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Association, Inc.

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(see story on page 11)



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At the Sweet Halloween CTR

Photos by
Tammy Lineback



Lori Lee
Williams
Clowns
Around
with Judge
Heather
Colby



The Carver Sisters: Amanda & Emily Rand



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

President's Message

from Gary Clayton

Region 5 held its November 2010 BOD meeting at the Embassy Suites hotel in Nashville, where the national convention will be held on February 10-13, 2011. The purpose was to look over the facilities, the various meeting rooms, and to plan the "Walk of Fame."



We were all pleased with the arrangements and the cooperation of the staff at the hotel. The free breakfast buffet has something for everyone. Kim Cowart and his committee reported that it is all starting to come together. We have an outstanding group of people working to make this 50th anniversary convention NATRC's best ever. Kim Cowart has the overall responsibility of putting it together. Reporting to Kim are: Marty Findley (Programs), Regina Broughton (Budgeting), Marlene Buttrey (Site Arrangements), Debbie Jones (Walk of Fame), Wayne Tolbert & Bev Roberts (Publicity), Cindy Keen & Tammy Lineback (Fundraising), Terry Silvers (Vendors), Carolyn Chapman & Elsa Vaneysergen (Mini-Convention/R5 Awards), Sallie Kudra (Hospitality Suite), and Connie Driskell & Linda Clayton (Registration).

Please remember to thank these people for the time and work they have put into making this convention a success. They have certainly earned my thanks already. But for this convention to succeed, we will need volunteers to help with the many chores and activities that are being planned. *PLEASE*, become a part of our anniversary convention, and contact any of the chairpersons listed above. If you're not sure how you can best help, please contact Regina Broughton (see her volunteer notice on page 10) and she will find a place for you. However, the most important thing is for all of us to come to the convention and celebrate our sport!

The 2010 ride season is over, and I hope everyone met most or many of their goals. We can now look back and reflect on the season, and look forward to what's ahead for the 2011 ride season. At the present time, R5 has eleven rides on the schedule. Nimblewill and Big South Fork are back, and last year's cancelled Virginia Highlands ride is also back. Even though there will be no 2011 Sweet Home Alabama/Hatchet Valley ride, we hope it will be back in 2012. Our Uwharrie ride is still up in the air, while we look for someone to consider managing what will be the ride's twentieth year. The only way we can ensure

a continuation of these rides is to come out and support them. If you can't compete, then please come as a volunteer. I'm looking forward to 2011 and to seeing all of you again out on the trail.



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**Next RFTRA Board Meeting: Jan. 8, 2011
Contact Gary Clayton for details**

Editor's Letter

from Kathy Nicholl

Another ride year is over, and it's time to start planning horse activities for 2011. The first suggestion I have is to renew your membership immediately. Both the national BOD and our regional BOD have been busy trying to find ways to deal with these difficult financial times. You will find notices from your board in this newsletter, but one decision they made was to send only Winter newsletters to members who have not renewed before the start of each new year. In essence, this means that you will miss out on newsletters if you don't renew by March 1. Without our regional newsletter, you will miss out on what is happening in R5, as well as missing out on national benefits like reduced ride fees, tracking and credit for both you and your horse's mileage, eligibility for year-end awards, voting privileges, and *Hoofprint* magazine. Renewing now is good for everyone!



Another compelling reason to renew by March 1 is that dues are going up. Please check page 15 for a look at the new application form. While most memberships are being raised by about 20%, family memberships are jumping by a whopping 50%! (And sadly for all regions, the increased amounts go directly to national to get them out of the red.)

But you do have until March 1 to renew using the old rates. Please be sure also to read the question about whether you want to receive *Hoofprint* electronically (i.e., you will be sent a PDF version by e-mail). Checking "Yes" (or not checking anything) means you will no longer receive a printed *Hoofprint* magazine, which will save national a lot of printing and mailing costs. Region 5 will **not** be affected by your decision to receive electronic

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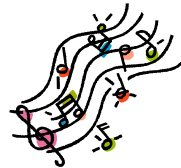
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newsletters; if you are willing to receive this newsletter electronically, you will need to notify our R5 Membership Chair, as per the notice on page 6.

As your newsletter editor, I obviously enjoy print more than electronics, but I also know quite well how expensive printing and mailing are. Personally, I want to curl up in a cozy chair and read my newsletters, instead of spending more time sitting in front of my computer screen. Additionally, my printer is only mediocre quality, so I'm not happy with making a printed copy using my own equipment. But for you who have no problem with either reading a computer screen or printing your own newsletter, I strongly encourage you to try it and help both national and Region Five to save \$\$\$.

Last, but certainly not least, the Early Bird price deadline for our big 50th Anniversary convention is now past, but ***please*** register and come to Nashville, TN, for a wonderful and exciting start to NATRC's ride year. This is "The Big One," with lots of good programs, meals, and a huge number of vendors with many great products. Please be sure to read all the notices from R5's BOD in this newsletter. This is turning into a truly spectacular event—don't be sorry you missed it! Also, invite your riding buddies and put flyers (available as an insert in this newsletter or from Kim Cowart) in your local feed and tack stores—everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see all of you in Nashville on Feb. 10-13, 2011!

Editor's Holiday Jingle



Ho, ho, ho
 Ho, ho, ho
 A-editin' I'll go!
 Cut one here,
 Paste one there,
 Get 'em in a row – oh!

Ho, ho, ho
 Ho, ho, ho
 What do you-all know?
 CTR's are lots of fun
 Hope you will write up one
 Then, send it on to me – oh!

***** **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, Secretary

The meeting of the RFTRA Board of Directors was called to order on November 20, 2010 at the Embassy Suites Hotel-Airport in Nashville, TN. **Present:** Gary Clayton, Connie Driskell, Cindy Keen, Regina Broughton, Wayne Tolbert, Sallie Kudra, Kim Cowart, Linda Clayton.

Guests: Marty Findley, Terry Silver, Marlene Buttrey. **Not Present:** Mary Leslie (sick), Vince Harris, Ted Curtis, Tammy Lineback, Tanya Kingsley

Equipment Committee Report

- **Missing Pennies:** Wayne Tolbert reported that at least 8 pennies are missing. Collecting the pennies at each of the rides has achieved the desired result of ending the year with the pennies returned.

