

# Quicksilver Quips

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We seem to be doing quite well with our horses of late. I just got done viewing the finish results at Tevis and find our members were there in a rather large number. Half finished, half did not. The nature of the trail takes its toll. 100's are always a big challenge and just to take the first step is 75% of it. Next year!

Where are we as a club? So far no one has volunteered to be the ride manager for the fall ride so it looks like a bust, unless we get a member to raise their hand. We have no Poker Ride planned as we have no member wanting to put it on. We have no Moonlight Ride planned as we have no member wanting to step up and do the paperwork with the park. Boy, are we falling behind. We could at least try and have fun with a few events. If there's a better idea out there at least let me know. Horse races? Something. Give me a call.

For the meeting on the 17th of August we are planning on a little ride and Bar-B-Que at Calero. I'll do the cooking starting around 6:00 pm so plan on riding your horse out around 4:00 so you can get back in time to eat. Cut-off will be 7:30 so we can clean-up and leave. Don't want to upset the ranger like last year (what a witch).

**I was thinking that the club should thank all the members who worked at the Endurance event in May so if you show up at Calero you may get something special to eat!**

**El Presidente –Steve-0**

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Just wanted to take a moment to thank Judy for all her hard work with putting the QUIPS newsletter together. It's a big job and she's done a great one!

For those of you that would like to send in trail news, stories, photos, etc, please see my address and email at left.

For those of you who have current classified ads running, I am placing a 3-month expiration date on them. If you would like for them to continue running, please make sure you let me know before they run out. All new ads will run for three months unless notified otherwise.

**– Jackie Floyd**

## LETTERS TO THE CLUB

### Message to the Quicksilver Membership

It distresses me to see the Quicksilver President in the July Newsletter saying he is still looking for a manager for a Poker Ride, for a Moonlight Ride, a plan for the Fall endurance ride and an idea for a Wednesday meetings. To me the answers are loud and clear. We very simply need new blood in our organization.

We watch the same people give and give year after year because no one else wants the responsibility. A few shoulder the load for the many.

My approach to building our membership would be that at every local ride we stick a membership application and entry forms for our Spring and Fall Rides under each windshield wiper. This should have been done at the Pistolero's Ride only a week before our Spring Ride. It should be done at Swanton-Pacific in August, at the East Bay Ride in September, Camp Far West and the 5 Day East Bay Hills Ride. It should go in the Santa Cruz Horsemen's monthly Newsletter, the Monterey Equestrians Club bulletin, the Summit Riders organization.

I invited eight guests to the June meeting at my house. I felt each one would be a candidate for membership. I had one ask about joining the Club. But I did not have any membership forms to hand out.

The Biblical reference to "he who casts the first stone" and you know the rest is applicable here because I myself do not attend the meetings. Going over the hill at night is not foremost on my agenda. Nor do I volunteer to be a ride manager. However I have tried to serve the club in other ways so my conscience is not completely stricken.

Our Quicksilver Club has more Tevis Cups, more Haggin Cups, more World Championships, more North American championships, more endurance miles, more endurance years, more first places, more best conditions (plus the world's most ancient rider) than any other endurance club in the world. It just does not seem that we should have to be scraping the barrel to find people to fulfill the jobs listed in the first sentence of this diatribe.

So lets have a membership drive and get ourselves in high gear now. It just can't be that tough.

– Julie Suhr

### Mariposa Run for the Gold

A big thank you goes out to your club members for your participation at our Run for the Gold ride in June.

We hope that you had a good time and look forward to seeing ya all again next year!

Please keep us informed as to when you have events coming up that we can advertise for you in our newsletter. Whatever we can do to help cross promote events is a benefit to both clubs.

*Carol Suggs, Secretary  
Mariposa Mountain Riders*

Dear fellow Quicksilver members,

Thanks much for your great support of the Mariposa Ride. Your attendance, of course, was appreciated as well as your willingness to jump in and help where needed.

Your presence made it a special ride and weekend for me and brought back many pleasant memories of shared good times, good rides and of course good friends. Keep up the high standards of competition and excellence that Quicksilver enjoys.

*Sincerely,*

*Bill Parker*

*Mariposa Run for the gold Manager*

### SFPUC Policy Change

The following quote is an important policy change for the SFPUC. Ed Levin County Park in north east Santa Clara County is adjacent to several thousand acres of SFPUC watershed and near Calaveras Reservoir, a PUC reservoir. Local equestrians have longingly eyed the PUC lands for years so it is time for them (us) to step up to the plate. Here is the website for the PUC; <http://sfwater.org> so visit it and send the PUC a message asking for recreation plan for their lands and request o be put on a mailing list for information.

