



# Corral News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY RICH GOMEZ

### WINDING DOWN FROM SUMMER – NO WAY!

So just when you thought we were approaching the last lazy days of summer...surprise! The best is yet to come!

We're having our September 11th Playday and this is gonna be good because we're going to have the exact same Playday events that we'll have on our BIG, 20th Anniversary/1st Annual/Charity/Buckle-Playday Extravaganza on November 13th. What that means is you can practice in a competitive environment...and practice is key! Our November event is going to be the BEST ever and you'll want to be ready so plan on the September 11th Playday.

Now in advance of all that we're going to be passing out brochures at the September 2nd meeting for each of you to use when you talk to your friends, neighbors, favorite merchants and business associates for donations to our Charity event. Now if you're not familiar with all the details – no worries. Check out our website for information, but know that we're supporting two great charities: Hanaeleh and Bethany's Gait. We need everyone's help. What the club is asking, and what we need to support these very wonderful and worthwhile charities is your help getting donations for our auction. The brochure explains what to say with an easy-to-follow, step-by-step plan for success. We also now have a tax-deductible 501(c)3 Foundation so all donations are truly tax deductible! This provides the incentive every business person needs to support our charity event. It really is easy and the charities we've chosen speak for themselves. Our Charity Chairman, VP-Rick, has done a fantastic job of getting our posters and flyers for this event, and they will be part of the 'kit'. Don't miss the September meeting so we can give you your "kit" to help us make this the best charity extravaganza ever!

So, as always, until we get together next, here's to continuing summer, great plannin' together and ridin' together...see you on the trail...

# IMPORTANT DATES

(SEE WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

Members Meeting: Thursday, September 2nd

Board Meeting: Thursday, September 9th

Play Day: Saturday, September 11th

Month End Ride Saturday, September 28th



## ETI 357 PLANS LANDMARK DAY

BY JAMES M. IACONO

Please circle November 13th on your calendars to mark a day filled with fun and goodwill for all horse lovers. Wind down the fall-laden switchbacks from Rancho Santa Margarita to the O'Neill Equestrian Arena in the idyllic community of Trabuco Canyon, and you will be treated to a day that promises to whet the appetite with all that is good, right, and pure about being a Southern California Equestrian. The day will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. with coffee, donuts, and registration for our 2nd annual "Buckle Playday." These are highly coveted hand-crafted artisan western silver buckles made especially for ETI 357. Competitors will test their skills over 5 challenging arena events, and compete in two age appropriate divisions. Following the 5 events will be a western style barbecue where competitors will come together to share a meal and fellowship while discussing the day's challenges. Immediately following the

lunch (approximately 1:30) will be a live and silent auction benefitting two organizations near and dear to our hearts- Bethany's Gait and Hannaleah. These organizations are run mostly by volunteers and either feed the soul of hurting horses, or use the horse to feed the souls of hurting people. Please tell all your friends that this is a triumphant day for the horse community. Costs are \$7 per event, and lunch will be served for \$8 to both participants and spectators. Bring your checkbook to bid on quality items from local retailers and tack and feed stores. There will be something for everyone. We promise! For those who want a preview of the events on "Buckle" Playday, don't miss our last summer Playday on September 11th. This affair will preview all 5 "Buckle" events, so come down and get a jump on the competition by knowing what skills to practice between September and November. Good luck and good ridin'!



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY SHEILA SEGIEN

**Very Expired (Sorry, Last Newsletter):** Leslie Ingham 2/10, Karen Peyser 3/10

**Expired:** Cheryl Segien 4/10, Kim Tillinghast-DeBellis 4/10, Connie Presley 5/10, Beverly Warren 5/10, Chris Richardson 6/10, Prieto Family 7/10, Debi Geary 7/10, Alice Sorenson 7/10, Connie Nelson 8/10, Evelyn 8/10, Pam Hutchins 8/10

**Expiring:** Lori Hansen 9/10, Jeanette & Donavon Villegas 9/10, Jim & Vicki Iacono 9/10, Sally Wooldridge 9/10

**Annual Dues:** Individual \$45; Family \$70 for the first two members, add \$8 for each additional family member.



# TRAIL BOSS/MAU ERT REPORT

BY DEBBIE KELLY

This is a little bit Trail Boss and MAU about what's goin' on and what's comin' up.

I don't know what's more noteworthy; what we have done so far or what is yet to come. Let me say that August was really busy for ETI and the Trail Boss.

