



Hoofprints of the

Region Five Trail Riders Association, Inc.

Anniversary Celebrations illustrate how “It takes a village.”



Photo by Linda Clayton

National Directors (l. to r.) Gary Clayton, Jerry Weil, Christine Abbott, Chuck Smith, Jamie Dieterich, Lory Walls, Betty Wolgram, Kim Cowart, Beni DeMattei, Laurie DiNatale, Jim Ferris, Elaine Swiss, not shown: Roger Garlitz

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NATRC celebrates 50 years

Photos by Kathy Nicholl



R5's Spanish Trail CTR celebrates 25 years



Regional Directors (l. to r.) Gary Clayton, Kim Cowart, Lori Rand, Cindy Keen, Connie Driskell, Linda Clayton, Wayne Tolbert, Tanya Kingsley, Courtney Woodall, Regina Broughton, not shown: Tammy Lineback, Cathe McKinnon



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



President's Message

from Gary Clayton

What a time we had at the convention. Region 5 members can be proud of the outstanding program that was offered. Kim Cowart and his committee members did a remarkable job. Everyone that attended had such a great time. There will be numerous articles written about the convention so I will not dwell on it only to say that everyone spoke very favorably about the convention and those that weren't able to be there really missed out. Now that the National Convention is over, we can get back to a normal schedule and look forward to the coming ride season.

By the time the newsletter comes out we will have had a couple of competitive trail rides. I know the economy will play a big part in the turnout at the rides. One thing we have to keep in mind is that these ride managers are going out on a limb financially to put the rides on for us. We need to support them in any manner we can to help keep them from losing money. We cannot expect ride managers to continue to go out on a limb year after year so that we can participate in our sport. There are 12 rides scheduled this year that are located throughout our region. I know it's not practical for everyone to attend them all, but do try to support those rides in your area.

Have a great ride season, and I'll see you on the trail.



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 Home: Sallie Kudra
 220 Byrlie Way
 Seneca, SC 29678-5005

**Next RFTRA Board Meeting: July 30, 2011
 Contact Gary Clayton for details**

Editor's Letter

from Kathy Nicholl

A new ride year is upon us! Hope you renewed your membership while the dues were still low.

While I recognized lots of members, both current and former, at the NATRC 50th Anniversary Convention in Nashville, TN, if you missed it, you missed a truly outstanding event. In a word, WOW! It wasn't just a gathering; it was like a large family getting together to celebrate Christmas or some other major event. Everyone was just filled with the joy of seeing friends, then sharing good times and good food with them. Hugs were the norm, smiles were constant. When it finally came time to leave, folks left with lingering warmth from the camaraderie that they'd shared all weekend long. I have really tried to think of a better word to describe the wonderful time, but the only other words that pop into my head are, DOUBLE WOW!

An attempt was made on Sunday to thank all of the Region 5 members who worked so hard to pull off this very special convention, including: Kim Cowart and Regina Broughton, Marlene and Philip Buttrey, Wayne and Ginny Tolbert, Marty Findley, Debbie and Mark Jones, Terry Silver, Tammy Lineback, Gary and Linda Clayton, Cindy Keen, Tanya Kingsley, Connie Driskell, Sallie Kudra, Mary Leslie, Cathe McKinnon, Elsa VanEysbergen and Vince Harris, and Carolyn Chapman. However, this list just covers the main committee chairs. When Elsa VanEysbergen and Carolyn Chapman opened the Sunday



R5 mini-convention, they asked anyone who had helped in any way with the convention to please stand. Over half the roomful of people stood, and I am sure that there were others not present who contributed their time, money, or efforts as well. R5 is such a great region and I am truly honored and humbled to be a part of it.

The Nashville convention was a first-class event the whole way, and I hope you'll enjoy the story and pictures in this newsletter. This 50th Anniversary celebration saw a huge number of current and former members from all the other regions, as well as R5, in attendance. Despite the large budget it took to put on a convention with this many attendees, R5 appears to remain financially sound. Final totals are being computed and should be available soon. I know there were some cancellations due to bad weather; in fact, on Wednesday Nashville itself was having snow and ice problems, but they improved enough by Thursday that registration and other events went very smoothly. All presenters and vendors made it as well.

But NATRC's 50th is not the only anniversary R5 celebrates this year. FFAHA's Spanish Trail may be the first CTR in R5 to celebrate its silver (25th) anniversary. How great it was to be at both events!

So I hope this wonderful start of the year for R5 continues, and that many of you are ready to hit the trails and enjoy our wonderful sport. Be sure and send me a story of your favorite ride!

