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*"Beale!
I'll tie at
the top
of the
next hill..."*

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Director's Update

A message from Wayne Hinrichs, Association Director

Thank goodness for the rains and water this winter; we needed them. We hope the weather in your area has allowed you to train, and we can all get ready for a new and exciting ride & tie season. We have more rides than ever scheduled, with many new ones in the Midwest and here on the West Coast.

The Association has set up a point system (which we will continue to refine) to keep track of ride & tie mileage for horses, individuals, and teams. Throughout the year, January through December, points can be accrued by those ride & tiers competing in races that have applied for and received "sanctioning" from The Association. Sanctioning criteria will generally follow those for the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) with some adjustments. They have successfully met endurance needs over the years.

The criteria for sanctioning a ride & tie will be refined, but basically they include the following:

- Veterinary guidelines will be established at the race and followed.
- A vet will be present at the event.
- There will be pre-and post-race veterinary assessment of all horses.
- The event will be at least 20 miles long.
- The event will be open to all entries; there will be no qualifying requirement.
- Results are returned within established time limits.

Sanctioned races will pay a \$5.00 fee per team to assist with costs of The Association (tabulation of point results, awards, and promotion). Point System standings will be published in *The Journal of the Ride and Tie Association* and an annual awards meeting for ride & tiers will be scheduled after the first of the year to honor our first National World Champions.

You could be one of them! For further details, see *National Champion Point System*, page 5 in this issue.

These developments in our sport represent a new and beneficial relationship we are building with the AERC. At the annual AERC convention in Reno this last March, we proposed and jointly accepted closer ties with the endurance riding sport. We have very similar needs and goals: to get outdoors, see the country, train and use our horses, travel the trails and

have fun! The AERC Board voted to endorse ride & tie as an endurance sport, to establish a ride & tie committee in AERC, to explore shared roles between the two organizations (points and promotion are possibilities), and to explore the establishment of a section within AERC similar to the limited distance program to honor the horses and hikers/runners who complete ride & ties. Both sports utilize and honor the horse. We are proud of our growing relationship with the AERC.

The first two sanctioned rides of the year will be the Mountain Side Ride & Tie on April 15 in Redding, California and two weeks later on April 29 is the Speed and Steed Ride & Tie in San Jose, California. An exciting sanctioned race on May 21 is the Big Creek Ride & Tie put on by Barbara and Lud McCrary near Santa Cruz, California. A new ride & tie that will be a sanctioned event is the Nugget Ride & Tie on May 27 near Grass Valley, California. This race is being directed by veteran ride & tiers Pat and Nita Browning. We will be having as many sanctioned events as possible this year but since the program is new there may be races that have not applied for sanctioning. Have your Race Director contact me or The Ride and Tie Association 60 days prior to the race for details.

The Board of Directors is excited about this year's "Big One" which will now have the formal title of the World RIDE&TIE Championship 1989. (For details, see *World RIDE&TIE Championship*, page 8). Race Director Emmett Ross is hard at work planning for this event. The race management experience that Emmett brings to this event will ensure that this year's World Championship will be an event to remember. A cable network firm, Prime Ticket, will film the event and telecast the production to millions of households in Southern California, Denver, and the Sun Belt. Steve Shaw, Publicity Coordinator, enticed this group to become involved with our sport and he expects significant and continuing visibility.

Awards, prizes, and challenges for all! Don't miss the World Championship!! **UNTIL NEXT TIME, KEEP ON RIDING & TYING!**

Wayne Hinrichs, Association Director
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It Isn't Exactly a Horse Race; It Isn't a Marathon; What It Is Is Ride & Tie

by Scott Ostler*

This description of the 10th Annual Levi Ride & Tie at Big Bear Lake in 1980 was found in The Association's archives. The facts (and Cowman) haven't changed much; it still describes a typical ride & tie!

At a grueling, outdoor, spirit-of-the-old-West athletic event like the Ride & Tie, you would expect the competitors to be the types who would strike matches on their cheek stubble, swear a lot and spit tobacco juice on one another's boots. And the men would be rugged too.

