



Quicksilver Quips

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well we finally got in a SASO ride. Grant Ranch cancelled but Quicksilver came through with two days' notice and we had a pretty good ride on April 29th. We had a lot of juniors and one on her first 50 riding her pony. 24 50's and 13 LD riders. Dennis Tracy and LV Matilija won the 50 miler and Becky Hart and Aleclipse took second and BC. Judith had to be the ride manager so Becky could finally see her own trail. Heather was third, Lori Oleson and Flame were fourth, followed by Kathy Miller and Rocky. I think Kathy was longing for her TWH.....

We have a lot of stuff upcoming. Poker Ride on May 13 and our Endurance Ride on June 3.

For the May meeting Steve will be BBQ master with a surprise menu and we can talk about the upcoming ride and, with any luck, recruit bunches of volunteers. As of the next meeting, May 17 we will be starting the Board Meeting at 6:30 and the general meeting promptly at 7:00, at the Almaden Community Center in New Almaden

The June meeting will be at the Suhrs with Bob's gourmet hot dogs and everyone bringing a dish to share. Morris Older will be there with his slide presentation of the 400-mile Bay Area Ridge Trail we have all been looking forward to.

The July meeting will be a BBQ and wine tasting at Barry and Carol Waitte's Hicks Creek Ranch. The guest speaker will be Marvin Anderson, D.C. with a talk and demo on how chiropractic can help your horse (and maybe you too). Barry will be pouring Tamber Bey wine (from his own vineyards.) Heather told me it was great wine. I am wondering how she knows since I have never seen her drink. But I am going to find out how good it is because I plan on tasting it. Details will follow in a later newsletter.

- mb

If anybody expects to calm a horse down by tiring him out with riding swiftly and far, his supposition is the reverse of the truth.

- Xenophon

LETTERS TO THE CLUB

Note from Kathy Brayton

Thank you for the get well card. Very funny. I had the surgery last Monday, came home Thursday and am doing rather nicely. A friend who came to see me said where I am in recovery it took her mom 3 weeks to get there. I'm very mobile with a walker but tend to do too much and then have to lie down again.

I will definitely be riding by sometime in June.
Take care,
Kathy Brayton

(The card was a Far Side card that showed the switchboard and said "Urology department, Can you Hold?")

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Dear Quicksilver Members,

Some of you already know I am planning to ride my bike from San Francisco to Los Angeles all in support of San Francisco AIDS Foundation this summer. For those of you who just passed out or unable to read this from the tears those flow uncontrollably from laughter, we will wait for you. Yes, the thought of me on a bicycle can do that to some people.



Why would I subject myself to those looks, watch as mothers hold their children just a little closer and those chuckles I get while wearing spandex? We will wait for you again, but it's not that funny. It is because I think there is a real need for everyone to understand that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is not over. In California alone there are more than 55,000 people living with AIDS, and an estimated 94,000 to 130,500 living with HIV. The AIDS LifeCycle is about raising money to help the beneficiaries continue to provide the critical services and education needed to meet the growing needs of our community. The AIDS LifeCycle will be June 4-10, 2006, where thousands of people will join together, all with the same goal of raising awareness and financial support for the people living with HIV/AIDS.

I need your help. One part of participating in this event, I need to raise \$2,500.00. This is the hardest part of the event for me, to ask people for money, but that is nothing compared to the challenges people living with HIV/AIDS. Please help me raise my goal of \$2,500.00 by donating. You can donate two different ways: The first is to go to my web site and follow the simple instructions. You can find it at www.aidslifecycle.org/1889. The second way is to make a check out to AIDS/LifeCycle and send it to me.

Thank you,
Michael Newburn
10698 Mora Drive
Los Altos CA. 94024

April 24, 2006:

Those of you who have been in the club for a long time will remember **Micheline Voight**. Sadly Micheline died in her sleep Friday (I think). I really don't have any more details but thought her old friends would like to know.

.....mb

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From Julie Suhr:

I saw an ad for the following horse that is in Felton. I have not seen him or do I know anything more about him, but he sounds nice.

"M. K. Kellys Comet, 8 year old Arabian gelding, awesome trail horse, loves to jump, big puppy dog personality, your next Best Friend. Christina Clark 831-578-6694."

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YES ON PARKS!

