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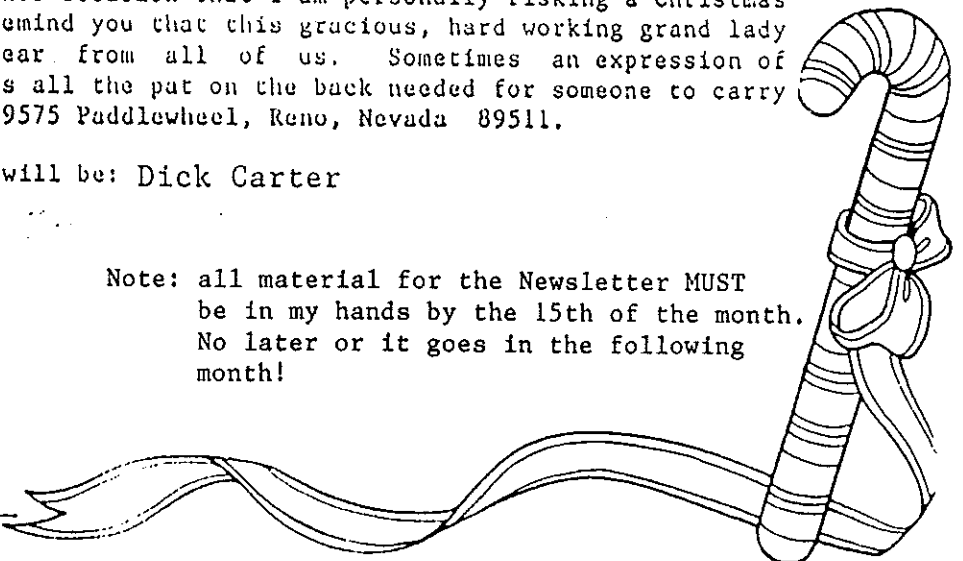
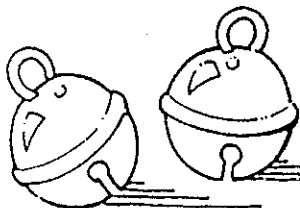
Many Quicksilver members have become devotees of multi-day rides and with good reason. The high of crossing a finish line that is five days and 250 miles from where you started gives a whole different interpretation to the word endurance. Few people really thought it was a possibility for any except the very exceptional horse and rider. We know now that this is not true. The average horse, properly ridden, can finish a three, four or five day ride very nicely. Most of these rides are held in God's country and there is more to it than the miles and points. I do not have to explain this to those who have ridden multi-day rides. For those that haven't, my Christmas wish for you would be a five day ride in the future. And my New Year's wish would be that such a ride exists in the future!

Because you see, these rides are an endangered species!

Lavone Booth, probably the most popular ride manager ever, has said "no more" She needs some encouragement if she is to continue putting on her one day 50 and hundred milers and her five day Applegate-Lassen and High Rock Canyon rides. Wouldn't it be nice if each of you who have ridden her rides, or who dreams of someday of participating in one, to send her a Christmas card indicating your past appreciation of her efforts and your fervent hope that she will have a change of heart? I feel so strongly that we will have lost something valuable if she stands firm on her decision that I am personally risking a Christmas stamp on each of you to remind you that this gracious, hard working grand lady of endurance needs to hear from all of us. Sometimes an expression of appreciation and support is all the put on the back needed for someone to carry on. Lavone's address is: 19575 Puddlewheel, Reno, Nevada 89511.

(Next month's guest editor will be: Dick Carter

Note: all material for the Newsletter MUST be in my hands by the 15th of the month. No later or it goes in the following month!





In a close fought landslide election the following persons were mandated to lead us in 1993!

President: Maryben Stover
Vice-president: Jan Jeffers
Secretary: Caralee White
Treasurer: Kathy Miller



Nominations for Board Members were as follows:

Dick Carter Rosanne Phin
Carla Fanara Ad Vandenhooogen
Kathy Kauer Gloria Vanderford
Trilby Pederson

Election of Board Members will be at the December 9th General Meeting. Three will be selected...

