



# OCER Newsletter

February, 2018

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## Patti Crawford

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1941- December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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Patti was one amazing woman, not only in the horse world but in every aspect of her life. She had a constant determination and fearlessness in everything she did, which translated well when competing in endurance! She also had a true grit like no one else I have ever known. Patti rode very competitively for many years with a rheumatoid arthritis. She never complained of the pain, because it didn't matter how much pain she was in, she just wanted to ride. Patti had a long endurance career competing over several years accruing over 5,000 endurance miles! She competed in a variety of rides ranging from small local rides, to larger more well-known events such as the Biltmore and Tevis. She completed the Tevis in 1998 on her horse Flyer, and what an achievement it was! She always loved telling the story of her and Flyer coming in for that final lap around the grandstands and what an amazing feeling it was! Her competitive streak was strong, but she never let that get in the way of taking wonderful care of her horses. She was successful over the years, achieving many first place finishes. But most importantly at the end of each ride she had a happy healthy horse.

I rode with Patti for several years. When we first started riding together she was gracious enough to let me compete on her horses, while using all of her equipment. She was just the kind of person that was always happy to help others. She taught me everything I know about endurance riding. I would not be the endurance rider, horse woman, or person I am today had I not spent those years with Patti. My years growing up riding with Patti were (and probably always will be) the best years of my life. Over time, not only did Patti become my best friend, but she was my "horse mom", and my mentor. We spent hundreds of hours, riding thousands of miles and I learned so much. She will watch over all of us as we ride on, and she will keep us, and our horses safe!

Patti Crawford • AERC # 8187

Started Endurance in 1990, did her last ride in 2010  
Has 5405 Endurance miles and 1300 Limited Distance.

Started 18 100s and finished 12 of them.

Patti is survived by her husband, Sam Crawford, 7409  
Allman, Shawnee, KS 66217

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## MONTE MITTS

When Monte Mitts passed away February 8, 2018 he left behind a legacy of endurance spirit.

I first remember Monte when I met him at a couple of the first endurance rides I went to. We both rode the LD, then called 25 mile rides. Monte rode his home bred mare, Candy, who, being part QH was quite fast in a sprint. I remember he went pretty fast on those 25 mi rides -- smoking past me for sure.

When he started 50's Candy did not want to race those. Not to give up and get another horse, Monte figured out her ideal speed for the longer distance -- and from then on they racked up the miles. His lived the motto "To Finish is To Win" and Candy reached the 5000 mile mark. As a team they finished 25 100's, Monte's favorite distance.

Monte and his wife Nancy both rode their home raised stallion, Racer, who had 5,090 miles and did 29 100's.

Monte was always willing to share his ideas with his endurance family. He started building trailers and pens that attached to trailers. These trailers and pens were the safest and most comfortable of any available at the time. He also developed his own style of stirrups made to lessen leg and knee pain. I still have three pairs and have never been comfortable in any other kind.

He developed a rubber type horseshoe to prevent concussion. Monte had several other clever ideas to use horse camping: self-driving posts to attach his pens to; and a drill to make putting electric posts in the ground. I'm sure there were more ideas he had that I've forgotten.

Monte was always willing to help out his fellow riders and share his knowledge with them. I remember one ride when Monte was riding a 100 and I was on the 50. My horse pulled a shoe and Monte offered to put one on my horse during the hold. Later when I did a 100 I realized what a sacrifice that was.

Monte and Nancy put on several rides at their place and also at Pineville, Mo. The rides were fun and enjoyed by all. They also sponsored year end awards for OCER for many years.

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Monte was disabled for the last years of his life but he struggled to do as much as his disability would allow. He shared his knowledge with new riders at the few rides he was able to attend.

He will be missed but is free now to ride his favorite horses for all eternity. Ride on Monte!!

Monte Mitts, AERC #5851, had 7790 miles / 260 LD miles; started 36 100s and completed 29 of them. His first LD ride was in 1986, first endurance ride was in 1988, and his last AERC ride was in 2005.

