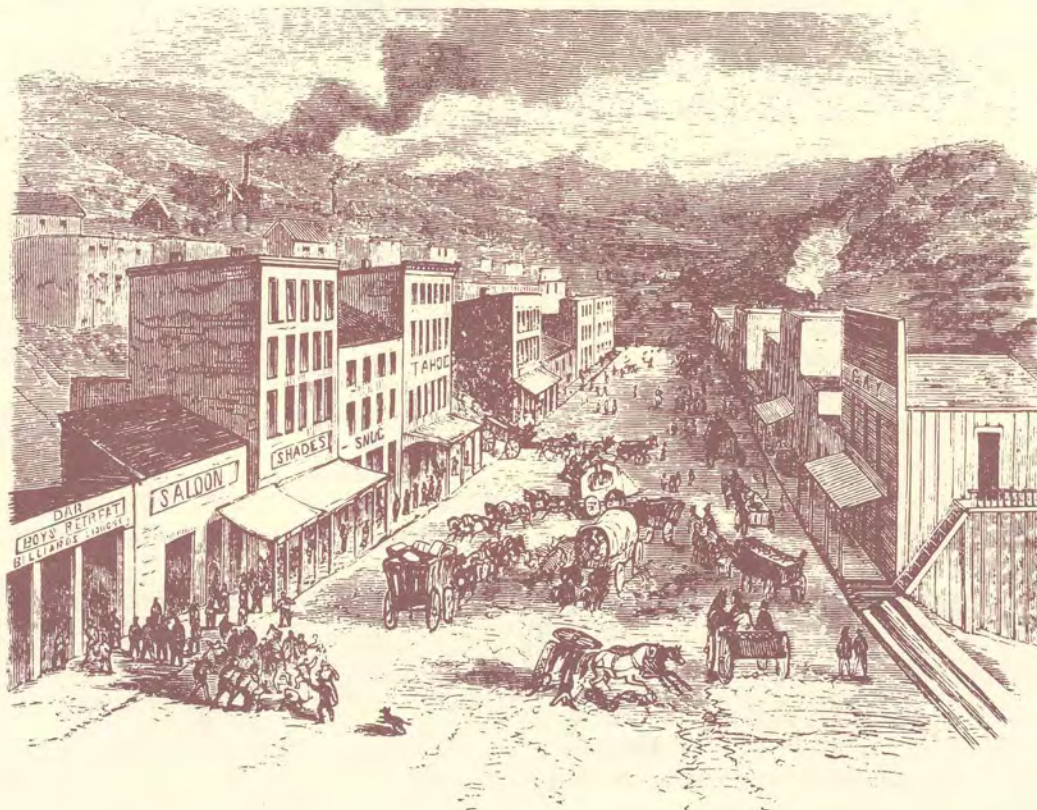


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CREWING FOR RIDE & TIE

by Lewis E. Hollander, Jr.

Few ride & tiers underestimate the difference a good crew can make. Part of the secret of Lew Hollander's success in ride & tie is the time he spends before each big race educating his crew. Here are tips every crew should consider.

You are an important member of a team, and the energy and effort that you put into the few seconds that the rider and horse are in the vet stop will greatly assist the team. Every ounce of energy that you can add to the team will make it that much easier for them to get in and out of the stop and on their way. That way, they can save their energy to be used on the trail to gain a better time.

We realize that crewing means long waits and then frantic activity, but that is what is required. It is similar to a pit stop in automobile racing. Crewing must be done with precision, speed, kindness, cooperation, and PATIENCE.

PROCEDURE:

You should have a schedule of times to expect the team. At least half an hour before the horse is ex-

pected, select a spot as close to the veterinarians as possible, or to whomever is checking the pulse so that when the horse is ready it will be the shortest possible walk. Try to find a spot in the shade if it is a hot day. Line up your equipment at that spot and make ready for the horse to arrive. Find out what the criteria for pulse and respiration are.

Do NOT locate the pit crew near the water. Carry the water to your selected spot. The water source will always be a crowded, jostling place, the last place you want the horse or runner.

As soon as the spot is selected, one member of the crew should immediately go up the trail several 100 yards to be able to intercept the horse as it comes in. One of the hardest things to understand is that the runners are very tired and have difficulty locating the crew. **MAKE THIS EASY FOR THEM!** As soon as you see the horse, **RUN** to the horse, take the horse and help the rider to the crew site.

Have ready water, juice and whatever needs the runner has previously told you he requires. Make sure that lids, tops, etc. are off of bottles so the runner doesn't spend time trying to open them. The runner will only be there a few seconds to get her water and face washed or whatever and be on the way. Note the time the runner leaves the check and continues on the trail. When the second half of the team comes in, tell him how long the runner has been out. That will provide an idea of how far along the trail the runner will be. **NOW**, turn your attention to the horse.

