



Quicksilver Quips

December 2008

What's Inside

QSER Mtg. Minutes.....	2
A Note from Mike Maul.....	2
A Letter from Jerri Scott.....	3
Classifieds.....	4
2008 QSER Rider Point Form.....	5

RENEW YOUR QSER MEMBERSHIP NOW AND SEND IN YOUR 2008 RIDER AND HORSE MILEAGE — DETAILS INSIDE

Officers

President	Sandy Holder
Vice President	Dick Carter
Secretary	Wendy Ebster
Treasurer	Trilby Pederson

Board Members

Kathy Brayton Mike Berntsen

Margaret Graham

Newsletter Editor

Margaret Graham

19248 Donna Court

Morgan Hill, CA 95037

mugsbgraham@aol.com

QSER on the Web <http://qser.net>

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yes!!It's my favorite time of the year, again, and I am sure it's the same for many of you. Time to be thankful for all that we have (I'm writing this thinking about the turkey, pies and gravy that we'll be fixing in the next couple of days).and feeling very blessed that I have special people around me, particularly our members, to share our blessings with.

Speaking of blessings, a very special thank you has been sent to us from the Santa Clara County Equine Evacuation Unit for the donation from QSER of \$500.00 towards rescuing horses. As you may recall, they were involved in helping our equine and other four-legged friends during the brutal spring and summer fires this year. The discussion and subsequent vote by club members made this possible.

With the close of the year, comes the close of my tenure as President of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders Club. It has been two wonderful years. I can't believe it's gone by so fast, remembering when Dick Carter initially convinced me that "yes, you can do it." I remember being intimidated initially by the challenge, but with the encouragement of many people (including Bill Parker), I found myself enjoying the opportunity to learn from those more experienced to lead our club. Now, it is on to a new year for our club and new officers in January...some stepping back into familiar shoes and some stepping up as a member of the board for the first time. With this being my last message, I just want to share with you how much I have enjoyed being President and hoping that I at least met your expectations. I tried to.

Reminders: Christmas Party—Dec. 10 bring a wrapped gift and side dish

Jan QSER Mtg—Jan. 21

Best of luck to out 2009 Officers and Board Members:

President: Maryben Stover

Vice President: Karla Perkins

Secretary: Ildy Nasdasdy

Treasurer: Trilby Pederson

Board Members: Kirsten Berntsen, Jennifer Voight and Margaret Graham

GO GIRLS GO!!!

All my best and with a big hug,

Sandy

Minutes of the QSER November 19 Meeting

Meeting commenced at 7:30 pm

Treasurer's Report:	General Account	\$6,374.54
	Trail's Account	\$1,070.14
	Junior Account	452.75

Old Business: Cheers to Steve Lenheim as a highly successful RM and Kathy Brayton for their awesome effort and diligence on the Fall Ride (which was profitable.) Steve wants to thank everyone who volunteered, saying they were a fantastic support team.

Regarding club donations for the year—Steve Lenheim has purchased a 110 gallon water trough, but was informed it would take years to get approval from the parks commission to accept the trough from QSER, so the attendees discussed other ways to get a trough installed on the trail at Harvey Bear Ranch County Park. If any one knows a contact who can help us out, please let us know and maybe we can cut through the red tape.

Wendy Ebster and Jo Barrett are waiting to hear from rescue groups to get their tax ID's for potential donations from QSER. Two of the contacts are firefighters, so they may be busy down South right now!

New Business: Jennifer Voight and Kirsten Bernsten have been nominated for the QSER board. We need one more.

The 2008 awards dinner falls on Feb. 14—Valentine's Day. For want of attendance (and we do not want to cause a fight between sweethearts) QSER needs to find a new date. This issue brought a lot of laughing in the meeting. A new date poses a challenge due to rides and the AERC convention. We will inform everyone of a new date asap.

A memorial fund has been motioned and seconded. Due to the loss of a few beloved members, lately, many members have been reminded of the wonderful people who have helped grow this club, so the idea was presented that we create a memorial fund in honor of these late members. All will be honored collectively and we need an official name and marketing strategy. Maybe an extra "optional fee" will be on our ride entry forms or we add a raffles at our activities.