President's Report

- **Sweet Halloween Ride Financial Loss:** Regina Broughton MOVED to decline the ride manager's request for insurance reimbursement due to the fact that her ride change was a date change rather than a location change, therefore, it does not qualify under Region Five's procedural guidelines for insurance reimbursement. Kim Cowart seconded the motion. The Board voted on the motion. Connie Driskell abstained. The motion carried.
- **Humanitarian Donation for Financial Losses on Rides:** The board discussed the possibility of offering Humanitarian Donations to support rides that incur financial losses. Wayne Tolbert MOVED that ride managers who have financial difficulties with their rides can provide the Board with a detailed financial statement showing income and expenses. If the Board determines that a reasonable loss has been incurred, the Board may offer them money, from a fund started with a \$5000 donation made by Nancy and Bill Sluys, to support these rides. Connie Driskell seconded this motion. The Board will request Financial Statements from ride managers, and the Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will make the decision to pay or not to pay up to \$500 per ride to rides incurring financial losses. The Motion carried unanimously.

Ride Management Support Report

- **Linda Clayton National Clinic Sanction Chairperson:** Gary Clayton announced that Linda Clayton has agreed to be the National Clinic Sanction Chairperson. The Board congratulated her and thanked her for her service.

Membership Report

- Sallie Kudra reported that we show 233 members in Region Five because family memberships count as 2 members.



There are currently 181 total memberships in the Region. There are only 2 subscription memberships, which is way down. Sallie Kudra also told the Board that she needs to be informed when people are deceased so that records can be updated and mailings to them can be discontinued.

Fund Raising Report

From August – November 2010 Tammy Lineback reported:

- **The Convention Raffle:** Netted \$1030
- **The Region Five Benefit Ride:** Netted \$3305
- **Region Five Store Sales:** From 8/10-11/10=\$1025

Trail Development Committee Report:

- The Region Five booth was at the SETC Conference in Atlanta in July, 2010, manned by Wayne Tolbert, Cindy Keen, and Courtney Woodall.
- Wayne Tolbert reported that he and Regina Broughton attended the American Trails Symposium in Chattanooga on November 14-17, and made many contacts in the Exhibit Hall with the NATRC Region 5 booth.
- Gary Clayton advised the Board that Doreen Portner has given up her position as Trail Advocacy National Chairman. Erin Glassman is possibly interested in assuming this position.

Ride Schedule Report

- Kim Cowart reported on the 2011 Region 5 Ride Schedule as of 11-16-10: March 12-13 Spanish Trail; April 9-10; Spring at Biltmore; April 30-May 1 Bull Mtn.; May 14-15 Faye Whittemore; May 21-22 Virginia/Iron Mtn.; Sept. 3-4 Region 5 Benefit; Sept. 10-11 East Fork; Sept. 24-25 Heart of Dixie; Oct. 8-9 Autumn at Biltmore; Oct. 22-23 Big South Fork; Nov. 5-6 Kings. Mtn.; Oct. 15 King's Mountain Clinic; Debbie Jones is also planning a clinic at her home in March, either March 19 or 26, depending upon whether anyone manages the Uwharrie Ride. I expect there may be a clinic in Florida. We really need to encourage rides for the summer months, as we have none at this time.
- **Possible New Ride In South Georgia:** Cindy Keen is considering a couple of locations for a middle Georgia ride. Seminole ATV Park is one possibility. The weekend of December 3, 2011 would be ideal. Cindy will look at the facility later this winter.
- **Big South Fork Ride Returning in 2011:** Marlene Buttrey reported to the Board about the Big South Fork ride that is coming back on the schedule in 2011. It will be held in a private campground adjacent to the Big South Fork trails on October 22-23, 2011. Phillip Buttrey will be the trail master and we will be riding some new trails on the Big South Fork reservation. The campground is nice with all hook-up facilities.

Marketing Ideas: Regarding the Marketing ideas suggested by the National Board, Region 5 decided:

- Marlene Buttrey suggested that the idea of the “fast forward” cards might be insulting or negative to some riders. A solution to this might be a raffle. Cindy Keen will work on this idea as a possible fundraiser for Region 5.
- Connie Driskell MOVED that Region Five offer to pay the entry fee for any first time Open Rider, who officially starts the ride and who must be a member of NATRC and of Region 5 to qualify. Wayne Tolbert seconded the motion. It was decided that Connie Driskell would create a form for the ride manager to submit for first time Open rider reimbursement from the Region. All were in favor and the motion was approved.
- Cindy Keen asked about the Junior Travelling trophy and suggested that we should resume awarding this award. Tanya Kingsley has the cup at her house. Cindy Keen MOVED that we honor a Region 5 Junior Rider with the Shannon Memorial Travelling Trophy for 2010. Connie Driskell Seconded. Someone else in the Region offered to sponsor (\$100 value) the award. The Motion passed with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

National Convention Report by Kim Cowart:

- **Trail Blazer Magazine:** Trail Blazer Magazine has come on board as a sponsor of the convention, and the December issue will feature NATRC articles, including Marty Findley’s History article, and an article by Wayne Tolbert. They will also have ads in the December issue and the Jan/Feb issue.
- Marty Findley is working on an “NATRC Then and Now” video for the convention program to replace US Rider who pulled out.
- Terry Silver has approx. 23-25 vendors set for the convention.
- Debbie Jones is working exceptionally hard on the Walk of Fame. Invitations have gone out and we are getting responses from some of the honorees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Newsletter Editor’s Report:

- **First Class Postage:** Connie Driskell MOVED that Kathy Nicholl should use first class postage and do away with the bulk mail permit that costs us \$185 annually. Sallie Kudra seconded the motion. All agreed and motion was passed.
- **Newsletters to Non-Renewed Members:** Connie Driskell also MOVED and Cindy Keen seconded that we no longer send Region 5 newsletters to non-renewed members. All were in favor and the motion

carried unanimously.

