

Region 6 Rally

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Member Spotlight on Hope White

Region 6 is proud to put the spotlight on Hope White of Basehor, Kansas. Hope has been competing in Region 6 CTR's since 2003. Her favorite equine partner is a grey Arabian mare named MAF Dark Shado. Shado who is 23 years old and team started in Novice and were introduced to the sport by neighbor and fellow competitor Vickie White.

I met Hope and her family that year and was impressed by her desire to learn more about the sport and do her very best! Through the years, Hope has competed in all three divisions, novice, CP and most recently Open Heavyweight divisions. Her love of the sport was shared by her daughter Mackenzie who started competing when she was 10 years old.

Both Mac and Hope have won numerous awards and Mac was featured in the Western Horseman spotlight on youth for CTR with her outstanding mare XD Michaela. Sharing the passion for horses and trail riding has been a great bond for this mother & daughter duo!



Hopes' favorite ride is Whispering Pines. She believes in the motto "Live today like there is no tomorrow!" Her advice to first time competitors is to make sure you have a good mentor. The must have item for a CTR is a helmet! Safety is first and foremost. Her goal for this year was just to be able to ride with her ever busy life schedule! When not competing Hope can be found volunteering her time for the sport! She's worked on P&R crews, marked trails, been ride secretary and most recently secretary and part of the ride management team for the Perry Lake Benefit rides. She has also served as a volunteer for

the national breed year end awards, as a new member welcome person for Region 6 Kansas and is currently a Region 6 board member. Hope enjoys riding the Harley with her husband, Kevin and four wheelers with her kids! One thing you might not know about Hope is that she would like to go live by the ocean and explore marine life and enjoy scuba diving. I wonder if riding along the ocean beaches would then be her favorite "ride"?

Thanks Hope for all your contributions to Region 6!

~ Sue Maiwald

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"When you have the enthusiasm and the passion, you end up figuring how to excel."

~Deena Kastor

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Code of Ethics

We, the NATRC National Board of Directors, Executive Director, judges, committee members, and employees are ambassadors of our sport whether at an organized event or informal gather.

We adhere to an implied code of ethics. This code of ethics dictates that we behave professionally, courteously, and responsibly. This includes:

- Representing the sport on a professional manner
- Being respectful when giving an opinion
- Substantiating information before giving an opinion
- Being kind and courteous to others

Welcome New Members!

I forgot to welcome some new members in the last newsletter and I assure you, I properly chastised myself. I was very excited to meet some of you at the EKAHA Hill & Dale CTR and hope to meet more of you soon. ~V

December

Joyce Strively ~ New Strawn, KS

January

Kelly Thompson ~ Lincoln, NE

Linda Cramer ~ St. Peters, MO

Marilyn Dowding ~ Raymondville, MO

Diana Thrift ~ Iowa City, IA

February

Erin Hall ~Perry, IA

Sherdine Kimmen ~ Waverly, NE

Anna Schaben ~ Arapahoe, NE

Tamara Vasa ~ Weston, NE

March

Kelly Coldiron ~ Andover, KS

Laura Hardin ~ Seward, NE

Cheryl Prunte ~ Raymore, MO

April

Marilyn Johnson ~ Topeka, KS

Carol Kutz ~ El Dorado, KS

Jeannine McLain ~ Newton, KS

May

Shelly Blakeley ~ Plattsburg, MO

Eric Nelson ~ Centerview, MO

July

Kate Jacob, DVM ~ Valley, KS



Judges Committee News

There may be confusion regarding the proper procedure for counting respiration rates.

The number that is recorded on the P&R card and then transferred to the

horse card is the number of breaths (inspiration/expiration cycles) counted in one 15 second interval. There are no exemptions for any reason including breed of horse, weather factors, or

rate of respiration, e.g. "panting". Specifically, if a horse is "panting", the 15 second count is **NOT** divided by 4 to find the recordable respiration rate.

There will never be a day when we don't need dedication, discipline, energy and the feeling that we can change things for the better.

~George Sheehan



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Thinking of You



Cherokee Prayer Blessing

May the Warm Winds of Heaven
 Blow softly upon your house.
 May the Great Spirit
 Bless all who enter there.
 May your Mocassins
 Make happy tracks
 in many snows,
 and may the Rainbow
 Always touch your shoulder.

NECTRA member Bruce Fells' father Jean Fells passed away August 6, 2011.

