

**EDITOR'S MESSAGE**

By Rhonda K. Levinson

I want to sincerely thank everyone for their calls, e-mails and cards after the loss of my young mare, Melody. I was grateful for the support and appreciative of what a loving family this group is.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Sarah J. Smith-Garcia

The ride season for Region 6 is officially back in full swing after a long summer break between rides. The Spotted Rump Ride in Missouri kicked it off once again followed by the Halsey National Forest Ride in the Nebraska sandhills and the Fall Fiesta Ride in Iowa.

As many of you know, rides are struggling this year due to damaged trails from a tough spring, rider numbers down, and the economy in general. At this point in the season, it is critical for riders to get their entries in as early as possible to avoid the cancellation of our remaining rides. Even if you are considering a ride but have not made the final decision to attend, please send in your entry and deposit to ensure that the ride is held. This not only benefits you if you should decide to attend that ride, but it also benefits your fellow members who have committed to ride but the ride may be at risk of a cancellation due to insufficient entries.

If we don't support the rides we have now, it is possible they will not return for our next ride season. The number of rides being held this year is significantly lower than last season. Do we want to risk losing more? Support your rides – support your region! Hope to see you all on the trails.

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**Welcome to the Following New Region 6 Members!**

Francisco Rivera, Foristell, MO

Juliette Ritzman, Columbia, MO

**SPOTTED RUMP RIDE REPORT**

By Trish Cleveland

Although the ride was put together in a hurry, it turned out to be a great experience. Thank you so much to Kim Rumpsa and family, Florence Blanks, Dr. Lucy Hirsch, Frank Keeran and the many, many volunteers who made this ride possible.

Having one of the original "Spotted Rump Ponies" it was just natural to attend this ride. This ride was held at Greensfielder Park near St Louis, Mo. The trails consisted of, well, mainly rocks, and more rocks and then still more rocks. Oh, also there were hills, many, many hills and rocks.

Friday check in was very much of a challenge, as it absolutely poured rain in sheets during the check in with the ride secretary, but stopped by the time to check horses in. There were a total 26 riders and check in went smoothly.

Saturday morning was cool, clear and dry. The judges had an obstacle right after the riders timed out. The open riders were asked to follow ribbons off trail down a steep hill, and to stop at the bottom of the hill. When told to continue, the riders were to step the horse across the little gully and continue up the hill. The horses were not much interested in stopping, but most did well.

The remainder of the day was filled with rocks, and wonderful scenery, and the sounds of thrill rides from the near by "Six Flags over St Louis" amusement park. The volunteers at the P&R were great and riders appreciated there participation very much.

All enjoyed pot luck and an early briefing on Saturday night.

Sunday was another gorgeous day with plenty of sunshine and yet wonderful coolness for August. And again the day was filled with rocks and hills -- did I mention rocks? The judges saw the riders a couple of times, and each

had creative obstacles. We shared the trails with pleasure riders, and I encountered a mountain biker, as we passed. I remarked "Boy, you guys are tough", and he just grinned and said "this is fun!" Afraid not in my lifetime!!!!

Sunday check out moved along pretty well, and when I was getting my spotted rump pony checked out, she had a complete melt down. When I asked her to trot circles, her ears were flat to her head, and she tried to kick me with both back feet, in front of the judges for Pete's sakes!!!! After her little snit fit, she did trot circles and finished the check out process. She was one pony glad to be done.

All in all it was a very good ride and congratulations to all the riders and horses.

