President’s Message:

The 2016 ride season for Region 3 concluded in late September and I am at least 4 months behind sending a message to all Region 3 members. I kept waiting for the weather to turn cold so I would be forced to work inside at my computer. This is the warmest fall in Colorado since early 1950’s. Riding my horses during this fantastic Indian Summer has been so much more fun than sitting behind my desk.

2016 was a wonderful ride season for Region 3. We had 2 new rides in 2016, NAN Ranch and MLazyC.
Unfortunately, we missed Chokecherry, but were either riding or volunteering at the other 8 rides.

National and Region 3 were ambitious in 2016 as we took on 7 new challenges for the ride season. Free Membership and more CRI’s were National’s challenges. Highlighting Good Sportsmanship, First Time Rider Completion Hats, Rocky Mountain Hat Trick, more B rides and The Quiz Bowl were Region 3's new challenges.

Region 3 had 63 new memberships for 2016. Ride Management did a good job of making sure competitors took advantage of free memberships. We won’t really know how successful that program was until we see the renewals in the future. The Cardia Recovery Index (CRI) was used at at least 5 rides in the region. Many were frustrated with the CRI’ being added to most of our rides.

However since it was only for data collection purposes in 2016, most were good sports about giving it a try. The reports of Good Sportsmanship where highlighted at nearly all of the rides with awards given out for some and others just acknowledged. More details about most of the new challenges for 2016 can be found in the following pages of the Stirrup.

The First Time Rider Hats received positive feedback and will be continued in 2017. The plan was to have a celebration as first time riders crossed the finish line, present the cool NATRC hats and take a photo of horse and rider. The celebrations fell a bit flat at the finish line and were moved to the final vet check-out. More folks were able to participate and the celebrations were more exuberant.

The Rocky Mountain Hat Trick had winners in all divisions and classes with one exception. The 3 rides selected for the Hat Trick had the most competitors signed up. Those 3 rides averaged 46 entrants per event. Ride Management offered more B rides in 2016, 5 rides compared to only 2 B rides in 2015. Only 10 competitors took advantage of the B ride option. We need to do a better job of advertising the B ride in the future. We planned to play a Quiz Bowl type of game to help riders understand the rules. Unfortunately we only found time to do one Quiz Bowl at one CTR.

I am starting to have CTR withdrawals and missing my NATRC family. I hope to see most of you at the Region 3 Convention on March 10-11 2017 in Longmont, Colorado. So mark you calendars and be looking for more information soon.

Juleen Feazell and SAS’s Smokey Annie Oakley
Region 3 President
From the Editor...

Chuck and I were talking about the kids clothes and we learned that Chuck is colorblind. This year watching the kids change a lot (and the fact I may need glasses finally) I have reflected on changes with age. Next to this is a color blind test (answer later in newsletter).  

Because of our age difference we actually do believe in the saying ‘age is just a number’ at the same time there are pros and cons to all ages as one of my favorite writings ‘The Desiderata’ reminds “Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.”  

Youth is known for its ‘devil make care attitude’ and impulsive actions. I know for me if I continued to make the same decisions I made a while back odds are I wouldn’t have made it to this age, statistically. With age comes wisdom but also a little fear of the unknown or change.  

Where am I going with this? Did I mention I was laying in bed all day sick to my stomach? Deliria?  

An organization like NATRC in order to grow and survive has to be both young (i.e. willing to take risks, exciting, adventurous – growing) but also it must be mature (i.e. thoughtful, patient, cautious – stable). All people of all ages from the young wiper snappers to the old guard need to be involved, encouraged, and appreciated.  

John
This season in Region 3 we focused on Good Sportsmanship for the competitors. The idea was to spotlight one of the best portions of our sport. Good Sportsmanship is what sets NATRC riders apart from other equine related competitions. Helping each other out along the trail is what makes NATRC CTRs so special. Even though most of us are seriously competing against each other, we almost always stop and do the “right thing”, no matter what form that may take.

Ride Managers got to determine how they wanted to decide who would get the Outstanding Sportsmanship award at their CTR. Most of them had the riders submit the name of the rider along with the story of what the riders did that demonstrated Good Sportsmanship. Sometimes the ride managers picked who they thought was the most deserving and sometime we couldn’t decide so we handed out multiple awards.

At nearly all of the rides there were reports of riders going out of their way to track lost riders and get them back on the trail. This included riders going way out of their way, often galloping to catch up to riders when they had taken a wrong turn. There were so many reports of this I am not going to include the names because I’m afraid I may leave someone out. Also at several rides there were reports regarding lost shoes and other OPEN riders stopping to help, even providing tools to rasp down hooves so boots would fit, sometimes even sharing a hoof boot.

