



Quicksilver Quips

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Deadline for submission of QUIPS material the 25th of the month. Exceptions may be made for late-breaking news or individual pre-arranged deadlines. Word docs preferred for story material.

President's Message

What a Wonderful Time of Year

I'm just getting back from Cuyama. . . and still have this marvelous smile on my face!! My little guy American Justice is now a 'real' endurance horse and can comfortably (and feel well afterward) do 50 milers. Star of course was a bit of a maniac in the afternoon (what was I THINKING taking the Kimberwicke out of his mouth at the lunch stop??!!), but that's another story. The flowers were more beautiful than I have ever seen given that the land was resting from last year's drought - there were no cattle grazing it - so it was truly magical with every hue of blue, yellow, orange and purple. Absolutely stunning!!~

As the seasons of endurance change, I feel like I'm getting to know more of the members and enjoy the friendships that have and are developing. I can remember the Quicksilver Spring Classic in May 2004 when I actually joined the club, didn't even make it to a meeting, awards ceremony or anything else that year, but it was the first time I paid my dues. Now, I'm President (for the 2nd year). Time really flies by and I'm still learning a lot. Pretty soon (October) we'll be nominating a new President and Board of Directors. FYI - I will NOT be running for any positions this next year (term limits you know). . . so it will be time for others to step up to the challenge and lead us forward as a club. I KNOW there are those of you who CAN DO IT!!~

In the interim, there are lots of happens and here are a few:
April 16th meeting at Windriders Ranch - 2471 Bridle Path Drive, Gilroy, 'doors open' at 6 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. We'll have a nice barbecue and hopefully good weather to sit outside and watch the sunset by.
June 7th - Quicksilver Spring Classic "*Ride Bear*" - our club ride at Harvey Bear Park. We don't have our first entry form in yet but have had tremendous interest from local clubs to do the fun ride as well as great support from the Rangers. Dick and I personally hiked the new part of trail not on the map with a wheel to gauge the distance (almost 10 miles). It was a hot, tough day and I remember him asking me if I was 'complaining' on the way back. . . but I wasn't, I was only 'whining'! It will be a great ride so please be sure to help out. We also have the BEST vets (ok, minus a couple including Michele) to help us out. . Chuck Kessinger, Bill Seales and Corry!!!
June 11th - Barbecue at the Suhr's - I can't wait to go to their barbecue, it's always so welcoming with great food and fabulous companionship!!! We've moving it to the second Wednesday of the month because the famous Suhr's and White's will be caught up in their granddaughter/daughter's wedding the following week. Please be sure to bring a favorite dish to share and chair!

I've heard rumors that Trilby is actually back on a horse and that Maryben is slowly recovering from her hip surgery. You two have been so instrumental to the success in the long haul to our club and I wish you both the absolute BEST in your journey to complete recovery. Hopefully the progress will be faster than expected and as painless as possible.

<p style="text-align: center;">President's Message cont.</p> <p>Well folks, until I see you on the trail again, at our next meeting or at a minimum, at the June 7th Club ride, enjoy your horses and keep smiling!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Best regards and hugs, Sandy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$100 Endurance Horse</p> <p>Buy a raffle ticket for \$100 and you may win a fabulous three year old Arabian with endurance potential. Only 250 tickets will be sold for this year's raffle to benefit the Western States Trail Foundation. The winning ticket will be drawn and the horse presented at the Tevis Awards Banquet in Auburn on Sunday, July 20th. Mirifyque (Bando de Falgas x Mystique) has been generously donated by Asgard Arabians, Ltd., the breeders of Heraldic (2006 Tevis Cup and Haggin Cup winner) and other notable endurance horses. Mirifyque is 15 hands high, a big, rangy chestnut gelding with lovely movement. Tickets can be purchased through the WSTF office wstf@foothill.net. For more information, contact Barbara White, barbdoug2@sbcglobal.net. You could be the lucky winner!</p>
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Minutes From the QSER Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2008

The March QSER Meeting commenced at 6:45 p.m.

Attendees: Trilby Pederson, Wendy Ebster, Dick Carter, Mike Berntsen, Marvin Snowbarger, Steve Lenheim, Jen Voight, Bing Voight, Diane Trefethen, Roman Dizon

Treasurer's Report:

General Account	\$3,655.87
Junior Account	\$452.07
Trails Account	\$1,018.59

New Business: Group thinking on a Fall ride. Steve Lenheim to be Ride Manager. Steve will confirm the date, motioned as November 8th by Jen Voight, and will report back to the board. Probably will plan on having it at Harvey Bear, as the Spring Classic plans and trails are looking very good.

