

JANUARY 1989

A tip of the hat to well prepared Trail Rider, Patty Hug, who carries a few Chicago screws and a screwdriver. Fixed S.R.'s rein in a hurry!

And a deep bow to Bert Bonnett, Janie Niekamp and Stan Giaouque (say Gee-ock) who put in three days each, trimming brush, clearing slides, widening trails, etc., in preparation for the Lake Piru Ride on November 13. A small assist was give by Cam MacLauchlin and his Dad.

This ride struck right to the heart of trail riding. A crisp Fall day, rugged mountain scenery, leaves turning color and drifting down like snow, stream crossings, trails sometimes narrow, sometimes steep, an old ranch cabin at the lunch stop with ancient farm equipment and harness scattered about and, above all, enjoying the company of friends.

Only four ladies made the ride in addition to the work party and we are sorry that YOU missed it.

A pat on the back for Shirley Rasmussen, who worked many hours organizing the 1st Annual ETI Invitational Trail Trials and for her crew of volunteer helpers.

Bob Haynie and Maggie Graves hosted another fine Thanksgiving Weekend Ride. Bob says it was a carbon copy of last year's outing. Nasty, windy Thursday, then three days of beautiful weather. Again, 30 people enjoyed nightly potluck suppers following days of riding some of the most interesting trails in the Mojave Desert. This is becoming a traditional Corral 22 outing. Bob and Maggie see to it that their guests have a great time. We thank them and hope to, "do it again next year."

Don

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All 150 or so people who passed on Art Monde's 19th Annual Christmas Ride this year due to the threat of rain might have used good judgement. However... about 50 people came ready to ride. Some from as far as 100 miles distant. 36 of the hardest souls made the entire ride, begun in a steady rain. Most of the others rode some when the weather cleared. It hardly needs saying that in spite of the wet and cold, everyone stayed cheerful and had a helluva good time.

Art tailored the ride to fit trail conditions, Ray and Shannon Pearson rode drag. Lida and Stu Hudson took the lunch orders. Sebastian and Cam Mac served up the tangle foot... paid for with tickets sold by Ann. Kay and Joyce handled the poker cards. Winners were Mike Greslie, Gwen Allen and Ray Hargous. Gwen awarded costume prizes to Corale Norris and Paula Goodwin. All you ladies who worked up great costumes and couldn't show them because of the wet, we are sorry. Next year.

Bob "Cowboy" Foreman rides a horse registered as "Rotten Peaches." Bob calls him "Buddy." Why? 'Cause Buddy stays with him no matter where Bob goes.

She began life when horses were still in common use. Her sunny disposition tells you she is young at heart. She is gracious, self-effacing, modest, considerate and uncomplaining. She is a loving daughter, wife and mother. In any company or gathering she is a lively participant. Her joy of living is contagious.

As early as 1958 she joined ETI with memberships variously in Corrals 20,10, and 22. She served as an unpaid volunteer as News Editor of this magazine for some 20 years and continues to assist in that capacity.

The weather conditions on a ride can be hot, windy, dusty, cold, wet or any combination of the above, or even perfect. No matter. She'll almost always say, "Isn't this just a beautiful ride?"

Isn't this just a lovely lady? ...Marvyl Mixie.

Don

OCTOBER 1989

August 12 and 13 proved to be good dates for our ride at Heart Bar for two reasons. Mid-afternoon thunder showers on Friday and Saturday kept the air cool and trails dustless and there was a good turnout of 31 happy horsemen.

Betty and Carl Thomas acted as camp hosts as well as riding point and drag. Heart Bar Horse Camp is special to them. They work closely with the Rangers to keep and improve the camp facilities and trails for our enjoyment.

After another fine Saturday night potluck supper, the campfire was stoked up, Chris Elder tuned up his guitar and favored us with some fine pickin' and singin'. Sandy Hendricks spelled Chris with some rather original lyrics to familiar tunes. Did we have fun? Why shore!

The two weeks, August 12 to 26, for which the Corral had campsites reserved at Tuolumne Meadows must go unreported. This Scribe didn't do his homework and deadline time is here.

Kay Devine, who broke an ankle last February, is still not able to make long rides, though healing nicely. Sue Ellinger took over for her to lead the Red Box Ride on August 27. Sue and Tom checked out the trail on Saturday. Our policy is that if even one rider shows up the ride goes as advertised. Thanks to Jim Milligan, that is exactly what happened. There is plenty of shade on this ride, the weather was good and Tom said they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Don

NOVEMBER 1989

About 35 people filled the horse camps at Montana de Oro for the Labor Day weekend. Some 6 miles of shoreline were ridden, surf and dunes, under overcast with temps in the 50s. By contrast, the sky was clear and air warm on the hill trails.

The riding was done in small groups as all chose their own trails and starting times daily. Deer sightings were commonplace if one rode the brush near the beach. A popular diversion was convincing your horse that the white, foamy stuff rushing at it along the shore wasn't all that fearsome.

Nighttimes there were campfire gatherings in both sites with potluck suppers, good conversation, jokes and laughter. Tony Vice, whose greatest admirer is his lovely wife Joann, again favored us with guitar and song. The janitorial crew of raccoons tidied up the camp when all was quiet. They didn't even leave a scrap of food for the ants.

Joe and Marie Tubbs hosted 33 riders for a 4 hour ride on September 23, followed by a Mulligan Stew supper at their Acton Ranch. The weather was picture perfect.

A dozen non-riders shared the stew with garlic bread furnished by Sandy Hendricks and salads made by Sharon Richardson and Andrea Thomas. Gwen cooked up a well seasoned pot of beef. Jolly John Richardson saw to it that all thirsts were slaked as the campfire party went on 'til midnight.

Winning poker hands were Joe Tubbs, 3rd; Sally Winger, 2nd; and her friend Dennis, 1st.

Anyone too "tired" to drive home was welcome to camp overnight and a good time was had by all.

Don

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Another Death Valley Ride is now history -- to be long remembered by all participants. Once again our Corral was heavily represented in the crew as well as ahorseback. There is something about this ride that calls people back, year after year. For example, Jake DeJong completed his 22nd consecutive ride.

Back in April and again in May, Darrell Readmond led work parties on the PC Trail between Soledad Canyon and North Fork Station. 22 member, Stu Hudson and Bob and Eric Boone helped. These guys worked hard and did a great job to put this trail in shape to be used. Darrell bossed 10 riders up the trail on November 12 for what was described by one as a ----- beautiful ride. It is a long pull to North Fork for a nice place to lunch and would be a good conditioning ride for anyone planning long summer rides. Check it out.

Was there ever a time when Boo Hoff did not lead Corral 22 rides in the Palm Springs area? He favored us this year, over the long Thanksgiving holiday, with rides which took in open desert, steep mountain trails, oases with palm trees and rushing streams, the lawn of a country club, Indian reservation land, sandy washes and a close pass of Bob Hope's home. 20-25 riders on each of the 4 days enjoyed warm and wind free weather. We salute you Boo, you are a great Trail Boss!

Carl Thomas, with help from Rusty Kelly and Lori and Vic McCarty, provided a feast for some 35 people on Thursday and 'burgers with all the fixin's after the short ride on Sunday. His Friday and Saturday suppers were enhanced by champagne and wine, courtesy of Florencio Marquez.

Sharon and John Richardson provided a lavish buffet for those attending our Trail Ride Planning Meeting on November 17. We will be riding some different trails in '90 as well as some old favorites. Come on out and start the new year with a bang on our 'Chili & Corn Bread Ride on January 14.

Don

FEBRUARY 1990

Fair weather or foul, Art Monde has led the Christmas Ride in Griffith Park for 20 consecutive years. Quite a record -- and one that few, if any, can match. No other one day ride draws the folks out as this one does. 210 riders this year and everyone had a great time.

Winning entries in the best costume/best decorated horse were Bari Noren, Linda Green, Burt Ellig and Garry Thomas. Bari went all out to deck out her horse with ribbons and snowflakes, Linda dressed as one of Santa's elves and Burt and Garry looked good in Santy's togs.

Stan Hahn made the ride, came in early, tended his horse and sat in to help Kay Devine score the poker hands. Winners were Tamia Hope, Dwayne Gipson and Loretta Gremminger.

Others who merit a big "Thank You" for their work to make it all go were Gwen Allen who rode drag, Kay Devine and Ann Roberts registering the poker hands, Lida Hudson and Jan & Tom Smith who handled the chicken lunches, Dorothy Allen and Sebastian Kolbusz dispensing the beverages. Needless to say you will likely see this same crew next year with the exception of Lida who will be joining Stu in retirement in Tulsa. We are sure going to miss your happy smile, girl!

Corral 22 is hosting a ride at Stetson Ranch, Sylmar, March 24 and 25. Proceeds will go to the Betty Thomas Memorial Fund and will be used to upgrade facilities at Heart Bar Horse Camp. Come for a day or the weekend to honor this great lady.

Don

OCTOBER 1990

August was truly a month for great rides from the Tuolumne Meadows Camp in Yosemite to Hazard Horse Camp at Morro Bay with a weekender at Squint's Ranch, Lake Arrowhead, and the 2nd Bill Glover Memorial Ride at Agua Dulce sandwiched in.

Our numbers were limited at Yosemite to the campsites available, however, those who had their reservations in early enjoyed some of the most beautiful views imaginable on rides to such destinations as Glen Aulin, Vogelsang Camp and Cathedral Lake.

Due to last minute problems there was no trail boss for the Squint's Ranch Ride so folks just rode out in small groups at odd hours. The weather was quite warm so there was a lot of relaxing in camp in the shade. Squint's is a great place to camp, fees are low, and a ride there every year wouldn't come amiss.

Sharon and John Richardson provided a lavish array of food for the Progressive Dinner Ride; the piece de resistance of which was barbecued pig. Sharon led an easy 3 1/2 hour ride and, after the main course when everyone was full and happy, conducted an auction to raise money for the Bill Glover Fund. All donated articles were knocked down at generous prices to the successful bidders. For those who stayed on over-night there were doughnuts and coffee and the consensus of the breakfast conversation was that despite the smaller than expected turn-out it was a great ride.

Our 10th Annual Trail Trials will be held October 21; Jim Cover is the Chairman. To make it an all Corral 22 managed event please call him at (805) 269-5333 and pledge your help. It is fun and exciting to be a part of this activity either as crew or competitor. See you there?

Don

NOVEMBER 1990

The Labor Day week-end ride at Morro Bay was about as all around perfect as a five day ride can get. The weather was just right for riding, the trails take you well up into mountains and along the seashore for variety and then the nightly hilarity around the campfire to end the day.

Add to that a run into town on Saturday night for a feast on Mexican food with about half of the supper group staying on to go dancing at a local club or two. The potluck supper on Sunday was another case of all the cooks putting their best food forward.

As usual, everyone picked their own time and company to ride which made for an easy-going, restful vacation. Also 'as usual' were the nightly forays by the tribe of raccoons which infest the area. Sort of makes you wish for the day of Boone and Crockett when coonskin caps were de rigueur.

Once again Joe and Marie Tubbs played host for our annual Mulligan Stew Ride at their Acton ranch on September 22. Thirty-four riders followed Joe and Marie on an easy five hour ride closely attended by the refreshment vehicle. An additional dozen or so, families and friends of the riders, joined us for the excellent stew which was served with toasted French bread and salad.

Gwen Allen and Art Monde sorted out the poker hands and determined that the winners were Tom Curran, Linda Green and Magie Jones. A sing-a-long around the campfire until late hours finished off a truly enjoyable day.

Missed on the ride was the indomitable Sandy Hendricks, who at this writing, September 26, is recovering nicely from injuries sustained earlier this month when her horse, maddened by bee stings, threw her.

Don

MARCH 1991

Our annual Chili Ride was set back once and again due to Gwen's illness. She finally fought off a stubborn cold, got the ride info out and 36 people, plus 5 more who joined up along the trail, partook of a fine ride and chili feed.

Bert Bonnett got the group away at 0900, trailing up Little Tujunga Canyon onto the Audrey Brooks Trail, back across Little T. and up the "Doc" Larsen Trail to the lunch stop in Doane Canyon. After meeting the riders enroute with the refreshments, Gwen and Sharon Perry hurried along to get the chili "het up" and ready the other food and drink.

Those responsible for providing the repast were: Gwen, chili and rolls; Sharon, Scherrie Myrea and Susy Corrales, cornbread; and John Richardson who wasn't there to name his contribution - the obvious ingredients were small pieces of pork and CHILI blended with some other things that made a delicious dish. Our thanks go to all of those named above and to Bob Morris who helped a bunch by serving as barkeep.

Please note that included with your January newsletter is the Ride Schedule for 1991. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on the fun. On the reverse of the schedule sheet are our Trail Ride Rules and Regulations. These were made up years ago by a panel of our best Trail Bosses. Please read them if you are a new member, review them if an "oldtimer," and if you bring guests on a ride let them know what is expected of them.

Don

MARCH 1992

Bert Bonnett led 50+ riders over the Audrey Brooks and 'Doc' Larsen trails to our chili luncheon on January 12. His easy pace and a comfortably cool day made for a fine ride. Sitting tall, and happy in the saddle was 4 year old Carl Bevis. Mom, Teri, says his 3 year old sister is a better rider. Hard to believe!

Providers of the chili and cornbread were Sandy H., Susy E., Gwen, Susie C., and John Richardson. Tom Ellinger, Susy and Bill Freas did the serving. Sebastian followed the ride with the "goodie" wagon.

Six of the horses on this ride were broken to saddle and trained by Bert. Also worth noting; the trail work done by Louis 'Doc' Larsen who has built and maintained several local trails for more than twenty years.

Good to see Jim Milligan on the trail after many months absence. Best wishes to John Hannah, recovering from shoulder surgery in January and to Sandy Hendricks, newest member of the I.B.T. Committee.

Raul and Susie Corrales led rides on January 25-26. From Vasquez County Park to Soledad Canyon on the Saturday with 17 riders making the round trip. A handful more, including Park Ranger, Mike Sharp, made part of the ride.

Balmy weather continued on Sunday as the scene shifted to Acton. Overnight campers, Carole Norris, Paula Goodwin and Don Johnson were joined by Gwen for a fun-filled five hour tour.

The President's Award for 1991 was presented to Sharon and John Richardson for their sterling work on behalf of our members through the year.

Don

MARCH 1995

Darrell Readmond joined Corral 63 in Agoura in 1965, moving later to Corral 22. He has been our Trail Coordinator for the last half dozen years. In that capacity he has labored assiduously with the other six Deputies to protect and promote our trails. He has now accepted an appointment to the position of National Trail Coordinator. Possibly the most difficult tasks facing him will be dealing with bureaucrats and with the honoring of old easements and obtaining new ones. By his temperament, Darrell is well suited to handle this challenge.

We salute him and his Deputies for the time and effort they expend to the benefit of all of us.

Our outgoing President, Gwen Allen, is another with a long record of service to ETI. Early on she was a member of Corral 12 and held the offices of Secretary and of President. After she had taken her sons through their years of interest in showing their horses she moved to Corral 22. Her choice then, as now, was the more relaxed sport of trail riding. She has been our President for many years and was National President for four years. Aside from her duties, Gwen has promoted programs to aid the hungry, the ill, the protection of horses and small animals.

Near the close of our January business meeting in response to comments about her tireless work for ETI she spoke these Golden Words, "It's a Labor of Love."

Please read Dale Rich's President's Message in the January issue of this magazine. Recommended reading also is Abe Carson's "History of ETI." You may find there the incentive to help re-build ETI.

Our January 8 Chili Ride was cancelled -- Rain. January 21 and 22 in Sylmar -- same reason.

Don