WWW.YESONPARKS.COM

Pat Dando & Mary Davey, Honorary Co-Chairs

IT'S TIME TO RENEW THE COUNTY PARK CHARTER AMENDMENT

VOTE YES ON MEASURE B ON JUNE 6TH

Endorsed by Quicksilver Endurance Club

- A YES vote on Measure B will provide a stable and necessary fund for our Santa Clara County park system through the renewal of the Park Charter Amendment.
- A YES vote on Measure B will NOT raise or change our taxes. Measure B simply dedicates a small portion of our existing property tax for the management and expansion of Santa Clara County Parks.
- A YES vote on Measure B will assure the continuation of an outstanding park system with a rich legacy of preserving areas of natural beauty and cultural history, protecting water quality, and providing a tremendous variety of recreational opportunities.
- We all enjoy the benefits of the 45,000-acre Santa Clara County park system that includes 28 urban and hill-side parks, such as the ever-popular Vasona Lake, Hellyer, Ed Levin, Rancho San Antonio, Almaden Quicksilver, Mt. Madonna, Anderson Reservoir and the newly enlarged Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch.
- Since 1972, the Park Charter Amendment has been overwhelmingly approved by voters – the last time in 1996 by a whopping 80%.
- On June 6th, please join the many who have already endorsed Measure B including, the League of Women Voters, Girl Scouts, Audubon Society, San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Congressman Mike Honda .

SUPPORT OUR SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARKS! YES ON B!

Whinnying is everything.

AUBURN DAM

From Shannon Weil, co-founder of the Western States Endurance Run. The Auburn Dam, IMO a very poorly thought out scheme, would end the Run and the Ride. I don't believe any of us is interested in the 100 Mile Endurance Swim! If you agree, please support Shannon and vote no on the tax measure poll. – Barbara White

There is a new poll on the Auburn Journal Website today about a tax measure to raise money for the Auburn Dam. If you are opposed to the Dam, please get on-line and vote no on this measure.

It is in the lower right hand side of the front web page for the Journal:

<http://www.auburnjournal.com/>

In my opinion, these online polls are the bases for their research. Let's tell them what we think! Pass this along if you wish.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2006

Present

M. Graham, S. Holder, K. Holder, J. Voight, P. Villa, K. Schmidt, T. Pederson, S. Lenheim, M. Snowbarger, H. Reynolds, J. Reynolds, S. Sansom, D. Carter, K. Miller, M. Stovers, H. Graham, M. Whitaker-Anderson, C. Allison, G. Bauer

Meeting Began at 6:48

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance as of March 15: \$5,500.76

Checks Written: \$1,464.54

Ending Balance: \$4,376.22

Junior Account: \$778.54

Trails Account: \$1,012.02

• The SASO Ride has been moved to April 29. If you are already entered in American River, you cannot revoke your entry and attend this ride.

Membership

Both April Walewski and Leonard Cabaniss have joined the club.

Good Will

Maryben has sent cards to Louise Burton, Kathy Brayton, Rebecca Remmelsberger, Pat McKendry, Kathie Schmidt, Don Skinner, Char Antuzzi, and Dick Carter

Poker Ride

A flyer for the poker ride, which will be on May 13, was passed around. Jen needs some volunteers to pass out playing cards, among other things, during the event.

Spring Ride

So far there are a total of four entries, and several people have already volunteered to help out at the ride. Michelle Roush is the head vet, and they have a vet secretary volunteer already. They are waiting to finalize plans for bathrooms, food, and top ten awards. Management has already ordered gray shirts for finishing prizes, and the volunteer shirts are going to be purple.

• It was also mentioned that Sandy Holder made a motion at the last meeting. This motion called for the club board meetings to begin at 6:30 and then have the general meetings start at 7:00. This motion was passed.

• The mission statement written by Becky Glaser was passed around, and it got good feedback. The statement will be distributed around the club and we will brainstorm ways to alter and improve the proposed statement.

• The club is working on coordinating more guest speakers at future meetings or separately. Julie Suhr is working on getting a speaker for her meeting in June, and Margaret Graham offered to have the July or August meeting at her house (BBQ and Purina speaker?).

Fall Ride

Dick proposed the ride be held at Grant Ranch, and he volunteered to be the manager. Mary would volunteer if she had an assistant with experience. Jeremy brought up the possibility of holding a two day ride as a sort of points-chaser at the end of the season, and this would also draw more people. Mary also wondered if we could put on a fun ride along with a LD and 50.