**Spotted Rump Ride - 8/16-17/08 - A-O/N/CP, Total Riders: 26**

Chairman: Florence Blanks

Judges: Lucy Hirsch DVM, Frank Keeran

Novice Sweepstakes: Big-N-Bad Bullwinkle/Pillard, Kimberly-95.5

Open Sweepstakes: Bad To The Bud/Young, Marianne-97

**Open Heavyweight**

1/2 Bad To The Bud/Young, Marianne  
 2/3 Generator's Magic Pride/Clayton, Gary  
 3/1 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne  
 4/5 Doc's Surgeon General/Young, Adam  
 5/4 Country's DA Hoss WH/Hinkebein, William  
 6/6 Lena's Sure Nuf/Schmidt, Michelle  
 Dream Finders Golden Girl/Sylvara, Karen  
 CO R Secret Grai April Fool/Rumpsa, Kim  
 P Little Grey's Osage Star/Wallis, Christine

**Open Lightweight**

1/3 Jac Natalie/Hathhorn, Jackie  
 2/2 Elmer Bandit/Wood, Mary Anna  
 3/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish  
 4/4 Lucky's Black Gold/Hiskett, Matthew

**Open DO**

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**Novice Heavyweight**

1/2 Big-N-Bad Bullwinkle/Pillard, Kimberly  
 2/1 Domino Scout/Cotham, Barry  
 3/3 Little Richard CR/Braznell, Elizabeth

**Novice Lightweight**

1/1 Ansa Sevale Quest/Adams, Danetta  
 P Omar/Carlsborg, Alycia  
 P Rebel 3/Havercamp, Molly

**Novice Junior**

1/1 Stormy Savannah/Trent, Cassie

**Competitive Pleasure**

1/1 R Dun By Secretary/Rumpsa, Erin  
 1/1 Arte Puro SNJ/Stanford, Mary  
 2/2 Prairie Country Traveler/Webb, Richard  
 3/3 Coyote's Koscot-N-Gold/Chapman, Kristi  
 4/4 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie

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**Spotted Rump Ride - 8/16/08 - B-N, Total Riders: 2**

Chairman: Florence Blanks

Judges: Lucy Hirsch DVM, Frank Keeran

Novice Sweepstakes: Nevada's Rebel/Welch, Mandy-90

**Novice Lightweight**

1/1 Duke 2/Ritzman, Juliette

**Novice Junior**

1/1 Nevada's Rebel/Welch, Mandy

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**NEBRASKA NATIONAL FOREST RIDE**

Ty McCullough's ride story

Deb & I traveled on Thursday before the ride so we could enjoy the company of friends and just some much needed time away from work. The wonderful Dick Webb, parking guru extraordinaire, was there to point the way. Luv you man!

After getting trailer set, horses put up, dogs walked, it was finally time to make the rounds. Visited with numerous old friends, met new friends, and swapped stories about grandkids and the like. Finally we turned in so we could do an early morning ride, what a beautiful place.

We woke up to a beautiful sunrise, slight breeze and the sound of windmill turning in the wind. We saddled up and took off down the trail. If you have never ridden in the Sand Hills of Nebraska in the early morn, you are missing a small part of the good life. This is one of the largest man made forest in the nation; they supply the seedlings to most national forest that have gone thru all these terrible fires. This ride consists of riding basically in sand, sand, and more sand. But you can't beat the view out on that prairie.

After a short run, we came back to camp and prepared our horses for the thorough check-in of Priscilla Lindsey and DVM Jerry Weil. Ride manager Cheri kept things on track and on time. Ride briefing was prompt, and very well done by Cheri, and Trail master elite Yvette Haberle. Yvette, husband John, and son Joe, with help from many others, spent considerable time marking trails and getting this ride together. Thanks for the great trails and great time.

