

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

By Rhonda K. Levinson

I'll start by apologizing for the error in last month's newsletter. I meant to urge everyone to attend the convention by talking about what *terrific* speakers are scheduled. Really I did. I apologize to everyone I offended!

This Newsletter is primarily being issued to let you all know the year end awards, and to re-publish the proposed by-laws changes. Therefore, Sarah has not done a President's message, but she and I both hope to see you at convention!

Proposed By Laws Change

Your Region 6 Board is proposing the below listed changes to the by laws regarding the position of secretary-treasurer. The board is proposing that the secretary-treasurer position be split into 2 distinct positions: a secretary and a treasurer and the duties of these positions are spelled out below.

1) Change Article IX – Officers, Section A. Officers

From: The officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer, each of whom shall be a qualified voting member of the corporation and be 21 years of age. The BOD may appoint such assistants to the officers as may be desirable or convenient.

To: The officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be a qualified voting member of the corporation and be 21 years of age. The BOD may appoint such assistants to the officers as may be desirable or convenient.

2) Change Article IX – Officers, Section B. Election and Term of Office

From: . . . The Secretary-Treasurer may be elected from the BOD or the membership at large. No officer may serve more than two (2) successive terms in the same office with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer which office shall have no limit of terms.

To: . . . The Secretary and Treasurer may be elected from the BOD or the membership at large. No officer may serve more than two (2) successive terms in the same office with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer

3) Change Article IX – Officers, Section G. Secretary-Treasurer

From: The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

1. Keep the minutes of the members' meetings and of the Board of Directors meetings.
2. Be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents of which the execution on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized.
3. In general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or BOD.
4. Have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation.
5. Receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such bank as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of these bylaws.
6. In general, perform all the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the President or the BOD.
7. Request annual audit of Treasurer by the BOD in January prior to the annual meeting.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed so as to limit the powers of the BOD to act in accordance with Article VI hereof, or to limit their power of supervision over the Secretary-Treasurer and said BOD may from time to time authorize or direct persons other than the Secretary-Treasurer to perform some or all of the duties prescribed herein.

To: **Section G. Secretary**

The Secretary shall:

1. Keep the minutes of the members' meetings and of the Board of Directors meetings.

2. Be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal of the corporation is affixed to all documents of which the execution on behalf of the corporation, under its seal, is duly authorized.
3. In general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or BOD.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed so as to limit the powers of the BOD to act in accordance with Article VI hereof, or to limit their power of supervision over the Secretary and said BOD may from time to time authorize or direct persons other than the Secretary to perform some or all of the duties prescribed herein.

And the addition of the following section

Section H. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

1. Have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation.
2. Receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such bank as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of these bylaws.
3. In general, perform all the duties incident to the office of the Treasurer and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned by the President or the BOD.
4. Request annual audit of Treasurer by the BOD in January prior to the annual meeting.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed so as to limit the powers of the BOD to act in accordance with Article VI hereof, or to limit their power of supervision over the Treasurer and said BOD may from time to time authorize or direct persons other than the Treasurer to perform some or all of the duties prescribed herein.

These changes will be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting on Sunday, February 22, 2009, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 7640 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City MO 64153. If you have questions about this proposed by law change, contact a board member (see list on page 14).

FINALISTS FOR THE LINDA TELLINGTON JONES AWARD

In alphabetical order, the finalists for the Linda Tellington Jones Horsemanship Award are as follows:

William Hinkebein
Elizabeth Kendall
Mary Anna Wood

YEAR END AWARDS!