Additional New Business:

- **Alabama Horse Council:** Connie Driskell MOVED that Region Five pay \$250 for the booth at the AL Horse Council on the last weekend in January. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Board Member Reimbursement Policy:** Connie Driskell MOVED to amend how we reimburse board members for mileage. She proposed that we amend our reimbursement policy to pay Region 5 Board Members their actual fuel costs plus \$50 for Hotel when it is necessary. All Board Members need to keep receipts and send them to the Treasurer, along with the form that the Treasurer will give them at the meeting. Kim Cowart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of officers:

The following 2011 Region Five Board Officers were elected:

President: Gary Clayton
Vice President: Wayne Tolbert
Treasurer: Connie Driskell
Secretary: Regina Broughton

The nominations and elections were approved unanimously.

The next Region Five Board Meeting will be January 8, 2011, at the Hampton Inn in Norcross, GA. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m.

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

Important Membership Renewal Information

from Sallie Kudra

It’s Membership Renewal Time Again Y’all Or
This Could Be Your Last R5 Newsletter!

December 31 is the official end of NATRC yearly membership, and all memberships *should* be renewed by then, or very shortly thereafter. In the past, Region Five has sent both a Winter and a Spring newsletter to all members from the previous year, whether they have renewed their memberships or not. In other words, non-renewed members received two free issues of the newsletter.

The newsletter accounts for over 10% of the Region’s expenses, and memberships account for over 10% of the Region’s revenue (source: Financial report at November board meeting in Nashville, TN). Therefore, it has been decided that as of this (the Winter 2010) issue, any Region Five member who has not renewed their NATRC membership by March 1 will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list and will *not* receive a Spring newsletter.

Please don’t miss any issues—
RENEW NOW!



More Membership Information

from Sallie Kudra

ATTENTION REGION 5

After 13 years, NATRC reluctantly has come to the realization that a fee increase is unavoidable. Effective March 1, 2011, the membership fees are increasing as follows:

Single Regular Membership: \$60
Family Membership: \$90
Junior Membership: \$40

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS
WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED.**

All new memberships or renewals made prior to March 1, 2011 will be at the current (2010) rates, including lifetime membership purchases.

OPTIONS FOR NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

In an effort to help reduce costs and to allow greener alternatives, Region 5 is pleased to offer our membership the choice of receiving the Region 5 newsletter electronically or 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!

NOTE: Default delivery method will remain the printed version.

Please send your delivery preference by February 1, 2011, to Sallie Kudra at the snail mail/email address or phone number listed below.

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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



Region Five Welcomes National Convention Vendors

(Please take time to visit and thank them all.)

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R5 2010 FINAL POINT STANDINGS

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

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

OPEN JUNIOR CONDITION

NO Open Junior Riders

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT 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 LIGHTWEIGHT 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
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COMPETITIVE PLEASURE CONDITION

1- My Noble Ambition/ Lori Rand	60
2- Delight's Amber Beauty/ Cindy Keen	40
3- Jake 4/ 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

REGION FIVE ROCKS!



OPEN HEAVYWEIGHT HORSEMANSHIP

1- Gary Clayton	99
2- Wayne Tolbert	94
3- Tommy Mitchell	66
4- Tammy Lineback	52

OPEN LIGHTWEIGHT HORSEMANSHIP

1- Debbie Jones	94
2- Lori Lee Williams 2	68
3- Regina Broughton	52
4- Sara Baldwin	20
5- Lee Ann Clark	15

OPEN JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

NO Open Junior Riders

NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT HORSEMANSHIP

1- Courtney Woodall	54
2- Terry Silver	40
2- Keri Riddick	40
3- Tony Reeves	32
4- Amy Koonin	23
5- Linda Corwin	17

NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT HORSEMANSHIP

1- Anne Perrin	28
2- Shannon LaBrusciano	26
2- Patricia Petelle	26
3- Elaine Beiersdoerfer	24
4- Patty Lucas	19
5- Susan Kingshill	12
5- Sabrina McGlamory	12

NOVICE JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

1- Emily Rand	44
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COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP

1- Lori Rand	64
2- Marlene Buttrey	54
3- Carolyn Chapman	44
4- Cindy Keen	42
5- Elsa Van Eysbergen	34
6- Karen Curtis	32

HOORAY FOR YOU!



Ride Results

Region Five Benefit Ride A

9/4-5/10 Region Five-GA
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 27
 Chairman: Cindy Keen
 Judge: Mike Bridges DVM, Kim Cowart
 Novice Sweepstakes: Kings Lasting
 Legacy/Petelle, Patricia-99
 Open Sweepstakes: CJ Garnet Reflection/
 Mitchell, Tommy-99

Open Heavyweight
 1/3 CJ Garnet Reflection/Mitchell,
 Tommy
 2/2 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary
 3/1 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne
 4/4 Koweta Madison/Olson, Foster

Open Lightweight
 1/3 Just a Little More/Williams,
 Lori Lee 2
 2/1 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
 3/2 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton,
 Regina
 4/6 SR Gable/Nielsen, Lela
 5/4 MardiGras Tuesday/Summers, Claire
 6/5 LR Georgie Girl/Wilson, Dorothy

Open Junior
 1/1 Javask Magic/Ricketson, Maggie

Novice Heavyweight
 1/3 Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry
 2/1 Royal Sky/Woodall, Courtney
 3/2 Traveller/Reeves, Tony
 4/4 Ledo Sabre Rose/Atkins, Lucy

Novice Lightweight
 1/1 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
 2/2 Tardy's Supreme Aspen/Perdue, Juliet
 P Ledo Smoke/McGlamory, Sabrina

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

Competitive Pleasure
 1/5 Eb's Done Deal/Curtis, Karen
 2/3 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
 3/ Feather's Jumpin' Jack/Robertson,
 Barbara
 4/6 Impressive Red Rebel/Riley, Paula
 5/1 Pride's Second Girl/Curtis, Ted
 6/4 Oak Knoll Holly/Nathan, Julie

/2 Nakota Bey/
 Buttrey, Marlene
 Competitive Pleasure-
 DO
 Prime SensationWH/
 Jeffcoat, Cheri