• Scott indicated that he would send out an e-mail to club members notifying us about trail preservation and clean-up opportunities that horse people can attend to boost our reputation among the bicycling community. It was proposed that we make T-shirts that identify our club and the fact that we are horseback riders. Dick said it would be a good idea to get a guest speaker from a trail organization, which would require high participation from club members to demonstrate our interest. It was also suggested that we go to the guest speakers in Monterey, or we could have a poker ride over there that involved bicycles. Heather had the good idea of having some sort of running, biking, and riding triathlon that would bring all of us together. We have to demonstrate our interest in preserving and cleaning up trail if we want to continue to have rides in areas that are also used by bicycles or hikers.

Maryben adjourned the meeting at 8:08.

Beginning May 17 we will be starting the Board Meeting at 6:30 and the general meeting promptly at 7:00, at the Almaden Community Center in New Almaden.

LOCAL EVENTS

Santa Clara County Horsemen's Poker Ride – Sat June 4th, \$15 includes lunch and 1 hand, registration begins 9:30, ride from grounds to Santa Teresa Park. Lunch 12:30; 1:30 for poker hands prizes Info Iris 463-0405

San Martin Horsmen's Poker Ride and Trail Trials – Sat June 24th, Calero SCCP, do both or only one. Trail Trials is a trail ride with a twist! Obstacles along the trail test your riding ability and your horse's ability to respond calmly to your cues and the distraction of the obstacles. Typical obstacles include opening a gate, pulling a bucket in a tree, backing through a "pattern" of logs, retrieving a jacket off of a fence, pulling a "fallen" branch, etc. The obstacles are designed to mimic real life situations that you might encounter while riding or camping, while maintaining a safe and fun atmosphere.

Poker ride only \$15 (kids under 12 \$10). Trail Trials \$45 (includes poker hand) (under 18 \$35), \$5 non-member fee also required. Registration in advance \$5 off. Ride outs 8am-9am TT, 9am-10am PR. Lunch 12:30-1:30. More info contact Sharon@avcsbooks.com or 776-6878

Ride-A-Thon Poker Ride to benefit NCEFT (National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy) – Sat July 8th 9am-2:30 pm at Mounted Patrol Grounds in Woodside. Fee \$45 (or pledges that add to that) includes Lunch and poker hand (plus \$5 park entry fee per vehicle or park at Mounted Patrol Grounds). 3 trail choices 4,7,11 miles call for start times. 650 851-2271 ext 3, susank@nceft.org

Santa Clara County Parks & Rec Dept trail building

Each date 9am - 1pm. Come on out and help repair, restore, or rebuild our County Park Trails. No experience needed. Tools, gloves, & refreshments provided. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed toed shoes. Contact with poison oak is always a concern, please take appropriate precautions, bring a change of clothes if necessary. More info 355-2254 or heidi.mcfarland@prk.sccgov.org

• **May 6 at Santa Teresa** – Join us at Santa Teresa on May 6, we will be working on the Rocky Ridge Trail. Meet at the Stiles parking lot.

• **June 3 at Calero** – Join us for this year's National Trail Day event at Calero Park, we will be working on the Serpentine Trail. Meet at Open Space Authority's Canada del Oro staging area.

• **July 8 at Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch** – Join us at the Bear Ranch for work on the Campground Trail. Meet at the Coyote Lake campground parking lot.

It excites me that no matter how much machinery replaces the horse, the work it can do is still measured in horsepower.....even in this space age. And although a riding horse often weighs half a ton, and a big drafter a full ton, either can be led about by a piece of string if he has been wisely trained. This to me is a constant source of wonder, and challenge.

- Margaret Henry

MEMBER PROFILE

MARY ANDERSON

Hi, there I am Mary J. Anderson and have lived in the Almaden Valley since the 60's. I bought both my horses Beauregard (Beaure) 10 years old and Sophia (So-Ho) 5 years old, from the Double Diamond Ranch in Boerne, Texas where they were both pampered with AC and Central Heat all their lives. Mud what was that? They are over the shock of mud, wind, rain and water crossings, and Beure has proven himself to be not just a pretty face, he completed 1,000 miles at the Cuyama ride this year and So Ho is on her way to start this season. As with most of our Quicksilver members I have used our local parks for training as well as Fort Ord, Sam McDonald and various other parks on the peninsula.