#####QUICKSILVER MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION#####

Our worthy president-elect, Maryben Stover, has declared January as our really big QUICKSILVER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE month. As our sport grows, so should our Club! We have about 74 dues paying members (I have counted families as one member for the purpose of this article). It seems as though 100 would be a worthy number. That way we can spread the work around more and those people chairing our different functions would not have to beg for volunteers. There is not an international or national endurance honor that one or another member of this club has not achieved. No other club can make that claim. It absolutely and undeniably makes us the foremost endurance club in the world. Let's not be selfish, but let others share our triumphs by encouraging them to join our hard riding fun group. Annual dues are \$20 for a single membership and \$25 for a family membership. The key to getting new members is our personal enthusiasm for our Club. Maryben, in a weak moment, has promised a really big prize (worth big dollars) to the member getting the most new members. She intends to announce it with much fanfare at the annual banquet. So.....



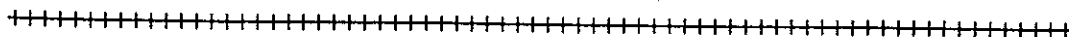
QUICKSILVER dues are due on January 1, 1993. A single membership is \$20 and a family membership is \$25. You should send your money to Kathy Miller at 21420 Fortini Road, San Jose, CA 95120. If a family membership, please include the names of the family members.

If you should recruit a new member (motivated by Maryben's promise of a big prize!) be sure they send the following information with their check to Kathy.



Name:
Address:
Phone Number:
Type of Membership: Single (\$20) or Family (\$25)
Names of additional family members:

A membership includes a monthly newsletter, annual Yearbook/Calendar, and monthly meetings with outstanding speakers. Who could ask for anything more?



++++++OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE++++++

!!!!FLASH!!!! QUICKSILVER'S ANNUAL FALL RIDE was a huge success with CONGRATULATIONS going to Pat McDonald and Kathy Miller for a job well done. A great group of riders, a beautiful day and a world champion to lead the parade. Read all about it in the January Newsletter as reported by Robert Oliver.

In the past, the AERC WEST REGIONAL AWARDS have been presented at the annual AERC Convention in Sparks, Nevada. This year the AERC Convention will be in Atlanta, Georgia. Therefore, the West Regional Awards will have a special trade show and dinner awards presentation in Sacramento on Saturday, January 30th Watch for the location. It will be announced in your January Quicksilver Quips.


The December 9th GENERAL MEETING will have a Christmas Gift Exchange for the members instead of a guest speaker. Bring a gift worth approximately \$5 and go home with something of similar value. Use your imagination in shopping or bake some Christmas goodies...it's your party!

Hugh Vanderford is Chairman of the ELEANOR NORTON AWARD committee. Your nomination, verbal or written, must be in by December 15th. Hugh can be reached at 779-1608 or 13587 Sycamore Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037. The other members of the committee are Joanne Dietz at 426-6610, Jim Olsen at 779-9516 and Bill Parker at 997-1948.

HALL OF FAME nominations must also be in by December 15th. Becky Hart, as last year's recipient, heads the committee to choose the Quicksilver member to receive the honor. Trilby Pederson, as owner of Rushcreek Lad who was the first horse to enter our Hall of Fame, will head the committee to choose the Quicksilver horse to be honored. Call Becky at 779-1203 and Trilby at 997-7500.

Every member should be included in the YEARBOOK/CALENDAR. Send your picture with 1) your name, 2) your horse's name and 3) your return address on the back to Kathy Miller at 21420 Fortini Rd., San Jose, CA 95120. Send your horse's records to Maryben Stover, 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose, CA 95125. Deadline is December 15th.





It's Not Too Early To Start Thinking About Christmas!

HORSES LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES.....

**** BEZARON..this twelve year old grey gelding son of the famed Bezatal is 15'1". When he WON the 1990 Lightweight Championship he became the only Bezatal offspring to win a National Championship. He also placed 7th in the Senior Division the same year. Trilby Pederson has his price at \$1000 so call her at 997-7500 if you would like to own this pleasure horse.

****Anglo/Arab mare, 15 years old, bay, 15.1 hands. This mare was injured as a young horse and can only be ridden lightly. She is a Fadjur granddaughter and an absolutely super broodmare who has produced six foals for members of the McCrary family. They don't need anymore young horses so offer her for sale at \$500 or whatever it takes to find her a good home. Call Susan Huff at 429-9618.

****18 month old filly out of above mare by a Trakehner stallion. She is black/brown with a nice disposition and has had some basic ground schooling. She will mature at well over 16 hands. Her price is \$1800. Call Susan Huff at 429-9618.

