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# Region Five Trail Riders

Association, Inc.

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*Sara Baldwin*

*P & R at the Last Ride of the Year*



*Kathy Hardin*



*Andrea Rogers*

**King's Mountain CTR Photos by Becky Pearman Photography**



*Cindy Keen*



*Tammy & Marcy Lineback*



Region Five is one of six regions comprising the **North American Trail Ride Conference**

## President's Message

from Gary Clayton

The Board of Directors meeting in November was quite productive. Several major issues were discussed. One subject was the poor turnout at rides and the decrease in the number of rides in the Region. Our membership showed a slight increase, thanks in part to our Membership Committee of Sallie Kudra and Mary Britt. We also put on two clinics and have initiated a very good mentoring program for new and inexperienced competitors.

It is fruitful to look back at the 2011 ride season and determine what we did that was successful, and what we can improve on. The board recognizes that fuel cost is a major deterrent to riders. Since there is nothing we can do about fuel prices, we need to look at other ways of getting riders to participate in our sport. Since so many riders cannot afford to travel long distances, the board recognized that there is a need to encourage a better turnout of local riders. In the past, the most effective means to do that has been through clinics. To date, there are clinics scheduled in Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida in 2012. The board is committed to helping anyone interested in putting on a clinic. For detailed information and help, contact Linda Clayton at [lindaclay@aol.com](mailto:lindaclay@aol.com).

Another problem discussed was the decline in the number of rides in 2012. As of this writing, ten rides are scheduled. This is down from the eleven we had in 2011. The Benefit Ride will be held, but at a different location and a new date. R5's main problem is finding people who are willing to try managing a ride. The board understands the fear of losing money—that's a hardship, particularly in these difficult economic times. Again, however, the board is willing to assist, mentor, and provide financial guidance to anyone willing to try. Living near the ride site is not necessary, and R5 has a program to pay the ride insurance cost for a new ride's first 2 years.

Remember that the Mini-Convention is coming up February 25 in Greenville, SC. We are looking forward to a large turnout. Please plan to come and take part in the activities. See more information about speakers and events on page 5 of this newsletter.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone out on the trail.



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**Next RFTRA Board Meeting: Feb. 24, 2012  
 Contact Gary Clayton for details**



**Editor's Letter**

from Kathy Nicholl

Mark Twain once said, "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics." I recently sent a letter to the national board and I think it became a statistic. I submitted some ideas I had for keeping a printed *Hoofprint* magazine for members (such as myself) who didn't want the electronic version.



Since I may have been the only one who actually submitted something in writing, it is easy to see why my letter may have been treated as an insignificant "statistic," just one member's viewpoint.

Yet, somehow, it doesn't feel right to have my opinion ignored. Of course, I don't know how *all* of Region 5 feels about this issue, but I do know that *some* Region 5 members feel as I do. So I have an unusual request to make of ALL (lifetime *and* regular) Region Five members: would you ALL please use the yearly dues renewal time to speak up about how *you* feel? There is a new application form (printed on page 15 of this issue) that I have modified to include a small survey portion at the bottom. The survey is extremely simplistic, maybe you won't like it, but that's fine. I added blank "Comments" lines on the bottom, where you can put your thoughts into your own words.

The next national BOD meeting is March 8, 2012, and I would love for Laurie DiNatale to come to that meeting with the application/survey form which ALL 180 R5 members have filled out and mailed in this January (or February). If you want to renew, have already renewed, or are a lifetime member, or even don't intend to renew, *please* fill out the form and mail it in—all it will cost is a first class stamp. And if you haven't renewed yet, it won't even involve an additional stamp. One person's response

may easily be turned into a statistic, but many members of Region Five create valid data that hopefully will be given the consideration it deserves. But if only 25, or even 50, or even 100 respond, it might still be considered a "statistic," or, at best, a "damned lie." What have you got to lose except a stamp?

My survey questions include a place for those who want a printed and mailed newsletter to consider paying additional dues money. Now NATRC's application *used* to offer a printed *Hoofprint* for \$18 a year, and I think this is a pretty accurate guess as to yearly costs for printing and mailing. Since R5 may also decide to go electronic with our newsletter, the survey asks for similar data for R5. Our newsletter costs last year were about \$8.85 per membership to print and mail out the newsletter (switching to first class mail raised the cost, but it improved delivery time). So think about it a little and try to indicate what you think should be covered by dues and what you think is a reasonable contribution from you.

I have been told that, if requested, *Hoofprint* can still be printed and mailed at no additional cost for 2012; but it sounded to me as if that it would be mainly for people with no access to a computer. I don't know what will happen, but I hope you'll speak up and provide our national BOD with real data about how its members feel.

If you don't want to tear out or xerox the last page of this newsletter, you can (if you have a computer) go to [www.natrc5.org](http://www.natrc5.org), where you can open this Winter 2012 issue and print out page 15. If you don't want to do that either, just send in a hand-written sheet of paper with your input—it's not the format, it's expressing your opinion that matters.

NATRC is a great organization and needs our help to continue. Your renewal is so very important, and I hope you will not only renew, but will spread the word and encourage others to "come ride with us." Please renew now using the renewal application on page 15, and also take a moment to let our national leaders know how you feel.

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Publication Deadline	For Issue
Dec 15	Jan/Feb/Mar (Winter)
Mar 15	Apr/May/June (Spring)
June 15	July/Aug/Sept (Summer)
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\*\*\*\*\* Important Membership Note \*\*\*\*\*

Please let R5's Membership Chair know when your address, phone, or email address changes Contact Sallie Kudra in any of the following ways:

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## Summary of RFTRA BOD Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Regina Broughton*

The meeting of the RFTRA Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 19, 2011, at the Hampton Inn in Norcross, GA by President Gary Clayton. Present were Board Members: Connie Driskell, Linda Clayton, Cathe McKinnon, Gary Clayton, Wayne Tolbert, Kim Cowart, Tammy Lineback, Regina Broughton, Tanya Kingsley, Cindy Keen, and newly elected Board Members: Paula Riley and Lori Rand. Tom Anderson attended as a guest.

**Correspondence:** Cindy Keen **MOVED** that Region 5 make a donation of \$50 to the humane society of Mary Leslie's choice as a memorial to her husband, Hank. Tanya Kingsley seconded, the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**Election of 2012-2014 Board Members:** Elected to the Region Five Board for the 2012-2014 term are: Cindy Keen, Lori Rand, Paula Riley, and Cathe McKinnon. The alternate board member is Patty Lucas (who will serve as an alternate along with Courtney Keen Woodall).

**Election of National Board Member:** Gary Clayton was re-elected as the Region Five National Board Member.

**Treasurer's Report:** Connie Driskell reported on the current financial status of RFTRA. Current bank balances are: RFTRA Wachovia Checking: \$13,523.37; RFTRA CD at Capital Bank: \$9,225.35; Ride Management Support BB&T Checking: \$2,011.60; and Ride Management Support BB&T CD: \$6,073.25.