Cathie Birmingham will hold a collection for Nancy Mitts, for anyone that wants to contribute, to help her get back on her feet. Please make checks payable to OCER and mail to 5538 S Roanoke Ave., Springfield MO 65810.

### **OCER BOD ANNUAL MEETING**

**11/24/2017**

Attendees:

Louise Burton – President

Deb Dickson – Vice President

Cathie Birmingham – Treasurer

Alanna Frank – Secretary

Fred Spencer – Board Member

Treasure Report Presented

Decided to print 100 Trifolds, 100 Ride Books and to not attend Horse Fest or Equifest.

### **OCER ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING**

**11/25/2017**

Board Attendees:

Louise Burton – President

Deb Dickson – Vice President

Cathie Birmingham – Treasurer

Alanna Frank – Secretary

Fred Spencer – Board Members

Board of Directors election results were presented:

Leslie Brown – Vice President

Wendy Minnick – Board Position

Erin Glassman – Board Position

Ride sanctioning for 2018 was discussed and preliminary rides and dates discussed.

Central Region Convention in January

XLD Program was presented by Cathie Birmingham

Questions posed on how to attract and keep riders – Louise Burton proposed better hospitality.

## *President's letter:*

Ride season is starting off with a very successful Weather Permitting ride. Both weather rides are raising money for the Bell Cow campground to put in more fire rings.

I hope everyone is getting to ride a lot between the crazy cold and crazy hot weather!

By the time you get this, Weather the Storm will be over and we are all looking forward to Shawn's ride in April!

Your board has been busy discussing items. A review of what we have been discussing is in this newsletter.

We all are very sorry to hear of the passing of Monte Mitts.

Cathie Birmingham, our secretary, is collecting donations to help Nancy with expenses.

We have had some new riders come and help at the rides, and they have been much appreciated! Even if you can volunteer for just a few hours, it really helps the ride manager!

See you at the next ride!

Louise Burton

### **OCER JANUARY 2018 BOD MEETING**

**1/11/18**

BOD Attendees:

Louise Burton – President

Leslie Brown – Vice President

Cathie Birmingham – Treasurer

Alanna Frank – Secretary

Member Attendees:

Janet Hatch

Monicka Rembolt

Treasurer's Report: Presented and Approved

Secretary Report: Presented and Approved

Benefit Ride Discussion:

Season Finale is the only benefit ride for 2018

Louise talked about Weather Series Rides will not be benefit, but dedicated proceeds to OCER

2018 Season Finale OCER Benefit Ride: Motioned and Approved

2018 Budget: Motioned and Approved

Louise appointed Erin Glassman as Hospitality Chair

Louise is the Sanctioning Chair

Ozark Trail OCER Sanction: Motioned and Approved

Cathie Birmingham discussed the award program: Inequalities exist in the level of member support and

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competition to receive awards. In some cases a single ride is enough to receive an award equal to other members who have supported the organization by riding many rides and other members who do not receive any award who have also attending many rides.

Topic Tabled

Leslie Brown discussed the Website and suggested additional pages: Link Page, Awards Page

Leslie Brown brought up the need for OCER to create a Trails Grant program to enable OCER to give back to the trails it uses.

OCER will consider Trails Grant Requests: Motioned and Approved

Newsletter:

Two Hardcopies per year (July and December), 5 Electronic: Motioned and Approved

In riding a horse,  
we borrow freedom.  
—unknown

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Good horses are partners,  
not pets.  
—unknown

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If you climb in the saddle,  
be ready for the ride.  
—unknown