****Connemara Pony, 7 years old, black, 14.2 hands, 1st level dressage, good on trails. \$5000. Call Nancy Caldwell, 335-3794.

TLC FOR THAT SPECIAL HORSE.....

****STALLS, PADDOCKS, PASTURE AND TRAILS..all at TRILBY'S new boarding facilities next to Quicksilver Park. Additional amenities.. lounge, office, wash facilities, telephone, bathroom and your own private locker. This space will go quickly so call Trilby at 997-7500 before it is too late!

RIDERS NEED CREW.....

****ALL EXPENSE PAID VACATION in beautiful Death Valley; leave Dec. 27 and return next year (New Years Day). Cozy living quarters. Must have drivers license & stoic disposition. Call Julie Suhr at 354-1238 or 335-5933.

TRAILER NEEDS HORSES.....

****1991 3 HORSE SLANT LOAD, big tack room, \$4500. Call Becky Hart at 779-1203.

RACKS NEED SADDLES.....

Pine saddle racks. Bargain at \$30 each. Call Becky Hart at 779-1203.

SADDLES LOOKING FOR NEW RIDERS.....

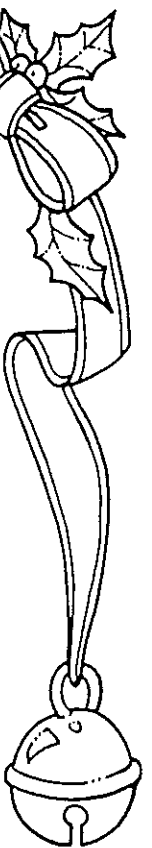
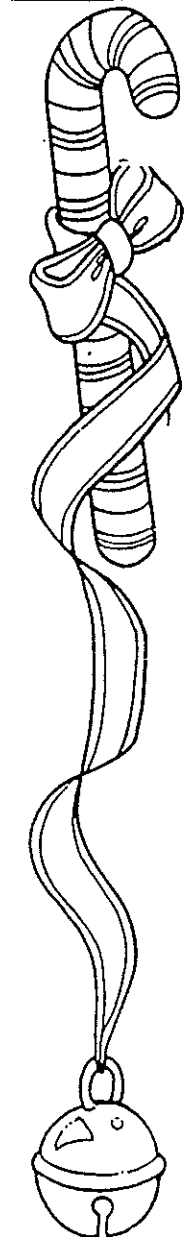
****Karl Neirdersuss DRESSAGE SADDLE, brown, 17", narrow/medium tree \$1200. Two Clinton Northrop DRESSAGE SADDLES; dark brown, 16½"; light brown, 17". \$300 each. Call Nancy Caldwell at 335-3794. ****ENGLISH SADDLE, dark chestnut brown, 17" medium Frank Baines General Purpose. Phelans Holiday '92 Catalog (pg. 16) asks \$985, but you can have Trilby's for \$750. Call her at 997-7500.

JACKETS LOOKING FOR CLOSETS.....

Custom Jean Jackets with choice of four horse breeds designs on back. Assorted sizes and style from \$15 to \$30 make great Christmas Gifts. Order now from Nancy at 688-1280 (Aptos).

HAT NEEDS HEAD.....

Child's English HARD HAT, size 6½, make offer to Caralee White at 848-2988.



LOCAL GIRL MAKES GOOD....SECOND TERM A SHOO-IN

How many Quicksilver members can say they still live in the city of their birth? Our second term president, Maryben Stover, can make that statement. Raised in San Jose with two brothers she continues to live in the house which has been her home most of the time since 1949, and which she shares with well known Quicksilver member, Robert Oliver. A one time San Jose State student, and after an early marriage ended in divorce, she has been employed for many years as a Legal Assistant for Mitchell & Walwyn.

When Maryben was 45 years old, her Dad told her that he had been waiting for forty years for her to outgrow her horse craziness, but had to concede that it was obviously a permanent condition. "Maryhorse" was the term her grandfather had for her.

An early member of the Quicksilver Endurance Riders, Maryhorse was president previously in 1986 and her interest and activities in our group earned her the Eleanor Norton Award in 1981.

