President’s Message

Hi All,

I hope you have all been bundling up and making it through the cold winter weather. We are finally seeing the ground with slow melting of snow each day. We are even able to ride some, and that is such a breakthrough. When the days begin to lengthen, I start feeling hopeful for spring.

With spring comes our Region 3 Annual Convention. This year we will be gathering in Grand Junction at the DoubleTree by Hilton on March 21 and 22, 2014. If you can possibly manage, plan to come and please get your reservations sent in. We have some great speakers scheduled and our awards banquet is always so much fun. Come prepared to get energized and ready to embark on a wonderful ride season.

We have 9 rides planned for our region this year! You will all want to get your calendars out and mark the rides you can get to, and don't forget that we have a brand new ride coming in the southern part of New Mexico. The new ride managers will be at the convention to meet everyone and get acquainted. A warm welcome to the Ft. Bayard Ride!

Many of you may know that our past president, Susan Peters, has had to step down from the National Board of Directors. She has graciously gone to care for her elderly and declining parents and has put her other interests aside to be there with them during these difficult days. I know I stand with the rest of the region in saying that you are very much missed, Susan, and we are keeping you and your parents in our prayers.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for your willingness to take on positions and duties for our region. We are only as effective as each of us are able to do our parts. With everyone chipping in and doing the little things we able to do the bigger ones. Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcome and hope to see you all at the convention.

Sharon Roper,
Region 3 President
Perception.

Each of our realities is based on our perception. That moment when our perception changes and we see something different...what happened? Did reality change or just our perception? Which is right? Which is easier?

I don’t know those answers. There is definition of insanity as “doing the same thing over and over and over expecting a different result”

With the beginning of a new year (and it being the Chinese Year of the Horse) and since most of us embark on new resolutions for change, try not only changing your reality but also your perception.

~ John
### 2013 Award Note

Awards can be confusing and at times seem redundant. Listed in the Stirrup are the Region 3 and National Championship results. Included in each category is an abbreviated explanation of each award. Most of Region 3’s awards are accumulated points, for a complete breakdown of how points are accumulated go to NATRC website [http://www.natrc.org/documents_ride.htm#Rules](http://www.natrc.org/documents_ride.htm#Rules), Page 9-6 of the Rule Book and you will find the detailed breakdown of how points are distributed.

If you have any questions about awards, please contact the Awards Chair, Juleen Feazell via email gifeazell@tds.net

**Thank you our Awards Chair for this daunting task!!**

#### Region 3 Year End Placings – High Point Horse Awards

*All horses must enter at least 3 rides to be eligible for these awards. Points accumulated from all Region 3 rides in 2013 are added together to determine the placing.*

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1st Ken Wolgram
2nd Bill Wingle
3rd Matt Baker
4th Gary Inman

**Open Lightweight**
1st Roxann Lane

**Open Junior**
1st Alexis Combs

**Competitive Pleasure**
1st Beth Sims
2nd Betty Wolgram
3rd Kay Gunckel
3rd Lin Ward
4th Diane Wingle
5th Jim Ward
6th Louise Vasquez

**Novice Heavyweight**
1st Teresa Milewski
2nd Donna Lewis
3 (tie) Nicole Tucker
3 (tie) Patty Kirn
4th Devon Daney
5th Dayna Morgan

**Novice Lightweight**
1st Diane Chaffee
2nd Susan Halterman
3rd Donna Dandy
4th Pam Koons
5th Calleen Olson

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Horse and Rider Mileage Awards are given each year when certain levels of mileage are achieved. The Mileage Awards are for rides in Region 3 only. If you rode outside the region those miles accumulated will be reflected in the National Miles Database. If you are between awards increments you will not be listed as you will not be receiving a mileage award. If you have any questions about your horse and/or rider mileage, please contact Juleen Feazell, Awards Chair, gjfeazell@tds.net

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2nd Touch’s Yeller Gold/Gary Inman
3rd Peanut/Matt Baker
4th Mariah/Bill Wingle

