

# Quicksilver Quips

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So we pulled it off again! Another fall endurance ride for QSER and it was a success. The weather was nice and cool and the effort of the volunteers and ride staff was excellent. Please read the ride report to get the lowdown and blow by blow report.

The October meeting will be at Calero Park for a ride and a bar-b-que. If you are riding go early as we need to leave the park by 6:30 or dusk so the meeting will have to be at 5:30-6:00.

We may have to adjourn to re-meet elsewhere for a wrap-up on the ride.

It is October. We need nominations for President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. Plus, the BOARD. A motion was brought up at the last meeting to nominate at the Christmas party and then elect at the awards banquet, but at present the by-laws call for election now, so, there will be a lot to do at the Oct. meeting.

For now, we have no program for the Nov 17th meeting.

**El Presidente –Steve-0**

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A good portion of you are still getting the newsletter via the old Pony Express snail mail system, even though you have email addresses. The club would like to ask you, if at all possible, to consider changing over to the color email version of QUIPS. It costs the club right around \$100 every month to send out the paper versions, and obviously, nothing to send out the email versions. Not only that, but you would get it several days sooner. That could leave the club with a lot more money to disperse in other ways.

You can still can still print your newsletter out if you have a printer attached to your computer. Please help the club by considering this option.

**– Jackie**

P.S. Thank you Judy for continuing to traipse to the copy shop and doing all the mailing AND sending in lots of stuff for QUIPS!

## EQUESTRIANS FIND HAPPY TRAILS ON 5-DAY RIDE

By Chris Treadway  
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

While many families are debating the wisdom of a four-wheeled outing for Labor Day weekend, a gathering of equestrians is using four-legged transportation to enjoy the beauty of land -- lots of land -- right here in the East Bay hills.

Riders from across the West Coast set out Thursday morning far from the maddening traffic on a route covering 100 miles, including about 30 miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, on a course ranging from Tilden Park on the backside of the Berkeley hills to Castro Valley.

The third annual five-day East Bay Hills Trail Ride raises money for the improvement and maintenance of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, which now covers almost 300 miles and will ultimately encompass 500 miles of routes in the hills around the Bay.

The ride has grown each year since its inception, last year raising \$13,000 for the Bay Area Ridge Trail. This year's event will be the biggest yet because word has spread through the greater equestrian community.

"A lot of people are coming from all over and they have no idea that we have arguably the best urban trail system in the country or the world," said Morris Older of Orinda, who is on the board of the Tilden Wildcat Horsemen's Association, which is sponsoring the event with the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association.

Local equestrians are being joined by riders coming from the Sierras, Long Beach, San Luis Obispo, Washington state and British Columbia, Older said. More than 70 riders in all are taking part, with 42 riding the entire five days.

At the end of each day's ride through some of the East Bay's most scenic areas, they get to eat catered dinners outdoors, enjoy live entertainment in the evening and camp out at night under the stars.

"We have a reputation for very good food at the ride," Older said.

The \$50-a-day fee paid by riders also includes carrots, hay and water for the horses.

Evening programs include a horse massage workshop, a visit to the Chabot Space and Science Center, naturalist talks and classical harp music.

The ride is covering Tilden and Wildcat regional parks; San Pablo Reservoir; Sibley, Huckleberry and Redwood regional parks; East Bay Municipal Utility

District watershed land; Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland; Redwood Regional Park; Upper San Leandro Reservoir; Anthony Chabot Regional Park; and Lake Chabot.

That so much land is preserved today is as much happenstance of it not being developed early in the century, leaving it available for acquisition when the movement to preserve open space led to the formation of the East Bay Regional Park District in the 1930s, Older said.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail is an extension of that movement, working to tie together stretches of open space in the hills that ring the Bay.

The trail ride has raised \$23,000 over the past two years toward that effort.

"This annual ride has been an excellent way to publicize the trail, and its accessibility for equestrians," said Holly van Houten, executive director of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. "We appreciate the financial support, which is helping us add to the trail in the East Bay. Equestrians have been a key source of volunteer support to complete this huge undertaking."

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## LETTERS TO THE CLUB

Merryben,

I have been sent to Alexandria, Louisiana to the VA hospital to help with the hurricane relief. So I won't be able to continue with the conditioning of my horse.

Looks like I won't make it home in time for the Quicksilver/Grant Ranch ride. I'll have to wait until next season to begin again. But you can bet I'll be there!

*Thank you  
Karyn Hasty*

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Haily did finish the VC 100 and came in tenth place on her first 100. She and Dakota both were in need of sponsors and ended up riding in with the 8th place finisher - sorry do not remember his name. Great to see the two juniors in the top ten!