**Equipment Management Report:** Wayne Tolbert will no longer be Ride Equipment Manager. Tammy Lineback and Paul Riley volunteered to share this job in 2012. Connie Driskell is going to purchase a funeral-home tent for use at the Biltmore rides in order to save money that would otherwise have been spent on tent rentals.

**President's Report:** Gary Clayton reported that ride turnout for 2011 has been discouraging, especially at the Kings Mountain ride. Board Members discussed reasons and possible solutions for low rider turnout.

**Points and Awards:** Tanya Kingsley reported that regional awards are ready, but that the Board needs to decide on the 2011 recipient of the Shannon Memorial Award. Tammy Lineback **MOVED**, Lori Rand seconded, and a recipient was nominated and **APPROVED** unanimously.

**Ride Management Report:** Linda Clayton reported that Honey Creek was a new ride for 2011 and will be scheduled every other year in rotation with Sara Baldwin's Sweet Halloween ride in Rockford, AL. The Board also discussed ways to encourage and to support ride managers. Paula

Riley will head up this initiative with assistance, advice, and education for ride managers.

**Computer Equipment:** Linda Clayton said that the region's computer and printer are both still fine.



**Membership:** Sallie Kudra's e-mailed report was discussed. Region Five currently has 236 members. Gary Clayton stated that our region has the most members of all the National Regions.

**Fundraising:** Cindy Keen reported that the Region earned a total of \$17,697.25 through Fundraising Efforts in 2011. The National Convention, the Region Five Store sales at rides, and the silent auction at the Heart of Dixie ride were the main fundraising efforts. She added that Terry Silver is selling Equine Science products through the Region Five Store and in 2012 will donate 20% of her sales to the store.

**Ride Scheduling:** Kim Cowart reported that currently Region Five has 9 rides sanctioned or verbally committed to for 2012. Cindy Keen opened a discussion about the Region Five Benefit Ride stating that based on rider comments and participation, the Dawson Forest site may have run its course, due to heat/rocks/lack of facilities. Cindy Keen is pursuing another site in Dublin, Georgia, for the Benefit Ride, and the dates available are either April 15 or May 5.

**National Director's Report:** Kim Cowart presented the report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Region Five Mini-Convention:** Kim Cowart reported the following:

**Region Five Board Meeting:** The Board will be meeting on Friday evening and Saturday morning at the Phoenix Inn in Greenville, SC.

**Speaker Sessions:** Speaker sessions will run from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with 3 hours of speakers with 15 min. between each.

**Happy Hour:** will be from 5:30-6:00 p.m. with a cash bar.

**Dinner** will be a buffet at 6:00 p.m., with awards to follow dinner.

**Awards:** Martha Findley will MC the evening and have photos of winners. Lori Rand gave the board a preview of a video that Amanda Rand has made, that will also be shown at awards.

**Penny Auction:** Tammy Lineback will hold the Penny Auction during Happy Hour. You may purchase permanent numbers for the 2012 ride season for: \$50 novice, \$75 CP, and \$100 Open.

**Entertainment:** Courtney Woodall will plan line dancing from 9:00-11:00 p.m., after awards.

Tammy Lineback also suggested that there be a Ride Manager Recruitment table with information and paperwork samples at the Mini-Convention. Paula Riley volunteered to do this.

**Sessions:** Gary Clayton discussed and agreed to contact several very interesting speakers: Janice Raddatz, who rode the Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada, and Pete Dillingham or Donna Maye West on Natural Horsemanship, and Dr. Troy Nelson on Chiropractic.

**Marketing:** We will all make efforts to encourage

members to attend the Mini-Convention. Courtney Woodall will put together a flyer for the Mini-Convention. She will lead the effort and assign direct-mail addresses to us for advertising it.

**Mini-Convention Committees:** Registration: Linda Clayton and Connie Driskell; Penny Auction: Tammy Lineback; Theme: "To the Next 50 Years"; Awards: Tanya Kingsley; Table Decorations and Door Prizes: Cindy Keen; Programs: Regina Broughton; Speakers: Gary Clayton.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gary Clayton asked if members like the electronic newsletter and many members do like it. We also like the NATRC Region Five Facebook page. Gary Clayton also reminded us that National Board members have Raffle Tickets for sale.

**Proposed Bylaws Change:** Cathe McKinnon presented a proposed By-laws change to clarify the election and representation of Region Five Board Alternates. Cathe then **MOVED** that this by-law change be proposed to the membership. Kim Cowart seconded the Motion. After discussion of the proposal, Kim Cowart suggested that the motion be tabled. Kim Cowart **MOVED** to table the motion for further review. Cindy Keen seconded. All approved, and the motion to table the proposed by-laws change was **APPROVED** unanimously.

**Vanguard Investments:** Tom Anderson gave a presentation on Vanguard accounts to invest excess funds. Connie Driskell and Tom Anderson will work together to set up this account and bring it to the February meeting for discussion.

**Newsletter Editor's Report:** The Board read Kathy Nicholl's report. Regina Broughton volunteered to continue to find ride stories for the newsletter in 2012.

**Alabama Horse Council:** Gary Clayton reported that the Alabama Horse Council meeting is Jan. 21-22, 2012. In the past we have provided money for this. Cindy Keen **MOVED** that we give \$250 for this and Linda Clayton seconded. All approved and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**Southeastern Trails Conference:** The SETC will meet in Lexington, KY, on July 12-14, 2012. In the past we have provided \$500 for a booth and entry. Cathe McKinnon will attend. Connie Driskell **MOVED** and Kim Cowart seconded that we approve \$500 for SETC Registration. All approved and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**Election of Region Five 2012 Officers:**

The following officers were elected for 2012:

- Secretary:** Regina Broughton.
- Treasurer:** Connie Driskell.
- Vice President:** Paula Riley.
- President:** Gary Clayton.

**2012 Region Five Board Meeting Schedule:** The 2012 Region Five Board Meetings will be held at the February

Mini-Convention, on July 28, and on November 17. Connie Driskell will reserve the Hampton Inn in Norcross, GA, for the July and November dates.

**Thanks:** The Board thanked Wayne Tolbert and Tammy Lineback for their service. Their terms on the Region Five Board have expired.