Saturday morning dawned with a cool temp and low humidity, riders and horses alike were anxious to go. The great timers Frank Keeran and ever talented Gary Cleveland timed us out. About a mile out of camp we come upon the devious judges for a steep downhill and steep uphill. Then, away we went. Open took a blue loop that took us out to the open prairie on top of some beautiful hills. Oh by the way, your landmarks are windmills, so plenty of water. We then met Joyce Keeran out in the middle of nowhere, and she says trot till told otherwise. Off we went; lo and behold there was Jerry and Priscilla. We were told to stop, then back your horse, stop, then could you please side pass up to the next trail, then off you go. Then we had our first P&R, with the honorable chair Larry Kendall and his capable crew. Once we were done there off we went. On down the trail we met up with judges, we were asked to open and close a gate, move forward, settle your horse, side pass over, pickup a jacket, move forward and hand to Priscilla. Then down the trail we boogied. Open had a nice big open loop. Somewhere in this loop Yvette was lurking to make sure we made it thru. Then we come in to the 2<sup>nd</sup> P&R amongst confusion. We thought you guys were lost, where have you been???? We were all pretty much together! Well, it seems that 4 riders, whose names I will NOT DIVULGE since I could suffer greatly, and the safety rider took a different trail! We finally figured out that aliens landed, beamed them aboard, took them to another dimension had them ride the trail, then brought them back, but put them in the WRONG location, therefore putting them ahead of everyone else! Whew! Well anyway, the devious judges knew we would be bone tired, wore out, fatigued, sore....you get the idea. What do they want? Yeah a mount! Then off we went back into camp. Everyone had a good laugh about the aliens and celebrated a good day, nobody hurt, and a beautiful ride.

Saturday night's catered meal, was fantastic: great food, good company and great laughs. Ride briefing was again prompt, and efficient. Sunday morn dawns to gale force winds. I swear it was! I saw Mary Anna Wood almost get lifted out of her saddle due to her helmet and brim!! Off we go down the trail in the opposite direction. We basically ride till the first P&R, then we trot down the trails and trot over some mysterious logs that fell from the trees overnight. Judges got some points there as my horse said, "whoa these were not here yesterday." Rode on down the trail till we came to the 2nd P&R and Jerry and Priscilla were there to observe how we took care of the horse at the P&R. Once done, off we went to camp. The wind was blowing pretty hard out on the open loop that took us out into the sand hills and you had to hold on tight as some times it would almost push you out of the saddle. Back in camp we were checking out our horses about an hour after we came in and awards were about one and a half hours later. A great time was had and we enjoyed the company of our friends throughout R6 and R3 that came to play in Nebraska Sand Hills. A great big THANK YOU FOR YVETTE, JOHN, JOE, CHERI, AND COMPANY FOR A GREAT RIDE AND WONDERFUL COMPANY.

### **Debbie Payne's Ride Story**

After only doing one ride this year back in March, I was really ready to head north to the forest in the sandhills over Labor Day weekend. Yvette Haeberle, Trailmaster, told me this was one of her favorite places to ride and I know why now. It was beautiful, not just the lovely stands of Ponderosa and Jack pines, but the profusion of flowering plants, from lowly weeds to blooms that would grace a formal garden. The vistas, whether grass-, or tree-covered, were both calming and beckoning, drawing us to see the other side, over the hill and beyond.

Camp was along a dirt road with open places for the dining area and check-in with strategically placed porta potties at either end, and a windmill with that cold, clear Ogallala water in the center. Since getting parked well and level is my least favorite part of camping, I was glad to see the sign asking us to wait for parking help. By 3pm

on Friday when Pat and I arrived, open spots were filling up fast, and nothing was level. Thanks to Dick Webb, designated parking guy, for helping us get that done with a minimum of starting over!!

No matter how early you get to camp on Friday, there never seems to be enough time! Potluck supper was at 6pm with ride briefing after. Cheri Jeffcoat, ride chair, kept things concise and moving along, she promised a 'brief' briefing and it was, although very thorough. Yvette enlightened us with "sandhill" terminology for better map reading, ie, two-track is where a truck can go versus cattle-track, and a blowout is where the sand and wind have taken over. Since much of the trail is in pasture, Yvette showed us pink and blue neon spray-painted weed examples as markers. Map landmarks were all numbered windmills, no more than 4 miles apart, great water on this ride!! The map was very detailed and labeled well. Horsemanship judge, Priscilla Lindsey, stressed that a horse under control showing respect for the rider was what she was looking for, and riders having fun! Vet judge, Jerry Weil, told us to enjoy the ride, take care of our horses and indicated the hold on 18, go on 17.

