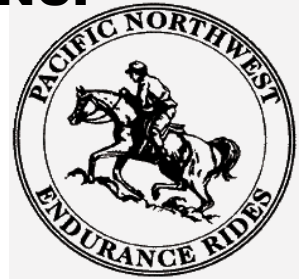
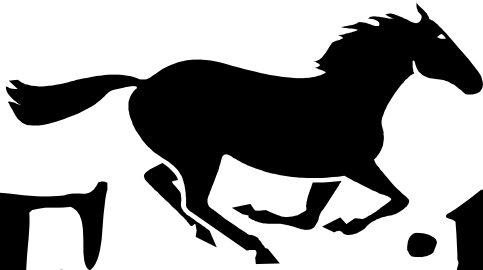


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## From the President's Paddock...

I know most people don't ponder the technicalities of PNER Bylaws and Rules as they're trotting down the trail, but in light of recent discussions, I thought I'd maybe give some food for thoughts - just in case you run out. As most of you know, our Bylaws are printed in the annual handbook. We do that because they are important to our organization, and really, all our members should be familiar with them. Trouble sleeping at night? Grab your handbook instead of that novel and give it a go - No, I don't mean the ride calendar, I'm talking about those seven pages in the middle that you just flip by. Our Bylaws are the result of a lot of effort by dedicated members back in the early 90's to provide a vision and framework for our organization. They are to guide us in our operations, but they don't encompass all that we do. That's where rules come in. We have the authority to create, amend, or delete rules, so long as they don't fly in the face of the guiding principals. This is what happens at the Board of Directors meetings at Convention (I'm sure many of you have been wondering, Ha!) PNER has, over time, created a number of rules, as well as added or modified awards,

and other procedures. The Jr. BC Award is a good example. The Board made a clarification of the award back in 1999, which, in essence, was to encourage all rides to offer the opportunity for Jr. BC Judging as long as there were at least two juniors starting. If we're going to have an annual "Champion", it's only fair that we offer equal opportunity throughout the year to be judged. The rule does not force the presentation of an award at the ride, only an opportunity to be judged, or scored. If no horse presented is worthy of a BC title, the vet certainly has the right to withhold it. But it's a great learning experience either way. The point is to provide helpful information to the Jr. rider so they can take the best care of their horse in the future, and if on any particular day, they didn't, I

think they should know about it. You may agree or disagree with the rule, but I guess that's my point. You have the power to shape this organization by speaking up. Join in the forums, write a letter to the Editor or the President (hey, that's me), and if you really want to effect change, come to convention, attend the meetings and propose an idea. You're welcome at not only the General Membership meeting but the Board Meetings as well.



Happy Pondering, Julie Barnfather

## From the VP Corral...

Congratulations to all those newly minted 100 milers....it was so much fun to hear about your successes and adventures on the list serv! Doing 100 miles with your horse is truly an unforgettable experience—one of the many that we may have with our horses in this sport. And a huge thanks to all of the seasoned 100 mile riders that offered support and encouragement along the way. It is this kind of mentoring, in the end, that helps everyone step up to the next challenge, and it's something we can never do enough of in this sport. We don't have formal tests, or grades, or certificates that indicate levels of expertise—so we count on those of you who have some miles under your belt (or hooves) to give the guidance that we all need. So thanks.

We're beginning to make some plans for the PNER 2007 convention: mark your calendars for January 26-28<sup>th</sup> and make sure you plan to attend! By popular request, we're back at the Embassy Suites at the Portland Airport. We were treated royally there last year, and this year will be even better. The agenda is getting full—so plan on coming on Friday, and staying through Sunday. We'll be working with the hotel to gain more room for the trade show, and already we've got vendors reserving space so it promises to be even better than last year's show. Contact Darlene Anderson or check the PNER website for applications.

Stay tuned for more details—but plan to attend! For more information, contact me via email [2cheeks@homenetnw.net](mailto:2cheeks@homenetnw.net) ... or check the website for further updates.

See you on the trail, Sandy

# UNSPONSORED JUNIOR RIDERS???

I am upgrading my 15 year old daughter next ride season. She has earned her right to ride as an unsponsored junior and will be considered a senior rider. Here is how you can do it if you wish to:

AERC considers a junior rider a rider under the age of 16 as of the first day of the competition season (December 1). All juniors must be accompanied by an adult throughout the ride. The exception being when qualifications of 500 miles are met on a rider 14-16 years old and a written letter of permission from parent/guardian and AERC, if the ride manager allows.

You just need to mail a letter or email to AERC stating your child's name and the fact that he or she has your permission to ride as an unsponsored junior for the 2007 ride season. The child must have 500 miles with AERC. (That can be endurance or LD miles.) Let them know the weight division the new senior rider will be riding under. When a junior rider rides as an unsponsored junior, they must supply a weight division and are then riding in the senior division for senior points.

After they receive the letter you send, AERC will get the letter compiled and sent to you and your teenager. You present that letter at every ride that season to the ride managers for them to allow/approve your rider to go unsponsored.

———Karla Watson

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# ---Ride Results---

## HEADWATERS OF THE ROGUE Aug 26

### 25 MILE--SENIORS

Place	Name	Horse	Time	Points
BC-1	Beth Bliss*	Arapaho Maiden	3:16:00	0
2	Richard Barney*	Scout	3:28:00	0
3	Margaret Doyle*	Sage	3:35:00	0
4	Bonnie Sterling*	Willy's Red Rose	3:37:00	0
4	Morgan Gratz-Weiser*	Chocolate Delight	4:46:01	0
5	Liz Akar*	Quila Qui At Hershey	3:59:00	0
6	Rose White*	Jinglebobs Tigger Lillie	4:01:00	0
7	Julie Sutton*	AJ	4:06:00	0
8	Megan Venworthy*	Kelly	4:12:01	0
9	Joy Trevey-Lowell*	Ali Baba	4:14:01	0
10	Debbie Hanson-Bernard*	Abby	4:14:02	0
11	Darcy Bean	MHL Stardjasmine	4:15:01	25
12	Wilma Kirk*	RD Celestial Fire	4:20:00	0
13	Adam Ward*	MC Taurus Moon	4:23:00	0
14	Tina Grow*	Mistan Poppies	4:30:00	0
15	Mari Smultea	Debutantes Hope	4:32:00	25
16	Natalie Herman*	Cheyenne	4:43:00	0
17	Lynne Mahoney	SA Fair Dinkum	4:44:00	25
18	Andrea Hum	Shadow	4:45:01	25
19	Brian Pfeiffer*	Don Diego	4:45:02	0
20	Stephanie Pfeiffer*	Kelsey	4:46:02	0
21	Diane Butler*	RGR Firefly Sparkle	4:55:00	0
22	Beverly Canavan*	Such A Mystery	4:56:00	0
23	Christine Karas	Kira	5:02:01	25
24	Jacqueline Debets*	My Drum AKA Giselle	5:02:02	0
25	Alex Rivas	Marigold's Coin Sensation	5:07:01	25
26	Shannon Rivas	Dark Sky	5:07:02	25
27	Betsy Henningsen	Midnight Serenade	5:09:01	25
28	Warren Barr	PF Pretender	5:09:02	25
29	Linda Shaw*	Raipier	5:10:00	0
30	Terri Tinkham*	Oliver Twist	5:13:00	0
32	Morgan Smith	MF My Buster Brown	5:30:01	25
33	Steve Barton	Flea	5:30:02	25
34	Bianca Chevalier	HR Knightro	5:30:03	25
35	Pat Super	Spice Girl	5:30:04	25
36	Peggy Kean	L Tara Rose	5:30:05	25
37	Roberta Dusek	She Is Mine	5:30:06	25
38	Mary Bigger*	Smokey	5:30:07	0
39	April Cyrek*	DB Air Alahman	5:30:08	0
40	Kacy Carr*	Sheba	5:30:09	0
Pulls	Jillian McIntosh*	Karisma Dun in Diamonds		0
	Bobbie Ann Beller*	Blacksaddle Harmonie		0
	Nancy Sturm	Generator's Midnite Hunter		0
	Jane Forbes*	Dusty Fever		0
	Linda Bezdek	Shadow LB		0
	Adam Taylor*	Spring Rain Dancer		0
	Rusty Roohs*	Thunder Star		0
	Susie Morrill	SHS Independence		0
	Paul Noach*	Hermes		0
	Janet Ruprecht*	Sanfena Felina		0
	Susan Lowdermilk*	MNS Whimite Freedom		0

### 25 MILE---JUNIORS

Place	Name	Horse	Time	Points
BC-1	Andrea Ruth*	Chikita	4:10:00	0
2	Olivia Bates	Magic Wafer	4:12:02	55
3	Alyssa Masse*	Liberty Mountain Star	4:15:02	0
Pulls	Kaatya Krane*	MNS Inhnto Cosmos		0
	Leah Henningsen	Musica Del Mar		0

### 50 MILE---JUNIORS

Place	Name	Horse	Time	Points
1	Macy Chartraw	EMS Rad Saux	7:06:02	150
2	Amanda Watson	Mystic Ace	10:04:02	110

### 50 MILE--SENIORS

Place	Name	Horse	Time	Points
BC-1	Kristen Maholland*	SC Zepher	5:29:00	0
2	Becky Fiedler	BRR Far Dancer	5:36:01	125
3	Rob Biswas	Ali's Little Jetster	5:36:02	110
4	Lisa Smith	HIA Sud Addis	5:40:00	100
5	April Burton	Gunsmoke	6:08:00	90
6	Gabriela Blakeley	Twin Fir Victor	6:11:01	80
7	Wasch Blakeley	Lady With A Past	6:11:02	70
8	R.G. Root,	DVM HV Stargazer	6:36:00	65
9	Janet Hunter	Totally Auzim	6:44:01	60
10	Rachel Hunter	Sultan Sold	6:44:02	55
11	Deanna Guinasso*	RGR Flashfire	6:52:01	0
12	Renie Burnett*	Czentinel	6:52:02	0
13	Ashley Bucy	Crimson Stardust	6:54:00	50
14	Terry Canavello	Flyer	7:05:00	50
15	LeAnn Chartraw	EMS Darq Smoke	7:06:01	50
17	Gordon Westergard	Gulastras Knight	7:32:02	50
18	Amber Applegate	D'Artagnon	7:36:00	50
19	Jeff Boggess*	HRA Kurio	7:40:00	0
20	Karen Brooks*	Will Do	7:44:01	0
21	Patricia Surowski*	Alonas Timeless	7:44:02	0
22	Stacey Motschenbacher*	Stoics Captain	7:44:03	0
23	Wendy Cook*	Bridger	7:50:01	0
24	Richard Cook*	My Kiger Tyger	7:50:02	0
25	Paige Fisher*	Spotz Ahoy	7:55:00	0
26	Sharon Westergard	CR Rohbellion	8:03:00	50
27	Max Merlich	Rebba	8:04:00	50
28	Beverly Hoogendyk	CSF Ms Merdian	8:06:00	50
29	Carol Crawford Myers	Late Pinecone	8:16:00	50
30	Alison Heynderickx	Dawn's Storm Cloud	8:19:01	50
31	Susan Powell	Ellorean	8:19:02	50
32	Clarissa Hale*	NH High Falutin	8:25:00	0
33	Diane Luternauer	Thunder	8:31:00	50
34	Jim Schembs*	Forrk	8:53:01	0
35	Frank Elmer*	Kiara	8:53:02	0
36	Carol Wooster*	PS Thunder Bey	9:03:01	0
37	Tammy Shuck	Nite N Ferno	9:03:02	50
38	Lianne Cantrall	Rockin Rhythmm	9:03:03	50
39	Marjolein van Unen*	SWS Far Ride	9:20:00	0
40	Paul Latiolais	Lucero Reedo de Rioto	9:40:00	50
41	Elizabeth Newfield*	National Endeavor	9:44:00	0
42	Charleen Farrell	SAR Tiki Dancer	9:54:01	50
43	Ina McLean	Bask Fyre	9:54:02	50
44	Michael McLean	CA Copiccino	9:54:03	50
45	Kelly Steele	Forever Velvet	9:59:00	50
46	Kara Henry	Prides Maxine	10:04:01	50
47	Yvonne Underwood*	Fire N Ice	10:20:00	0
48	Vickie Patterson-Hornbeck	Bonita Gizelle	10:25:00	50
Pulls	Dennis Sousa*	Jim Bob		0
	Karla Watson	Talentt Scoutt		0
	Jeff Barber*	Niko		0
	Kelly Anderson*	Dular		0
	Gloria Hagerman*	MC Ghost		0
	Jodi Thompson	LS Pryme Tyme		0
	Kathryn Kennard	Ibn Nickajoy Nijinsky		0
	Heather Bookey*	Star Davida		0
	Joyce Sousa*	SW Night Fire		0
	Emily Teiper	Ameerás Dream		0
	Buck Blakeley*	Comet		0
	Deborah Whaley	Shahzahns Amahn		0
	Kelly Ahearn-Wagner	Bodacious		0
	Barbara Doust-Boggess*	HRA Greco		0
	Lois Fox	Golden Beau		0
	Sky Evans	Cricket (SE)		0
	David Folsom*	Flash Of Energy		0
	Adam Falk	Heather Alkrush		0

# WESTBANK ROCKER Sept 16

## 50 MILE--SENIORS

Place	Name	Horse	Time	Points
BC-1	Murray McKenzie*	Ransom	4:24:00	0
2	Tara MacLeod*	Driftwoods Shaniah	4:42:01	0
3	Ashlee Jacobs*	NL Temptation	4:42:02	0
4	Barbara Holmes-Balmer	Shimelhawa	4:42:03	100
5	Gail Jewell	KD Colonel	5:32:00	90
6	Elroy Karius	Apache Eclipse	5:40:00	80
7	Terre O'Brennan	Koszaar	5:41:00	70
8	Shannon Walton*	Dusty	5:50:00	0
9	Julius Bloomfield	SH Miquel	5:56:00	60
10	Kim Black	Smooth	6:19:00	55
11	Kathleen Ferguson	Kilauea Fashion	6:20:00	50
12	Fred Voglmaier	Sparks Fly	6:21:00	50
13	Roberta Hormes*	La Bamba	6:42:01	0

14	Brenda Miskimmin*	MC Penny Too	6:42:02	0
15	Wanda Lea*	VT Ibn El Shaylar	7:06:00	0
16	Brian Malkoske	Khurlee's Rizn Star	7:47:01	50
17	Christine Thomson	Paisley	7:47:02	50
18	Anne MacKay*	Shaheen	8:06:01	0
19	Ann Culver*	Uptown Girl	8:06:02	0
20	Karen Ellis	SS Elektra	8:26:01	50
21	Gord Ellis*	Cash	8:26:02	0
Pulls	Madeline Bateman	TC Rollcall		0
	Terry Boscher	Kool As Ice		0
	Lawrence Henslee*	Solszar HCC +/-		0
	Sandy Liang*	Cody Flair		0
	Linda Nicholas	Anam Cara		0
	Diane Stevens	KJ Jazz Elation		0
	Charles Bateman	Hana		0

# SHIMIKIN LAKE Sept 26

## 50 MILE--SENIORS

Place	Name	Horse	Time	Points
BC-1	Dennis Summers	SHA Ebony Rose	7:25:01	150
2	Susan Summers	Mags Motivator	7:25:02	125
3	Linda Pacholko	Crosby Bey Star	7:46:00	110
4	Katie Glowaski	DLF Jobster	8:03:00	100
5	Ashlee Jacobs*	NL Temptation	8:19:00	0
6	Stefanus Pienaar*	Teejarr	8:24:00	0
7	Kristy Hart	Betelquese	9:28:02	70
8	Terre O'Brennan	Koszaar	9:33:01	65
9	Dede Dacyk*	SS Shamrock	9:33:02	0
10	Joyce Kellenberger	Staccsanna	10:08:01	55
11	Christine Thomson	Paisley	10:08:02	50
12	Christine Voglmaier	Kool As Ice	10:08:03	50
13	Brian Malkoske	Khurlee's Rizn Star	10:08:04	50
14	Kim Black	Smooth	10:14:01	50
15	Kathleen Ferguson	Kilauea Fashion	10:14:02	50
Pulls	Dianna Gilbreath*	GM Stormy Lady		0
	Don Boscher	Pedro		0

Terry Boscher	CR Bueno Bandito	0
Lawrence Henslee*	Solszar HCC +/-	0
Elroy Karius	NL Norban	0
Susan McLain	AH Priority Male	0
Anne Neary*	Lady Stetson	0
Shannon Walton*	Dusty	0
Roberta Hormes*	La Bamba	0
Sandy Liang*	Cody Flair	0
Ann Culver*	Uptown Girl	0
Barbara Holmes-Balmer	Shimelhawa	0
Pat Carnegie*	RA Alana	0
Stuart Culver*	Country Touch	0
Grant Balmer	Myrlyn's Magic	0

## 50 MILE--JUNIORS

Place	Name	Horse	Time	Points
1	Kate Hart	Glamour	9:28:01	150

Lexi's (SG Lexi-Khan) life began with the winning of a breeding to Cathy Leddy's Akhal-Teke stallion, Astrachan at the 2005 PNER convention. After several pre-breeding treatment trips to the vet, Berry, my 12 year old Arabian endurance mare, and I made the trip from Bend, OR to Snohomish, WA to meet her temporary "husband."

The combination of wanting to squeeze a couple of endurance rides in for the season and other unexpected life scenarios, brought us up to Cathy's rather late in the breeding season (Late August). The concern of missing this breeding opportunity was put to rest when I got the call Labor Day weekend, that Berry REALLY liked her momentary encounter with equine love.

My first glimpse of Lexi was at 20 days on the ultrasound screen: Just a little white dot in a big black circle. It was a LONG 320 more days of waiting!

Fast forward to Saturday night, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 pm. 340 days. Textbook delivery: healthy mom, healthy baby.

Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 pm. I leave the barn after I kiss and tuck my girls in for the night.

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 12:01 am. I am immediately woken up by my housemate urgently calling my name: Susie! Lexi is sick! I run to the barn to see my little girl streaming bright red blood and colicing. I frantically call my vet and get his voicemail. I run back to the house and hurriedly scan the internet for other vet options. I find one in Newberg, 90 minutes away. Load up the mare and baby with my housemate in back.

We arrive at a beautiful clinic (Oakhurst Veterinary Clinic) in a record 60 minutes. The vet, Jennifer Stoffer, greets me (she looks younger than my niece!) just 3 years out of vet school. She was accompanied by the owner of the farm (Oakhurst Thoroughbred Farm) and veteran vet of 20+ years, Jack Root. They hadn't seen anything like Lexi's symptoms before... needless to say the prognosis wasn't very good.

Fast forward 2 weeks: after 2 plasma infusions, LOTS of IV fluids, oral and intramuscular antibiotics, biosponge (a new substance that is clay based and binds with EVERYTHING in the colon and flushes it out), Vitamin B fluid bolus, tubing with mom's milk and gastrogard, Lexi and Berry arrive home.

Final diagnosis: bacterial infection: Clostridium Perfringens. After further research, the vets tell me that in over 90% of cases where horses and foals die from this particular bacterial infection (verified by necropsy), there were NO symptoms. So, a little human and medical intervention combined with a WHOLE lot of little EQUINE tenacity, I have my little "lucky" Lexi.

Despite the lack of sleep, missed work, lots of diesel and commuting costs, not to mention vet costs, a lifetime of stress AND a whole endurance season missed, would I change a thing? The answer lies in the little whinny that greets me every morning....not on your "lucky" life. — Susie Griffin

## "Lucky" Lexi





# Junior Page



## My First 100 Miler!!!



*Amanda & Ace (L) and  
Heidi & Ash (R), her sponsor  
at 2:30am at the finish line at Oregon 100*

From the day I started endurance, I knew that I was terrified of riding one hundred miles. You can imagine the shock when my mother asked my company in our first hundred mile ride, especially, when neither of us had even done a seventy five. It turned out to be a great experience and I am here to share it with you.

My mother Karla and I, were so excited driving to the Oregon 100, we could hardly contain ourselves. This was it; the highest offered mileage in endurance and we were going to do it. This enthusiasm was the reason we were both so heartbroken at mile seventeen.

When we rode into the out-vet check, my mother had been told that her wonderful horse Leo, had a limp in his hind end and it wouldn't be wise to continue on. Our entire day changed. Already, they were calling camp and requesting that somebody stay and wait for me to come in, so I had to make the huge decision of whether or not I was going to pursue. Eventually, over different opinions, and many held in tears, I decided to do it. We finally found someone to ride in with me to camp. This person was on the fifty and had a very kind heart. Her

**Written by Amanda Watson**

name is Karen Leiman and I am so glad that she came in when she did. Riding back to camp without my mother was certainly sad, but Karen kept me going with her kind words and mother-like reassurance.

I came into camp, and they had found somebody to take me through the ride, and her name is Heidi Larson. I was petrified at the idea of doing seventy five more miles with somebody that I didn't really know, but I quickly learned I was glad it was Heidi. Karen rode the last of her twenty five miles with both of us and when we came into camp, there was my mother, sister, and everyone they could round-up cheering us on.

When Heidi and I set out for another twenty five mile loop, it really dawned on me that this was one hundred miles. Dusk started setting in and I was so glad that Heidi had found a glow stick in her pack. Boy those things really keep you going. By the time we came into camp, it was already dark and freezing. We went out on our twelve mile, second to last loop, with a full set of glow bars. I must say it was a blast riding in the dark; you really bond with your horse.

Heidi has the biggest heart that I have ever seen. It was her first hundred as well and she gladly volunteered to sponsor a junior. Not to mention her optimistic and peppy attitude that will keep anyone going. We must have talked about everything from philosophy to family. I was so glad that she was with me.

When we rode into camp at the finish, my mother had gotten an even bigger support group to come and cheer us in. We were both still smiling, and when I got off, having my sister Natalie there, sure was nice. She was a huge help. I am so proud of my fabulous horse Ace and glad that we could do this together.

If there are any juniors out there, that are thinking of doing a hundred, but aren't quite sure, I say this. If your horse is ready, than just do it. I'm telling you, it is a fantastic experience which you will never forget.

# BRYCE CANYON

## MULTI-DAY RIDE

### STORY & PHOTOS BY CAROL GILES

For years Ron and I wanted to do the Bryce Canyon multi-day. Finally, we managed to make the trip to southern Utah. We highly recommend this ride. Although there is more road than I like, the ride is beautiful, challenging, well managed and a blast.

#### Day One - Saturday

The 20 pages of detailed instructions for the house sitter are written, detailing in excruciating detail the care of the house, barn, 30 horses, one dog, three cats and the fish. I admit it; I'm a compulsive mom when it comes to my critters. Also included is an apology for the fact that the floor in the master bedroom closet, utility room, pantry, kitchen and dining room is torn out - compliments of slow water leak that caused significant structural damage before being discovered. I've also apologized for the fact that the furniture and "stuff" from those rooms is stuffed into every available space in the rest of the house. This means, of course, that there is virtually no room to walk or sit or live. In fact, the only place to sit is the lounge chair that is 6 inches from the 60-inch screen TV and the chair in front of the computer. Well really, what does a house sitter expect for \$35.00 a day? A house that is actually livable? Get a grip!

The trailer is packed, the horses are loaded and we are off! After 4 hours of catastrophe free driving (well, except for discovering that the refrigerator in the trailer has ceased working - apparently permanently), we stop in Juntura, an hour east of Burns. For those of you who travel east with your horses, this is a great spot to stop. There is an arena for horse romping and rolling, water is available and the area easily holds a big rig.

Now that the horses are covered in dust and dirt, as every self-respecting endurance horse should be, we push on to Twin Falls. There, we pull into a friend's place and find that they are hosting a roping competition. Imagine the cowboys' looks of disdain when we pull our dusty dirty horses out of the trailer - Arabians no less! Well, just let them come and ride 250 miles in 5 days! Soon enough the rigs pull out, the horses are happily running, rolling and packing Idaho dirt into their coats, the stars twinkle and life is good.

#### Day Two - Sunday

We are on the road early with everything proceeding like clockwork. Uh oh, that always makes me nervous.



And sure enough, south of Salt Lake the frantic call comes from Charleen - there is no water at the ranch and the horses are taking exception to the situation. In fact, one of the horses is beating the crap out of the automatic waterer.

Despite having had perfect cell coverage earlier, our first calls with Charleen go like this: "There is no water?" "Are you there, can you hear me?" Lost her. Smoke signals would have been easier and where is that darn, "can you hear me now" guy when you need him? After finally establishing a connection lasting more than 5 second, we walk Charleen through resetting the pump. Imagine Ron listening to my side of the conversation.

Call one: No, the pump is not near the house or the barn. It's way up the steep hill above the irrigation ditch about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. Well, I'm sorry your calves hurt like the devil from riding the 50 miles yesterday at Headwaters and you don't want to walk up the hill. You could take the 4-wheeler - I don't think it will roll on that side hill. The 4-wheeler won't start? Sorry, guess you have to walk. Call me when you gimp up the hill.

Call two: You're at the pump house? Take a few minutes and catch your breath. You all right now? Ok, to get to the reset buttons you have to lift up the roof to the pump house - but don't get smashed doing it as the roof weighs at least 100 pounds. I don't know who designed the darn thing that way. I know, I know, a door would have made far more sense. Ok, now that you have the roof propped up you have to dangle over the side and find the two reset buttons that are under some metal gizmos.

What, you're vertically challenged and can't reach them? Well, you'll have to crawl inside. No, there is no ladder there to use - we usually just dangle. Well, I guess you can stand on that to crawl inside, just don't slip and grab the roof - I don't want you squished like a bug. What? It's dark and you can't find the reset buttons. Guess you should have grabbed a flashlight before you left the house. Call me back after you crawl out, walk down the hill, get a flashlight, walk back up, and crawl back in the pump house.

Call three: Glad you made it. No, it doesn't sound like you're wheezing. Now that you can see, push the two buttons. No, there won't be any noise if the pump starts running. To tell that you have to crawl out, walk further up the hill to the cistern and listen to see if you can hear water coming in. Yes, it does get really steep up there. Call me when you get there.

Call four: I know walking up such a steep hill makes your calves' cramp. Sorry! I have no idea how they got the cistern up there in the first place! What? There is no water coming into the cistern but you can see a dead mouse in it? YUK!! I DRINK THAT WATER - I do NOT want to hear that!! Well, you'll have to go back down and try the reset buttons again.

Call five: Still no water? Call the following people and see if they can bring a pumper truck over with water. If none of them can, call a water hauling company. In the mean time, call Wendy and see if she'll come over and help you fill the 5-gallon water containers down at the neighbor's house and start filling waterers. Then call Thompson Pump and an electrician. Yes, it will take a VERY LONG time to fill the tanks using 5-gallon jugs. Yes, I know I'm very lucky to have you as a friend. Yes, this does cancel out all those gates I've opened for you when we ride.

Call twenty: I'm glad the pumper truck is there and the horses have water. That's great that the electrician can fix the pump. Hey, have you noticed that whenever

we leave you have to deal with some big crisis at the ranch. No, really, I don't plan it that way. No, it is NOT my goal to inflict pain and torture you. Yes, you can now go home and soak in the tub ....

So, we are on our way again. We find great fairgrounds in Fillmore, Utah. Twilight comes; the horses have a nice run in the arena and add some Utah dust to their collection. Life is good - well, maybe not for Charleen - but for us, life is definitely good.

### Day Three - Monday

Until today, the scenery has been drab. You've seen one sagebrush; you've seen them all. But as we turn onto Hwy 89 the mountains rise, the pines come into view and the desert shows hints of green. Panquitch is a cute town and 20 miles later we turn into Red Canyon, which takes us to the Paunsaugunt Plateau where most of the ride takes place.

Red Canyon is beautiful. Vermillion-colored rock formations line the road and stands of pines make the canyon exceptionally scenic. Add tunnels carved through the rock and the drive is a real treat. From there we take a dirt road past 180-acre Tropic Reservoir to the ride site. On the way, we pass wild turkeys and grazing antelope. Nestled into a small canyon, camp sits at 8000 feet above a larger valley. In prior years, ride camp has been down by the river but the forest service shut down the area. God forbid anyone actually enjoy the wilderness. After a walk through camp, we park and settle the horses into their pens. A long stroll in the meadow munching on grass takes the place of a good roll. Twilight comes, and life is good, very good indeed.

### Day Four - Tuesday

Ok, I admit it - I'm a slug at heart. Nothing makes me happier than an easy ride and lying around reading. Rigs start pulling in and we meet some delightful new friends. "Horse Dacor" parks right next store and Ron flinches as I pull out the credit card and go shopping. We pack our crew bags and visit some more. Ah, who could ask for more!

### Day Five - Wednesday

Today we are off to sightsee. 30 minutes from ride camp, Bryce Canyon is a national park named after Ebenezer Bryce who homesteaded nearby. Bryce is famous for its unique geology, consisting of horseshoe-shaped amphitheaters, slot canyons, windows, fins and spires called "hoodoos". Tinted with colors too numerous and subtle to name, these whimsically arranged rocks create a wondrous landscape of mazes. Ponderosa pines, meadows, and fir-spruce forests border the canyon rim. The area boasts some of the world's best air quality, 200-miles of visibility and panoramic views of three states, plus a lack of nearby light sources creates unparalleled opportunities for stargazing.



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We took time to hike a portion of the rim trail and walked down into the canyon to view the Queen's Garden where a rock has been formed that looks like Queen Victoria. It does indeed look like the queen, but we decided what made the formation even more interesting was the fact that it looked like she was standing on the back of a camel facing backwards. I guess she never would have made a very good endurance rider!

After lunch at the historic lodge (all you could eat - yippy) we returned to camp. An amazing number of rigs have sandwiched themselves into the small area. Arriving early was definitely a good idea! After feeding we attend the ride meeting. Trail directions seem vague and I am worried (unnecessarily, it turns out) about getting lost. The night is cold - promises to be in the low 30's - but the days have been glorious and tomorrow promises the same. The stars are as brilliant as I have ever seen. The ponies are happy, as is my husband - always a very good thing!

**Day Six - Thursday**  
**1st Ride Day -**  
**Swoop Canyon**

The ride starts at 7:30. It's brisk but I opt to just wear a t-shirt. Only about 5 people head out of camp at a trot.

The rest of us meander out like we are on a Sunday stroll. Our horses wonder what the heck is going on. A few miles down the road, the Duck sits watching the horses to make sure all is well. We start with a very long pull up a road that eventually takes us to a trail. As we are trotting along we suddenly pop out on a bluff. What a beautiful scene greets us. We are atop a high ridge with a huge red/pink rock formation below us. Pillars of sandstone tower up out of the formation. We look across an expanse of pine and aspen. The sky is brilliant blue with puffy white clouds. Wow.

We continue working our way up until we reach the summit. The view is a huge expanse - someone tells us later - of Arizona. But you know what they say, "What goes up, must come down." And down, down, down we go. The trail is narrow and steep, switch backing down to the bottom of the plateau. The footing is mostly good, but we opted to dismount and walk down. Once down, we cross the canyon and immediately start back up the other side. Whew. The sun is beating down and Ron, riding one of our youngsters, hikes the entire way to the top. Thankfully, after we get to the top we reach the lunch break,

which is in a beautiful meadow. Annie, the Duck's wife, has lunch for all of the riders - sandwiches, cookies, chips, and drinks. YUM! From there it is a hop, skip and jump to camp where we find that we finished in the top 10. Given that we just pattered all day we are quite surprised. After taking care of the horses, vetting in for the next day, it's time for dinner - again provided by ride management. Salmon and halibut, veggies, salad, dessert. There is NOTHING better than NOT having to cook after a ride!

**Day Seven - Friday - 2nd Ride Day - The Blue Fly Trail**

Another 7:30 start, but this time the riders move more briskly. As the day unfolds we learn that they do so because today's ride is shorter. We travel down to Tropic Reservoir and then up a small but very steep butte with the horses navigating narrow trails and switchbacks. At the top we move onto a jeep trail and we pass another rider who asks us if we have done the ride before. When we reply that we haven't, she says "Listen, when you get to the top of the hill get off your horse before you start down the other side. There is not enough room to get off once you start down and you DO NOT want to ride your horse down the trail." O.k., I'm nice and relaxed now and looking forward to the rest of the day. Eventually we find the top of the hill, dismount and start down.



Carol: Oh sh\*t, this is steep and this really isn't a trail. Looks more like they just kicked the big rocks off this huge rock slide".

Ron: "Look at the beautiful rock formation!"

Carol: No, I'm watching my feet. Oh sh\*t."

Ron: "This view is spectacular, look out."

Carol: "Shut up. I am not looking anywhere except at my feet."

Ron: "Don't be a wimp."

Carol: "I'm not. Now leave me alone. I'm concentrating on not tripping."

Ron: "I love this kind of trail."

Carol: "You're sick."

Ron: "Watch that big step off."

Carol: "How could I miss a 2 foot step off on a 90 degree hillside on rock slide? Oh sh\*t, Stranger, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!"

Ron: "Now I see why you wanted to be in front - he was a little enthusiastic jumping off that ledge."

Carol: "No joke."

Ron: "Why did you stop?"  
Carol: "I'm looking at the view. Cool hoodoos."  
Ron: "Well, keep walking."  
Carol: "I am NOT looking at the view when I am walking on this cliff."  
Ron: "You wimp."  
Carol: "Am not!"

It is so fun riding with your spouse. Aren't you all sorry you can't enjoy the experience?

Shortly after reaching the bottom we find ourselves off trail. Thankfully, we discover our mistake after only a few minutes and quickly find the turn we missed. Another hour and we are in a beautiful aspen grove eating hotdogs and candy bars, drinking Tang, and visiting with friends from California. From the lunch break we have a 10-mile haul up the hills, followed by another 10 miles down a logging road. All the while we are being chased by a large menacing thunderstorm. Thankfully, we manage to stay ahead of the storm and numerous hours later are back at camp, having finished a surprising 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. We vet for the next day and are off to enjoy BBQ chicken, fresh veggies and ice cream sundaes. Following this we partake in a little stargazing and are off to dream land.

#### Day Eight - Saturday - 3rd Ride Day Swoop Canyon backwards

This is my least favorite day, as it is much of day one in reverse. While Ron enjoys doing the loop this direction the horses and I are not happy to see that darn canyon again. A lunch of BBQ sandwiches cheers me. Then, rather than come down the road from day one, we turn onto a wonderful trail winding through a lovely aspen grove. Once back in camp, we find that we again finished top 10. We are puzzled since we rode slowly. An hour or so of rain cuts down the dust, but stops before another great dinner - roast beef, mashed potatoes and veggies. After a Vicodan dessert, ok, I am a wimp, I am off to bed.

#### Day None - Sunday - 4th Ride Day

I absolutely love today. We leave camp and start up, up, up not stopping until we scramble to the tip top of a butte where we find ourselves on top of the world. We eat lunch enjoying an incredible 360-degree view and beautiful rock formations. Of course, afterwards there is that pesky downhill march, much of which is on a hard gravel road. Ron and I opt to run rather than ride. I am worried about preserving Stranger's shoes and the concussion on his legs. Silly endurance rider - I never give a thought to the concussion on my legs - more Vicodan for dessert! So, after another finish in the 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> range, we vet the horses and gorge ourselves on spaghetti and cheesecake. Yahoo!!

#### Day Ten - Monday - 5th Ride Day

Rolling out of bed I see that Stranger has a swollen rear fetlock. We find that a spot where he clipped himself earlier in the week is infected. Hesitant to start him, I trundle him off to the Duck. Suddenly, I understand why we have been placing so well - it's 7:00 and no one is out of bed. Most of the riders are leaving after the 7:30 start time. Being compulsive, we, on the other hand, have dutifully left camp at the stroke of 7:30.

After waiting 10 minutes for the Duck to dress, we all decide Stranger should be able to finish the day. The first 10 miles seems fine, but after stopping for a break he becomes sore. While contemplating what to do, two other vets ride up and graciously examine him. We all agree that, while I could probably get him through, it is better to pull. Ron rides off while I head in the direction (I think) of camp with Stranger in tow.

After walking a couple of miles I come across a large group of campers. I enter the camp and ask if they have a map so I can assure myself I am headed the correct direction. The group takes one look at me, understands that I am part of the 250-mile ride and become my new best friends, offering to feed me breakfast, give me water, run me to camp on their 4-wheelers while the rest of the group hand feeds Stranger grass. After examining the map, telling them about the ride and answering questions about endurance, I opt to continue walking. Shortly thereafter, the Duck drives up with the horse ambulance.

The rest of Ron's ride consists of some more oh sh\*t moments on what apparently was some of the most beautiful but treacherous trail of the week, a deer crashing out of the brush causing his young horse to spin and bolt leaving Ron contemplating why there was no longer anything between he and the ground, a second unceremonious departure from his horse and a pulled shoe. Darn, I hate it when I miss the best parts of a ride!

#### Day Eleven & Twelve - Tuesday & Wednesday

The next two days we drive steadily. By Wednesday we are home and the horses are tucked into their pastures. Good friends, good ride and all is right with the world.

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**Milwaukee Road Rail Trail**.....**April 28**  
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