To obtain a copy of the complete minutes of this meeting, contact Regina Broughton at [broughton57@hotmail.com](mailto:broughton57@hotmail.com)

Join Us For The  
**Region Five Trailriders Association  
Mini-Convention and Awards Dinner**  
February 25, 2012

at  
**The Phoenix, Greenville's Inn**  
[www.phoenixgreenvillesinn.com](http://www.phoenixgreenvillesinn.com)  
246 North Pleasantburg Drive  
Greenville, SC 29607  
864-233-4651  
800-257-3529

**Tentative Schedule of Events:**

**Friday, February 24:**

6:00 PM BOD Meeting

**Saturday, February 25:**

8:00 AM to 11:30 AM BOD Meeting

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM Lunch

12:30 PM to 4:30 PM Speakers/Seminars:

- Donna Maye West, Trainer/Instructor/Clinician
- Janice Raddatz, A solo horseback trek along the Pacific Crest Trail
- TBD

5:30 PM Meet & Greet

6:00 PM Dinner and Awards

**Mini-Convention Cost:** All Events inclusive  
\$50.00/person-adult \$35.00/person-under 18

\* Make check payable to RFTRA and mail to  
Linda Clayton, 6774 W. Old Hayneville Road  
Hope Hull, AL 36043 or register online  
at [www.natrc5.org](http://www.natrc5.org)

**Room Cost:** \$70/night (1-4 persons)  
\*\*rate good thru Feb. 4, 2012\*\*

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## A Message from Kim Cowart

*National Director  
Region 5, NATRC*

NATRC, like other similar organizations, must be constant and diligent in its efforts to mitigate revenue shortfalls. Membership and rider fees account for 70% of our revenue, but we're all aware that membership is down, and so is ride participation, thus severely reducing those streams of revenue. The electronic *Hoofprint* has allowed for more ad sales as the vendors like the ability to "click through" to their websites. Recruitment of sponsors, and ad sales, are continued and ongoing. Bev Roberts of the NATRC Marketing committee pulls out all stops in an effort to market and promote our sport. But, she has noted, our very best marketing and promotion still comes from the one-on-one contact between our members and other interested parties. So keep up your individual efforts to promote this sport we all love!

We are instituting a new effort geared towards encouraging NATRC as the recipient of charitable giving--i.e., NATRC as part of your estate planning, directed giving, year end tax planning, or other similar methods of recognizing the valued part NATRC has played in so many of our lives. You will be hearing more of this as we move forward with this project.



NATRC's big fundraiser for this year, the trip to Peru, will be ongoing until the National Convention in March 2012. Ticket sales are languishing, but the potential for a very successful fundraising effort is still there. Buy yourself a chance at a great trip. Buy some for your horsey (or non-horsey!) friends.

NATRC continues to need good, qualified, interested Judges--both Veterinary and Horsemanship. If you are interested in Horsemanship judging, contact the Judge's committee. And if you have a great Vet you use, discuss our sport with them and encourage their participation.

Our beloved *Hoofprint* was again the topic of much discussion. The NBOD recognizes everyone's attachment to our printed version, but as has been publicized before, we are moving toward a completely electronic version. Beginning in 2012 the electronic version of *Hoofprint* will be the default choice with your membership. You can still receive the printed version at no charge for 2012, but you must request this. Beginning in 2013 we will move to an all-electronic version of *Hoofprint*, but will still offer a print version for a subscription fee of \$15.00/year.

Check *Hoofprint* and the NATRC website for more NBOD information, or contact Gary Clayton and Kim Cowart here in Region 5. Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Need help figuring out how to register for a ride or other event on the Ride Management System?

Don't despair, help is available.

Contact the Ride Manager by telephone or email

==OR==

Ask the expert, Linda Clayton

telephone: 334-281-5509

email: [lindaclay@aol.com](mailto:lindaclay@aol.com)

## 2012 Machu Picchu Raffle

This raffle is open to everyone--members, non-members, friends, relatives, strangers. Tickets and info are on our website ([www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org)). The raffle includes both a 7 day lodge-to-lodge horseback ride to Machu Picchu, donated by our sponsor, Mountain Lodges of Peru and a \$1,000 voucher to be redeemed from NATRC to apply toward air fare.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25, 7 for \$50, 15 for \$100. All people who sell raffle tickets will be in the running for a secret Top Seller Award (tickets purchased online with PayPal will not count). Remember, people buying raffle tickets need not be present to win. The drawing will be held Saturday, March 10, 2012 at our convention awards banquet.

Let's get selling! Help raise funds for NATRC and help some lucky person to win the trip of a lifetime. That person could be you!

Raffle tickets are available in Region 5 from National Directors Gary Clayton ([gclay24251@charter.net](mailto:gclay24251@charter.net)) and Kim Cowart ([kcneverrestranch@gmail.com](mailto:kcneverrestranch@gmail.com))

**R5 2010 FINAL POINT STANDINGS**

(Contact Tanya Kingsley with any questions)  
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**OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT CONDITION**

1- Susie's Stardust/ Tammy Lineback	91
2- Windstorm Sienna/ Wayne Tolbert	86
3- Marnos Terra Cotta/ Sallie Kudra	61
4- Royal Serendipity/ Terry Silver	44
5- Red Bird's Ransom W./ Gary Clayton	26

**OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT CONDITION**

1- Just a Little More/ Lori Lee Williams	138
2- Swiss Mocha/ Paula Riley	119
3- Loco Motion/ Sara Baldwin	86
4- Nakota Bey/ Marlene Buttrey	84
5- Khapital/ Debbie Jones	80
6- Tommys Impressev Ace/ Regina Broughton	70

**OPEN JUNIOR CONDITION**

1- Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/ Marcy Lineback	38
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**NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT CONDITION**

1- Ledo Sabre Rose/ Lucy Atkins	46
2- Mary Jane/ Carol Ault	45
3- Living Proof CH/ Vickie Moore	40
4- KitKat/ Jeanne Arcelle	30
5- Arrow's Saltwater Taffy/ Lisa Scott	20
6- Maarsadda/ Laurie Wood	13

**NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT CONDITION**

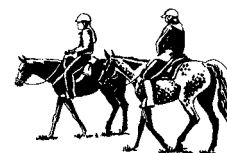
1- King's Lasting Legacy/ Patricia Petelle	132
2- Alena Rea/ Andrea Rogers	56
3- Roxy Ash Moro/ Anne Perrin	48
4- Lexus Golden Tie L/ Mary Dukes	42
5- Thunder 8/ Karen Dennis	36
5- MX Silver Hills/ Charmaine DeRosa	36
6- Sunny Georgia/ Patty Lucas	34

**NOVICE JUNIOR CONDITION**

1- Flash of Lightning/ Jameson Moulis	28
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**COMPETITIVE PLEASURE CONDITION**

1- Delight's Amber Beauty/ Cindy Keen	76
2- Dakota's Dark Knight/ Kathy Hardin	50
3- Dia Icon/ Janell Mount	44
4- Oak Knoll Holly/ Julie Nathan	40
5- TN Valley Hotrod/ Andrew Murray	28
5- Easy On the Bourbon/ Rosemary Morgan	28
6- Black Jack 2/ Ted & Karen Curtis	26



**OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT HORSEMANSHIP**

1- Wayne Tolbert	74
2- Sallie Kudra	68
3- Tammy Lineback	63
4- Terry Silver	40
5- Gary Clayton	30

**OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT HORSEMANSHIP**

1- Lori Lee Williams	117
2- Paula Riley	106
3- Regina Broughton	102
4- Debbie Jones	100
5- Marlene Buttrey	86
6- Sara Baldwin	48

**OPEN JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP**

1- Marcy Lineback	38
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**NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT HORSEMANSHIP**

1- Vickie Moore	46
2- Lisa Scott	44
3- Carol Ault	43
4- Lucy Atkins	36
5- Jeanne Arcelle	18
6- Laurie Wood	14

**NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT HORSEMANSHIP**

1- Patricia Petelle	134
2- Patty Lucas	53
3- Anne Perrin	38
3- Mary Dukes	38
4- Andrea Rogers	34
5- Michelle Daniels	32
6- Elaine Beiersdoerfer	30

**NOVICE JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP**

1- Jameson Moulis	34
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**COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP**

1- Cindy Keen	84
2- Kathy Hardin	54
3- Janell Mount	50
4- Andrew Murray	42
5- Julie Nathan	40
6- Karen Curtis	14

REGION FIVE ROCKS!

HOORAY FOR YOU!



**Ride Results**

**Region Five Benefit A**

9/3-4/2011 Region Five-GA

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 22

Chairman: Cindy Keen

Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Kim Cowart

Novice Sweepstakes: Tadoo/Beiersdoerfer, Elaine-96

Open Sweepstakes: Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula-99

**Open Heavyweight**

1/2 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy

2/3 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne

3/1 Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry

4/4 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie

5/5 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary

**Open Lightweight**

1/1 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula

2/ Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara

3/2 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.

4/5 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee

5/3 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina

6/6 Royal Sky/Woodall, Courtney

/4 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene

**Open Junior**

1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback, Marcy

**Novice Heavyweight**

P Braska/Belew, Amy

**Novice Lightweight**

1/3 Tadoo/Beiersdoerfer, Elaine

2/2 Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne

3/1 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia

4/4 Scatoaks Major Jake/Hall, Julie

P Thunder 8/Dennis, Karen

**Competitive Pleasure**

1/2 Eb's Done Deal/Curtis, Karen

2/1 Black Jack 2/Curtis, Ted

**Region Five Benefit B**

9/3/2011 Region Five-GA

B-N Total Riders: 8

Chairman: Cindy Keen

Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Kim Cowart

Novice Sweepstakes: FLF Meeko/Placek, Robyn-99

**Novice Heavyweight**

1/1 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol

**Novice Lightweight**

1/4 FLF Meeko/Placek, Robyn

2/1 Supre Promise



Keeper/Mabey, Marge

3/3 Magnum/Perdue, Juliet

4/2 Threat's Ebony Dawn/Whitehurst, Wynnette

**Novice Junior**

1/3 JR's Tenn Rock/Moulis, Jameson

2/1 Three Weeks Tardy/Wilson, Rachel

3/2 Lunar Eclipse/Schneider, Johanna

**Ride the Edge A**

9/10-11/11 Region Five-TN

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 31

Chair: Wayne Tolbert

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM, Leight Gowdy-King

Novice Sweepstakes: Kings Lasting

Legacy/Petelle, Patricia-99

Open Sweepstakes: Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene-99

**Open Heavyweight**

1/1 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie

2/2 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy

P Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry

**Open Lightweight**

1/2 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene

2/1 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.

3/ Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara

4/4 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori Lee

5/ Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula

6/6 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina

/5 That's My George/Rand, Emily

/3 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori

**Open Junior**

1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback, Marcy

**Novice Heavyweight**

1/3 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol

2/2 Nite Moves/Dunn, Alison

3/4 KitKat/Arcelle, Jeanne

4/1 Viva Blue/Grantham, Laura

**Novice Lightweight**

1/5 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia

2/1 Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne

3/3 Texas/Raymond, Alyssa

4/2 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty

5/4 Tadoo 2/Beiersdoerfer, Elaine

6/6 Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle

**Novice Junior**

1/1 Tucker 5/Rogers, Natalie

**Novice DO**

Clementine 2/Baumgardner, Debra

**Competitive Pleasure**

1/2 Sampson 1/Rogers, Heather

2/3 Q-Tip/Rogers, Cynthia

3/4 Heart's Desire/West-Pegram, Sandy

4/ Easy on the Bourbon/Morgan, Rosemary

5/5 Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy

6/1 TN Valley Hotrod/Murray, Andrew

/6 DIA Icon/Mount, Janell

**Ride the Edge B**

9/10/11 Region Five-TN

B-N/CP Total Riders: 4

Chair: Wayne Tolbert

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM, Leigh Gowdy-King

Novice Sweepstakes: Croley's Disco Gypsy/Shrum, Judith-93

**Novice Heavyweight**

1/1 Croley's Disco Gypsy/Shrum, Judith

**Competitive Pleasure**

1/1 CMF Hallel/Hartness, Marilyn

**Competitive Pleasure DO**

Serria/Greene, Nancy

RA Mystic Deed/Findley, Martha

**Heart of Dixie A**

9/25-26/11 Region Five-AL

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 30

Chair: Tammy Lineback

Judges: Heather Colby, DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Novice Sweepstakes: Kings Lasting

Legacy/Petelle, Patricia-94.5

Open Sweepstakes: Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee-98.5

**Open Heavyweight**

1/1 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne

2/3 Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry

3/2 Amir Ibn Sahhar/Goza, Michelle

**Open Lightweight**

1/5 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee

2/4 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara

3/3 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula

4/ Danamyte/Diaguila, Esther

5/1 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene

6/2 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.

/6 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori

All Color's Shadow/Lewis, Mary Royal Sky/Woodall, Courtney

**Open Junior**

1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback, Marcy

**Novice Heavyweight**

1/2 Dusty Dawn Little Lady/Lewis, Ray

2/3 Ledo Sabre Rose/Atkins, Lucy

3/1 Rio 3/Cunningham, Pamela

P Mary Jane/Ault, Carol



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P Jack 5/Guccione, Penny  
P Casey's Charming Lady/Prince, Ayako

Novice Lightweight  
1/1 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia  
2/4 Thunder 8/Dennis, Karen  
3/5 Braska/Belew, Amy  
4/3 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty  
5/6 Rain 3/Draper, Josephine  
6/2 Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle Hef/Stricker, Betty

Novice Junior  
1/1 Flash of Lightning/Moulis, Jameson

Competitive Pleasure  
1/1 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy  
2/2 Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy

Competitive Pleasure DO  
Prime Sensation WH/Jones, Mark H.