Region Five Benefit Ride B

9/4/10 Region Five-GA
 B-O/N Total Riders: 3
 Chairman: Cindy Keen
 Judge: Mike Bridges DVM, Kim Cowart
 Novice Sweepstakes: Bite the Bullet C./
 Brooks, Lisa-97
 Open Sweepstakes: Petoskey Spot/
 Neunzig, Rebecca-83

Open Lightweight
 1/1 Petoskey Spot/Neunzig, Rebecca

Novice Lightweight
 1/DO Bite the Bullet C./Brooks, Lisa
 2/1 Little Man Keeper/Mabey, Marge

Ride the Edge A

9/11-12/2010 Region Five-TN
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 21
 Chair: Wayne Tolbert
 Judges: Carter Hounsel DVM, Cheri
 Jeffcoat

Novice Sweepstakes: Tucker/Rogers,
 Natalie-93
 Open Sweepstakes: Khapital/Jones,
 Debbie T.-95

Open Heavyweight
 1/2 Diamond's Sassy Stockings/Keene,
 James
 2/1 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
 3/4 CJ Garnet Reflection/Mitchell,
 Tommy
 4/3 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary

Open Lightweight
 1/1 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
 2/2 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
 3/3 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori Lee

Novice Heavyweight
 1/1 Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne
 2/2 Traveller/Reeves, Tony

Novice Lightweight
 1/1 Tucker /Rogers, Natalie
 2/2 Tadoo/Beiersdoerfer, Elaine

Novice Junior
 1/1 That's My George/Rand, Emily

Competitive Pleasure
 1/3 Q-Tip/Rogers, Cynthia
 2/1 Sampson/Rogers, Heather
 3/5 Feather's Jumpin' Jack/Robertson,
 Barbara
 4/2 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene
 5/6 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
 6/4 Impressive Red Rebel/Riley, Paula
 Quintessential/Downing, Whitney
 Gracie 2/Ault, Carol
 P Dixie Bell/Bailey, Kathy

Ride the Edge B

9/11/2010 Region Five-TN
 B-N/CP Total Riders: 15
 Chair: Wayne Tolbert
 Judges: Carter Hounsel DVM, Cheri
 Jeffcoat
 Novice Sweepstakes: MM's Dewdrop
 Dancer/Brown, Heather

Novice Heavyweight
 1/3 Mahzouz/Corwin, Linda
 2/4 Paints Many Colors/Davis, Sharon
 3/1 R Tiffany N Lace/Brown, Richard
 4/5 Stormy's Keepsake/Casteel, Robbie
 5/2 Rascal/Sullivan, Jean
 6/6 Sir Galahad's Rebel/Steele, Babs

Novice Lightweight
 1/1 MM's Dewdrop Dancer/Brown,
 Heather
 2/2 Quin Jasmine/Lee, Kristi
 3/3 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty

Novice Junior
 1/1 Koda/Botts, Retta
 2/2 Mighty Naughty/Lowery, Amber

Novice DO
 WB Sultry Swayzee/Paro, Pat

Competitive Pleasure
 1/1 Heart's Desire/West-Pegram, Sandy
 2/2 CMF Hallel/Hartness, Marilyn
 CO Oak Knoll Holly/Nathan, Julie

Heart of Dixie A

9/25-26/10 Region Five-AL
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 27
 Chairperson: Linda Clayton
 Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Shirley Parker
 Novice Sweepstakes: Royal Sky/Woodall,
 Courtney-98.5

Open Sweepstakes: Susie's Stardust/
 Lineback, Tammy-99.5

Open Heavyweight
 1/1 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
 2/3 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne
 3/4 CJ Garnet Reflection/Mitchell,
 Tommy
 4/2 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary

Open Lightweight
 1/1 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
 2/2 Impressive Red Rebel/Riley, Paula
 3/3 Onyx's Paloma Plata/Clarke, Lee

Novice Heavyweight
 1/1 Royal Sky/Woodall, Courtney
 2/2 Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry
 3/3 OH Bogustus/Chapman, David
 4/4 Ben 8/Riddick, Keri
 5/6 Dusty Dawn Little Lady/Lewis, Ray

6/ They call me Jessie/Barber, Lucy
 /5 Memphis 2/Guccione, Penny

Novice Lightweight
 1/3 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
 2/4 Roamer/Cleere, Jen
 3/1 Danamye/Diaguila, Esther
 4/6 George Dickel/Gray, Tori
 5/2 Tadoo 2/Beiersdoerfer, Elaine
 6/5 Thunder 8/Dennis, Karen
 All Color's Shadow/Lewis, Mary
 Ledo Valentine/McGlamory, Sabrina

P Finch/Reed, Patti

Novice Junior
 1/1 That's My George/Rand, Emily

Competitive Pleasure
 1/1 Gypsie Dancer L.R./Chapman, Carolyn
 2/3 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
 3/2 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy

Heart of Dixie B
 9/25/10 Region Five-AL
 B-N/CP Total Riders: 15
 Chairperson: Linda Clayton
 Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Shirley Parker
 Novice Sweepstakes: Tri-Mi Dealers
 Choice/Abbott, Cathy-100

Novice Heavyweight
 1/1 Mahzouz/Corwin, Linda
 2/2 Jazz 6/Koonin, Amy

Novice Lightweight
 1/5 Tri-Mi Dealers Choice/Abbott, Cathy
 2/1 FLF Meeko/Placek, Robyn
 3/4 Three Weeks Tardy/Perdue, Juliet
 4/6 Luther/Bazzurro, Denise
 5/2 Supre Promise Keeper/Mabey, Marge
 6/3 Hips/LaBrusciano, Shannon

Novice Junior
 1/4 Blue Bell/Jones, Austin
 2/1 Faith 3/Koonin, Gram
 3/2 Tardy's Supreme Aspen/Slaggert, Danielle
 4/3 Flash of Lightning/Moulis, Jameson

Competitive Pleasure
 1/3 Mr. Pepperman/Williams, Lori R. 1
 2/2 Heart's Desire/West-Pegram, Sandy
 3/1 Midnight Paymaster's Image/Baldwin, Sara