Mary and Beau

Having had horse fever as a small child (my dad was a cowboy horse trainer out of Elko, Nevada and my Grandma Ruby was in a cowgirl band and worked with the Pony Express), I lived many years of vicarious endurance through Maryben since we worked together and I chose to have children versus horses then.

At least once a month I heard stories of who finished, who crashed (for a while there it seemed to always be Maryben – she should have named one of her horses E-VAC).

My favorite rides are: the Ribley's WILD WEST 3-day ride, mostly because it is like the old days of camping out, sitting around the campfire, the potlucks really bring people together each night. The sierra mountains are awesome. However, too many 1/2 tablets of Vicodin can get you lost, boy all those trees look the same ... No good. And secondly, the Duck's Cuyama 3-day ride, which you can do solo – no crew needed here, I have always done it crewless as most of the riders do. The food is out of this world and the lunch stops– rider food, horse food and "Open Range" for views– well, without Kevin Costner. The Duck just won't give in and bring Kevin?

My goals are to finish as many rides in my lifetime as I can but "stopping to smell the roses along my way." We often miss what awesome country we ride through when we are in "get there, get it done and go home mode". Meeting new people along the trail, in camp, the views, and having great friends is what has made this sport such fun for me and you don't have to look "pretty" while doing it.

SASO 4/29 RESULTS

50-miler

24 starts, 19 finishes
4 juniors all finishing

- 1 Dennis Tracy/LV matilija
- 2 Becky Hart/Aleclipse --- B C
- 3 Heather Reynolds/MV Omni
- 4 Lori Oleson/ WRA Flaining Fire
- 5 Kathy Miller/Omega Sun
- 6 Tony Benedetti/SH Fargo
- 7 Terry Benedetti/Koli Bey Berry
- 8 April Battles/Tikis First Knight
- 9 Dean Hall/The Great Pumpkin
- 10 Sheilah Serradell/Valkhyrie
- 11 Stephanie Early (First Junior) First 50 miler - Yours Truly
- 12 Nina Murch/Par Four
- 13 Ildico Nadasdy/Haap Remington (JR)

- 14 Holly Jonsson/Mocha Marrah
- 15 Katelin McLarney/RHR Mountain Man (JR)
- 16 William Maich/Holy Smoke
- 17 Shannon Mahoney/Navajo Grey
- 18 Jill Mitchell/CA Zanes
- 19 Kristen McKillop/ MJ Mystic (JR)

Pulls.

- Connie Berto/Eco Stardust
Judy Reens/Streek
Hillorie Bachmann/Riquoshey
Marvin Snowbarger/Magic Kid
Anthony Corbelletta/Makaylaa

LD

- 13 started and finished
Barry Waitte/Gulastras Streak
Godfrey Sullivan/Jammin Jimmy

- Shea Sullivan/SE Blue Max (JR)
Hayley Sullivan/Asjah's Gift (JR)
Penny McGinnis/Spirit
Evita Rosell-Crufau/CA Marquise
Jennifer Sloan/R STAR Lady
Martha Merriam/Duncan
Valorie Reeves/Copper
Emma Smith/RB Royale Brand
Heather Meads/C Bars Parker
Carey Brock/Ffarza (BC)
Alison Hill/Splash

We had a foreign exchange student from Spain, a rider who drove from LA the night before when she was called and offered a horse to ride (She is one of my ex juniors and you know how nuts they all are) and a rider who flew in the day before from England Quite a crew of riders**mb.**

CALLING ALL MEMBERS ... MORE MEMBERSHIP PROFILES NEEDED!

Please fill out the questionnaire below and email or snail mail it to me with a photo of yourself and your horse. Have an endurance riding family? Let's see 'em!!!



MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name _____

Where do you live? _____

Horse(s) name(s) _____

How long have you been riding? _____ How long have you been doing endurance? _____

Where to you train? _____

What distances do you ride? (LD, 50, 100) _____ What are your career miles? _____

Are you a Decade Team Member? _____

What is your favorite ride and why? _____

What is your "claim to fame"? (I.e. endurance awards) _____

What are you goals? _____

Anything else you'd like to contribute about yourself (spouse, children, do they ride, what you do for a living, etc.) _____

Email the answers to typenf@comcast.net or cut out and send questionnaire to:

Jackie Floyd, P.O. Box 1045, Lodi, CA 95241

DON'T FORGET A PICTURE OF YOURSELF!