*"We have to find partners. It could be Boys and Girls Clubs, it could be horse people or anglers' clubs," Leal said. "But if we're going to have recreation, we need controls and ways of funding programs, like user fees. We need volunteer docents and guides. Once people enter these places, we can't just let them wander. We can't just blow our doors open, then discover later that it's been done the wrong way.*

*"So, I'm in favor of sports groups coming to us, and making their best suggestions about how it can work. We'll listen," Leal said. "And if there's a way to safely put a boat out in some of this water and try for a trout, I guarantee you I'll be on that first boat with the first rod."*

The above statement is a quote from the Chronicle. Susan Leal is the new head of the agency controlling about 70,000 acres of bay area watershed lands, and the SFPUC is about to be instructed by the state to write a recreation plan.

– Judy Etheridge

### Out of Commission for Awhile

Well, for us there will be little to nothing competitive this year. Last December I was kicked in the knee. It required surgery in February. Just as I started to feel good from that and beginning to think about being able to complete a 50 miler, my Fibromyalgia began taking a very bad turn for the worse, or so we thought. Now I find I have breast cancer and it may well be another full year from now before I am healthy enough to complete a 50.

We are sending 2 horses up to stay with a friend in the Greenwood area as he has horse facilities, but no horses currently. He will ride them and keep them minimally in shape. My husband, Patrick, will maintain the other two horses locally.

Patrick is threatening me with the big C word...Crew. He says I can learn to be a hell of a crew when chemo is not making me puke while he competes MY mare!

– Karla Perkins

## TRAIL EVENTS

**August 14** – Ed Levin County Park. Poker Ride sponsored by the Arabian Trail Riders Assoc. Check in 9:30-10:30 AM, ride out 10:00-11:00 AM, lunch 1:00 PM. \$20 to enter, \$5 park entrance fee. Call Kathy Mayeda 650 967-2050 or [Kathy.Mayeda@comcast](mailto:Kathy.Mayeda@comcast) for information.

**August 20th** – Bear Ranch. A ranger-led ride exploring the geology of this new park. Riders will meet at the Mendoza Ranch staging area. Please be ready to ride out at 9:00 AM. If you prefer to start at the Bear staging area, make sure you are at the Mendoza by 9:00 AM. RSVP at 363-5976 so they know how many people to expect.

**September 1-5** – East Bay Hills Trail Ride. Benefit for the Bay Area Ridge Trails. Labor Day week with members of the Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Assoc. and Metropolitan Horsemen's Assoc. Ride up to 100 miles, or 14-18 miles each day in small groups at your own pace. Great for introducing a new horse to camping, short rides, etc. Will be following the Bay Area Ridge Trail through many Regional Parks, EBMUD Watershed, along San Pablo Reservoir, Upper San Leandro Reservoir and others too numerous to mention here. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided for riders, hay, carrots and water provided for horses. Evening programs include a visit to the Chabot Space Observatory, horse massage workshop, campfire classical harp music, cowboy poetry, etc. Bay Area Barns and Trails Trust will match the first \$5,000 raised. Cost is \$50/day, 5 days/\$225. Non-riding visitors dinner is \$15/night. Due to the increased park fees, additional trailer fee of \$7/night. Solicit pledges from friends, neighbors and other trail supports for this event. Contact Morris Older 925-254-8943, [morrisolder@earthlink.net](mailto:morrisolder@earthlink.net) or Martha Mikesell 925-833-9279, [martha.mikesell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:martha.mikesell@sbcglobal.net). More info at [www.twha.org/text/page13.html](http://www.twha.org/text/page13.html)

## QUICKSILVER ENDURANCE RIDERS INC. BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING 7-20-05

Present: Steve Lenheim; Elaine Alton; Maryben Stover; Lori Olesen; Katie Alton; Kathy Miller (arrived 7.30)  
The Meeting was called to order at 6.30.

### President's Report

Steve has emailed Karen Chaton to suggest that she

pursue a Quicksilver picture/bio on everyone on the web site. Steve will be the member liaison.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer absent.

### Program

The next meeting August 17th at 6.30 will be held at Calero Park and will be a BBQ/Potluck/Ride.

September Meeting will be September 21st – Venue to be agreed.

October Meeting will be held on October 19th at the Almaden Community Center. Club elections will be held at this meeting.

### Goodwill

A card has been sent from the Club to Jessica Anderson of the Pacific Northwest. Her horse broke its leg in the pasture and had to be put down.

### Ride

The Spring ride went really well. Our next ride at Quicksilver/Calero will be October 3rd. We need A Ride Manager with a plan, approved by the Board.

Motion: Steve proposed that if we do not have these by 15th August, 2005, that the Ride be cancelled. Lori seconded, Motion Carried.

The Meeting Closed 7.35.