**Heart of Dixie B**

9/25/11 Region Five-AL  
B-N Total Riders: 2  
Chair: Tammy Lineback  
Judges: Heather Colby, DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Novice Sweepstakes: Tri-Mi Dealers Choice/Abbott, Cathy-97

Novice Heavyweight  
1/1 Sam 6/Gosda, Renee

Novice Lightweight  
1/1 Tri-Mi Dealers Choice/Abbott, Cathy

**Autumn at Biltmore AA**

10/7-9/11 Region Five-NC  
AA-O Total Riders: 6  
Chairman: Morgan Ortiz  
Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Bill Sherfesee  
Open Sweepstakes: Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy-96

Open Heavyweight  
1/2 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy  
2/1 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie

Open Lightweight  
1/2 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee  
2/3 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula  
3/1 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina  
4/4 AL Kasah/Sexton, Anne

**Autumn at Biltmore A**

10/8-9/11 Region Five-NC  
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 14  
Chairman: Morgan Ortiz  
Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Bill Sherfesee  
No Open Sweepstakes

Novice Sweepstakes: Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne-99

Open Heavyweight  
P Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne

Open Lightweight  
P Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene

Novice Heavyweight  
1/2 Living Proof CH/Moore, Vickie  
2/3 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol  
3/1 Arrow's Saltwater Taffy/Scott, Lisa

Novice Lightweight  
1/3 Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne  
2/4 Ibn Ionah/Moore, William  
3/6 MX Silver Hills/DeRosa, Charmaine  
4/1 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia  
5/2 MoMo/Myers, Lee  
6/5 Love's Kaleidoscope/Young, Madeline

P Quail Roost Camile/Stewart, Breck

Competitive Pleasure  
1/1 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy  
2/2 JR's Tenn Rock/Woodall, Courtney

**Autumn at Biltmore B**

10/8/11 Region Five-NC  
B-N/CP Total Riders: 8  
Chairman: Morgan Ortiz  
Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Bill Sherfesee  
Novice Sweepstakes: Nakita/Ingram, Mary-99

Novice Heavyweight  
P Jethro Vandys Brass Dandy/Carraher, Kathy

Novice Lightweight  
1/2 Nakita/Ingram, Mary  
2/5 Cisco 9/Wechsler, Frances  
3/4 Hallie 2/Wray, Cynthia  
4/1 Traveler's Gray King/Phillips, Ditte  
5/3 Ghost/Ward, Pamela  
6/6 Oscar/Lazenby, Kay

Competitive Pleasure  
1/1 BF Matisse/Hill, Sherri

**Honey Creek A**

10/22-23/2011 Region Five-TN  
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 40  
Chair: Gary Williams  
Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Kim Cowart  
Novice Sweepstakes: Scatoaks Major Jake/Hall, Julie-99  
Open Sweepstakes: Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy-100

Open Heavyweight  
1/1 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy  
2/2 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne  
3/3 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie  
4/4 Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry

Open Lightweight  
1/1 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.  
2/2 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee  
3/3 Prime Sensation WH/Findley, Martha  
4/5 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula  
5/ That's My George/Rand, Emily  
6/4 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara  
/6 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina  
Gator/Lathrop, Lynn  
My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori

Open Junior  
1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback, Marcy

Novice Heavyweight  
1/6 KitKat/Arcelle, Jeanne  
2/4 Nite Moves/Dunn, Alison  
3/5 Rio/Cunningham, Pamela  
4/2 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol  
5/1 Living Proof CH/Moore, Vickie  
6/3 Arrow's Saltwater Taffy/Scott, Lisa

Novice Lightweight  
1/2 Scatoaks Major Jake/Hall, Julie  
2/3 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia  
3/4 Lexus Golden Tie L/Dukes, Mary  
4/ Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea  
5/ MX Silver Hills/DeRosa, Charmaine  
6/5 Texas/Murray, Alyssa  
/1 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty  
/6 Ibn Ionah/Moore, William  
Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle  
Fanci's Sharzam/Kingshill, Susan

Novice Junior  
1/1 Flash of Lightning/Moulis, Jameson  
2/2 Tucker/Rogers, Natalie

Competitive Pleasure  
1/2 Sampson/Rogers, Heather  
2/1 DIA Icon/Mount, Janell  
3/3 TN Valley Hotrod/Murray, Andrew  
4/5 Q-Tip/Rogers, Cynthia  
5/4 Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy  
6/ Serria/Greene, Nancy



/6 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy  
Easy on the Bourbon/Morgan, Rosemary

**Honey Creek B**

10/22/2011 Region Five-TN

B-N Total Riders: 6

Chair: Gary Williams

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Kim Cowart

Novice Sweepstakes: Pedro/Choate, Kim-98

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Show Me The Money/Laws, Karen

Novice Lightweight

1/4 Pedro/Choate, Kim  
2/3 Brodie/Dyer, Pamela  
3/2 Dixie Dot/Griswold, Lois  
4/1 Sugar/Clark, Tara  
5/5 Ernie/Atkinson, Brittany

**Kings Mountain**

11/5-6/2011 Region Five-SC

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 17

Chair: Mary Britt

Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Patsy Conner  
High Point CP Combo- Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy

Novice Sweepstakes: Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea-94

Open Sweepstakes: Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy-98

Open Heavyweight

1/2 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy  
2/1 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie  
3/3 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne

Open Lightweight

1/5 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara  
2/2 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula  
3/1 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.  
4/4 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina  
5/3 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori Lee

Open Junior

1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback, Marcy

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea  
2/1 Lexus Golden Tie L/Dukes, Mary

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy

2/3 Black Jack/Curtis, Karen  
3/2 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy  
4/5 Pride's Second Girl/Curtis, Ted  
5/4 DIA Icon/Mount, Janell

Sandy & Skyy after the accident



**Where Are My Friends???????**

by Sandy West-Pegram

It was Spanish Trail in March when I had last seen my NATRC family. My summer project was a regional Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference hosted in Alabama that took almost *all* my free time. No time to condition for the rides after March, so I was committed to "doing for the general good" and not riding.

So, here it is—my first NATRC outing in 6 months. Ginny and Wayne Tolbert always put on such a great ride at East Fork Stables in Tennessee, plus Ride the Edge is one of my most favorite rides—not that it's easy, but it *is* breathtaking! Friend Patty Lucas and I trailered up early on Thursday, and settled in quickly and comfortably, the horses loved the stalls—we were home! Just seeing the familiar faces (and horses) made me feel like a schoolgirl—I was tremendously happy to be back among my NATRC family. If you saw someone skipping around the campground like a schoolgirl (someone with grey hair that is), that would be me!

The ride could not have been better, from initial check-in to final check-out. Even though the area had 8 inches of rain on Wednesday, resulting in some definitely muddy areas, it also brought cooler weather, and the dust was gone! The atmosphere in the camp was warm, and folks were having a good time. Since I had not had the time to really condition Skyy for the ride, I had thought about doing just a one-day; but cooler weather, stalls, etc., just said it's okay to do two days, so that's what I did!