By 9:30pm Pat and I had walked and grazed the horses, Jessie, my quarter horse mare, and Boone, her fox-trotter gelding, and chored for the night. We figured our point to point times, Pat in Novice Lightweight, and Jess and I in CP this year. We wouldn't try to stay together since our horses don't pace well; round wheels and square ones, as the gaited folks say! That's one thing I learned last year, to ride your horse's ride. Jessie is a heavy muscled mare who walks slowly and needs to move on early and trot out wherever we can, because we need to walk up hills, especially later, to keep her from getting too hot. Someone told me early on that it's easier to keep the internal temp down than to get it down, so that's our plan. I ride for minimum and want that extra for late in the ride, and on both days used almost all the minutes. The deep sand really takes it out of a horse. Vet judge Jerry Weil reported two horses pulled with suspensory ligament problems.

Morning was so pretty it was a shame to rush around. The air was cool and dry, with a light breeze swishing through the pines overhead and the sky pinking through to orange as the sun slid up over the sandhills. Living on the high plains, a forest is quite a novelty and I wanted to just take it in with a cup of coffee and relax!! Maybe graze Jessie down to the windmill and back. Wish it weren't 350 miles from home; I'd love to ride here often.

We timed out behind the open riders to Gary Cleveland and Frank Keeran's greetings and once through the tree line, were out on the sandhills. The trail was sandy, some firm, some deep, over the grassy hills and through the cool woods, with dirt road, two-track, cattle-track, and no-track, through the pasture, from one neon-pink weed to another. Our first trail task for the judges was a steep down and up in the deep sand. Those downs and ups are a judges' favorite! I'm still working on that "suck and tuck" concept.

The P & R crew did a super job of locating the spot, on a slight rise in the breeze, so we could stand uphill and really get a cooling benefit from the water sponged on.

I had a case of pilot error at the first P & R. We had walked in to the P & R for more than a mile and I was not concerned about Jess's pulse at all. She is usually glad to stand and rest. While the check was being taken, a volunteer came by talking loudly and walked between the next horse and Jessie on her off side. She jerked her head up and I did too. When the numbers came up 15 and 3, I was so bumfuzzled I failed to ask for a recheck. I've only asked for one once, three years ago, at a veteran's suggestion, and just didn't think of it. In talking about this in camp later, Priscilla said usually how the rider handles an interruption or commotion determines how the horse will react and I didn't do very well. When I moved my head, stiffened and caught my breath, that signaled Jess that something was happening, as much as the other person being there. And regarding the recheck, Trish Cleveland shared that in all her years of competing with her quarter horse, Dolly, only once did the number go up when she asked for a recheck. She advised to always ask for a recheck. I really appreciate how more experienced riders are willing to share their knowledge and help others. Trish says it wasn't always that way when she was getting started. So thanks, guys!

Down the trail and we were told to trot by the judges, who said STOP! then back to a mark and sidepass between marks up the hill to the upper trail. We managed that pretty well and moved on. Our second P & R went well with a judged mount following. We've worked on that and Jess usually stands. Mounts get harder later in the day; for some reason my knees are much older then!!

I should mention here all the gates we rode through that management had to plan for and someone had to open, guard for cattle and stray riders, and then close. Thanks guys.

Also, Jon Haeberle either knows some killer shortcuts or he rode way more miles, faster than anyone there. He popped up ahead of or beside us, or came through the woods just anywhere. It was like there were three of him and his good sorrel horse. He was a one-man roundup crew once for a bunch of cattle that really wanted to go through an open gate. Thanks Jon, for all your miles, smiles and hard work.