**OCER 2018 RIDE SCHEDULE**

Apr 7	Over Hill & Dale - Shawn McCarthy OverHillAndDaleEnduranceR- ide@gmail.com
Apr 21-22	Buffalo Run - Kelly Chapman woodsguestranch@yahoo.com
May 12	Kanopolis Canyon - Erin Glassman ejacob716@gmail.com
May 26 &27 Schlup	Jo Tate Memorial Ride - Jodi schlupranch@mo-net.com
June 23	Owl Hoot - Alanna Frank ironviking@reagan.com
Sept 15	Cougar Prowl - Louise Burton firedancefarms@prodigy.net
Sept 29-30	Buffalo Run - Kelly Chapman woodsguestranch@yahoo.com
Oct 13-14	Fall Blast - Becky Holthouse rlh021@everestkc.net
Oct 27 & 28	Owl Hoot Spook - Alanna Frank ironviking@reagan.com
Nov 10	Indian Territory and Central Region Championship- Susan Young Mock glenn218@yahoo.com
Nov 23 & 24	Season Finale - Deb Dickson paintnudge@gmail.com

**Horse Carrot/Apple Cakes**

**Ingredients**

- 1 carrot
- 1 apple
- 1 cup molasses
- 2 1/2 cups oats
- 2 Tablespoons oil

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees
2. Grate the carrot and apple
3. Mix together all ingredients
4. Place mixture in baking tray
5. Bake for 40 minutes or until golden brown
6. Cool for four hours in refrigerator

## 2018 Paid Members

35	BARLING-BRIDWELL	NIKKI	295	NORSWORTHY	KHRISTIN SEYMORE-
335	BEASON	KARREN	295	NORSWORTHY	RYAN
275	BIRMINGHAM	CATHIE	318	PAYNE	DEBBIE
535	BROUSSARD	RUSSEL	117	PETICOLAS	CYNTHIA
345	BROWN	LESLIE	475	PRESCOTT	AL
45	BURTON	BRUCE	0418	PROCTOR	KITTY
45	BURTON	LOUISE	205	REMBOLDT	MONICKA
55	CAMPBELL	DIANNE	716	ROBICHAUX	THOMAS
55	CAMPBELL	MICHAEL	485	RODEN	BOB
1016	CARR	JANETA	485	RODEN	VICKIE
516	CHAPMAN	KELLY	225	SPENCER	ANN
65	CHAPMAN	LEE	225	SPENCER	FRED
65	CHAPMAN	MONICA	3016	STROH B	ELLE
0218	CHOATE	SANDRA	1317	THOMAS	TAMARA
285	COLE	BARRY	1316	TINSMAN	ANNETTA
285	COLE	LINDA	117	WELLS	KENZIE
355	CROTHERS	KATHY			
95	DOLLAR	LINDA			
375	ERWIN	BILL			
375	ERWIN	VONDALE			
515	FRANK	ALANNA			
515	FRANK	GUNNAR			
265	GLASSMAN	ERIN			
115	HATCH	JANET			
125	HEBERLING	MARY			
0118	HELMER	LINDA			
395	HESS-SCHLUP	JODI			
405	HOFFMAN	JIM			
405	HOFFMAN	PATSY			
1216	HOLTHOUSE	BECKY			
117	HOPPING	JIM			
135	HUFF	JANE			
1716	JETER	NICOLE			
1415	KOELLING	KARRI			
817	LANE	ANGELA			
505	LOWREY	KERRY			
325	MARSHALL	LAURA			
435	MCKINNON	EMMA			
15	MILLAN-BARBERA	MONICA			
155	MOCK	LINK			
155	MOCK	SUSAN			

Paid members are shown on this page. We have sent this newsletter to all past and present members. If you are not shown on this page, please contact Cathie Birmingham (5538 S Roanoke Ave

Springfield MO 65810, 417/848-1935; anyamea123@yahoo.com) to check our records. If you need to pay your dues, a membership form is included on the next page. WE WANT YOU BACK AS A MEMBER.

***OCER is only as strong and healthy as its membership.***

## OCER 2018 Membership Form

Date dues paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check # (payable to OCER)/cash \_\_\_\_\_ Single/Family/Junior

**OCER Annual membership Dues:**

\$20 individual. \$25 Family 2 adults and all children under 21 living at the same address. \$5 Junior not living with OCER family

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Newsletter Y/N

**Weight Division with tack (circle one)**

Featherweight (FW) <160      Lightweight (LW) (161-185)      Middleweight (MW) (186-210)      Heavyweight (>211)

Additional Family members Weight Division Age (if Junior)

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For additional nominations, please write information on additional page.

