



# Quicksilver Quips

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### AERC National Convention - QSER members take home awards!!

Hello everyone,

Being relatively new to the sport of endurance (I've only completed five seasons including the first two of doing mostly 25-milers), I was excited to head up to the annual AERC convention. For those of you home taking care of yours or family/friend's horses, you really missed a fun and worthwhile event. Katie and I decided we'd enjoy the 'luxury' of my car – with cable chains in the trunk, anticipating minimal snow – and headed up Thursday afternoon. 7 hours later (a typically MUCH faster trip) and in need of a relaxing glass of wine from the white knuckles going over the summit, we arrived at the Nugget. Reminder – don't do THAT again. Ah, a weekend to unwind, do some shopping, have some fun and enjoy some great company. This being only my second convention (the last two years ago in Reno as well), we knew we'd learn a few things and hopefully make new friends.

My husband Dave (also known as one of the chefs at our last two QSER sponsored rides) joined us on Friday night for the Regional Awards where my daughter cheered loudly for each of the QSER members and I think a little louder for dear old mom (although by then I think she was a little hoarse)! There was plenty to do and we tried to make the most of every moment, until night fell and we'd gather for some stories from those with the ability to still tell them after a drink or two.

Friday was full of people visiting with friends new and old and the opportunity to learn, as they say, a thing or two. We sat in on one of the sessions and were very surprised to see an entire podium filled with Quicksilver members - from one of our youngest members (Ilde) to the 'Duchess of Endurance' (Julie), we listened to valuable insight from the entire ride perspective. We had an experienced RM, an experienced Secretary (who humorously shared what NOT to do), as well as experienced riders facing challenging situations (lost horses don't always act the way you'd expect). We didn't make all the sessions but enjoyed the time we did spend in them.

The final national awards event arrived and we listened – sometimes paying particular attention to the speaker, sometimes laughing (only once wishing I was in the bathroom – but that's another story), and then it was time for the Hall of Fame Awards ... and given, by some of the Juniors whom she'd mentored so well, to none other than our very own Maryben! Congratulations Maryben!!! You've given a lot

to the sport, particularly to all the Juniors who now have a national program based quite a bit on your efforts!!! And our very own Mike Maul was elected the new AERC President. Way to go, Mike!

We left Sunday at mid-day with smiles on our faces (ok, so they faded somewhat during the 11 hours it took to get home that night) but we came away with excitement about the year ahead, goals to achieve, potentially new horses to ride and friends new and old to enjoy it with.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 21st at the New Almaden Community Center. The board meeting, which you're welcome to sit in on, starts at 6:30 p.m. with the full meeting at 7:00 p.m. We always have a few things to nibble on as we go through our Agenda so don't hesitate to come and share comradery and your thoughts with us. Remember – YOU help make our wonderful club what it is!!! The next rides I have on the calendar are the 3/10 SASO II ride (unless it rains again) and the 3 days of Cuyama, where don't forget, we're going to get together as a club for a wine and cheese event on Friday night after the first day's ride! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

All the best, ~Sandy

*This post to Ridecamp has already made it to the AERC Forum but for those who might have missed it, here is a nice note about one of our members:*

Just wanted to add something to this note about the FreezeRBurn ride. I was dismounted on the side of the trail Saturday when three horses with only two riders came by. The riderless horse was easily brought in hand but less easy was to figure out what to do with him. One of the riders volunteered to pony him back to wherever the rider might be found. It turned out that rider was Mike Maul from AERC leadership. I was quite impressed with that. I was also very happy when he passed us later on the trail knowing that he hadn't lost out too much from his sacrifice. The rider, BTW, was apparently found and was unhurt... DianeD, OK

Diane Trefethen, Mariposa, CA



### MONTHLY SPIRIT

- 3/17** Club Ride at Calero County Park at 11am
- 3/21** QSER meeting
- 3/23** Wine and Cheese Potluck hosted by Sandy Holder at Cuyama Oaks XP Ride.
- 4/18** QSER meeting
- 5/16** QSER meeting
- 6/20** QSER meeting
- 7/18** QSER meeting
- 8/15** QSER meeting
- 9/19** QSER meeting
- 10/17** QSER meeting

### WILD OAK FUNDRAISER

Just wanted to let you know that we raised close to \$6,000.00 for Nancy (Worthington) Littleton and her husband, Dave and the WildOak Boarding Stable, at the fund raiser event held at the Horsemen's. They have been living in a motor home since the fire and have lost everything that was in their home.

Nancy shared a big thank-you to all and reminded us to save copies of things outside of the home, such as pictures and important papers etc.

It was a lot of fun and a great turn-out.

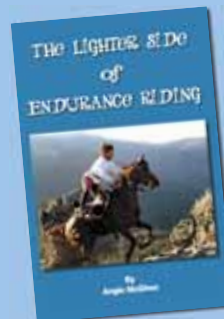
It is awesome, as always, to see old and new friends respond to a horse friend in need.

**Happy Trails, Carolyn**

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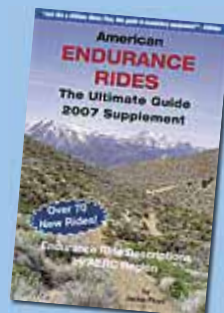
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## RANCH WIFE GUIDELINES

1. Always load your horse last in the trailer so it is the first one unloaded. By the time he's got his horse unloaded, you will have your cinch pulled and be mounted up ready to go -- lessening the chance of him riding off without you with your horse trying to follow while you are still trying to get your foot in the stirrup.

2. Never -- and I repeat never -- ever believe the phrase "We'll be right back," when he has asked you to help him do something out on the ranch. The echoing words, "this will only take a little while" have filtered through generations of ranch wives and still today should invoke sincere distrust in the woman who hears them.

3. Always know there is NO romantic intention when he pleadingly asks you to take a ride in the pickup with him around the ranch while he checks waters and looks at cattle. What that sweet request really means is he wants someone to open the gates.

4. He will always expect you to quickly be able to find one stray in a four-section brush-covered pasture, but he will never be able to find the mayonnaise jar in four-square feet of refrigerator.

5. Count every head of everything you see -- cattle especially -- but sometimes horses, deer, quail or whatever moves. Count it in the gate, out the gate or on the horizon. The first time you don't count is when he will have expected that you did. That blank eyelash-batting look you give him when he asks, "How many?", will not be acceptable.

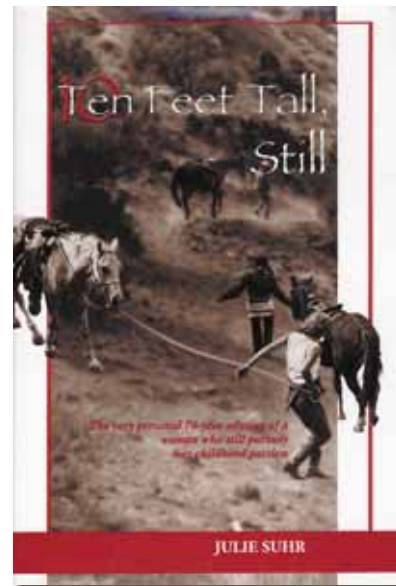
6. Know that you will never be able to ride a horse or drive a pickup to suit him. Given the choice of jobs, choose throwing the feed off the back of the pickup. If he is on the back and you are driving, the opportunity for constant criticism of speed, ability and your eyesight will be utilized to the full extent. "How in the \*@\*# could you NOT see that hole?"

7. Never let yourself be on foot in the alley when he is sorting cattle horseback. When he has shoved 20 head of running, bucking, kicking yearlings at you and then hollers, "Hold 'em, hold 'em", at the top of his lungs, don't think that you really can do it without loss of life or limb.

8. Don't expect him to correctly close the snap-on tops on the plastic refrigerator containers, but know he will expect you to always close every gate. His reasoning, the cows will get out; the food will not.

9. Always praise him when he helps in the kitchen -- the very same way he does when you help with the ranch work -- or not.

10. Know that when you step out of the house you move from the "wife" department to "hired hand" status. Although the word "hired" indicates there will be a paycheck that you will never see, rest assured you will have job security. The price is just right. And most of the time you will be "the best help he has" even if it is because you are the ONLY help he has.



### TEN FEET TALL, STILL

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## QUICKSILVER HORSE OF THE YEAR GRANITE CHIEF GOES TO CONVENTION

*(Originally posted to the Spanish Arabian group)*

We took Chief to show how to use Easyboots. He did so well! The AHA was also there and we were able to see the trophy for winning the AHA Distance Horse of the Year for the first time. What a great job Chief did, he was so well behaved and absolutely perfect the entire time! They thought he was a great representative – and he really was (of Arabians)! People were zapping him with static electricity constantly and he still kept coming up to be petted as he is just so friendly he can't help himself. He wasn't happy about it and you could tell but he never spooked or jumped, and still kept trying to be friendly.

The best part is when I took him outside of the convention center at the Nugget and he is literally 20 feet from Interstate 80 with a lot of traffic, with a very large airliner coming

in for a landing above us (it was REAL close) and a train coming down the tracks blowing it's whistle on the other side of us and he just stretches out and pees right there as if nothing is going on! Then back up to the 2nd floor of the



tradeshow and back to work. What a good boy he was!