But the hundred or so two-person teams who took part in last Sunday's 10th annual Levi's Ride & Tie were well-behaved, clean-cut types who could have passed for Sunday school picnickers.

There were doctors, lawyers, engineers, school-teachers, policemen, ranchers and pretty girls (chauvinism is allowed in the Old West).

They didn't look like the type of folk to be tackling 38 miles of twisting mountain trails and roads on horseback and afoot, an arduous and somewhat dangerous afternoon's work.

But don't be fooled. There were top-flight marathon and ultramarathon runners here, as well as veteran endurance riders, two former U.S. Olympic runners, and two men officially registered as Cowman and Buffalo Bill.

Ride & Tie is an event invented (19) years ago by Bud Johns, a Levi's PR man. It is not to be confused with Park & Ride, a different cross-country activity which involves people riding buses and sometimes wearing ties.

There are now more than (350) ride & tie events annually, but Levi's was first and is the most prestigious.

Ride & tie is based on an old transportation system by which two people with only one horse would travel a long distance quickly, without doubling up on the poor horse.

One partner starts off riding and the other running. After a certain distance, two or three miles on the average, the rider dismounts, ties the horse to a tree and continues on foot. When the first runner reaches the horse, he unties it and rides on, passing his partner on the trail. They leapfrog along like that for four to six hours.

Sounds simple, and originally it was, but it has become fairly sophisticated. For a modern competition,

a typical team arrives a few days early equipped with a horse, backup horse, four-wheel-drive vehicle and three to six friends or relatives to serve as pit crew along the trail.

A couple years ago, one team plotted its strategy with a computer, causing Kit Carson to flip over in his grave...

The race requires months of planning, dozens of volunteer course marshals and veterinarians (for the required pre- and post race veterinarian checks and for the three to four vet checks during the race), helicopters for a press shuttle and ambulance duty, and tons of beef ribs and beer...

At the finish line, Cowman shook hands with his partner, patted his horse, kissed his girlfriend and reached for a beer. He said he wasn't discouraged by his team's 25th place finish. ...For Cowman and Buffalo Bill, the Ride & Tie was basically a training exercise for a 100-mile ultra-marathon run they'll compete in two weeks hence.

Unless something even more ridiculous comes up. □

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This early Californian displayed the true zaniness similar to the spirit of modern day ride & tiers. Despite all the obstacles, he always completed his mission.

He brought the first gold ore samples from the 1849 strike to Washington, D.C. beating Kit Carson by two months! We surmise that on at least one of these trips he shared his mount with another traveler as depicted on the front cover.

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A National Champion Point System

A Committee Report from The Ride and Tie Association

All of us want the sport of ride & tie to grow. One way to accomplish that goal is to offer incentives to teams to compete in as many races as they can. To honor ride & tie teams, including both human and equine members of the team, a committee of The Ride and Tie Association has recommended (and is in the process of formalizing) a National Point System to be implemented this ride & tie season (which runs January 1 to December 31, 1989). The Association will charge each race a nominal tabulation/sanctioning fee which will make ride insurance available and will cover the costs involved with data collection. This system will be reevaluated at year's end.

As teams compete in sanctioned races throughout the year they will be credited with points for mileage, teams beaten in races, and top ten placings. The Point System operates on the philosophy that the World Championship (The Big One) is the premier event; World

Championship finishers will score heavily since that race is usually the longest and draws the greatest participation. The Point System will rank individuals, horses, and teams in the following categories:

BUD JOHNS' TEAM CHAMPIONS AWARD

These awards will go to the top five teams that accumulate the most points throughout the season using the same horse and the same two riders. Points from competing with different horse or rider during the year count toward the individual championship but not toward this division. This award encourages teams to compete as a unit throughout the season. Points will be based on overall finishing place.

INDIVIDUAL RIDE & TIE CHAMPIONS

Winners will be the top 20 individuals who accumulate the most points over the season. This

award will be for men and women; their equine and human partners do not have to be consistent.

TEAM DIVISION CHAMPIONS

The winners of this division will be the top five teams that accumulate the most points in their respective divisions: man/man, man/woman, woman/woman. Each division will be treated as a separate race for scoring. Teams may use any horse or number of horses over the season but only one partner for the team event. For example, if a man/woman team finished third overall but first in their m/w division they would get first place points for their division.