THE RETURN TO CASTLE ROCK

Sponsored by
QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS

Saturday, June 3, 2006
50 Miler and 30 Miler

CAMP INFORMATION: Camp is located in a deep canyon, so bring warm clothing for horse and rider. Creek and hydrant water are suitable for horses, but riders should bring their own drinking water. A phone is available in camp for credit card or reverse charge calls only. Showers, portable toilets, and trash receptacles are provided. **NO OPEN FIRES PERMITTED.** Charcoal grills, propane or white gas stoves are OK. **SORRY, NO MOTORIZED CYCLES OR ATV's. NO BICYCLES ON TRAILS. DOGS MUST BE CONFINED INSIDE TRAILERS OR CAMPERS DURING THE EVENT AND MAY BE WALKED ON LEASH ONLY. NO DOGS IN CAMP, IN THE VETTING AREA, OR THE START-FINISH AREA. PLEASE CAMP IN "DOGTOWN" CAMPING AREA, IF YOU HAVE BROUGHT DOGS WITH YOU.**

COURSE: For all events there will be only two locations for the major vet checks - at Camp and at Swanton - the two being only 3 miles apart by vehicle. The 50-mile trail is a figure-8, utilizing a 30-mile loop and a 20-mile loop, with two vet checks at Swanton and one at Camp. The 30-mile trail uses the same trail as the first loop of the 50-mile ride. The trails will be **extremely well marked** with color-coded flagging, dolomite, and signs. Marshals will be placed where deemed necessary. There will be plenty of water, either from streams or water troughs. Much of the trail is in shady forest, the balance on ridges of soft shale or open grassy hilltops. There is very little pavement, and most of this can be avoided by riding on shoulder. The trails are generally jeep road width, but also have several one-mile (+ or -) stretches of single-track trail. Management will provide hay, carrots, water and wheat bran mash for horses and water for riders at selected locations.

PRE-RIDE VETTING: Upon vet arrival (usually about 4:00 PM) - 7:00 PM Friday.

PRE-RIDE BRIEFING: 6:30 PM - Friday.

RIDES START: 50-miler - 6:00 AM, Saturday

30-miler - 6:30 AM, Saturday

RIDES FINISH: 50-miler - 6:00 PM, time allowed - 12:00 hours overall, including vet checks

30-miler - 6:30 AM - 1:45 PM, time allowed - 7:15 hours overall, including vet checks AND PULSE

DOWN

POST-RIDE EXAM OF HORSES: **30-miler**, immediately upon crossing the finish line; COMPLETION TIME RECORDED ONLY UPON REACHING CRITERIA. Take care of your horse as there will be a **Horse Excellence Best Condition Award** given based on QuickSilver Endurance Riders criteria, which includes a review of all horses. **50-miler**, based on vet criteria but generally within one-half hour after each individual finish. **We will be awarding an AERC Best Condition.**

AWARDS DINNER: An outstanding barbecue dinner, beginning at 3:00 PM for 30 milers, continuing until 7:30 PM. Extra tickets should be purchased with entry.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: About 6:00 PM for 30 and 50-milers. Best Condition awards follow.

AWARDS: Finishing awards for Castle Rock 50 are t-shirts. Please include your size on the entry form.

RIDE RULES: The 50-mile and 30-mile rides are sanctioned by AERC and will comply with AERC rules and policy.

Juniors 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.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP: Camp is located 20 miles north of Santa Cruz and 60 miles south of San Francisco. From Santa Cruz, take Highway #1 north towards Half Moon Bay. Drive past Davenport (9 miles N of Santa Cruz) for 1.5 miles, take next R past Swanton Road sign. Go 4.5 miles to Old Seaside School (now a private residence). Turn R through a green gate, follow this dirt road 1.5 miles to the main camp, a meadow with picnic tables set on it and a creek running through it. You may camp anywhere in meadows before or after the main camp, as well as in designated areas of the main camp itself. From San Francisco Bay area, take either Highway #1 or Highway #92W to Half Moon Bay, then south toward Santa Cruz for about 30 miles, into Santa Cruz County, across Waddell Creek bridge, past Big Creek Lumber Co. mill, and turn **SHARPLY LEFT** onto Swanton Road .3 mile south of the mill. Proceed on this winding road for 2.5 miles to the dark red schoolhouse, turn L through the green gate. Watch for our signs. Camp will be open from Friday AM through Sunday noon. Riders coming from great distances (7 hours driving time or more) may arrive as early as Thursday evening, but please call us first.