Autumn at Biltmore AA
 1/8-10/10 Region Five-NC
 AA-O Total Riders: 5
 Chairperson: Morgan Sobol Ortiz
 Judges: Michael Peralez DVM, Kathy Budd
 Open Sweepstakes: Imdals Kharrismah Roemer, Diane-94

Open Heavyweight
 1/2 Imdals Kharrismah/Roemer, Diane
 2/1 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary
 3/3 Buddy 14/Rothnie, Jim

Open Lightweight
 1/1 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
 2/2 Onyx's Paloma Plata/Clarke, Lee Ann

Autumn at Biltmore A
 1/9-10/10 Region Five-NC
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 22
 Chairperson: Morgan Sobol Ortiz
 Judges: Michael Peralez DVM, Kathy Budd
 Novice Sweepstakes: Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne-98
 Open Sweepstakes: Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.-96

Open Heavyweight
 1/1 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
 2/3 CJ Garnet Reflection/Mitchell, Tommy
 3/2 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne

Open Lightweight
 1/2 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
 2/1 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina

Novice Heavyweight
 1/1 Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry
 2/2 Rascal 2/Sullivan, Jean

Novice Lightweight
 1/1 Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne
 2/2 Spot 2/Riley, Leigh
 3/3 Roamer/Cleere, Jen
 P Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia

Competitive Pleasure
 1/ Dixie Bell/Bailey, Kathy
 2/ Docs Skip N Rock/Ford, Gail
 3/1 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene
 4/2 Eb's Done Deal/Curtis, Karen
 5/ Jake 4/VanEysbergen, Elsa
 6/ Easy on the Bourbon/Morgan, Rosemary
 /3 Feather's Jumpin' Jack/Robertson, Barbara
 /4 OH Bogustus/Chapman, Carolyn
 /5 VA Impressive Baronn/Jones, Mark H.
 /6 Pride's Second Girl/Curtis, Ted
 RA Mystic Deed/Findley, Martha

Autumn at Biltmore B
 1/9/10 Region Five-NC
 B-N Total Riders: 6
 Chairperson: Morgan Sobol Ortiz
 Judges: Michael Peralez DVM, Kathy Budd

Novice Sweepstakes: Mahzouz/Corwin, Linda-97

Novice Heavyweight
 1/1 Mahzouz/Corwin, Linda

Novice Lightweight
 1/3 MoMo/Myers, Lee
 2/2 Fanci's Sharzam/Kingshill, Susan
 3/5 Cypress Forte/DeRosa, Charmaine
 4/1 Lexus Golden Tie/Dukes, Mary
 5/4 Luther/Bazzurro, Denise

Sweet Halloween A
 10/23-24/2010 Region Five-AL
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 14
 Chairperson: Sara Baldwin
 Judges: Heather Colby DVM, Kim Cowart
 Novice Sweepstakes: Royal Sky/Woodall, Courtney-96
 Open Sweepstakes: Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy-100

Open Heavyweight
 1/2 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
 2/1 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne
 3/3 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary

Open Lightweight
 1/1 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
 2/2 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
 3/3 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori Lee 2

Novice Heavy weight
 1/1 Royal Sky/Woodall, Courtney
 2/2 Ben 8/Riddick, Keri
 3/3 Ledo Sabre Rose/Atkins, Lucy

Novice Junior
 1/1 That's My George/Rand, Emily

Competitive Pleasure
 1/2 OH Bogustus/Chapman, Carolyn
 2/3 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
 3/1 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
 4/4 Quintessential/Downing, Whitney

Sweet Halloween B
 10/23/2010 Region Five-AL
 B-N Total Riders: 2
 Chairperson: Sara Baldwin
 Judges: Heather Colby DVM, Kim Cowart
 Novice Sweepstakes: Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty-99.5

Novice Lightweight
 1/1 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty

Novice Junior
 CO Jenny/Lowery, Amber



Kings Mountain

11/6-7/10 Region Five-SC
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 36
Chairperson: Mary Britt
Judges: Mike Bridges DVM, Patsy Conner
Novice Sweepstakes: Koda/Botts,
Retta-100
Open Sweepstakes: Loco Motion/Baldwin,
Sara-97

Open Heavyweight

1/3 CJ Garnet Reflection/Mitchell,
Tommy
2/2 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary
3/1 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne
P Imdals Kharrismah/Roemer, Diane

Open Lightweight

1/6 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
2/5 FYF InZane/Sluys, Nancy
3/3 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
4/4 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
5/2 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene
6/1 Just a Little More/Williams,
Lori Lee 2
P Onyx's Paloma Plata/Clarke, Lee Ann

Novice Heavyweight

1/DO Delight's Vantage Point/Gregory,
Larry
2/2 Jazz 6/Koonin, Amy
3/5 Captian Kune/Talbert, Ben
4/3 Samurai/Hamilton, Laurie
5/1 Royal Sky/Woodall, Courtney
6/4 Maarsadda/Wood, Laurie

Novice Lightweight

1/5 Quin Jasmine/Lee, Kristi
2/DO Bite the Bullet C./Brooks, Lisa
3/2 Love's Kaleidoscope/Young,
Madeline
4/3 Hips/LaBrusciano, Shannon
5/4 Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea
6/1 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
/6 El Dorado Lagniappe/Heinrich, Judy
P Dakota's Elk Moon/Epperson, Evelyn

Novice Junior

1/1 Koda/Botts, Retta
2/2 That's My George/Rand, Emily

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
2/4 ML Meadowlark Traveller/Duncan,
Mary Anne
3/5 Dixie Bell/Bailey,
Kathy
4/3 Oak Knoll Holly/
Nathan, Julie
5/6 Feather's Jumpin'
Jack/Robertson,
Barbara

6/1 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
P/ DO RIDER Keystrokes In Motion/
Gregory, Cindy
P Dements Allens Ace/Cozzolino,
Susan
Competitive Pleasure DO
P Thunder's Storm Doc/Goodson,
Samesa

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Thoughts on 50 Years
by Kim Cowart (Co-Chair, NATRC 50th Anniversary Convention)
A lot can happen in 50 years. An understatement, huh? What I mean is a lot can happen, and a lot can change. Change itself is a constant for sure, but our organization, NATRC, has done a marvelous job of weathering those winds of change. We have bent and bent with those winds over the last 50 years, but here we are, still bringing like-minded horse people together in the common pursuit of our interests in competitive trail riding. The core philosophies of NATRC have stood us in good stead for all of these years and continue to further our goal of educating and informing horse people.
I have a sign at my desk that says, "Leave it better than you found it," and I am convinced that NATRC has left the worlds of horses and trail riding much better than we found them. And think of how much our personal worlds and lives have been enriched and bettered by involvement with NATRC. The skills we've improved, the horses we've ridden, and the friends/family we've known are priceless, and a direct result of having been lucky enough to be included in the world of NATRC. Using the old ripple in the pond analogy, imagine how many lives have been impacted just by **YOUR** participation in our sport. Now magnify that by the thousands of people over the years who have graced us with their time, effort, skill, wisdom and generosity.
My life has truly been bettered because of NATRC and all the kind souls who've shared the trails and ride camps with me. I owe you all a great debt of gratitude, and so have felt blessed to have the opportunity to work on the celebration of NATRC's **First** 50 years. I invite you to join me in Nashville, TN, February 10-13 as we celebrate those first 50 years. And I'm certain we will all continue to help NATRC leave the horse world better than we found it in the **NEXT** 50 years! Thank you, and Happy Trails.



Sweet Halloween CTR

by Carolyn Chapman

Crisp mornings, cool nights, challenging trails—and the colors of fall speckled throughout the woods—that was the setting for this October 23-24 ride weekend. I could not think of a better autumn ride than Sweet Halloween at Hatchett Valley Farm in Rockford, Alabama.

Sara Baldwin and Doug McConnell once again opened their home and their beautiful backyard to us as they hosted the Sweet Halloween CTR. Their commitment to NATRC and to this event was evident the entire weekend. As we all know, ride numbers have been down this season and many managers have taken a big hit in terms of lost revenue on several of this season’s competitive trail rides. Thank you, Sara and Doug, for your time, your support of our organization, and the experiences that you gave to those of us who rode your challenging and beautiful trails.

This weekend would be a test for both my horse and me. Even though we left our training partners as well as my beloved husband David at home, we were determined to make it through this weekend. But I must confess, I missed them all very much.

Bogustus and I have a very new partnership; we are still getting to know each other, and what makes each other tick or get ticked-off. This was Bogustus’s first time travelling alone with no buddy horse for confidence, his first time riding alone on the trail, and “our” first time ever getting vetted-in by a vet with pink hair, safety pins in her lips and eyebrows, wacky coloured tights, and, I believe, black fingernail polish. Although it probably did relieve some of my “jitters,” it also helped put the weekend into proper perspective—we were there to ride, compete. and have fun!

As the day progressed, circus clowns started to arrive, along with witches, spiders, run-a-away brides, unicorns, movie-star blondes, biker chicks, beer kegs, and racehorse jockeys. As for me, I was masquerading as a beach bum from Gulf Shores, hoping to spread the word that our **Beaches are Open and they are Clean!**

Kim Cowart was our Horsemanship Judge and he dressed up as a Horsemanship Judge—imagine that! Heather Colby, our Vet Judge, came with three different costumes—she seemed to have a different one at every turn on the trail. Everyone was enjoying the spirit of Sweet Halloween.

And then the ride began. This CTR is tough and it’s challenging, no doubt about it. The Open Riders there that weekend were very experienced and knowledgeable, and they rode two hard days without letting the trail beat them. I stood back several times admiring their stamina and the way they cared for their horses. If you ever want to really learn how to care for your horse during or after a ride, watch an Open Rider. We are lucky in Region 5 that we have some of the best Open Riders around, and that they are so willing to help others.

I came to this ride with the intention of riding only one



Carolyn Chapman



Terry Riley



Wayne Tolbert



Courtney Woodall

Photos by Tammy Lineback

day, out of respect for my knees. However, that is not what happened. I must have been on a sugar high from eating too much candy corn—I registered for the two-day ride. Was I nervous?—you betcha! Reasons? Well, I wasn’t sure about the condition of my horse and if he was ready for such challenging trails. I live on the Gulf of Mexico and train on sod farms with flat sandy trails, so terrain is always an issue for me. I came up with a ride strategy that I thought would work, both for me and for my young horse. I felt confident that he would do fine the first day. But if on the second day I didn’t feel like he was hanging in there, I would pull at the first P & R and chalk up the experience as a “sacrifice ride.” That’s what I love and respect about this sport: you can honor your horse at any time and still feel like you have accomplished something, whether you finish or pull. The goal here is to strengthen your experiences without hurting your horse.

The first hour on the first day of the ride, I would have sold my horse for fifty-cents—wow, did he have some energy! But into the second hour, he settled down and we found a pocket and enjoyed the trails and the day. It was a great experience for us both, to ride by ourselves and learn from each other. I depended on Bogustus and he depended on me, and that felt really special.

The second day, I had the pleasure of riding with Cindy Keen, and I so appreciated her patience with Bogustus and me. Cindy and I have similar riding styles, in terms of speed and the way we care for our horses on the trail. We made sure we grazed the horses along the trail when we could, and we took extra time at water stops. It was reassuring to ride with such an experienced rider as Cindy, because there were times that we really had to push our horses to make the time, but I knew that Cindy, like myself, was not going to risk hurting her horse just for a ride. We took extra time in the river and let the horses stand and have some down-time, we made sure their “poop” was good, and we kept check on their hydration levels. With the extra time that ride management gave to all the riders on Saturday and Sunday, we both finished on time and our horses were in good shape. All the other NATRC rides that I have ridden helped prepare me to watch over my horse and keep him safe that weekend. Every ride teaches riders something new and important.

As I look back, I think this ride challenged me more than any other ride this year. I was so proud of my horse for so many different things that he and I accomplished together that weekend. Our partnership is stronger because of the challenges that this ride offered.

Oh, by the way, I won’t sell OH BOGUSTUS for fifty-cents. How could I?—he has my heart.