Jean Fells was 86 years old. Jean and Gloria Fells were active NECTRA members back in the 1970's and early 1980's.

Bruce and Glenda Fells have been safety riders at the Indian Cave Ride for a number of years and Bruce has also been the ride's farrier.

Condolences can be sent to the family in care of: Bruce and Glenda Fells, 525 J Rd., Palmyra, NE 68418

Molly Havercamp on, the passing of Rebel, her Morgan gelding, this May, three weeks short of 17 years old, to cancer.

While ITRA and NATRC riders have only know him 3-4 years, his legacy as a master trail riding companion goes back to shortly after his purchase. His travels took him extensively through Iowa and to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. Those of you who met him on the trail probably know him by his full name, Dammit Rebel Walk, but we usually kept it to Rebel or Genius, in acknowledgement to his never ending curiosity and ability to get into situations.

He won't be stepping out of the trailer when we unload this year, wondering where the carrots are, but he will be there in spirit, straining to go faster than the horse next to him. Happy trails, Big Guy.

Submitted by Kimberly Pillard

It is with great sadness that we must tell you that our beloved Emma McCrary passed away on Thursday, June 24th, after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. For those of you who are new to NATRC or Region 1, Emma was the "Mother" of the fabulous Swanton NATRC Ride for over 30 years. She will be greatly missed.

Submitted by Jim Ferris

Logo and Letterhead Branding Approved

In an effort to provide cohesiveness and instant recognition, the marketing committee submitted to the national board, for approval, standardized logos and letterheads. The board has approved the recommendation. In summary:

- ☞ The horse and rider should always be facing left, traveling uphill.
- ☞ The logo should always be positioned in the upper right hand corner.
- ☞ The words North American Trail Ride Conference should be flush right to the logo.
- ☞ The outline of North America should be omitted from all logos.
- ☞ The words (in a circle) may be included in the logo or the horse/rider may be used alone.
- ☞ If applicable, a dark cobalt blue should be used for all headings and logos.
- ☞ When appropriate, comic sans font should be used. However, when used in official business documents, the font should be Arial.
- ☞ Only the newsletter editor may change the font used, using a style of print that suits the layout of the newsletter.

In the near future, anyone can go to the national website and download the appropriate heading. The marketing committee will let each region know when these are available.

Samples:

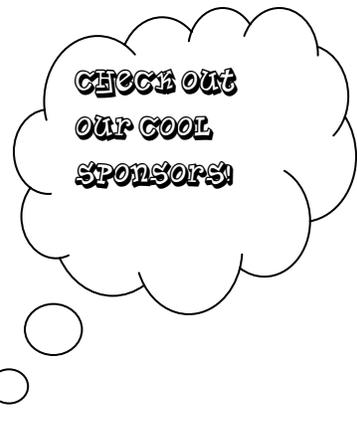
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Honorary and Appreciation Awards

It is not too late to submit a letter of nomination for anyone in our region who rightfully should be acknowledged for their contributions not only to Region 6 but to the national organization. I have summarized the various awards below. Please send your nomination to Christine Abbott (cdabbott39@gmail.com)

*When its pouring rain
and you're bowling
along through the wet,
there's satisfaction in
knowing you're out
there and the others
aren't.*

~Peter Snell

Certificates of Appreciation

DEADLINE: October 15

Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Membership (HLM)

Each region may nominate one member of NATRC for the JM Honorary Lifetime Membership award. At the final board meeting, the National Board will select one recipient with the award being presented at the following National Convention. Nomination letter to be limited to 400 words. **This award is not related in content to the Jim Menefee Memorial Combined Horse/Horsemanship award.*

Workers Hall of Fame

Each region may nominate one member of NATRC for the Workers Hall of Fame. At the final National Board meeting, the board will select one or more recipients at their discretion. Recipients may be individual or pairs. The award is presented at the following National Convention. Nomination letter to be limited to 400 words.

National Appreciation Awards

Each region may nominate one member for a National Appreciation Award. At the final National Board meeting, the board will select three (3) recipients who will be presented at the next National Convention. A recipient can be eligible only once every three years.

Nomination letter to be limited to 200 words.

Regional Appreciation Awards for National Recognition

Each region may select up to three (3) recipients for national recognition. These recipients will be presented to the board at the final National Board meeting, and appreciation certificates will be presented at the following National Convention. Recipients may be individuals or pairs or groups such as ride sponsors or clubs. Nomination letter to be limited to 200 words.