RAFFLE: One raffle ticket will be included in each rider packet with additional tickets available for sale.

RIDE ENTRIES: Send your Ride Entries to Katie Holder, Ride Secretary, 2471 Bridle Path Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020

RIDE MANAGEMENT:

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

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

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

THE RETURN TO CASTLE ROCK

Entry Form

Rider Name: _____ AERC # _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

Horse Name: _____

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

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 2006 Ride Managers \$50.00 _____

50 Milers \$100.00 _____

Juniors and 2006 Ride Managers \$60.00 _____

Non AERC member fee (applies to both rides) \$15.00 _____

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

Add \$20 if postmarked after May 29, 2006 _____

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 Return to Castle Rock ride sponsored by the Quicksilver Endurance Riders. I am aware that an endurance competition 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, all property owners over whose land the ride passes, the county where this ride takes place, 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: _____ Junior Birth Date _____ Date: _____

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

FAMED LORD FAUNTLEROY IS PUT OUT TO PASTURE

By Jeanne Carbone Lewis, Staff Writer
Almaden Times – April 20th, 2006

When I first heard about Lord Fauntleroy I thought, that's a pretty fancy name for a mule. But Leroy (as most of his fan base called him) was a pretty impressive mule. And many in the New Almaden area say his death last month at 37-years-old marked the end of era.

So who was Lord Fauntleroy?

Maryben Stover, president of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders, cared for Leroy the past 11 years of his life.

"Leroy was one of the real pioneers of modern endurance riding," said Stover. "He finished Tevis many times. In 1976, he won the Great American Horse Race from New York to Sacramento. In those days, you trailered your horse to the starting point from California to New York. The GAHR is the longest legitimate horse race ever."

In 1974, Lord Fauntleroy finished in 58th place at Tevis. Since 1955, the Tevis Cup Ride is the oldest modern day endurance ride. The goal of the trail ride is to complete the 100-mile course from Tahoe to Auburn in 24 hours. In 1975, Leroy took 40th place with a time of 19 hours and three minutes. He finished the endurance race again in 1977 and in 1978.

Stover recently shared the story of another run at Tevis that he would have finished if it wasn't for his rider.

"They changed the course that year and Leroy did not want to go what he knew was the wrong way after 80 miles," said Stover. "So being a mule and smarter than the rider he simply refused to go down what he knew was the wrong trail. His rider had been bopping him with a crop the whole way and refused to give it up when the crew told her to do so. She finally gave up fighting him. He simply refused to budge. She would not go the right way, and Leroy would not go the new way. I am told they rescued her the next morning."

Before Stover cared for Leroy, he was owned by Viri Norton who was known as a cowboy's cowboy. He lived in the New Almaden area since the mid-1970's caring and training his beloved horses, mules and even zebras. Leroy was one of the equines. And at 16 hands high the half thoroughbred donkey mix was big for a mule.

But probably Leroy's most crowning achievement was winning the 1976 Great American Horse Race [GAHR] from New York to Sacramento. With no Federal Express or Jet Pet, Leroy and Lady Eloise were transported by horse trailer with Norton and his crew: 16-year-old son Pierce.

The GAHR is the longest legitimate horse race. In 1976, there were 105 riders from 32 states and eight foreign countries entering 14 different breeds of horses and eight mules. Only 53 finished the endurance race through the country's mountains, plains and deserts.

With Norton at the reins, the two mules traveled across country, a 3,200-mile journey. Riders were allowed two mounts at the start of the race. When the racers entered Red Cloud, Neb. only 58 riders and 80 horses remained. Norton held the lead longer than any other rider with his two mules and rode Leroy much of the time. They were first at Kankakee, Ill., Hannibal, Mo. and Cheyenne, Colo. They were never lower than third place at any time during the race after the second week.

Norton alternated mules until Lady Eloise became lame at Winnemucca, Nev. Leroy was the mule who brought Norton to the finish line of the Cal-Expo State Fair in Sacramento and won the coveted first prize of \$25,000. There was even a book written about the event, "The Great American Horse Race of 1976." The GAHR broke the world record and still is the longest legitimate horse race. And the record still stands today.

Norton was known as "the Mule Man" at GAHR. He expected to win and explained how he would.