Region 6 Horse Awards – 2008**Points Horse / Rider Place****Open Horse Heavyweight**

68	Country's DA Hoss WH / Hinkebein, William	1st
62	Frontgate Phoenix / Smith, Sarah	2nd
56	The Tanks a Blazin' / Clapper, Tina	3rd
54	My Nightmare / White, Vickie	4th
52	Royal Sunset / McCullough, Ty	5th
50	Czar 2 / Haeberle, Yvette	6th

Open Horse Lightweight

74	Gus / Spilker, David	1st
58	Prime Sensation WH / Jeffcoat, Cheri	2nd TIE
58	Cheyenne 1 / McCullough, Debbie	2nd TIE
56	Winchester Charm / Hirsch, Lucy	3rd
54	Elmer Bandit / Wood, Mary Anna	4th
46	Cito Mocha Raton / Cleveland, Trish	5th
38	Jac Natalie / Hathhorn, Jackie	6th

Open Horse Junior

18	Scooter / Haeberle, Yvette	1st
16	R Dun By Secretary / Rumpsa, Erin	2nd

Novice Heavyweight

58	Sir Timothy Gold / Andre, Tamara	1st
50	DM'S Eye of The Tiger / Altwegg, Noreen	2nd
46	Fantasy Moon Dancer / Prey, Virginia	3rd
44	LL Remington / Marston, Marilyn	4th
42	Sun Rock Glory Blaze / Bouska, Alan	5th
32	Big-N-Bad Bullwinkle / Pillard, Kimberly	6th

Novice Lightweight

50	Blues Grand Finale / Messick, Brenda	1st
42	Golden Mr Jet Charge / Stucky, Marla	2nd
36	DJ Maverick / Lysinger, Patricia	3rd

Competitive Pleasure

56	MPS Peppodoconita / Parys, Craig	1st
54	Coyote's Koscot-N-Gold / Chapman, Kristi	2nd
42	Prairie Country Traveler / Webb, Richard	3rd
34	Cisco Bey / Jacob, Erin	4th
28	Rock Strollin Jim / Maiwald, Susan	5th
20	Take-A-Walkaloosa / Hess, Lucie	6th

Region 6 Horsemanship Awards – 2008**Points Rider # of Rides Place****Open Horsemanship Heavyweight**

72	Clapper, Tina	7	1st
66	Smith, Sarah	6	2nd
56	Hinkebein, William	6	3rd
56	McCullough, Ty	4	3rd
50	Haeberle, Yvette	4	4th
48	White, Vickie	5	5th
12	Rumpsa, Kim	3	6th

Open Horsemanship Lightweight

76	Wood, Mary Anna	8	1st
62	Kendall, Elizabeth	7	2nd
60	McCullough, Debbie	5	3rd
56	Jeffcoat, Cheri	5	4th
46	Hathhorn, Jackie	5	5th
46	Hirsch, Lucy	4	5th
32	Cleveland, Trish	4	6th

Open Horsemanship Junior

18	Haeberle, Joe	3	1st
16	Rumpsa, Erin	3	2nd

Novice Horsemanship Heavyweight

72	Andre, Tamara	5	1st
72	Prey, Virginia	5	1st
36	Klamm, Liz	3	2nd
34	Marston, Marilyn	5	3rd
34	Altwegg, Noreen	4	3rd
26	Bouska, Alan	4	4th
24	Nore, David	3	5th
20	Pillard, Kimberly	3	6th

Novice Horsemanship Lightweight

56	Stucky, Marla	5	1st
52	Messick, Brenda	4	2nd
36	Nore, Robin	4	3rd
28	Lysinger, Patricia	3	4th

Novice Horsemanship Junior

26	Kimmen, Katlyn	4	1st
24	Barnes, Taylor	3	2nd

Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship

64	Parys, Shari	5	1st
52	Chapman, Kristi	5	2nd
52	Webb, Richard	5	2nd
32	Payne, Debbie	3	3rd
26	Maiwald, Susan	3	4th
24	Hess, Lucie	4	5th
18	Jacob, Erin	3	6th

2009 Region 6 Ride Schedule**April 25-26 Big Hill Lake, Cherryvale, Kansas**

Chair: Marsha Hayes, 3277 CR 4300, Independence, Kansas 67301, (620) 330-0582, mhkansas@comgen.com
Secretary: Kay Stitch, PO Box 601, Independence, Kansas 67301

May 16-17 James Gang Rideout, Smithville Lake, Missouri

Chair: Jerry Weil, 6710 Raines RD, Liberty, Missouri 64068, (816) 781-2218, jkweil@sbcglobal.net
Secretary: Jackie Hathhorn, 1404 NW Fox Ridge Drive, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015, jackiehat@gmail.com

June 6-7 Riding to the Rescue, Perry Lake, Kansas

Chair: Karen Everhart, 1949 Dalton Rd., Sedan, KS 67361, (620) 725-3402, rainbowmeadowsranch@gmail.com
Secretary: Hope White, 16252 174th Street, Bonner Springs, KS 66012 (913) 238-9528,
hope@electricaldevelopment.com

June 20-21 EKAHA Hill & Dale, Hillsdale Lake, Kansas

Chair: J.R. Kendall, 11111 W. 175th, Olathe, Kansas 66062, (913) 681-2318, jrken@att.net
Secretary: Susan Manley, 5003 Brownridge Drive, Shawnee, KS 66218 (913) 961-0322, s_a_manley@yahoo.com

July 18-19 Cedar Creek, New Bloomfield, Missouri

Chair: Chris Wallis, 402 County Road 299, Centralia, MO 65240, (573) 387-4859, cwallis@ktis.net
Secretary: Mary Pat Smith, 708 Limit St. Leavenworth, KS 66048, (913) 682-3757, msmith12187@kc.rr.com

September 19-20 Dave Smith Fall Fiesta, Stephen's Forest, Lucas, Iowa

Chair: Jerry Weber, 5100 SE 124th Street, Runnells, IA 50237, (515) 556-6805, jjw4826@earthlink.net
Secretary: Cheryl Weber, (515) 966-2893 or (515) 556-6804

October 10-11 Indian Cave, Indian Cave State Park, Shubert, Nebraska

Chair: Chuck Edwards, 3600 South 56, Lincoln, NE 68506, (402) 489-1502 or 440-5569, candmelstars@juno.com
Secretary: TBA

October 24-25 Whispering Pines, Salem, Missouri

Chair: Kim Weil, 6710 Raines RD, Liberty, Missouri 64068, (816) 781-2218, jkweil@sbcglobal.net
Secretary: Jackie Hathhorn, 1404 NW Fox Ridge Drive, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015, jackiehat@gmail.com

Boots

By Virginia Prey

Boots, you can never have too many! Ken (long suffering husband and Indian Cave Water Boy) comes in the house the other day and looks at the shoes and boots parked by the door, then looks at my feet and asks a very silly question. "How many pair of boots do you own? Well, I said, "define boots!" Okay, he says, "How many pair of Ariats do you own?" Hmmm, well I have a pair of mules, two pair of Fat Baby's, two pair of insulated Telluride H2O's and one pair of Terrian's. So six, I have six pairs of Ariats. What is he saying here?

This is what I have learned, though, is that you always need to carry extra boots to a Competitive Trail Ride. Did you know that some Horsemanship judges will dock points if you check in wearing spurs? I did not know this, but it gave me a good excuse to buy another pair of boots. So now I have "check-in" boots and my "ride boots" with spurs. Also, after being dumped in a river I learned your boots really do not dry out overnight even packed with towels and parked in front of a heater. Another good excuse to buy another pair of boots. So now I have my regular Terrains and Insulated Telluride H2O's. Then of course you need summer boots for the hot rides and winter boots for those chilly beginning of the ride season and end of ride season competitions.

And lets not forget go to town boots for the shopkeepers who do not like manure droppings in their store. So, I really do need these six pairs of Ariats. Now I think I need a consolation pair for gaining 5 pounds, Red Gator Fat Baby's, and a pair for National Convention, Black Gator Fat Baby's (I hear the dinner is sorta formal). Eight. Eight pairs of Ariats is a nice round number.

Friesian

By Virginia Prey

Horses! One becomes two, two becomes seven. Kinda of like Lay's potato chips. You can't stop at one. Okay I do have a slight problem with collecting things. Cats, dogs, horses, other people's children, pens, shoes Ariats. Not necessarily in that order!

Last summer I thought about adding a Friesian to my collection. He had a month of training with the Amish but due to an injury when he got home he hadn't been ridden for a year. No problem. I was thinking maybe he could be my back up horse and the kids could use him for 4-H. At 17-18 hands, his name Sampson suited him to a tee and I'm thinking, I need to get another horse to name Delilah.