BY-LAWS CHANGES and TERM LIMITS

To: NATRC Members

From: Gary Clayton

At its July Board meeting in Denver last weekend, the National Board of Directors voted on three proposed By-Law changes that had been presented to the membership in a written ballot earlier in the year. By-Law changes require a simple majority vote by the membership, but also a 2/3 majority of the National Directors' votes to change.

Two of the By-Laws were passed by 2/3 of the National Directors consistent with the majority ruling of the membership; therefore, elections for National Directors will be held at the regional level and Directors appointed to fill vacancies will fill the vacancies for the remainder of the existing term of the vacancy.

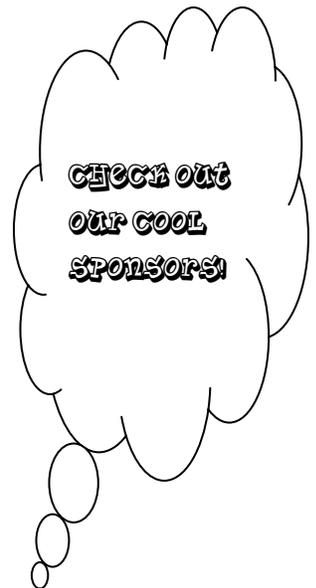
The By-Law to impose Term Limits of two consecutive terms for National Directors was narrowly passed by the membership, with half for and half against term limits. The NBOD voting process was careful and considered. A document summarizing the pros and cons of the issue was sent to the Board in advance of the meeting with ensuing e-mail discussion leading to the meeting. A vote was taken by show of hands and duly recorded. The National Director vote was 6-6 which accurately reflected the vote of the membership, so the proposed change does not take effect.

Fifty years ago the founding members of NATRC put in place procedures to insure that the foundation documents of our organization cannot be altered without considerable thought and agreement. In the case of these three proposed changes, the process worked with great deliberation and effort expended by the membership and leadership to examine all aspects of the issues. Thank you for participating in this process and the ones to come in the future.

Gary Clayton
President
North America Trail Ride Conference

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~Gloria Averbuch,



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Membership Goals: We're almost there!

After the 2010 ride season, the national board of directors established some new goals regarding desired regional membership totals for 2011. As of June 2011, Region 6 is close to achieving the goal of 164 regional members. We currently have 156 members so we are 8 members out. Only one region, Region 4 has met the regional goal so come on Region 6 – let's get out there and recruit 8 more members. We can do this!

News from the National Board of Directors

Jerry and I just returned from the July meeting of NATRCs National Board of Directors. Here's a summary of what we accomplished.

- ☞ The following rule changes will be sent out to the membership for voting.
 1. Headgear with attached reins is now required.
 2. New lifetime memberships will no longer be issued.
 3. Instead of Family Memberships, it will now read Household Memberships.
- ☞ National Board of Directors voted on three proposed By-Law changes that had been presented to the membership in a written ballot earlier in the year. By-Law changes require a simple majority vote by the membership, but also a 2/3 majority of the National Directors' votes to change.
- ☞ Two of the By-Laws were passed by 2/3 of the National Directors consistent with the majority ruling of the membership; therefore, elections for National Directors will be held at the regional level and Directors appointed to fill vacancies will fill the vacancies for the remainder of the existing term of the vacancy.
- ☞ The By-Law to impose Term Limits of two consecutive terms for National Directors was narrowly passed by the membership The National Director vote was 6-6 which is not the required 2/3 vote and so did not pass.
- ☞ The Media Advisory board recommended that the *Hoofprint* be distributed by electronic email beginning with the December issue. NBOD voted in favor of this recommendation.
- ☞ Every Region 6 member will receive a copy of the other regional newsletters.
- ☞ NATRC is excited to announce that a horseback riding vacation to Machu Picchu, Peru, will be raffled off at the 2012 national convention. Details can be found in the corresponding article in this newsletter.
- ☞ The NBOD is still focused on making financial decisions that will impact the future of NATRC. This isn't an easy task but the board is dedicated to the survival of our sport.

*Footnote: I must admit that I actually laughed at a joke Jerry Weil made during the meeting because the joke was actually funny. I know... I'm still in shock.

