

Region 6 Rally

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COMING EVENTS

Dave Smith Fall Fiesta,
September 19-20, Lucas, IA
Ride Chair: Jerry Weber,
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Indian Cave,
October 10-11, Shubert, NE
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Whispering Pines,
October 26-27, Jadwin, MO
Ride Chair: Kim Weil,
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Region 6 Convention
Watch for more info!

We Had a Blast at Cedar Creek!

Mid-Missouri in July is usually hot, humid, and hot. Hot. Did I say HOT?

But the weather gods sent us a gorgeous weekend for the Cedar Creek ride July 18-19 near New Bloomfield, MO. Daytime temps were in the 70s; nights were in the upper 50s.

Ride manager/trail master Chris Wallis did her usual impeccable job of taking us over varied terrain. wildflowers were blooming and there was plenty of water for the horses.

Horsemanship judge Mike Colby and veterinary judge Jerry Weil kept us moving with a variety of obstacles and observations. Terrain provided plenty of opportunities to watch the riders' communication with their horses.

An in-hand back between



two trees followed by a mount; an interesting sidepass, turn on the forequarters, and sidepass; and a complicated gate gave riders and horses a chance to show teamwork, or not!

Mary Sanford hosted us in her accommodating pasture, which provided excellent grazing.

Elmer Bandit, at 38, competed DO on Saturday, but opted to spend Sunday napping in the sun in the round pen. Mary Anna says he's very happy but he needs his REMs!

See ride results inside.

Photo of Bill Hinkebein and Countrys Touch WH by Jonni Jewell

Welcome New Region 6 Members!

Eric Nelson and family,
Centerview, MO

Katherine Douglass,
Overland Park, KS

Kate Lehner, Junction
City, KS

Yvonne Smith, Ballwin,
MO

Lillian Davis & Family
Lee's Summit, MO

Darla Ewalt
Ames, IA



NATRC Student Scholarships and Loans

NATRC offers scholarships and loans to college students!

NATRC offers student scholarships up to \$5,000 for students planning careers in equine-related fields. Applicants should complete the Bev Tibitts Memorial Scholarship form and submit 3 letters of support from a teacher, NATRC judge, ride chair, regional or national board member, veterinarian, or any person involved in the horse industry.

Student loans up to \$5000 per person/year are available, as well. Preference is given to full-time students who have been a member of NATRC or whose family has been an active member for at least 3 years, although consideration will also be given to members of a shorter period. Loans are based on need, scholastic achievement, and

character. Loans are to be repaid in monthly installments. Interest rate is 3% beginning not later than 6 months following graduation or when the recipient ceases to be a full-time student.

For an application, contact NATRC Administrator at natrc@natrc.org. Please use Word 2003 if sending via email. Deadline for applications is January 15 for the following semester.

Dave Smith Fall Fiesta

Fun, food, and great trails in Iowa!

It's fall, and that means it's time for the Dave Smith Fall Fiesta! The Iowa Trail Riders Association will feed you and make sure you have a great ride through the Stephens State Forest near Lucas, Iowa, on September 19-20.

These south-central Iowa trails feature woods and meadows and gently rolling hills. The campsite is primitive, but level, with portable toilets and

portable water hydrants.

There are permanent hitching rails at each site, and we must tie to them.

All competitors and workers eat free Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, and ITRA does it right! Hot breakfasts, filling lunches, and substantial dinners! Those not competing or working can purchase meals for \$20 for the weekend.

Fees for adults are \$80, juniors \$45. Minimum deposit of \$30. First-time competitors deduct \$15 from entry fee. Be sure to include the miscellaneous fees on the entry form! Mail your form and check to Cheryl Weber, 4826 SE 124th St, Runnels, IA 50237-1202. Out of state? Bring health papers! Negative Coggins required on all horses.

Upcoming Ride Notes

Call for volunteers!

Fall is also the time for the 36th annual Indian Cave CTR, October 10-11, near Shubert, Nebraska. Ride Chair Chuck Edwards says he really needs volunteers—timers and others. Volunteers are essential to the success of

any ride. If you can help, please call Chuck at 402-489-1502, or email him at candmelstars@juno.com.

Have you tried the Ride Management System (RMS)? It's really cool! Go to www.natrc.org and

click on "Rides" then on Ride Management System. Enter your information and your horse's just once, then you can enter rides with just a click! Check it out!

New Sponsors, Products

Trail Corral is the newest NATRC national sponsor! Trail Corral is a manufacturer of a really neat portable corral system. Check them out at www.trailcorral.net, or call them at 770-503-6225.

Trailer Eyes is another national sponsor. They make a monitoring system that lets you watch your horses while you drive. To learn more about

Trailer Eyes, go to www.traileryes.com.

NATRC is offering a really "cool" product—a P&R fan! You've seen people at P&Rs using dust pans, frisbees, or other items to fan their horses. Now, you can have a collapsible, easy-to-carry fan with the NATRC logo!

The 10" fan folds to 4" and will fit in your pocket or cantele bag. Best of all, the

cost is only \$10! To get one of your very own, come to a Region 6 ride. By the way, don't forget to buy sponges, tee shirts, and other Region 6 merchandise at rides to help support Region 6!

Check out these and other products and sponsors at www.natrc.org. Our national sponsors help keep our organization strong, so please patronize them!



National News

Happy 50th Birthday to NATRC! Well, not quite yet. National is gearing up to celebrate NATRC's 50th at the 2011 National Convention in Nashville, TN. Watch for details!

Be sure to vote! In the next *Hoofprint* you'll receive your ballot for Region 6's open board positions. If you are interested in running, send your letter of interest with a brief summary of your

NATRC experience to Lynn Hutnick at llhoa@sonic.net.

Nominations are due Oct. 16 for the **National Workers Hall of Fame and the Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Membership Award**.

Region 6 may nominate one member for each. If you know someone who deserves to be honored in this special way, please

send the name of your nominee to Christine Abbott (see box at right).

The 2010 National Convention will be Feb. 19-20 in conjunction with the AERC convention at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Reno, NV. Make your hotel reservations by calling 800-648-5080 before Jan. 18. Mention NATRC for the special rate!

Send your nominations for the National Hall of Fame and the Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Membership Award to:

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Message from the President

The ride season is moving on, only three rides left for this year!

Thanks to everyone who came to the Cedar Creek ride. We had wonderful weather, no one got lost or hurt! And thanks to the volunteers, especially J.R.

Kendall and Florence Blanks, whom I forgot to acknowledge at awards!

At the ride, CP/Novice riders had a problem with one of the trail markers on Sunday. One marker got turned around, I guess by the wind, and was

confusing. When marking trail, be careful about how you physically attach the markers. Markers need to be visible, with clear instructions, and fastened securely so they won't be repositioned by the wind!

Chris Wallis

"I always try to mark the trail as if I had never ridden it before."

"Without the support of each and every one of you, we couldn't keep the sport we love alive."

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