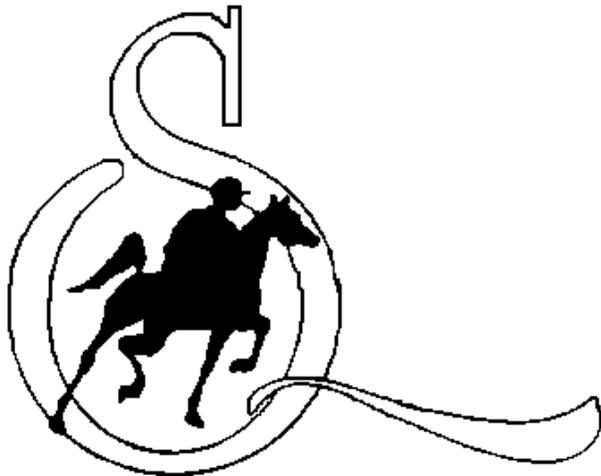


QUICKSILVER QUIPS

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Mike Maul, Chief Mover and Shaker

President's Message

September 2002

I just returned from the AERC board meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. It was a good meeting, with a great deal accomplished. We had time to tour the Mormon Tabernacle grounds, hear the Choir during their Sunday morning live broadcast and do some shopping before heading home.

Our Quicksilver Fall ride is at Coe Park this year. Judy Etheridge has the trail laid out. She is in need of volunteers for various jobs; timing, P&R, running one of the vet checks. Please give her a call and let her know you will volunteer to make this ride a success. You can also contact her at misxfire@aol.com.

Jan Jeffers
President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present:

Jan Jeffers
Judy Etheridge
Kathy Mayeda
Kathy Miller
Steve Lenheim
Pat MacKendry
Marilyn Orlando

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Treasurer's Report:

General Account 7/12/02	\$4,411.80
+Deposit for Dues	38.00
-Trilby Pederson	(57.37)
-Mike Maul (website)	(25.00)
-August Service Charge	(10.00)
Ending Balance	\$4,357.43

Trails Account: \$848.60
Junior Account: \$766.44

Correspondence: Two newsletters from San Martin Horseman's Association, Corral Chatter

Meeting Minutes: No board meeting last month. Barbecue at Trilby's. Steve donated the meat for the barbecue. Hamburgers were good!

Membership: No report.

Newsletter: Editor blew it for the last issue. October nominations and November elections to be advertised.

Goodwill: Maryben sent card to Jeremy Reynolds for the death of Indee, his favorite endurance horse.

Trails: Donation pending for water trough for Sierra Azul (Mt. Ununum access from Quicksilver Park). Donner Memorial State Park General Plan is being lobbied for horse trail access.

Fall Ride: Main discussion deferred to general meeting. Blankets by Trilby will be Top 10 awards for 50's. Steve obtained wine for the remainder of the awards.

Old Business: By-laws will not be sent out again for discussion.

New Business: Christmas Party to be discussed at next meeting.

Kathy Miller and Steve Lenheim tied for first motion to adjourn. Kathy Mayeda seconded. Meeting adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING:

Top 10 awards and BC judging was brought up by Judy Etheridge as a possible way to encourage LD riders. General consensus was to leave it is normally done, with "best horse" and just completions for LD to discourage racing.

Michele Shaw is head vet and will be recruiting for the other vets. One of the vets will be a 1-day vet.

Jan will be managing the Dowdy ranch vet check. She will be able to open gaegs.

4-wheel drive vehicles to shuttle people is needed between the vet checks and camp. Jan will ask Jim.

Marilyn Orlando and her husband will manage the Wilson camp.

Carolyn Tucker offered 4-wheel drive truck for the ambulance, Maryben offered her trailer.

There will be a pre-ride at 10:00 a.m. 9/22 meeting at Hunting Hollow.

Timers at Wilson and Dowdy are needed.

Kathy Mayeda will take numbers at the start and help out at base camp for the early finishers.