Submitted respectfully,

Christine Abbott
National Board of Directors

EKAHA Hill & Dale
 5/21-22/2011 Region Six-KS
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 30

Chairman: Michael Colby

Judges: Michael Bridges DVM, Frank Keeran

Novice Sweepstakes: Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne-98

Open Sweepstakes: Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna-96

Open Heavyweight

- 1/2 Wineglass Rouge/Nelson, Eric
- 2/1 Country's Touch WH/Hinkebein, William
- P Frontgate Phoenix/Rinne, Sarah
- P Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen

Open Lightweight

- 1/6 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna
- 2/1 King's Mountain Hale Bop/Dollarhide, Patti
- 3/ DJ Maverick/Lysinger, Patricia
- 4/ Lucky's Black Gold/Hiskett, Matthew
- 5/3 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy
- 6/2 Twister's Irish Lad/Louthan, Stacie
- /4 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
- /5 MRA Nadria/McLain, Jeannine
- P Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/6 PS Trakara Bask/Lindsey, Priscilla
- 2/4 Country Star Jet WH/Keller, Donna
- 3/2 Steppin'Out Annie D/Prey, Virginia
- 4/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
- 5/ SF LA Traviesa/Hall, Erin
- 6/5 Skyline Red Bambi/Aswegan, Beth
- /3 Sir Timothy Gold/Andre, Tamara
- P Calypso De Tiempo/Weber, Cheryl

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
- 2/3 Nehi Charm/Schaben, Anna
- 3/2 Scooter 3/Blakely, Shelly
- P Sequoyah/Hall, Scott
- P Sweet Pea 3/Schnitzler, Deb

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Vikens Bear A Cuda/Kimmen, Katlyn
- 2/2 La Basksheba/Thompson, Emily



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GIVE BACK TO NATRC!

HELP WANTED AT NATIONAL LEVEL

NATRC Members and Friends: There are many, many opportunities to serve NATRC at the National level, so if you are interested in:

- Working with Sponsors (thanking, promoting, inviting to rides and events)
- Working with Rules Interpreters and Safety riders (education programs, qualifications, report analysis)
- Working on Finance (invoicing, taxes, business modeling),
- Working on Publicity (news stories and with national and local magazines)
- Working with Breed Associations (there are 100s; so many can help)
- Working on the Website (if you design websites professionally)
- Working on Hoof Print (writing, editing)
- Preparing Webinars (organizing, reminding, hosting)
- Selling Raffle tickets (the Machu Picchu trip sells itself)
- Working with Ride Managers and Secretaries (education, budgets, organization)
- Working at the National Convention,

We have a place just perfect for you and your skills!

Contact Laurie DiNatale and she will forward you to the proper person heading up the area with which you wish to help.

*This is not about
instant gratification.
You have to work hard
for it, sweat for it, give
up sleeping in on
Sunday mornings.*

~Lauren Fessenden,

North American Trail Ride Conference



Dear Region 6 Members,

I am once again asking for your vote for the position of National Director from Region 6. Throughout the past years I have been an active spokesperson when it comes to representing Region 6 at the national board meetings. I have constantly kept the members' comments and wishes in mind as the national board continues to implement changes that will insure the survival of competitive trail riding. I am currently the national board member in charge of the Honorary and Appreciation Awards and next year will begin my volunteer duties as Awards Chairman for all national conventions in the future. Yet, most of my energy is directed towards supporting the membership of Region 6.

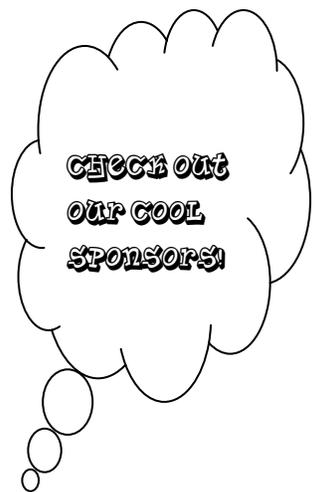
I am currently President of Region 6 and I hope you all recognize that all my effort and time has been focused towards the goal of doing what's best for this region. The sport of competitive trail riding is going through some interesting transitions currently. If elected again, I promise to work for Region 6 and its members and represent you to the best of my ability on the national board of directors.

I would greatly appreciate your support and your vote for position of Region 6 National Director.

Respectfully,

Christine Abbott

*Certain things catch your eye, But pursue only those that capture your heart.
~old Indian saying*



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Letter from the President

Winning has nothing to do with racing. Most days don't have races anyway. Winning is about struggle and effort and optimism, and never, ever, ever giving up.