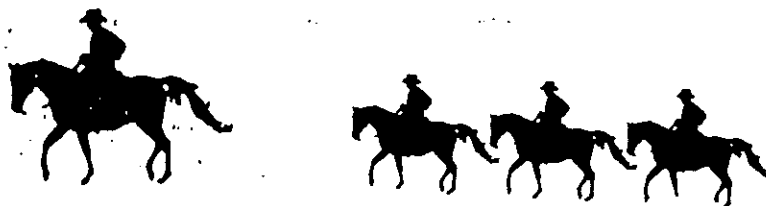
Maryben presides over a pasture of thirteen horses..mostly hers, but some belong to the young people she shepherds about as though they were her own. I can't think of a better person to raise youngsters than this caring woman. And they grow up pretty well...my first memories of Maryben are her hollering at junior rider Melissa Plaggmeier (now Ribley) while galloping down the trail. With 19 years of endurance riding under her belt and 6,400 miles, it would be hard to find a better role model.


In her spare (?) time, Maryben reads two or three books a week, usually Dick Francis, Dean Koontz or Stephen King. Having seen her first opera at age 6, she still loves all kinds of music from opera to country western to rock. Her favorite all time show was St. Elsewhere.

She says her favorite horse is always the one she is riding at the present time which now happens to be HCC Turk, generously loaned to her by Gloria Vanderford while Rushcreek Q Ball recovers from a lameness. She looks forward to her future with HBC Razbari, a three year old Rio cousin she bought from Becky Hart when he was four months old. She wishes she had had the opportunity to ride Rio, Kazan and Bandit.


If life were perfect our president would have a home with a swimming pool where she could keep and care for her horses herself. And then she would dream of winning first place and best condition on the Swanton Pacific 100 and Applegate Lassen.

With Maryhorse to guide the Quicksilver Club this year, it's just gotta be a great one! Everyone should get to know her better and your life will be richer.





Jan Jeffers is a relative newcomer to our Quicksilver Club, but not to the many friends she has made in the horse world over the years. She is our new vice-president and ready to take over should we feel like impeaching Maryben. This is her story.....




I have been involved with horses since the age of two (which is longer than I care to admit), showing western pleasure, stock horse, trail, et cetera. At the age of seven years I had an opportunity to compete at the Cow Palace and won first place. It is the most prized trophy and ribbon still today. I participated in every 4th of July parade in Redwood City from the time I was two until I was seventeen.

I met my husband, Jim, in 1964 in Menlo Park and we were married in June of 1965. We lived in the Los Angeles area for six months and then moved back to San Jose. Our son was born in 1966 and in 1968 we moved to our present home in Morgan Hill. Shortly thereafter I bought an unbroke palomino standardbred/quarter cross (Skippy), and trained her myself. In 1972 I met Pat McKendry and she introduced me to NATRC. My first ride was Gilroy Hot Springs in May of 1972 and I was hooked. I competed Skippy all season in Novice. In 1973 I competed for the President's Cup (highest honor in the sport) and finished second.

My husband, Jim, was not a horse person, until he met me. We bought a 14-2 Arabian/Welsh cross in 1972 from Bob and Nora Cook. Tiny Man was his name. He was seven years old and well broke with lots of spirit. He competed successfully on him doing endurance, quite a few top tens, NATRC national champion, and I competed him in 3-Day Eventing. Tiny Man is still around today. He is 28 years old and with a young girl in Los Altos teaching her how to jump and boosting her confidence.

Through the years Jim and I have been involved in managing various NATRC rides and competing in endurance, including the completing the Tevis Cup in 1974. We have met some of the nicest people in the horse world and made some lasting friendships.



This past riding season Jim and I have become more involved in riding and managing and are enjoying our new horses. Jim has a 14-2 (he likes those small horses) Arabian we purchased from Lacy's Arabians by the name of RJ Tezanna (Lady for short), a Natez daughter. And I have an Arabian mare, also from Lacy's, named Ara Pesago (Seeker for short), a Seeqo daughter. This is the "best" horse I have ever owned. We always have a good ride together, no matter where we are.

Today I am a court reporting teacher at West Valley College in Saratoga, California. I am also a scopist (type deposition and court transcripts). I have a relatively new business called Car-O-Sel Enterprises which sells Dynamite horse supplements, Griffin's nylon products and various other horse related products. I primarily sell at the rides and will have a catalog out soon.