The winner as Kristin Flynn riding Jason Wonder's horse Ravi Das. Al Beaupree finished for his twentieth buckle and Vincent Howes for his 10th.

It was a beautiful day with great weather, and a good time was had by all.

*Jill and Michael*

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I am a member of the Quicksilver Club, though I admit I am mostly inactive. I either ride or volunteer at our rides but that is about it. I've never served on the board, I don't even attend our meetings.

But, as a member I believe I have a voice in our

club, and I feel strongly that a major issue has been overlooked recently.

Our Quicksilver ride is next weekend at Grant Ranch. Peggy Eaton has graciously volunteered to manage it for us, many thanks to her and her crew. We all appreciate her hard work.

It was brought to my attention that we will be rewarding a Best Condition award for the Limited Distance ride. This will not be an overall horsemanship award, it will be a bonafide BC chosen from the top ten.

When I asked around to a few prominent members of our club no one knew or had any information on this decision.

My question is this: Do we, as a large and well respected west region organization, want to support and condone BC for LD?

Do we care enough to have an opinion? Should we make a stand on this issue, one which is being heavily debated by AERC membership at this time?

In the latest Endurance News Melissa Ribley wrote an informative and convincing letter concerning this issue.

I think we should make a decision.

Maybe not this weekend, but for the future Quicksilver rides in general I think we should set a standard and support Limited Distance as what it was intended. Not a race, not a competition, but a training ride with results listed in alphabetical order.

I cannot be the only one with strong feelings on this subject, but, if I'm wrong please disregard this letter.

*Sincerely,  
Jennifer Voight*

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Kathy Majors Thompson writes:  
Please note my new mailing address:  
P. O. Box 429  
Roseville, CA 95661

Delete all reference to the old address on Sierra College Blvd. All phone numbers, etc. stay the same.

*Thank you,  
Kathy*

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I am finally feeling like I'm getting settled in Nevada City. I just got hay delivered today, and I'm watching the turkeys with their young out of the window.

I've been riding off the property, but I'm looking for people in the area to trail ride with. I'd really like someone to ride with so I can learn more trails. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

New phone number: (530) 265-6908

New address: 17842 Blue Tent School Rd., Nevada City 95959

New email: [harmony@heartworks.biz](mailto:harmony@heartworks.biz)

*See you at the next ride,  
Helen Harvey*

## FALL CLASSIC

Hello Everyone,

Firstly we'd like to thank all of our great members who rose to the occasion to help out and make this ride run so easily for us.

All your help and enthusiasm made it easy for us to make it a successful ride.

The park was left immaculate - the rangers there should be pleased. They were so very helpful to us.

Now it's the big job of tallying results.

BTW, we made nearly \$500.00 in the raffle! More than paid for all the food that our presidente Mr. Steve-O bought...Thanks to all who donated!

*QSER RIDE MANAGEMENT TEAM  
Peggy, Sandy and Katie*

When you are on a great horse, you have the best seat you will ever have.

*- Sir Winston Churchill*

## TRAFFIC SIGNS NEEDED TO ALERT MOTORISTS ABOUT EQUESTRIANS IN THE PIERCY-TENNANT ROAD/ COYOTE CREEK PARK AREA IN SAN JOSE

Deb Adair, who represents equestrians the Cevalo Riding Academy at 715 Piercy Road, recently wrote to Len Ramilo, San Jose City Parks Department, regarding the urgent need for placement of equestrian signs to alert motorists about horses riding along city streets. This area is especially challenging for equestrians, as there are chain-link fences installed right at the edge of the sidewalks so that the only safe place to ride is in the road itself. Since we don't carry enough metallic material to trigger the signal at Hellyer, the crossing is a bit tricky. (It's not always feasible to maneuver a horse close enough to the signal pole to push the pedestrian crosswalk buttons!) We access Tennant from the private Piercy Road extension, but riders from other facilities further down Piercy Road have to travel along Piercy Road itself to access the park. Some riders also ride north along Hellyer Avenue from Tennant to access the park at the Silver Creek staging area.

To help the City & County recognize the need for equestrian safety in an urbanized area, contact Deborah Adair, President, Cevalo Riding Academy, 408-398-6789 [debadair@designcage.com](mailto:debadair@designcage.com)

## **COSTLY GAS MAKES UTAHNS CREATIVE ALTERNATIVE FUEL? TRY HAY**

By Lesley Mitchell  
The Salt Lake Tribune

Melissa Evans thought she had found a new way to rein in her expenses as gasoline prices escalated.

The Tooele High School senior began hoofing it to school this week on her 11-year-old gelding, Night-hawk. Joined by junior Chapa Stevenson and her horse, Wink, the pair made the 30-mile trek between their homes in Rush Valley and school twice a day on horseback.