~Amby Burfoot,

I need some positive energy! It's been a very different ride season so far with viruses, red algae, blue-green algae, and low ride attendance and I have yet to do my first CTR this season. I miss seeing everyone and hearing from everyone and I don't feel a lot of energy coming from Region 6. I am not being critical or judgmental because I too have found the low energy to be contagious.

We are a great group of individuals here in Region 6! And at one time Region 6 was the strongest region in NATRC. Currently it is taking a lot of collective effort to keep NATRC profitable and heading in the right direction, the future. And indeed, there are individuals who are energized and excited about where the organization is going. During rough financial times, energy and excitement, along with good ideas and solid planning are vitally

important.

One of the things that will contribute to an organization's downfall is apathy. I know people get busy and some people are being stretched to the limits financially and time wise. However, that isn't what I'm sensing. I am feeling apathy, in general, from our region. And I'm concerned. Last spring I sent a message to the regional board members regarding establishing goals for this coming ride season. I heard from one person. I put a blurb in the newsletter asking Region 6 members to email me about any ideas they had for the good of the region. Nothing! There was a great idea of a regional raffle but nothing ever came of it and I'm honestly not sure what happened. And at this point, I'm not sure if next year's convention will even happen as I have had no response regarding a place and time.

So I sit here, feeling badly

about my lack of energy this summer. As the President, shouldn't I come up with great ideas and shouldn't I be the one who lights the fire of excitement? If that is how you see it, then I'm definitely not doing my job. I don't happen to think that a few individuals should be responsible for the collective well being of a group. We are a group! We are not a few individuals who have volunteered their time and effort to insure that Region 6 has rides to ride and ribbons to be given out at the regional convention. The great ideas and energy should come from the membership.

I need your energy. And I need your ideas. Region 6 is not very healthy financially at the moment because we didn't have a benefit ride due to low rider attendance. We have a lot to lose, everyone. But we have a lot to gain if we put our ideas and our energies together. Rally!

Christine

VIEW *HOOF PRINT* ONLINE!

Now that you have received your printed Summer issue of *Hoof Print* in grayscale, would you like to see it in color?

YOU CAN! Simply go to www.natrc.org and look in "Documents".

An electronic version IN **COLOR** is waiting for you.

The Saga of Ruthie

In July, Jackie Hathorn posted that Ruth Mesimer was in a serious horse riding accident and was in ICU at North KC Hospital. Ruth suffered a broken hip, a hairline fracture on a vertebra and a concussion. Ruth was found by a neighbor after they noticed a saddled horse with no rider around. Ruth did not remember what happened and they are unsure of how much time elapsed between the accident and when she was found. Ruth was wearing a helmet.

Fortunately Ruth is recovering and says:

Monday, July 18, I was released from the rehab unit at NKC Hospital. As I was wheeling myself out in a wheelchair with a CNA in attendance with a cart of my stuff, I was smiling from ear to ear and saying 'Oh, happy day' over and over. Home health started on Tuesday with a nurse and PT. I am doing great! Thanks to your cards and continued prayers and support. I am very grateful. My good friend Janet is taking care of me in her home; I have plenty of good food to eat and help getting outside to exercise. It was great to get to ride in a vehicle and see the changes in my neck of the woods during the past 3 weeks. My home place looked great to see and it was heaven to get to Janet's. I am remembering to hold my head up, shoulders back, tummy in (same as riding). Muscles in left leg are improving and PT is working with me to be as ready as I can be to walk when the orthopedist changes my status from non-weight bearing to the next step.

Orthopedic appointment Aug 9 and Neurologist appointment Aug 23 - c collar stays on until Neurologist says otherwise. Will update later when more progress has been made.

August 11, 2011, Hi all, I am now starting to bear weight on my left leg. Very odd, after all this time, learning how to walk again (instead of hopping) with the support of my walker. I did accomplish an advanced 'observation' today, I 'walked' up and then down 6 steps using the banister and one crutch! I have my exercises to do to strengthen the leg muscles and work on walking heel to toe. Next PT is on Tuesday, I hope I am walking better by then!

September 7, 2011, I'm home! Good morning Region 6'ers,

A quick update – It has been 10 weeks since my accident - I have now spent 1 full day and 2 nights in my home. Feels good and different! Now to get back to business as usual! I can now feed the chickens and cats (outside walking stuff), dog inside feeding and I am good at heating up prepared food. Grocery stores – haven't been there yet, but I think the motorized cart will be the way to go. I am walking forwards, backwards and sideways without a crutch or a cane. I say I am in my toddler walking phase right now, but getting stronger and better each day. I do need to take frequent breaks, but that is okay, making progress!