******* VOTE ACTION NEEDED *******
******* VOTE ON BYLAWS CHANGES *******

Region Five Trail Riders Association, Inc. Newsletter — Published Quarterly	
Publication Deadline	For Issue
Dec 15	Jan/Feb/Mar (Winter)
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June 15	July/Aug/Sept (Summer)
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←---NEW Email!
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The bylaws ballot was sent out in *Hoof Print*, but it apparently got lost from some of the issues. A PDF file of the proposed changes is posted on our web site (www.natrc.org) for the convenience of anyone who did not receive their ballot or have misplaced it. Go to the website, then click on the Members tab on the left. That will take you to the Members page where there is a red-button link to the ballot. Please print out the ballot (family memberships should print two copies), vote, sign, and mail to:

NATRC
 P. O. Box 224
 Sedalia, CO 80135.



Ballots must be received by May 1, 2011 to be counted.

Summary of RFTRA BOD Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Regina Broughton, Secretary

The meeting of the RFTRA Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 8, 2011 at the Hampton Inn in Norcross, GA by President Gary Clayton. **Present:** Gary Clayton, Connie Driskell, Cindy Keen, Regina Broughton, Wayne Tolbert, Sallie Kudra, Kim Cowart, Linda Clayton (alternate), Cathe McKinnon (alternate), Tanya Kingsley, Tammy Lineback, **Guests:** Mary Leslie, Elsa Vaneysergen, Debbie Jones, Terry Silver, Marty Findley, **Not Present:** Vince Harris, Ted Curtis. Cathe McKinnon, alternate, attended/voted in place of Ted Curtis and Linda Clayton, alternate, attended/voted in place of Vince Harris. **Announcements:** Connie Driskell announced that Shirley Sobol's mother-in-law has died and a card was signed for her by the members.

Correspondence: A sympathy card from Region 5 has been sent to Janis Baldwin on the passing of her mother.

Treasurer's Report: Connie Driskell reported on the Region 5 Financials.

Vice President's Report: Wayne Tolbert presented a report on possible investments for Region 5.

Wayne Tolbert **MOVED** that we purchase one of the recommended Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's) with \$6081.45 from the BB&T Account: First option, second option, or third option, and that we authorize Courtney Keen Woodall to assist Connie Driskell in the transaction. All were in favor and the motion carried.

President's Report: A closed door session was called for by Gary Clayton with the result of the session being that Connie Driskell **MOVED** that we accept Linda Clayton as a regular board member to replace Ted Curtis and that we accept Cathe McKinnon as a regular board member to replace Vince Harris. The motion was seconded by Tanya Kingsley. A vote was taken and the motion passed with Wayne Tolbert abstaining.

Also, Gary Clayton appointed Tammy Lineback to Chair a Nominating Committee. Tammy Lineback will recommend some interested parties to be considered as Alternates for the Board to fill Linda Clayton and Cathe McKinnon's positions.

A question came up about how to document tax-free donations to Region 5. Tammy Lineback has the form to provide to individuals or groups to allow for tax-deductions for their charitable donations.

Ride Management Support Report: Linda Clayton announced that Paula Riley is going to manage the Uwharrie Ride. Mary Britt has sanctioned the Kings Mountain Clinic.

Awards: Tanya Kingsley reported that everything is organized for Convention

Awards.

Membership report: Sallie Kudra is contacting un-renewed members with Mary Britt's help. Linda Clayton requested that new Membership Directories be printed, as our current ones are out of date. Sallie Kudra will research the ability to print new Directories. She further emphasized that whenever someone changes their address, phone, e-mail, etc., that these changes need to be made known to her.

Fundraising report: Tammy Lineback gave the Fundraising Report. Cindy Keen will be managing the Region 5 Store at the rides during 2011.

Alabama Horse Council: Gary Clayton announced that the Alabama Horse council is Jan. 22-23, 2011. We will have our Region 5 booth there in Montgomery. Gary invited everyone to attend if possible.

Ride Scheduling: Kim Cowart reported on Ride Scheduling. Debbie Jones has had to change the date for the Nimblewill Challenge due to the Forest Service doing extensive trail work on the May date. The new date is June 18 and 19. Debbie Jones will hold the April 30-May 1 date for a possible Clinic at her house. The only other clinic sanctioned is the King's Mountain Clinic. The Big South Fork ride is back in October this year. Sara Baldwin will not have the Hatchet Valley ride in 2011 and she officially gave up her ride date. Paula Riley has said that stalls will be available for all at the Uwharrie ride this year. You may choose to picket or to use a stall. But, people should be reminded that they have to call Larry at the 4-B Farm to reserve a stall.