Saturday's ride had its share of mud; but the horses all did well. Georgia and Skyy behaved like seasoned NATRC horses and handled it all. *Great P&R's*, metabolics, and manners. Apparently Skyy remembered his earlier training, which made me so proud (you may remember this is the horse that on his first NATRC ride reared every time we came to a judge?)

Sunday's ride was drier but more challenging (at least to me!). Some of the water crossings had *huge* rocks jutting up on the far side, giving me cause for concern; but apparently Skyy was unfazed. On one huge rock, he put his front legs up (not jumped), then pulled his back end along. The power I felt was unbelievable; and he did it in his "Mr. Whatever" style.

Down at Owen's Homeplace, Patty and I tossed some cut apples in the water tub; and Skyy and Georgia "bobbed for apples," getting every morsel. It was their treat before the hard climb to Deer Gap. We've bobbed for apples the past couple years, and actually think our horses look forward to it.

Our vet judge Stephanie Ostrowski did an awesome job (as always), keeping our horses safe throughout the ride. As we reached the plateau on Sunday, there she was checking metabolics and making sure the trip uphill had not been too much for horse (or rider!). That climb to me really highlights horse and rider working together. Between the rocks and the degree of climb, it's tough! What a gorgeous ride and what a true blessing to be in the woods, with my horse, with my friends, and with God's awesome beauty.

So final checkout and awards. We both did better than I thought. Skyy had a 97 and 3rd, I had a 99 and 4th! WOW! How cool was that! Awards and then potluck dinner. Life is good!

So now you ask, what about "Where are my friends?" Well, life has many challenges and unexpected turns. Earlier in the day, my right knee had given out during a vet check (I was Grade 3-4 lame). While back at the trailer after



our group potluck, I leaned up against an inside trailer door, my knee gave out again, and then I toppled out backwards through the unlocked escape door, hitting the door frame, then the running board, and finally the ground. On the way down, I literally saw my left leg blow up (almost double in size)! It was like an airbag going off (the surgeon said all the blood in my leg just “exploded”). I had shattered my left femur (upper part of the leg), turned my left foot 90 degrees left, and was lying on the ground, yelling for my friends. And there they were!

Thanks to prior planning by the Tolberts (who knew it would be needed after the ride), the ambulance was there lickety split, and the left leg of my pants was cut off (how lovely is that in front of your friends?). On the one hand was Patricia Petelle, on the other Sara Baldwin, at my head Patty Lucas, and everywhere—Ginny, Elaine, Cheri, Wayne, Gary, etc., etc., etc.. Injured as I was, you were all there.

I spent 5 days at the Crossville Cumberland Medical Center in Tennessee and had a rod installed in my leg (yes, it’s mine to keep now), and then was ambulated back to our Birmingham Lakeshore Rehab Hospital, where I spent 15 days. And yes, you were all there! Following me to the hospital, spending Sunday night with me in the Tennessee hospital until my husband could get there Monday, taking care of Skyy and bringing him home safely (NATRC training made it easy for folks to help him!), the phone calls, the emails, the cards, the visits, the unexpected flowers and book. Knowing you care—I was, and still am, *so* touched by all of you and how you have helped me through those very trying times.

Even 10 weeks after the accident, I realize that despite the accident, I am truly blessed. The cane is just about gone, I have been mounting almost daily (although my husband says I’m losing style points right and left!), have even ridden around the barn several times and back! Therapy and attitude are key, but YOU have always helped me keep a positive attitude.

And so, the answer to the question “Where are my friends?” **They are everywhere!** You may never realize how much you have all done for me, but I thank everyone for all the help and for all the good wishes you have extended to me.

I’m already planning on Spanish Trail 2012 and getting ready to go! Should I place last or first, it really won’t make any difference, because I will again be among my friends. And that is worth untold blessings! See you on the trail soon!

*December update:* My fall started with my right knee buckling. During rehab on my left leg, the weakness surfaced as I tried to protect my left knee with my right leg. So the good news is that I know my right knee caused the fall, the bad news is that surgery is scheduled on December 16 to correct 2 meniscus tears in my right knee. But the better news is that recovery is supposed to be very quick; and combined with the rehab I have been doing so far, I’m told that I’ll be able to finish up quickly with the rest of my rehab. Thanks to the Lord, my precious husband, and

all my friends, I’m working on keeping a positive spirit, saying to myself: “Better now than a couple months down the road and having to start all over again.” Skyy and I are still focused on Spanish Trail and look forward to seeing you all!

### On Being a Gracious, Grateful Guest

by Paula Riley

We in Competitive Trail riding are blessed with having the opportunity to ride our horses in beautiful, scenic, varied, and unique places. Sometimes this is state or federal forest land, sometimes it is private property, and sometimes it’s a combination of the two. I know of at least one ride that allows equines on the property only once a year, for an NATRC competition. Often we arrive to find trails that are permanently maintained and well cared for.



Photo by Becky Pearman

With the good fortune of being able to ride these trails, we need to recognize that we come as guests. We might be guests of the Forest Service, the landowner, the club that maintains the trails, or a combination of the above. The important thing to remember is that we are guests on someone else’s “home” trails. If we want to be invited back, we need to outwardly show our gratitude to the folks that call these trails “home.”

An easy way to do this is to be pleasant to any pleasure riders you might encounter on the trails. Yield the trail to them (it is their “home,” after all). Ask them if they’re having as good a time as we are. Let them know how beautiful their trails are. If you need to pass them, ask first, and then proceed quietly so as not to upset their horses. If they have yielded the trail to you, be sure to thank them for that courtesy.

Be sure to be gracious to your host (the campsite, the Forest Service representative, the private individual) for the privilege of allowing you to visit them. Even when we have paid a fee for using the facility, we still need to let them know that we enjoyed our time with them. It’s especially nice when our hosts are introduced at ride briefings. This gives us the chance to recognize them should we see them later and to offer our personal “Thank You.”

Finally, we need to be aware of the footprints we might leave. We want these to be as small as possible, so as to leave the trails and camp as nice, or nicer, than we found them. It’s easy to make sure that we properly dispose of all our manure and hay. But did we pick up all our trash? Fill in the hole our horse dug? Patch ruts in the road or pasture we camped in? Fix or pay for any damage



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our equine or we did to structures or trees?

For most of us, the answers are a resounding YES! NATRC is a wonderful group, which is why we have had access to many of the facilities and trails for decades! But let's never lose focus on our need to be gracious and grateful guests while enjoying someone else's "home" trails. Hope to share many trails with you in the future.

### Biltmore 90, Part 2

by Sallie Kudra

Two years ago, I wrote an article for the newsletter entitled "We Survived the Biltmore 90." The following are the closing lines of that article: "I've never been so tired after a competition, but we survived it and joined that exclusive band of AA riders and horses. Don't know if I'll do it again, but we'll see ... we'll see."