Most fortunately, Maryben was able to inform Jerri Scott before her passing of her being given the 2008 QSER Hall of Fame Award. Jerri was amazed and wrote back a strong and inspiring email that Maryben is kind enough to share. Jerri's letter is printed in full on the next page.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

A Short Report From Mike Maul

I had three goals for myself and my horses in 2008. The first two were for my two horses Rroc(Rroco-my-Sol) and Thor(Monterey PF). Rroc and I first met at the 2001 Ft. Schellbourne ride. Rroc didn't start his endurance career until he was 11. Thor and I got together after Deb Manion sold him to me in 2000 in San Jose at Maryben's place.

Rroc reached 7,000 miles a few weeks ago and Thor reached 3,000 lifetime miles on the weekend of November 8. Rroc was 20 last May and still seems to like going down the trail. We have been doing about 1,000 miles a year for the past 5 years. I doubt that he will want to compete as long as Elmer Bandit - the 37 year old NATRC horse - but hopefully for a few more years before he retires. Rroc is the second highest mileage horse in the CT region but way behind some of the famous QSER horses like Ladd and Zayante.

I also reached the goal of 10,000 lifetime miles between the time Thor and Rroc reached my goals for them.

Mike

Hi Maryben,

I have never been so stunned or speechless in my life. No, I did not know. Yes, I am very happy and very honored. I've read your email several times and it is unbelievable.

And no I had no idea. Julie wrote me a nice card after the cookout and told me that a lot was said about my role in AERC and QSER and that I would have been proud to have heard what all that was said. I wish I had been able to be there. She never mentioned the Quicksilver Hall of Fame award at all.

Julie did everything she could to get us to attend the cookout including offering to have someone pick us up and drive us there but we were both too worn out to make the trip. This whole thing has been really hard on both of us physically. And as it turned out I ended up in the ER that afternoon with my swollen hand and in pain and could not have made the trip anyway.

I wish we could have been there. I don't believe I have ever met Scott Sansom formally but I have certainly heard his name a lot and know who he is. I had no idea he knew who I was. He came along after my time with the club.

As you know I really don't like a lot of the turns the QSER has taken in recent years. And I don't need to repeat those here. Everyone knows what they are. I've made sure of that. And I still feel I am right.

That has nothing to do with all the wonderful years I spent in the QSER club. The award comes from past accomplishments when all was well and good and I will accept it with all the honor and love that comes with it. And I am honored by this very special award. The highest honor that any club can bestow on a member in my opinion.

I have so many wonderful memories of all the hours with Pistol and riding with friends, endurance rides, meetings, board meetings, conferences, banquets, parties, QSER and AERC and all that both organizations meant to me. And all the behind the scenes hard work I did with both clubs as a member and a board member. I put in a lot of hours with QSER and even more with AERC crunching numbers. Bill Waters paid for an accountant to help me put together all the QSER paperwork, volumes of paperwork, to apply for non-profit status with IRS. Then there was the thrill of winning the IRS QSER audit. I prepared so hard for that audit and I won. I often wonder if QSER ever really understood that they could have lost their non-profit standing that day. Everything hung on that audit turning out well. I don't think the board members were that impressed at the time which was a bit of a downer for me but later in the week Pistol and I took a trail ride in QS park and we had our very special and rare treat of jelly donuts and I took along a small bottle of Champagne, most of which spilled due to being carried in a saddle bag, and we celebrated winning the audit. I have so many memories of debates over issues in QSER and AERC, the limited distance program, weight issues, juniors, protests, and always the budget and financial problems. It was a wonderful era with many changes going on.

I have so many wonderful memories of the time I spent with Pistol and the special bond we had, trail rides alone in the park where we just rode slow and enjoyed the experience or I just hung around in the pasture and watched him and the other horses interact or spent time grooming him and talking with him. And of course the endurance rides. Him with his front foot on the bumper of the camper bouncing it up and down trying to hurry me along with his hot bran and shredded carrot breakfast. Me calling him on my way back to the camper after a ride meeting and his answering me. All the smells of the morning at the beginning of an endurance ride, hot horse poop and horse sweat and excitement. I close my eyes and I am back there. The pride of finishing ride after ride on a horse no one but me had faith in to begin with. The pride of finishing Tevis. The respect that the vets and riders alike eventually gave the fat little horse who could and did.