There were numerous examples of Outstanding Sportsmanship at Air Force Academy. One involved Sarah Hofkamp who was helping trot horses for the CRI. She ran all the way up that steep hill to bring two first time riders to the CRI. Also at the AFA ride Lee Blackwood went to the aid of an injured rider back in camp and stayed with the injured rider until her husband arrived in camp.

MLazyC while I was a volunteering at a P&R, I witnessed a rider, Diane Wingle, move her horse and her ride partners horse back into the sunshine because as she explained“ it gave them an unfair advantage to stand in the shade”. Impressive don’t you think?

Also at MLazyC, a loose horse came running very swiftly, directly towards three riders. Sarah Hofkamp, instructed the two novice riders to bail off of their horses and hold on tightly to the reins. I watched as a rodeo proceeded, all 3 horses rearing straight up, then trying to bolt, as the loose horse galloped past. This would have been a horrific accident had it not been for quick thinking and fast action of the Sarah and her riding buddies.

The winner of the Outstanding Sportsmanship award at MLazyC was novice Junior rider Sydney VanPoollen. She helped at first time rider who was having a very rough ride. Sydney rode along with the first time rider and chatted all about some of the “mistakes “ she had done during her first few rides. Sydney was happy and light hearted and really helped the first time rider enjoy her experience.

At Island in The Sky several competitors reported to the P&R crew they were concerned for the safety of another rider. The rider was having problems staying on her horse, they suspected altitude sickness and/or dehydration. The rider was ill and reluctantly agreed to withdraw from the ride. These 2 riders agonized about whether to turn the ill rider in as it was near the end of the ride. However they realized they were near a road where would be easier for ride management to get the rider and her horse to safety. Kay Gunckel received the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, which was a hand made horse queen sized quilt. Several riders reported Kay’s kindness, double checking their horses when the Vet Judge found lameness. Kay gave wise council to the riders and they appreciated her professional and competitor’s opinion.

We did receive some negative feedback from riders who thought they should have been recognized and were not. Please remember to let the Ride Management team know when you witness an act of Good Sportsmanship.

There were many more incidents of “Outstanding Sportsmanship” and there will be a special year end award for The Outstanding Sport for 2016. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Convention on March 10 and March 11 in Longmont, Colorado.
Colorado Trail CTR 6/11-12/2016

A-O/N/Cp Total Riders: 42
Chair: Amelia Adair, Tammy Beyerle, Dee Overholt
Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Jill Talbot
CP Combo: Wish Upon a Star/Hapgood, Kris
Novice Sweepstakes: Ty One On/Terpstra, Dave-94
Open Sweepstakes: Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni-97

Open Heavyweight
1/4 Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni
2/3 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz
3/2 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
4/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
5/5 Thunder/Lewis, Donna
P Peanut/Baker, Matt

Open Lightweight
1/1 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
2/2 WH Picos Cozmic/Brodersen, Shirley
3/3 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie
4/4 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
5/6 Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana
6/5 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
P SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley/Feazell, Juleen
P Phantom's Masquerade/Lane, Roxann

Open Junior
1/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan
2/2 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

Open DO
Talk Til Midnight/Wood, Mary Anna

Novice Heavyweight
1/2 Ty One On/Terpstra, Dave
2/1 Moonshine Blues/Schoenecker, Kevin
3/3 Fannie/Bishop, Stephen

Novice Lightweight
1/2 Chester/Andrews, Jill
2/1 Alaata Sol/Strandquist, Jill
3/3 Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise
CO Torrey/Bonham, Kat
CO Sahara Summer/Conley, Gillian
P Some'R Santana/Lohrenz, Nancy
P Inexessive Things/Watson, Raina

Novice Junior
1/1 Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Wish Upon a Star/Hapgood, Kris
2/5 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie
3/3 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
4/2 Danner/Inman, Gary
5/4 EHF Miss Charming/Clark, Hannah
6/6 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
3 Safara/Thearin, Dianna
6 Stormy White Magic/Terpstra, Louise
Young Gun Last/Dandy, Donna
Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda
Levi/Morgan, Dayna
P Dukes Eternal Gold/Holder, Sharon

Competitive Pleasure DO
Nightts Shaddo/Howell, Perran
Shiraz/Horne, John
Picture credit to Bill Wingle

General Albert P. Clark Memorial
6/25-26/2016 R3-CO
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 38
Chairs: Dayna Morgan, Pamela Galchutt
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Jill Talbot
CP Combo: Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
Novice Sweepstakes: Some'R Santana/Lohrenz, Nancy – 93.5
Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken - 100