Allow the horse to drink all the water that he wants so long as it is not too cold. If it is too cold, be sure to warm it up ahead of time. Wash the horse's front legs and neck first. Check the pulse. If the pulse is high and it is a hot day, you can wash the entire horse down. If it is cold and windy you should refrain from putting too much water on the hindquarters and on the big muscles because that could cause the horse

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Give your crew the present they deserve:
a membership in
The Ride and Tie Association.

With membership comes
The Journal of the Ride and Tie Association
which will keep your crew informed on race schedules, tactics, and strategies to help you have your best race.

Shouldn't your crew be a part of the ride & tie family?

Forms on page 9.

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to stiffen up. In fact, if it is particularly cold or windy, a blanket may be necessary to keep the horse from stiffening up.

Try to be calm and quiet with the horse; sometimes the pulse stays up because the horse is very excited. Wash him with a large terry-cloth towel and then sort of slip the towel over the head so that he cannot see the other horses and activity at the vet stop. Always keep the horse in the shade if it is a warm day. Keep him quiet; keep him away from other people, but as close as possible to the pulse-taker. While you're waiting for the pulse to come down you can powder the saddle if your riders have asked you to. It makes it so nice for a tired rider in shorts.

As soon as the horse's pulse is near the criteria and it looks like it is stabilized, one member of the crew should run backwards up the trail to intercept the runner so that information can be given about where the crew is stationed and that the horse is ready. Then the runner will pick up the pace. If the runner sees no one, he will assume the horse is not ready and will slow down and walk in to save energy. **THIS IS VERY CRITICAL!** The information given to the runner a half mile or so from the vet stop is of great assistance. Walkie-talkie radio would be a big asset at this point.

Whether or not the horse has reached the pulse and respiration criteria, the runner should be intercepted by an alert crew who will then run in with him, take the runner directly to the site, and make water, etc. available. The runner will have to take the horse to the P & R people and through the vet check.

Try to assist the runner in every way possible so that she can conserve energy. There are only a few seconds available for rest. It is very important for the runner to get just 20 to 30 seconds of rest while the crew is taking care of the job. Barring any other problems, the ride & tier will be cleared through the vet stop and on the way.

Also, it would be helpful to have a list of the horses that have already gone out. If the team is competitive it would be nice to know the times and how many teams are ahead of them. But it is far more important to intercept the runner so he doesn't have to look for you in the crowd, and have the vet procedure figured out to minimize time when you lead the runner

through the crowd. You have no idea how hard it is to find the timer, get cards signed, and even to find the trail out. An alert crew can make all this go easily.

You have only seen the two runners for a few seconds each, but you have made an enormous contribution to the efficiency of their race. They really appreciate it even though they may be too tired to express their appreciation at the stop.

EQUIPMENT

- clipboard and paper, for keeping track of the horses in and out
- stethoscope
- 2 buckets
- 2 sponges
- 1 large towel
- easy boot
- interference boots if this is an expected problem
- leather punch and leather thongs
- extra ride & tie rope
- talcum powder

FOR RUNNER

- extra shoes
- drinking water, probably available at the stop, lukewarm and in a cup ready to drink
- juice, coffee, beer, ...what ever the team ordered
- aspirin/ motrin, etc.

Have all available for immediate consumption at the option of the runner. Don't be dismayed if the runner just grabs the water and leaves. You have done your part and have helped the team.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. Anticipate runners' needs. Have everything ready.
2. Meet both team members up the trail.
3. Know the check out procedure and location.

PRIORITIES

1. Take care of the rider.
2. Take care of the horse.
3. Take care of the runner.

So--go out and do your best to assist your team. Next year it's your turn to get onto the trail!

A Letter from our Race Director...

*Barbara McCrary tells us about
The Eighteenth Annual
National RIDE&TIE Championship.*

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at this year's event, which is located near Alturas, California in Modoc County, an area rich in beauty, rugged terrain, and history of the westward emigration of our pioneer forefathers. This was the site of the 2nd Annual Levi's Ride & Tie in 1972, although the trail is not the same one. We're excited about the enthusiasm and support of the Modoc County residents for this event. There should be tremendous numbers of spectators out there cheering you on!

As most of you know, Levi Strauss & Co. no longer wishes to be an active organizer of the Annual Ride & Tie Race, but has generously continued to sponsor the National Ride & Tie Championship, which is 1988's successor to the familiar Levi's Ride & Tie.

The Ride and Tie Association is now the sponsoring and organizing body of the annual race. Within the Advisory Board for The Association is a small but experienced group of contestants, race directors, and a veterinarian who comprise the race site selection committee. Through an extensive and careful process the site for the 1988 Race was chosen, and because of this choice, Lud and I now find ourselves in the position of race directors once again.

Let us introduce ourselves to those of you who do not already know us. We are Lud and Barbara McCrary, race directors of this year's event, long-time endurance riders, managers of the Castle Rock, Big Creek, and Swanton Pacific Endurance Rides, the Big Creek 30 mile Ride & Tie, and the 1987 Levi's Ride & Tie Race. We are ranchers, woodsman, and lumber manufacturer (and we're beginning to suspect that "professional race directors" should be added to that list).