But school officials told them Thursday that horses on school grounds are against the rules.

"I guess we have to go back to carpooling," said Evans, who kept her horse in a stall inside the high school's animal laboratory while she was in class. "When you have a car that gets 10 miles per gallon, you have to do something."

In the weeks since gas prices reached record highs, people throughout Utah have taken creative steps to reduce their gas bills.

Some are taking big steps, such as trading in gas-guzzling vehicles or trying to find a job closer to home. Others are making smaller changes, telecommuting one or more days a week or trying to drive less on weekends.

The average cost of a gallon of unleaded gasoline rose to a high of \$2.91 per gallon on Sept. 10 after Hurricane Katrina took several Gulf oil refineries off line. In recent days, gas prices in Utah have fallen by five cents to \$2.86 per gallon.

More drops were expected. But with Hurricane Rita now bearing down on the nation's largest group of refineries, prices nationally and in Utah are set to rise again, said Rolayne Fairclough, spokeswoman for travel services company AAA Utah.

Ken Stern, managing director of FTI Consulting, which advises refineries on business strategy, predicted \$4 a gallon at the pump for gasoline within two weeks. In Utah, which has one of the lowest average gas prices nationwide, consumers easily could pay more than \$3 a gallon again. How much more, no one knows for sure.

In an environment where capacity is constrained and demand continues pretty much unabated, that's a formula for significantly higher prices," Stern said.

More refineries, and oil and natural gas rigs along the Gulf Coast and potentially in Rita's path, were shut down Thursday in anticipation of the hurricane hitting shore early Saturday.

About 5 percent of the nation's oil-refining capacity is still off-line due to damage from Hurricane Katrina, which hit Louisiana and Mississippi. Refineries in the Houston area represent another 13 percent of the nation's capacity.

"It's potentially a bigger threat than Katrina because there is more refining capacity in the Houston area," said Bob Slaughter, president of the National Petroleum & Refining Association. "This is a double whammy for the industry - it's an amazing thing to contemplate."

In Rush Valley, Melissa Evans' mother, Karren, is disappointed her daughter can't ride her horse to school anymore to help offset the expected price increases.

"It took hours for her to get to school," she said. "But hay is much cheaper than gas."

*The Associated Press*

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## **NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Quicksilver member, Gloria Vanderford and BA Resilience are members of the Pacific North Team!

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS GREG AND CYNEE PRYOR**

West Point, California

We've been riding endurance long enough to know better, and yet we continue. Greg's theory is that as a fireman, he's the one running towards the fire while everyone else is running away so he doesn't know any better. I fall back on my multiple concussions with a lack of memory that I can't even remember the start of the race by the end of the day. But in reality, we are just as addicted as everyone else out there.

With Greg's seasoned 13 year old gelding, my eight, seven, and six year old in-progress geldings, a four year old gelding started under saddle, and two yearling geldings eating everything in sight while leaving poop, like bread crumbs, for us to follow their exuberant paths, we stay pretty busy on our 40 acre ranch in the Sierra foothills.

I'm not sure if my parents every really loved me. My first horse was purchased when I was in the fifth grade, an unruly stallion, and the extent of equine knowledge in our household started and stopped with one end has a tail and the other end has a head. But with kindly horse-knowledgeable neighbors, I managed to survive that dang thing to the point of manners down the trail with a mare in season leading the way.

Greg was tricked into horses. He'd been on a horse before - something about friends, a dare, and

beer, nighttime, jumping over a fence and onto an unsuspecting and un-tacked horse's back.. But then he met me with my strong equine interest, and he slowly was hooked. He's turned into a horseman in his own right and truly has a great working partnership with his current horse.



*Cyndee and Greg on Cody and Finn at Lake Sonoma*

When Greg's not riding or playing Fire Captain with the Sacramento Metro Fire Department, he's trying to stay on top of ranch work and maintaining our rentals. I still haven't figured out what I want to be when I grow up. I've dabbled with advertising and public relations, sportswear design, manufacturing, and distributing, managing our rentals, breeding shelties, teaching and tutoring, painting and writing, and horse training. The kids are grown and pretty much on their own, Heather 22 and Leif 27, and on occasion you may see Heather roped to the saddle of one of our young horses at an endurance ride.

We are delighted with our Quicksilver membership and look forward to making the acquaintance of all the club members.

Cyndee Pryor/Entrepreneur  
**MOONSHADOW'S SHELTIES**  
**BACK OF BEYOND RANCH**  
**C.C.RIDER**

Greg Pryor  
**SAC METRO FIRE CAPTAIN**  
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## **QSER BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING 9-21-05**

Present: Steve Lenheim; Elaine Alton; Scott Sansom; Sandy Holder; Maryben Stover; Mary Anderson; Kathy Miller

Guests: Chris Holder; Marvin Snowbarger; Kathy Brayton; Dick Carter.