Open Lightweight
1/3 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
2/2 EZ Rocket/Stucky, Marla
3/4 Turner’s Wild Card/Ward, Lin
4/1 Moon’s Movin’ Out/Sommer, Alanna
5/5 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen

Open Junior
1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis
2/2 Angel’s Ricochet Shot/Brooker, Natalie
CO Rocky 7/Joanna Murphee

Novice Heavyweight
1/2 Neo 2/Blackwood, Lee
2/1 A Goodtime Cowboy Casanova/Dancy, Devon
3/3 Foxhaven’s Medicine Man/William, Morgan
P Fannie/Bishop, Stephen

Novice Lightweight
1/2 Some’R Santana/Lohrenz, Nancy
2/5 Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise
3/3 Machi/Grover, Sandra
4/6 Rockin Silver Splash/Bonham, Kat
5/4 Atlas/Hofkamp, Sarah
6/1 Alaata Sol/Strandquist, Jill

Novice DO
P CC/Lawson, Elizabeth

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
2/ Summer/Wolgram, Betty
3/6 Young Gun Last/Dandy, Donna
4/ Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen
5/2 Dukes Eternal Gold/Holder, Sharon
6/3 Danner/Inman, Gary
/4 Peddlin’ The Bucks/Hagler, Linda
/5 Risky Snickers/Woods, Mary Anna
Cinder Aly/Heniser, Vicki
Mariah 3/Wingle, Bill

P Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda

Competitive Pleasure DO
Buffnugget/Haltermann, Susan

General Albert P. Clark Memorial
6/25/2016 R3-CO
B-N Total Riders: 2
Chairs: Dayna Morgan, Pamela Galchutt
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Jill Talbot
Novice Sweepstakes: Clover’s Prize/Beyerle, Tammy - 90

Novice Heavyweight
P Nottinghams Mystic Prince/Garrett, Jill

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Clover’s Prize/Beyerle, Tammy

Novice DO
P CC/Lawson, Elizabeth
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### M Lazy C 7/9-10/2016

**A-O/N/CP Total Riders:** 52

**Chair:** Stephen Bishop

**Judges:** Jerry Weil DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

**CP Combo:** Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie

**Novice Sweepstakes:** Some R’ Santana/Lohrenz, Nancy - 95

Open Sweepstakes: Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri - 100

### Open Heavyweight

1/3 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri

2/4 Gen’s Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim

3/2 Talk Til Midnight/Gunckel, Kay

4/1 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo

5/5 Thunder 11/Lewis, Donna

P Tribute to Liberty/Steinke, Alice

### Open Lightweight

1/4 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin

2/3 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly

3/1 Moon’s Movin’ Out/Sommer, Alanna

4/2 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri

5/6 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen

P Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana

### Open Junior

1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

### Novice Heavyweight

1/6 Reign/Galt, Jenee

2/2 SAS’S My Future is Spots/Gardner, Carrie

3/5 Zorro 4k/Valerio, Kay

4/1 Calamity Jane’s 44 Magnum/Hagler, Brenda

5/4 Foxhaven’s Medicine Man/William, Morgan

6/ Moonshine Blues/Schoenecker, Kevin

P Mojo 5/Prestarri, Lynda

### Novice Lightweight

1/1 Some R’ Santana/Lohrenz, Nancy

2/ Chester 6/Andrews, Jill

3/3 My Mojo/Gillilan, Susan

4/4 Alaata Sol/Strandquist, Jill

5/ Sixes Peppy Lady/Lyons, Johnnie

6/ Senteney’s Spirit/LaValley, Kristie

P Rockin Silver Splash/Bonham, Kat

### Novice Junior

1/2 Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori

2/1 Little Bit 3/Vanpoollen, Sydney

### Competitive Pleasure

1/ Levi 2/Morgan, Dayna

2/ Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie

3/ Big Mac’s My My/Wylie, Karen

4/4 Summer/Wolgram, Betty

5/ Classic Lines/Scott, Syndi

6/ Lion’s Design/Milewski, Teresa

P Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane

P Peddlin’ the Bucks/Hagler, Linda

P EHF Miss Charming/Clark, Hannah

P Dukes Eternal Gold/Holder, Sharon

P Young Gun Last/Dandy, Donna

Precious Easy Aces/Bingham, Kerry

Slicks Bar-B-Doll/Moore, Cathy

Cindy Aly/Heniser, Vicki

Buffnugget G./Halterman, Susan

P Danner/Inman, Gary

P Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda
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8/20-21/2016 R3-CO
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 43
Chair: Chuck Smith
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Sarah Rinne
CP Combo: Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
Novice Sweeps: Taras Sham/Mitchell, Paula - 97.5
Open Sweeps: Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken - 97.5