Thank you for your cards, emails, prayers and phone calls – they have been a big help during this 10 weeks.

Ruth Mesimer

WANTED: National Web Master for NATRC

NATRC is looking for an individual to manage the national website. For more information and/or if you are interested in applying for this position, please contact

Laurie DiNatale at natrc@natrc.org

*Love yourself, for who
and what you are;
protect your dream
and develop your
talent to the fullest
extent.*

*~Joan Benoit
Samuelson*

2012 Raffle – An Adventure of a Lifetime

Bev Roberts

We are excited to announce that at the 2012 Convention in Reno, NV, some very lucky person is going to win a 2012 7-day lodge-to-lodge horseback ride to Machu Picchu! Yes, that is in Peru! The winner could be YOU.

You will have a day to acclimate and to visit historical sites in Cusco, learn about Inca culture and intermix with the welcoming and courteous folks of Peru. Did we mention you could also go shopping?

Even though you will be in a very remote area, you will have modern conveniences and access to medicine and medical care, if needed. The lodges are earth friendly and the company has many programs that give back to the local community.

The raffle includes not only the horseback ride to Machu Picchu donated by our sponsor, Mountain Lodges of Peru, but also a \$1,000 voucher to be redeemed from NATRC to apply toward your air fare or to help pay for someone to accompany you. Total prize value is \$4,000. There are nineteen dates from the beginning of April through October from which to choose.

This raffle is open to everyone – members, non-members, friends, relatives, strangers.....On our website (www.natrc.org) is a treasure trove of information about the trip. There is even a flyer that you can download, print and post at feed, tack, western wear, convenience stores and so on. And tickets can be purchased online! So if you know a bunch of folks who would love to win this raffle, contact your region's National Directors to get tickets to sell.

Ticket donations will be \$10 each or 3 for \$25, 7 for \$50, 15 for \$100. All people who sell raffle tickets will be in the running for a secret Top Seller Award (tickets purchased online with PayPal will not count). Remember, people buying raffle tickets need not be present to win. The drawing will be held Saturday, March 10, 2012 at our convention awards banquet.

Let's get selling! Help raise funds for NATRC and help some lucky person to win the trip of a lifetime. That person could be you!

Your contact people for tickets in each region are.....

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Your contact for questions about the ride itself, Mark and Theresa Smith, North American MLP Representative, equestriantrekking@gmail.com, 916.769.7701, www.mountainlodgesofperu.com.



NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

2012 Raffle

Drawing
Saturday,
March 10, 2012

Need not be
present to Win

One ticket for \$10
3 tickets for \$25
7 tickets for \$50
15 tickets for \$100

Purchase with cash,
check, money order
or pay online.

To purchase tickets:
go to www.natrc.org,
email natrc@natrc.org,
or call 303-688-1677.

For ride information:
contact Mark & Theresa
Smith, North American
MLP Equestrian Repre-
sentatives, at equestriantrekking@gmail.com,
916-769-7701.

Proceeds benefit
NATRC educational
activities.

Raffle Coordinator:
Bev Roberts
matefey@gmail.com



MACHU PICCHU Lodge-to-Lodge 7-day Horseback Ride

Adventure at its finest!

Experience the archeological
wonders, history and natural
beauty of Peru on horseback.
Prize includes a voucher of up
to \$1,000 to apply to air fare.
Total value \$4,000.

Select from these
2012 ride dates:

April..... 3rd, 26th
May..... 5th, 13th, 27th
June....10th, 15th, 30th
July..... 12th, 24th
August.. 4th, 18th, 31st
September.... 9th, 20th
October 11th, 25th
November..... 6th, 26th



Mountain Lodges of Peru
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We are pleased to
thank MLP for their
generous donation.

