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2024 WINTER PARTY BRINGS RIDERS TOGETHER AT THE BROWN PALACE



IMPORTANT DATES:

EAST-WEST RIDE - June 2, 2024

COLT WORKSHOP - June 29, 2024

SHAKEDOWN RIDE - June 30, 2024

BIG RIDE - July 19-26, 2024

3R LADIES LUNCHEON – July 19, 2024

ASPEN RIDE – September 29, 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP



By **Jeff Keller**
President
Roundup Riders of the
Rockies

Hello Fellow Roundup Riders,

*We are rapidly approaching spring, and I hope all of you and your families have had a wonderful winter so far and that you are starting the preparations for our 2024 Lone Cone Ride this summer near Norwood, Colorado. Your trail committee, led by **Dave Gottenborg**, is collaborating, planning, and working out the details of what looks to be a spectacular ride. We will be riding in territory that has not been previously ridden by the 3R. I can assure you that the scenery is awesome, and the country is truly spectacular.*

If you have not done so, please sign up today to make sure that you don't miss this one! We really need to get an accurate count so that our caterers and staff are appropriately supplied and prepared to give us the great experience that we continue to enjoy! Our Colt class will be a little smaller than what we've had the past few years, but they look to be a fine group that we can share our week with. I have said this before, and I'd like to reemphasize it again and that is: The colt recruitment process is one that takes time. It is not a process that starts at Stock Show and goes on until March 1st when applications are due. All of us should be talking to, riding with, and promoting the 3R to prospects year-round. We should be identifying prospects now for the 2025 and 2026 Big Rides. We can introduce them to the ride and invite them as guests to the Aspen Ride each fall! The Colt Selection Committee is working through this year's colt applications, and we will know by the next edition of "The Breeze", who they are, so that we can properly welcome them.

*Special thanks to **Jim Harlan**, and the 3R NWSS Parade Committee for organizing, scheduling, and making sure that 3R was well represented at the 118th National Western Stock Show Parade. There were 32 3R members that rode, and a strong contingent joined for lunch for a total of 65 3R members. **Similarly, I would like to extend special gratitude to Jeannie Gottenborg** for organizing, scheduling, and making sure that our 3R Ladies participated and had a great time participating in the parade as well! **Thanks again to Jeannie Gottenborg and Jim Harlan!***

*It was great to see everyone on the final weekend of the NWSS for the 3R day at the Rodeo. We had 181 riders and family members in attendance. Last year we had 180, which means that two years in a row, we have had nearly record-breaking attendance at that event. **Hats off to Kim Haarberg and the entire 3R Winter Party Committee!** We had 190 riders and guests at The Brown Palace for another very successful event. The entertainment was provided by the **Walker Williams Band**, and we received very good feedback for their awesome performance. **Kimmer and his committee are beginning to prepare and plan for next year's winter party. Thanks, Kimmer and committee.***

I encourage everyone to visit their Tally Book and visit the 3R Committee section. The main driver for our 3R success is the amount of work and leadership that our committees continue to provide. Please look over all the committees and if you see something of interest, mention it to your tent boss and we'd love to get you more involved. I would invite all the members who have recently joined us in the past few years to please find a committee or two you would like to assist with! Thank You!

I encourage everyone to start getting yourself and your horse ready for an awesome and magnificent Lone Cone 3R Big Ride this July 19th – 26th.

Here's to a great 2024, full of great riding and sharing great times.

Better Days,
Jeff

2024 NWSS PARADE

On a relatively mild day for January 4th, the 2024 National Western Stock Show parade kicked off in downtown Denver. The 3R was proudly represented by 32 riders clad in their red scarves. They were led by our three flag bearers, Gary Debus, Roger Cohen, and Chip Bromfield. Prior to lining up for the parade everybody enjoyed coffee, donuts, juice, and breakfast burritos. The 3R has been a large and welcome presence in the NWSS parade for nearly 50 years.



With the mild weather the crowds were four and five deep along the parade route, and it was evident that Colorado loves a parade. Especially one filled with horses and cowboys.



Wearing red bandanas in honor of Bill Kingery were Tom Kim, Sean Tonner, Doug Vanderzwaag, Jim Ruwoldt, and Ron Morris.

Following the parade, the riders and their family and friends, more than 65 folks all together, enjoyed lunch and drinks at the Original Brooklyn's restaurant to celebrate the parade's success.

Special Thanks to **Mark Moore, Kurt Prinslow** and **Gary Wallace** for helping keep things organized and assisting folks in parking their rigs.

By Jim Harlan, NWSS Parade Committee Chairman



Flag bearers representing the 3R were Chip Bromfield, Roger Cohen, and Gary Debus.



About to make the turn onto a chilly 17th Street in front of the historic Union Station in downtown Denver.

2024 WINTER PARTY



3R NWSS Parade Chairman, Jim, and Anita Harlan in front of the historic 75th Ride photo created by Chip Bromfield and Forrest Czarnecki.



Life Members Marvin Beeman and Ron Parness.



Katie and Dave Deline, and Laurie and Kim Haarberg. Kim serves as the able Chairman of the 3R Winter Party Committee.



Longtime muleskinner and new 3R member, Mike Dill, and Guest.



The Riders and guests enjoying the "Happy Hour."



Fran and Mike Shields, and Katie and Scott Stuart



3R President Jeff Keller welcoming the Riders and guests to the 2024 3R Winter Party.



3R Board Secretary Roger Cohen and his wife, Ingrid.



Life Member Brian McEwen and his wife, Mary.



Life Member Grant Carey and his wife, Annette. Grant serves as the Chairman of the 3R Entertainment Committee.