This year's site is beautiful, the trail and elevation (4,500 feet to 7,000 feet above sea level) challenging, and we're receiving tremendously enthusiastic response and support from the small town community of Alturas. One of the challenges posed to the race management is that of working out the final details of

the trail in the little time offered between winter thaw (late May) and race date (mid June). But being of determined nature and having the staunch support of a few dedicated citizens of Alturas, this challenge will be met!

Our host property owner is Cal Pines, a real estate development which owns 33,000 acres of forest and meadow property in the mountains near Alturas. Very little building has yet been done and the forests are still a wilderness. Cal Pines has generously offered the free use of many of their facilities. Lodging and a restaurant are among their many amenities, as well as swimming pool, tennis court, showers, laundromat, gas station, telephone, campsites, and even a small private airstrip. The town of Alturas (population 2,800) is far from any large population center, yet closer for most contestants than many of the previous sites of the Levi's, and offers complete services of all kinds. The people are quite accustomed to creating their own recreation and are looking forward to our event with the typical small-town warmth and welcome.

Now, on to some important matters of the event. Since The Ride and Tie Association sponsors this year's event, your membership will give you a discount for the entry fee. Fees vary as follows:

Entry fee if both partners are members:	\$125
Entry fee if one partner is a member:	\$135*
Entry fee if neither partner is a member:	\$145*

**Once this fee is paid, you automatically become a member of The Ride and Tie Association.*

Your entry entitles you to:

- a complete vet examination of your equine partner
- a start in the race
- 2 finishing awards (for finishing teams only)
- 2 bar-b-que dinners per team on Sunday
- this year's National Ride & Tie Championship poster (two per team)

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Ride & Tie t-shirts, extra posters, and other momentos will be available for purchase throughout the race weekend.

As usual, our select team of veterinarians are the finest available for endurance events, so your equine partners will receive the best attention possible. Of course, it's up to you runners-riders to take care of your horses during the tough miles of the race. The vets are there to help, but the responsibility is up to you, the human members of the team.

If you have any questions after reviewing this information, please don't hesitate to write, or call (408) 423-4572.

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Founding Members: These were limited-time openings for membership. This lifetime membership will receive continual acknowledgment and recognition for assistance in initiation and founding of **The Association**. Look for Founding Members and their family by their identifiable numbering in any of the National Ride & Ties in which they compete.

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P.O. Box 1193
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or call the 24 hour phone: (213) 546-3781

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL RIDE&TIE CHAMPIONSHIP

Modoc County Alturas, California
June 19, 1988

RACE ENTRY

This application plus the human and horse disclaimer (following page) must be properly completed before a team is allowed to start the race. The horse disclaimer may be finished or revised up to the day before the race. Refunds allowed up to race day (less \$15 processing fee). To ensure prompt registration, please attempt to mail the entries of both team members and disclaimers together.

DEADLINE: MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 12:00 MIDNIGHT JUNE 1, 1988. Limited to first 200 teams.

TO ROUND OUT THE CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND AND TO ALLOW MAXIMUM EXPOSURE, ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE HELD. PLEASE CHECK THE EVENT IN WHICH YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE :

- THE NATIONAL RIDE&TIE CHAMPIONSHIP (40+ miles)
- Novice Ride & Tie (Saturday, June 18, \$50)
- Ultra Run (Saturday, June 18, \$30)

CONTESTANT _____ AGE _____
 ADDRESS _____ M/F _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE (____) _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____
 TEAMMATE'S NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

Teammate must fill out a separate entry and disclaimer.

DIVISION (circle one): M/M M/F F/F

If applicable, relationship to teammate (circle one): Father/Son, Father/Daughter, Mother/Son, Mother/Daughter, Husband/Wife, Brother/Brother, Sister/Sister, Brother/Sister. (A minimum of three teams must enter per category to qualify for award status.)

ENTRY FEE... (includes two dinner tickets per team)

(choose a, b, or c)

- a. if both teammates are Association members: \$125/team (\$62.50/person) \$ _____ or
- b. if one teammate is an Association member: \$135/team * \$ _____ or
- c. if neither teammate is an Association member: \$145/team * \$ _____ or
- d. Ultra Run or Novice Ride & Tie \$ _____

**(This amount provides for automatic membership in
The Ride and Tie Association including all Association privileges.)*

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TOTAL \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
THE RIDE&TIE RACE

MAIL ENTRIES TO:
Barbara McCrary, Race Director
330 Swanton Road
Davenport, California 950017
(408) 423-4572

Include any interesting facts about you, your horse, your teammate for media publication. Consider nominating your horse for Hall of Fame (Nomination Form on page 10).