"Watch the mules," said Norton in one of the many interviews during

the cross country GAHR. "They're tougher and can take tough terrain and blacktop better than a horse."

Since the GAHR, Norton rode the Tevis eight times, three times on a horse but five times on Leroy. When Norton died in 1995, Stover promised her friend that Leroy would have a pasture for the rest of his life. Leroy spent the last 11 years on Stover's pasture surrounded by other horses and a mule off McKean Road.

"We are only a mile away or so from Viri's old place so Leroy



With still a lot of race to go, (left) Leroy, Viri Norton and Lady Eloise pose for a photo.

roy was very happy," said Stover. "I'd turn him loose in the yard and he'd run and buck and take off to where he used to live. He was very smart. I sometimes have flights of fancy that Viri knows that Leroy is happy and healthy."

Sadly, Leroy died in March. He was old, colicky, missing many teeth and at 37 not a candidate for surgery. Stover says "his body just gave out."

"When the vet came, Leroy knew he was there and with one last effort got to his feet and walked out of the barn," said Stover. "We laid him on the grass in the yard. He just knew it was his time."

Lord Fauntleroy relaxes in retirement at Maryben Stover's pasture. Circa 2003.



Quicksilver Spring Poker Ride

Saturday May 13th, 2006

***Come ride with us
at
Calero County Park!***

Ride 5 or 10 mile loops and receive awesome prizes for your Poker hand!
Trails consist of several climbs and descents with great views of the valley
and Calero Lake along the ridges.

Quicksilver member fee \$15

Others \$20

Bring a prize of \$15 or greater value and receive an extra poker hand.

Registration begins at 8:30 am, ride starts at 10am.

Poker hand prizes awarded beginning at 1pm.

Please, no pregnant or lactating mares, no ponying, and no juniors riding stallion.

Please be safe and courteous at all times.

Directions:

From North – Exit Hwy. 85 at Almaden Expressway South. Turn right on Harry Rd and left on McKean. Go past Calero lake and turn right at Calero Park Staging Area.

From South – Exit Hwy. 101 at Bailey West, turn left on McKean and take first right at Calero Park Staging Area.

For more information please call:

Jennifer Voight 408-997-2418 or bingvoight@aol.com

5-Day East Bay Hills Benefit Trail Ride Thursday, Aug. 31 - Monday, Sept. 4

Ride Labor Day week with members of the Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association and the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association in the East Bay Hills. Ride up to 100 miles, or 14-18 miles each day in small groups at your own pace. The ride will follow and/or parallel the S.F. Bay Area Ridge Trail much of the first 3 days, and then move to Mt. Diablo for the final 2 days. Join us for one, for more or for all 5 days.

Trails and Camps: Camp opens in Tilden Regional Park the day before the ride. On Thursday we will ride in Tilden and Wildcat Parks. On Friday we will follow the Bay Area Ridge Trail Friday through Tilden, Sibley, Huckleberry, and Redwood Regional Parks and EBMUD Watershed to Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park, followed by a scenic ride overlooking the Bay Area in Joaquin Miller Park. Friday night we will camp at Sequoia Arena and Saturday the ride will wander through Redwood Park. Saturday evening we will move to Mt Diablo and camp at the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association's grounds. On Sunday and Monday we will be riding on Mt. Diablo.

Food and Evening Entertainment: Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for riders and campers, and hay, carrots and water for the horses. Swimming will be available at Tilden and at Mt. Diablo. Evening programs will include some of the following: a visit to the Chabot Space Observatory (5 minutes from Sequoia Arena), campfire classical harp music, trail talk and naturalists, cowboy music and dancing, cowboy poetry and a drill team.



Costs/Benefits: This ride will help raise funds for the Bay Area Ridge Trail, and for equestrian improvements in the East Bay parks. The Bay Area Barns and Trails Trust will match the first \$5,000 raised. The cost will be \$55/day, with a discount for 5 days at \$250. This fee includes camping, food and horse provisions. For visitors, dinner in camp will be \$15/night. This year we also have an optional program allowing riders to solicit pledges from friends, neighbors and other trail supporters to benefit the Bay Area Ridge Trail and equestrian improvements in the East Bay Parks.

Volunteers: If you can't ride, join us in supporting the East Bay Parks and the Ridge Trail by volunteering to help with any of a range of important tasks that will make this ride happen.