## FT. STANTON, NM SW REGION, JUNE 10-16, 2005 RIDE REPORT

QSER members Mike Maul and Karen Chaton attended the Ft. Stanton, NM ride starting on June 10. It's a 6-day ride broken up into two 3-day Pioneer rides with a rest day between. It's a total of 330 miles.

Karen came from NV for a round trip of 2,200 miles and Mike came from Houston for a round trip of 1,800 miles.

Mike took Rroc and Thor and alternated them to complete 6 days. Karen rode Chief all 6 days and was one of only 4 horses to complete all 6 days in the 55 out of 51 starters for the first day. One LD horse completed all 6 days.

Basecamp is at about 6,300 feet near the old Ft. Stanton. Billie the Kid was once interred at the Fort. The temperature was a little warm – mid 90s but the humidity was low – at least compared to Texas. Most of the vetchecks were back in camp but two days were out. A reasonable amount of rocks but not excessive. There was some repetition in trail use compared to West region rides. Good food every evening with 2nds – and in my case – 3rds allowed.

Karen took the cave tour on the day off. I had done the cave the year before. The cave is supposed to be one of the largest in the country but is largely undeveloped.

Karen has a good set of pictures from the ride at the AERC Photo Gallery at [http://www.aerc.org/Membership\\_Photos.asp](http://www.aerc.org/Membership_Photos.asp)

It's a nice moderate ride for the summer when my region doesn't have any rides because of the humidity.

– Mike Maul

## ENDURANCE: IT'S ALL ABOUT PERSEVERANCE

It's an addiction, it truly is. Those of you who share the madness can take secret, guilty delight in the fact that you are not alone. Those of you who do not share in it can sit back, chuckle and shake your heads, then enjoy leisurely "normal" vacations that place you on balmy beaches, in locations of which people other than endurance riders have heard. Believe it or not, most of the public from my area does not actually know where Ridgecrest, the capital of California wintertime endurance, is!

My Mariposa adventure started with the finish at the Cooley Ranch 50 (by the way...a gorgeous ride put on by lovely people who maintain their equanimity with aplomb in the face of unending mud and grumpy riders with stuck rigs!). I determined that my other Tevis prospect needed the Mariposa training, and made arrangements with his owner to make it happen. I happily unpacked and repacked the rig, in blissful ignorance of the impending cough and snotty nose that would assail my prospective mount on Thursday afternoon. When apprised of the development, did I even think of not going to Mariposa? Of course not! I called around to some of my many very, very nice friends with very, very nice horses, and lined up another horse, to be picked up early Friday morning, on the way to Mariposa. I got a good night's sleep, quite pleased with myself and my alternate arrangements (plan B), and looking forward to the ride on the new prospective mount, Pablo.

However, Pablo had plans of his own, which I am sure he started perfecting as soon as he heard his owners' phone ringing. He decided he'd opt out of going to Mariposa with me, so was a little off on Friday when I showed up with my trailer. Hmmmmmm.....I had ridden him in two 50 milers the previous year, and I hoped that this was not his way of letting me know that he did not enjoy the experience!

With plan B down the drain, did I even think of not going to Mariposa? Of course not! I called around to one of my many very, very nice friends (namely, my boyfriend, Scott) with very, very nice horses, and lined up another horse. So that you appreciate how very, very nice Scott is to me, this was the horse that Scott had been planning to ride, himself, at Mariposa. I convinced him that I should ride Ree (owned by the Smedings), and he could ride his own horse, Farzonn. I had an un-

eventful drive to the ride site, quite pleased with myself and my alternate arrangements (plan C), and looking forward to the ride on the new prospective mount, Ree.

Upon arriving at camp, it became apparent that the eight shoes on Farzonn and Ree had a total of about 20 miles' worth of trail left on them, cumulatively. Because Ree was in training for Tevis, her shoeing schedule was unalterably set, so the only option was to use four Easyboots over the shoes. This is a fine method, if the horse has done some training miles thus shod. Ree had not, and I was facing her against a tough, hilly 50 miles. Not a confidence-inspiring situation. Farzonn was a bit easier



*Michele and Ree at Mariposa  
Photo courtesy Gore/Bailor*

to fix, as there was a very, very nice shoer in camp who redid the rears. Scott put Easyboots on over the fronts. Another stumbling block to my Mariposa ride seemingly overcome, I enjoyed the afternoon in the peaceful camp, quite pleased with myself and my alternate arrangements (plan D), and looking forward to the ride, but planning a slower pace, in deference to the additional weights Ree would have on her feet. This calmness lasted until 8:00 that evening, when Ree choked on a mash, of all things! Thinking that the Universe was trying to tell me I shouldn't ride the next day, I very nearly packed it in then and there, called it quits, and volunteered to withdraw my entry and vet the ride. I decided I'd give Ree until 8:15 to clear the choke on her own, and if she hadn't, then I'd give her some drugs and stay on the ground

the next morning (plan E). She resolved it at 8:11.