THE RIDE AND TIE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME(S) _____

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- Member (\$10/year)
- Family Membership (\$20/year)

PLEASE NOMINATE THIS HORSE _____ (See page 10)

PREVIOUS ENDURANCE AND RIDE & TIE ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (List events, type, finishing place and INTERESTING FACTS)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I am a _____ RIDER _____ RUNNER

My present teammate's name: _____

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RACE PARTICIPANT DISCLAIMER

As a participant in the 18th Annual RIDE&TIE Championship, located near Alturas, California, I agree to abide by the stated rules or be subject to disqualification.

I understand that this event's trail will be in excess of 40 miles in length and that the race requires a team of two people alternately to run and ride their equine teammate over that rugged terrain as rapidly as possible. I also understand that a Ride & Tie event involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control, and unpredictable; that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding.

To my knowledge, I have no disability or impairment that might cause me harm when participating in such a race. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless The National RIDE&TIE Championship, The Ride and Tie Association, its agents, employees, representatives, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses, from any and all liability for claims, demands, and costs arising out of my participation in The 1988 National RIDE&TIE Championship, whether caused by my negligence or otherwise.

I understand that any money earned by me as a contestant in the 1988 National RIDE&TIE Championship is taxable income and must be declared on individual State and Federal tax returns, even if I designate my winnings to another person. The National RIDE&TIE Championship is required to report any payments of \$600.00 or more to the Internal Revenue Service.

I confirm that all information and signatures on The National RIDE&TIE Championship entry form and information sheets are true and accurate. I also understand that all statements made above are effective for any pre-race practice on or near the designated trail.

(Signature of entrant/Date)

(Signature of parent or legal guardian/Date required to grant permission to participant if entrant is under 18 and unmarried.)

HORSE OWNER DISCLAIMER

NAME OF HORSE _____ BREED _____ AGE _____

SEX _____ M
G COLOR _____ BRAND/MARKINGS _____
S

HORSE OWNER(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE () _____

HORSE'S EXPERIENCE _____

As the above named horse owner(s) I/we grant _____ and _____ permission to use my/our horse and I/we hold harmless The National RIDE&TIE Championship, The Ride and Tie Association, its agents, representatives, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses from any and all liability or claims, demands and costs for or arising out of the horse's participation in the 1988 National RIDE&TIE Championship. This holds true for any emergency horse treatment deemed necessary by an official RIDE&TIE Championship veterinarian.

(Signature(s) of horse owner(s))

Bay Area Ride & Tie Enthusiasts Form Regional Support Group

by Robert Eichstaedt

The formation of a regional ride and tie group was debated and approved overwhelmingly at a meeting of San Francisco Bay Area ride and tie enthusiasts on February 6th. Gathering at the home of Robin and Wayne "Hospitality" Hinrichs, a large number of hard-core competitors agreed that a local, grassroots organization was the best approach to building public awareness and interest in our sport, as well as the most effective means of recruiting necessary new members and giving strong support to the national Association.

Membership in a regional ride and tie club offers the individual several advantages: practice opportunities, access to horses/partners, and a communications channel to Association board members and others in policy-making positions. Additionally, the friendly rivalry between regional clubs can add to the overall excitement of national events. A tongue-in-cheek suggestion that a well-enlisted regional club could monopolize the best race-weekend campsites should be sufficient to encourage all regional groups to beef-up membership lists.

As a first organizational effort, the Bay Area ride and tie-ers are sponsoring a "Ride and Tie Seminar, Practice, and Potluck," on Sunday, March 27th, at Pt. Reyes National Seashore. This seminar and practice is open to anyone, regardless

of previous experience, running shoe size, or breed preference. In fact, it's hoped that many runners and riders who have never seen a ride and tie race will attend, taking the opportunity to learn about the sport and how to become a participant. Primary emphasis, as always, will be on animal care and training; secondary emphasis, as always, will be on fun and food, with a potluck meal following the practice runs. For further information, call Wayne at (415) 897-9044.

Another positive result of the Bay Area ride and tie-ers' meeting was the publication of Russ Kiernan's ride and tie article in the March issue of the Tamalpa Gazette. The Tamalpa Runners are 600 of the toughest Bay Area road and trail runners, and they have provided ride and tie with many of its top competitors. The support of local running clubs can often make ride and tie races more successful, and our close links with the Tamalpans should be beneficial to all.

A final commercial note: Phelan's, the mail-order high-performance equestrian equipment shop in Sausalito, California will soon be out with their spring catalog, featuring several ride and tie-specific products. Patti Phelan may be the first supplier to recognize ride and tie as a legitimate equestrian sport; her products deserve your consideration.

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EHRA Biathlon Brings Runners / Riders Together by Aileen Johnson

When I first heard of ride and tie I couldn't decide which part sounded worse: running 15 to 20 miles up and down mountains or trying to untie, mount, and ride a nervous horse who had been tied to a tree when he'd rather be running alongside the dozen horses who just passed him. I might have been unique in that both aspects of the sport terrorized me. Most people who ride and tie started out as either runners or riders.