Jan will be vet secretary at Dowdy. Carolyn will do P&R.

The 50's will start at 7:00 A.M. The 25's will start at 7:30 a.m.

The day vet will be at Dowdy. There will be two vets at Wilson. One vet from Wilson will go back to camp.

Need drag riders. Karla Ambriz and Trilby will ride drag on the 50's. Jan will drive Karla's rig to Dowdy. Several names were bantied around for who could drag the 25's.

Preliminary ride budget:

\$1400 – vets
\$275 – porta-potties
\$250 – food for volunteers
\$1200 – banquet
\$700 – awards
\$400 – park fees
\$230 – drug testing
\$500 – water truck

Judy will start marking trail the Tuesday before.

Jan will bring ride applications to Oakland Hills. Marilyn will bring some to Chamberlain Creek.,

Next meeting will be nominations and stuffing rider packages.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**SINCE TRILBY WILL BE
HAVING A LOVELY TIME AT
THE DUCK'S RIDE.....**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
AT THE MOCKINGBIRD
ENTRANCE TO
QUICKSILVER PARK. STEVE
LENHEIM WILL AGAIN BE
BARBECUE CHEF SUPREMO
WITH HOT DOGS AND
HAMBURGERS. ALL THOSE
WITH NAMES A-L BRING
SALAD, BEANS, AND DIPS.
THOSE WITH NAMES M-Z
BRING DESERT**

**NOMINATIONS!!!!
PLEASE THINK OF WHO
YOU WANT TO BE
NOMINATED FOR THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
OFFICERS. START
THINKING ABOUT
CHRISTMAS PARTY, TOO.**

The good, bad and ugly about the Quips.

The good thing: I have a new computer and a broadband internet access. *The bad thing:* my old computer crashed. *The ugly:* I lost all the files on the hard drive- of course I didn't put anything on a floppy – so I had to recreate the mailing list and lost a few other pertinent files. MY APOLOGIES FOLKS – THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE JUST PLAIN DIDN'T HAPPEN....ED.

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS RIDE

Quicksilver member Mike Maul and Rroc came in 19th of 47 and 4th HW in the 50 mile while A.D. Williams was 3rd in the 30 mile Limited Distance ride.

Mike

I first met ride manager Cheri Briscoe at the Old Warriors Water Hunt ride in April. I was telling her how difficult that ride was - and she replied - just come to my ride in the fall to do another real test of endurance. Her ride - Bear Valley Springs - in the third week of September - is certainly another test of endurance in the PS region.

The ride is held in the mountains near Tehachapi starting in a gated equestrian community named Bear Valley Springs about 2 hours northeast of Los Angeles. It's nearly 25,000 acres in size with the mountain ringed community encompassing a broad grassland valley, upland meadows and hills with majestic oak, high mountains with tall pine forests and an extensive wilderness area. The ride goes from turf farms and fields of carrots to foothills with sage and oak to the high mountains with pines.

Our ridecamp is in the 42 acre Equestrian Center with stables, corrals, paddocks, training ring, rodeo ring, and a camping area. It's home to the BVS Horseman's Association, the Buckaroo Club, the Bear Valley Springs Dressage Society, and the White Wolf Vaulters Club. There's approximately 50 miles of dedicated equestrian trails that cover the valleys, foothills, canyons, and the high country. Our camp is at 4000 feet with the surrounding mountains reaching almost 8000 feet. There's a full moon with the mountains and camp brightly lit in the night. Early in the evening the moon comes up a dark orange and larger than you know it really is. After dark I can see lights from a few houses on the peaks overlooking our camp.

The ride starts for the 50 milers(47) at 6:15 AM and for the 30 milers(33) at 7. It's a short controlled start taking us by the painted penguins out into the rolling foothills to work off the excess energy that all of our horses seem to have at the start. Then it's into flat areas along the lake and community streets finally going up into the mountains with a lot of single track into the first vetcheck. The first loop with one vetcheck is 30 miles coming back into our basecamp for the lunch check. It's warmer in the foothills and the valley with areas of warm - then cold air as we get further into the foothills. You can smell the sage as you move along the singletrack just as you can smell the pines when we get up in the high mountains.

Riding along the high trails and looking down into the valley - it almost seems like a view from a plane. You see green irrigated fields along with the normal brown of the area, homes, cars, the park and the lake all spread out over the valley to the distant mountains. The trail is well marked and easy to follow. Volunteers are at all the road crossing and there are bridle paths all through the community. The marks of a community that's very equestrian oriented are easy to see - trail signs everywhere and even wood beam crossings for many of the concrete home driveways so that horses will not slip on the transition from dirt trail to driveway. And there's almost no rocks on the trails - even the single track in the high mountains. There are large boulders along the trails usually but just soft dirt and dust in the trail.

The 30 miles go by fast and even though there's a significant amount of climb - my horse and I are thinking - this is not as difficult as the Water Hunt we did together in April. We ride along the ridges and past some of the homes that were visible from the camp last night as lonely spots of light. There's even green watered lawns up on the top of the ridges. There's some nice downhill back into camp where you can get off and give your horse a break. The lunch hold is 50 minutes and goes by too quickly. The ride vets are Beasom, Hewett, and Billingsly with all the checks going smoothly.

The next loop is 20 miles with a 20 minute hold and a 10 minute stop just 5 miles from the finish. It uses some of the same trails we had in the morning but will go up to almost 6500 ft with one very tough 3/4 mile climb. There's lots of switchbacks in the climbs with water at all the right spots. The planned trail was rerouted on Friday to avoid large numbers of yellow jacket nests. The morning 30 miles had taken about 4:30 and the next 20 takes about the same. There's a 6 mile section uphill that takes 2:30 all by itself. It's the longest 6 miles I've ever done. My horse and I revise our views that this is a lot easier than the Water Hunt.

The loop has a nice high mountain spring in the shade that we get to pass twice. >From the high trails - we can see the lake, the golf course, and the vet checks. On the way up - we pass a home with a little girl out on the deck who calls out to us and our horses. Little girls everywhere seem to love our horses. At the finish we're greeted by Cheri with ice cold orange juice for the riders.

There are awards for everyone - oldest horse, farthest distance, youngest rider and horse (a nine year old girl on her first and her horses first 50) - and especially the "Golden Buns" award. The Golden Buns award is judged by all the female volunteers and awarded to the best looking male in tights in the 50. Buns in Training awards go to the LD male riders. Ernie Lohman does well in this award as well as in the regular endurance. First and BC in the 50 is Suzy Kelley riding Linda Morelli's young gelding Falling Leaf in about 6 hours. Carol Miller is second and Ernie Lohman third. Three riders have come from Arizona - some in the 50 and some in the LD. It's a long distance but it's still too hot in Arizona for rides. Of the 47 starting in the 50 - 38 are finishers. All 33 of the LD starters finish. The last 50s crossed the finish line with just seconds to spare - and neither was John or Trilby.

Going home - I see reminders of 9/11. In at least three different areas - I see bright reflecting silver shapes that turn out to be many mothballed airline jets - small ones all the way up to huge 747s. Full flights are an illusion as there are just fewer flights now and air travel has never returned to pre 9/11 levels. Other sights along the way are characteristic of California - vast wind farms for electric generation and a huge

auto junkyard named Ecology Auto Parts. I don't think there's another state in the nation where ecology would be linked to junked cars...

This has been an excellent ride and one that I never realized was there. I've made many trips to Ridgecrest from the Bay area for rides and passed within just a few miles of Bear Valley Springs without knowing about the excellent riding that was there.

The three things that characterize this ride for me are - it's certainly a test of endurance, the views out over the valley, and no rocks on a high mountain trail.

Cheri - a very nice ride - and next time - perhaps I will get to see your DR Thunder Bask +/- - the highest mileage stallion in AERC records with over 14,000 miles.