The next day, I left lunch in 10th place, about 45 minutes behind the front-runners. It only took me 1 ½ miles to catch up to them, as they'd come to a section of unmarked trail. By asking some of them which trails they'd already tried, and by looking at my map, I made a semi-educated guess, and chose a trail. As my luck seemed to have turned from the day before, I made the right guess, and so Ree and I were in the lead for a short while. That was fun, but eventually the faster horses passed us, so we finished up in 5th place. I was very, very pleased with the effort made by Ree that day, and even more gratified when she took the BC award.

All in all, it was a fun weekend, despite all the obstacles to hurdle. Perhaps unfortunately, it also positively reinforced the endurance madness. I give up hope of a cure.

**– Michele Roush**

## QUICKSILVER AT TEVIS

The 51st annual Tevis Cup Ride was held July 23rd, and the Quicksilver Membership was out in almost full force on the weekend of the riding moon. I did not finish the ride this year, but that disappointment was more than overcome by the multiple intense feelings and experiences I had on a very special weekend. Good and bad and sad Tevis moments experienced by this rider include:

1. Encountering **Robert Oram** and crew with a decorated trailer and smiles of anticipation Friday morning at a service station in Truckee. Yes, yes, the time has finally come.

2. Seeing **Marvin** and **Joyce Snowbarger** at Robie Park on Friday afternoon and realizing that even though **Marvin** was not able to ride, they have come to crew for friends.

3. Knowing **Karen Chaton** is sneaking around, camera in hand.

4. Tearfully hugging my mother goodbye in her camper at 4:30 Saturday morning and promising she would be with me every step of the way.

5. Once again, thanking my father and husband (and even my little brother) in advance for all they would do for me that day.

6. Experiencing a historic trail full of sensory delights - wildflowers of every color with fragrances to match, two large marmots running off near the summit, a clear sky that allowed one to see for miles, the indescribable beauty of Lake Tahoe in the early morning sun, the mouth watering watermelon offered by the volunteers, and the refreshing sensation of submerging oneself in the American River while listening to the exquisite sounds of the horse drinking and drinking and drinking. Need I mention the thrill of being on a healthy and fit horse - teamed up with a goal of getting to Auburn and, with every step, getting closer to that goal?

7. Witnessing the ebullient **Bob Eaton** riding over Cougar Rock, wearing an Aloha shirt and crazy hat. Wow - Yahoo is one special critter! **Peggy** plans to enter on him next year.

8. Trotting along behind **Jan Jeffers** with her arm wrapped up, heading eagerly toward Elephant Trunk and not complaining of her pain, knowing that Robinson Flat would be the end of her ride.

9. Spotting **Kiki Leuther**, **Peter David**, **Kathie Schmidt**, **Katie Holder**, **Mike Tracy** and, I'm sure, many others joining my noble family members in the sometimes (often) thankless job of crewing, when they would truly rather be riding. And learning that **Doug Reynaud** and his trademark cigar were there,

too, planning the next ride in his beloved Coe Ranch. Weren't we all very happy when **Nate** completed last year?

10. Seeing **Dick Carter** delighted to be back on this trail, but realizing at Last Chance that he should not go on and, yet, still smiling.

11. Seeing **Sandy Holder** absolutely thrilled by the performance of her adored Tally and eager to take it on next year. Look out Swanton, here she comes!

12. Yelling out at Pucker Point, "This one's for you Maynard!" (Long time competitor **Maynard Munger**, who rode last year, is battling two kinds of cancer. His friends asked that he be remembered at Pucker Point.)

13. Knowing that **Becky Glaser** and **Lena Spilman** are waiting to cool my horse at Michigan Bluff, and, yet, I won't make it.

14. Seeing **Ken Cook** at Foresthill and learning that, yes, indeed, **Scott Sansom** is still out there and doing well. But what kind of a horse name is Ree?

15. Seeing **Hugh** and **Gloria Vanderford** at Foresthill. Hugh was riding the Tevis again, and Gloria went on to finish.

16. Going to the Haggin Cup judging on Sunday morning and trusting the Cup Committee will be fair with ethical people such as **Kathy Thompson** in the group.

17. Watching the ever-so-fit **Dennis Tracy** and **Michele Roush** showing their excellent horses. And **Michele** doing double duty showing **Steve Shaw's** Tallymark, also.

18. Spying **Joyce** and **Rick Gomez** in the stands at the Haggin Cup judging. Come on, **Rick**, you can't stay away from competing much longer!

19. Finishing in the same place as former Tevis Cup winners **Jeremy** and **Heather Reynolds** and **Judy Reens**. Yep - I did it! Oh wait, that place was "Did Not Finish."

20. Seeing **Robert** and **Melissa Ribley** at the banquet Sunday afternoon, getting their buckles together and, as always, beautifully dressed and poised. One can easily picture **Melissa** gracing the covers of both *Vogue* and *Endurance News*.

21. Hearing a very emotional **Michele Roush** graciously giving thanks for the Haggin Cup on the gallant little red guy, Cayenne.

22. Finally, Sunday evening, arriving home hot and tired, somewhat disappointed, and, yet, CANNOT WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR!

– **Barbara White**

## A LITTLE RED HORSE DOES HIS THING

If you'd asked me on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, what was the highlight of this year, I'd have to say that it was riding eight different horses to completions, four of which, I'd never even sat upon until the morning of the race. On one of those new horses, I even managed a best condition award. Seemed pretty darn good to me, until July 24<sup>th</sup>, and the announcement of the Haggin Cup winner. I've got to admit, hearing Cayenne's name then, beat everything else I've ever done, and anything I could ever hope to do, in endurance. It was a dream come true, and it was completely unexpected. All the pieces just fell into place.

It's been that kind of a year for me. When my plans to ride one horse all 1060 miles of XP trail fell apart, I started scrambling for an alternate goal, and thanks to a few of my very kind friends, I came up with the idea of riding as many different horses as I could. Cayenne was one of those borrowed rides, but after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> on him at day three of Schellbourne XP, I was so impressed with his downhill speed and his "okay...what's next?" attitude, that I practically begged his owner, Louise Mahoney, to let me bring him home to be my backup Tevis mount. Well, thank goodness for backup horses!

At the time I brought him home, I had a good feeling about the way things lined up for Cayenne for Tevis. I happened to have a shoeing appointment ten days prior to Tevis, for another horse. I was able to slide Cayenne into that slot, so he could have perfectly aged Sneakers for the 100-mile trek across the Sierras. I knew Cayenne had done Tevis the year before, with stellar Crew Goddess, Lisa Schneider, at a conservative pace. After our hand gallop in at the Schellbourne ride, Cayenne had taken one deep breath and walked into camp, head up, looking around, as if searching for the start of the race, not the finish line. It was six weeks to Tevis, so he would have time to acclimate to the heat at my house, while hopefully not losing much of the excellent conditioning that Howard Kent had put on him in the early season. From Schellbourne to Cooley Ranch 50, Cayenne had a cram session of conditioning, doing three 50-mile rides in the space of 13 days. None of that seemed to faze him, and he came away with the best condition award at Cooley.

Later on, after I'd had Cayenne at my house for a while, the doubts started settling in, as they always seem to, when it comes to Tevis. Cayenne is a very difficult horse to ride at home on conditioning rides. He is small and quick, and can spook the skin off a cat. I started having visions of him jumping off the California Loop trail, and I shuddered to think what might occur on the Pucker Point Trail! And of course, I started obsessing on the worry that the horse was not fit enough. How could he possibly travel all those miles of rugged terrain? It just didn't seem achievable. It seems I always have that worry before Tevis. After thinking about it, however, I realized that the trail gods had

been very good to me, up to that point in the season, and that I should trust in that for the decision of which horse to ride at Tevis. I let the chips fall, and as it happened, my primary ride, Bo, had trouble at the Gold Country 50, so Cayenne was elected by default.

Looking at him in the pasture, I don't think anyone would pick him out of the herd to perform as he has. A non-descript chestnut gelding, he is not very big, he is quite unassuming, and he has very crooked legs. He has one clubby foot, and one with low heels. He has a tendency to balk at things, if he doesn't like what he sees, and though he is an adequate mover, he has a funny little shuffle at which vets like to squint and maybe view on more than one trot out. Driving up to Robie on Friday, my gut instinct told me that we'd be pulled at Francisco's.

Sometimes, I'm really happy to be wrong!

The ride, itself, went smoothly. My friend, Scott Sansom, and I stuck together for the start. Scott was looking for his first buckle (which he found), so was planning on being more conservative than I was. We separated a short distance before Red Star Ridge, and then it was all Cayenne. He never faltered, and he never even spooked. He seemed to think it was his trail that day, and in my opinion, it was! I had been worried about him eating early on in the ride, because he had not had a good appetite at the two 50s we'd done together before Tevis. I loaded my crew down with three different kinds of hay and eight different types of grains and pellets in ziplock Baggies, because I did not know what Cayenne might like to eat, and what he might not. I should not have worried. All business, Cayenne put his head down in the food at each vet check, and did not come up for air until I dragged him away because it was time to go.

Because of this, and because of the heat through the canyons, I spent at least 15 or 20 minutes at each stop, letting Cayenne eat, and cooling him down. I had to keep passing Crockett Dumas and a few other people on the trail, because of the extra time I spent in the checks, but that did not bother me. I was just looking for the completion with a happy horse. It was not until Francisco's that I realized we had a legitimate chance to finish in the top ten. Thanks to that old Tevis attrition, as well as to Cayenne's unflagging strength at the end of the ride, we were able to work our way into striking distance. We had a wild ride from the river to the quarry, with Steve and Tallymark, Jazon and Mikey. At the river, where I have never before gotten wet, I followed Mikey and Jazon, and watched while Jazon barely got the soles of his shoes damp. Forgetting that big Mikey is probably a good hand higher than the little red horse I was sitting on, I managed to get soaked up to my knees.

After that, it was full speed ahead, with Cayenne in the

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Welcome to the following new members!

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### Address Change:

Mike & Jill Kilty Newburn have a new email address:  
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lead, and the others following the beam of my flashlight. I could not use glowsticks, since they were sure spooking material for Cayenne, and it was at this time pitch black, with the moon not yet risen. We were our own freight train, rushing through the dark, and finally catching the dust of the riders ahead of us. Jazon chose to go on in, after the quarry, while Steve and I let our horses eat until we saw the next riders. Then it was a beautiful ride in, with moonlight finally filtering through the trees along the single track from No Hands. One stop to drink, in the Black Hole, and there we were, in the lights of Auburn, with plenty of gas left in the tanks. What a feeling!

There are so many thoughts that go through one's mind during the long trek from Tahoe to Auburn. There are times of elation, when one's horse feels good, and willingly trots through some of the most spectacular scenery available to the brave of heart. There are times of creeping doubts, when one is overcome by the awesome task we set for our four-legged partners. They are only flesh and blood and bone, after all, and there are so many hills and rocks and treacheries they must face before the day is done. There are times when it is best not to think, at all, but to simply march the endless stretches of canyon trail, putting one foot in front of another, as if to the beat of a metronome. Through it all, there is the guiding hand of the spirits of those stalwart horses and riders who came before us all. I am so thankful, and feel so fortunate and blessed, to be a part of that history.

I especially think of Julie Suhr, who is my inspiration. We should all strive to have half her compassion and care for the welfare of her equine companions, and to find in ourselves the strength, grace and dignity that she embodies. Julie, Cayenne and I carried you with us over that magical, insinuating, hateful, addicting, spellbinding, glorious trail that is the Tevis. And to you, I dedicate the 2005 Haggin Cup that a little red horse came away with, just doing his thing.

– Michele Roush

### A FEW GOOD MEN

No, not the Marines or the Army, but....

1-2 drag riders to follow the 100 milers from Start to Bloomquist Flat (36 miles)

1-2 riders to hang light sticks from Chalk Mt. to Camp, via the 75 mile trail route. (Brian & Val, are you up for this again?)

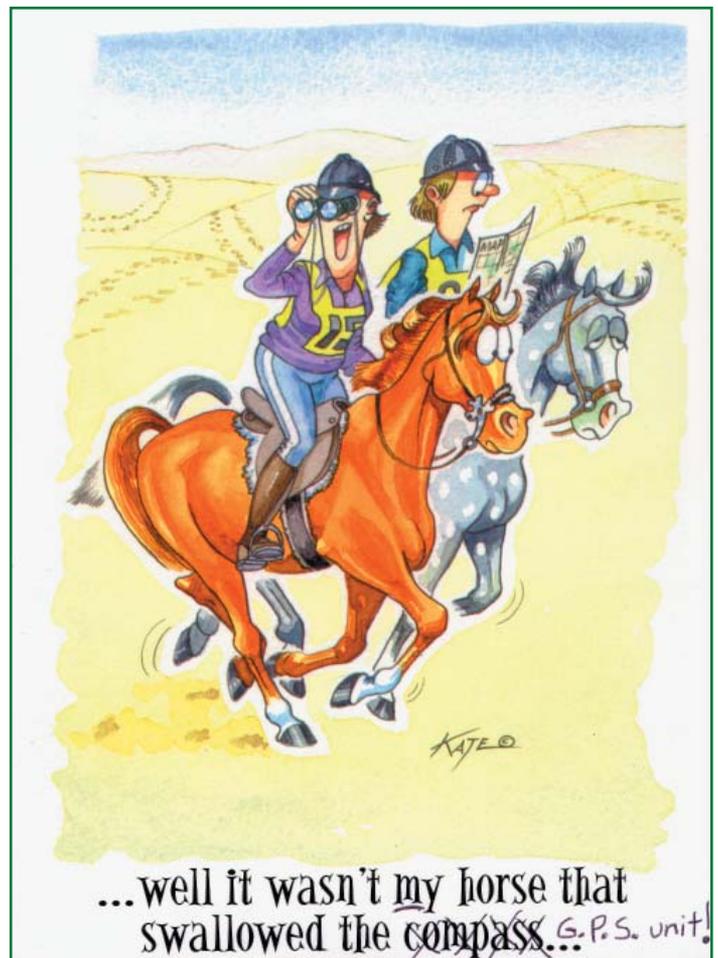
– **Barbara McCrary**, Ride Manager  
Swanton Pacific 75/100