Still, one of the biggest challenges new ride and tie teams face is getting runners to ride and riders to run. That's what made the Endurance Horse Registry of America's First Biathlon such a special event for the promotion of the sport of ride and tie, even though the event's primary goal was to raise funds for EHRA. Set in the Malibu mountains in southern California and managed by Karyne Zontelli and Ingrid Shattuck, this was a new kind of biathlon: a 25 mile horse race followed by a 12 mile out and back foot race. It gave seasoned ride and tiers a chance to practice their separate sports in a new way—back to back—in the ironman competition, but more importantly, it created a setting where riders and runners could come together, doing the event of their preference but completing the race as a team. It gave each half of the team a taste of the spirit of ride and tie and planted seeds that could grow into new ride and tie teams.

Neither part of the biathlon was easy to complete. The horse race began at 7:00 am; its grueling course wound up and down the rugged Malibu mountains. But getting up and down wasn't the hardest part! Three vet checks controlled the race and created the need for skilled horsemanship and well conditioned horses. The first check at six miles required a horse pulse and respiration criteria of 64/64. Instead of

coming down, my horse's pulse shot up when he had to watch his calmer colleagues leave. The second check was at the top of the dreaded Bulldog Hill where the horses had to meet a 60/60 criteria. But the unique vet check was at the end of the horse race, back at camp at 25 miles. Here was a gate: the runner could not start until the horse met a challenging criteria of 60/40! It was no problem for Lisa Fonseca and Nina Bomar whose horses were the first and second to meet criteria. Lon Clearwaters finished the horse race first for the ironmen.

The 12 mile run covered much of the same terrain as the ride. The first five miles were up to the top of Bulldog. A mile of downhill preceded the check off-turn around point and then after doggedly retracing ones' steps up the last hill, the rest of the race was downhill back to camp. It was the impressive running of Jim Pellon combined with Nina Bomar's riding that comprised the winning team. Gary Polhill made up time running to win the ironman race. The first ironwoman was Wendy Watson, a ride and tie enthusiast. Three ironmen were in the top ten!

For some like me, the best part of the day was the hot dog bar-b-que provided by Boyd and Karyne Zontelli, our hosts. It wasn't that hot dogs are my favorite food; it was the atmosphere of camaraderie among tired bodies, horse and human alike, that made many of us want to do this again.

And that's just what we'll get to do! The second leg of the Biathlon Triple Crown was announced around the firepit. It will be in Little Rock on May 1. For information, please call Karyne Zontelli (818) 889-7228 or Margrete Kamazes (805) 944-4875.

Ride & Tie Horse Hall of Fame Takes Shape

In the last issue of *The Journal of the Ride and Tie Association* we solicited feedback related to the formation of a Ride & Tie Hall of Fame. Based on your enthusiastic response, we are moving quickly to institute the Hall of Fame and make a presentation at The 1988 National RIDE&TIE Championship Race in Alturas, California on June 19.

It is widely felt that this first Hall of Fame should include a number of horses to cover accomplishments of ride & tie horses over the last 17 years. As many as three or four horses may be chosen this first year. However, no set number of horses per year has been agreed upon for installation into a Hall of Fame; it is entirely possible that in some subsequent years one, two, or even no horses could be selected.

This will be a Ride & Tie Hall of Fame; certainly all endurance accomplishments will be considered but the sport of ride & tie will be the main consideration. The unique relationship of the horse as the teammate of two people, and his contribution to the completion of ride & tie races, will be the major consideration.

It has been proposed that Hall of Fame horses be awarded a custom-made blanket at a ceremony at The 1988 National RIDE&TIE Championship. Awards of

this nature will be supported by Hall of Fame nomination fees (see page 10), The Ride and Tie Association, and any sponsors we can acquire between now and June. It is hoped that a horse wearing a blanket inscribed with "Ride & Tie Hall of Fame" will be the focus of attention at future rides and endurance events and thereby promote the sport of ride & tie. In addition to the blanket, a feature article on the Hall of Fame horse(s) will appear in *The Journal*.

A committee comprised of from five to seven people with equine and ride & tie expertise will determine the criteria for this year's selection(s). Their next task will be to review Nomination forms, verify the credentials of and identify horses for Hall of Fame consideration, and make selections. If you think your horse should be considered or if you know a horse that should be considered, submit a completed Hall of Fame Nomination form as soon as possible. **Nominations will close on May 31.**

If you have ideas or opinions about the Ride & Tie Hall of Fame or wish to be a sponsor please contact Aileen Johnson at The Ride and Tie Association, (213) 546-3781, or Cathy Divito at (415) 488-0852.