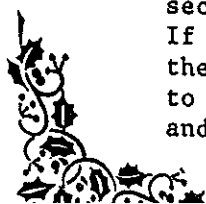


*****CARSON RIVER RIDES by Diane Luternauer*****

The Carson River Rides were held Nov. 7 & 8, near Carson City, Nevada. They had a 25 - 50 - 75 and a 2 day 100, also a Sunday 50. We arrived about 4:30 to find a crowded camp. There were over 100 horses entered on Saturday. Saturday dawned clear and cold as we started across the Carson River under control to the top of the hill. The views of the snow topped mountains were beautiful. It warmed up to a nice day. Gerry and I rode the Sat. 50. It was 3 different loops of sand and a hill climbing. We went through a rocky canyon and around pretty Juniper trees. We finished 10th & 11th place. Robert Ribley rode his mule Scarlet on the 75 mile ride. Melissa Ribley and Susan McCartney were our vets. Connie Creech does a good job as ride manager. She had drinks and carrots at the water stops. The ride personnel was very friendly and knowledgeable, which made the ride go smoothly. Hugh & Gloria Vanderford, Pete Lemond, Michelle and Danya King all did the 2 day 100. Michelle King was the 2 day 100 winner. Saturday's dinner was steak & chicken, beans & potatoes, salad & rolls & cake. We ate under tents set up for the ride. The awards & raffle prizes were given out at a big camp fire. Raffle prizes were available to all who stayed up. Robert & Melissa Ribley and Gerry & I rode the Sun. 50. It was much colder with dark clouds and frozen water buckets. By lunch time it warmed up some but stayed windy and cool. I finished Sunday's ride about the same riding time as Sat. on the same horse in 7th place. It was not an easy ride! There was a lot of deep sand and long hills to climb, but I had a good time.

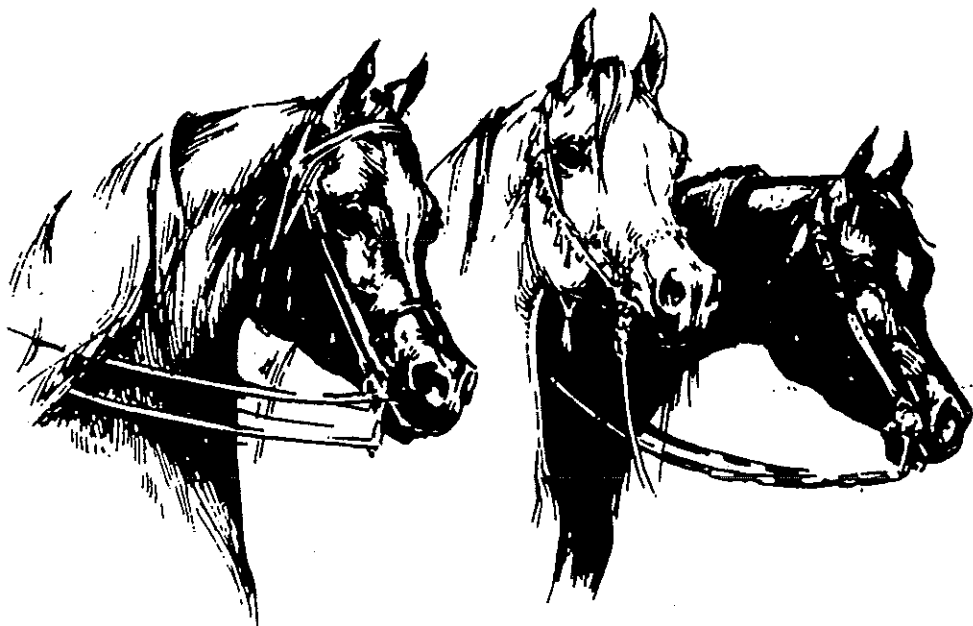
*****LAKE SONOMA by Heather Bergantz*****