Open Lightweight Team
1st Phantom’s Masquerade

Open Junior Team
1st Red/Alexis Combs

Competitive Pleasure Team
1st Nathan Arizona/Beth Sims
2nd Summer/Betty Wolgram
3rd Turner’s Wild Card/Lin Ward
4th The Missouri Reverend/Diane Wingle
5th Gen’s Rockin Shadow/Jim Ward
6th Danner/Linell Miller-Inman

Novice Heavyweight Team
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REMINDER.......VEST NUMBERS ON SALE FOR 2014 RIDE SEASON

Vest numbers are on sale as a first come first serve basis. Buy one for yourself, your husband or wife, or a friend. You can wear the region vest supplied with your vest number or create your own jacket, t-shirt, sweatshirt, raincoat, etc. for your vest number. All you need to remember is use the color of your division. Royal blue for Open, emerald green for Competitive Pleasure, and red for Novice.

Cost of numbers – Open $30.00, Competitive Pleasure - $20.00, Novice - $10.00

All monies go toward supporting Region 3 and we appreciate your support!

Contact Chuck Smith to see what numbers are available.
Chuck Smith, Treasurer
PO Box 687
Flora Vista, NM 87415
csmith@advantas.net
President’s Cup
Awesomes Fire N Ice ridden by Ken Wolgram

Jim Menefee Memorial (High point Combined Horse/Horsemanship)
Awesomes Fire N Ice ridden by Ken Wolgram

Overall Open Heavyweight Horse & Horsemanship
Awesomes Fire N Ice (Bill Smith Memorial) Ken Wolgram (Bruce Becker Memorial)

High Average Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship – 1st Place
Beth Sims

Region 3 National Championships
Awesomes Fire N Ice/Ken Wolgram
Touch’s Yeller Gold/Gary Inman
Phantom’s Masquerade/Roxann Lane
Peanut/Matt Baker

NATRC Open High Point Placings

Open Heavyweight Horse
1st Awesomes Fire N Ice/Ken Wolgram
3rd Touch’s Yeller Gold/Gary Inman
5th Peanut/Matt Baker

Open Lightweight Horse
5th Phantom’s Masquerade/Roxann Lane

Open Junior Horse
3rd Red/Alexis Combs

NATRC 2013 SEASON NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Workers Hall of Fame: Susan Peters

National Appreciation Award: Jerry Sims

Regional Appreciation Award: Dee Overholt

Outgoing National Board of Directors: Pam Galchutt-Region 3 Alternate

CONGRATULATIONS
REGION 3 2013 COMPETITIVE PLEASURE CHAMPION HORSE!
Nathan Arizona ridden by Beth Sims
Ride Season Recognitions

**NATRC Region 3 2013 Ride Managers & Secretaries**

**Pinon Mesa**  
Jerry Sims - Ride Manager  
Chuck Smith - Secretary

**Navajo Lake**  
Cathy Cumberworth - Ride Manager  
Eleanor Kelly - Secretary

**Gen. Albert P. Clark Memorial - Air Force Academy**  
Linell Miller Inman & Gary Inman - Ride Manager  
Pam Galchutt - Secretary

**Colorado Trail**  
Angie Rubenstein - Ride Manager  
Lin Ward - Secretary

**Tarryall River Romp**  
Susan Peters - Ride Manager  
Pam Galchutt - Secretary

**Choke Cherry**  
Tammi Cumberworth - Ride Manager  
Chuck Smith - Secretary

**Rabbit Valley**  
Sharon Roper-Dashner - Ride Manager  
Juleen Feazell - Secretary

Land of Enchantment Trophies, for the Best Trail Horse in New Mexico

Open is Mariah - Bill Wingle, CP is Turner's Wild Card - Lin Ward and Novice is Cadence - Nicole Tucker.

Ruth Tyree, Ken Burdoll and Novice 1st year horse awards that will be presented at the convention, but we like to keep those results a surprise!!!!!

If you cannot attend the convention please designate someone to pick up your award as they are so expensive to mail.

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**Thank you** to the following for sending in membership dues early! (this list is for those who have sent in their dues as of January 1, 2014). If dues haven’t been sent we would greatly appreciated that they be sent as soon as they can. After joining or renewing please update your RMS profile? Thanks...Betty

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2013 Worker Points

WORKER AWARDS **Note: Worker points awards are given each year when certain levels of points are achieved. If you don’t see your name as receiving a worker award this year, it is because you are “between” award increments. We are lucky indeed to have so many volunteers (both members and non-members alike) who are willing to dedicate their time to Region 3 events.