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NATRC Income Statement May 2011

	<u>Jan - May 11</u>	<u>Jan - May 10</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
40000 · Memberships	25,658.20	21,389.83	4,268.37
40100 · Rides	6,345.05	5,506.00	839.05
42000 · Product Sales	580.08	101.10	478.98
43000 · Sponsorships	3,841.70	1,850.00	1,991.70
43500 · Raffles	1,412.42	459.32	953.10
44000 · Hoofprint Ads/Subscriptions	973.50	106.40	867.10
45000 · Convention and Awards	1,193.17	1,621.00	-427.83
46000 · Trail Advocacy Donations	1,000.00	3,252.31	2,252.31
47000 · Donations	794.00	10,765.69	9,971.69
49000 · Other Income	69.28	47.00	22.28
49999 · Interest Income	1,857.65	1,681.03	176.62
Total Income	<u>43,725.05</u>	<u>46,779.68</u>	<u>3,054.63</u>
Gross Profit	43,725.05	46,779.68	3,054.63
Expense			
50000 · Member Dues to Regions	11,776.49	9,356.00	2,420.49
51000 · Ride Costs	990.00	4,344.20	3,354.20
52000 · Clinic Expenses	100.00	700.00	-600.00
53000 · Product Costs	0.00	24.00	-24.00
54000 · Marketing	1,169.88	2,679.79	1,509.91
54300 · Raffle	1,000.00	129.25	870.75
54500 · Hoofprint	7,265.96	8,334.23	1,068.27
55000 · Convention and Award Expenses	5,465.33	6,859.40	1,394.07
56000 · Trail Advocacy Expenses	0.00	1,010.00	1,010.00
56500 · Staff Expenses	16,355.31	16,358.65	-3.34
57000 · Administrative	3,539.43	4,927.00	1,387.57
59000 · Other Expense	20.00	81.93	-61.93
Total Expense	<u>47,682.40</u>	<u>54,804.45</u>	<u>7,122.05</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-3,957.35</u>	<u>-8,024.77</u>	<u>4,067.42</u>
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NATRC Group Machu Picchu Trip Offer

Bev Roberts

Mountain Lodges of Peru has offered to NATRC one free 7-day Lodge-to-Lodge Machu Picchu Horseback Ride trip if we have a group of 10 up to 15 people who sign up for and go on a group trip.

This opportunity is totally separate from the 2012 Raffle.

Here's the deal. I will be organizing the trip for NATRC and MLP. The group can choose from the same list of nineteen 2012 ride dates. We have to be organized by *at least* three months before the date we want, otherwise, the date may already be full. We can, however, select a non-advertised date. The best times are April-May-June and September-October as these are the "dry" seasons. The business is closed from Thanksgiving to April.

Of course, all who attend will have to get themselves to Cusco, Peru and get a hotel room (MLP gives us their recommendations) for the number of nights you will be there prior to the ride. The MLP guide meets with everyone at their hotel for "ride briefing" the night before the ride.

You will pay MLP your deposit and later the balance. NATRC and I will not be involved in any funds transactions.

You can learn what these trail riders' adventures are all about in three places:

- the article on page 11 of the *Summer Hoof Print* by Mark Smith about his trip in 2010;
- the NATRC website which has the 2-page MLP flyer, a 36-page brochure with all the details and a brief on how MLP gives back to the community; and
- the MLP website, www.mountainlodgesofperu.com, or Mark and Theresa Smith, North American MLP Representative, equestriantrekking@gmail.com, 916.769.7701, www.mountainlodgesofperu.com.

Interested? Want to have an unforgettable vacation with your NATRC friends and family? Have a lot of questions? I will answer what I can and find out the answers for what I can't.

Contact me at matefey@gmail.com and I'll put you on the "Interested List."

Sidebar

For folks with health concerns, here are a few things to ease your minds.

- ▶ Cusco, although ancient, has doctors and pharmacies like modern cities.
- ▶ The ride guides carry first aid kits and O2 bottles.
- ▶ The ride guides have satellite phones.
- ▶ Even though the lodges are remote, they have modern conveniences (and luxuries as well – Jacuzzi, sauna, massage!)
- ▶ The hosts' experience is that few people have altitude problems.

"A pony is a childhood dream. A horse is an adulthood treasure."

~Rebecca Carroll

Don't Keep Us a Secret!!!!

My first horse was Belle, a TWH, in eastern North Carolina. I was 10 years old, ecstatic to finally have a real horse and invited friend after friend to ride with me. Each of them came eager to ride, but they only came once. Seemed like a great time to me, we'd pack lunch and be gone all day. I'd even let them ride in front if they wanted. I didn't understand it when they said they couldn't walk the next day. I went through all the tomboys and several of the "girly" girls looking for a soul mate. Just couldn't find anyone who wanted to ride all day through the woods and hills, exploring, jumping deadfall and having adventures real and imagined. What could be better?