Gary Clayton reminded the Board that permanent pennies will be available at the Convention or they can be purchased later for the same price from Wayne Tolbert (since people will be spending a lot of money to come to the Convention and may not want to buy them at the convention).

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy Nicholl sent her **Newsletter Editor's report** and the board discussed it. Connie Driskell **MOVED** that the Region 5 Board give Kathy Nicholl the authority to decide whether or not to use Bulk Mailing or first class mail. Cathe McKinnon seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Tolbert reminded us what a wonderful newsletter and editor R5 has and we're so fortunate to have her. The Board Members agreed that Kathy should be introduced at the Convention.

Connie Driskell **MOVED** that we allow Kathy Nicholl to continue to print 50 extra newsletters each printing to be distributed at her discretion. Tanya Kingsley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Regina Broughton volunteered to be the member/



representative to solicit ride stories and ride pictures for the newsletter during the 2011 Ride Season.

Connie Driskell asked about a possible list of photographers who may come to the rides. Mary Leslie volunteered to assist with this.

2011 Ride Booklet and ride Schedule: Ginny Tolbert needs material by for Ride Booklet by Jan. 15 for printing. Besides needing information on new rides, she needs changes to any ride that may have been held last year. Kathy Nicholl will print-up the 2011 Region 5 Ride Poster.

Kim Cowart then took the floor to discuss and finalize details for the 50th Annual NATRC Convention.

He stated that the Convention is only 5 weeks from this date, so, we only have about 4 weeks more to prepare. He thanked all the members and attendees for their hard work on the Convention.

Cindy Keen will have two new banners with the NATRC logo for general use at rides, etc. made for the Convention. Connie Driskell **MOVED** that we allocate money to purchase two NATRC banners on behalf of Region 5. Tanya Kingsley seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. After the Convention, one banner will be kept with the equipment and will travel to each Region 5 ride and the other can be kept by the President for other uses or as a replacement if the first becomes ruined or lost. Regina Broughton **MOVED** that Region 5 provide \$10 Goody Bags to R5 Awards Banquet Attendees from Region Five funds. Cindy Keen seconded the motion. There was discussion. The Motion was withdrawn when an anonymous donor donated \$500 for the bags.

Regina Broughton **MOVED** that we do not charge for the R5 Awards Banquet. Kim Cowart seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Gary Clayton suggested that the President's Cup winner should be comped for the Saturday evening dinner. Kim Cowart **MOVED** that the Region Five Board comp the President's cup winner, at the very least, for the Saturday evening dinner. Connie Driskell seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. The motion was amended by Kim Cowart to say that the Region Five Board comp, out of the Convention account, the total price for the convention registration (\$110) to the President's cup winner. Connie Driskell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Clayton thanked Carolyn Chapman, Elsa Vaneybergen, Terry Silver, Mary Leslie, Debbie Jones and Marty Findley for coming in especially for the meeting. Wayne Tolbert **MOVED** to adjourn. Tanya Kingsley seconded. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

To obtain a copy of the complete minutes of this meeting, contact Regina Broughton at broughton57@hotmail.com

**Attention NATRC Region 5 Members
Nominating Ballot
for the 2012 RFTRA BOD**

Elections for the Region Five Trail Riders Association's Board of Directors will be held this summer.

The following Board members' terms will expire on December 31, 2011: Tammy Lineback, Wayne Tolbert, Cindy Keen, Cathe McKinnon, and Alternate Lori Rand. Nominations are being solicited now. To serve on the Board, nominees must be current members of NATRC. There are three Board meetings each year, the first of which is always at RFTRA's convention (in February or March). Please check with the person before submitting your nomination—this is not required, but is appreciated. You may submit as many names as you like. Submit nominations **by June 1, 2011** to:

Tammy Lineback, Nominating Committee Chair
tammylineback@yahoo.com

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR GREAT
ORGANIZATION WITH YOUR TIME AND
TALENTS.

Important Membership Directory Information

from Sallie Kudra

I am working on printing a new Region Five Directory and would like you to contact me if you have any questions about the new directory. I would especially like to know the following:

- do you want to be included in the directory? (let me know if you do **not** want to be included)
 - what information should/should not be published for you? (let me know what you do **not** want published)
- Information I plan to include is Name, Home address, Telephone number(s): home, cell, E-mail Address(es), possibly Membership Type (Single, Family, etc.)