A Junior at King's Mountain

by Rhetta Botts

I went to the Nov. 6-7 King's Mountain CTR near King's Mountain, NC. It was my second NATRC ride, and I have to say, for a Novice Junior rider, it was an amazing experience. The people and horses are so friendly that I soon felt like I had known many of the people for ages. I haven't been riding for very long, and have been under the wing of close friends—Ginny and Wayne Tolbert. They have been very kind to let me sleep on the couch in their trailer. My parents are Brenda and Jim Botts, who used to compete. It still amazes me how so many people know my father's old horse, Wildflower. Wayne has been teaching me how to ride and I greatly appreciate it. I ride his daughter's quarter horse, Koda. My first ride was Ride the Edge at East Fork Stables in Crossville, TN. Even though it rained all day, I still was excited to ride. Afterwards I thought I had been prepared for anything!

When we got to King's Mountain, it was freezing! Despite the cold, my excitement wasn't dampened at all. As we set up camp, that's when I started to get the idea that Koda wasn't a happy camper. Apparently, the day before, a chiropractor had come to adjust him, and he hadn't been very good about it. As I cleaned Koda—well attempted to clean him—I found that he wasn't willing for me to even *act* like I was going to touch his back. He would pin his ears and toss his head. I pointed this out to Wayne, who said we would just have to be very careful around him, and he would tell Dr. Mike Bridges, who was our vet judge. After I was finished brushing Koda, I decided to practice asking him to lounge at a trot. This was nearly impossible, because the place where we were parked had only enough room to lounge very small circles. However, Koda did pretty well while we were practicing. I had chosen to bring a whip because Koda was noticeably good at "preserving energy."

I decided it was time to take Koda to vet-in. King's Mountain didn't have a great spot for checking in, and I had to deal with trotting on a gravel road. I can't explain how nervous I was! Koda doesn't have a very good vet-in and vet-out record. At East Fork he wouldn't trot when I told him to, so he ended up between a half hearted trot and walk. But we actually did pretty well at King's Mountain. Koda didn't lose points, and I didn't trip and fall and face plant into the gravel like I expected to. (Needless to say I'm not very graceful.) After vet-in I went back to the trailer and made sure everything was in place. Everything was, so I went to dinner, and to the ride briefing. It seemed like it would be an easy ride and I was excited. The two-day ride was 15 miles each day.



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In the morning, it was freezing cold, and I was glad I had gloves. Unfortunately, Koda was still being mean. (I didn't learn, until vet-out, that Koda had tried to kick Dr. Mike when he did his camp check.) I was riding with Lori and Emily Rand, whom I rode with at East Fork. Lori wanted to go out last, and Koda was very impatient. He nearly died when he saw Wayne riding out on Sienna, and Ginny, who was a secretary, was also gone. But once we were out, Koda started to calm down. Even though it was freezing cold, I enjoyed the first day of the ride. I was nervous at the P&R's. For some odd reason I couldn't find my compass in my saddlebag. Another problem was that I'm very good at sidepassing, but, amazingly, none of the obstacles that Patsy Connor (our horsemanship judge) asked Novice Juniors to do, called for a sidepass! One obstacle was to back up even with a ribbon that she tied to a tree, walk through a bunch of sticks and logs, and mount. Koda was doing awesome at the P&R's, and I hoped it would continue throughout the ride.

Then we started crossing water. Koda has a habit of rolling people. I was hoping that he wouldn't try, but he chose otherwise. I didn't get wet, although one of the times I was just barely hanging onto him. After the 15 miles were over, I was really happy to be in a warm trailer!

The second day was much like the first, but Koda actually drank when he came to water! It was warmer

that day, and we cantered through some parts of the trail. One thing I wasn't prepared for was when Dr. Mike asked us to jump a log that had fallen across the trail. I was embarrassed when I almost fell off, but Koda didn't trip or refuse, which was good. Toward the end of the second day, at about the two-mile marker, Dr. Mike asked us to back between two trees. Koda didn't really do too well. In fact, his manners weren't the best throughout the ride. After we got back into camp, a bunch of riders, myself included, went to the nearby Visitors Center. It was pretty interesting—King's Mountain was a turning point for America in the Revolutionary War.

After I had checked out and awards had started, I was very surprised at my scorecards. I had gotten a 95 in Horsemanship, and Koda had gotten a 100 in Condition. I was very surprised at this. Even though he was in a mad mood, he didn't lose any points. We won Novice Sweepstakes, 1st place Novice Junior Horsemanship, and 1st place Novice Junior Condition. I was very excited over these placings, and thought it was a wonderful way to end the ride year. Thank you to Dr. Mike Bridges, Patsy Connor, and all who helped at this ride. I especially want to thank Ginny and Wayne Tolbert for bringing me into this sport, and also Emily and Lori Rand for being such great riding companions.

Payback: A Volunteer Story

by Sallie Kudra

Due to unforeseen and very expensive circumstances, I was unable to compete this season, something I love to do. So, I did the next best thing and paid back by volunteering at a lot of rides.

My favorite non-riding volunteer position is being a secretary for a judge. Horse or Horsemanship – it doesn't matter since both provide excellent insight into the whats, hows, and whys of judging. NATRC prides itself on being an educational organization and this is an opportunity to see how it's done. It also often garners: great meals, beds and baths, AC (much appreciated in Alabama in June), heat (also much appreciated in NC in November) AND the occasional hot tub (THANKS, Connie).

My volunteer year began with the Spring Biltmore ride (the first rides of the season, I was still busy twice daily grinding up and delivering antibiotics to Oco who had a terrible accident last November, surgery in January and was on antibiotics through March and part of April) where I got to secretary for Bill Sherfese aka Bill ShoFussy, the horsemanship judge. I got to do a lot of hiding in the woods taking numbers while Bill took his own notes, which I then transcribed onto the cards. It was great working with Bill again as he has been out of judging for the last few years. Hope to see more of him in the future. I'd love to ride with him judging again.

Next was being the Rules Interpreter for the Faye Whittemore ride in Alabama. Being the RI is my least favorite role, mainly because it is so critical, but unless something needs interpretation, is also the least active volunteer role. I tried my best to get Michelle to let me be a judge's secretary, but she really needed a RI, so I did it. Turned out that I did get an active role to play actually observing some rules incidents and verifying some aspects of the ride.