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## MEMBER PROFILE FEATURE

A new feature that will be added to the club website and newsletter is a Member Profile. President Steve will be the Member Liaison. Next month's newsletter will have a questionnaire for members to fill out. It will be a great way for us to learn more about each other.

Things Steve would like to see in the bio include a picture of the member and maybe their horse, how long they've been riding, where they like to train, etc. A large number of the AERC Decade teams belong to the club so that is something he'd like to include also.

Since I'm relatively new myself, I'd like to see other stuff like: Are you married, do you have kids, do they ride? What do you do for a living? Do you have your own business we can support?

To kill two birds with one stone, I'll start. Consider this the introduction to your new editor. – **Jackie**

### JACKIE FLOYD - Lodi, California

I've been riding since I was seven. I currently have six horses, of which four are possible endurance horses ... my main squeeze is Tank with current back-up James Dean who spends most of his time head-over-fence, staring at the house saying "pick me, pick me," Crystal, the 14-year-old CMK rescue mare who still hasn't made it out of the box and the new boy, Sorcerer, who is also waiting for me to have time to play with him. He is the sire of Karen Chaton's Granite Chief and you'll be seeing him on the trail next year for sure. I train at Camanche North and South, Pardee and Hogan Reservoirs, Black Diamond Mines and Mt. Diablo with an occasional trip to the Auburn Overlook thrown in.

I am a graphic artist, and do national newsstand magazine layout and book publishing. I am the webmaster of various sites including JohnnyCash.com which hit the internet in 1996 when the web was brand new. I am married to husband Jim for almost 16 years and have a 20-year-old daughter Jocelyn by a previous marriage who attends Fresno State as an Interior Design major. James Dean was Jocelyn's horse but proved to be a bit much for her so he now lives with me.



Tank and Jackie at 2004 New Cuyama

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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 2005 dues, checks made out to: **Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.**

Mail to Membership Chairperson:

Maryben Stover  
1299 Sandra Drive  
San Jose, CA 95125-3535  
408 265-0839

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

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL TEVIS RIDERS!!!

*Watching Michele show Cayenne for the judging was a true delight. We all know what an expert horse handler she is, but I think she teaches tricks, too. As if on cue on his final circle, Cayenne lifted his head to the crowd of spectators and whinnied. A really great moment...*

– **Barbara White**

### QUICKSILVER 2005 TEVIS RIDERS

**Non Finishers:**

Richard Carter  
Sandy Holder  
Jan Jeffers  
Judy Reens  
Heather Reynolds  
Jeremy Reynolds  
Hugh Vanderford  
Barbara White

**Finishers:**

Dennis Tracy (4th)	San Francisco (Frisco)
Michele Roush (9th/BC)	Cayenne
Steve Shaw (10th)	Tallymark
Robert Oram	Traveler
Scott Sansom	Ree
Gloria Vanderford	BA Resilience
Bob Eaton	Yahoo
Robert Ribley	Oak Hill Rambler
Melissa Ribley	Oak Hill Tidbit

It was the 1st Tevis for Dennis, Scott and Bob!

## QUICKSILVER MEMBER REGIONAL POINT STANDINGS –WEST REGION

Notice the point chaser in 10th place Featherweight ...

Div.PI.	Rider Name	Equine	Breed	Sex	Miles	Div.Pts.	Ov.Pts.	Ov.PI.
<b>Featherweight Division</b>								
2	Karen Chaton	Granite Chief+	Arab	G	965	1210.5	965	4
10	Julie Suhr	Raiders Nudera	Arab	M	410	500	410	
<b>Lightweight Division</b>								
2	Melissa Ribley	Murr The Blur	Mule	G	550	920	755	6
7	Patricia Verheul	Razznan	Arab	G	355	640	517.5	
10	Heather Reynolds	CP Magestic	Arab	G	150	575	540	
<b>Middleweight Division</b>								
3	Robert Ribley	LD Monique	Arab	M	550	1055	680	8
<b>Heavyweight Division</b>								
6	Barry Waitte	LV Cambridge	Arab	G	255	642.5	465	
<b>Junior Division</b>								
6	Haily Daeumler	Cheyenne XII	Arab	G	105	169	0	

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*"Practical Horseman"  
Cover Girl Jan Jeffers and  
sidekick volunteering at  
the RAM Driving event in  
Fresno, CA in May.*