We set out at about ten a.m. Friday morning. Robert, Megan and I were going to the Lake Sonoma fifty. I think that Megan was the most excited. This was her third race and her horse's (Bonita) second. When we arrived at the base camp at three thirty it was already starting to get crowded and by ten that night I don't see how they could cram anymore in, but somehow ride management did it! I saw many Quicksilver members there: Susan Allison, Trilby, Dave and Carla Fanara and a few others. At this ride, ride management is very funny, helpful and organized. On Saturday the race started promptly at seven thirty. I was planning on trying to top twenty but at the first vet check, after thirteen miles I went to the out timer and asked how many people had gone out so far. The lady looked right at me and said, "Absolutely none." This took me by surprise. I guess that Tyler had our recovered a lot of the other horses! I counted off the horses that went out before me, there were three. At the lunch stop no crew was allowed, so Tyler and I ate lunch together. Going in to the lunch stop I was in sixth place, going out I was in fifth. After counting off the miles of single file trail, of which ninety nine percent of the race was run on, we started gaining position. (This is where I saw Dave Fanara running, he ran the last twenty or so miles of the trail and almost beat the horses to the finish!) We ended up coming in third out of one hundred and forty riders, one minute off of the winning time. Ray Visco won and Lari Shea came in second. Megan finished and got first Junior, Robert also finished. If you like well marked trails and beautiful scenery you should mark the Lake Sonoma fifty on your calendar for next year. Just remember to get there early enough to get a good parking spot and to sit back and enjoy a fun weekend.



*****MT. DIABLO TWO DAY 100 MILER by Julie Suhr*****

After our first real rainfall of the season and the threat of cancellation, the Mt. Diablo Two Day 100 Miler came off without a hitch on Saturday and Sunday, October 31st and November 1st. Teresa Cross managed the event which started from the Junior Horsemens Grounds in Alamo on Stone Valley Road. Friday night was a Potluck Dinner with the twenty-six entries and their crews eating well. The first fifty mile segment on Saturday was breathtakingly beautiful with the views from the top of the mountain stretching far and wide after the welcome rain had cleared the air for miles. The footing was excellent in spite of the earlier wet weather. A ride hosted Halloween dinner that night was eaten heartedly in anticipation of the next days fifty miles. Twenty riders started the second day and by the end of the ride and the totaling of the times for the two days, four Quicksilver members were in the top ten. Members of our club who supported this local ride were Susan Allison, Becky Glaser, Gerry and Diane Luternauer, Tribby Pederson, Bob and Julie Suhr and Hugh and Gloria Vanderford. This ride is tough with lots of hills, but the time allotted is within the reach of most any well conditioned mount.



LAST CHANCE to be included in the YEARBOOK/CALENDAR!!!!
 Mail promptly to Maryben

NAME OF RIDER _____

NAME OF HORSE _____ BREED _____ AGE _____

TOTAL CAREER MILES RIDER _____ TOTAL CAREER MILES HORSE _____

MILESTONES THIS YEAR: _____

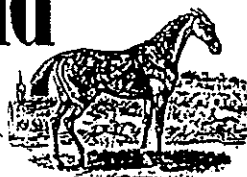
LIST ALL RIDES COMPLETED FROM
 12/1/91 THROUGH 11/30/92:

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Please use separate sheet for each horse/rider combination. Extra sheets are available from Maryben (265-0839). Use the rest of this form and/or the back to tell us anything else you would like about you, your horse, crew, family, grandchildren, etc. All forms must be postmarked by December 15, 1992, and mailed to Maryben Stover, 1299 Sandra Drive, San Jose CA 95125. Send your photographs to Kathy Miller, 21420 Fortini Road, San Jose CA 95120