My volunteer season ended up with being the Horsemanship secretary for the Region 5 Benefit, Sweet Alabama Halloween, Biltmore 90 and King's Mtn. I really got a workout with Kim Cowart (Region 5 Benefit, Sweet Alabama Halloween), Kathy Budd (Biltmore 90) and Patsy Connor (King's Mountain). I like the fact that each judge I worked with has his/her own style and way of working with their secretary. Kim and Patsy have 'cheat sheets' which I absolutely LOVE. They have their comments, suggestions for improvements with accompanying point deductions, pluses and minuses right there for you. A lot of writing is involved, but it's a matter of transcription. Kathy Budd likes to have her secretary right there taking notes as the riders go by and she likes to be out of the way. At one point we were within 5 feet of the riders as they came by and not a single one saw us. Way cool that! I've learned that being dressed in shades of brown in the Fall can make you seem to disappear – even the horses didn't catch sight of us. Being off the trail and very quiet can also allow you to hear priceless comments/expressions of joy (2Mile Marker WHOO HOOs at the end of a long day in the saddle) whether you are dressed in camo, brown or green. Oh, and writer's cramp will not kill you ☺.

I've done every aspect of volunteer work for rides: Ride Manager, Ride Secretary, Judge's Secretary/Driver, Point rider, Safety rider, P&R Coordinator/Worker, Rules Interpreter and all-round GoFer. It's extremely satisfying and a great way to learn, as well as give back to this sport we love. Consider volunteering because without volunteers, there wouldn't be any rides. You won't regret it.



*Ted Curtis
sponging
at Dawson
Forest*

*(Photo by
Mary Leslie)*



Region Five 2011 Tentative Ride Schedule

March 12-13	Spanish Trail Wendy Allen, 6236 Billoree Rd., Pace, FL 32571 Email: kwfallen@bellsouth.net	Munson, FL	A-O,N,CP 850-995-8562 850-393-4216
March 19	Bull Mountain CTR Clinic Debbie Jones, 1038 Gaddis Road, Canton, GA 30115 Email: jonescant@aol.com	Dahlonega, GA	404-285-0891
March 26-27	Uwharrie Forest Paula Riley, 1915 Tower Trail, Waleska, GA 30183 Email: parrides@aol.com	Troy, NC	A-O,N,CP; B-N,CP 903-926-3950
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
April 30-May 1	Bull Mountain Debbie Jones, 1038 Gaddis Road, Canton, GA 30115 Email: jonescant@aol.com	Dahlonega, GA	A-O,N,CP; B-N 404-285-0891
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
May 21-22	Virginia Highlands Judith Shrum, 1364 Laurel Creek Rd NE, Pilot, VA 24138 Email: jshrum@vt.edu	Ivanhoe, VA	A-O,N,CP/B-O,N,CP 540-651-8492 540-320-0499
September 3-4	Region Five Benefit Ride Cindy Keen, 1620 Bellevue Rd., Dublin, GA 31021 Email: cindytk@hotmail.com	Dawsonville, GA	A-O,N,CP; B-N 478-290-3868 478-272-5097
September 10-11	Ride The Edge Virginia Tolbert, 9598 Antioch Ch. Rd. W. Lenoir City, TN 37772 Email: vtolbert@usit.net	Allardt, TN	A-O,N,CP; B-N 865-986-3333 865-363-7563
September 24-25	Heart of Dixie Linda Clayton, 6774 W Old Haynesville Rd., Hope Hull, AL 36043 Email: lindaclay@aol.com	Troy, AL	A&B-O,N,CP 334-281-5509 334-567-6766
October 8-9	Autumn @ Biltmore Connie Driskell, 524 Mills Gap Road, Arden, NC 28704 Email: csdintrig@charter.net		AA-O;A-O,N,CP;B-N 828-684-5650
October 15	Kings Mountain CTR Clinic Mary K. Britt, P O Box 725, Hazelwood, NC 28738 Email: marywildfillie@aol.com	Blacksburg, SC	828-456-7554
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
November 5-6	Kings Mountain Mary K. Britt, P O Box 725, Hazelwood, NC 28738 Email: marywildfillie@aol.com	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.

All rides need volunteers! Register for rides online at 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 six membership plans: four Regular, 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.

CHECK PLAN DESIRED - JOIN/RENEW BEFORE THE MARCH 1, 2011 MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: All NATRC memberships include: subscription to Hoof Print, eligibility to compete for NATRC annual high score awards and championships, rider and horse mileage awards, reduced ride entry fees, sponsor discounts and automatic membership in the region where you reside.

Table with columns: Plan Name, Before 3/1, After, Description. Rows include FAMILY, SINGLE ADULT, ASSOCIATE, JUNIOR.

PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP: Platinum members receive insurance benefits thorough Association Resource Group-ARG. Platinum members receive personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit.

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LIFE MEMBER PLATINUM UPGRADE: \$20 Single; \$40 Family

HOOF PRINT SUBSCRIPTION ONLY: \$18.00 per year US or \$23 foreign

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

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State, Zip Phone

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If you are a new member, can you share with us how you found out about NATRC?

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Blessings



Editor's Note: What a wonderful group we all belong to, and there's no better way to start the new year than by reading this great note and counting our own blessings ☽ *Kathy*

Tango and I would like to thank everyone who helped us through a dire situation at the 2010 Ride the Edge ride at East Fork Stables. When we arrived at camp and Tango was showing signs of colic, everybody, from the East Fork staff to ride volunteers, rallied to help us. I would especially like to thank Carol Ault, Kathy Bailey, and Barbara Robertson for being fantastic friends. Wayne and Ginny Tolbert and Gail Milner gave me great advice and help. Lori Rand provided us with rice bran and alfalfa pellets. Sandy Pegram came through with banamine and mineral oil. And a big thanks to Dr. Hunsel for taking the time to attend to Tango while vetting-in, and for celebrating with me over a pile of manure! And for everyone else at the ride who held my hand and empathized over our predicament, "Thanks!" Regina Broughton

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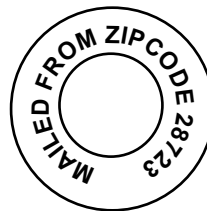
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