Before I begin let me share something you the reader may not be aware of. You may have noticed that there is a "black box" in O'Neill Park right there after you cross the park entrance and access Paw Foot Trail. There is a hitching post and a couple of picnic tables. Well, that box belongs to ETI and we keep a log of riding, walking, cleaning, and arena maintenance. MAU has been patrolling the trails for several years and tracking those hours as part of MAU requirements. However, beginning January of this year ETI began reporting total hours to the park ranger. ETI Adopt a Park members also keep a record on this log; and submit those hours monthly to the county. Now that gets you all kind of perks. You get a day of training in the beautiful Newport Beach Back Bay, a free lunch, a vest, hat, a badge and lots of kudos for turning in your time. Speaking of reporting time; ETI so far this year has volunteered 256 hours in trail work, trail clean up, arena maintenance, and trail patrol. It would all add up to lots of dollars if we were paid, but our compensation is leaving just a small footprint in a very big park. It hallmarks what this club is about and what our commitment is to the equestrian community here in the great OC. Oh, and it does look good on a resume. But I digress.

Since the last writing we had the July month end ride, movie night in the park; Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, and the August trail work day. Mr. and Mrs. Trail Boss Kelly thought we were the only ones report-

ing for duty when we did some serious brush and branch clearance on Coyote Canyon Trail. Maybe you recall ducking real low to keep from being knocked off your horse at the high road vs. low road divide. (Sorry, if we had a GPS I would give you the coordinates). Anyway, the risk of involuntary dismount is no longer a threat right there and you can take the highroad and not even need to bat a leaf out of the way.

Well, since Mr. Kelly dragged the arena on Friday (another service provided to the community by ETI et all) we thought we'd go check it out after the trail work on Saturday. Much to our surprise we discovered a few other ETI members who missed the 9:00 am rendezvous for trail work but didn't want to miss the fun. So they chose the round pens and arena area to begin working on. Thanks to Dave and Sue Serroski along with Michelle Prieto and Anisa. They were tossing and leveling sand and rocks like old pros. Next time you play in the arena or ride the trails think about joining us on the next scheduled trail maintenance day which is October 2. More about that at the next member's meeting.



So coming up for trail and MAU stuff is next. September 11th- Play Day. September 25th; Month End Ride; October 9th- Santiago Oaks Equi Fest; October 30th- Month End Ride and Costume Contest. Finally, November 13th Charity Event. So put on your boots and your work gloves. Lots coming up. The next MAU meeting will be September 9th at 6:15pm at the Kelly's. All MAU members are welcome and encouraged to be there. We will be presenting a couple of modifications to MAU and decide on some ways to spend a little of our \$\$\$\$. Call 459-7191 to RSVP if staying for dinner.

## A Change in the ETI Magazine Delivery

The bimonthly ETI national magazine, Equestrian Trails, is now available only online. It's very easy to access. One simple click from the ETI home page [www.etinational.com](http://www.etinational.com) where is says EQUESTRIAN TRAILS MAGAZINE NOW ONLINE CLICK HERE. Or go directly to [http://www.etinational.com/eti\\_magazine/](http://www.etinational.com/eti_magazine/) We will have a link available on the ETI 357 web site as well. The current issue is available now.

# HORSE TALES- I RIDE

SUBMITTED BY CONNIE NELSON

A page from an 87 year old horsewoman's journal

I ride. That seems like such a simple statement. However as many women who ride know it is really a complicated matter. It has to do with power and empowerment. Being able to do things you might have once considered out of reach or ability. I have considered this as I shovel manure, fill water barrels in the cold rain, wait for the vet/farrier/ electrician/ hay delivery, change a tire on a horse trailer by the side of the freeway, or cool a gelding out before getting down to the business of drinking a cold beer after a long ride.

The time, the money, the effort it takes to ride calls for dedication. At least I call it dedication. Both my ex-husbands call it 'the sickness'. It's a sickness I've had since I was a small girl bouncing my model horses and dreaming of the day I would ride a real horse. Most of the women I ride with understand the meaning of 'the sickness'. It's not a sport. It's not a hobby. It's what we do and, in some ways, who we are as women and human beings.

I ride. I hook up my trailer and load my gelding. I haul to some trailhead somewhere, unload, saddle, whistle up my dog and I ride. I breathe in the air, watch the sunlight filter through the trees and savor the movement of my horse.

My shoulders relax. A smile rides my sunscreen smeared face. I pull my ball cap down and let the real world fade into the tracks my horse leaves in the dust. Time slows. Flying insects buzz loudly, looking like fairies. My gelding flicks his ears and moves down the trail. I can smell his sweat and it is perfume to my senses. Time slows. The rhythm of the walk and the movement of the leaves become my focus. My saddle

creaks and the leather rein in my hand softens with the warmth.