13th Annual SPEED & STEED RIDE & TIE

Saturday April 30, 1988
(Pat Browning Benefit)

- START:** 9:00 a.m. at the Mockingbird Road entrance to Almaden Quick Silver Park. Finish at same spot.
- BASE CAMP:** Santa Clara Horsemen's Association on McKean Rd.
- 2 RACES:** Novice: 11 miles: winner is first team to finish AND to recover to the vets' criteria
Long: 22 miles
- FEES:** Long: \$80/team (pre-reg.)
Novice: \$70/team (pre-reg.)
- VOLUNTEERS:** If you would like to assist in putting on this great event please contact Lanny Brown.
- BANQUET:** Same great vegetarian Mexican style food as last year; free beer to all contestants.

RETURNING CHAMPS: Wayne Hinrichs and Mark Richtman, winners for past two years, will be present.

CONTACT: Rick Appleton, Ride Manager,
C/O Lanny Brown
982 Dolan Rd.
Castroville, California 95012
(408) 633-5666

All proceeds from this year's Speed & Steed Ride & Tie will benefit long time and well loved ride and tier/endurance rider Pat Browning who was badly injured at the Convention Ride (February, 1988). Donations above the entrance fee will be accepted and greatly appreciated.

This is the 13th year this event has occurred. The first ten years it was known as Brown's Ride & Tie. One year it was the Mothers' Day Ride & Tie (Mad Rat) and for two years now it has been called the Speed and Steed.

FREE ENTRY to National RIDE&TIE Championship to the FIRST PLACE TEAM

1988 RIDE & TIE SCHEDULE



- April** **Central Oklahoma Ride & Tie**
Central Oklahoma
10 miles
- Rachel Bailey
(405) 360-1644
1706 N.E. 77nd
Norman, Oklahoma 73071
- April 16** **Mountain Side Ride & Tie**
Redding, California
10/25 miles
- Gayle Snow
(916) 357-4500
2193 N. Street
Anderson, California 96007
- April 16** **North Florida Ride & Tie**
Bryceville, Florida
12 miles
- Kathy Paul
(904) 743-2332
4315 Packard Dr.
Jacksonville, Florida 32216
- April 30** **Steed & Speed Almaden Ride & Tie**
San Jose, California
11/22 miles
- Rick Appleton
(408) 633-5666
982 Dolan Road
Castroville, California 95012
- May 14** **Corner Canyon Ride & Tie**
Draper, Utah
15 miles
- Dean Jackson
(801) 254-4347
14381 S. 1700 W.
Bluffdale, Utah 84065
- May 14** **Prineville Ride & Tie**
Redman, Oregon
8/25 miles
- Lew Hollander
(503) 382-7846
P.O. Box 100
Redman, Oregon 97756
- May 15** **Cuneo Creek Ride & Tie**
Humboldt Redwoods St. Park
17/32 miles
Mike Harding
1513 Railroad Drive
McKinleyville, CA 95521
(707) 839-4807
- May 21** **Big Creek Ride & Tie**
Santa Cruz, California
30 miles
- Barbara & Lud McCrary
(408) 423-4572
330 Swanton Road
Davenport, California 95017
- May 28** **Edgemont Ride & Tie**
Edgemont, North Carolina
14/28 miles
- Finn Hassing
(704) 294-3845
Route 1, Box 109
Hickory, N.C. 28602
- May 28** **Rocky Mountain Ride & Tie**
Denver, Colorado
- Bobbi & John Di Pietra
(303) 681-3226
4950 West Shar Trail
Sedalia, Colorado 80135
- May/June** **Middleton Ride & Tie**
Middleton, Idaho
(call for dates and mileage)
- Sally Graf
Route 11 Box 101
Middleton, Idaho 83644
(208) 585-6622
- June** **OCTRA Ride & Tie**
Ontario, Canada
11/22 miles
- Diane Liebregts
(416) 342-5520
RR# 6
Cobourg, Ontario K9A 4T9
- June 4** **Jeremy Ranch Ride & Tie**
Park City, Utah
20 miles
- Dean Jackson
(801) 254-4347
14381 S. 1700 W.
Bluffdale, Utah 84065
- June 19** **THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL RIDE & TIE CHAMPIONSHIP ALTURAS, NORTH EASTERN CA. NOVICE & 40+ MILES**
- BARBARA MCCRARY**
(213) 546-3781
(408) 423-4572
P.O. BOX 1193
MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90266
- August 13** **Park City Ride & Tie**
Park City, Utah
26 miles
- Dean Jackson
(801) 254-4347
14381 S. 1700 W.
Bluffdale, Utah 84065
- August 15** **Swiss Ride & Tie**
Ebikon/Lucerne, Switzerland
- Dr. Georges F. Riedler
Sonnenterrasse 25
CH-6030 Ebikon, Switz.
041 33 20 87
- August 20** **Swanton Pacific Ride & Tie**
Santa Cruz, California
100 miles
- Barbara & Lud McCrary
(408) 423-4572
330 Swanton Road
Davenport, CA 95017

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Aug. 25 **Bracebridge Ride & Tie**
Ontario, Canada
25+ miles