Open Heavyweight
1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
2/2 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
3/3 Talk Til Midnight/Gunckel, Kay
4/4 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri

Open Lightweight
1/1 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
2/2 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
3/3 SAS'S Smokey Annie Oakley/Feazell, Juleen
4/4 Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna
5/6 BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl
6/5 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
P Tres Beau/Poulton, Jennifer

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
2/2 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie
3/ Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen
4/ Classic Lines/Scott, Syndi
5/5 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
6/4 Levi 2/Morgan, Dayna
7/3 EHF Miss Charming/Clark, Hannah
9/6 Curiosa CR/O'Brien, Wava
Slicks Bar-B-Doll/Moore, Cathy
Harlems Spirit of Denmark/Tarvin, Jill
P Mariah 3/Wingle,Bill
P Safara/Thearin, Dianna
P Precious Easy Aces/Bingham, Kerry

Novice Heavyweight
1/3 SAS'S My Future is Spots/Gardner, Carrie
2/2 A Goodtime Cowboy Casanova/Daney, Devon
3/5 Foxhaven's Medicine Man/Morgan, William
4/4 4K Black Powder/Arnett, Leona
5/1 Bo 8/Guthrie, Jan
6/ Legends Legacy Lena/Alley, Paula
/P Fannie/Bishop, Stephen
DO Becky C/Wylie, John
P Princess Tru Lena/Jones, Hugh
P Reign/Galt, Jenee

Novice Lightweight
1/4 Taras Sham/Mitchell, Paula
2/1 Sixes Peppy Lady/Lyons, Johnnie
3/2 Hauler/Figg, Julie
4/3 Chester 6/Andrews, Jill
5/5 Zeppelin/Hager, Scarlett
P Stitch/McDermont, Keara
P Bee Bees Touch/Jones, Jayne
P Pearl 2/Holmes, Kathleen

Novice Junior
1/1 Dixie 9/Stanifer, Molly
2/2 Little Bit 3/VanPoollen, Sydney
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### Chokecherry Canyon
#### 9/24-25/2016 R3-NM

**A-O/N/CP Total Riders:** 33  
**Chairs:** Lonnie Smith, Edward Westmoreland  
**Judges:** Carrie Porter DVM, Jerry Sims

**Novice Sweeptakes:** 4K Black Powder/Arnett, Leona - 91  
**Open Sweeptakes:** Turner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin- 94

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First Time Riders Photos

Jo Oatman and Money Makin Mischief
Island in the Sky

Carrie Derco and Geron
Island in the Sky

Leah Wiley and Becky C
Island in the Sky

Julie Figger and Hauler
Chicken Creek

Molly Stainer and Dixie
Chicken Creek

Jenne Galt and Reign
M Lazy C

KayValerio and Zorro 4k
M Lazy C

Lynda Prestarri and Mojo5
M Lazy C

Siri Lindley and Savannah
M Lazy C

Susan Gillilan and My Mojo
M Lazy C
The Stirrup

Rocky Mountain Hat Trick Winners

Members of the Women’s Surface Creek Saddle Club brainstormed about a way to increase attendance in the NATRC’s Competitive Trail Rides. Krisite LaValley from Cedaredge, Colorado headed up the effort and decided to organize a Triple Crown type of event and named it The Rocky Mountain Hat Trick. A Hat Trick is normally associated with one player scoring three goals in Hockey, but it can be three consecutive sporting events or races. Alpine Bank of Delta and Montrose graciously agreed to sponsor the first ever Rocky Mountain Hat Trick.

The first leg of the Hat Trick was held in Lake George, Colorado at the MLazyC Dude Ranch in July. Island in The Sky, held on the Grand Mesa in August was the second leg of the Rocky Mountain Hat Trick. Chicken Creek held in the San Juan National Forest was the final leg.

To be eligible to win the same horse with the same rider had to participate in all three of the events. Each division and class would have a winner. Seven possible winners and gave all levels of riders a chance to win some great prizes. The points scored for the horse and rider were them combined for all three events to determine the winners. Four of the seven classes were in a tie at the conclusion of Island in The Sky. After the results from the Chicken Creek were tabulated there were clear winners in each class except for Open Junior which did not have a entry at Chicken Creek.

Novice Junior was won by Sydney VanPoollen and Little Bit from De Beque Colorado. Johnnie Lyons from Cedaredge, Colorado rode Sixes Peppy Lady and they were the Hat Trick winners in the Novice Lightweight class. Carrie Gardner from Eckert, Colorado and her big Tennessee Walker, SAS’s My Future Is Spots (Navajo) were the Hat Trick Winners in the Novice Heavyweight division. Navajo was the horse used to create the logo for the Rocky Mountain Hat Trick. Neil Gardner, Carrie’s husband designed and drew the logo used for the Rocky Mountain Hat Trick.