So many people asked about his breeding, and so many also came over to tell about their Spanish Arabians.

– Karen Chaton

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## FROM BEHIND THE TABLE

Last year I was invited to spend my AERC convention time in Tracy Bailey's LongRiders Gear booth signing books. The trip to San Antonio was great fun, but I found myself totally stuck in the booth since Tracy and I kept our sales completely separately.

This year Type F Publications had it's own booth, complete with a second author and a handy-dandy, trusty husband to help. Angie McGhee joined me to sign her copies of "The Lighter Side of Endurance."



Besides having my first edition of "American Endurance Rides, The Ultimate Guide," the new 2007 supplement with over 70 new rides and Angie's book, we also had t-shirts, mugs and notecard sets for sale. We did miles beyond our expectations in sales and the booth fee was well worth the expense.

The EasyCare booth was right behind us and it was fun peaking through and visiting with Karen and Chief every once in awhile. Chief is such an amazing animal .... nothing seemed to phase him. What? We're inside a building on the second floor? And your point is ....?

Angie brought along her daughter Josie and between the two of them, kept us in total stitches the whole time. Everything that comes out of Angie's mouth is hilarious. And Josie is a kick, too. And not only that, she can draw, too! Since the publication of her book, Angie has been inundated with requests to illustrate things. She's

been passing the jobs on to Josie. Her style is similar but with it's own flair.

I really wanted to hear Angie's talks so decided it would be safe to leave Jim in charge of the booth. There wasn't much danger of him being swamped with customers, since everyone at the convention (it seemed) was in listening to Angie talk! That was the only real time I got away from the booth. I did manage to walk around a couple of times and wave at other vendors, but that was about it. Although we had this great jewelry booth next to us and Jim couldn't help but walk over there and pick out a pair of beautiful sterling silver and turquoise earrings for me. What a guy!

Speaking of Jim ... every girl should be as lucky to have a "Gem" like mine ... not only did he drive us all the way up there and unload all that stuff, but he sat in the booth with us all day, both days and had a blast helping us. I don't know what I would have done without him. Especially on the trip home, which was harrowing, to say the least, for me. I don't do snow and white-out is beyond snow, as far as I'm concerned. We ended up getting pulled to the top of Donner Pass. Our one-ton dually with chains, just could not get that huge 3-horse LQ up the hill. The CalTrans guy says he constantly makes loops up and down that hill and that's all he does all day long. While it was rather embarrassing, it's nice to know that we are not the only ones. There was a big Safeway truck that we were sure wasn't going to make it up the pass and it really was nip and tuck for awhile, but they were able to slide around the corner and get up the hill. Note to self ... never again!



### IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO QUICKSILVER MEMBERS FROM THE QUIPS EDITOR

Deadline for submission of materials for Quips is approx. the 25th of each month. The best way not to see an entire newsletter filled with stories on Editor Jackie, ads for Jackie's products, Jackie's stallion and her stallion's offspring, is to SUBMIT ARTICLES. Just a thought .....

## COWBOY QUOTES

- Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear or a fool from any direction.
- Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
  - If you climb in the saddle, be ready for the ride.
- Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear or a fool from any direction.
  - When in doubt, let your horse do the thinkin'
- If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

## CLASSIFIED

### HORSES FOR SALE

**REGISTERED SHOW HORSE (½ SADDLEBRED, ½ ARAB).** Brave Heart is 10 years old. Current on his shots. Very healthy (could use some exercise). BraveHeart won a few ribbons as a show horse in the Hunter/Pleasure category. We had him trained for 3 months at Coyote Ranch, and he's been doing very well on trails —goes thru water, doesn't spook, etc. His siblings have sold for over \$7k and some a lot more. His grandsire, Bask, is the all-time winningest Arab ever; his sire, The Chief Justice is also one of the winningest. \$3,500. Also 4-horse stock trailer for sale. Call Maryben for info. [04-07]

**16-MONTH-OLD CHESTNUT FILLY FOR SALE.** Sired by CF Sorcerer. Filly is half sister to 2005 AHA Distance Horse of Year Granite Chief +/- Smooth gaits and a looker. \$3500. Lisa Welch 831-674-3309 [04-07]

**18-YEAR-OLD QUARTER HORSE NEEDS HOME.** Sound, has been in pasture for the last year in Fresno. Has been a good trail horse and lesson horse in western pleasure. Also does well with city streets. Rita (909) 973-5779 [04-07].

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