Saturday's briefing was at 5:30 with judge's comments so helpful. Even the gusty wind that came in late afternoon didn't hamper us from enjoying the delicious catered brisket dinner. After dinner, Patty, the resident forest ranger, gave us an interesting history of the forest, which was begun as a project to supplement the lumber industry at a time when everything was built of wood. I can't imagine the undertaking to hand plant so many trees!

There was a small chance of rain overnight, so we put away and covered camp things before walking, watering and grazing the horses. I really enjoy that time of walking Jessie and visiting with other riders.

Sunday morning was a repeat of Saturday, plus the wind. All night it rocked and buffeted the trailer, but not cold, so I didn't blanket Jess. She had lain down on both sides and was energetic and ready to go. Best of all, her ankles were not puffy!!

The judges started us out with a figure-8 trot-by before timing out and we were off. The wind was blowing steady with gusts of sand that scoured my face and arms. Good sunglasses were a must and I managed to lose mine somewhere. With contact lenses, wind is enough of a problem without sand. Someone said later it was like being at the beach, that there was sand even in her underwear! Yep!

Sunday's trail was basically the same big loop in reverse and to paraphrase Yvette, "unless you're sitting backwards on your horse, it's a brand new trail". It was a new trail and just as much fun that direction! There were a couple of lovely sand roads where you can really boogie or mosey and graze the ditches.

Well, my resolve to do better at P & R didn't go as planned. In deep sand with sandburs everywhere I was so focused on getting Jessie's saddle off and some water on her I almost put the saddle down in the burrs. Thanks TY, for warning me! My canteen pack had somehow come loose and flopped down to one side and I think this is where I lost my sunglasses. That was the fastest 10 minutes on record. Luckily Jess was quietly watching me trying to keep my saddle pad out of the burrs in the wind, reattach the canteen bag, get the sponge and water bottles off to sponge water on her and generally NOT be calm and organized.

Note to self: get sponge and water bottles off saddle BEFORE removing saddle from horse. She checked out at 10 and 5 and we were good to go. I was feeling the heat and wind by this time and had to remind myself to drink some water and eat a granola bar.

More miles of beautiful trail and windmills, some deer flitting through the trees and we were at the last P & R. I managed to do my part better for this one and we moved off toward the 2 mile marker. Even with the wind I was a little sad to see the end of such a great ride.

(I may have the P & R's mixed up, remember them clearly, just not the order!! Priscilla observed at one for rider care of horses, which one??)

Checkout went quickly and awards followed shortly, a tribute to good organization. I don't have a list of who won what, should have written it all down. Cheri presented the renowned Region 6 Lost Trail award to two open riders who were allegedly abducted by aliens and transported to another dimension before being plopped down on the trail in another place. Their names will be added to the illustrious list of previous winners!

There were some riders in camp who were not with our group and one asked me about our group and why we had on numbers. I enjoyed telling about our sport and seeing their eyebrows go up when I said some go 40 miles and some 60 over the weekend. She also commented about all the different horse types and I said that we did have quite a variety of horses, from a Norwegian Fjord, arabs, quarter horses, fox trotters, mustangs, and others, including Patti Dollarhide's mule. That's one of the great aspects of the sport; so many breeds can compete well.

I've read several comments from veterans that it takes 3 or 4 years for a horse to figure out the sport and get comfortable with what it demands. I think my horse is doing better than I! There's so much to think about that getting the pieces to flow and become part of my subconscious is taking a long time!! But we are getting better, becoming more attuned to each other, and seeing teamwork happen! Sometimes I can almost feel Jessie think, "well, she finally got it!" I am so profoundly grateful for this horse and the relationship we are building.

Thanks so much to Yvette, Cherie, Jon, and Joe; all the NECTRA folks who made this wonderful experience possible. Thanks Priscilla and Jerry for judging in a positive way with encouragement and humor. I learned a bunch!! And thanks to Pat for being such a good travel and ride partner.