Diane Wingle and Eduardo El Negrito Knight from Franktown, Colorado were the winners for the Competitive Pleasure Division. Terri Smith and Hot Saki from Flora Vista, New Mexico won the Open Lightweight Division. Kaye Gunckel and Talk Til Midnight from Longmont, Colorado won the Open Heavyweight division.

Winners received a Gift Certificate from Riding Warehouse, a wooden plaque made by Dale Arnett from Parachute, Colorado and a hand crafted hoof pack made by Brenton Flohe, from Delta, Colorado.

MLazyC, Island The Sky and Chicken Creek had the highest number of competitors of any of the CTRs in Region 3. The Rocky Mountain Hat Trick might not have been the only reason these 3 rides were so well attended but it certainly didn’t hurt. Thanks to all of you who supported this new event and made it a success.
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- $200.00
- Purple nylon harness (adjustable for cob or horse).
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Contact Susan Peters sapeters@pcisys.net  719-439-5669

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**Versatile NATRC 2011 National Champion Mare For Sale**

Regretfully, due to major lifestyle changes, I am selling my wonderful competition horse.

Hasty’s Blossom is a beautiful, 14 year old, 14.2 hand, bay, registered half arab mare. Her sire was Hasty’s Flyer, a “Legion of Supreme Honor” Arabian endurance stallion. Kathy Budd, former R3 horsemanship judge, raised and trained Blossom.

Since 2012 Blossom has been ridden on mountain trails in Colorado and Wyoming for pleasure – in 2015 she was ridden in the mountains by a junior rider. Blossom is also trained to drive. Asking price is $3800.

You can find additional information on [www.equinenow.com](http://www.equinenow.com) (AD # 1061792 – search half arab Colorado Springs)

For additional information, please contact my niece, Natalie Brooker at yellowfang9@comcast.net  719-493-0922

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**For Sale**: Stonewall “classic” trail saddle in very good condition. Includes girth, leather covered stirrups, and custom mounted water bottle holders in the front of the saddle. Weighs 12.5 pounds. Approx 14”-15” seat – fits a medium sized woman comfortably and a narrow/regular horse back (plenty of room especially for high withered horses).

See more detail and pictures at [www.stonewallsaddles.com/classicsaddle.html](http://www.stonewallsaddles.com/classicsaddle.html)

$500 Susan Peters sapeters@pcisys.net  or 719-439-5669
**For Sale**

Stonewall “classic” trail saddle in very good condition. Includes 2 Woolback-type saddle pads (one wool, one synthetic), 3 girths, nylon web trail-type breast collar, spare ring covers, leather-covered stirrups, and mounted water bottle holders.


**One of the beautiful things about Facebook is connecting with other horse people.**

Today this saddle sells new for $1620 without inclusions. Whole trail-ready package for $1000. Colorado Springs area; contact Karen Moe at (719) 661-7058 or winkieboots@q.com

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**For Sale**

Lightweight (18 lb.) Western trail saddle (Big Horn #102), cordura and leather, in very good condition. Ideal for Competitive Trail Riding in Western saddle. Rounded rear skirt accommodates a shorter-backed horse. Includes woven string Western breast collar and girth and leather flank strap. See [www.horsesaddleshop.com/15bighorcorr.html](http://www.horsesaddleshop.com/15bighorcorr.html) for saddle photo & description. Approx 15” seat.

No-charge extras: Toklat thick wool-and-fleece saddle pad, works perfectly with saddle, and leather bridle with rolled reins.

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Today this saddle sells new for $600 to $730 without inclusions. Whole trail-ready package for $300. Colorado Springs area; contact Karen Moe at (719) 661-7058 or winkieboots@q.com

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Me again

Past use of this test indicates the following:

- Those with normal vision can see the bear, deer, rabbit, and squirrel. They cannot see the fox.
- Those with a red-green color vision deficiency see a cow (instead of the deer), a fox (in the lower left), and usually the rabbit and squirrel. They cannot see the bear.
- Red-green colorblindness apparently occurs in varying degrees—mild to severe. Those with severe red-green color vision deficiency may have difficulty seeing the rabbit and/or squirrel. Generally, anyone with a red-green color deficiency cannot see the bear, but can see the fox.


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One of the beautiful things about Facebook is connecting with other horse people. Mark and Karen Plumlee have created the “Hellhat” — a creative mix of a helmet and a cowboy hat. If you are on Facebook you can find many more pictures if you search for “Karen’s Hellcat Posse”.