Old Business: The QSER Spring Classic trails have been measured meticulously and plans are coming along very well. Looking to be a very fun ride. Harvey Bear Ranch provides fantastic space and facilities. Just need to get two troughs to the top of the trails.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Trail Etiquette

Julie Suhr sent Quips a recent letter printed in the Santa Cruz Sentinel on March 8, 2008, in which a frequent hiker at Nisene Marks and Henry Cowell Parks complains about horse manure on the trails. Julie encourages us in the equestrian community to be gracious to other trail users and remove our horse poop from the trails whenever possible to make sure all of us enjoy the trails—mounted or not. Thanks, Julie!!

Glossary of Horse Terms: Part 1

Hock: Financial condition of all horse owners.

Stall: What your rig does at rush hour in an unfamiliar city on the way to a ride.

A Bit: What you have left in your pocket after shopping for tack.

Horse Auction: What you think of having after your horse bucks you off.



QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS SPRING CLASSIC
We encourage you to come and
" Ride Bear"

Saturday, June 7, 2008
50 Miler, 25 Miler and 10 Mile Fun Ride

CAMP INFORMATION: Camp is located at the Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park. This 4,595-acre park - featuring a 635-acre lake, provides camping and boat launch facilities, miles of horse, bicycle and hiking trails - is nestled in the Diablo Range east of the City of Gilroy. Dogs are also welcome on a 6 ft. leash.

How to Get There: There are three entrances into Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park. Our ride site will be at the Harvey Bear Ranch.

Directions to the Harvey Bear Ranch Park- from U.S. Highway 101 (between Gilroy and Morgan Hill), take the San Martin Ave. exit. Proceed east on San Martin Ave. for 2 miles. The entrance to the park is on the left, one-quarter mile east of Foothill Avenue. Creek and hydrant water are suitable for horses, but riders should bring their own drinking water. Portable toilets and trash receptacles are provided. **NO OPEN FIRES PERMITTED.**

COURSE: There will be only two locations for the vet checks - at Base Camp and at the Mendoza Ranch entrance - the two being only 5 miles apart by vehicle. The trails are mild to moderate and will be uphill in the morning, giving your energetic horse an opportunity to do some moderate climbing to warm up. The vistas will include valley and lake views throughout the day with rolling hills to be enjoyed by all level of riders. The trails will be **extremely well marked** with dolomite and signs. Marshals will be placed where deemed necessary, particularly at any critical junctions. Some of the trail is in shady forest, with the balance in open parkland on fire roads with excellent footing and towards the home vet check, an open grassy flat area where your crews can view you the last 3 miles coming into base camp. There is multi-use trail pavement coming into the lunch/final vet check but gravel shoulders with open grass for riding on both sides. The trails are generally jeep road width, but there are also several one-mile (+ or -) stretches of single-track trail. Plenty of water from water troughs will be found and Management will provide amenities for the horse (hay, carrots and wheat bran mash at the out vet check) as well as for the rider (snacks and water at the out vet check).

RIDE DETAILS:

- **PRE-RIDE VETTING:** Upon vet arrival (usually about 4:00 PM) - 7:00 PM Friday
- **PRE-RIDE BRIEFING:** 6:30 PM - Friday
- **RIDES START:** Saturday for all riders - 50-miler 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM; 25-miler - 6:30 AM - 12:30 pm; 10-mile Fun Ride - 7: 00 AM UNTIL YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH FUN (but prior to 6:00 PM)!!
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** 25 milers much reach Criteria at the finish line BEFORE your ride is completed.

POST-RIDE EXAM OF HORSES: Will be based on Dr. Chuck Kessinger's criteria.

AWARDS: **AERC Best Condition** for 50 milers. **Horse Excellence Best Condition Award** for 25 milers based on Quicksilver Endurance Riders criteria, which includes a review of all horses.

10-mile Fun Riders - Awards for ALL RIDERS WHO COMPLETE!

AWARDS DINNER: An outstanding barbecue dinner, beginning at 2:00 PM continuing until 7:30 PM. Extra tickets should be purchased with entry. We welcome all guests, family and friends.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: **We encourage everyone to stay and enjoy the commarderie of our QSER Club.** Official awards will begin at around 6 p.m.

RIDE RULES: The 50-mile and 25-mile rides are sanctioned by AERC and will comply with AERC rules and policy. The 10-mile fun ride is sponsored by the Quicksilver Endurance Riders - one of the oldest endurance ride clubs in the nation and is put on for the benefit of those that want to enjoy the trail as well as those wanting an introduction to the wonderful equestrian sport of endurance. All horses entered in the ride will be under veterinary criteria. Our knowledgeable QSER members will be helping all those riders with/without experience to understand the criteria as well as how to present their horses at the vet checks. **Juniors (anyone 16 or under) must wear helmets.** Ride management reserves the right to interpret the rules as would be necessary to insure the continuity of the rides and to settle any questions which may arise from any incident that might occur during the rides.

RIDE MANAGEMENT:

Ride Manager: Sandy Holder, cell: 408-218-5028, fax: 831-423-8869, email: sandy.l.holder@us.pwc.com

Assistant Ride Manager, Dick Carter, cell: 408-234-2240

***SEND ENTRIES TO Ride Secretary:** Katie Holder, cell: 510-364-2066 email: spikelove83@yahoo.com

RIDING BEAR Entry Form

Rider Name: _____ AERC # _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Horse Name: _____

Horse AERC#: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Breed: _____ Color: _____

Horse Owners Name and AERC#: _____

Division: _____ FW (0 - 160 lbs w/tack) _____ LW (161 - 185 lbs/tack)

_____ MW (186 - 210 lbs w/tack) _____ HW (211 lbs + w/tack)

Entry Fees: 25 miler \$90.00 _____

Juniors and 2008 Ride Managers \$50.00 _____

50 Milers \$100.00 _____

Juniors and 2008 Ride Managers \$60.00 _____

Non AERC member fee (applies to 50/25 riders) \$15.00 _____

FUN Riders (includes dinner and awards) \$25.00 _____

Extra Dinner Ticket(s) @ \$15.00 each () _____

Add \$20 if postmarked after May 29, 2007 _____

I will be staying for the dinner on Saturday night! YES NO

My T-Shirt Size IS:

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS.

* There will be a \$5.00 cancellation fee if request is received prior to May 29th. Cancellation after May 29th will be considered a donation to the Quicksilver Endurance Riders Club.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN LIABILITY RELEASE

I wish to participate in the Quicksilver Endurance Riders Spring Classis "Ride Bear". I am aware that an endurance competition as well as a Fun Ride course covers difficult terrain on trails where the footing for the horses may be unsure, and will include road crossings and hazards. I further acknowledge that competitive events such as this, over considerable distance contains inherent risks of injury and damage to me personally, to my animal(s) and equipment. Knowing these facts, nevertheless, in consideration of your accepting this entry, I do hereby for myself, heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release the Quicksilver Endurance Riders, the Santa Clara County and State Parks Department and State of California and/or their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and assign from any and all right claim of liability for damages, or for any and all injuries that may be sustained by me including injuries to other animals or equipment and property or from any and all claims of any kind or nature that I might have. I do acknowledge that I have read the foregoing paragraph and know and understand the contents thereof.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Minors must have the following liability signed by one of their parents/guardians if under the age of 18.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Minors Birth Date: _____

For more about the Quicksilver Endurance Riders, including membership, please go to: www.qser.net

Calero Classic Endurance Ride 50/25/Fun Ride September 20, 2008



New Ride! New Trails! Base camp will be at Calero County Park in San Jose which will be familiar to some with easy access. The vet check and most of the trails are **new** using Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space Preserve.

This will be an AHA Sweepstakes points ride. We will have well marked, beautiful trails of moderate difficulty, top notch vets, great awards and food. There will also be surprises during the day for riders.



Calero Classic will be a benefit ride, giving 50% of the profits to DreamPower Horsemanship. DreamPower is a non-profit organization providing Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy and Therapeutic Horsemanship programs and services to children, teens and adults with mental, emotional and behavioral problems in the bay area.

*Ride Manager—Lori Oleson
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*Ride Secretary—Margaret Graham
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CLASSIFIEDS

HORSES

11-YR-OLD ARABIAN GELDING WITH 455 ENDURANCE MILES. Diamond Lute L (James Dean) Has done Grand Canyon, Ft. Schellbourne, Cold Springs, Cuyama, etc. and numerous other rides. 14.2h grey, energetic and athletic, always ridden slow miles learning what endurance is about. Jumps in the trailer without being asked, clips, bathes, trims. Camps on a Hi-Tie like a champ. Has fairly good arena skills. To the right person only, as he has a piece of my heart and is a wonderful little character. He has his own spot at the patio table in the back yard and we have enjoyed many a conversation together. If you think you are that right person, please contact me. Jackie Floyd 209-334-1981 typenf@comcast.net

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD PURBRED ARABIAN GELDING. Been conditioned up twice so needs about 12 weeks to be ready to go on his first 50. 14.3h, good legs, good mind, needs good rider. Asking \$5,000. Contact Diane: tref@wakerobinranch.com or (209) 742-8586 (Mariposa, CA).

ARABIAN MARE, 19 YEARS OLD. Registered Arabian mare, very calm, kind disposition. Professionally trained by Ramona Koch (Tom Dorrance-Ray Hunt methods). Years of trail experience, sound, smooth gaits, does everything well. Responsive attitude, no vices. Mahogany bay, 14.3 h. All shots and teeth 3/08. Has not done endurance. Great with children and adults. Cathy Kauer, drott1@yahoo.com/831-726-2340/408-202-9168 cell.

REGISTERED 3 YR OLD AMERICAN WARBLOOD. "Red" (Braveheart's Red Baron), Suf-fox (Draft) Quarter Cross. Chestnut with small white marking on face. 16 hands, 1450-1500 lbs. Pleasant temperament and good personality. \$7,500. Weekdays (408)448-7594,

weekends (209)742-2219: slm@sti.net, shirleyem@benchmarkenvironment.com

SADDLES

WINTEC ISABELLE WERTH DRESSAGE SADDLE.\$700. Excellent condition. 17" seat with medium tree, comes with dressage pad and stirrups. Lori McIntosh (408)578-2397. photos upon request. lori@loriandnigel.com FREE N EASY ENDURANCE SPECIAL SADDLE, \$1800.00. Fabulous saddle. No longer riding LD rides. Black, 17" seat. Wide (#3) tree. Comes with saddle cover, two girths, fitting instructions. Adjustable panels and stirrup bars for max comfort. Check out at www.FnEsaddles.com weezys8@aol.com

VERY LIGHTLY USED FREE AND EASY SADDLE. New numnahs. \$1,000. 16" seat with medium tree. Please call or email Margaret Graham at 408 776 3932 / mugsbgraham@aol.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

2004 SILVERLITE ALL ALUMINUM 3-H 8' WIDE TRAILER. Rear folding tack, stud divider, floor and wall mats. Pass-through door to LQ with a 9'6" short wall. Oak cabinets. Separate shower, separate foot-flush toilet, medicine cabinet w/mirror, vanity and sink with exhaust fan. Raised over bed. Dining table 7'2" bed. 6 c.f. refrigerator with separate freezer, air conditioner, TV antenna, lots of cupboard space, CD/AM/FM stereo with inside/outside speakers, awning, outside faucet, plus separate outside shower spray. Added bonus: 3 Hi-Ties, 2 on the left and one on the right, plus 2 35-gal water tanks on hay rack. \$48,500. Will need smaller trailer replacement if you have something for partial trade (see Wanted section for more details) Jackie Floyd 209-334-1981 typenf@comcast.net

1999 FORD F350 SUPER DUTY SUPER CAB, 86,000 miles, 7.3L diesel, Automatic, Long bed, Single rear wheel, 2 wheel drive, AM/FM/CD, AC/PS/PW/PDL/CC/Tilt Wheel/Sliding rear window/Privacy glass - all factory installed. Alloy wheels, 4 wheel ABS, Rear bench seat folds flat for a cargo surface. Extras added: "Superchip" programmable performance with 2 tow settings (for < & > 6k lb loads), high performance setting for no load or back to factory stock setting, 4" exhaust from turbo back, Heavy duty rear air bags. Class V hitch (2 1/2" receiver), Chrome billet grille. One owner/driver since new. Never any accident damage. It is in exceptional condition. Gets good fuel mileage for a big truck. Located in San Luis Obispo county/ Bill Gahafer 805-528-2064

ALUMINUM TRAILER FOR SALE. Sooner, bumper pull. 1995, three horse slant load with a large tack room (could almost sleep in it!). Tires are like new. Has Rino liner under the mats. Comes with load leveler hitch components. \$8,000. Trailer is in the Santa Cruz area. (Aptos) Steve Shaw 831-685-3436. sshaw@pacbell.net

LANCE CAMPER FOR SALE: Air conditioner, oven/stove combo, refrigerator, radio/cd player, ELECTRIC JACKS, queen size bed, bunk bed option over table, wet bath, 2 propane tanks, battery, scissor staircase, outside shower, power roof vent, furnace. photos on request or call for appt to see. Bluebooks between 12,120 and 14,625. Asking \$13,500. Dry weight 2010 lbs. 33-gal fresh water capacity; 8 gal grey water holding and 8 gal black water holding. Great upgrade from a tent! Call Peggy 831/238-0495 or Peggety123@aol.com [02-08]

TAX SERVICES. Need your taxes done? Call Trilby Pederson Tax Services - 408-997-7500. [02-08]
SUPPLEMENTS/HOOF PROTECTION. Wild Eye Arabians is now supplying FASTRACK Probiotics (paste & powder) HOOF -IT Pour in Pads, Kentucky Equine Research products, ENDURAMAX Electrolytes (Paste & Powder) & Neigh Lox (Prevent Ulcers) Associated Feed products – EQUUS (complete feed) Auburn Labs – APF (Adaptogen). For more information contact Wild Eye Arabians, Kirsten or Michael Berntsen at 831 623-2120. kirsten-zazz@hotmail.com or www.conklin.com/wildeyearabians. [02-08]

FOR RENT

STALLS/PADDOCKS/PASTURES FOR RENT. Brand new 12x12 stalls with 24x12 paddocks, shavings; we clean. \$250 pastures, \$180. Feed twice a day, high-grade oat and alfalfa hay. 96x48 outdoor arena. Close to 3,600 acre Almaden Quicksilver County Park with 19 miles of manicured trails. Call Trilby at 408 997-7500. [02-08]

RIDING LESSONS

WANT TO LEARN TO RIDE WITH LESS STRESS AND FATIGUE? Do you want your horse to move properly so that he can minimize wear and tear on his body for the long haul? Mary Fenton, Senior Centered Riding instructor, has lesson spaces on Thursday p.m. at Lakeside Stables (McKean Road, San Jose). She coached Becky Hart to her Stockholm World Championship on Rio! You can contact Mary at (831) 761-2819. [02-08]

WANTED

3-H GOOSENECK WANTED. Preferably aluminum. But will consider others. Looking for an LQ? See my ad in the For Sale section for possible partial trade. Jackie Floyd 209-334-1981. {05-08}

PLUS/MINUS 10-YEAR-OLD ARABIAN GELDING that is safe on the trail and hopefully an OK endurance horse. I am absolutely willing to pay a good price for the right one. He'll get a good home with us and Kesil, Zachary and No Fearr (has not done any endurance yet so you haven't met him). Contact through e-mail, mail Howes, 574 Trumbull, Novato, CA 94947, phone: 415/892-8528 (office), 415/847-0487 (cell). e-mail UllaVince@aol.com

TWO HORSE (I WOULD PREFER A SLANT), SMALL, LIGHT TRAILER. Anywhere between 3-5k, it must be safe and in good condition. Please feel free to e-mail me and send me photos! Megan Doyle mykideats-grass@hotmail.com [11-07]

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CLASSIFIED ADS SO THAT QUIPS CAN STAY CURRENT. MANY THANKS TO YOU WHO HAVE CONTACTED ME TO DO SO.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR STORIES, ADVICE, AND OBSERVATIONS TO QUIPS. WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM OUR MEMBERS ABOUT THEIR TRAIL EXPERIENCES.

HAPPY TRAILS,
MARGARET

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE QUICKSILVER RIDERS!!!!

FIRST: We need your name _____

And then your address _____

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail _____

And then we need your money! Senior membership is \$ 25 _____

Junior membership is \$ 15 _____

(a junior is under 18 years of age)

Total enclosed \$ _____

Why join the Quicksilver Endurance Riders? You will have the opportunity to participate in poker rides, moonlight rides, endurance rides, trail projects as well as attend monthly meetings, the Christmas party and the annual awards ceremony and saving the best for last, you will meet the best friends you will ever have!

How are our dues spent? Annual Yearbook/Calendar; monthly Newsletter; a representative voice in local horse politics; trail maintenance and improvement projects; year-end awards and monthly meetings.

Send your 2008 dues, checks made out to: **Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.**

Mail to Membership Chairperson:

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May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful Year 2008 riding together as members of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!



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