Week 1 - I'm in love and thinking, isn't he pretty! Week 2 - I'm wondering if our round pen always bent in that direction? Week 3 - I could have swore that the gate to that paddock was on its hinges a couple of hours ago. He is just not playing well with others. Week 4 - Wow, he sure eats a lot. Now I know what it would be like to feed a draft horse. Week 5 - Go trail riding with the kids. Wow, what an awesome ride, great stride, smooth lope, slow and steady on the ups and downs. Week 6 - Still refuses to play nice with the other horses. Gets very jealous and wants to eat the other horses if they are getting attention and he is not. Week 6 - The kids thought I was going to die! Big horses can BUCK! We had a great trail ride and were coming up out of the woods heading home when Sampson gave buck number one. Okay, not bad. Buck number 2, tipping. Buck number 3, I'm going over backwards. The kid's eyes were as big as saucers. Buck number 4, hmmm, I'm back in the saddle. Week 7 - Ride out again, no buck. Yeah! Week 8 - Okay I need to face reality. He still won't play nice with the other horses, the round pen will never be the same, and the paddock gates have to be replaced.

So instead of adding a Friesian to my collection I'm going to have to return him. Dang is that horse heavy. The truck really had to work really hard to get up the hills. Hmmm, I wonder if I can use that as a reason to get a Chevy 3500 LTZ? I wonder if I should get a truck color to match a pair of Ariats I already own or go with something new?

Hill & Dale Report

By Priscilla Lindsay

I wanted to share about my ride, and to thank everyone involved in the Hill & Dale ride in eastern Kansas! I had a wonderful time getting to be a competitor this time after judging three rides and managing one this year.

I really have to say congratulations to the hardy riders who completed this ride! Many people just did not even show up when the weather turned nasty. It actually wasn't as bad as it could have been, at least it did not rain. But temps in the upper 30's to lower 40's was quite a change from the wonderful fall weather we had been having. Saturday had strong winds and cloudy skies that made it quite a test of our endurance. Sunday at least had sunshine and much lighter winds. We joked that this weather was just to balance all those years we have cussed the heat at this ride, which is usually held in June. It was postponed this year because of excessive rainfall and flooding in June.

J.R. Kendall and his crew had things well-organized as usual, so everything went smoothly from that standpoint. Thanks to Trailmasters, Mike & Mary Colby, assisted by Ginny Peterson, for well-marked trails and great, easy-to-read maps! Thanks to the judges, Donna Johnson, DVM, and Kathy Shanor, both from Colorado, (and their secretaries, Kathy Jackson and Becki Jackson!) for making their observations fun and helping to keep us smiling in spite of shivering as we went down the trails!

The first observation, right outside of camp, was a big step-down over a log that challenged the riders to stay balanced and keep their horse under control, then proceed at a trot around a sharp corner and halt at the vet judge. Nice challenge right out of camp when the horses were feeling frisky with the brisk weather! The next time we saw them, the judges were down in a creek where we had to ride in to a ribbon, stop in the mucky creek bottom, do a turn on the forehand and then back a few steps to another ribbon. It was quite a challenge, as the horses did not like the sticky footing. I was riding my husband's horse, Tray. She did what I asked, but certainly was telling me that she did not like it! (I think that Novice riders only had to stop in the muck for a few moments and then proceed.)

Back in camp for lunch, Kathy watched us dismount, then we trotted to Donna for lameness & then metabolics check. After lunch, back out on trail, they both watched us step down into a steep-sided ditch and asked us to stop with our horses front feet on the bank before we continued the climb out. Another good test of rider balance and control of horse. Amazingly, Tray listened to me and did what I asked! (She doesn't always, being an alpha mare, and thinking Steve is the only master she needs to obey!!!)

Saturday evening we had the usual pork steak BBQ that this ride is famous for, but it was so cold that everyone took the food to their trailers to eat instead of the usual socializing. I really missed visiting with a lot of friends! And, honestly, I was seriously considering pulling from the ride because the weather forecast was for even colder on Sunday! However, a good night's sleep and a good breakfast got me moving in the morning, plus the sun was actually shining! Also, I had made a new friend on the trail, Marilyn Snow, and our horses worked so well together that I had promised I would ride with her again.