RIDE & TIE CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE

This award would go to the top ten horses accumulating the most points over the course of the season with any team or riders. Points will be accumulated from the overall standings, not the division races.

INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE CHAMPIONS

This award will go to the top 20 individuals overall who accumulate the most points for mileage only. Placings will not matter. This should encourage those competitors who are not racers.

Points will be calculated as follows:

- a. one point per mile
- b. one point per team passed (based on the number of teams starting)

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This Year's Top Ten

by Steve Shaw

We recognize TOP TEN in our sport because it is one of the many goals within goals in ride & tie. In the past two *Journal* issues we've shared some of the lives of those who were TOP TEN at Alturas in the 1988 Championship. Here are the top four teams.

In fourth place at Alturas was the husband and wife team of Gary and Dana Polhill. Gary and Dana have always been a familiar sight at most ride & ties but this was one of the few times they have teamed up together. Gary has been so close so many times. Eight times he has finished the Big One, seven of which have been in the top six! He's won the Cuyamaca Ride & Tie twice. This year on 12 year old Mogley may be the big time for Gary. Mogley has finished the Tevis the past two years in eighth place! Gary has been a teacher and track coach and just recently began selling horse properties in the Rancho California area where they live. Gary's interest in ride & tie began as a runner. His tough hill power and speed have always humbled other teams. In some years it has even humbled his teammates' horses! Any of us would like one race at Gary's 30:35 best 10K or his 1:06 half marathon.

Dana (27) a teacher and a mom these last one and a half years, has this same natural running ability. Her 38' 10K time would be great for most of us. Dana has more often been crew for Gary but has found time for some endurance rides (a fourth at the Malibu 50 one year) and has four completions at Cuyamaca. Dana is threatening to team up with another women speedster for Frazier Park and maybe take a shot at the first person to have won two divisions!

In third place this year was the ageless team of Steve Shaw (yours truly) and Dan Barger. This team finished second on the Best Condition horse Bugs at the Santa Cruz Levi. This past year they rode Renegade who literally ran out of his shoes, but they finished in third place! Steve (38) has finished in the Top Ten five times since 1980. He works for health care organizations and the sport of ride & tie. He's decided to make the commitments necessary to win the Big One, lose the weight and put in the miles (well maybe just put in the miles). This last year he had a top ten at the Catalina 50 mile run and placed well at the marathon there in March.

Dan (23) like Steve is one of the true "fun hogs." Dan has come as close to a triple crown in endurance as anyone. Dan has two top tens at our race and has com-

pleted it seven times. He's won the Big Creek ride & tie the last two years. Dan is a student in San Jose, California but works just as hard at his endurance endeavors. His two Western States 100 mile runs were completed in 21st and 40th place. At the Leadville 100 he was 14th and at the Angeles Crest, sixth! Dan must have felt that his wins at the Nugget 50 in 1986, the Steamroller 100K and the Mt. Hamilton 50 were enough; he has recently moved on to bike racing after his inspiring completion at the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii. He must have a clone to get around so much. Dan's parents taught him the pacing it takes to finish in the top ten in Tevis (7th in 1987) and to complete the tough Race of Champions.

The second place team, Chuck Stalley (37) and Tom Johnson (29), four minutes behind the leaders, probably deserve as much space here as the winners. Their amazing performance on Fance Flight will always bring to mind for us the importance of the horse in this sport. This is not to take away from Chuck's running the past few years, but we all know now where skill, experience, strategy, preparation and horsemanship can place us. Chuck is a high school teacher in Redding where he and Pam also train and trade horses. Chuck's record is scary; I almost feel like I'm listing Peanuts accomplishments for the Hall of Fame! I believe that Chuck has won more money than Smoke!! and some of us believe that he has the same ears as Jazeel. In the 18 years of the Big One he has finished 17 times. But completions haven't been enough for this shy, mild mannered retorter; **15 times these completions have been in the top ten; ten of these were top five.** Three times he's won the Levi and twice his horses have been awarded Best Condition! Every year we wait to see what he's going to pull out of the hat.