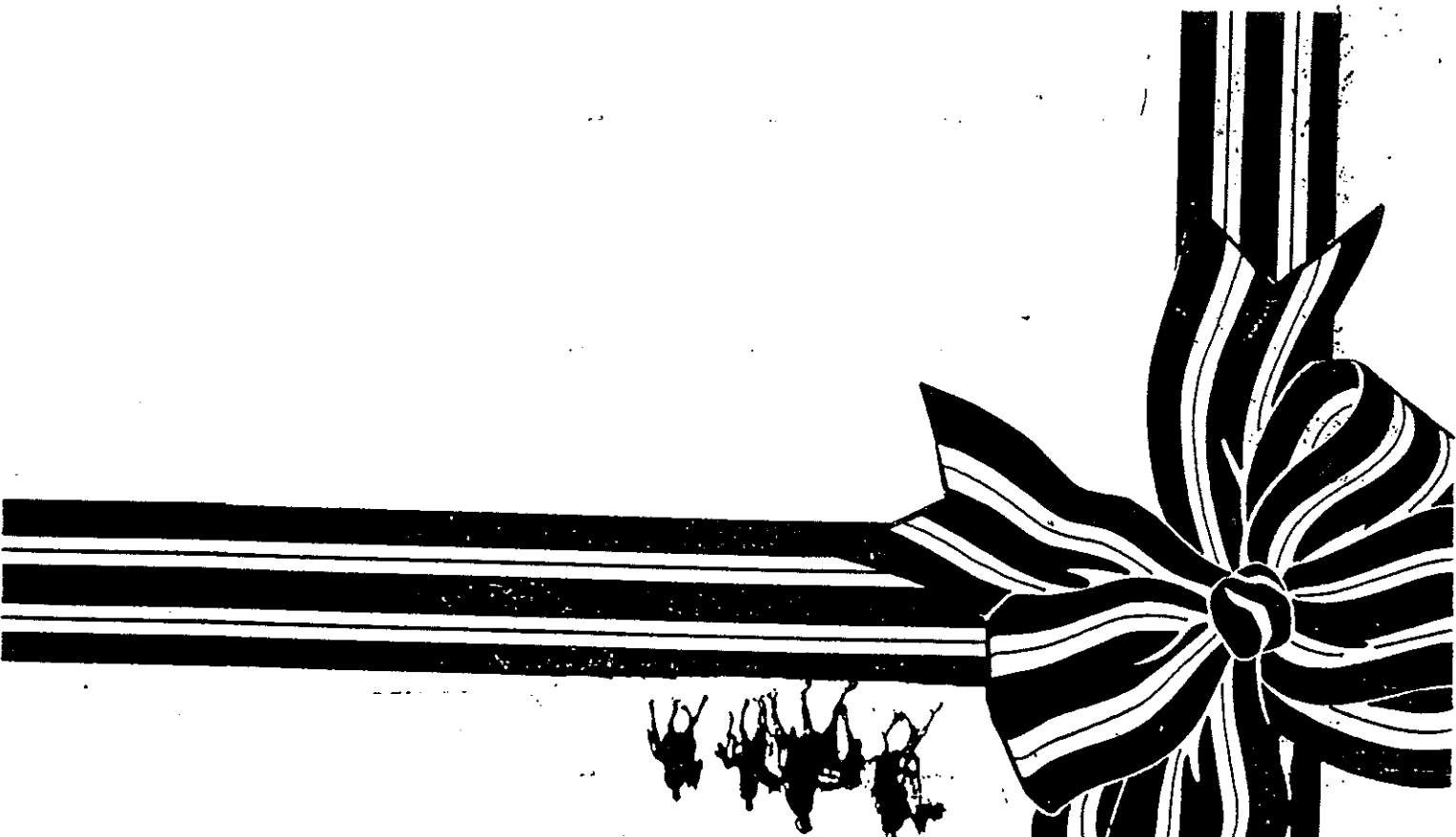
HORSE WATCHING

Desmond
Morris



What is it about the horse that awakens such intense feelings? Is it the animal's looks or its behavior, its graceful athleticism or its personality? The answer is to be found in a remark made nearly four hundred years ago by the naturalist Edward Topsel when he wrote of the horse that it possesses "a singular body and a noble spirit, the principal whereof is a loving and dutiful inclination to the service of Man, wherein he never faileth in Peace nor War . . . and therefore . . . we must needs account it the most noble and necessary creature of all four-footed Beasts." The clue to its special appeal is summed up by the words "noble and necessary." It is the combination of its proud bearing with its slavish service to man that makes it so irresistible. If it were noble but untamable, like a giraffe, we would wonder at its beauty but would not become passionate about it. If it were useful but ungainly, like a pig or a cow, we would be grateful for its services but would not, perhaps, compose poems to it or wax lyrical about its great spirit. No, the secret of equine appeal is that it slaves for us while still looking noble. It is our humble servant even though it has the demeanor of an animal aristocrat. The mixture is magical. If such a dignified beast is subordinate to our will, then we must indeed be masters of the world.

Submitted by Maryben Stover



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UPCOMING EVENTS.....DECEMBER 1992

- December 2 QUICKSILVER BOARD MEETING
- December 9 QUICKSILVER GENERAL MEETING 7:30 p.m.
Santa Clara County Horsemen's Grounds
Election of Directors for 1993
Christmas Gift Exchange
- December 25 *****CHRISTMAS DAY*****
- December 28, Death Valley Encounter..50 miles a day
29, 30 & 31 Jackie Bumgardner...(619) 375-8915