**Equines you are competing on**

To nominate an equine for OCER breed awards, the OCER secretary must have a copy of the horse's registration papers (if required) on file, or if the award does not require registration papers a copy of the nomination form.

If you do not own the equine you are competing on the owner must be a member of OCER and the equine must be nominated in order to accrue points.

1. Equine Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Award category \_\_\_\_\_ Owned Y N Nominated Y N

2. Equine Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Award category \_\_\_\_\_ Owned Y N Nominated Y N

3. Equine Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Award category \_\_\_\_\_ Owned Y N Nominated Y N

For additional nominations, please write information on additional page.

**Club Activities**

Please check the club activities you would be willing to help with or interested in learning about.

<input type="checkbox"/> Ride Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Ride Timer	<input type="checkbox"/> Courtesy P&R	<input type="checkbox"/> Vet Scribe
<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Marking/Clearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Ride Awards
<input type="checkbox"/> Endurance Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Drives	<input type="checkbox"/> OCER Promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> OCER Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Year End Awards	<input type="checkbox"/> Finding New Ride Venues		

Send to OCER secretary when Horse/Mule Nomination form is submitted.

[ironviking@reagan.com](mailto:ironviking@reagan.com)

Alanna Frank  
430853 E 220 Rd  
Vinita, OK 74301

# OVER HILL AND DALE ENDURANCE RIDE

***Need RSVP prior to the ride. Please contact Shawn McCarthy.***

**(Benefit ride for the Japton Community)**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> 2017                      Japton AR**

**15 mile, 25 Mile, 35 mile and 50 Mile ride**

**AERC and OCER Sanctioned**

**Trails:** The terrain is a fun combination of rolling hills, some steep slopes, long grassy trails through the woods etc. The trails run through private ranch pastures, woodland trails and creeks. There will be creek crossings, deer, armadillos, chipmunks, squirrels, cattle, neighbors dogs, and a few circling turkey buzzards wintering over. Ponds and streams on trail provide plenty of water. The trails are not barefoot friendly, your horse will require hoof protection. There is not likely to be much mud in the spring, nor heavy rock, just lots of small stones. All vet checks will be in camp.

**Camp:** Private pasture land, primitive camping with port-a-potties. Bring your own water; horse water available at the vet check area.

**Location:** 1960 Madison 6330, Wesley AR 72773

**Ride Manager:**                      Shawn McCarthy                      479-301-4594

**Email:**                                      OverHillandDaleEnduranceRide@gmail.com

**Note:** ***Need RSVP prior to the ride. Please contact Shawn McCarthy.*** This is for the benefit of the riders to help ensure there are enough vets available to keep the vet lines short.

Riders are welcome to arrive before Friday, but please contact ride management with intended arrival date.

A **Pot Luck Meal** will be served after the ride before the awards Meeting.

**Friday:**                      Camp open all day  
   2 pm Registration opens  
   3 pm Vet-in  
   5 pm Pre-Ride meeting

**Directions:** From the West: from Fayetteville AR follow HYW 16 to Elkins. Turn Left at Elkins Stoplight on-to HYW 74. Continue east on HYW 74 for about 10.5 miles. (about 6miles to Wesley and 4.5 miles after Wesley). At HWY 295 South turn right and proceed about 2.5miles heading south to Foster creek bridge. At Foster Creek bridge turn left onto county road "6330". This is our road! (Set your odometer for two miles on gravel). Ignore the first side road on the left. Next at the Y in the road stay left on county rd. "6330". At mile two you will see a large rock set in between the drive and the road to keep you from driving into the ditch. Welcome to McCarthy Ranch.



# KANOPOLIS CANYONS

50/35/25/15

May 12, 2018

Sanctioned and Governed by the Rules of the  
AERC, OCER, and sanctioned with MOTDRA

**Trails:** Come out and enjoy well established trails and beautiful, unexpected scenery in the hills, canyons and prairie of north central Kansas.