The meeting started at 7:10 p.m. The first part of the meeting consisted of a Ride Meeting to discuss the progress of the Fall Ride. There was much discussion, questions and updates. The ride will take place on **1<sup>st</sup> October, 2005 at Grant Ranch. Ride Managers are Sandy Holder and Peggy Eaton.** It was reported that the entries must be in on time and that **the late fee will be enforced.**

It was reported that there will be no Poker Ride this year as there are no free weekends at Calero.

### **Secretary's Report**

Mail is brought to the meetings on an irregular basis by which time flyers, notices and general mail is out of date and events have already happened. Elaine asked if someone who lived or worked in the area could pick up the mail on a regular basis from our PO Box. Steve said he would deal with this.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership** - Maryben reported that Greg and Cinde Prior had joined the club.

Our Junior Ildy made top ten at Virginia City 100.

Bill Evans' Memorial will be held 12 October at 2 pm. Maryben will call Jackie to ensure that the details get into the Newsletter.

**Program** - The election of club officials is upon us. We need **nominations:** Scott suggested having the October meeting at Calero again, starting with a ride. Steve suggested that the theme be "Oktoberfest". Sandy suggested that we sell T-shirts left over from the ride to members.

Mary proposed a **Motion: That the election of officials be delayed until the Awards Banquet so that members can nominate and vote on the same night.**

Kathy seconded, Motion carried unanimously.

Dick Carter floated the idea that we have a team within each weight group to compete against other teams in AERC. He also suggested that we have a member "roast."

Scott proposed to adjourn, Steve seconded. The meeting adjourned 8.35 pm.

**- Elaine**

## VIRGINIA CITY 100

On a Thursday morning in September we packed up and headed for the Sierras for the Virginia City 100 arrived in town late in the afternoon. The base camp for the ride has moved in the last few years, but is still located in town in a vacant lot just two blocks below the main street. The area had been well marked so that we knew where to park and where the water, dumpsters and toilets would go. We pulled up along side another rig and got our camp set up, horse settled in and dinner cooked before dark. This left plenty of time to walk into town and investigate the options for procuring a local beverage – which indeed there were many. I can report that the libations were cold and the company entertaining.

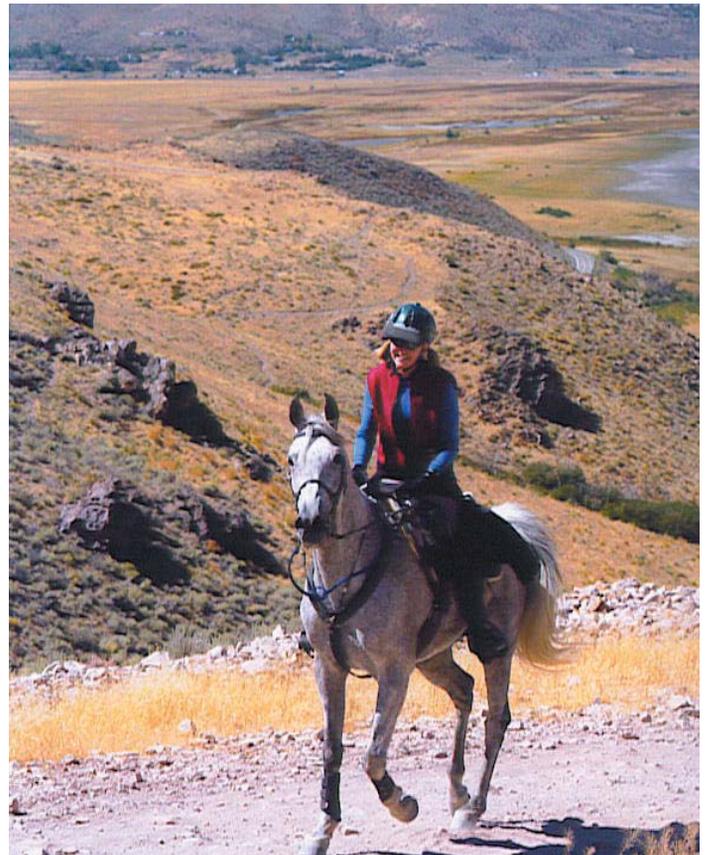
By Friday mid-day things were beginning to look lively with plenty of rigs pulling in and lots of activity. I saddled up and rode out to take a look at what would be the end of the trail. The wind got sort of nasty in the late afternoon, and some folks were spreading nasty rumors of rain up north. The ride meeting was held under a tent and was short and to the point. Connie Creech was the manager, and she also rode, so she gave directions on who to see with problems on the day of the ride and turned it over to the vets who gave a very short briefing on criteria, having fun, riding in balance and taking care of our critters. With that all said I was off to add more warm clothes to my crew bag and go to bed. They held what was called a Calcutta, which I guess allows folks to 'buy' (bet-on) horse and rider teams. I seem to have an easy enough time parting with my money, so I have never developed an appreciation for gambling – but plenty of folks stuck around to participate in that.