Postscript: 5 miles after I dropped Pat and Boone off at their house Monday afternoon, my pickup broke down. Thanks to Pat and John who took the trailer and Jessie back to their house and put us up one more night. US Rider sent a tow truck for my pickup, Oakley Motors fixed my computer problem Tuesday morning and we got home one day late. Horse people are the best and ya gotta love US Rider!!

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## LIFE OUTSIDE THE "HORSEY" BOX

By J.R. Kendall

I recently had the unique opportunity of spending a week in Greensburg, KS helping in a small way to rebuild after the devastating tornado in May of 2007. While sharing my stories of the week it was suggested that I write something for my respective newsletters even though it has nothing to do with horses.

I assisted in the wiring of 2 newly constructed replacement homes that were not much more than framed when I got there, and in looking at some of my pictures when we left, the roof and siding were on and sheetrock up. As all aspects of the construction progressed, I frequently took a few minutes to step back and watch my fellow workers install roofing, insulation board and siding while others worked on plumbing and heating/AC. This group included volunteers from Pueblo, CO, Duncan, OK, Dallas, TX, Topeka, and a contractor and his wife from Pennsylvania, and we found that those who have some experience and expertise in certain fields were sharing that knowledge with the roofers, the HVAC contractors etc. It was truly a group effort.

While the visible devastation is all but gone, there is not a block of this town that was not totally destroyed or at best severely impacted by this category 5 (highest rating) storm. The tornado was 1¼ mile wide and I probably question that the town is that wide. It went through once and as one article stated it turned and went back at a right angle to the first pass.

The few houses and commercial buildings that are still standing are damaged to non-inhabitable status and are marked as such. The school system is meeting in makeshift trailers as are all the churches. Greensburg is home to "The Big Well" which is billed as the largest hand dug well in the world and while it was not damaged the gift shop was lifted from its foundation and carried several miles. The lady who runs it lost not only the shop, but her home and possessions. A grocery store lost 2 sides of the building as well as most of the contents and within a few hours became a triage center.

There are far too many human interest stories to list here but of note, one unsung hero is the town's lone gas man. When the potential severity of this storm was realized, he went to the East end of town and turned off the supply line that feeds the city probably saving many lives from fire.

Another report I read indicated they dug huge landfills and hauled an estimated 35,000 truck loads of debris from the town. They put all concrete scrap in another location and set up a rock crusher that produced a pile of gravel so large it was identified from one of the space shuttles.

If I were asked what has kept me involved in NATRC, EKAHA and my church activities, the unequivocal answer would simply be the people. We frequently refer to our "extended family" within these organizations and we are just that. I have been on the receiving end of help over the years and for the most part they have all been from friends or at least acquaintances. But, being offered the opportunity to help my fellow man, and total strangers at that, is nothing short of a rewarding experience. I couldn't verbalize a description of the experience any better than to quote a close friend of mine who had the once in a lifetime opportunity to serve meals for 2 days

at Ground Zero after 9-11. His summation of the experience was simply "The most humbling experience I have or will likely ever have." I feel honored to have been asked to assist in this project and only wish I could afford to go back and do more. An experience of this nature makes one grateful to have an extended family and suggests that we all count our own blessings, daily.

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### **FLINT HILLS RIDE, October 4-5**

Ty and Debbie McCullough

The Kansas Flint Hills Competitive Trail Ride is Oct 4 - 5 at the Randolph State Park just north of Manhattan Kansas. The leaves should be beautiful and the hills at sunset and sunrise should be glowing. The trails are a combination of State Park and private land. Nice variety of Flint Hills and shaded areas. The scenery is breath taking with fall colors against the Flint hills of Kansas and some breath taking views of Tuttle Creek Lake.

Don't let this ride be cancelled due to low entries, get your entries in now, don't wait until the last minute. Gas prices have come down and this ride is very centrally located for most people. We are planning on having a lot of fun with hidden pumpkins and fun rewards. So come and join us. You can sign up on the RMS system by going to NATRC.org, Region 6 or Region 5 and getting all the info.