Sunday started off with trotting a figure 8 for the judges; always tough to make nice round circles, even harder when you are all bundled up in arctic gear and fat, insulated gloves! We had good trotting trails right out of camp, so that helped to warm us. We soon encountered the judges again with an interesting obstacle set-up. The instructions were: "There are logs in the trail; trot over the first 4 and walk over the next 2." The logs were around a bend from where we received the instructions. I could see the horses and riders ahead of me, but could not see the logs. I watched as a couple of them transitioned down from trot to walk and figured this would be easy. I assumed there was about a horse-length space between the 2 sets of logs. (Wrong to assume!) I put Tray into a nice extended trot, rounded the bend and proceeded to trot over 6 logs, evenly spaced! I had been focused on that "space" that I had in my mind as the place to ask for a down transition! Boy, did I blow that one! I did transition down after the logs, to turn to the judges and laugh and say "Guess I can't count very well!"

The final time the judges saw us was out in the woods where we had to step the horse's front feet over a very large log, then side-pass a few steps and stop long enough to tie a ribbon in a small tree. Tray aced that one; she is very good at side-passing and tying ribbons, have done lots of trail marking with her! By the time we were back in camp for final check-out, the sun had us feeling warmer, at least, although I found out later that the temperature was only 38! Brrrr!

There were not many of us left for the awards ceremony, but we all cheered and clapped for the winners who were not there. Imagine my surprise when I won first place in horsemanship in CP! (The biggest division/class at the ride, I think there were only 6 in Open!) Then, an even bigger thrill was to win the Gerald Peterson Memorial trophy for high-point in horsemanship on an Arab or Half-Arab!

When I got my card, what a surprise to find a 99 with three pluses. The only point I lost was for not transitioning down over the logs! Wow, does that make an old lady feel good, especially since I am stiff and sore today from being so out-of-shape to ride so many miles! Gotta get the mini-trampoline out in front of the TV this winter to get in shape for next year's rides!

Congratulations to all the winners at this challenging ride! Bill Hinkebein's "Bucky" won his National Championship! Debbie McCullough won Open Speestakes! I think it was Liz Klamm who won Novice Sweepstakes. Tray & I got the CP Combo award. Tray placed third, losing only one point for hydration and 1 1/2 in manners, one point being all my fault for not asking for a down transition over the logs!!! Not bad for a fat, old mare who hasn't been to a ride for about 5 years!

Thanks again to everyone who came out to work this ride so we riders could have such a "freezing-good-time!"

Getting to Know Missouri's Equestrians

A Critique By Denise Maxwell

Check out the report "Getting to Know Missouri's Equestrians" A report from the 2008 Survey of Missouri Riders. It can be found on the website: <http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/Documents/18840.pdf>

This document seeks to improve our knowledge of Missouri's equestrians, their preferences and habits. A Missouri Area Managers survey revealed that one hundred and eighty three (183) areas in the state see some form of equestrian usage including road use, designated trails, special permits, commercial use, group use or "unauthorized" use. Tom Treiman, the author, is apparently a good mathematician/economist but the database he used for his research was very skewed away from the average trail rider. His sampling technique was limited by the common problem of an inability to locate equestrians and sort out the trail riders from the farm owners, horse breeders and show riders. He surveyed horse owning farmers and landowners who make money through agriculture in an attempt to find out about trail riders, their attitudes, choices, impacts, and expenditures. Apparently additional contacts were made as a few regular boarding stable and backyard horse owners heard about and demanded to fill out the survey but these were not used. This survey might be considered scientific because it looked only at the random of land/farm owning equestrians and not at the convenience samples (which might have better represented an actual population of equestrians who use Missouri's trails). A copy of the original survey, as it was presented to the horse owners can be found at the end of the survey document and might serve as a model for other agencies who want to find out more about the equestrians on their trails.

The findings on rider's attitudes and opinions or the importance of amenities seemed likely enough to appear valid. Many equestrians from other states, who ride as tourists in Missouri were not considered, therefore the financial impact of the trail horse industry may be grossly understated in this document. The conclusions in the main report were written backward with the most negative being placed first in the report as if it were the most important recommendation. This recommendation was omitted from the brochure, probably because it enraged most equestrians who read it.