It was up at 3:45 for breakfast so that we could be saddled and ride up to the official starting which is on the main street in front of one of the saloons. Jack is normally a pretty relaxed fellow, but he had some concerns about the downtown area there and why we were all standing around! He was happy when the police escort led the way down the street and on to the side street that would take us out of town – and then it was off into the dark. Always hard to tell who you are riding with in the dark, but I was able to make out the Vanderford's with Haily and slide in behind them for a bit as the group got to trotting down the dirt road and got well spread out. It seemed quite dark going out, maybe some ground fog that kept the moon from being too bright, but it seemed to make the glow of the sunrise over the hills all the more beautiful when it finally arrived.

We had a really neat encounter with a mustang just before sunrise. We were moving along at a nice

trot when Jack gave a little spook – and then a BIG jump where his butt almost seemed to get out in front of him as he spun around to take a look at a lone mustang who had been hidden behind a pine tree as we approached. He let out a big snort as Jack faced him – and Jack tried to match with a small snort – before trying to run away. The horse was not much more than a dark shadow against the slightly less dark sky that was beginning to signal daybreak. A very surreal moment.

The first vet check was in a town, behind a market, and crews could meet riders there. It seemed like we lost quite a few horses at this point. The hold was one hour and then we were off for the infamous Baily Canyon. The main theme that I had gotten about this ride before I got there was 'Rocks' – and Baily Canyon was the epitome of this, since it really is a creek bed. Then it is over the ridge and down to Washoe Lake Park where crews could meet riders before they made one more big climb and headed back to camp.



Since this was Jackson's first 100, the moment of truth came back at camp, when it was time to saddle up and head back out on the trail after 55 miles. The horse was being a trooper, eating everything in sight, and only seemed to pause for a moment when we came at him with the saddle – and then he just seemed to eat faster!

The loop from 55 to 77 miles held a very long climb

up and over Mt Davidson. We crested the top of the hill just as the sunset over the hills to our left and the full moon rose over the range on the right. We passed some riders coming up the hill, not knowing at the time that this would be the last of our company for the day.

Back in camp we vetted in and had our last one-hour hold, which seemed to fly by. In no time we were trotting out through town and back on to the trail. The moon was huge and the temperature was great – probably into the 50's. The last loop covered some of the trail that we had done in the morning and was easy going with few of the rocks that were so prevalent earlier in the day. There was a wonderful group of folks to meet us at the 93-mile check who provided hot soup, drinks, cookies and all kinds of snacks for both horse and riders. We enjoyed their company and hospitality for a short hold and then headed out for camp.

The ride ends out at the edge of town, where spotlights are set up and the voices of waiting crew members drift out over the trail to greet us. What a great feeling it was to be trotting up the trail and feel my horse surge forward when he too heard Michael's laugh up at the end of the trail; he must have known about the warm blanket and bag of cookies that awaited him!

This was a good, tough ride in classic Nevada style – not too many frills but lots of hospitality and a beautiful trail. Prizes are buckles. One rider, Al Beaupree, finished the ride to earn his 20th this year. I don't know that I will get anywhere near that number, but I will definitely go back to do this ride again!

– Jill Kilty-Newburn

P.S. - In case you did not hear the news - Haily did go on to finish the ride with another sponsor after Hugh and Gloria pulled out. It was her first 100 and she finished in 10th place. Way to go Haily!

"In the beginning, say the first 30 years, learning to ride will make you feel like dunce. This is because a horse not only knows what you know, but he also knows what you DON'T know." Bonnie Timmons, *Hold Your Horses*

## REMEDY FOR HIGH GAS PRICES

I can save you money on gas!

All right folks, step right up! You dot want to pay \$4.69 for gas, no problem, I have the perfect vehicle for you. Needs no gas, no oil, or even a battery, just a little grass and water will do these animals fine. Now everyone has different needs, so choose from the following models:

1. Trail Horse- Your average run around town ani-

mal. Has the energy to get where you are going, the brain to find the best way to go, big enough to carry the normal sized American.

2. The Arabian- perfect for those who travel long distances in a day and try to multi task while driving. Although the Arabian may not go to your home or office with out specific instruction, it WILL go somewhere.