Dr. Ray Fife
(705) 645-9236
Box 1510
Bracebridge, Ontario
POB 1C0

Sept. 24 **Fort Collins Ride & Tie**
Fort Collins, Colorado
18 miles

J.D. Murphy
(303) 223-2412
2725 Grenada Hill Dr.
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Sept. 25 **Old Selam Ride & Tie
and Endurance**
Idaho

Carl Gilbert
(208) 375-1170
7721 Settlers Road
Boise, Idaho 87304

October **Leatherwood Handicap
Benefit Ride & Tie**
Leatherwood, North Carolina
7/25 miles

Ann Davis
(919) 563-6676
Route 4, Box 220
Mebane, North Carolina
27302

October 9 **Perry Creek Ride & Tie**
British Columbia, Canada
12/30 miles

Fred Clark
(604) 526-7925
SS1 Site 13-24
Cranbrook, B.C. V1C 4H4

Nov. 5 **Cuyamaca Ride & Tie**
San Diego, California
30+ miles

Ralph Walker
(619) 445-0428
23479 Japatul Valley Rd.
Alpine, California 92001

A Word About Your Entry Fee

*Founding Member Leah Mirsch makes note of what you get
for your money at
The 1988 National RIDE&TIE Championship.*

I've been hearing from fellow competitors that the entry fee for this year's championship Race in Alturas is high. I strongly disagree when you consider what you can get these days for \$125. For example, you can buy one and a half pairs of running shoes.

The budget for the 1988 Race is considerably smaller than in past years when Levi fully sponsored the event. Although Levi is still a generous contributor, the shortfall must be made up by participants.

The staging of the Championship Race is costly involving expenses that many of us do not fully appreciate. One major cost is the veterinary team. Since our equine team members' well being is of utmost concern we need experienced vets. And we don't want to be delayed in the vet checks so we require plenty of them—more than available at the normal endurance ride. Two days worth of these skilled professionals' time does not come cheaply but we can't afford to skimp in this area. Insufficient veterinary personnel could have detrimental effects on the horses and cause even the best team strategy to go awry.

Establishing and maintaining the mini-community at base camp is expensive. Space and facilities have to be provided to enable us to come early, pre-ride the course, and for many of us, camp out with our horses for up to a week prior to the event. Expenses include outhouses, rubbish disposal, power

sources (electricity, generators, etc.) water, and emergency communication services (telephone and radio). Liability insurance must be obtained, and advertising, awards, and printing and postage for race media also cost money.

There are several people who are spending many hours of their time to enable this year's race and Association itself to be a success. If it were not for them, not only would the future of R&T be uncertain, but the generous donation of their time and efforts help keep the cost to the rest of us at a minimum. (I won't embarrass you mentioning your names, but you all know who you are. Thank you from an appreciative member).

I'm sure there are many other expenses but the point is the entry fee is at rock bottom to cover the actual costs. When you compare the logistics and complexity of the 1988 Race to endurance races where the entries average \$70, or some marathons or ultra runs that charge \$50 to \$100, I think this year's fee is very reasonable.

This year's Race promises to be one of the best ever. While on the trail we won't be thinking of the costs and expenses. But at the finish, whether you're a seasoned veteran or someone trying their first ride & tie, you'll think of the satisfaction, joy, and fun—and you will realize there are few other times when you have received more for your money! **Good luck training, and see you in Alturas!**

**HAVE WE MISSED YOUR
EVENT?
PLEASE LET US KNOW.
CALL (213) 546-3781**

ETC.

The following people may be looking for teammates (T) or horses (H) for ride & tie events. Some have previous horse/race experience. Call them or write and find out.

• Ralph Walker: (619)445-0428; director of Cuyamaca (T).
Nancy Parish: (707) 829-2122 (T). • Harry May: 707-280-42394; —4 time winner of German R&T, 9 hr. time diff. (T/H). • Mary Sheehan (415) 921-7188 (T/H). • Rick Tegeler: (415) 883-0555; ultrarunner (H). • JoAnne Balwin: (818) 574-5211 (T/H). • Janice Gordon: (818) 963-0972 (T/H). • Barry Turner, DVM: (916) 272-8525 (T/H). • Chris Knoch: (916) 893-3203 (T). • Carolyn Laessig: (415) 641-1917 (T/H). • Rolf Laessig: (415) 641-1917 (T/H). • Ric Schlexer: (707) 822-5486 (T/H). Michael Kogutek: 1499 Portsmouth Circle, Orange, CA 92665 (T). • Taylor Devine: (214) 341-7700 (T/H). • Kim Schaurer: PO Box 6535 Carmel, CA 93921 (T). • Jack Wells: (415) 866-8550 (T). • JD Murphy: (303) 223-2412 (T?). • Michael Pacelli: (415) 755-5656 (T/H). • Joe Stadum: (415) 372-7444 (T/H). • Dan Rodgers: (602) 962-4837 (T/H). • Greg Shaffer: (707) 745-1433 (H). • Michael Sarkisian: (916) 823-1692 (H). • Ron Crawford: (208) 882-0832 (T/H). • Tom Sneedon: (818) 785-6652 (T/H). • Marily Reese: (209) 855-3029 (H). • John Crane: (415) 586-1215 (T/H). • Bert Murray: (415) 484-0308 (T/H).

The Pat Browning Relief Fund

has made it through the first vet check. Over 30 Ride & Tiers have contributed significantly. So far we have raised about 1/4 of the probable medical costs. The Brownings and The Association thank you all. Contact Wayne Hinrichs or The Association for continued information.

This year the McCrarys are proposing a super challenge: a 100 mile ride and tie--The Swanton 100 Ride and Tie. Contact Barbara or Lud McCrary for details: (408) 423-4572.

The following individuals have indicated that they may have a horse to loan or lease for The RIDE&TIE Race. If you need a horse or partner, they may be able to help.

• Joellen Barnett: (619) 755-4377. • Virl Norton: (408) 268-1745.
• Claudie Richardson: (916) 423-3578. • Jackie and Jim Bumgardner: (619) 375-8915. • Judy King: (213) 541-5983. • JD Murphy: (303) 223-2412. • Jan Kahdeman: (707) 874-3205.
• Judy Cummings: (714) 537-2453. • Lari Shea: (707) 964-7669.
• Marge and Vern Biehl: (805) 724-1060. • Barbara and Lud McCrary: (408) 423-4572. • Lisa Crawford: (208) 882-0832.
• Julie Miller: (214) 234-2610. • JD Miller: (214) 234-2610.
Donna Jones: (916) 265-5966. • Lanny Brown: (408) 633-5666.
• Elizabeth McKinstry: (215) 245-7704.

Come join the fun at the 1988 Mountainside Ride & Tie

located approximately 9 miles east of Redding in the beautiful hills of Whiskeytown National Park. Choose between 10 and 25 mile courses. Home cooked banquet. Well marked trails. Last year's winning team for the 25 mile race was Wayne Hinrichs and Mark Richman at 2:37:19. Free entry to National RIDE&TIE Championship to this year's FIRST place team. Call Gayle Snow: (916) 365-8225 or (916) 357-4500

Eighty percent of the people responding to the Endurance Triple Crown poll indicated that they are in favor of promoting the sport in that manner. In addition, over \$2000 was pledged toward this promotion. Steve Shaw's Endurance Triple Crown is a challenge to be the first person to top ten the RIDE&TIE, the Tevis, and the Western States 100 Mile Run in the same year.

Who can be the king or queen of endurance?

The Ride and Tie Association
P.O. Box 1193
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

HALL OF FAME HORSE NOMINATION FORM

We are developing a statistical data base of equine information. This information will allow The Association to honor and promote ride & tie horses. Some possible awards are "Ride & Tie Hall of Fame," and "Ride & Tie Horse of the Year." Your ideas and input are necessary for the formation of these categories. Please inform us of additional information, categories, and parameters relevant to equine honors.

Please fill out as much information as possible and forward to The Ride and Tie Association. If additional parameters are added, you will be contacted.

HORSE'S NAME _____
 AERC # (if avail.) _____
 OWNER'S NAME _____
 PHONE _____
 CITY/STATE _____

HORSE'S AGE _____ BREED _____ SEX _____

PERFORMANCE

RIDE & TIES COMPLETED:

race/ place/ year/ team composition/ best condition?

attach additional information as necessary

SIGNIFICANT ENDURANCE RACES:

ride/ place/ year/ best condition?

attach additional information as necessary

TRAIL TRACTABILITY _____ P/R _____ *

HORSE'S NAME _____
 AERC # (if avail.) _____
 OWNER'S NAME _____
 PHONE _____
 CITY/STATE _____

HORSE'S AGE _____ BREED _____ SEX _____

PERFORMANCE

RIDE & TIES COMPLETED:

race/ place/ year/ team composition/ best condition?

attach additional information as necessary

SIGNIFICANT ENDURANCE RACES:

race/ place/ year/ best condition?

attach additional information as necessary

TRAIL TRACTABILITY _____ P/R _____ *

*These subjective categories refer to a ride & tie horse's unique ability to perform in this sport. On the honor system, these should be answered as follows: Trail Tractability: A—very calm at the start, on the trail, and at ties. B—curious or agitated by the flow of events. C—hyper and stressed by the flow of horses and tying. D—somewhat crazed; a handful on the trail; very difficult to tie; always a doubt at the tie. Pulse and Respiration Grade: On the average, this horse reaches a general ride & tie criteria of 72/min. in how many minutes? 2,3,4,5,6...10...15...

AS A FUND RAISING PROJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION WE WOULD APPRECIATE A \$10 DONATION PER NOMINATED HORSE FOR THE RIDE AND TIE ASSOCIATION STATISTICS AND HALL OF FAME.