**Location:** Kanopolis State Park, 200 Horsethief Rd, Marquette, KS 67464, just west of Lindsborg.

**Camping:** Showers, toilets, horse water, and limited electrical and water hook-ups are available. **Please make your OWN reservation for a campsite AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** by contacting Kanopolis State Park at 785-546-2565. You will need to pay a reservation fee in advance; you can pay camping and utility fees when you come to the ride.

**Check-in:** With ride secretary starting at 2 pm on Friday, and with judges when available on Friday.

**Entry Fees:**       50 miles Sr. \$95.00 Jr. \$20.00  
                          35 miles Sr. \$85.00 Jr. \$20.00  
                          25 miles Sr. \$80.00 Jr. \$15.00

Introductory fun ride 10 miles on Saturday: Sr. \$30 Jr. \$10

Ride manager discount \$5.00, Early entry discount (payment rec'd by April 8th)  
\$5.00

Mail **PRE-ENTRIES** to Ride Manager

**Meals :** Potluck Friday and Saturday night with entree provided by ride management

**RIDE MANAGER:**       Erin Glassman  
                                  45 Sunflower Ave.  
                                  Hutchinson, KS 67502  
                                  620-617-7221  
                                  email: ejacob716@gmail.com

**Emergency numbers:**

Park office: 785-546-2565       Ellsworth Co. Sheriff: 785-472-4416



# JO TATE MEMORIAL RIDE I&II



25/35/50 Sat.

25/35/50/100 Sun.

Please note 100 mile on Sunday

8/15 Mile Intro both days

Sanctioned by AERC, OCER & MOTDRA

**May 26 & 27, 2018**

**WHERE:** Flag Springs Conservation Area  
West of Washburn, Mo.

**VETERINARIANS:** Dr. Jeanie Hauser, Dr. Jim Baldwin

**Horse Containment:** Tied to trailer, high lined between trees and/or trailer and tree with proper tree saving straps, (cinches work great) and if electric pens are used it will be one animal per pen with separate fencing. If any questions on this call me.

**NO DOGS ANYWHERE IN CAMP EXCEPT AT YOUR OWN TRAILERS!!**

**FOR THE COMPLETE FLYER AND ENTRY INFO PLEASE GO TO AERC.ORG OR EMAIL ME FOR THEM.**

Address for Flag Springs Conservation Area for those who must have one is:

**Cassville Office  
PO Box 607  
Cassville , MO 65625**

I have GPS co-ordinates if your vet will use that as an address but they are not to be used to find this place!! Call for more info

**JODI HESS-SCHLUP NEW EMAIL!!!**

jotatememorial@outlook.com schlupranch@mo-net.com

417 850-9589 cell

All AERC and OCER rules and guidelines will govern this ride.

**\*\*\*\*RSVP - VERY IMPORTANT!!!!** THANK YOU\*\*\*\*

# OWL HOOT TRAIL ENDURANCE RIDE

**JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2018**

**VINITA, OKLAHOMA**

**50 AND 25 MILE AND INTRO RIDES**

Come join the rest of us outlaws on the Owl Hoot Trail on a **NIGHT RIDE!**

Enjoy the rolling hills of North East Oklahoma's Green Country with your favorite Equine.

**Location:** 430853 East 220 Road, Vinita, Oklahoma

**Coordinates:** 36° 41' 53"N, 95° 19' 37"W

**Trails:** The terrain is gentle rolling hills and the trails run through private ranch pasture and creeks. There will be creek crossings, deer, armadillos and possibly a skunk or two at night. Ponds and streams on trail provide plenty of water. The trails are also barefoot friendly. Low intensity flashlights/headlamps are recommended for riding at night, the trail will be marked with reflective signs .

**Camp:** Private pasture land, primitive camping with port-a-potties, horse water available at the vet check area.

**Ride Manager:** Alanna Frank 281-468-5881  
Email: [ironviking@reagan.com](mailto:ironviking@reagan.com)

**Trail Master:** Gunnar Frank 832-372-6119