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John,
Could you forward this email from Kim Cowart, the National President of NATRC to the membership of Region 3. Should the National board of directors be focusing on a trail riding or distance riding organization? Should we just leave things as they are? Your opinion is important, names will be anonymous, this is your organization, I will proceed with Region 3 memberships recommendations. We will be talking about this at the February meeting in Oklahoma City and into 2014.
My email is my wife's Beth. beth_sims@q.com there is a underscore after Beth_
Thank you, National BOD. Region 3, Jerry Sims

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Hi all, There is an "ideal" that was NATRC. It was about selecting the best horse to "go the distance". If one imagined riding a horse across the country what horse would one choose? Most of us would choose fit, sound, and sane. NATRC promoted the selection of a horse that would be "fit to continue" after a ride and we should be justifiably proud that for over 50 years we have been educating riders on the care of that distance horse. We have made a niche for ourselves in the horse world with offerings unique to us and much of that was accomplished with a continued focus on the distance horse. But over those 50+ years our focus has split, and while we still have rides that we call competitions we have lost much of the past emphasis on time and distance and the testing of the fit and sound horse. Priscilla did indeed frame it well when she asked "...Are we a distance riding sport that encourages selection, conditioning, and testing of the best distance horses for multi-day distance riding?", or "...Are we an education organization that trains riders to become excellent trail riders on skilled trail horses?" There is a fundamental difference there and we would be better served to maintain a primary focus on one or the other in order to do service to either.

Notice I said primary focus. Because I don't necessarily think the two are mutually exclusive, but do think one should take priority over the other. As a distance riding sport we are well positioned to still provide excellent educational and recreational opportunities to new riders, trail riders, and those less interested in the competitive aspect. They can still come to a NATRC ride and see the trails and enjoy their friends and have fun while those seriously interested in our ideal of a good distance horse have a venue to test themselves and their horse. If we lose our focus as a distance sport then we disenfranchise a whole segment of our rider base---the competitive trail rider. The distance rider. These folks cannot and will not flourish in an organization whose primary focus is on "trail riding" vs. distance riding. Already we see many rides where time, speed, and distance on trail is cut to the minimum (which suits the trail rider model but not the distance rider model). The law of unintended consequences forces us into an increased emphasis on trail ability and manners vs. soundness and condition because the horses aren't being stressed enough to evaluate. And so the spiral goes....

We cannot ignore obvious societal shifts. We cannot make everyone happy all the time. But we can make a decision on our focus. We can make a strategic plan around that focus. Our chances of success are much more likely if we clearly identify what we do and then go about doing it well. Please talk to folks in your Regions and get as much input as possible before the February meeting. Share with your Regional President's and Regional BOD's and members willing to give input. The thoughts I’ve expressed here are mine and may, or may not, reflect a majority of opinion. Regardless of what I think we all need to identify a consensus of opinion and act upon it. Thank you all for your help in this very important decision.

Kim A. Cowart
President
North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC)
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678-427-6389 (Work Cell)

Be kind and generous, and ride a good horse
Hopefully you have read our NATRC National President message in this newsletter. Kim is asking us where we want to focus. A long distance sport, where we test our horses to be sound and can go the distance the next day, or do we want to be a trail riding organization where we stress more on education? Presently some say we may be focusing on too much and not a specific vision. The following is my view of region 3 and does not reflect any other member’s views.

I think Region 3 continues to strive, better than any other region in NATRC, because we continue to focus on the new competitor. We are willing to go out of the way to make them feel they are a part of our family. We take down the no trespassing signs that clicks unintentionally put up.

We want our new members to feel they are welcome and do not push them out of their comfort zone. We want them to enjoy the experience. We want them to feel they are learning something, and they are having fun.

Open is not for everyone and not everyone is interested into testing their horse or themselves the time and distance it takes.

Region 3 can barely fill Open in rides and some rides are not filled with heavy or light weight class.

Some Open riders have left Open, because of age or they just don’t want to do the time and distance or the time it takes to condition themselves and their horses. I am one of them. Most of you are younger, when you become of age, your body does not perform as it did when you were young. I work out at least 4 time a week and I can still see I am not in the condition I was a few years ago. My ability as a long distance rider has come almost to a stop. My mind and competition level is still there, but my body’s aches and pains say, compete in CP.

Our Novice and CP classes continue to outnumber Open and continue to grow.

Region 3 will be voting on a Senior Class in Competitive Pleasure – 62 years and older for a trial period, for 2014 at our March convention. We listen to what our members are asking for. This does not mean you will have to ride in the Senior class if you are 62; it just gives the Seniors a chance to place in the ride. It will also help other CP Non-Senior’s class riders to place.

Region 3 recognizes a horse in the CP class with a Championship, just as Nationals recognizes Open horses. This has not taken away the challenge for a championship for the Open class. There was one CP championship horse in 2013 and several Open. The Board of directors, of Region 3, listened to what the members wanted.

Our rides may be minimum distance and time, some times, but we are not riding flat land or low altitude, we ride mountains, above 10,000 feet. The rule book states; Section-4 b. {2} In steep and rugged terrain these distances may be shortened.

I am all for those who want to go for time and distance to see who has the best conditioned horse. I was once one of you.

I am also for those who just want to enjoy Novice and CP and they can enjoy a little less stress and conditioning, but still enjoy our sport for its education and fun in their comfort zone.

I truly want NATRC to be successful into the future, but I think we need to recognize competitors and horses in other classes nationally with as much recognition as we recognize those Compétiteurs and horses in Open. The other classes pay the same amount of money and they represent the majority.

Why do we stress so much value in Open, when we need to look at where the strength of our Organization lies?

We can still be a long distance sport and recognize those who want to ride Open for the challenge it is for horse and rider, as we do today.

Some enjoy the educational experience and the camaraderie of our sport. This is where our membership is the greatest in number, this is where we need to focus and this is where our values lie. Taking care of our valued membership, will not only strengthen our membership, it will support and strengthen the growth of open as well.

To focus mainly on a long distance sport, takes us back in time. We have torn down all the barriers and signs that said keep out. I know some thought Open was a big click. We started educating the new riders, hoping they would enjoy our sport. Advancing on to open was up to them.

May God be with us and help us to continue into the future and may we all be willing to look at what is best for our members and what they see as our vision and our focus of NATRC.

Please, don’t be left out of the future of NATRC. What you think really matters to me and other members. I will do my best to represent our membership as always.

Email me at beth_sims@q.com

NATRC Region 3 Director, National Recruiter
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NOMINATION OF SUSAN PETERS for NATIONAL WORKER HALL OF FAME

Susan Peters has been one of the brightest jewels in the NATRC Volunteer ranks for over 12 years. As she pulls away from her NATRC roles this year because of family health issues, the Region 3 Board of Directors agrees that it’s very timely this year that she is Nationally recognized for all of her leadership and hard work for our sport, both regionally and nationally!

She not only has held many positions but has been a tireless MENTOR to many, many other volunteers. And she has always inspired us with her ‘can do’ positive attitude and warmth, not to mention her creativity and problem solving! And she never forgets to say 'thank you' and show her appreciation. It’s time for us to do the same for her!

Here are just a few of the many efforts put forth for NATRC by Susan:

- Ride secretary for a number of years for numerous rides. Some of that was during her own personal challenges with overcoming cancer and chemotherapy, while holding down a demanding job and single motherhood.

- Involved and or headed up numerous NATRC promotional events and clinics. She has been instrumental in inspiring and bringing many new riders and volunteers to our sport.

- A Region 3 Director for many years including President.

- Served on the National BoD, including as chairperson of various committees and has spear headed several policy/rule changes, like new portable panel option.

- Resurrected the historic Air Force Academy Ride..

- Helped start up and co-manage a new ride at Tarryall

- Has consistently helped numerous other ride managers. She never said 'no'!

- As President of Region 3 in 2012, she spear headed numerous events, including running the Denver Horse Expo NATRC booth, and being the primary organizer for the National Convention in Denver in 2013.