The Missouri Department of Conservation produced a tri-fold brochure to summarize some of the information gathered in the survey and from other sources. The color brochure looks very professional and sheds a positive light on the Missouri equestrian even while grasping for the truth. One can compare the two documents and back check the resources and see that some of the information was changed, stretched, or exaggerated to be much more positive toward equestrians and the data that was generated.

In general Missouri does an excellent job providing its equestrians with parks and trails for recreation and leisure. As parts of the KATY trail opened to horses, Missouri Department of Natural Resources research showed there was no conflict. The fact that a state agency even cares enough to do any equestrian specific research, and get information out to public land managers and Missouri policy makers says much about the Show Me State. This, coupled with the publication "Equestrian Trail Guidelines" in 2007 seems to be a good sign that the Missouri DOC is being pro-active in establishing and maintaining horse trails. Hopefully it will eventually translate into the completion of the Ozark Trail through southern Missouri and the opening of more miles of trail in existing conservation areas, parks and communities.

The list of trails provided in this survey would be an excellent starting point for someone who wanted to produce a guide to Missouri trails for profit, or to increase funding to a non-profit organization, for tourism, and marketing.

Region 6 Benefit Rides Traveling Trophy Winners

Ruth Mesimer

Listed below are the winners of the traveling trophies from the Region 6 Benefit rides for 2007 and 2008. To the 2007 winners, please accept my apology for failing to post the results sooner.

2007 Benefit Ride – Cedar Creek – June 23-24

Kansas – Novice horse and rider Combo - Donna Keller and Country Star Jet WH, 194

Missouri – Novice horse and rider Combo - Michelle Schmidt and Lenas Sure Nuf, 191

Nebraska – High point rider only, any division - Maggie Spilker on Strike the Gold, 98.5

CP Best Effertz – Combo horse and rider - Trish Cleveland and Cito Mocha Raton, 195.5

Open Best Effertz – Combo horse and rider - Jackie Hathhorn and Jac Natalie, 198

2008 Benefit Ride – Kanopolis Canyons – October 25-26

Kansas – Novice horse and rider Combo - Don Payne (FTC) and Buffalo Creek Jack, 190

Nebraska – Novice horse and rider Combo - Virginia Prey and Fantasy Moon Dance, 192.5

Nebraska – High point rider only, any division - Cheri Jeffcoat on Prime Sensation WH, 98.5

CP Best Effertz – Combo horse and rider - Shari Parys and MPS Peppodoconita, 198

Open Best Effertz – Combo horse and rider - Cheri Jeffcoat and Prime Sensation WH, 197

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**NATRC NATIONAL CONVENTION
Kansas City, Missouri
February 20-21, 2009**

On Friday and Saturday, we will have outstanding speakers discussing many aspects of long distance riding, including:

Dr. James Lillich: Lameness in the trail horse

Dr. Elizabeth Davis: Horse behavior, gastric ulcers, forage and pasture management for insulin-resistant horses, and dietary management

Judges' Table

Others to be announced

(Region 6 meeting and awards on Sunday)

Join us for entertainment on Friday night with the band "Streetside", followed by the Auction.

Hotel:

Embassy Suites Hotel

7640 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City MO 64153

(4 miles south of airport on I-29)

816-891-7788,

Special NATRC Room Rate (\$114 up to 4 people) until January 28,

(If reserve online, be sure to list NATRC)

Hotel provides complimentary full breakfast and complimentary open bar 2 hours each evening

For additional information regarding the convention,

please contact Kim and Jerry Weil at 816-781-2218 or jkweil@sbcglobal.net

**BACK TO THE HEARTLAND
NATRC National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri
February 20-21, 2009
REGISTRATION FORM**

Please print clearly, make check payable to "NATRC" and mail to:

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(913-961-0322, s_a_manley@yahoo.com)

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Registration for Meetings:

\$50 Single \$70 Family (under one roof)

After February 6th \$60 Single \$80 Family (under one roof)

\$11 Friday Night Taco Bar \$34 Saturday Night National Awards Banquet BBQ Buffet

Total Amount Enclosed _____