Fast forward over 40 years, past horse shows, barrel racing, and cattle work, kids in 4-H horse projects and general riding to fall 2004. Searching the web that fall, I was looking for somewhere to ride my quarter horses beyond the dirt roads and dry river bed of SW Kansas when I found a link to several competitive trail/distance riding organizations. It was like striking GOLD! People like to ride for hours and hours! Finally, a place I belonged. I couldn't join fast enough and starting reading everything on the website to learn about CTR. How did I get so old and not know about this world of CTR???

Seven years later I'm amazed at the wonderful horsemen and women I can now call friends and how their friendship has enriched my life in ways horse and beyond. I'm thrilled at the trust my horses and I have gained from miles of trail and hauling, camping, practicing and just enjoying each other. And I'm awed by the tremendous volunteer hours put in by so many to keep the sport going.

My one regret? THAT I DIDN'T FIND CTR SOONER!!! How I wish someone had put a poster or brochure where I might have seen it. How I wish someone at a rodeo, horse show, parade, feed store, extension meeting, vet clinic, saddle shop, ball game, track meet, grocery store, swimming pool, garage sale...SOMEWHERE I was all those years, had been wearing a NATRC visor or T-shirt, something that would have prompted a question from me, "What is NATRC?"

DON'T KEEP US A SECRET! You can be the link that brings someone to NATRC. We have brochures available and they make great posters, too. Think of all the places you go and see where you can post one. Put your name and phone number on them so someone can call and ask questions. Refer to the list above and I bet you can think of others. Contact me for brochures or you can request them from Laurie DiNatale, our Executive Administrator. Her email is natrc@natrc.org.

I'd like to explore other items we can personalize with NATRC and use for exposure and promotion. I'd vote for visors and T-shirts, what do you all think? We really need to not be such a well-kept secret in the horse world. We're competing for riders and volunteers with an ever increasing number of other horse events and need to do a better job of being visible.

Speaking of visibility....Did you know we have a Press Release template? Yep, all typed up and ready for you to fill in the blanks. Just heed the instructions from Bev Roberts, publicity chairman, and be sure to get permission from photographers for any photos you use. If you shy away from bragging on yourself, reframe that thought, you're promoting the sport and with a local contact. How I wish someone had put one in my newspaper years ago so I could have FOUND NATRC SOONER!!!!

Debbie Payne, new member chair

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HELP PROMOTE NATRC AND SPREAD THE WORD.

Below is a sample press release that can be sent to your local newspaper or a magazine after returning from a NATRC ride. Most publications will print articles of this type when received. Most accept press releases as email attachments. It is set up on a "fill in the blanks" type format, but it can be retyped with any personal comments you care to add. Keep it to one page. Publications love photos. They add interest and should be in 300 dpi, if possible. You MUST get permission of the photographer before using their photo(s). You should include your phone number or e-mail address at the end of the article so that the publication can contact you for further information. They may wish to do a longer article..If you would rather, you can include the NATRC office address and phone number as a contact for further information. This is wonderful advertising for NATRC and we very much appreciate your help in promoting our great sport. Just delete these instructions, fill in the blanks, embellish as you wish and you are good to go! Please send a copy of the release and photo to Bev Roberts, NATRC Publicity Chair, matefey@gmail.com.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Local Resident Places _____ (what you won) In Competitive Trail Ride Sedalia, Colorado, USA - _____, _____ (Month Day, Year) - Local resident _____ (your name) of _____ (your home town and state) and _____ (her/his) _____ (breed) horse, _____ (horse's name), recently returned from the NATRC _____ (name of ride) in which they earned _____ (placing, breed award, sweepstakes, etc.)

The trail ride was held at _____ (location of ride and state). _____ (your last name) competed against _____ (number of entries) other horse and rider teams, while enjoying great scenery and camaraderie over the two-day event.

_____ (Place to briefly embellish, if desired. Such things as first ride, or horse recovered from some illness and did well, toughed it out in spite of unusual weather, or who you bred and raised..... Write two or three short paragraphs.)

NATRC, the United States' oldest and largest long distance competitive trail ride organization, is open to all equine breeds and disciplines. Its rides offer a variety of challenging and educational experiences designed to strengthen horse and rider partnerships. For more information, go to www.natrc.org.

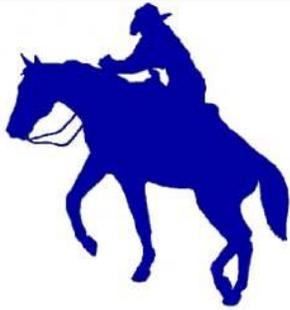
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