- Has been a prolific contributor to our STIRRUP newsletter over the years.

- Has often picked up the pieces of unfinished 'jobs'. Her intelligence and managerial skills and ability to 'think on her feet' has saved many a doomed event when things took unexpected turns . . . she really knows how to put out 'those fires' and has done so many, many times.

NATRC has been very fortunate to have Susan involved in our sport in so many volunteer positions and over so many years. She is truly deserving of this National recognition!
The San Juan Valley Trail Riders, will again host a clinic **Saturday, March 29, 2014,** 11:00 am, at the Cumberworth’s Stables.

Jerry Sims will be the Manager 215-9796 and Chuck Smith will be the Secretary 215-2625.

We need volunteers for trail marking, hamburger, hot dogs cook and helper. P&R Captain and team members.

Topics include the following and not limited to these obstacles;

- logs,- up and down hill at culvert at highway,- in and out,- back up, - mount,- how to teach your horse to side pass,- how to lunge your horse???

We will have a round robin as in the past unless someone would like something different.

Open for any and all ideas.

We need help posting the flyer’s and we need someone that can make us a good flyer.

The cost is $25 per horse and rider, lunch included. $25 is refundable if you enter Navajo Lake ctr.

This is the 50 year Navajo Lake ctr, let’s [ fill her up ] with some new riders, who will appreciate the feeling they get when we get done with them!

We need all of you and we need new riders.

Jerry Sims

### NEWS BITS/BARN SALES

### RULE CHANGES FOR 2014 RULE BOOK

(Changes in **bold**)

1. **Page 4-3, Section 4.B.5.**
   5. **Weigh In**
      a. Lightweight and Heavyweight competitors must be weighed in with their own tack prior to the start of the ride.
      b. Individual regions may issue rider weight cards. At subsequent rides in the same year, a copy of this weight card may be sent with the ride entry or be shown to the Ride Secretary when picking up their rider packet.
      c. Rider weight classification must be maintained throughout the ride. **Management may re-weigh any rider at any time during the ride to verify weight class. A deviation of +/- 5 pounds is allowed for reweigh only.**
      d. Failure to maintain weight classification will result in completion points only for both horse and rider.
      e. The minimum weight must be made up with dead weight, pound for pound, if the rider and tack weight is less than 100 pounds (LWT or Senior) or less than 190 pounds (HWT).
      f. No disposable items will be used to make weight. This includes, but is not limited to, food (horse and rider), water, fly spray, etc.

2. **Page 4-4, Section 4.D**
   D. **Eligibility of Riders**
      1. All persons 10 years of age or older are eligible to compete in NATRC except:
         a. Any person designated in Section 3 **with the exception of the ride secretary** (i.e., ride chair, trailmasters, stable manager, judges, official timers, judges recording secretary, Rules Interpreter, safety riders, P&R timer) shall not be eligible to ride a horse in competition on the sanctioned ride for which he serves in an official capacity.

3. **Page 5-1 Section 5.B**
   B. **Stabling**
      1. All horses shall be kept in a designated area from preliminary check in until after the final examination.
      2. The Stabling Options used are at the discretion or requirements of CTR management and/or the CTR facility. For Stallions see 5 below.
      3. The Stabling Options used by CTR management and/or the CTR facility must be available to all competitors.
      4. Stabling Options **Not Allowed** during competition as primary containment:
         a. Hobbling of any kind
         b. Portable panels that are not securely anchored to a trailer
         c. Electric fencing
         d. Staking out in any manner
   e. **Stallions in portable panels.**
      5. Stallions: Stallions must be double tied whenever stabled **(for exceptions, see below).** The primary and secondary rope will not be tied to the same tie spot.
         a. Stallion double tying requirements are: The primary rope is tied in the normal manner, but the secondary restraint method must be secured around the stallion’s neck and tied in the normal manner. If a rope around the neck is secured with a knot, it must be a bowline and run through the halter.
         b. Other secondary restraint methods may be acceptable (check with horsemanship judge). Two halters are unacceptable.
   c. **Stallions may be stabled in pens/stalls when “stallion” pens/stalls are provided by the CTR facility.**
      d. Failure to comply constitutes a major rule violation. (See Rulebook Section 6.E.2.d)
Regional Convention Information, March 21 & 22