Camp Rules: Dogs under control are allowed in camp but not on the trail rides. Riders will be responsible for stabling their horses at each camping area. You may tie to your trailer or bring your own portable corral or picket line. Stallions will not be allowed on this ride and we will enforce restrictions on generators after dark. Helmets are strongly suggested for all riders.



Reserve Your Space Now: before we fill up. We are limited by the available space for trailer parking, and last year we ran out of space. Use the entry form on the reverse of this flyer. If space permits, we will accept last minute entries.

Questions: Contact Morris Older, at 925-254-8943 or at ebhillsride@comcast.net, or Martha Mikesell at 925-833-9279 or at martha.mikesell@sbcglobal.net if you would like to volunteer or have any questions about this ride. More info at <http://www.twha.org>--click on events.

This date is the same as the Castle Rock ride so maybe QSER members could come up with a project before then to help Barbara and Lud prepare the trails. At the Awards Banquet they were talking about trail work they had done that very day!

TRAIL TROTTERS DAY JUNE 3, 2006

Trail Trotters Day is a day dedicated to public works or different projects on our trail systems. According to the American Horse Council, equestrians from all venues, Eventing, Dressage, Endurance and many more enjoy trail riding for relaxation. However, as available open space is either sold off or is not longer accessible to horses, horseback riders are finding fewer and fewer places to ride.

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource organization (ELCR) launched Trail Trotter's Day to promote access to land for horseback riding. As a participant, you help repair or do maintenance work on the very trails you enjoy. All Trail Trotter's Day projects will be completed on June 3, 2006. Since this is a one day, national event your time

commitment will be brief, but much appreciated. Although participants may volunteer for projects on any type of land, due to a backlog of maintenance, ELCR is encouraging participants to consider projects on or near national forest land. A map of national forest land locations is available at ELCR's website.

Trail Trotter's Day is a free program with no fees or membership requirement. It is quick and easy to become a Trail Trotter by registering for an existing project or a new project. For more details, go to ELCR's website: www.elcr.org and look for the Trail Trotter link. Trail Trotter's Day is funded with the help of ELCR major sponsors including the National Forest Foundation and Tread Lightly.

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FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS

13 SADDLES FOR SALE. Mostly western but some Australian and English too. Jerry Dowdy 831 335-5587 [06-06]

NEVER USED SUPRACOR ENDURANCE PAD which is 28" long. My horse is short backed and I need the shorter 26" long pad. They usually sell for \$245, but I got mine for \$219. Will sell for \$180. This is a great bargain for the New Year and it would be a real shame for someone not to take advantage of this offer! Call Julie Suhr at 831-335-5933. [06-06]

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. kirstenzazz@hotmail.com or www.conklin.com/wildeyearabians. [06-06]

FOR RENT

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ROOM FOR RENT in Trilby's barn near Almaden Quicksilver Park – now you can live with your horse :) \$450. Call 408 997-7500 for more information. [06-06]

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 "Lightfoot" Stables (McKean Road, San Jose). I've taken many lessons and several clinics from her, and feel that it's been real worth it. She coached Becky Hart to her Stockholm World Championship on Rio! You can contact Mary at (831) 761-2819. [06-06]

STALLION SERVICES

Introducing CF SORCERER - now standing at stud. Sire of TBR Granite Chief+, 2005 AHA Distance Horse of the Year, 2004-2005 AERC National Mileage Champion and 2004 XP Horse of the Year. Visit his website at <http://www.spanisharabian.net/> or contact Wizard Arabians, Jackie and Jim Floyd, P.O. Box 1045, Lodi, CA 95241, 209-334-1981, tyef@comcast.net [-6-06]

JOB OPENING

FREE RENT AND UTILITIES FOR A FULL HOOK-UP CAMPSITE, in exchange for 20 hours of work. Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation is looking for a full-time site host who has horse experience. The site is located in Santa Teresa County Park, in San Jose, CA at the Mounted Ranger Facility. Duties include: feeding, watching over horses, running work crews, general maintenance and public interaction. No horse boarding is available. Please call to schedule an interview. For information call: Senior Park Ranger Julie Gaffney (408) 363-5976 or email at: julie.gaffney@prk.sccgov.org. [06-06]

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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 16 years of age)

Total enclosed \$ _____

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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 2006 dues, checks made out to: **Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.**

Mail to Membership Chairperson:

Maryben Stover
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May your and your horse(s) have a wonderful Year 2005 riding together as members of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders!!!



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