I consider the simple statement; I ride. I think of all I do because I ride. Climb granite slabs, wade into a freezing lake, race a friend through the Manzanita all the while laughing and feeling my heart in my chest. Other days just the act of mounting and dismounting can be a real accomplishment. Still I ride, no matter how tired or how much my seat bones or any of the numerous horse related injuries hurt. I ride. And I feel better for doing so.

The beauty I've seen because I ride amazes me. I've ridden out to find lakes that remain for the most part, unseen. Caves, dark and cold beside rivers full and rolling are the scenes I see in my dreams. The Granite Stairway at Echo Summit, bald eagles on the wing and bobcats on the prowl add to the empowerment and joy in my heart.

I think of the people, mostly women, I've met. I consider how competent they all are. Not a weenie amongst the bunch.. We haul 40ft rigs, we back into tight spaces without clipping a tree. We set up camp. Tend the horses. We cook and keep safe. We understand and love our companions, the horse. We respect each other and those we encounter on the trail. We know that if you are out there riding, you also shovel, fill, wait and doctor.

Your hands are a little rough and you travel without makeup or hair gel. You do without to afford the 'sickness' and probably, when you were a small girl, you bounced a model horse while you dreamed of riding a real one.

"My treasures do not chink or glitter, They gleam in the sun and neigh in the night".

# MOVIE NIGHT AUGUST 28TH

Don't miss this fun end of summer event...MOVIE NIGHT! Saturday August 28th ETI will feature a family friendly movie under the stars on the big screen at the O'Neill park nature center amphitheater. Bring a folding chair, blanket and movie snacks



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Drawings

Horse Quiz

Email your submissions to [SDSegien@mac.com](mailto:SDSegien@mac.com)

If you are submitting work that was created by somebody else, please credit the source.

Oh yeah, the nifty illustration of Gene Aurty was created by freelance illustrator Robert Rodriguez, whose work has been featured on more than a dozen previous stamps....See how easy.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

BY VICKI IACONO

ETI - CORRAL 357

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING

July 2010

Ending Bank Balance (Bank of America)	\$ 9,489.79
DEPOSITS: July	\$0.00
Deposits Made After July Closing: \$0.00	\$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits	\$9,489.79

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck #	Source:	Reason:	Amount
1379	ETI	dues	\$40.00	1382	ETI	dues	\$40.00
1383	J Kelly	arena drag	\$123.16	1384	K Hopkins	playday	\$46.69
1385	P Gomez	board dinner	\$ 30.00	1386	S Segien	stamps	\$44.00
Total expenses paid in – July 2010				(\$323.85)			

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED IN THIS PERIOD

Ck#	Source	Reason	Amount
1387	ETI	dues	\$108.00
1388	ETI	endorsement	\$ 51.60

Total Outstanding Checks July 2010 i.e. Spending:	\$ 139.60
Funds on hand in checking as of 07-31-2010	\$9,350.19
Petty Cash on Hand as of 07031-2010	\$ 400.00
Corral FUNDS On Hand at 07-31-10	\$9,750.19
SUBTOTAL CORRAL FUNDS:	\$ 9,750.19

Less Reserves:

1.- MAU as of 07/31/09 = After payment for 2nd Chip Scanner:	(\$ 779.89)
Total Corral Funds Committed To Reserve:	\$(779.89)

NET- NET - NET Funds on Hand in Checking, Petty Cash to credit of : Corral 357 **\$8,970.30 Pancake Breakfast accounting reconciliation**

<b>Gross profit 350 meals x \$6.00</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
<b>Less expenses generator rental</b>	<b>\$ 65.00</b>
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>\$648.41</b>
<b>Trailer insurance</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Expense total =</b>	<b>\$723.41 (\$ 723.41)</b>
<b>Net profit.....</b>	<b>\$1,376.59</b>



## **WHO ARE THE SADDLEBACK CANYON RIDERS?**

The Saddleback Canyon Riders are ETI Corral 357. Established in 1991, we are one of the largest ETI corrals in California with members from South Orange County and points beyond. We are a family-friendly equestrian group based in Trabuco Canyon at the foot of the majestic Saddleback Mountains. Our Corral is committed to supporting and helping maintain O'Neill Regional Park and other local riding trails.

## **WHAT IS ETI?**

Equestrian Trails, Incorporated is a family oriented riding club established as a nonprofit corporation in 1944 with the Charter to be "Dedicated to the Acquisition and Preservation of Trails, Good Horsemanship, and Equine Legislation."

With its combined membership, ETI has successfully worked to keep our trails open and add more equestrian facilities. The more members we have backing equine legislation and trail preservation, the more likely the State, County and City Officials will be to comply with our needs.

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