Mike

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**NEXT MONTH WE WILL BE
FEATURING BIOGRAPHIES
FROM MARYBEN'S JUNIORS,
FELLOW LIGHTFOOT
DENIZENS, AND RELATIVELY
NEW QUICKSILVER MEMBERS:
KATIE, MEGAN AND HILLARY.**

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**SEND IN SOME RIDE STORIES,
FOLKS! THERE ARE SOME REALLY
EXCELLENT STORIES OUT THERE
TO BE TOLD: Like Chere's riding drag
at Fireworks, Red's trip to Spain, and
Jennifer Kurtzall IN Chamberlain
Creek.... My new e-mail address is on
the front, or snail mail to my house.....**

LIST OF VOLUNTEERS FOR QUICKSILVER FALL CLASSIC:

Wilson Vet Check:

Ken and Judy Etheridge
Carolyn Tucker
Marilyn Orlando
Catherine Pokorny

Dowdy Vet Check:

Jan Jeffers
Robert Oram
Marvin Snowbarger
Doug & Barbara White

Base Camp:

Kathy Mayeda
Elaine Alton

Drag Riders:

Carla Ambriz
Trilby Pederson

RIDERS:

Trilby Pederson
Katie Alton
Carla Ambriz
Hillorie Bachman
Hillary Graham
Rick Gomez
Lori Oleson

Thank you Hillorie Bachman and
Heather Bergantz of
SPORTHORSEFINDER.COM for
donation of prize blankets.

Thank you Steve Lenheim for donation
of wine for prizes.

Great participations so far, but we need
more!

**Please call Judy Etheridge to
volunteer (or ride) at
(925)862-0232.**

We need in timer(s) and P&R personnel
at base camp.

*The base camp positions are
totally choice: you get to sleep in,
come in around 10:00 a.m., get fed
lunch and dinner, and hang around
and watch all the action back at
camp!*

One extra person at the out vet checks
couldn't hurt either!

*There has been a special request for AD
Williams to appear at the Quicksilver Fall
Classic. He has been shirking his duties as a
member and needs to show his face at our
functions!*

{We also want to know if Jennifer Kurtzhall has
dried out enough from Chamberlain Creek to
appear at the ride.}

FROM: JERI-KEITH@MSN.COM

On The First Day

good. This will teach Man humility, it will tire him out and keep him striving ever forward to meet the needs of the Horse."

- On the first day of creation, God created the Horse.
- On the second day, God created Man to serve the Horse.
- On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to spook the Horse when Man was upon his back.
- On the fourth day, God created an honest day's work so that man could labor to pay for the keeping of the Horse.
- On the fifth day, God created the grasses in the field so that the Horse could eat and man could toil and clean up after the Horse.
- On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the Horse healthy and Man broke.
- On the seventh day, God rested and said "This is

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| 10/05/02 | Comstock Arabian Association
Endurance Ride 25/50,
Lemmon Valley, Reno, NV
John Collier (775) 852-6116 | 10/26/02 | Lake Sonoma 50
Jennifer Niehaus (707)894-3369 |
| 10/09/02 | Barbecue @ Quicksilver | 10/27/02 | High Desert III 30/50
Lahontan Valley,
Ft. Churchill State Park
Nancy Oglo Upham (775)423-3844 |
| 10/19/02 | Quicksilver Fall Classic
Endurance Ride 25/50
Ride Entry & club details inside | 11/2/02 | Lake Oroville Vista 30/50
Oroville, CA
Cathleen Papa (530) 589-4624 |
| 10/26/02 | High Desert II –
Adrian Valley 30/50
Heidi Siegel (775)575-2358 | | |

- October 9th - Wow aren't we lucky! Another barbecue meeting! Mockingbird Entrance to Quicksilver Park. Nominations for board members.....
- October 19th – Quicksilver Fall Classic at Coe – Ride or Volunteer!

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