We need to have entries in by September 20, 2008, or we will need to cancel this ride. Hope to see you there!

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### **UPDATE FOR INDIAN CAVE RIDE**

Arlyce Thompson-Krug, ride secretary for the Indian Cave ride October 11-12, has a new address, in case you want to mail in your registration. Her new address is: Arlyce Thompson-Krug, 2323 B Street, Lincoln, NE 68502. Her new telephone number is 402-488-3057.

Chuck Edwards has been named ride manager in place of Cindy Cameron for this ride. Thank you Chuck!

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### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY**

Dear Region 6 NATRC members:

It is time for me to give more of my energy and talents to an organization that has given much to me. Therefore, I announce my candidacy as a director on the national board for NATRC, representing Region 6.

If elected by the membership, I will bring a fresh perspective, renewed energy, and new leadership to the table as this organization strives to make changes that will insure the future of this sport. Organizations need to shift and change as they meet the demands of new ideas, new membership, and new directions yet maintaining the philosophies that have made NATRC so successful for many years. I have the determination and the ability to productively communicate ideas in order to help our sport shift in positive directions. Region 6 members want to know that their ideas and opinions have been heard, not only within the region but at the national level. I will do my best to report to the national board what region 6 members deem important, and in return keep Region 6 members apprised as to national activities. An organization is only as strong and effective as its membership. And the membership needs and deserves to be informed.

I have volunteered my time and effort in numerous ways from helping with conventions and rides, to representing NATRC at events and promotions. I am currently in charge of securing vendors for the NATRC National Convention being held in Kansas City in 2009. One annual event I enjoy is working the booth at EquiFest, talking CTR with potential members.

By trade, I am a college professor. I am also a business owner, Institute for Change. I know about business, I know about people, and I know I have the leadership abilities that will enable me to make positive contributions to NATRC.

I would appreciate your vote, and thank you in advance for your support. Christine Abbott

### Current Address, Email address Or Phone Number?

Please contact Ruth Mesimer, Region 6 Secretary/Treasurer to insure your information is listed correctly. A new Region 6 directory is planned for publication in September with distribution in October. Make sure Ruth has your current address, email address, or phone number for this directory. Contact Ruth at 6818 N Elm Street, Liberty, MO 64068 OR 816-781-9496 OR r\_mesi@att.net. Please note my new email address!

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### Remaining 2008 Ride Schedule

#### North American Trail Ride Conference, Region 6

All dates, locations, etc. are subject to change.

Consult the 2008 Region 6 Ride Book and Region 6 web site, natrcregion6.org, for details about each ride

Ride type: A = 2 day ride (Saturday and Sunday) B = 1 day ride (usually on Saturday) check-in on Friday afternoon

Divisions: O = Open (• horses 5 years of age and older • mileage - 25-30 miles/day • pace - 4-6 mph)

N = Novice (• horses 4 years of age and older • mileage - 15-20 miles/day • pace - 3.5-5 mph)

CP = Competitive Pleasure (• horses 4 years of age and older • mileage - 15-20 miles/day • pace - 3.5-5 mph)

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OCT 4-5 FLINT HILLS (KS-Reg 6) Tuttle Creek Lake, Manhattan, KS  
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OCT 11-12 INDIAN CAVE (NE-Reg 6) Indian Cave State Park, Shubert, NE  
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OCT 25-26 REG 6 BENEFIT AT KANOPOLIS (KS-Reg 6) Kanopolis State Park, Kanopolis, KS (will alternate years with  
A-O/N/CP Whispering Pines)  
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#### DATE CHANGE FROM JUNE

NOV 8-9 EKAHA HILL & DALE (KS-Reg 6) Hillsdale Lake, Hillsdale, KS  
A-O/N/CP CHR: JR Kendall, 11111 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St., Olathe, KS 66062 (913/681-2318) jrken@att.net  
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