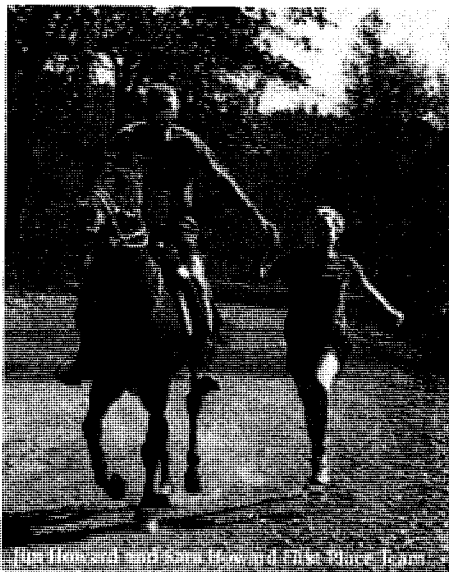
That was by far the best ride and tie event I ever attended! You have now raised the bar so high other race directors may have a tough time meeting the new standard: dinner, breakfast, lunch, trail marking, raffle, awards, photos, support, vets, goodie bag, shirt, everything was top shelf!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!
By Biz Eischen

The above statement says it all!!!! The Whiskeytown Chaser was a huge success. We had 13 - 25 milers and 9 - 12 milers. The competition was incredible and the course was challenging. Just when you thought you could not go any farther you would crest a hill and the view would make you forget how tired you were. The weather was beautiful, not too hot and not too cold and the food was incredible. The support from the community was unbelievable and everybody wants to come back and help again next year. So yes folks, there will definitely be a next year.

We owe a whole lot of thanks first and foremost to Shelley Nelson our friend and the endurance Coordinator for the Whiskey Chaser. Shelley not knowing much about Ride and Tie was skeptical at best, but she brought us on board on our word, "that everything would go just fine." after all, with 4 - 6 teams, you would hardly know we were around. In our excitement we began to spread the word in hopes to pick up a couple extra teams. Our dear friends and ride & tie family all came through on their word, "that if and when we ever put on our first ride & tie event they would come", and THEY DID!!! - Carol Ruprecht single handily paired up at least a 1/2 dozen teams. Curt Riffle

encouraged his local teams and teams flew in from L.A., San Diego, and as far away as Germany. Now you might ask what the most difficult part was. Well - the day we knew we needed to tell Shelley that our 4 - 6 teams had



exploded to over 20, and we might need a little extra attention. But this too quickly was hurdled as Dr. Lydon stepped forward and before we could explain our desperate situation he volunteered his services to the ride & tiers and to Dr Lydon we owe a heartfelt Thank you.

With all that said Tracy and I were thrilled with the turnout and the way things went and are already planning for next year.

By Carol Ruprecht

before the spots are taken. Or get on the waiting list. Call Ellen Rinde evenings (831) 423-6089.

This event is wonderful fun and a beautiful course. It's necessary to have a crew. Last year we all ended up crewing and cheering for each other. Two out of four teams finished the course. If you want to do it and you don't have partner plans yet, give me a call. Carol Ruprecht (949) 263-1772.

IN THE NEWS by Carol Ruprecht

The sport of Ride & Tie has recently appeared in articles in the following venues, published since your previous R&T Newsletter:

Hooked on the Outdoors "Events Issue" April/May 2005 Ride & Tie World Championship listed (with contact info.) in Mountain West Regional Highlights.

Competitor Magazine "Totally Crazy" by Bob Babbitt May 2005, with sport brief and website listed under "mildly crazy"

All American Trail Runners Association "2005 Ride & Tie World Championships" listed on the front page of the website under "Latest News/Events" our Prize Money announcement in full with photo.

The Equestrian News "How to Save Time Racing Ride & Tie" by Carol Ruprecht May/June 2005

And coming up, before your next newsletter, be on the lookout for these issues which will include Ride & Tie in their lineup:

Flathead Living (Montana) at World Championship, look for the issue on magazine stands in the area. It will be on the racks starting June 20th through August.

Montana Horse (May) inaugural issue was sent out with Ride & Tie article. Copies will be supplied to competitors at World Championship race.

Adventure Sports (June issue) will include short announcement of the 2005 prize money.

Western Horseman (June issue) will feature our own Jonathan and Tara Jordan

Horse Illustrated (June issue) will include a feature article on Ride & Tie

Western Times, sister magazine to Ride! Magazine (July issue) will have an article on Ride & Tie based on the writer's interviews and observations at Whiskeytown R&T.

Trail Blazer (July issue) will include a notice of the 2005 World Championship.

BONUS ANNOUNCEMENT!
HorseTV will be at Montana World Championship covering the race.

While trudging through the deep, dark, dank, and ever so dusty archives, I came across this photo. Any idea who this tough ride & tie guy is? Email me with the answer at rideandtienewsletter@yahoo.com

Last issue's Mystery Photo was indentified by Robert Eichstaedt who says "It looks like a dusty Foresthill start. The right hand rider might be me."

If you'd like to save me a trip down to that dusty, spider ridden archive, (located right next to the famous ride and tie wine cellar) send me a photo and we'll see if we can stump the readers!

Annie Betts, Newsletter Editor

Mystery Photo



WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR OUR JULY-AUGUST ISSUE!!!!!! GET THEM TO ME BY AUGUST 1! BY EMAIL: rideandtienewsletter@yahoo.com OR MAIL TO ME AT ANNIE BETTS, 146 JANSEN FARM ROAD.. SEQUIM, WA 98382

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Don and Annie Betts, generated a lot of interest in Ride & Tie at the Ride & Tie booth at the Mane Event, Kalispell, Montana, April 29th-May 1, 2005.

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RACE RESULTS

GRIZZLY MOUNTAIN--MADRAS, OR--APRIL 16, 2005

25 MILES

3:44 Bill Mintiens/Tim Rubin on Cinder (Betts)
3:49 Doyle Eggers/Don Betts on Turtle (Eggers)

3:50 Dawn Hartsock/Lisa Preston on Tess(Hartsock)
5:20 Cindy Pilliod/Mark Pilliod on Straight Shot (Pilliod)

WHISKEYTOWN CHASER--REDDING, CA--APRIL 16, 2005

25 MILES:

3:16 Jim Howard/Sara Howard on Majic Sirocco
3:17 Curt Riffle/Sara Kelley on Majik
3:45 Frank Lieberman/Chris Turney on Gypsy
3:47 Diane Lundy/Elaine Ruprecht on Freedom Fermee
3:56 Ted Ruprecht/Tom Gey on Olympian
4:20 Cheryl Dominitch/Alena Vale on Corky
5:24 Jackie Hill/Shannon Mahoney on Navaho Grey
DNF Don Strong/Kurt Miller on Zheke
DNF Michelle Jay-Russel/Kirsten Seyforth on Stashi
DNF Annette Parsons/Jim Clover on Bones
DNF Diane Logan/Bill Logan on Miss B
DNF Jennifer Powell/Shawna Powell on Rasan
DNF Melanie Weir/Steve Anderson on Saygar

12 MILES

1:45 Richard Cross/Karen Deaver on Miles
1:50 Katie Lydon/Andrew Lydon on Stormy
1:50 Carol Ruprecht /Phillip Ruprecht on Lilianna
2:00 Biz Eischen/Barry Powell on Taboo
2:35 Michelle Wheeler/Glen Wheeler on Lady Felicity
2:35 Cord Flora/Nichole Tintle on Wish
2:45 Sabrina Teller/SueVansteenkistle on Paloma
2:50 Lizabee Schaefer/Debbie Hansen-Benard on Abbey
3:45 Bob Trocha/Caylin Trocha on KB

SANTA YSABEL--SANTA YSABEL, CA--MAY 14, 2005

22 MILES

2:57 Rufus Schneider/Ann Langstaff on Koona (BC)
3:01 Tom Gey/Carol Ruprecht on Hat Trick
3:51 Rick Noer/Melanie Weir on Komanche
DNF Jim Caulkins/Kim Morse on Zima

11 MILES

1:51 David Howe/Bethany Pappain on Ranger (BC)
2:02 Jackie Lefebvre/Jamie Franks on Pipi
2:03 Sydney Vale/Janna Drake on Sir Prize
2:10 Bill Fincher/Karl Sturckow on Justin
2:11 Barbara Robertson/Gesa Brinks on Oliver
2:11 Mike Whelan/Jennifer Rutledge on L.P.
DNF Kayla King/Jim King on Merry Legs

QUICKSILVER PRO-AM RIDE & TIE--SAN JOSE, CA--MAY 21, 2005

22 MILES

2:34 S. Anderson/L. Wilson on Basia (BC)
2:40 C. Riffle/S. Smith on Majik
2:46 R. Kiernan/J. Osterweis on Fire
2:55 D. Van Wicklin/D. Strong on Zheke
2:56 W. Hellman/J. Townsend on Lakota
3:17 D. Eggers/F. Hunt on Turtle
3:30 C. Dominitch/D. Hartsock on Tess
4:23 P. Browning/C.Turney on Willy
DNF B. Eischen/S. Kelly on Taboo
DNF J. Tiscornia/M. Tiscornia on Albi

11 MILES

1: 26 T. Evans/N. Hasian on Dia El Rasan
1:29 M. Jay-Russell/H. Lewis on Stashi
1:31 T. Hofstrand/M.Roush on PR Whirlwind
1:38 K. Reichardt/C. Tobin on Shiloh
1:44 C.Kelly/B. Rosenthal on Rusty
1:53 K. Ramsdell/A.Vale on Bey
2:38 L. de la Fuente/C. Strongman on Star

6 MILES

0:53 C. Deaver/K. Deaver on Kaeko
1:18 D. Johnson/S.Julin on Lady
1:25 S. Rebscher/M.Rebscher on Lily
2:04 B. Trocha/C. Trocha on KB Toy
2:04 B. Trocha/M.Trocha on Domino
DNF L. Axelsen/M. Quirico on Xtreme Xpress
DNF J. Brennan/M. Sagy on Mossulson
DNF C. Rice/Dr.Cross on Miles

2005 RACE SCHEDULE

JUNE 25, 2005

BEAR SWAMP Ride & Tie,
Ithaca, NY

6, 12, & 20 mile courses

Contact: Roberta Schmidt

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AUGUST 27 & 28, 2005

ALL KIDDING ASIDE Ride & Tie
Waverly, OH

10, 25 & 50 mile courses

Contact: Maggie Pritchard

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(740) 947-2883 maggieszoo@dragonbbs.com

35th ANNUAL RIDE & TIE CHAMPIONSHIP

JULY 9, 2005 LIBBY, MONTANA

15 & 35 mile courses

Sharen McColl (619)445-4485

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

NORTHWEST LABOR DAY Ride & Tie

Mount Vernon, WA

25 mile course

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SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2005

BIG SOUTH FORK Ride & Tie,

Oneida, TN

Saturday: 30 & 50 mile courses

Sunday: 10 Mile course

Contact: Joanne Grimes

9013 Coburn Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922

(865) 693-4308, jfghorse@netzero.net

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

OCTOBER 1, 2005

MANZANITA Ride & Tie,

Boulevard, CA

13 & 25 mile courses

Contact: Terry Wooley-Howe

505 N. Mollison # 103, El Cajon, CA 92021

(619) 445-5443, cancer@inetworld.net

AUGUST 6, 2005

CHAMPAGNE FIREWORKS Ride & Tie

Santa Cruz, CA

12 & 25 mile courses

Contact: Curt Riffle

469 Casita Way, Los Altos, CA 94022

(650) 949-2321 crriffle@earthlink.net

OCTOBER 15, 2005

FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADE Ride & Tie

Santiam Pass, OR

20 mile course

Contact: Anna Sampson or Mary Nunn

16501 S. Butte Creek Rd, Molalla, OR 97038

(503) 829-5321, flyingn@molalla.net

AUGUST 13, 2005

SANTIAM CASCADE Ride & Tie

Santiam Pass, OR

20 mile course

Contact: Anna Sampson

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OCTOBER 22-23, 2005

FORT VALLEY Ride & Tie

Fort Valley, VA

12, 25 & 50 mile courses each day

Contact: Jean Whitman

1788 Seven Fountains Road,

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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

NOVEMBER 5, 2005

HORSETHIEF CANYON Ride & Tie,

Descanso, CA

11 & 22 mile courses

Contact: Rufus Schneider

P.O. Box 311, Descanso, CA 91916

(619) 445-2060



Kristen Reichardt and Clare Tobin on Shiloh. Kristen and Clare are the first recipients of the Judy Stein-Aviles Award for Top Juniors at the Quicksilver R&T. Photo by Debbie Cabrera

STILL NEED A PARTNER?

Go to www.rideandtie.org and check "Find A Team-mate."
Or call Matchmaker Don Betts at (360)681-5218



Long time partners Joan and Ted Ruprecht have completed 20 Championships together.

THANKS TO RIDE & TIE SUPPORTERS! Our thanks to those of you have paid more than your annual dues in the past! We hope to see your name on the list again this year! Heidi Agler, Dale Beucler, Robert Eichstaedt, Marvin and Rosemarie Johnson, Russ and Marilyn Kiernan, Tom Laris, Merry Law, Valerie LeBel, Maynard Munger, Sarah Smith, Mary Ben Stover, Ann Swartz, D.V.M.

POINT STANDINGS for 2005

INDIVIDUALS HORSES TEAMS

NAME	POINTS	MILES
Doyle Eggers	137	68
Curt Riffle	131	47
Steve Anderson	130	43
Frank Lieberman	113	46
Chris Turney	110	47
Cheryl Domnitch	104	47
Sara Kelly	96	25
Ann Townsend	92	60
Kevin Townsend	92	60
Dawn Hartsock	86	47
Kathy Broaddus	83	60
Lani Newcomb	83	60
Don Strong	79	22
James Howard	74	25
Sara Howard	74	25
Kirsten Seyferth	67	21
Diane Lundy	65	25
Elaine Ruprecht	65	25
Melanie Weir	64	21
Laurie Wilson	63	22
Tom Gey	62	25
Ted Ruprecht	62	25
Sara Smith	60	22
Alina Vale	59	25
Russ Kiernan	57	22
John Osterweis	57	22
Jackie Hill	56	25
Shannan Mahoney	56	25
Dave Van Wicklin	54	22
Warren Hellman	51	22
Jeff Townsend	51	22
Forest Hunt	48	22
Anne Langstaff	48	21
Rufus Schneider	48	21
Bill Mintiens	47	25
Tim Rubin	47	25
Lisa Green	46	30
Jean Whitman	46	30
Don Betts	44	25
Janice Heltibridle	43	30
Kate Kane-Joyce	43	30
Pat Browning	42	22
Lisa Preston	41	25
Richard Naer	39	21
Cindy Pilliod	38	25
Mark Pilliod	38	25
Jonathan Jordan	36	21
Tara Jordan	36	21
Jim Clover	25	0
Biz Eischen	25	0
Michele Jay-Russell	25	0
Bill Logan	25	0
Diane Logan	25	0
Kurt Miller	25	0
Annette Parsons	25	0
Jennifer Powell	25	0
Shawna Powell	25	0
Jennifer Tiscornia	25	0
Mary Tiscornia	25	0

HORSE	OWNER	POINTS	MILES
Majik	Riffle	131	47
Gypsy	Lieberman	113	46
Cei Emrys	Whitman	92	60
Turtle	Eggers	92	47
Tess	Hartsock	87	47
Zheke	Strong	79	22
Majic Sirocco	Howard	74	25
Freedom Fermee		65	25
Basia	Carey	63	22
Olympian		62	25
Corky	Lightfoot/Riffle	59	25
Zar Za Fire	Osterweis	57	22
Navajo Gray		56	25
Lakota Mare	Hellman	51	22
Koona	Schneider	48	21
Cinder	Betts	47	25
HC Fleet ADM		46	30
Frisky	Huebner	43	30
Teabiscuit	Broaddus	43	30
Joey	Seyferth	42	21
Willy	Browning	42	22
Hickory	Newcomb	40	30
Kamanche	Weir	39	21
Straight Shot	Pilliod	38	25
Flyer	Jordan	36	21
Albi	Tiscornia	25	0
Miss B	Powell	25	0
Rasan		25	0
Sayguar	Nelson	25	0
Stashi		25	0
Taboo		25	0
Bones	Clover	25	0

WOMAN/WOMAN	POINTS
K. Broaddus/L. Newcomb	83
D. Lundy/E. Ruprecht	50
C. Domnitch/A. Vale	47
J. Hill/S. Mahoney	44
J. Heltibridle/K. Kane-Joyce	43
L. Green/J. Whitman	40
D. Hartsock/L. Preston	38
A. Langstaff/R. Schneider	36

MAN/MAN	POINTS
F. Lieberman/C. Turney	44
B. Mintiens/T. Rubin	41
T. Gey/T. Ruprecht	41
D. Betts/D. Eggers	38
D. Eggers/F. Lieberman	36

MAN/WOMAN	POINTS
K. Townsend/A. Townsend	80
J. Howard/S. Howard	50
C. Riffle/S. Kelly	47
S. Anderson/K. Seyferth	42
R. Noer/M. Wier	39
M. Pilliod/C. Pilliod	38
J. Jordan/T. Jordan	36

Point statistics by Steve Anderson
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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.

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Rider # 1: _____ DATE: _____

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Horse Owner: _____ DATE: _____

Ultra or Biathlon Runner: _____ DATE: _____

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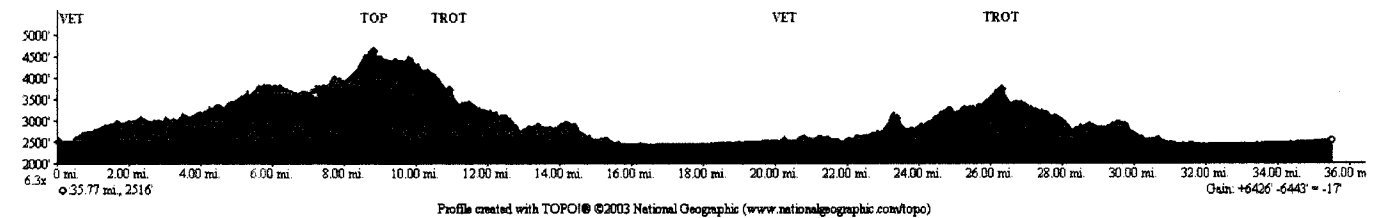
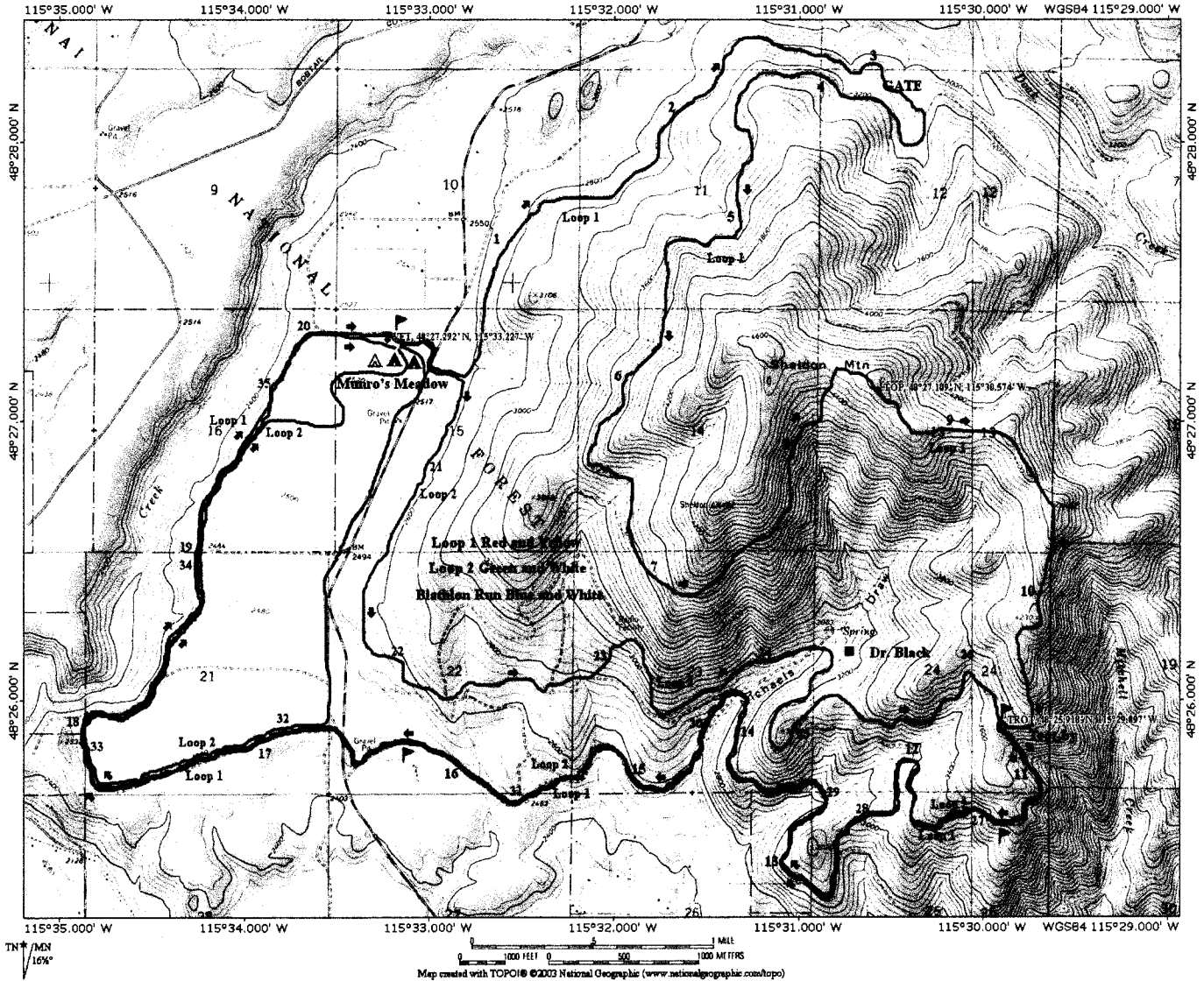
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COMPETITORS WITH OVER 1000 CAREER

Ellen Rinde	3065
Chris Turney	2530
Pat Browning	2482
Warren Hellman	2419
Dennis Rinde	2288
Mark Richtman	2240
Curt Riffle	2078
Mary Tiscornia	2055
Jon Root	1975
Wayne Hinrichs	1946
John Osterwels	1943
Steve Shaw	1911
Kathy Broadus	1858
Skip Lightfoot	1858
Tom Johnson	1821
Lani Newcomb	1818
Dave Andreotti	1716
Lon Clearwaters	1666
Russ Kiernan	1640
Jim Howard	1628
Paul Robinson	1617
Tim Hinrichs	1614
Gary Webb	1609
George Hall	1478
Don Betts	1473
Arieene Foster	1460
Dan Barger	1394
Robert Eichstaedt	1353
Tom Christofk	1314
Chris Knoch	1289
Jeff Windeshausen	1236
Byron Grant	1231
David Foster	1230
Chuck Stalley	1222
Laurie Wilson	1211
Gino Pomilla	1192
Paul Rink	1177
Tom Gey	1148
Ted Ruprecht	1147
Lew Hollander	1112
Cindy Foster	1104
Rufus Schneider	1091
Frank Lieberman	1088
Dennis Tracy	1052
Susan Simons	1025
Dennis Fealer	1003

HORSES WITH OVER 500 CAREER MILES

Scots Bilexijo (McCrary/Rinde)	1427
Corky (Lightfoot/Riffle)	1078
Grab (Andreotti)	941
Gavilan (Betts)	912
Samurai (Hellman)	894
Joe (Hellman)	842
Linda (Foster)	839
Willey (Browning)	839
Scouter (Andreotti)	795
Ggaffon (Webb)	681
Budweiser (Turney)	668
Miami Spice (Clearwaters)	659
Albi (Tiscornia)	640
Eli (Richtman)	586
Cody (Ceragioli)	569
Mis P (Hollander)	561
Cimarron (Howard)	550
Rajzik (Lightfoot/Riffle)	547
Allegra (Foster/Webb)	532
Justin (Schneider)	531

TOP HUMAN COMPETITORS By Number of Championships Completed

Mary Tiscornia	33	Jim Hurley	13
Chuck Stalley	24	Tom Johnson	13
Pat Browning	23	Martha Klopfer	13
Ted Ruprecht	23	Peter Klopfer	13
George Hall	22	Tom Laris	13
Jim Howard	22	Elaine Ruprecht	13
Joan Ruprecht	21	Jeanne Sherfey	13
Russ Kiernan	20	Cathy Bohannon	12
Gino Pomilla	20	Tom Gey	12
Byron Grant	19	Annette Parsons	12
Warren Hellman	19	Terry Pintane	12
Wayne Hinrichs	19	Chet Relyea	12
John Osterwels	19	Dennis Rinde	12
Lew Hollander	18	Judy Teichman	12
Ellen Rinde McCrary	18	Butch Alexander	11
Paul Robinson	18	Jim Arquilla	11
Steve Shaw	18	Bill Barboni	11
Chris Turney	18	Al Beaupre	11
Ad Vandenhooogen	18	Tom Christofk	11
Don Betts	17	Jim Clover	11
Doug Madsen	17	Mark Driscoll	11
Dave Poston	17	Chris Knoch	11
Mark Richtman	17	Debby Lyon	11
David Wagner	17	Ron Nehring	11
Deborah Wagner	17	Calvin Paulette	11
Jeff Windeshausen	17	Paul Rink	11
Jim Larimer	16	Emmett Ross	11
Skip Lightfoot	16	Dennis Tracy	11
Jim Remillard	16	Tod Wadsworth	11
Jon Root	16	Rick Appleton	10
Paul Johnson	15	Jim Brown	10
Susan Simons	15	Mike Callen	10
Dave Andreotti	14	John E. Emery	10
Dan Barger 216	14	Bob Gilligan	10
Robert Eichstaedt	14	Tim Hinrichs	10
Dennis Fealer	14	Lewis Hollander	10
Don Jacobs	14	Dana Hooper	10
Gary Polhill	14	Mike Jepsen	10
Curt Riffle	14	Rod Kinder	10
Marvin Snowbarger	14	Val LeBel	10
Cowman A-Moo-Ha	14	Kent McLaren	10
Con Wadsworth	14	Linda Mornell	10
Ken Williams	14	Sherode Powers	10
Lanny Brown	13	David Riffle	10
Lon Clearwaters	13	Mike Sarkasian	10
Jack Garnett	13	Kim Schaurer	10
Barrie Grant	13	Eric Stenson	10

HORSES COMPLETING OVER 200 MILES IN ONE YEAR

Linda (Foster)	291
Allegra (Foster/Webb)	277
Zarapit (Christofk)	265
Turtle (Eggers)	263
Samurai (Hellman)	255
MCA Kamanche (Walker/Weir)	252
Joe (Hellman)	252
Cody (Ceragioli)	242
Rafiq (Klaus)	241
Sierra Fad-Farah (McGrath)	240
Majik (Riffle)	228
Mac (Sheldon/Dell)	222
Mr. Mocha Brown (Domnitch)	220
Grab (Andreotti)	219
Mickey (Bastillo)	212
Miami Spice (Clearwaters)	208
Tango (Christofk/Beauchamp)	207
Maul's Energy (Hoff/Snow)	206
Stahl (Jay)	203

TOP RIDE & TIE HORSES By Number of Championships Completed

Gavilan (Betts) (1986-2004)	11
Mis P (Hollander)	9
Albi (Tiscornia)	8
Corky (Lightfoot/Riffle)	8
Joe Wee (Pomilla)	8
Royal (Cresch)	8
Willie (Browning)	8
Zac (Grant)	8
Boomer (Burnham)	7
Grey	7
Samurai (Hellman)	7
Scots Bilexijo (McCrary/Rinde)	7

COMPETITORS COMPLETING OVER 200 MILES IN ONE YEAR

Ellen Rinde	400	Gary Webb	268	Kathy Majors	247
Dennis Rinde	376	Wayne Hinrichs	264	Vince Baich	236
Cindy Foster	316	Gary Ceragioli	264	Mark Richtman	232
Arieene Foster	315	Dan Barger	263	Gayle Lynch	231
Pat Browning	302	Chris Knoch	257	Carol Ruprecht	229
Steve Shaw	294	Kathy Broadus	256	Bob Edwards	224
Jon Root	288	Lani Newcomb	256	Kathy Ceragioli	222
Tom Christofk	285	Tim Hinrichs	256	John Osterwels	216
Evelyn Marshall	285	Robin Hinrichs	256	George Hall	216
Chris Turney	282	Jean Heischman	255	Laurie Wilson	211
David Foster	281	Janice Heitbride	255	Lon Clearwaters	208
Warren Hellman	271	Michele Roush	252	Frank Lieberman	207
David Foster, Jr	270	Eric Thompson	247	Greg Brown	205