3. The Draft- Calling all soccer moms. This big guy can carry the whole team, their gear and snacks. Just like the big machines, this guy will require more fuel, and his shoes will be more expensive than the compact model.

4. The Western Pleasure- The right car for the high end white collar workers. This animal works harder and requires more special knowledge so only the best can figure this out. Be sure to take your cell phone. You wont be stuck in traffic, you just wont be getting anywhere fast.

5. The Parelli- Salesmen, stay at home moms, and high school kids will all enjoy this dream. You can load him down with flapping Wal-Mart bags, ask him to walk in places a horse wont fit, and you can dance with him as you listen to the latest tunes.

6. The Ranch- The most dependable animal available. He will go wherever you ask him to, at what ever speed is appropriate. You can tie him to the stop sign and he will be there when you get back. Best of all, this model has been specially engineered to be able to go without water for days and stay fat and slick by eating sagebrush and dead prairie grass.

Of course all models are available in base colors (sorrel, bay, black) Special order colors are available (dun, gray, palomino) and for an additional fee, custom paint jobs are also available (overo, tobiano, blanket, leopard).

No horse is sold with a warranty, however maintenance plans are available in the event brakes, steering, or accelerator fail.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

All classified ads marked with the 10-05 date will expire with this issue. If you want your ad to continue running, PLEASE EMAIL ME at typef@comcast.net. I've been told that some of these ads have been running forever, and while a lot are still valid, a lot are not.

– Jackie

## SIGN FOR BACK OF TRAILER

"Driver carries no cash...what ever the horses did not eat is in the gas tank"

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR THE HORSE OWNER

Ready for the worst? Protect yourself and your horse when natural disasters threaten property and lives.

By Jack Moore

Forecasters say a hurricane, firestorm, blizzard or other natural disaster is headed your way. With a day or less to prepare, take these measures to protect your horses.

- **Stock up on feed.** With most disasters, it's difficult to predict how long you'll be cut off from your feed supplier. Your own property might emerge relatively unscathed, but delivery lines can be severed at any point. Assess your storage capabilities, and arrange to stockpile at least one week's worth of feed—even more, if you have room. If you store hay outdoors, cover the pile with a flame-resistant tarp to protect it from flying embers, high winds and precipitation.

- **Fill up on water.** Water is the most urgent matter for horses following a natural disaster. Although horses can get by for several days on scanty rations, water deprivation quickly leads to dehydration and serious digestive problems. Aim to stockpile at least 20 gallons of water per horse, per day. Store it in troughs, large tanks or barrels at accessible points throughout the property, and secure the containers so they won't be damaged. If neighboring properties have wells, ask permission to use them in case of an emergency. Keep bottles of household bleach among your emergency supplies to kill pathogens in the water (one ounce treats 20 gallons of water) or buy water-purification tablets. Plan for ways of making nearby streams or lakes available to your horses during the crisis.

- **Identify your horses.** In the absence of instantly visible identifying brands on your horses, you can paint pertinent information on the animals themselves. In the past, Californians threatened by wildfires have used grease "crayons" sold for marking cattle to write their names and phone numbers directly on their horses' hides. Robby Johnson, who survived Alabama's Hurricane Frederick in 1979, went a step further: He used fingernail polish to write his name, his veterinarian's name and other vital data on his horse's hooves. "You have four hooves, so you might as well identify your horse as best you can," he says. Finally, remember to keep some sort of identification on your person to present to authorities when you come to reclaim your property. You'll also need proof of identity to get back into an evacuation zone.

- **Adapt your exit strategy to the realities of the moment.** You may have mapped out an emergency departure route in advance, but a flood or fire can change your plans hour by hour. Even if the disaster itself does not block your planned exit, emergency

equipment or rescue efforts might. Listen for news reports on traffic/road conditions in your area, and contact people along your planned exit routes to see how things are shaping up.

- **Leave sooner, not later.** Emergency personnel may advise you to evacuate. In floods, mud slides, blizzards or hurricanes, you may decide to move your horses to a safer location rather than tough it out. Fires, earthquakes and tornadoes are less predictable and escapable. Even if you don't think you need to leave, be prepared to do so throughout the crisis. Stock your trailer and vehicle with essential provisions, and have your horses confined and ready for loading.

Roads are likely to be crowded if you decide to evacuate, so the sooner you get on your way, the better. Another good reason to leave early: Just one foot of fast-moving water or a gust of gale-force wind is enough to tip a trailer.

If you stay put, however, don't expect to find help available to bail you out as the situation deteriorates. "Emergency rescue people get real frustrated with people who refuse to evacuate," says animal rescuer Terri Crisp. "I tell people if there is any possible risk of something hitting where you live, get those animals out of there immediately. If a hurricane takes a turn [and spares you], at least you've practiced."