I am open to suggestions on the directory. Please contact me by mail or email. I'd rather not get this information by phone. You may reach me at:

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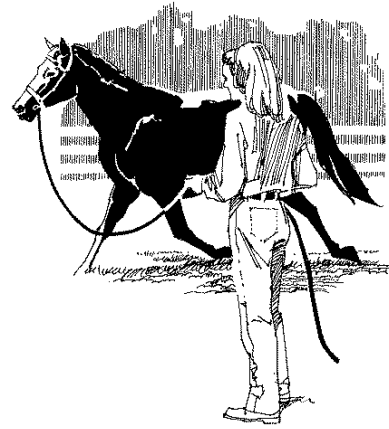
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Remember that **you** can help reduce costs and allow greener alternatives by choosing to receive the Region 5 newsletter electronically rather than in traditional print. The electronic version is a PDF file, which will be e-mailed to members who choose this option. **BONUS:** The electronic version has color! Contact Sallie Kudra at her snail mail/email address:

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THINKING ABOUT MOVING UP TO THE OPEN DIVISION?

Now is your chance to have your base entry fee reimbursed by Region 5 for your first Open ride!

To qualify:

- You must be a Region 5 NATRC member
- You must start the ride (be timed-out)
- You must be in competition, not DO (distance only)

- You must inform management at registration that this is your first Open ride

Contact Connie Driskell (Region Five Treasurer) for reimbursement form:

csdintrig@charter.net



**ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR RIDERS!
THE JUNIOR RIDER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
WILL BE CONTINUED FOR THE
2011 RIDE SEASON!!**

An anonymous donor has generously agreed to extend this program to offer **up to** a \$50 Ride Entry Fee reimbursement, for each qualified ride, to **Junior Riders** competing in Region Five during 2011. To be eligible for the Junior Rider Assistance Program:

- The **Junior Rider** must be an NATRC member of **REGION FIVE as of October 1, 2011;**
- A **qualified ride** is any Class in any Division of any Region 5 NATRC sanctioned ride;
- The **Junior Rider** must time out on the first day of competition of the qualified ride;
- The **Junior Rider** may not be riding Distance Only in the qualified ride;
- The amount of reimbursement for **each qualified ride** will be the amount of the Junior Rider entry fee **up to \$50;**
- The Junior Rider must provide, **in writing**, the ride name, ride date, and basic entry fee of **each qualified ride** to the Region 5 Treasurer, **along with supporting documentation, such as copies of scorecards, etc.** Postmark deadline is December 15, 2011;
- A reimbursement check will be presented to each eligible **Junior Rider** at the Annual Region Five Mini-Convention and Awards Banquet in February, following the ride year conclusion;
- Each recipient **is encouraged to be present** at the Mini-Convention and Awards Banquet in order to receive the reimbursement check. --Anonymous--

Please submit your requests to:

Junior Rider Program

c/o Connie Driskell

524 Mills Gap Rd

Arden, North Carolina 28704

home: 828-684-5650

csdintrig@charter.net

NATRC 50th Anniversary Convention

by Kathy Nicholl

NATRC's 50th Anniversary Convention, held Feb. 10-13, at the Embassy Suites—Airport hotel in Nashville, TN, was a spectacular celebration. Registration took place all of Thursday, with R5's Hospitality Suite (run by Sallie Kudra and Tanya Kingsley) becoming a popular gathering place, where everyone enjoyed homemade and store bought goodies as well as soft drinks, wine, and a DVD player, which constantly showed vintage CTR videos provided by different regions. Registering also got you a name badge and a goodie bag to enjoy browsing through. A really helpful item in the goodie tote bag was a notebook filled with pages describing the convention schedule, the seminar presenters, and a vendor list with a separate page describing each vendor's items.

Thursday was also the best day to get a "lay of the land" at the hotel. All rooms were in an 8-story rectangle built around a large central lobby and atrium. Each room was a 2-room suite with refrigerator and microwave. A full-service breakfast was included, as well as a complimentary "happy hour" each evening from 5:30 to 7:00 PM with free beverages and snacks. On the lobby and atrium level were the convention facilities. Our convention used every meeting room available. The seminar presentations were located in three rooms that were opened up into one large room. The whole back wall and a bit along the sides of the seminar space were tables and tables of silent auction items. Although I never got a total of how many silent auction items there were, the preliminary figures showed that it raised over \$3,300.

As you came out of the seminar area, you could enter another series of combined rooms where the 20 or so vendors offered many tempting items and services. Once I went into this area, I couldn't exit without leaving behind some of my money!

But then, as you neared the lobby and atrium area, you encountered R5's very special attractions. There was the R5 store and used tack salesroom, run by Cindy Keen and her daughter Courtney Woodall. Again, couldn't exit there without dropping off more money. But last, and definitely not least, was Debbie Jones' "Walk of Fame" room. Now Debbie was the driving force behind this beautiful room, but she had help from many, I know. There was a hand-painted canvas "rug" on the floor, with gold "flagstones" inscribed with names of people from the "Walk of Fame." These included winners of the President's Cup, Jim Menefee Memorial, Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion Horse, Polly Bridges Memorial, Junior Grand Champion Horse,

Junior High Average Horsemanship, Horse Hall of Fame, and past NATRC Presidents. The room was full of pictures that had been submitted to Debbie. Some were on posters, and some hung like ornaments from tree branches. There were gold and copper ribbons woven around everything—no art museum display could have been more impressive. This room was constantly filled with people trying hard to take it all in.

Friday started with Gary Clayton formally opening the convention pretty much on time at 8 AM. The day was full of great seminars arranged by Marty Findley. First was Dr. Ken Marcella talking about how to condition for competitive trail riding. Next was Dr. Jim Blackford talking about his experiences with colic, from diagnosis to surgery to recovery, using videos taken at the University of Tennessee, where he is chief of large animal surgery. Just before a lunch break, Janis Baldwin presented a look at the new and improved Ride Management System that she has developed. After lunch, Linda Salinas described how she discovered her gift of being able to communicate with animals and help them to pass along messages to their owners. Next Marty Findley herself kind of "knocked our socks off" with a DVD she had made using video clips from CTR's held in 1960, 1980, 1983, 1988, and 1990. She called it "Once Upon a Trail Ride" and it clearly documented 50 years of growth in our sport. It brought her a standing ovation for a terrific presentation. This was followed by Mike Davidson, a quiet but very knowledgeable trailer maintenance expert. Ending this busy day was Debbie Clark, who taught all young and not-too-worn-out people how to line dance. After dinner, Marlene and Philip Buttrey had the atrium full of line dancers, dancing their feet off!

Saturday started with Dr. Troy Nelson talking about equine chiropractic—how he started out as a skeptical veterinarian who now exclusively devotes his time to chiropractic care. He also had a video showing how he adjusts a horse, while he explained the process to us. After a short break, keynote speaker Dr. Nancy Loving had a wonderful slide show illustrating her views on distance riding and what riders need to learn to be able to compete successfully with their equine partners. Another standing ovation from a group of people, many of whom didn't know her at all, except as an author of many articles in *Hoofprint* magazine. It was exciting to put a face and personality to this knowledgeable veterinarian and competitor. The seminars ended with Tony Stromberg, who gave up



commercial advertising work to photograph horses. He presented a slide show of some favorite pictures and had two of his books available for purchase. The day then ended with silent auction winners announced and about a 3-hour break for resting, sightseeing, spending money, or whatever appealed.

The 50th Anniversary Banquet and Awards Ceremony began after a brief Meet and Greet session. You'll just have to see the photos in *Hoofprint* to see the national award winners. First to be recognized were Regional winners, with Regional appreciation awards also being presented. Then R5's Lisa Brooks' horse, Charger's Rampage, was inducted into NATRC's Horse Hall of Fame. Then all Walk of Fame honorees were named. It looked like about a hundred of them were in attendance as they stepped forward to be recognized. They received a very emotional standing ovation. Next, overall high point award winners were named, National Championships were presented, mileage awards were recognized, and breed award winners were announced. Finally came the "big" awards, where the evening ended with 2010 President's Cup winner Cheri Jeffcoat giving an emotional, but wonderful acceptance speech for her horse, Prime Sensation WH.

Of course, for R5, this was not the end. Sunday morning, after breakfast, R5 members gathered for the "mini-convention," i.e., the 2010 year-end awards ceremony. This was organized and run by Elsa VanEysbergen and Carolyn Chapman. Each attendee had another "goodie bag" to take home, whether they were award winners or not! There was a brief time where various committee chairs presented reports, but then things quickly moved to the R5 awards presentations. Especially notable were the High Point Awards: High Point Open Horse: Khapital ridden by Debbie Jones (our ride poster horse), High Point CP Horse: My Noble Ambition ridden by Lori Rand, High Point Novice Horse: That's My George ridden by Emily Rand. Plus for the first time in several years, there was the presentation of the Shannon Memorial trophy to outstanding Junior Rider Emily Rand. If you can believe it, the ceremony ended with everyone singing "Happy Trails" by Dale Evans Rogers!

Congratulations to all winners and sincere thanks to all riders (and the many volunteers) who train and work so hard to support our sport of competitive trail riding.

The mini-convention provided another festive and memorable end to a year of competition, and a great start for the 2011 ride season. As we sang at the end of our memorable weekend, "Happy trails to you, 'til we meet again."



THE HALL OF FAME AND SOME OF THE HALL OF FAME HONOREES



National Convention Pictures

Presenters (top to bottom) Dr. Nancy Loving, Janis Baldwin, Mike Davidson, Dr. Troy Nelson, Debbie Clark

Photos by Linda Clayton and Kathy Nicholl

Presenters (top to bottom) Dr. Ken Marcella, Dr. Jim Blackford, Linda Salinas, Marty Findley, Tony Stromberg



R5 Mini-Convention & Awards Ceremony

Photos by Linda Clayton and Kathy Nicholl



Mini-Convention tables



Mini-Convention Emcees Carolyn Chapman and Elsa VanEysbergen



Mini-Convention tables

Congratulations to Open Division Award Winners



Open Heavyweight: Gary Clayton, Wayne Tolbert, Tommy Mitchell, Tammy Lineback



Open Lightweight: Debbie Jones, Lori Lee Williams, Regina Broughton



Mark & Debbie Jones with Mini-Convention Goodie bags

Congratulations to Shannon Memorial Winner



Emily Rand

Congratulations to CP Division Award Winners



CP Condition: Lori Rand, Cindy Keen, Elsa VanEysbergen, Marlene Buttrey



CP Horsemanship: Lori Rand, Marlene Buttrey, Carolyn Chapman, Cindy Keen, Elsa VanEysbergen

Congratulations to Novice Division Award Winners

Novice Heavyweight: Terry Silver, Courtney Woodall



Novice Lightweight: Elaine Beiersdoerfer, Patty Lucas, Susan Kingshill, Patricia Petelle



OPEN HEAVYWT CONDITION

- 1-Windstorm Sienna/ Wayne Tolbert 92
- 2- CJ Garnet Reflection/ Tommy Mitchell 90
- 2- Red Bird's Ransom W./ Gary Clayton 90
- 3- Susie's Stardust/ Tammy Lineback 58

OPEN LIGHTWT CONDITION

- 1- Khapital/ Debbie Jones 98
- 2- Just a Little More/ Lori Lee Williams 72
- 3- Tommys Impressev Ace/Regina Broughton 48
- 4- Loco Motion/ Sara Baldwin 42
- 5- Onyx's Paloma Plata/ Lee Ann Clark 15

NOVICE HEAVYWT CONDITION

- 1- Royal Sky/ Courtney Woodall 48
- 2- Royal Serendipity/ Terry Silver 44
- 3- Ben 8/ Keri Riddick 40
- 4- Mahzouz/ Linda Corwin 24
- 5- Jazz 6/ Amy Koonin 21
- 6- Travelier/ Tony Reeves 20

NOVICE LIGHTWT CONDITION

- 1- Roxy Ash Moro/ Anne Perrin 32
- 2- Sunny Georgia/ Patty Lucas 24
- 3- Tri-Mi Dealers Choice/ Cathy Abbott 21
- 3- Hips/ Amy Koonin 21
- 4- Kings Lasting Legacy/ Patricia Petelle 20
- 5- Fanci's Sharzam/ Susan Kingshill 18
- 6- Tadoo 2/ Elaine Beiersdoerfer 17

NOVICE JUNIOR CONDITION

- 1- That's My George/ Emily Rand 54

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE CONDITION

- 1- My Noble Ambition/ Lori Rand 60
- 2- Delight's Amber Beauty/ Cindy Keen 40
- 3- Jake/ Elsa VanEysbergen 38
- 4- Feather's Jumpin' Jack/ Barbara Robertson 36
- 5- Nakota Bey/ Marlene Buttrey 30
- 5- Eb's Done Deal/ Karen Curtis 30
- 6- Dixie Bell/ Kathy Bailey 28

TEAM AWARDS

- Open Heavyweight Team: Red Bird's Ransom & Gary Clayton
- Open Lightweight Team: Khapital & Debbie Jones
- Novice Heavyweight Team: Royal Sky & Courtney Woodall
- Novice Lightweight Team: Roxy Ash Moros & Anne Perrin
- Novice Junior Team: That's My George & Emily Rand
- CP Team Award: My Noble Ambition & Lori Rand



Open Hi Pt Ltwt Horse, Rider, Team Debbie Jones



Open Hi Pt Rider, Hwt Team Gary Clayton



CP Hi Pt Horse, Rider, Team Lori Rand



Novice Hi Pt Horse, Team Emily Rand



Novice Hi Pt Rider Courtney Woodall

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- 4- Tammy Lineback 52

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- 4- Sara Baldwin 20
- 5- Lee Ann Clark 15

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- 2- Keri Riddick 40
- 3- Tony Reeves 32
- 4- Amy Koonin 23
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Spanish Trail XXV

as told to Kathy Nicholl by Medora Mullins

The Five Flags Arabian Horse Association (FFAHA) celebrated its 25th consecutive Spanish Trail CTR on March 12-13 in the Coldwater Recreation Area of the Blackwater River State Forest, near Munson, FL. This large and dedicated group of people formed their non-profit association in 1986. A member named Steve Carson had already discovered NATRC, ridden some CTRs, and liked them. He proposed that FFAHA get involved and put on a CTR at the Coldwater horse camp, where members were already experienced in putting on IAHA regional and national championship rides. FFAHA leaders compared IAHA and NATRC rulebooks, and thought an NATRC sanctioned ride sounded good, so the group turned in a sanction approval request, and started looking around for judges in 1986. Ride Manager Steve Carson was turned down by numerous vet judges, since this was a new ride with new management. Bill Sherfese had already agreed to judge horsemanship, and was a key influence in getting Steve Carson to organize an NATRC CTR at Coldwater. (Bill had been to the Coldwater campground to compete in previous IAHA rides.) With much still to



be learned, Spanish Trail 1 was sanctioned for the second weekend in March 1987.

To learn about putting on an NATRC CTR, Steve and Bev Carson, plus Walter and Medora Mullins, volunteered at the Naash 90/Hutchins Mountain CTR in Georgia, managed by Bill and Laurie Sherfesse. Bill taught Steve Carson about laying out trails and managing a ride, Laurie taught Bev Carson how to be a ride secretary, and Bucky Starnes taught Walter and Medora Mullins *everything* there was to know about P & R's at this late November 1986 ride. The Vet judge at the ride was Dr. Gene Naugle, and these volunteers from FFAHA managed to get Dr. Naugle to agree to judge at Spanish Trail 1. In addition, at every NATRC ride that Steve Carson went to, he talked up the new Spanish Trail CTR.

Since FFAHA was such a new organization (with a small starting treasury), the group realized that more support would be needed. A local 4-H club was approached. FFAHA held a clinic in both 1986 and 1987 for 4-H, and also did a presentation at a 4-H meeting, thinking that getting youth interested in CTRs was the best way to get Novice riders into NATRC. Additionally, this was long before the computerized RMS (Ride Management System) existed, and applications had to be printed and mailed out to potential riders, at a pretty significant cost. The 4-H club agreed to split costs and responsibilities for Spanish Trail 1.

Sixty riders showed up to ride Spanish Trail 1 in March 1987. The fees that year were \$59 for Open and \$56 for Novice (the CP class didn't formally exist until a trial in 1988 and full recognition in 1989). Many Region 5 riders as well as IAHA riders competed, along with eight Junior riders, most from 4-H. Steve Carson was ride manager, Bev Carson was ride secretary, Medora Mullins was trail master, Walter Mullins was P & R coordinator, and Steve Richbourg was safety rider and communications coordinator. While much is due to this core group, Spanish Trail has always depended on the large number of both volunteers and riders that FFAHA provided and continues to provide. Members of a local ham radio club volunteered as spotters and contacts for judges and P&R's, until 5 FFAHA club members studied and earned their own ham radio licenses. It is really impressive to recognize how that support has stayed constant for 25 years, with many more years still to come!

Flushed with their success at Spanish Trail 1, FFAHA put on a second CTR in September 1987, called the "Five Flags Fifty," which was a combined IAHA and NATRC ride. However, the weather was awful, with bad heat and continuous hurricane threats, so the group decided a September ride was "Never Again!" After this, the one CTR in March was enough.

Steve Carson wanted to compete in Spanish Trail 2 in

1988, so Medora Mullins agreed to manage the ride. It was a combined NATRC and IAHA ride, as well as being the first year for a CP class. Dr. Gene Naugle and Maureen Scott Robinson judged the 34 competitors.

While Spanish Trail has experienced wide swings over the years in costs versus profits, the worst losses came later, when FFAHA had a viable treasury to sustain them. Starting around 1989, Spanish Trail has mostly had full rides, with lots of good sponsors. In fact, most rides have had a waiting list. Spanish Trail 4 was the first year to offer a meal package. Many FFAHA members have stepped up to be ride managers, including Steve Carson, Medora Mullins, Brenda Foreman, Alice Harris, Sarah Snarr, Charlene Dove, and, currently, Wendy Allen.

The facilities at the Coldwater Recreation area keep this a popular place to ride, and FFAHA has helped maintain these facilities over the past 25 years. There were always water and electric hookups, 2 barns (69 stalls, total), outside paddocks, a bathhouse with men's and women's sections, each with 2 showers and 5 toilets. Wash racks have been added, plus 20 outside paddocks were covered and 40 more were set up, with more of these presently getting covered. Also, the new Cowgirls bathhouse was built in 2010. When I let my husband Jim in for a look, he proclaimed it a "spa" and wondered why the Cowboys were left with their old "outhouse"! Originally there were no fences and gates separating off the camping area, but these have also been added. In fact, FFAHA usually scheduled a work weekend the week before the CTR, to repair stalls, clean bathrooms, etc.. Over time, this has become less necessary, although members annually volunteer and touch-up the trail markings.

Finally, what would a 25th year celebration be without a few "legendary" stories to tell? At one early ride, Walter Mullins had marked and checked a trail running through a creek where he reported that the water was only knee deep. However, it rained after he marked it, and 12-year-old safety rider Brandon Richbourg had to swim his pony through the creek, thus leading to his oft-quoted question, "How deep is knee deep?"

Richard Stone has often been a horsemanship judge at Spanish Trail, but one time he drove down in a VW (which he had named "Casey") and went out on Friday morning with his son and Bev Carson to check judging spots, only Casey got stuck. Bev said, "Stay with the car, and I'll walk back and get help." But when Bev got back with help, Richard and his son were gone, leaving no note, and no one able to find them. No Richard for vet-in either! FFAHA worked something out, and Richard finally showed up late Friday.

Richard really liked Casey, because another time, he showed up towing the VW, which no longer had a battery or even a back seat. His intention was to use it to get from



Uphill Obstacle at Spanish Trail in the 1993 snow

one judging spot to another; he told Walter Mullins that all he needed was to park on top of a hill so that he could coast down and jump start the VW. Guess how many hills there are in the Florida panhandle? Walter's ever-helpful P & R crew were assigned the task of pushing Richard and his VW down the trail until he got going fast enough to start the car! When Casey got stuck in a muddy dove field, his secretaries (Bev Carson and her sister) had to leave the back floor and push the VW out, getting covered in mud in the process. Volunteers are the greatest!

At an Open log obstacle one year, Communication Coordinator Steve Richbourg (Brandon's father) was sitting in a chair slightly off the trail, covered with a bear skin (complete with head), while rocking slowly and silently to and fro. Riders had to ride past him to get to the log obstacle. Every horse "blew" at Steve, but none dumped their riders, although there were lots of big eyes that day!

Shirley Parker, another popular horsemanship judge, designed a river-crossing obstacle just past the vehicle bridge near camp. Shirley placed herself in a canoe with a rope attached to it. Her story was that she was a person who had broken a leg and needed to be towed to shore to get to the hospital. Each Open rider towed the canoe, but long time competitor Shirley Sobol dismounted at the shore, got someone to hold her horse Tempo, and then jerked on the rope and dumped Shirley Parker into the creek. Way to judge a judge, Shirley Sobol!

Spanish Trail 7 in 1993 presented a significant challenge of its own—snow!—in Florida! Pictures from that ride provide some of Spanish Trail's most remembered images.

As FFAHA celebrated Spanish Trail's 25th CTR, I was glad to be a volunteer, taking part in this historic event. I'm sure we all look forward to joining them in future years.



Region Five 2011 Remaining Ride Schedule

April 9-10	Springtime @ Biltmore Connie Driskell, 524 Mills Gap Road, Arden, NC 28704 Email: csdintrig@charter.net	Asheville, NC	A-O,N,CP; B-N 828-684-5650
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May 14-15	Faye Whittemore Farms Michelle Goza, 8046 Bluff Ridge Rd., Bessemer, AL 35023 Email: michellegoza@yahoo.com	Jasper, AL	A&B-O,N; A-CP 205-229-3202
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October 22-23	Honey Creek CTR at Big South Fork Gary Williams, 4569 Rugby Pk., Allardt, TN 38504 Email: Gary@fiveoclockfarm.com	Allardt, TN	A-O,N,CP; B-N 678-994-1923
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