Photo by Becky Pearman

Well, on Oct. 7-9, we did it again. I hadn't planned to do so. After all, Terra is 26, but a certain member of the Starnes family called me and talked me into it. In retrospect, I'm truly glad that she did. The fall weather was great, and we got to ride a new trail across the French Broad river. Our judges, Mike Bridges and Bill Sherfese, made it an interesting weekend. And once again, Connie Driskell treated 3-day riders to 3 meals a day and one-on-one ride briefings, allowing us to get as much rest as possible. I had a great time.

This time there were six 3-day Open riders: Paula Riley, Regina Broughton, Lori Lee Williams, Anne Sexton, Tammy Lineback, and myself, and we all finished—with smiles on our faces.

On our first day of competition (Friday), we had 4, yes 4, P&R's; the last one ended with a CRI (cardiac recovery check). Normally a CRI is done directly after a P&R, but this one was about 1/4 mile after and I'd trotted for most of that. Terra lost points because of that, but I think just about all of us did. Saturday had 3 P&R's and Sunday 2. However, the only P&R points Terra lost were for the CRI.

Bill is known for hiding at obstacles, and he often did so this weekend. At the first observation, crossing Dingle Creek, I saw Mike and his secretary, but didn't see Bill—although he watched us go down into, across, and up out of the creek. Terra was calm, cool and collected, and apparently I was also.

We had a steep downhill and then a back up before getting onto River Road, where both Mike and Bill observed. We were still calm, cool and collected, and the scorecards reflected that.

Mike did a soundness check as we went by at an extended trot. Bill was hiding on that one. Terra was sound,

and I was apparently looking good as well. The next time we saw both Mike and Bill, they had a 'L' shaped sidepass obstacle set up, and we didn't do quite as well on this one. Terra could see riders approaching us and she was much more interested in them than in paying attention to me. She got a slow to respond from Mike, and while I got a good use of aids for the sidepass, I got a minus for not having her positioned to keep from stepping on the logs. Ah, well, can't win them all.

Later we were instructed to hurry down the trail and be prepared to do an emergency dismount. My thought was "Oh joy, will I have enough knees to do this?" When we got to the judges, I was instructed to do the emergency dismount. To my surprise and delight, I had knees, and Terra stopped and stood for the entire procedure. Of course, when you dismount, you have to get back on, so we had a judged mount as well. Terra was good as gold again, so we both got positive comments. Yay!

Then we had a Stop (from a trot) and Sing. I did my best Janis Joplin impression of "Mercedes Benz" for the Sing. Terra got a good response and I got a good Stop and bad Sing. Well, they asked for it. Bill watched us cross the road at Big Rock. I figured he was there (I've secretaried at Biltmore before). Sure enough, when I got past the rock, I heard a whistle and turned to see Bill waving at me.

Mike had us stop on an uphill near the old carriage house. I saw Bill on the left as I went up. I thought Mike might want to do a metabolics check, so just stopped facing him. I belatedly turned sideways on the trail when I realized Mike just wanted to see us stop, but Bill got me for not turning right away. Terra got an OK, me, not so much. *C'est la vie.*

One notable obstacle was a Name It & Claim It, where Bill let us choose our own obstacle. I chose to back up. Bill asked me how far I was going to go and I said until he told me to stop. I got to back up a long way for my unimpressive choice. Hah! We did it fine! We also had a detour through a debris field, a mount, and a back around a tree.

The new trail across the river was mainly on access roads for the Biltmore estate, which were excellent for trotting. We wound up and around the terrain, at several places looking down at the river and our campsite, although I didn't realize it was our campsite. I found a couple of really nice turkey feathers which I put in Terra's headstall. I also lost my crupper (the snap attached to the saddle came off at the swivel), but Lori Lee saw it and picked it up—thanks, Lori. Now I understand why Terra scooted forward at one point on our ascent—the crupper was sliding down her tail and hitting her legs.

Bill watched us go around a curve in the trail at an extended trot, looking at position and being on the correct lead around the curve. Later he watched us on a steep descent. We got down more quickly than expected for the second P&R on Sunday, causing the crew to rush to catch us. The final leg back to camp was all along the wide, flat, and scenic River Road—a great end to our CTR.

Terra had some issues and took a 2nd in AA Open



Heavyweight on her second and last AA ride. This may not be my last AA ride, but the next time I attempt it will be on (fingers crossed) Oco, Terra's daughter, as this has been Terra's final year with me as her rider. Thanks, Connie, for all you do for us. It was a great experience to ride a 3-day, 90-mile CTR again.

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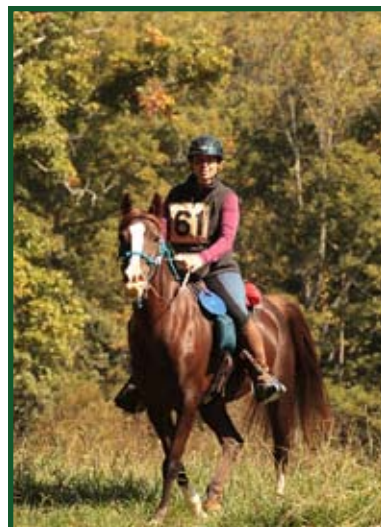
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Lori Lee Williams



Charmaine DeRosa



Marlene Buttrey



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## Region Five 2012 *Tentative* Ride Schedule