### Related Resources

- 15 Disaster Preparation Tips  
<http://equisearch.com/farm/stable/eqdisaster2562>
- Disaster Preparedness for Horse Owners  
<http://equisearch.com/farm/barns/eq3474>
- Help Your Horse Survive a Disaster  
<http://equisearch.com/care/disaster121403>

This article first appeared in the September 1998 issue of EQUUS magazine.

— Best, Judy

## HOW TO ASSIST EQUINE HURRICANE VICTIMS!

The United States Equestrian Federation has established the Hurricane Equine Relief Fund to assist those agencies working directly with the equine victims and refugees from Hurricane Katrina. All money raised will be used to support efforts to deliver food, veterinary services, and shelter for horses and ponies in the hurricane-stricken areas. The ownership

of many of the horses recovered so far has not been determined. As a result, the length of time they will be needing care is unknown.

You may make donations of any size online at <http://www.usef.org/>, or mail a check to:

The United States Equestrian Federation  
4047 Iron Works Parkway  
Lexington KY 40511.

Donations of any size are welcome and are tax deductible.

– Jeri Ayers-Scott

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## BILL EVANS MEMORIAL

We will have his memorial on October 12th, 2005 at 2:00PM.

Location: Radonich Ranch, 25140 Highland Way, Los Gatos. Highland Way is off Summit Road, which is off Hwy 17.

This will be an outdoor event, so dress casual as I know my father would have if he were attending, so don't get all dressed up.

No flowers, etc., rather we would prefer donations to American Cancer Society as dad had cancer twice. He lost the second time.

This is a potluck event, so bring your favorite dishes. Please coordinate food with: Jackie Mehus - e-mail [jackie@mehus.com](mailto:jackie@mehus.com) or phone 408-395-2388-day or 408-353-2617.

Jackie and I think the best thing is that everyone should bring their favorite dishes. I will bring boneless and skinless chicken breasts and thighs to barbeque. If anyone else would like to aid in this area and help bring more chicken and help on the barbequeing, it would be great. . . Please advise Jackie (see above) if you would like to do this.

Please come prepared to tell a story and if you would, please have it in writing (please email them as well) so my children can have them. I am creating a CD of these stories. We already have a poem by Judith Ogus, which I already forwarded to you. It is wonderful and of course made me cry reading it. It truly captures my father's spirit.

Please RSVP with Jackie so we can get an idea of the number of people who will be attending.

I think for refreshments, it would be best to bring your favorite beverage, soda, water, beer, wine, etc. Let's make this a great party and enjoy our memories of "Wild Bill". . .

Jackie Mehus has also lined up a flock of white doves that we will release to celebrate his passing. This is something that dad specifically asked for when dad and I talked and also shared with Jackie. Thank you Jackie for arranging this.

Judith Ogus will be bringing a sound system so we can tell our stories and be heard. Thank you Judith, our poet. . .

We also will be entertained by Elisabet Hiatt and Chris Smith. They will sing some songs that dad loved when they sang to dad. Thank you Elisabet and Chris, our singers. . .

If anybody has other "ideas" please don't hesitate to share them and make them part of this special day.

I have yet to get the obituaries out, but I will. Please use word of mouth though, to get the word out about Wild Bill's Memorial. Thanks.

Thank you Jackie for arranging Radonich Ranch and all the work you will be doing. I really appreciate it very much. You have really removed a large burden off my shoulders.

Thank all of you for being there for my father. Hal, I want to thank you in particular for looking after my dad. You truly made his life better. I know I am leaving off many of you who were special to my dad. He loved you all.

Dad's other son, Lance Evans, and all my children: Alicia, Clay, Ashley and Chase will be there. Mary and I look forward to meeting and chatting with all of you.

For directions, surf to: [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) and type in your own address or where you are starting from and type in the address "25140 Highland Way" and "Los Gatos".

Cheers,  
Flint and Mary Evans  
1615 Graff Court  
San Leandro, CA 94577

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## THE RIGHT TO RIDE ON FEDERAL LAND

*Since this issue is on Federal lands we all need to respond! – Ed.*

The Back Country horsemen are trying to get Senator Cantwell to co sponsor the bill or else we horsemen and women will lose the right to ride on state and federal land, like Mt Adams Horse camp area, Natchez etc.

The Right to Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2005 (S 781) has been introduced by Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID), he is asking equestrians to write to Senator Cantwell.