Tom Johnson is a relative novice to our sport. He works as a civil engineering consultant in Sacramento. He's a three goal polo player; he's tried his foot at ultra running—and entered the Western States 100 on a lark in 1986 to finished 24th in 21:50; and most recently he's made ride & tie his challenge. Tom has all the deadly characteristics of a top ride & tier: he knows the horse; he puts in the running miles and he's intrigued with the strategy. And he plans to put them all together to win a World Championship!

All these top teams had the thrill of chasing the first place team, and could taste the threat posed by the mountain of competitors right on their hooves and heels. They also have those common characteristics that describes the first place team... □

Chris Turney and Jim Howard teamed in a dream partnership for 1988 and despite earlier injuries to both, still ran away with top honors at this year's race. With the power of these two and a Best Condition horse like ZAR they shattered the previous concept of possible terminal velocity at ride & tie racing (thought to be six minutes/mile). On a course longer than most (43.5 miles), their elapsed time was four hours and nine minutes. Their entire team of eight legs averaged 5:43 per mile on a day that was hotter than most.

Alturas' Top Team

Chris Turney and Jim Howard

Chris Turney was first noted as a ride & tier with his ride to the hospital with a concussion at the start of the Eureka race. Not to be deterred, he told Bud Johns from the hospital bed in typical ride & tie form, "I'm gonna learn how to ride." Little did we now that "Pine Cone" would harry the top ten positions from then on until he dominated first place for two years in a row. Of the seven starts in the Big One, Chris finished 18th on the hills of San Jose, had riding lessons in the forests of Eureka, finished 14th on the mountains of Utah and third at the fiery Foresthill, took third at damp Davenport, and captured first place the next year on the same course outside of Santa Cruz. His first place this year with his dream team partner gives him a pretty impressive record in these last four years. Some say that this 31 year old school teacher is just at the start of his ride & tie career.

Chris is pointing towards tuning his 10K and marathon times in the foothills around Rancho Cordova in the near future. He has already played with ultra distances with two strong completions at the WS 100 Mile Run (both of these in the same years as the ride & tie wins), a second place at the American River 50 and firsts at the Napa Marathon and the Jedidiah Smith 50. Where most runners progress from middle and marathon distances to the ultra, Chris has one of those special top ten traits that others in this group share; it says, "I'll do it my way."

Chris will be back with his first place partner from Santa Cruz days, Dave Andriotti, and will use their own horse this year. One of Chris' goals is to train his own endurance horse. These years at ride & tie have given Chris a special appreciation for the horse; so much so that he wants to develop and train his own endurance horse. Fun loving Chris is enamored with the camaraderie, competitiveness, and jovial teasing

atmosphere our sport generally creates. He sees that we are a family! There will be a good chance that he'll sit again at the head of the table this next year.

Jim Howard (34) has always represented an ultra competitor to many of us. So often as we begin training for the Big One you'll hear the question, "Who is Jim Howard teaming with this year?" Having Jim as a partner is like owning ocean front property or betting on Ferdinand ridden by Billy Shoemaker...a sure thing. Of course, as all of us in ride & tie know, there is no sure thing. But having Jim around is about as close as one can get. Jim Howard is teaming with Jim Larimer for the Frazier Park race and we'll all get to see the battle of the Titans as Stalley and this team have at it.

Jim started in ride & tie with a woman partner, a rider who didn't run. That year in Big Bear (1980) they placed 16th. We should have known then the ride & tie fame in store for Jim but we hadn't been exposed to his ultra running talents yet. He started commanding the Western States 100 mile run in 1981 with a win that year and another in 1983. Jim won the ultra high Leadville 100 run in 1985 and was 14th in 1987. He has won the American River 50 an incredible four times. His fastest marathon was the 1981 Avenue of the Giant in 2:18 and his 10K best is 30:57. So you see, back in 1980 we didn't have a clue.

Well Jim clued us in from there on. In 1981 he clobbered first place. In 1983 he was second after a bad heat stroke of luck at San Jose the year before. 1984 saw him place fourth. In 1985 he topped the field, first place. In 1987, Slim Jim and Jack Garnett placed third. 1988 with Pine Cone gave Jim Howard his third win at our biggest race.