January 28	<b>Spanish Trail Clinic</b> Five Flags AHA (Wendy Allen), 6236 Billoree Rd., Pace, FL 32571 Email: <a href="mailto:kwfallen@bellsouth.net">kwfallen@bellsouth.net</a>	Munson, FL	850-393-4216
February 25	<b>Region 5 Mini-Convention</b>	Greenville, SC	<a href="http://www.natrc5.org">www.natrc5.org</a>
March 3	<b>CTR Clinic</b> Debbie Jones, 1038 Gaddis Road, Canton, GA 30115 Email: <a href="mailto:jonescant@aol.com">jonescant@aol.com</a>	Canton, GA	404-285-0891
March 8-10	<b>NATRC National Convention</b>	Reno, NV	<a href="http://www.natrc.org">www.natrc.org</a>
March 17-18	<b>Spanish Trail XXVI</b> Five Flags AHA (Wendy Allen), 6236 Billoree Rd., Pace, FL 32571 Email: <a href="mailto:kwfallen@bellsouth.net">kwfallen@bellsouth.net</a>	Munson, FL	A-O,N,CP 850-393-4216
March 24-25	<b>Uwharrie Forest CTR &amp; Poker Run</b> Paula Riley, 1915 Tower Trail, Waleska, GA 30183 Email: <a href="mailto:parrides@aol.com">parrides@aol.com</a>	Troy, NC	A-O,N,CP; B-N,CP 903-926-3950
April 21-22	<b>Springtime @ Biltmore</b> Shirley Sobol, Star Rt 2511 NC 9, Black Mountain, NC 28711 Connie Driskell, 524 Mills Gap Road, Arden, NC 28704 Shirley Email: <a href="mailto:Shirley@sobolhouse.com">Shirley@sobolhouse.com</a> ; Connie Email: <a href="mailto:csdintrig@charter.net">csdintrig@charter.net</a> NOTE: This ride will have a 7AM Saturday registration and vet-in for ALL riders, so if you are a one-day rider, you register, vet-in, ride, vet-out, have awards and go home all in 1 day!	Asheville, NC	A-O; B-N,CP 828-691-1227 828-684-5650
May 5-6	<b>Region Five Benefit Ride @ Silver Spur</b> Cindy Keen, 1620 Bellevue Rd., Dublin, GA 31021 Email: <a href="mailto:cindytk@hotmail.com">cindytk@hotmail.com</a> Site: <a href="http://www.silverspur-ridingclub.com">www.silverspur-ridingclub.com</a>	Dublin, GA	A&B-O,N,CP 478-290-3868 478-272-5097
May 19-20	<b>Virginia Highlands</b> Judith Shrum, 1364 Laurel Creek Rd NE, Pilot, VA 24138 Email: <a href="mailto:jshrum@vt.edu">jshrum@vt.edu</a>	Ivanhoe, VA	A&B-O,N,CP 540-651-8492 540-320-0499
August 11	<b>CTR Clinic</b> Regina Broughton, 201 Sleepy Hollow Road, Bristol, TN 37620 Email: <a href="mailto:broughton57@hotmail.com">broughton57@hotmail.com</a>	Bristol, TN	423-968-2303 423-534-0636
September 8-9	<b>Ride The Edge</b> Virginia Tolbert, 9598 Antioch Ch. Rd. W. Lenoir City, TN 37772 Email: <a href="mailto:vtolbert@usit.net">vtolbert@usit.net</a>	Allardt, TN	A-O,N,CP; B-N 865-986-3333 865-363-7563
September 22-23	<b>Heart of Dixie</b> Tammy Lineback, 662 Mark Trail, Woodstock, Ga 30188 Email: <a href="mailto:tammylineback@yahoo.com">tammylineback@yahoo.com</a>	Troy, AL	A-O,CP; A&B-N 678-462-0863
October 5-7	<b>Autumn 90 @ Biltmore</b> Shirley Sobol, Star Rt 2511 NC 9, Black Mountain, NC 28711 Connie Driskell, 524 Mills Gap Road, Arden, NC 28704 Shirley Email: <a href="mailto:Shirley@sobolhouse.com">Shirley@sobolhouse.com</a> ; Connie Email: <a href="mailto:csdintrig@charter.net">csdintrig@charter.net</a>	Asheville, NC	AA-O;A-O,N,CP;B-N 828-691-1227 828-684-5650
October 20-21	<b>Sweet Halloween</b> Sara Baldwin, P O Box 414, Rockford, AL 35136 Email: <a href="mailto:forestowners@wildblue.net">forestowners@wildblue.net</a>	Rockford, AL	A-O,N,CP; B-N,CP 256-377-2656
November 3-4	<b>Kings Mountain</b> Sarah Bridges, P.O. Box 870, Grover, NC 28073 Email: <a href="mailto:tchorse@earthlink.net">tchorse@earthlink.net</a>	Blacksburg, SC	A-O,N,CP 864-490-6983

AA=3 DAY RIDE A=2 DAY RIDE B=1 DAY RIDE O=OPEN CP=COMPETITIVE PLEASURE N=NOVICE

Ride schedule is subject to change, so be sure to contact the Ride Manager for specific ride information.

All rides need volunteers! Register for rides online at [www.natrc5.org](http://www.natrc5.org).

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM - RENEW, JOIN OR PURCHASE ITEMS ONLINE AT WWW.NATRC.ORG

Memberships run from January 1-December 31. We offer eight membership plans: four Regular; two Lifetime and two Platinum. The Platinum plans receive all the benefits of the Regular plans plus personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit.

Please list first and last names, especially those with different last names, of all competing family members.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Jr(s) Birthdates \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**(WE REALLY NEED THIS TO UPDATE OUR DATABASE. IT WILL NOT GO OUTSIDE OF NATRC. THANKS!)**

Are you a lifetime or already renewed member?—If yes, please go to Survey questions now.

Do You Wish to Renew for 2012? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (If no, please go to Comments below & tell us why—your comments are important to us)

### CHECK PLAN DESIRED:

**REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** All memberships include: electronic national newsletter-*Hoof Print*, your region's newsletter, E-News subscription, eligibility for annual national and regional high score awards and championships, horse and rider mileage awards, reduced ride entry fees, sponsor discounts, and automatic membership in your region.

- \_\_\_ FAMILY..... \$90 /yr Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- \_\_\_ SINGLE ..... \$60 /yr Single adult member (1 vote)
- \_\_\_ ASSOCIATE... \$50 /yr Equine-related groups or businesses only (no vote)
- \_\_\_ JUNIOR..... \$40 /yr Single Junior member under age 18 (no vote)

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:** One time membership payment.

- \_\_\_ FAMILY..... \$10,000 Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- \_\_\_ SINGLE ..... \$ 5,000 Single adult member (1 vote)

**PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP:** Platinum members receive insurance benefits through Association Resource Group-ARG. Platinum members receive personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit. Coverage is for claims brought against members of NATRC (Platinum) arising from the use and /or ownership of a horse and for horse-related accidents involving third party bodily injury or property damage. Coverage will apply when engaged in any horse related activity, and coverage is in excess of any existing valid and collectible insurance. There is no deductible. Professional Liability is not included. Business exposures are excluded.

- \_\_\_ FAMILY..... \$130 /yr Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- \_\_\_ SINGLE ..... \$ 80 /yr Single adult member (1 vote)

**ANNUAL LIFETIME MEMBER PLATINUM UPGRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Single \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Family

**\$ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to NATRC)**

\*\*\*\*\* Mail completed form and check to : NATRC, PO Box 224, Sedalia, CO 80135 \*\*\*\*\*

### SURVEY

WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE *HOOF PRINT* ELECTRONICALLY? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE A PRINTED & MAILED *HOOF PRINT*? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(If yes, what is the maximum extra dues money you would be willing to pay for this?) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive regional newsletters electronically? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive a printed & mailed regional newsletter? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(If yes, what is the maximum extra dues money you would be willing to pay for this?) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Classifieds

FOR SALE: Beautiful bay mare from my Ferzon stallion "The Mandate." Good on trail or would make a nice hunter horse. Can supply pictures. Call Waltrine Miller at (601) 408-9380 (MS).

### ADVERTISING RATES:

*Classified: Free to R5 Members,  
\$5 to non-members*

*Business Card (3 1/2" x 2"): \$10*

*1/4 Page: \$15*

*1/2 Page: \$25*

*Full Page: \$50*

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*Riders at Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC*