



Hoofprints of the

# Region Five Trail Riders Association, Inc.

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

## NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

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## President's Message

from Gary Clayton

It's great to be back participating in CTR's again after such a long hot summer. I know there were many like me who had to get up early in the morning to work with their horse before the 100-degree heat index raised its ugly head. There have been two Fall rides as of this writing. Both were very well managed but had low turnouts. Again, the economy has played a big part, especially with fuel prices staying high. I don't know the answer. Each person has to make that call for him or herself. I do know that Ride Managers are losing money. Because of this, it is becoming harder and harder to find people who are willing to step up and take that chance.

There was a great deal of discussion concerning the financial condition of NATRC at the last Region 5 board meeting and at the Benefit ride. The National Board of Directors has been carefully examining our income and expenses. In the past couple of years we have had short-falls, which will continue unless needed steps are taken. The membership dues were raised last year and that, along with ride fees, are the only income available to the organization. It has become obvious that we now have to look at our major costs. This whole matter is addressed in the Fall edition of *Hoofprint*. I would encourage each of you to study the proposals carefully. Your input and recommendations are encouraged. The NBOD is open to any and all suggestions that may contribute to resolving this situation.

I hope to see you on the trail soon.



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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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 Seneca, SC 29678-5005

**Next RFTRA Board Meeting: Nov. 19, 2011**  
**Contact Gary Clayton for details**

**Editor's Letter**

*from Kathy Nicholl*

At the July RFTRA BOD's meeting, I learned that both NATRC and RFTRA have committed to electronic newsletters. Printed newsletters sent by regular mail are no longer economically feasible. While more time in front of my computer screen is very unappealing to me, I recently saw a small



publication heading the same way, but it thoughtfully pointed out that electronic distribution is one way to be a good steward of our resources—both financial and environmental. I don't know how soon this changeover will happen in our organization, but now would be a good time to check out electronic newsletters and see how they will work for you.

Our electronic newsletters use the PDF format (PDF stands for "Portable Document File.") This format was created by Adobe software for their graphics programs *Photoshop* and *Illustrator*. Adobe created PDF so that files created in one of their programs could be opened and used by their other programs. Basically PDF files are photographs of a document that are usually bigger in size than the original document, because everything is being stored as a graphic, not text.

This "portability" concept has become so popular that now almost all documents can be saved as PDF files. Adobe distributes its PDF Reader for free from its website ([www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)). If you haven't done so already, you will need to download Adobe Reader to check out PDF newsletters.

You can look at *Hoofprint* by going to [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) and pulling down the Documents menu (or there is a "Click Here" shortcut button). My browser is Firefox, and when I click on the newsletter in the Documents menu, Firefox downloads

the entire newsletter to my computer (this may take a while if you don't have a high speed internet connection), and then uses Adobe Reader to open it for me. Adobe Reader has several options including "print." You might just want to look through the pages, because the *Hoofprint* PDF file is quite lengthy (Summer 2011 is 52 pages). But it is certainly worth looking at. If you enjoy this format, be sure to let Laurie DiNatale know by emailing her ([natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org)) that you would like to switch to electronic format.

But also take the time to look at R5's newsletter as well. Go to [www.natrc5.org](http://www.natrc5.org) and click on "Newsletters" on the leftmost side of the home page. On the next screen, click on the issue you want to open; the newest issue is listed first, followed by others that you can also open. The issue you select will be downloaded and opened by your browser. This would be a good issue to try printing if you want, because it is only 16 pages (8 if you can print on both sides of a page), and won't consume much of your ink tanks. It is best to buy 24# white paper instead of using the normal 20# paper that "bleeds" easily, making it hard to read double sided pages. Again, if you enjoyed this version, please email Sallie Kudra ([kudra@clemsun.edu](mailto:kudra@clemsun.edu)) and let her know you'd like to switch to R5's electronic newsletter.

If you had problems with the electronic versions, then please let our National Directors Gary Clayton ([gclay24251@charter.net](mailto:gclay24251@charter.net)) or Kim Cowart ([kcneverrestranch@gmail.com](mailto:kcneverrestranch@gmail.com)) know what your problems are. One option suggested at R5's BOD meeting was to charge an additional fee for a printed newsletter mailed to a member. So now would be a good time to make your thoughts and feelings known. Your input is important!

Speaking (at least a little) about "out with the old and in with the new," Region 5's storekeeper, Cindy Keen, would love your help in clearing out some fund raising items that are left over from the 2011 National Convention. See the sale listing on page 5. Cindy would love to sell out, and start looking for more new goodies. I can vouch for the insulated tumblers—they *do not ever* make sweat rings. The cheaper tumblers I've tried hold less and quickly acquire defects—everybody could use a few of these sale tumblers in their trailers! The golf towels are also a trailer must—you can clip them onto your grooming tote, belt loop, or any other place where a hand towel would be useful. And don't quote me, but I've heard that you can't tell a soda can from a beer can if it's covered by a koozie! So please take this opportunity to help the region financially while getting something useful in return.

Being ignorant is not so much a shame as being unwilling to learn.  
—Benjamin Franklin



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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 July 30, 2011 at the Hampton Inn in Norcross, GA by President Gary Clayton. Present: Gary Clayton, Wayne Tolbert, Regina Broughton, Connie Driskell, Cindy Keen, Tanya Kingsley, Sallie Kudra, Linda Clayton, Courtney Woodall (alternate for Tammy Lineback), Kim Cowart, Cathe McKinnon. Kathy and Jim Nicholl attended the meeting as guests.

**Secretary's Report:** The Board discussed the way we are handling tax-exempt and decided that Courtney Woodall will make up a new form and instruct members how to process them.

Cathe McKinnon stated that there needs to be a clarification in the by-laws that if an alternate is appointed to a Board position, they assume the term of that Board member. Cathe McKinnon should write up a change to present to the Board next meeting regarding "Terms of Office" for alternates, in order for the BOD to pursue this issue.

**Correspondence:** Connie Driskell reported that she sent \$50 for a memorial to Lori Williams' husband.

**Treasurer's report:** Connie Driskell reported that the National Convention netted a total profit of \$4154.38. Half of this total was sent to National, so Region Five's total profit from the Convention was \$2077.19.

Financially, this fiscal year is much more profitable than last year. Connie further reported that one first-time Open rider requested and received reimbursement of the basic entry fee for their first Open ride.

**Vice President's Report:** Wayne Tolbert reported on the ongoing process of investing Region Five funds. He and Courtney Woodall will continue to pursue this issue and try to make as much profit off of the Region's excess cash as possible.

**Ride Equipment:** Wayne Tolbert reported that he would like to turn the position of Equipment Manager over to someone else at the end of the year. Any member interested in this position should contact a Board Member.

**President's Report:** Gary Clayton discussed the National Board's Fundraising Raffle of a Machu Picchu riding vacation. Gary Clayton and Kim Cowart have raffle tickets to sell and anybody can buy them, not just NATRC members. Tickets are 3 for \$25, 7 for \$50, or 15 for \$100. There is more information on this trip on the NATRC website.

**Linda Clayton** stressed that we need more people who are willing to work registration. Any members interested in learning the Registration Process and working Registration at Rides should contact Linda Clayton or any Board Member. Cathe McKinnon volunteered to assist with registration. Sallie Kudra has offered to work with Linda to write a procedure manual for the registration



process.

**Membership Report:** Sallie Kudra reported that as far as membership numbers are concerned, we're doing better than last year. We currently have a net gain of 4 memberships. Sallie will give out membership/weight cards if anyone wants one.

**Region 5 Store and Fundraising Report:** Cindy Keen reported on Fundraising and the Region Five Store. The total sales for the store this year were \$12,355.25! Cindy got a thank you from the Board for this accomplishment.

**Trail Development:** Gary Clayton reported that he manned the NATRC booth at the SETC Conference last month.

**Ride Scheduling:** Kim Cowart reported on the progress of 2012 Ride Sanctioning.

**National Board Report:** Gary Clayton explained the National Board's decision and issues associated with providing Hoofprint as an electronic document only to members rather than a printed document. They will be printing a few copies for people who just cannot receive them electronically.

Wayne Tolbert added that he had two suggestions for fundraising at the National Level:

1. Solicit donations from lifetime members
2. Reduce (but not eliminate) printed versions of Hoofprint

He asked National Board members to take these two suggestions back to the National Board from Region Five.

Kim Cowart commented that the National Board needs a new web master for the website. If anybody is interested in this position, they should contact Kim.

Gary Clayton received a note from Elaine Swiss who is really overworked and would like help with financial management and solicitation of sponsors at the National Level. If anybody is interested in assisting Elaine Swiss with financial management, they should contact Gary Clayton or Kim Cowart.

Gary further reported that the National Convention 2012 will be held in Reno Nevada, March 8-11, at the Grand Sierra Hotel. Rooms will be \$69 or \$99 for a suite. This Convention will be held in conjunction with AERC.

Courtney Woodall volunteered to be sponsorship coordinator for Region 5.

**Marketing:** Courtney Woodall gave a presentation about Marketing. Her goal is to reach out to the new generation of riders. ([courtneyck@yahoo.com](mailto:courtneyck@yahoo.com))

1. Facebook. She is going to create an NATRC Region 5 Facebook page. She will put "Friend us on Facebook" on her posts and on all marketing materials.
2. Courtney will assist people with ride sharing and/or layovers to rides.
3. Courtney is willing to coordinate/match mentors with new riders at rides.

Appreciation Award nominations need to be into the National

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office by Oct. 15. Christine Abbott is taking on this task and she would like some help. The Board nominated members for Appreciation Awards.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kathy Nicholl shared her thoughts about issues that concern her.

The Board discussed plans and appointed committee chairpersons for Region 5's 2010 Mini Convention to be held on Feb. 24, 25, 26, 2011 at the Phoenix Inn in Greenville, SC.

The meeting adjourned with the announcement that the next Region Five Board of Directors meeting will be November 19 at the Hampton Inn in Norcross, GA starting at 9:00 a.m.

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

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\*\*\* **END-OF-YEAR SALE** \*\*\*

from Cindy Keen

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Cindy Keen

[cindytk@hotmail.com](mailto:cindytk@hotmail.com) OR

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478/272-5097

**The Region 5 BOD has planned our Mini-Convention for February 24-25, 2012 (Friday, Saturday). The R5 BOD meeting will be Friday night Feb. 24 and Saturday morning Feb. 25. Speaker programs are planned for Saturday afternoon, with the End-of-Year Awards banquet Saturday evening. Come celebrate everyone's accomplishments!**

**2011 BALLOT FOR N.A.T.R.C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jan. 2012 — Dec. 2014

Please **vote for 1 candidate**. If you have a family membership, please vote twice (use the spaces after the candidates' names for the second set of votes). You may write in a nominee of your choice provided they have been an NATRC member for at least two fiscal years prior to 2011 and are active as a competitor, judge, ride manager, or in NATRC management. Give full address of your write-in nominee. If possible, fill in phone number and email address as well.

\_\_\_ Gary Clayton (\_\_\_)

Write-in Nominee:

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Regina Broughton  
201 Sleepy Hollow Road  
Bristol, TN 37620

If you have any questions, contact Kim Cowart (National Director) at [kcneverrestranch@gmail.com](mailto:kcneverrestranch@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE:** Nov. 1, 2011

Bio sketch (below) is provided for your information.

**Gary Clayton:** I would like to continue one more term as an NATRC Region 5 National Board member. NATRC emphasis is about the relationship between the horse and rider, as a team. There are some changes I would like to continue to work on within the National organization. I appreciate the regional input and support I have received over the past years. I would like to continue to represent Region 5 on the NBOD and do my part to help promote our sport.



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## A Message from Kim Cowart

*National Director  
Region 5, NATRC*

Your National Board of Directors is tasked with making decisions necessary to the running of our organization. Some of those decisions are routine and easy to make, but others involve great deliberation, debate, and can be unpopular with some. One of those hard decisions is the future of *Hoofprint*, our national magazine.

Many, including myself, like the tactile experience of reading something you are holding in your hand. Of having an actual physical item to pick up, re-read, collect, and pass around if needed. But the printing and distribution of *Hoofprint* is a huge expense for NATRC and, like every other person and organization, we are trying to live within a budget. Right now, NATRC is competing for dollars with many other equine-related activities, while all of our members are slogging their way through a dull economy. Ride numbers are down and therefore so are the rider fees we depend on as income. Membership is down, and with that comes another reduced income stream. We have folks working extremely

hard to bring in income from National sponsorships and advertising, but the gap between expense and income is not being bridged. So what do you do when expenses exceed income? You cut expenses.

Your National BOD has come up with



a plan to phase in distribution of *Hoofprint* electronically. More will be explained about this plan, but the idea is to move to complete distribution of *Hoofprint* by way of the Internet and your home computer. We expect to save approximately \$10,000 a year by this move, while providing quicker access, more content, possibly more issues, and great graphics and color. Our advertisers and sponsors are excited about this because of the ease of linking to their websites, so this could translate into additional income for NATRC. We also plan to provide a printed version for a subscription fee, so that those who have slow Internet access, no computer, or just a desire for the print version, can still receive it.

Some of the opposition to this plan has centered on the idea that *Hoofprint* is the only "tangible" thing people get for their membership besides reduced ride fees. Of course there is the mileage tracking, points, awards, etc., that we get as members, but what I would like for you all to consider is what we get from NATRC that cannot be held in our hands. We get to ride Competitive Trail Rides. We get to ride our horses in many varied and beautiful locations, with people who have sometimes become more of a family than our "real family." We learn, we work, we share, we strive to perpetuate the existence of a sport that has meant so much to each of us, and provided opportunities we might never have had otherwise. Think, for a moment, of the relationships we've made in NATRC. And how they've enriched our lives and expanded our world in directions we might not have expected. My goodness, think of all we have learned about riding and horse care, and will continue to learn and pass on to future members. Think of the satisfaction we feel after a weekend with just our horses and like-minded horse people, who support and encourage us every step along the way. I could go on and on, but you get my point. What we get for our membership fee *is* NATRC itself. The continued viability of an organization to which we are dedicated, and in which we find much value and worth, depends on us.

So, I'd like to ask your support as we move forward in making sometimes-hard decisions to ensure we have a financially sound NATRC. Contact Gary Clayton or me with your ideas and/or suggestions and thoughts. Thank you and Happy Trails.

## TRAILERPOOL

Courtney Woodall is organizing a trailerpool which will be open to NATRC members and non-members. If you have an extra spot on your trailer when heading to a CTR ==OR== if you don't have a trailer and need to hitch a ride, please contact Courtney Woodall at [courtneyck@yahoo.com](mailto:courtneyck@yahoo.com), 404-326-1989 and tell her: Your Name, Your Email, Your Phone Number, Where your barn is located, Openings on your trailer/trailer type that you either have or need.

Courtney will match people up if it makes sense geographically, but only with their permission. Details such as fee arrangements, etc. will be worked out individually. The list will not be published and riders must go through Courtney to be connected for the first time.

**Ride Results**

**Nimblewill Challenge A**

6/18-19/2011 Region Five-GA  
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 36  
 Chairman: Mark and Debbie Jones  
 Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Shirley Parker  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne-96  
 Open Sweepstakes: Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne-100

**Open Heavyweight**

- 1/1 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne
- 2/2 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
- 3/5 Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry
- 4/3 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie
- 5/4 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary
- 6/ Imdals Kharrismah/Roemer, Diane
- /6 Amir Ibn Sahhar/Goza, Michelle
- P Onyx's Paloma Plata/Clarke, Lee Ann

**Open Lightweight**

- 1/2 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
- 2/3 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene
- 3/1 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee
- 4/4 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
- 5/5 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
- 6/ Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara

/6 That's My George/Rand, Emily

**Open Junior**

- 1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback, Marcy
- 2/2 Allan's Desert Rose/Goza, William

**Novice Heavyweight**

- 1/1 Living Proof CH/Moore, Vickie
- 2/2 Quails Roost Camille/Scott, Lisa
- 3/3 Ledo Sabre Rose/Atkins, Lucy
- 4/4 Ice 2/Moore, William

**Novice Lightweight**

- 1/2 Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne
- 2/1 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
- 3/6 Texas/Raymond, Alyssa
- 4/5 Thunder 8/Dennis, Karen
- 5/4 Tatro 2/Beiersdoerfer, Elaine
- 6/3 Allure n Cream/Riley, Leigh
- Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle

**Competitive Pleasure**

- 1/1 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
- 2/4 Jake 4/VanEysbergen, Elsa
- 3/3 Oak Knoll Holly/Nathan, Julie
- 4/2 TN Valley Hotrod/Murray, Andrew
- 5/5 Mandella Bey/Chapman, Carolyn
- P Pride's Second Girl/Curtis, Karen
- P Black Jack 2/Curtis, Ted
- P JR's Tenn Rock/Woodall, Courtney

**Nimblewill Challenge B**

6/18/2011 Region Five-GA  
 B-N Total Riders: 12  
 Chairman: Mark and Debbie Jones  
 Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Shirley Parker  
 Novice Sweepstakes: Magic Man/Cork, Hope-97

**Novice Heavyweight**

- 1/1 Domino Spotted Legend/Mitchell, Joanne

**Novice Lightweight**

- 1/3 Magic Man/Cork, Hope
- 2/4 Sully 2/Tibbs, Tara
- 3/2 Scatoaks Major Jake/Hall, Julie
- 4/1 FLF Meeko/Placek, Robyn
- 5/6 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
- 6/ Sunny 8/Cook, Ashley
- /5 Ms. Millie/Jones, Jane

**Novice Junior**

- 1/2 Pursuit of Happines/Cork, Benjamin
- 2/1 Watch Wimpie Fly/Moulis, Jameson
- P Anne/Montana, Ashley

**Novice DO**

- RA Mystic Deed/Findley, Martha

**See Nimblewill Ride Photos on Page 9**

**The Adventures of Manny Moo—Nimblewill 2011**

Is he ready for his first NATRC ride? Is he ready for 35 plus miles of up and down trails, switchbacks, creek crossings, long distance trailering, and overnight-layovers? Can a young horse, a "newbie," handle

all of this thrown at him for a 2-day CTR? How is he going to act during his first Vet-in? Is he going to be patient and calm during a "real" P & R next to horses that he doesn't even know? Have I done all I can do to prepare him for his first NATRC experience?

I know I am not the only one who has pondered these questions about bringing a new or a young horse to its first CTR. We want the experience to be a good one, both for us and for our horse. So of course, we are concerned about it and want to do whatever is possible to build a strong foundation, preferably before we get to the ride.

It seems just like yesterday, not 2006, when I competed Gypsy for the first time in NATRC. Now she is retired and enjoying trail riding with my husband David and training to be a Civil War Cavalry Horse. I bring this up because her

by Carolyn Chapman



Elsa VanEysbergen, Carolyn Chapman, Leigh Riley at Nimblewill

Photo by Linda K. Toups

overall experiences with this sport have created a strong and lasting foundation. Gypsy is strong, willing, and accepting of new surroundings and even very loud "obstacles." NATRC has been instrumental in preparing her for her new role of keeping my husband safe while on the trail or battlefield.

So, here I am, at the beginning again, and this time with a 4-year-old Arabian named Mandella Bey, but we call him Manny Moo. My two training partners, a.k.a. "my babysitters," Elsa VanEysbergen and Leigh Riley, rallied together to help me train, condition, and "stay on" this new horse. We practiced on our sandy trails in Alabama and Florida, went up and down the few hills we could find, crossed creeks and rivers, and trotted the sod farms as much as possible. We took it slow but steady, and I practiced staying on during those unpredictable "Arab" moments when they lose their minds over a dead leaf on the ground.

A "Girls Road Trip," riding a new horse at the 2011 Nimblewill Challenge—PRICELESS. I could not think of a better place to start building that foundation of trail work than in the beautiful Chattahoochee National Forest near Dahlonega, Georgia. Ride Managers Mark and Debbie Jones always make sure the ride goes smoothly and that everyone feels special, welcomed, and well cared for.

Neither I nor my little guy had any idea what was in store for us. I would learn more about my horse's mind, what he could handle and how quickly he would bounce back after stressful events during the new few days than in all the days we



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had trained before.

We left on Wednesday and arrived Thursday mid-morning, after overnighting south of Atlanta. We got the horses settled on a picket line, set up camp, and then headed out on the trail for a "pre-ride" ride.

The new trails were absolutely breath taking and the trail terrain was solid and hard, very hard. We were winding down the trail, enjoying the woods, moving out at a nice pace when my dear friend Leigh remarked on how well I was riding and looking; and then in a matter of milliseconds I hit the ground, and it was hard, very hard. It had been a very long time since I had a relationship with the ground, especially hard ground. Manny had seen a huge, deep, dark tunnel to the center of the earth on the trail and jumped to the right up an embankment and then back down on the trail—where he again encountered this black hole waiting to swallow him. So he then jumped to the left—all of this within a matter of seconds. Yes, I landed hard, and it hurt!

So what happens next? Your friends comfort you, stand you up, put you back on your pony, and then you continue down the trail. After searching and finding other black holes to practice on in the next few miles, Manny overcame that little trail issue. Oh, by the way, the "black hole" was about 8 inches long by 3 inches wide with about 1 inch of water in it! (I guess just another "Arab" moment?)

I did find relief at camp. It is amazing the home remedies that horse people will offer you and that you will actually consume. And guess what: they really work. I was riding the next morning and vetting in that afternoon. Manny did really well during his first Vet-in but I received a Grade 2 lame for my limp during the trot-out.

Saturday morning we timed out, deliberately being the last riders out, thinking this would create less stress on our horses. Bella (with just one other ride under her belt) ridden by Leigh, took the lead. Manny and I were in the middle, and Jake (a seasoned NATRC horse) and Elsa rode behind. This positioning gave Manny early confidence on the trail. Throughout the day we would change positions, giving Manny a chance to lead and work on his own pace. But overall, Jake and Bella took good care of Manny and led by example, both on the trail and by their calm attitudes at the P&R's. Manny learned from the best that day, and we both will be forever grateful to Elsa and Leigh for being so supportive.

I stayed on all day long, Manny got good P & R's, and, overall, it was a great first day on the trail. Back in camp, we got the horses settled in for the afternoon and sat down to chitchat with friends and a grab a bite to eat. Mark Jones came around camp and gave everyone a "heads-up" warning that we might be in for some rough weather shortly. Terry Silver was sitting under our awning and made a remark about how the weather was beginning to remind her of some bad storms she encountered at sea when she lived on a boat. Elsa noticed Manny getting nervous and beginning to move around a lot on the picket line. It started to sprinkle a bit, so I went into the trailer to get my raincoat, but by the

time I got back out, the storm hit. While I was in the trailer, a huge tree limb broke off and landed beside Manny, with other dead debris falling near Bella and Jake. Elsa went to Manny and untied him; he stood until I got him. We gathered Bella, Jake, and Manny, then led them to the middle of the parking area, away from the falling trees. Lightning was flashing everywhere, and the wind was strong. We were out in the open with no protection from the storm. Terry Silver and Philip Buttrey hurried back to their trailers to check on their horses. As we stood in the open, the horses lowered their heads and gathered around us. It was a very comforting feeling in the midst of something so scary. We felt like the horses sensed that we were all in this together, and we were taking care of each other. It was one of those experiences that drew me closer to my horse in a very unique way. Tree limbs came crashing down on several trucks and throughout camp, however in the end we were all blessed that no horses or people were hurt.

After the weather passed, we cleared our picket areas of debris and checked for dead branches overhead. I led Manny back to the picket line, amazed at how calm and relaxed he was. He instantly started to eat his hay, which made me feel wonderful. It showed me that this young little horse could handle a lot, but would bounce back. Sometimes, when you are in the process of building a foundation with a new horse, you just don't know what to expect. That day, I learned a lot about Manny Moo and what great potential he has to be a successful competitive trail horse.

Mark and Debbie came around and made sure all was well with everyone and kept us informed of further weather developments. We were all waiting to hear whether we would ride the next day due to the amount of rain that had fallen on the trail in such a short period of time. But we got the go-ahead to head out on Sunday morning, and when we did, we encountered the wrath the storm had wreaked on the trails.

Hats off to our Open riders and what they did for those following behind them on the trail. They used ribbons, bandanas, and even vet-wrap to show us how we could get past trees that blocked the trail. Paula Riley spent a lot of extra time and rode extra miles to make sure that the new trails would not overlap onto private property. Thank you, Paula, for going the extra distance in so many ways. Bush whacking through the woods seemed to be the norm for most of the morning, but as we made our way down the trail we passed Taylor Jones with his chain saw. Taylor had that look of confidence that the trail would be in good shape on our way home later that afternoon, and it was.

Due to the downed trees and the bush whacking in between, Ride Management gave us extra time to complete the ride that day. That's what I love about this sport—it is constantly putting the horses' care as a priority. Thank you Ride Management for making a good call for all.

I finished the ride with new experiences, stories to tell, and a new level of confidence. I found that I had the perfect training bubble for Manny and me on our first ride—thank you Elsa and Leigh for all your guidance and encouragement. And a special thanks to Jake and Bella for being such good mentors to Manny Moo.



NIMBLEWILL PHOTOS

by Linda K. Toups

[www.momentstomemorieshome.com](http://www.momentstomemorieshome.com)

Lori & Emily Rand

Wayne Tolbert



"Like my hat?"

(Paula Riley)



"Love You, Mom"

(Marty Findley)



"I find vet-ins quite boring"

(Ashley Monteith)

Maybe our Horses really can talk!



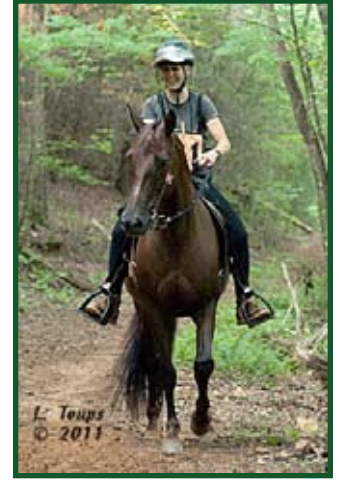
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"Spots R Us"—Courtney Woodall, Elaine Biersdorfer, Patty Lucas



"Go where?"—William & Michelle Goza



Anne Perrin



Karen & Ted Curtis



Julie Nathan



Lori Lee Williams



## MENTORS



Photo by Linda K. Toups

Courtney Woodall is compiling an NATRC Region 5 Mentor List to share with all Ride Managers. This list will allow Ride Managers to pair up first-time competitors with known and willing experienced NATRC members at competitions. If you would like to be an NATRC Region 5 Mentor, please contact Courtney Woodall at [courtneyck@yahoo.com](mailto:courtneyck@yahoo.com), 404-326-1989 and tell her:

- Your Name
- Your Email
- Your Phone Number
- Your Division
- Your Horse's Breed

This list will be a great asset for any Ride Manager to help "newbies" feel welcomed to our great sport.

## Winning at Ride The Edge

by Regina Broughton

We all set goals for ourselves and for our horses. In NATRC competitions, the goal for some riders might simply be "to finish the ride." For others, the goal could be to overcome a problem, such as poor saddle fit, and "to finish without a sore back." And for many competitors, the goal might be the ultimate—"to WIN."

Personally, my goals have changed over the years. I began the sport with the simple goal of riding in beautiful places with a dear friend on our wonderful horses. But as the years went by, the competitive "bug" bit me. I took more riding lessons and signed my horse up for clinics and training. I experimented with different tack. I solicited and received great advice from seasoned NATRC competitors. I both cried and rejoiced over failures and successes for the next few years.

Finally, I have risen to the point where I ride a well-trained, experienced NATRC horse in the Open Division. But I still do not consider myself as competitive as many of my fellow riders. I do not feel the absolute need to win. Oh, I am certainly disappointed if I don't have a good ride. I do



want to do well, and I think my horse has the ability to perform as well as any other horse. However, I feel that these goals are more personal than competitive, and I'll explain why.

First of all, my horse and I have only

been riding in NATRC competitions since the summer of 2005. Many of the horses and riders I compete against have been going down those NATRC trails for many more years. They have learned, not only through training and practice, but also through experience. This is very important. Many older NATRC riders have told me that after 2000 competitive miles, you and your horse's performance reach a higher level. My horse and I are very close to that 2000-mile point, and I'm looking forward to many more miles together. So, for anyone considering NATRC, plan to stick with it. Things improve with every ride you do.

Secondly, I did not buy or breed my horse specifically for NATRC competition or even for trail riding. I bought my horse before I ever heard about NATRC or competitive trail rides. He was my "challenging horse," a buddy to my "quiet" horse, and a family pet. When we moved to Tennessee and I was introduced to NATRC, I felt that I had finally found a "job" for Tango, as my other horse was, conformation-wise, unfit for the sport. Many NATRC riders do purchase or breed horses specifically for competitive trail riding. I do not feel that I am at a disadvantage because I found a job for Tango, rather than getting a horse for the job. In fact, I encourage riders to bring the horse they have and go for it!

Finally, I have always felt that so many of us, especially in today's fast-paced, cutthroat world, focus our attention on the end game—i.e., winning—rather than on enjoying the journey. As Debbie Jones and I rode down the trail at the Ride the Edge CTR last weekend, I talked to her about this concept. Despite pain in her hip when she rides, Debbie continues to ride anyway. On Sunday morning at East Fork Stables, we were trotting on beautiful trails with perfect cool and sunny weather. When I realized that Debbie was focused on clicking off the trail miles and markers rather than focusing on how lucky and blessed we were to be riding there, I tried a different tactic. We sang some songs, commented on the beautiful scenery, and the ride became, I hope, much more enjoyable and less painful for her. The original goal of the founders of NATRC was not for trail riders to win awards. The goal was for us to improve our horsemanship and conditioning skills and to promote safe and sound riding practices. I think we should all keep those goals in mind.

Lastly, I would like to say that I *do* honor and respect riders who have risen to the level of winning, as well as those who strive to win. I expect that if I keep riding and learning that someday I, too, will be a winning rider with a winning horse. But until then, I'm not a bit disappointed with my horse or myself. We do the best we can at every ride. We stick with the sport I love, and I love the horse I have. We learn something at every ride, not only from our successes, but from our mistakes, too. I enjoy the journey and don't only focus on the end game. So, for the many rides to come, I'll be preparing, practicing, and looking forward to the next NATRC ride!

## 2012 Machu Picchu Raffle

NATRC is excited to announce that at the 2012 Convention in Reno, NV, some very lucky person is going to win a 2012 7-day lodge-to-lodge horseback ride to Machu Picchu! Yes, that is in Peru! The winner could be YOU.

You will have a day to acclimate and to visit historical sites in Cusco, learn about Inca culture and intermix with the welcoming and courteous folks of Peru. Did we mention you could also go shopping?

Even though you will be in a very remote area, you will have modern conveniences and access to medicine and medical care, if needed. The lodges are earth friendly and the company has many programs that give back to the local community.

The raffle includes not only the horseback ride to Machu Picchu donated by our sponsor, Mountain Lodges of Peru, but also a \$1,000 voucher to be redeemed from NATRC to apply toward your air fare or to help pay for someone to accompany you. Total prize value is \$4,000. There are nineteen dates from the beginning of April through October from which to choose.

This raffle is open to everyone—members, non-members, friends, relatives, strangers. On our website ([www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org)) is a treasure trove of information about the trip. There is even a flyer that you can download, print and post at feed, tack, western wear, convenience stores and so on. And tickets can be purchased online! So if you know a bunch of folks who would love to win this raffle, contact your region's National Directors to get tickets to sell.

Ticket donations will be \$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))



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916.769.7701,  
[www.mountainlodgesofperu.com](http://www.mountainlodgesofperu.com).

## Machu Picchu Group Trip Offer

*from Bev Roberts*

Mountain Lodges of Peru has offered NATRC one free 7-day Lodge-to-Lodge Machu Picchu Horseback Ride trip if we have a group of 10 up to 15 people who sign up for and go on a group trip.

This opportunity is totally separate from the 2012 Raffle.

Here's the deal. I will be organizing the trip for NATRC and MLP. The group can choose from the same list of nineteen 2012 ride dates. We have to be organized by at least three months before the date we want; otherwise, the date may already be full. We can, however, select a non-advertised date. The best times are April-May-June and September-October, as these are the "dry" seasons. The business is closed from Thanksgiving to April.

Of course, all who attend will have to get themselves to Cusco, Peru, and get a hotel room (MLP gives us their recommendations) for the number of nights you will be there prior to the ride. The MLP guide meets with everyone at their hotel for "ride briefing" the night before the ride.

You will pay MLP your deposit and later the balance. NATRC and I will not be involved in any funds transactions. You can learn what these trail riders' adventures are all about in three places:

- the article on page 11 of the Summer Hoof Print by Mark Smith about his trip in 2010;
- the NATRC website which has the 2-page MLP flyer, a 36-page brochure with all the details and a brief on how MLP gives back to the community; and
- the MLP website, [www.mountainlodgesofperu.com](http://www.mountainlodgesofperu.com), or Mark and Theresa Smith, North American MLP Representative, [equestriantrekking@gmail.com](mailto:equestriantrekking@gmail.com), 916.769.7701, [www.mountainlodgesofperu.com](http://www.mountainlodgesofperu.com).

Interested? Want to have an unforgettable vacation with your NATRC friends and family? Have a lot of questions? I will answer what I can and find out the answers for what I can't. Contact me at [matefey@gmail.com](mailto:matefey@gmail.com) and I'll put you on the "Interested List."

For folks with health concerns, here are a few things to ease your minds.

- Cusco, although ancient, has doctors and pharmacies like modern cities.
- The ride guides carry first aid kits and O<sub>2</sub> bottles.
- The ride guides have satellite phones.
- Even though the lodges are remote, they have modern conveniences (and luxuries as well – Jacuzzi, sauna, massage!)
- The hosts' experience is that few people have altitude problems.



## Remembering Mr. Magoo

by Medora Mullins

*Editor's Note: Medora and Walter Mullins (long-time Spanish Trail CTR personalities) have moved to a new home. An older computer, damaged by lightning, was recovered and this story was found on it. Since many of us have fond memories of a special horse, I thought you'd enjoy this one.*

### Obituary for Mr. Magoo:

Mr. Magoo, aged 28-1/2, was laid to rest at Mullins Manor on October 1, 2006. He was humanely euthanized due to a detached ligament in his right stifle, which made it impossible for him to stand or walk on his right hind leg. He had injured himself sometime overnight.



Photo from Medora Mullins

He was preceded in death by pasture mates Jitter, Lauren, Princess, Juno, and Duke, and riding buddies Valentine, Dusty, SuFlay, Kelly, and Secret. He is survived by pasture mates Feather and Tahaddi, and riding buddies Goldy, Gidget, Star, Raja, Rhea, Nehemiah, Ezra, and numerous others.

Mr. Magoo accomplished many things during his full life. He was a trainer, teacher, illusionist, and comedian. He trained his non-riding caregiver Walter well, to bring him an Oat and Honey granola bar. Magoo would sneak away from the other horses, and quietly nicker to Walter at the corner of the fence. If Magoo were grazing in the yard, Walter would have to give him the secret password **and** a granola bar, in order to drive through the gate. He also trained Walter to keep him supplied with watermelons and pears in season, and apples all year long.

As a teacher, Magoo taught Princess and Feather how to load quietly and travel in a horse trailer. He was a good travel companion. When Duke was little, he taught Duke how to play tug-of-war with a stick, which Duke remembered when he returned to the herd years later. He taught Tahaddi the same game. He also taught Tahaddi how to jiggle the gate with his hoof, and make it unlatch.

Magoo loved to play in water, particularly enjoying lying down and rolling in it. As an illusionist, he could make his rider think a mud puddle was getting deeper. Actually, he was folding his legs while still walking forward. On a training ride for a young horse, "BJ," Magoo came to a long, deep mud puddle. "Jitter" went first, to check the footing and depth (up to his knees). Then Magoo went and began to fold his legs at the middle of the puddle. He was kept from lying down using heels and crop. But poor BJ thought there was a deep hole in the water, and took very slow, deliberate steps, tiptoeing carefully through the perceived danger zone!

Magoo felt there was an art to eating watermelon. To make it taste good, you have to shove your lips and nose in it, take a big bite, and then let the juice dribble down your chin. To keep people at bay, you must blow, or nudge them with your juice-



covered nose. Pears must be eaten the same way. When the pears got ripe on the tree just outside the electric fence, the fence was no problem. It only stung for a split second until it broke, and Mr. Grebe's pears were delicious.

Magoo was somewhat of a contortionist. He could stand with his hind feet pointing in one direction, and the rest of his body in another. He also liked the wild birdseed Walter kept near the back of the garage, past the lawnmowers and bicycles. If the garage door was open while the horses were grazing in the yard, Magoo would wander inside within 15 minutes. On one occasion, he smelled the fresh bags of birdseed Walter had bought, and followed the aroma. He knocked over Walter's bicycle in the process, and then adeptly stepped into the "triangle" of the frame and over the handlebars to reach his goal. The new bag of seed wasn't open, so he grabbed it in his teeth and flung it from side to side and up and down. Birdseed went flying everywhere! There weren't any seeds left to eat within reach, so he grabbed the second bag, and shook it a bit more gently, ripping it open on the floor. Duke heard the commotion and walked in behind Magoo, blocking him in. Then Walter came up, wondering why Duke's butt was sticking out of the garage. When he peered inside, the look on Magoo's face said, "Oops, I've been caught red-handed!" Walter backed Duke out; then Magoo let him lift each foot out and away from the bicycle. Having contortionist capabilities came in handy. No damage to bicycle or horse, but we were **forever** picking birdseed out of toolboxes and everything else.

Magoo was a calming influence for his pasture mates, but only up to a certain point. When Hurricane Ivan came blowing in, a large tarp had to be tied down to cover the hay in the loft above the horses' stalls. The tarp was wider than the loft was deep, so about three feet of tarp was hanging down along the front edge of each stall's ceiling. Of course it was flapping furiously from the time it was installed. Feather and Tahaddi were spinning in their stalls, and knocking on the doors to get out. Magoo was just standing in his stall, trying to ignore the commotion. He had been through a few storms, so it was no big deal. He changed his mind by morning after ...

*The wind howled; the rain blew;*

*The ground trembled as tornadoes came through.*

*Fences were down; pines ripped from the ground,*


*After hours and hours of deafening sound.*

At barely daylight, Walter went out to check on things. The house and barn were untouched, but everything else was a mess. Walter claims that Magoo could communicate with him without using words. When Walter checked on the horses, Magoo said, "What the heck was that? If one comes again, **I'm** staying in the garage!"


Magoo participated in NATRC CTR's, as a competitor and as a Safety Rider mount. As a competitor, he scored 6th place in conditioning, and won a trophy for High Point Grade Horse in a class of 25 horses. He rode in numerous fun rides, moonlight rides, and a CMO (Competitive Mounted Orienteering) event, and was in two John Lyons clinics. Many times during the Pensacola Interstate Fair, he was on display in the Five Flags Arabian Horse Association booth. He rode

all the way across Escambia County as part of a Kiwanis fundraiser. His favorite rides were pleasure rides at Coldwater, and in the woods near home. He knew both areas like the back of his hoof, and always knew the way back to the barn or trailer. He was like a homing pigeon in unfamiliar territory, knowing the way back to the barn at Fort Rucker, though he had never been on those trails before. He would out-stride most horses at a walk, and wanted to be beside the lead horse in a group. Until he twisted his back in a fall, he had a perfectly smooth racking gait. He was a fine bareback-riding horse. His photo appeared in the Pensacola News Journal, and he even has a cake recipe named after him.

His human caretakers did what they could to make his later years comfortable, with special supplements and feed, a designated stall and pasture, trips for acupuncture and chiropractic treatments, and injections of Legend and Adequan. He touched many lives over the years. Mr. Magoo is missed, but fondly remembered.



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My Competitive Trail Ride

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*Just so I could . . .*

- Show up late,*
- Sign up quick,*
- Collect my prize,*
- And, go home early,*

*Someone else . . .*

- Planned the ride,*
- Prepared the flyers,*
- Mailed out the flyers,*
- Answered the phone calls and emails,*
- Received ride entries,*
- Selected the awards,*
- Rode out the ride route (probably in the rain),*
- Arrived very, very early (and stayed up very, very late),*
- Signed me in,*
- Vetted in my horse,*
- Timed me out,*
- P & R'd my steed,*
- Vetted out my horse,*
- Tallied the score cards,*
- Announced my winnings,*
- And then thanked ME for being there.*
- I just love this sport!*

An Update

from Barb Robertson

In 2010 I made the hard decision to sell my good buddy, Jumpin' Jack Flash, and I advertised him through this newsletter and at some of the last rides I attended with him. It was a good move as I was able to relocate him to the Ocala area of FL with a gentleman who was interested in eventually doing some competitive trail riding. Recently, I heard from him that they attended a clinic in FL. I have certainly praised the NATRC Region 5 group to this couple and especially the educational aspect.

So many thanks to my fellow members of NATRC for all the wonderful experiences I had with my friend Kathy Bailey. It was so great to be able to advertise a specialty horse to a specific group of people and find a great new home for him. I hope if you encounter Jack at any of the last rides of this season, you will welcome his rider, Richard Helms. He's the kind of fellow who will fit in well with our group. Thanks R5 and Happy Trails!



# Region Five 2011 Remaining Ride Schedule

October 8-9	<b>Autumn @ Biltmore</b> Connie Driskell, 524 Mills Gap Road, Arden, NC 28704 Email: <a href="mailto:csdintrig@charter.net">csdintrig@charter.net</a>	Blacksburg, SC	AA-O;A-O,N,CP;B-N 828-684-5650
October 15	<b>Kings Mountain CTR Clinic</b> Mary K. Britt, P O Box 725, Hazelwood, NC 28738 Email: <a href="mailto:marywildfillie@aol.com">marywildfillie@aol.com</a>	Blacksburg, SC	828-456-7554
October 22-23	<b>Honey Creek CTR at Big South Fork</b> Gary Williams, 4569 Rugby Pk., Allardt, TN 38504 Email: <a href="mailto:Gary@fiveoclockfarm.com">Gary@fiveoclockfarm.com</a>	Allardt, TN	A-O,N,CP; B-N 678-994-1923
November 5-6	<b>Kings Mountain</b> Mary K. Britt, P O Box 725, Hazelwood, NC 28738 Email: <a href="mailto:marywildfillie@aol.com">marywildfillie@aol.com</a>	Blacksburg, SC	A-O,N,CP 828-456-7554



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

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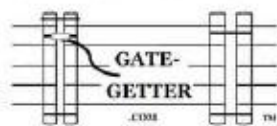
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- FAMILY \$90.00 /yr Household of 1 or 2 adults and children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
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ASSOCIATE \$50.00 /yr Equine-related groups or businesses only (no vote)
JUNIOR \$45.00 /yr Single Junior member under age 18 (no vote)

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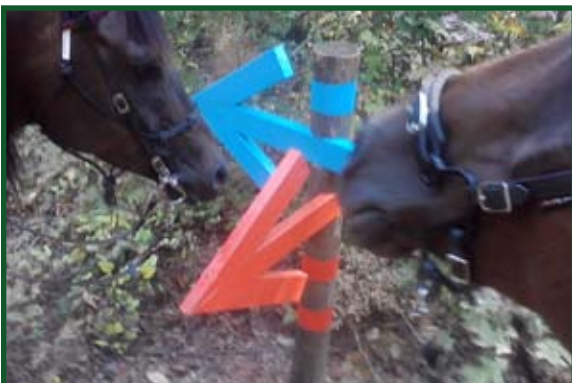


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