They are so easy to make and the sky is the limit! To get started, get an old palm cowboy hat, or go buy a new one if you have the nerve to cut it up!

The first thing you do is cut off the crown of the hat. It is suggested to use Palm or Pressed Palm with a 4 1/2 inch brim. After cutting off the crown you will make “pie” cuts along the inside of the brim. You can always make them longer later if it is too small. Spray the brim with water and while wet, stretch it down over your helmet so your cowboy brim sits on the helmet’s visor. Make the cuts longer if necessary, and attach the brim to the helmet.

They suggest duct tape, but I used a hot glue gun. You can then attach an old belt, scarf or anything for a hat band!

Ride smart! Ride safe! Ride lookin’ good!
Meeting Minutes

Agenda Region 3 Board Meeting
September 23 2016 - Chokecherry Ride
Farmington, New Mexico
12:30pm

Call to Order: Lin Ward for Juleen
Attendance: Present, Lin Ward, Kerry Bingham, Chuck Smith, Dianna Thearin, John Horne, Absent, Juleen, Sandy Clayton, Calleen Olson
Guests: none

Secretaries Report: Kerry Bingham read the minutes of July 8th. John motioned to approve as read.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Smith reported:
1. All ride fees have been received.
2. All National Membership dues received.
3. AFA utilized $500.00 Start Up Funds, this was paid back in July.
4. National board expenses - All expenses have been paid except for Kay's July NB fees. I did pay the shared board portion of Kay's, but still need her expenses. Estimating around $200.00.
5. Island in the Sky overpaid Region 3 by $20.00, waiting to hear back from Juleen on who to make the check out to.
6. Adding into expenses of Kay's NB fees and Island's overpayment: Our actual year to date Net Income is around $288.00. The $288 figure does NOT include income from Chicken Creek. Net Income with Chicken Creek is around $2,808.36.
7. I am waiting on a few more donations that were not sent in, or were also not paid at the ride. Could potentially be another $300-$500 in profit. Respectfully, Chuck Smith Treasurer, Region 3

Kerry made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. John seconded.

Committee Reports

Awards Chair Report: Juleen reported via email that she didn't believe anyone qualified for the Novice Awards with the exception of Novice First Year Horse. Only 3 qualified for 100% club. She will have to find someone new to make our awards for the 2016 Ride Season so we will most likely be looking at spending more for the medallions and other trophies.

Historian Report: Chuck Smith - Wanted permission to end the book idea. John suggested we take the 20 stories and print them one at a time in the Stirrup. Everyone thought it was a great idea.

Membership Report: Betty Wolgram informed Juleen that after 14 years as the membership chair and keeping the Standing Rules updated she is going to retire from both of those positions. Thank You Betty for your many years of service.

Membership Chair Report for Board meeting Sept. 22, 2016 (as of National Office updates September 1, 2016)

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At the present time, our new memberships (due to the National “free-never before a member” program) are balancing out a loss of memberships in 2015 non-renewed. Without these “freebies” the 2016 membership losses could have been as high as 20%.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Wolgram Region 3 Membership Chair
Also concerning membership: Lin discussed how we need to have a membership drive that has some sort of incentive. John brought up that when you join AERC they make a big effort to send packets, emails and lots of communication with members. We should do it regionally, since it would be near impossible to do it nationally. Juleen would probably be all for it. Dianne talked about maybe we should print twice as many ride books and share them with people who might actually use them. We need all of us to come up ideas to increase membership!

Publicity/Advertising Report: Susan Halterman - no report

Nominating Committee Report: Lin Ward - Dayna Morgan and Cathy Cumberworth agreed to run for Region 3 board. The ballots have been sent out and Lynn has received many back.

Ride Book/Ride Coordinator Report: Diane Wingle- reported that NAN Ranch was a go for next year, but now it is not. M Lazy C is going to take a year off. Highlands Ranch is a go on June 24-25. Colorado Trail is a go we think on June 10-11. AFA is up in the air on a date…won’t know until January or February. Rabbit Valley sure likes that second week in October per Dianna Thearin. Westcliffe will be the third weekend in August. Probably do Chicken Creek in July. Rocky Mountain Dream (Diana Marquardt) might be a go too.

Standing Rules: Members reviewed report prior to meeting. John made a motion that we approve them as read. Kerry seconded. Lin would like to be able to mail the ballots to the entire membership, instead of by districts as the rules read now. It just needs to say on the ballot what the districts are so that people don’t get confused.

Stirrup Editor Report: John Volkerding-no report

Supply/Safety Report: Janna Combs - Chuck has all of the equipment from but does not want to be in charge of it. Lin said she would take it. Chuck said there are new vet packets. Janna was also in charge of getting ribbons for the region and does not want to do it anymore. We talked about recycling ribbons. Chuck said he would take care of it.

Worker Points: Dianna Thearin - Most everyone has turned their volunteer reports. Lin has made forms so that worker points will be involved with signing waivers. The volunteer signs a report saying their name, the job they did, and the days they did it.

Webmaster Report: Chuck Smith - Are not changing companies after all. We need to change the link to the new RMS.

Chucks Report:
- I called hosting company (GoDaddy) after the July meeting. I was verifying when we had to switch and redesign our website with the new program. GoDaddy had so many complaints about this transition that they decided to NOT make anyone redesign, at least not in the immediate future.
- Renewal of website programming comes up again in 2018 (Need to verify again), and Domain name will need renewed in Spring of 2017. (wwwnatrc3.org)
- Thoughts on a “Donate to Region 3” button on our website. This would also be beneficial once we are actually a 501c3.
- Approval to put sponsors of Chicken Creek (Benefit Ride) on our homepage website. I received 3 donations from different banks. If they see that we are also advertising for them, they might continue to support us in the future.

We all agreed that he should put a donation button on the website, as well as list all of the sponsors to the Chicken Creek ride.

Old Business

1 Convention Update - Chuck said its March 10th and 11th in Longmont, CO They are working really well with us with discounts, etc. Kay suggested that we do something nice for members whose special horses have passed away this year. We also need to recognize the judges. Maybe have a section in the Stirrup. Chuck said that Calleen thought that it would be cool to have a gaited clinician for the convention. Another possibility is to have the judges demonstrate what they are looking for when they judge. The theme is Unspoken Expectations.

2 RMS used to notify Non Members of upcoming rides in their area. This was Juleen’s idea and has been carried for several years. Juleen will work with new executive director to see if this could be added to the list of enhancements to RMS.

3 R3 NATRC FB, Instagram and Snap Chat - Dianna T & Lexi Combs. Region 6 is the techie region!

4 Update on Standardizing Ride Number/Replacing Faded Pennies – Lin Ward reported that the gal that was going to make our pennies is back and healthy and agreed to the old price! They will be ready for the first spring ride.

5 501c3 for CO and NM - Sandy Clayton and Chuck Smith The CPA who is working with me on applying for 501c3 status will be submitting the application in the next couple of weeks. She does not foresee any issues in applying. Once submitted, processing can take 6 weeks to 6 months; she has seen it both ways. Since Region 3 has less than $50,000 in yearly income, we should be processed relatively soon. The lower the income, the process is easier and faster to receive 501c3 status. If we receive our status by December 31st of 2016, we can back date the donations to Region 3 for 2016. We can also classify Premier parking, other auctions, etc., but might have to change the wording slightly to keep it legal. Short version, any auction that receives an item in return has to be valued at less than $50 - $100. Anything over (if audited) could be seen as a purchase and not a donation. -Chuck Smith

6 Scholarship funds - Benefit Ride - Chuck Smith. The 2016 Benefit Ride was a huge success. I would be willing to host the benefit ride again for 2017, but want some input on another cause for the funds. Having an actual purpose for the profit this year helped tremendously in getting sponsors. I also had numerous companies this year say they would donate to us next year IF we have our 501c3 status. What could Region 3 benefit from next year? One thought was a charity type event. Profit could go to a horse rescue, animal rescue, etc. Another thought I had was raise funds for a massive
advertising project for Region 3. We would need a committee of 4-5 people (in different areas of Region 3) who can coordinate with local advertising in their own area. Open for other thoughts on use of profit. -Chuck Smith

The board discussed having a committee to decide how the scholarship fund will be dispersed and accepted. John works on the scholarship fund for National. He will send info to Chuck who will base our procedures on Nationals procedures.

7 New ideas tried in 2016:
- Quiz Bowl….mixed success. Some people wanted to do it and some didn’t.
- Outstanding Sportsmanship…loved it. Worked great. At Colorado Trail people put positive notes….and she read them at the meetings…
- First Time Rider Hats….also a big hit. Needs to be continued. We all agreed that all of these ideas need to continue

Chicken Creek Benefit Ride for next year….Chuck is already working on it. We bounced around ideas to get people to rides. What can we do to entice them to the second ride? The third ride? If we can entice them to three rides they’ll be hooked!

New Business
1 Standing Rules - Blanket Approval. Completed.
2 Committee Membership Chair Resignation. Anyone know of a good replacement?
3 Nominations for Region 3 Sue Bretag Award. Done
4 Nominations for National Awards - need write ups sent by October 15, 2016. Nomination to Workers’ Hall of Fame and Jim Menefee
NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award. National Appreciation Awards - Lin nominated Chuck. He didn’t want to be nominated.
Regional Appreciation Awards for National Recognition one or two folks nominated.

meeting adjourned at 3:00pm
# Regional Convention

**Registration Form**
Region 3 Convention/March 10 & 11, 2017
Best Western Plus Plaza Hotel & Convention Center
1900 Ken Pratt Boulevard, Longmont, CO 80501
303-776-2000

Name(s) ____________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________

Phone # __________________ E-Mail ________________________________

Please make your hotel reservation directly with the hotel by calling the number above and mention reservation **North American Trail Ride Conference** to use our allotted rooms per our contract.

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**Late fee if postmarked after March 1 or if registering at door**

Total Due Must Be Submitted with registration **Total Due** $__________

Form **(Deduct 5% if postmarked by December 31, 2016)**

*5% Discount ONLY available for Seminar Special Package.*

**NON-MEMBERS** – add $5.00 to any option + $10.00 if registering at door.

Cancellation fee of $35.00 per person if cancelled after March 1, balance paid will be refunded.

NO CALL, NO SHOW, NO REFUND.

Make check payable to “NATRC Region 3” and mail to: Chuck Smith, Convention Secretary, PO Box 687, Flora Vista, NM 87415. **Important: PLEASE return your menu choices for each person attending to Chuck along with your completed registration form.**

Questions? Call Chuck at (505)215-2625 or email: chuck-smith@earthlink.net, or, Calleen Olson, Convention Chair (720)308-0044 or email: calleenolson@gmail.com
Convention Luncheon – Please select one type of deli meat.
Turkey Club
Southwest Steak Wrap
Served With:
Potato Chips, Cookie, Bottled Water, and Iced Tea

Convention Awards Dinner – Please choose one plated dinner.
Glazed Pork Tenderloin
Almond Chicken
Vegetarian

HOSPITALITY ROOM GOODIES:
If you can bring any of the following below, please specify your contribution. Thank you!
Soda (What kind and amount) ______________________
Beer, Wine, Liquor (What kind and amount) ______________________
Chips and Dip _________
Hors d’oeuvres _________
Other: ______________________
Cash Donation $ _________

SILENT AUCTION GOODIES
I will bring one or more items for the Silent Auction table: _________
List (if known):
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***There will also be a CASH BAR in the banquet room on Saturday night.
# The Stirrup

**NATRC National Convention**  
February 17-19, 2017  
Embassy Suites Hamilton Place  
2321 Lifestyle Way  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

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**PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH MEMBER ATTENDING – PAYMENTS CAN BE COMBINED**

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**2. Saturday Night Awards Banquet:**

- $55 – Adult Plate  
- $20 – 12 and under

**3. Menu Choices – Please choose 1**

- Rosemary Brown Sugar Pork Loin
- Harvest Herb Chicken – boneless chicken stuffed with wild rice, carrots and celery
- Vegetarian Dinner
- 12 and under – Chicken finger dinner

Entrees served with mixed salad, chef’s selection of seasonal vegetables and bread

**4. Tshirt Pre-orders**  
(shirts are pre-order only; they will not be for sale at the convention) **ORDERS DUE BY FEB 1**

- Short Sleeve $22.00 each
  
  - ADULT SMALL
  - ADULT MEDIUM
  - ADULT LARGE
  - ADULT XL
  - ADULT 2XL

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The NATRC National Convention
February 17-18, 2017
Chattanooga, TN

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Speakers and Events for Friday & Saturday


Jean Abernethy and Fergus, her cartoon horse creation, recap his first NATRC ride through her comedic artwork. Fergus is our beloved convention mascot and featured on the t-shirt.

Beth Glosten, MD, known as “The Riding Doctor,” demonstrates becoming a leader to your horse through mental focus and balance. Exercises for the body and mind to achieve your goals.

Becky Pearman shares equine photography tips and advice from her 20 years of experience.

Cheri Jeffcoat, a NATRC horsemanship judge, discusses “Wrapping Your Mind Around Obstacles.”

Andrew Murray, Captain of the East Rome Fire Department and NATRC competitor, will educate us on “How to Keep Your Mind In A Crises.”

The Legacy of NATRC will showcase the history of NATRC through video.

The National Awards Ceremony will highlight all of the amazing accomplishments of our current members and their equine partners.

Fun activities throughout the weekend will also include:

Vendors, Door Prizes, Local Excursions, Hospitality Suite, Live Old Time Mountain Music with Nancy and Bill Sluys and The Trail Buddies, and Equine Jeopardy!

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