You can see why we shake in our shoes with the thought of the Jims teaming up in 1989. But Jim Howard may be slowing up a bit; this past year has been spent working towards a Masters in Forestry, a teaching credential, and being a daddy to his new baby boy. He may not have had time to train in the trails of Forest Hills outside of Auburn, ... but I have a clue that won't be the case. It's not just rumor; Jim has been breaking and training his own endurance horse. He's had his six year old gelding for two years now, and as Cimmarron begins to run, Jim begins to ride. Oh, are we in for it now!

Chris and Jim both portray a certain common trait among all top ten finishers. They ride & tie and live their lives with a certain *zaniness*. In some ways, ride & tie, with its unique spirit and compelling challenge, is a microcosm of life itself. Long live the top ten and long live ride & tie. □

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The Journal of the Ride and Tie Association

The 19th Annual World RIDE&TIE Championship

by Race Director Emmett Ross

It couldn't be possible that the 18th Annual Ride & Tie Championship is so far in our past that we're talking seriously about the 19th Big One. But that is indeed the case. Only this year we've decided to call it the World RIDE&TIE Championship. But that only tops the list of news to share with you.

Because of one person's tenacity and foresight, about the time you read this letter a contract with a television production company, Tatum Productions, will be signed. Tatum will provide an hour long program to be distributed through a cable network, Prime Ticket. The production will reach seven million homes and should firmly establish this madness we call ride & tie in the sports arena. By the way, the person I alluded to is Steve Shaw; we all owe him a great pat on the back. So, during the next few weeks with help from Bud Johns, Wayne Hinrichs, Steve and others, we are trying to lock in one or more sponsors. If you have any suggestions, please call me.

As many of you know, this year's race is on Sunday, July 9th. The race will start from the Plunderosa Ranch in Frazier Park (80 miles north of LAX on Highway 5) and run predominantly on Los Padres National Forest land. The course is being designed by Marge and Vern Biehl with tuning by race administration. The course will be about 36-37 miles long on beautiful tree-lined fire roads and hiking trails. Don Trammel, the Chief Forest Ranger, and his staff are excited about the race and are

planning on making your stay enjoyable. Also, this year we're having a short course race on Saturday, July 8th, on the first loop which is 15 miles long plus an ultra run on the entire course, also on Saturday.

The course starts at an elevation of 5,200 feet and reaches 8,000 feet. The design will probably be a loop inside a larger loop with at least one major vet check at base camp; this should be fabulous for spectators. The footing is excellent and pads are not necessary for your horses. The average high temperature the past five years on July 9th has ranged from 76 to 84 degrees during the day and the lows ranged from 44 to 56 degrees. The actual camp is on the Plunderosa Ranch owned by Russ Wight who is going to be a unique and dynamic host. The ranch doesn't have many trees at the campsites, but the ground is a mixture of dirt and sand. The area is considered high desert, so be prepared for dry conditions. We'll provide ample water. The course will be open almost the entire two weeks prior to race day for pre-riding. There may be a slight restriction on July 4th when the area will have many hikers.

The town of Frazier Park is just a few short miles down the road. Frazier Park is a nice village with all the conveniences you'll need. A map will be sent to you in a race packet after receipt of your completed application.

I'm proud to announce once more that your Head Veterinarian
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Last June 19, the Arabian endurance horse, *JAZEEL*, owned by Lon Clearwaters, was the third horse to be inducted into the National Ride & Tie Hall of Fame. We asked Jazeel, now 15 years of age, to reminisce on his role in the great sport of ride & tie.

JAZEEL RIDE & TIE HALL OF FAME HORSE

My induction into the Ride & Tie Hall of Fame is a source of pride and honor for me, especially when I consider the caliber of horses who share this honor. I can say that when I was young and my career was a blank page before me, Smoke and Peanuts projected the kind of image to which I aspired, and I still regard them as awesome figures. Dueling with my contemporary, Greg, is a current pleasure.

Viril Norton introduced me to the sport of ride & tie in 1982. I'd shown promise as an endurance horse, having completed the Western States 100 Mile Endurance Ride, and several 50 mile rides in the top ten. I was happy to try something new but that didn't end my Tevis career; four more completions of that race were in my cards. I am grateful to Viril for seeing and developing my ride & tie potential, for of all the equine events I have entered, ride & tie is my favorite.

Of the six Levi Ride & Ties I have completed, two are particularly memorable. My teammates for the New Almaden Race in 1982 were Tom Laris and Ken Williams. To my horror, Tom ran by me when I was tied at the five mile point, and we lost at least five minutes, enough time to find ourselves well back in the pack. I didn't give up though, and through teamwork and hard running we finished fourth overall. I like to think we might have won had not the error occurred, but I have only fond memories of the race.

I don't think any of my colleagues can forget Foresthill in 1985, easily the hottest Levi Ride & Tie in the record books. By that time I'd been living with Lon Clearwaters for some time and we teamed with Steve Shaw for this race. Many horses had trouble that day; the conditions couldn't have been worse. I planned a strategy that emphasized a steady and consistent pace, and since my teammates were willing to go along with the plan we finished in seventh place.

I've been asked which of my qualities contributed to my inclusion in The Ride & Tie Hall of Fame. I suppose that my calm demeanor has helped: I'm easy to mount and I don't mind standing still after I'm tied to a tree. I save my energy for the trail, and use vet checks to rest and relax. (Sometimes, in fact, my ability to relax at checks has been misconstrued by vets as fatigue.) I'm sensible and know what to do in races. In fact, sometimes I advise my riders rather than blindly accepting their instructions. I enjoy the company of different teammates from novice to the highest caliber competitor. (To date I've carried 19 different riders in ride & tie and AERC competition.) All these qualities helped me complete 19 ride & ties.

I know I'm not handsome in the classical Arabian sense. Indeed, some have gone so far as to make fun of my ears (shame on you Barbara McCrary). But at the finish line all of my riders have told me I'm beautiful. Though I'm getting on in years I expect to participate in ride & tie races for many years to come. □



A look at Jazeel's VITA.....FOR THE RECORD...

LEVI'S RIDE & TIE
1982 4th overall; New Almaden
1983 18th overall /novices; Eureka
1984 13th overall; Park City
1985 7th overall; Foresthill
1986 15th overall; Santa Cruz
1987 16th overall; Santa Cruz

BIG CREEK RIDE & TIE
1983 12th overall
1985 Finish
1986 6th overall, 1st M/W, B.C.
1987 7th place
1988 Finish

OLD PUEBLO RIDE & TIE
1984 1st place

CUYAMACA RIDE & TIE
1983 5th overall
1984 4th overall
1985 5th overall
1986 4th overall, Best Condition

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1980 Completion

1981 19th place
1982 8th place
1983 5th place
1987 17th place

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1984 9th place

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1986 2nd: Bill Stuckey Ride
1981 3rd: Gold Coast
1983 4th: Los Campaneros
1983 4th: Sunland
1985 4th: Sunland
1987 6th: Bear Valley Springs
1986 6th: Sunland
1983 8th, B.C.: EZ Come EZ Go
1983 8th: Wildflower
1982 9th: Littlerock Lions
1984 9th: Twenty Mule Team 100
1984 10th: Firemountain
1982 10th: Northshore
1981 10th: Northshore



RUSHCREEK GREG

Ride & Tie Hall of Fame Horse

inducted June 19, 1988

As Interviewed by Marge and Vern Biehl

Name: Rushcreek Greg
Date of Birth: May 13, 1972
Place of Birth: Lisco, Nebraska (Rushcreek Land and Cattle Co.)
Current Address: Desert Pines Arabians, Lake Hughes, California
Current Job: Ride & tie, endurance riding, training assistant and role model for young dumb horses.
Marital Status: Single (but involved with younger mare)
Children: None (that I know of)
Height/Weight: 15'2"/ approximately 950 lbs
Shoe Size: 5
Favorite Shoe: Jap Rim with rolled toes
Best Feature: (Physical) legs, shoulders, & durability
Worst Feature: Hard keeper
Education: Introduction to Cattle Management (Rushcreek Arabians); Advanced Endurance Riding (Marge Biehl Institute)
Favorite Magazine: *Journal of the Ride and Tie Assoc.*
Favorite Movie: The Horse from Snowy River
Favorite Actor: Trigger
Favorite Song: Long Hard Ride—Marshall Tucker Band
Hobbies: Hiding from people who want to ride me, and picking on young geldings

Favorite Game: Pretending I'm an old tired horse when going away from home, then being a runaway on the way back

Favorite Time of Day: Feeding time

Most Prized Possession: The R.&T. Hall of Fame blanket

Personal Hero: Jazeel

Favorite Quote: "There ain't a horse that can't be rode, or a cowboy that can't be thrown."

Life Philosophy: Always keep something in reserve.

Short Term Goal: Make sure I get fed tonight.

Long Term Goal: To get away with as much as possible because I'm an old horse.

Achievement of Which You Are Most Proud: Defeating fellow Hall of Fame horse, Jazeel, and the highly touted Clearwaters/Shaw team at the 1986 Levi R&T in spite of human teammates who were really crapping out towards the end.

Favorite Leisure Activity: Rolling in soft sand after a hard ride.

Greatest Fear: Sheep and trash bags

Best Endurance Performance: 1st at the '83 Wildflower Ride in 3 hours and 30 minutes

Typical Training: 20 to 30 miles running, 3 to 4 hours swimming, 50 to 60 miles biking and some aerobic dancing per week.

Injuries: Stone bruise that turned into an abscess, missed 1984 Levi in Park City

Favorite Race: Ride & Tie National

Additional Notes: Greg's achievements include finishing all five of the Levi RIDE&TIES he has attempted. Four of the five finishes were in the money (5th M/M 1981, 9th M/M 1982, 3rd M/W 1985, 4th M/W 1986,— Top 25 1983 when runner passed tied horse). He was also 10th place in the National Standings for AERC in 1981 and has been a consistent top ten finisher with wins and Best Conditions, including two B.Cs. and win at the age of 15.

Personal Commentary by Interviewers: Greg will be competing with the W/W team of Kimmerly/Simms at this year's World RIDE&TIE Championship and then he will be retired. However, he will continue as a role model and assistant trainer. We have many young horses, and if just one of them turns out to be as good a horse as Greg has been, then we will consider our breeding program a success. He's earned his retirement and I'm sure he won't complain.

World RIDE&TIE Championship

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will be Dr. Jim Steere who will be ably assisted by his wife, Deann. They both just completed the New York and Los Angeles Marathons this year in terrific shape. Jim will probably have eight other vets assisting him.

The commitment I make to you is to provide you with an experience you'll remember for a long while. To do that I'm putting together a group of special people who will work hard for you. However, I need more help. I'm looking for some extra volunteers for race day and pre-race day. As an example, Marge and Vern Biehl volunteered to chart the course and help obtain local land owners' permission to traverse their land. Jon Root is mapping the accuracy of the course with a wheel. Steve and Aileen are helping with publicity and other related matters. Wayne and Robyn Hinrichs are helping in the awards area. Please call me if you can pitch in—it would be greatly appreciated.

The awards this year are going to be plentiful for all contestants. We hope to have in excess of \$20,000

in cash and merchandise awards. (This is an area we can use some skills in—obtaining awards).

Race applications are due to be mailed out in mid to late April. So get out there and train hard. Be kind to your horse and be prepared to have a ball. We are planning a fiesta-and-a-half afterwards.

One more note: I've felt for years that we needed to give back something to the community. Therefore I petitioned for affiliation with the Orange County Riding Center for Handicapped Riders and we were accepted. A group of 12 students and their chaperones will be attending the week-end festivities. The joy these special people receive from horses is heart-warming to observe. I hope you will share this special feeling with me. Their motto, "The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man," certainly rings true for us as well. *Good-bye for now.*

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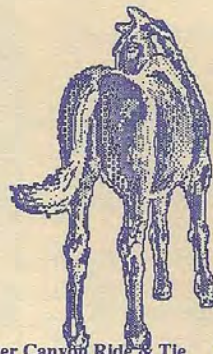
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| <p>April 8 Potato Creek Rally
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