Region 3 Convention Schedule – March 21-22, 2014

DoubleTree by Hilton
743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506
970-241-8888

ROUNDUP FOR SUCCESS

Friday, March 21, 2014
4:00 p.m. - ??? Registration and Hospitality Suite Open
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Region 3 Board Meeting

Saturday, March 22, 2014 **Times may be adjusted depending on the needs of the speakers.
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Welcome, general membership meeting, announcements, etc.
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Break
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Andrea Datz of Integrative Horsemanship will speak on how Prevention is the Best Medicine. Andrea has worked extensively with Jean Luc Comille at Science in Motion learning how to apply the most current research into equine biomechanics to training horses and preventing injury or lameness.
11:15 – 12:00 p.m. George Decker – Tales of the Western Colorado Cowboy
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon honoring our ride managers, regional volunteers, and ride volunteers.
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Inez Throm of Extreme Mustang Challenge. Inez will share with us her experiences of training Mustangs using dressage, Parelli methods, and common sense to create an overall good trail horse.
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Time on your Own
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Dinner, Year End Awards, and Silent Auction Results. Other Special benefits for Region 3. (Ride Entries, Premier Parking, Premier Check-in/out).
10:00 p.m. - ??? Hospitality Suite Open

**We thank you all for coming and supporting our Regional Convention! We wish you safe travels home and a wonderful year in 2014! Happy Trails!**
# Regional Convention Information, March 21 & 22

**Registration Form**

**Region 3 Convention/March 21 & 22, 2014**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton**  
743 Horizon Dr., Grand Junction, CO 81506  
Off of I-70, Exit 31 South of the GJ Regional Airport  
970) 241-8888

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Please make your hotel reservation directly with the hotel by calling the number above and mention Region 3 Convention, $89.00 + tax.  
**Hotel Amenities:**  
DoubleTree chocolate chip cookie, complimentary Wi-Fi, complimentary shuttle service within a one-mile radius of hotel, 24 hour business center and fitness center/Jacuzzi. Full restaurant and lounge with room service until 11 p.m. and the Hilton Honors Program.

**Seminar Only**  
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**Seminar plus lunch ONLY** (worker and Management awards presentations)  
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**Seminar plus dinner ONLY** (auctions and year-end Placing’s & special awards presentations)  
$63.00 x _______ = _____

**Seminar Special Package** (includes lunch AND Dinner)  
$75.00 x _______ = _____

**Late fee if postmarked after March 1 or if Registering at door**  
$10.00 x _______ = _____

**Total Due Must Be Submitted with registration Form**  
Deduct 10% from total if postmarked by February 20th  

**Total Due:**  

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**NON-MEMBERS:**  
Add $5.00 to any option + $10.00 if registering at door.  
Cancellation fee of $20.00 per person if cancelled after March 10, balance paid will be refunded. NO SHOW, NO REFUND.

Make check payable to “Region 3 Convention” 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: csmit@advantas.net  
Or Sharon Roper, Convention Chair, (970)216-9995 or email: sjroper9345@aol.com

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**Convention Luncheon – Please select one type of dinner**

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Mustard/Mayo Condiments, Fruit, Potato Chips, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bottled Water

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**Convention Awards Dinner**

Southwest Fiesta Buffet with Pulled Pork and Chicken Fajitas.

Dinner includes Salads, Tortillas, Chips, Salsa, Spanish Rice and Refried Beans. **Desserts:** Decadent Chocolate Fudge Layer Cake or Strawberry Layered Cake.

**Thank you so much if you can let us know in advance if you can bring any of the following:**

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**HOSPITALITY ROOM GOOGIES:**

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**SILENT AUCTION GOOGIES**

I will bring one or more items for the Silent Auction table:  
List (If known):
2014 Region 3 Ride Schedule

MAY 10-11, 2014
NAVAJO LAKE (40TH ANNIVERSARY) - FARMINGTON, NM

JUNE 7-8, 2014
COLORADO TRAIL - BUFFALO CREEK, CO

JULY 19-20, 2014
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