## CLASSIFIED

### WANTED

**ENDURANCE HORSE WANTED.** I would love to say I am hoping to ride the Tevis next year but I am sure it is a ways away. So, I don't mind a horse that needs to be ridden - I will need to get at least 300 miles before I can even enter the Tevis. I would like a calm horse, doesn't need to be big, I am about 5 5 and weight about 150. I have 11 acres in north Auburn. So the horse will be both in the barn and turned out to graze. If someone is concerned about where the horse would live etc. anyone is welcome to look at my place and see where the horse would be. I am also looking for a truck - I do need the extra cab and 4 wheel drive. Jane Meads, [janemeads@yahoo.com](mailto:janemeads@yahoo.com). [10-05]

**PIPE FENCING WANTED.** Maryben has a friend who is looking for used pipe corrals ... cheap. Call Maryben at 408 265-0839. [10-05]

### HORSE FOR SALE/ LEASE

**ARABIAN MARE FOR SALE.** We are looking for a good home for our baby. She is now five and has had quite a bit of training under her girth. She does water, bridges, anything you put her to and has perfect conformation. Her breeding is out of Muscat, Nariadni and Maalik. We did spay her as her heats were bad. She is grey, 14'2, has a natural single foot gait and drops her head nicely in the trot. She has the energy and willingness to do multi-day endurance. We would like to sell her for \$7,000/OBO depending on the home. Her trainer is Wendy Pohl, (435) 336-3336. I can send pictures. Email Deb at [D\\_MARTINPC@MSN.com](mailto:D_MARTINPC@MSN.com). [10-05]

**ARAB MARES FOR SALE.** 10-year-old 14.2 registered, bay mare needs experienced rider, \$2,500. 14-year-old, 14.1 purebred, grey mare, very sweet & easy to ride, \$3500. **PONY FOR SALE:** 10-year-old, around 12 hands, grey mare, probably Welsh,

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**FEED KEEPER/CREW BAG**, red, by Australian Connection. Never used. \$15. **SNUGPAX SLIMLINE POMMEL BAG**, red, lightly used. \$30. **LOVELL OF MACK ENGLISH SADDLE CANTLE BAG**, \$30. **HI-TIE BUNGEE TETHER** never used, \$20 **MACKINDER ENDURANCE SADDLE** from Australia. <http://www.mackinderendurance.com/>. \$1500. Comes with EZ Ride stirrups. **FLEECE SADDLE PAD** to go with it, \$50. **JRD DRESSAGE TYPE SADDLE**—custom made with slightly forward flaps and knee rolls for endurance as well as plenty of rings for hanging things. 18.5" seat; flaps are probably somewhat short. Made for Polish Arab with withers and flat back. \$2500. Postage is extra for all items. Laney 831-659-1209 or [laneyhh@comcast.net](mailto:laneyhh@comcast.net) [10-05]

**SHARON SAARE** 15-in., CC tree. Well-used, well cared for; no longer fits my horses. \$500, has fittings. Jill 650-949-0330. [10-05]

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## ATTENTION QUICKSILVER MEMBERS!

This is a shameless plug for my new book (see ad below) but also a chance for Quicksilver members to contribute to the club. For every "American Endurance Rides: The Ultimate Guide" purchased by club members, I will donate **\$2.50 per book to QSER**. Buy a guide .. help the club!

For those of you who don't know, the guide has editorial contributions by QSER Members **Julie Suhr**, who graciously wrote the foreword for me, **Barbara White** submitted an enthralling story called *Last Vet Stop* about Lower Quarry at Tevis, **Maryben Stover** wrote about Juniors, **Karen Chaton** gives pointers on multi-day readiness, **Sandy Holder** shares her Nervous Mom story and **Michele Roush** contributed a wonderful story about the Pam Ams with Robin Hood. Not to mention that our own **Bob and Peggy Eaton** are on the cover!

I haven't been in the club very long and I was overwhelmed with the response by QSER members to step up to the plate with this project and submit editorial content. It just goes to show what a great club this is and what a great family endurance is!

The plan is to update the book on a yearly basis. Upgrade discounts will be available to those who send in proof of purchase from the back of the book.

– :) Jackie

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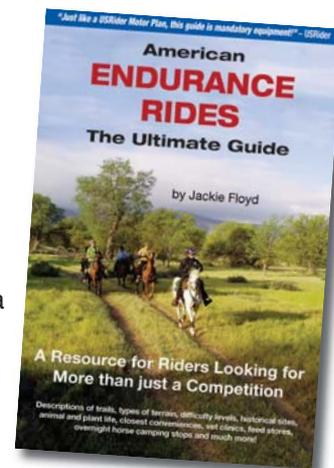
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