If you want to read more check out this website of AQHA it affects the whole USA:

[www.capwiz.com/aqha/issues/alert/?alertid=7749306&type=CO](http://www.capwiz.com/aqha/issues/alert/?alertid=7749306&type=CO)

# 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, very sound never foundered could easily do endurance or jumping. She keeps up with the big horses' trot and outwalks them as well and can clear 3 ft carrying 120

lbs. \$1,500 obo. Call Heather 408 687-7082, email [Chileywily@aol.com](mailto:Chileywily@aol.com). [10-05]

## SADDLES & TACK FOR SALE

**17.5" GORGEOUS ORTHO-FLEX STITCHDOWN** for sale. System II Panels, \$1,700, Excellent condition. The Stitchdown features an anatomically correct seat, covered w/ top-grain upholstery leather. A three-position stirrup hanger allows leg positions from dressage to moderate jumping. This saddle is so incredibly comfortable, but the flaps are too long for my short legs. Package incl: fleece booties (like new), Orthoflex neoprene girth, "EZ out" safety stirrups, and Orthoflex leathers. This package is WELL worth over \$3000 new If you're looking for a comfortable trail saddle that fits your horse, this is the one. Julianne Rha 925-708-2388 [jsrha@yahoo.com](mailto:jsrha@yahoo.com). Located in Pacifica. [11-05]

**SPECIALIZED SADDLE** for sale. Two-tone brown and black, I think 16" seat, never used. \$1,500. Call Heather 408-687-7082, email [Chileywily@aol.com](mailto:Chileywily@aol.com). [10-05]

**FREE AND EASY** 17-inch black saddle. 1 year-old "endurance special". \$1900, obo. Call Megan Doyle (408) 315-0519. [10-05]

**ABBETTA ENDURANCE SADDLE.** Pretty much brand new. 10 rides only. \$275.00. **AUSTRALIAN STOCK SADDLE,** older, with Toklat pad \$150.00. **SPRENGER SAFETY STIRRUPS.** Brand new, never been used. No idea what size. They came with a saddle I no longer have. Still in box. Jackie Floyd 209-334-1981 or [typéf@comcast.net](mailto:typéf@comcast.net). [10-05]

**FEED KEEPER/CREW BAG,** red, by Australian Connection. Never used. \$15. **SNUGPAX SLIMLINE POMMEL BAG,** red, lightly used. \$30. **LOVELL OF MACK ENGLISH SADDLE CATTLE BAG,** \$30. **HI-TIE BUNGEE TETHER** never used, \$20 **MACKINDER ENDURANCE SADDLE** from Aus-

tralia. <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]

## 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. [12-05]

## STALLION SERVICES

Introducing CF SORCERER - now standing at stud. Sire of TBR Granite Chief+/, 2004 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, [typéf@comcast.net](mailto:typéf@comcast.net) [10-05]

## 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. [10-05]

**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. [10-05]

## FOR SALE

**DOMETIC 6 CU FT. REFRIGERATOR FOR RV OR TRAILER.** Runs on 110 or propane. Brand new, used once works perfectly. \$750.00. New costs \$1,100-1,300. Call Steve 408 997-0368. [10-05]



**FORD 1984 F350 XL.** Diesel dually ranch pickup truck. Extras include headboard, braking system activator,

equipped with bumper hitch, also bed hitch for gooseneck trailer, sway bars, etc. Mainly used for hauling hay and shavings with gooseneck and bumper pull trailers. Bench seat and full-size bed. \$3,250, call Jo at 408-270-2709 or email her at [calypso1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:calypso1@ix.netcom.com). [10-05]

## MISCELLANEOUS

**RANCH CATS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION.** Fixed/current on shots. Contact [janice.frazier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janice.frazier@sbcglobal.net) or 408 268-2177. [10-05]

**DOG FOSTER CARE** urgently needed. Tuffie's Animal Rescue is looking for a few good dog lovers. The pooches are spayed/neutered and have their shots. Call Diane Habener at 925 462-6480 or 925 209-6480 for information. The dogs can also be seen online at [www.Petfinders.org](http://www.Petfinders.org). [10-05]

**SUPPLEMENTS/HOOF PROTECTION.** Wild Eye Arabians is now supplying FASTRACK Probiotics (paste & powder) HOOF -IT Pour in Pads, Kentucky Equine Research products, ENDURAMAX Electrolites (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](mailto:kirstenzazz@hotmail.com) or [www.conklin.com/wildyearabians](http://www.conklin.com/wildyearabians). [11-05]

**COMPLEXION PROTECTION** Lots of lovely moisturizing and sun protection available for all you outdoor types. For information and samples, call Gillian Tabb at 408 482 0219 or check out my web page [www.marykay.com/gtabb](http://www.marykay.com/gtabb). This stuff really works—Judith. [11-05]

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## 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 or cut out and send questionnaire to:

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

**DON'T FORGET A PICTURE OF YOURSELF!**

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

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