When I think back I have a panorama, a smorgasbord, of the most wonderful thrilling memories anyone could have. I could write a book. In fact I always was going to write a book but I waited too long.

I shared everything with Pistol. My problems, my wins, my losses. We had a bond like no other and it spilled out and overflowed into my life and my work with both clubs. Well, now I've made myself cry and crying is not good. It makes my incision hurt. It has to be remembered that without Pistol I would never have become involved with QSER or AERC. Pistol was the glue that put it altogether.

At the beginning of this I said I was speechless, and although it may not seem like it after all I've written, I still am. I am still on my stunned setting but I will have to collect my thoughts and thank the club properly. This is a great honor. One that I never dreamed would ever come my way.

Jeri

CLASSIFIEDS

SADDLES

VERY LIGHTLY USED FREE AND EASY SADDLE. New numnahs. \$1,000. 17" seat with medium tree. Please call or email Margaret Graham at 408 776 3932 / mugsbgraham@aol.com.

Black Albion Legend M M 18, Very good condition. Restuffed by David Gilpin. \$1,000. Black Stubben Seigfried 17, lightly used, seems better for a narrow horse. \$500. Both are dressage saddles. Judy Etheridge mix-fire@yahoo.com

MISCELLANEOUS

TAX SERVICES. Need your taxes done? Call Trilby Pederson Tax Services - 408-997-7500. [02-08]

SUPPLEMENTS/HOOF PROTECTION. Wild Eye Arabians is now supplying FASTRACK Probiotics (paste & powder) HOOF -IT Pour in Pads, Kentucky Equine Research products, ENDURAMAX Electrolytes (Paste & Powder) & Neigh Lox (Prevent Ulcers) Associated Feed products – EQUUS (complete feed) Auburn Labs – APF (Adaptogen). For more information contact Wild Eye Arabians, Kirsten or Michael Berntsen at 831 623-2120. kirstenzazz@hotmail.com or www.conklin.com/wildeyearabians. [02-08]

FOR RENT

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

LARGE ROOM FOR RENT IN WILLOW GLEN. Shared bath, includes all utilities, gardener and cleaning lady, washer and dryer, freezer in garage, satellite TV, separate power line for computer, telephone jack, must like animals (1 cat and 2 dogs live in home), \$640/month or \$800/month with board for one horse in Almaden. Email merryben@comcast.net.

RIDING LESSONS

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

WANTED

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

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

TWO HORSE (I WOULD PREFER A SLANT), SMALL, LIGHT TRAILER.

Anywhere between 3-5k, it must be safe and in good condition. Please feel free to e-mail me and send me photos!

Megan Doyle mykideats-grass@hotmail.com
[11-07]

TRAILERS

2H SLANT LOAD. 2000 SUNDOWNER BP TRAILER. FRONT ESCAPE DOOR. USED TWICE. JUNE MATHEWSON (408) 268-1650.

RENEW YOUR QSER MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009 TODAY

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY. USE THE FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS QUIPS AND SEND TO MARYBEN ASAP. THANK YOU.

2008 QSER RIDER MILEAGE AND MILESTONES FORM DUE

PLEASE SEND YOUR RIDER MILEAGE AND MILESTONES FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE OF QUIPS TO MARYBEN ASAP. FORMS ARE DUE NOT LATER THAN 1/10/2009.

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

FIRST: We need your name _____

And then your address _____

And your phone number, Fax, e-mail _____

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

Junior membership is \$ 15 _____
(a junior is under 18 years of age)

Total enclosed \$ _____

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

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

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

Mail to Membership Chairperson:

Maryben Stover
1299 Sandra Drive
San Jose, CA 95125-3535
408 285-0839

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



Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Inc.
P.O. Box 71
New Almaden, CA 95042