3R Colt Program Committee Chairman Jim Goff and his wife, Jody.



Let the dancing begin! The Riders and guests enjoying an evening of music provided by the Walker Williams Band.



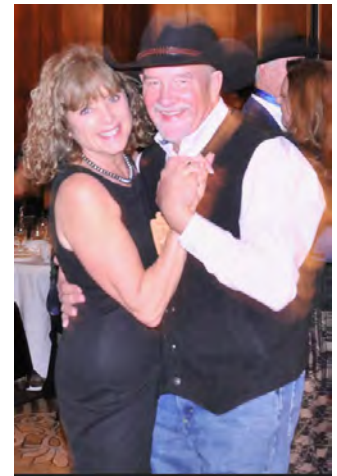
Sergio Jimenez and his wife, Esther.



Dr. Kelly Tisher and his wife, Elizabeth, sharing a laugh with Rob Deline.



Dr. Jeff Goldy and his wife, Chris.



Chuck and Barbara Brammeier



A great turnout of the South Forty Tent with Tent Boss Joe O'Dea and his wife, Celeste, on the far right.



Warren Thompson and his wife, Rita.

HORSEMANSHIP THOUGHTS



by **Terry McClure**
Co-Chairman,
3R Horsemanship
Committee

Holding on Can Make You Fall Off!

Have you ever heard someone say, “He sits a horse well.?” It can be described as sitting centered, balanced, or neutral on your horse. But for many of us, our instinct is to hold on or grip tight when we are concerned about falling off. This is NOT in our best interest.

If we try to grip tightly to the saddle with our legs, our knees close on the saddle, and it causes our gluts (butt muscles) to tighten and tilt our body forward. To lower our center of gravity we curl our back and hunch forward putting a death grip on the saddle horn with our free hand. This also causes our legs to drift rearward towards the horses’ flanks sending a signal to the horse to move forward. Oh, but we’re pulling back on reins with our other hand to stop the horse. We have just sent two opposing signals to our horse (Go and Whoa). Not a good thing! Our body weight is now too far forward such that if the horse does stop quickly, we most likely will come off. This is even more certain if we are riding downhill, or a creek crossing. Adding speed or acceleration to the mix only exacerbates things.

So, what do we need to do to stay on? That is where controlling how we sit on a horse comes in. First try opening our knees slightly, drop or lower our heels and relax our gluts. Use our core (abdominal and lower back muscles) to tilt our pelvis forward and up under us. Keep our upper body behind the saddle

swells. Our lower back now works as a hinge allowing the lower body to move with the horse’s back, while the upper body moves less.

When riding uphill we will need to shift our upper body forward over our horse’s shoulders, with our free hand reach between the reins and grab some of our horses’ mane hair. Reaching between the reins allows us to still guide the horse and use their mane hair for support. Put some weight on the balls of our feet but keep our heels lower than our toes. The amount of weight should be just enough to help spread our weight over the horse’s back, but not enough to make our butt lose contact with the saddle.

When riding downhill we will need to open our knees a little more, drive our heels down (not forward), keep just enough weight in our stirrups to maintain light contact with them. We may be tempted to brace with our legs, but it is better to allow our core and pelvis to shift slightly forward, forcing our thighs into the swells. This is accomplished by tilting our pelvis forward and up under us more allowing our butt to shift towards the swells, allowing us to have a “deep” seat. We tilt our upper body slightly back, keeping it behind the horn. This is where the saddle swells or horn can really help to hold our body in the saddle. We can also use the heel of our hand to push into the horn/swell to help keep our upper body behind them and from it getting ahead of our hips.

Like most things with horses, practicing these skills will help us and our horse prepare for whatever the trail may challenge us with. Now that we know better what to do, it is our job to do better. If you have any questions or would like to talk more about this. Give me a call or better yet come ride with me.

When things get tight, sit deep, and stay loose!

VET'S CORNER



By Dr. Kelly Tisher
3R Treasurer

The snow is melting on the front range, the tulip bulbs are starting to sprout, and the calendar says it is Spring! Not only are all of those signs of spring a welcome sign, but also, daylight savings time returns. For those of us in the Equine Veterinary world our days just got busier. That is all great news!

This year's big ride will be a significantly increased challenge on humans and horses, so I am told, so time to use that extra hour of daylight and get our equids in shape, (and of course, ourselves).

Enough beating the drum for horse and human fitness. Let's talk about horse health.

Spring time of the year in Colorado and in most parts of the country is also the time to get vaccinations done. It is **CRITICAL** for the health of our herd on the big ride that you get those immunizations done now. Do not wait. As most of us remember, we have witnessed and experienced what a viral outbreak can do to our fun. VS or Vesicular Stomatitis virus wreaked havoc a few years ago, not only significantly shortening our ride, but causing many heartaches and headaches getting us all safely back to our homes. If we think that was bad, having an outbreak of influenza, rhinopneumonitis, or something like West Nile show up on the Big Ride would be national news worthy. Here is the list of things that **MUST** be vaccinated against prior to the Big Ride and most are normally done in the spring: Sleeping Sickness, Tetanus, West Nile, Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis and Rabies. Rabies is one of the vaccines that is sometimes vaccinated for in the fall. Please talk to your veterinarian and get those vaccines done!

This is also a great time to remind everyone to get your horses shod 2 to 4 weeks prior to the big ride. This leaves enough time to make sure there is no

problem with the shoeing like a hot nail, but also makes sure the feet are in good shape for the ride.

Finally, while this does not fall in the category of preventative medicine, please remember to only bring any supplements or medications if they are approved by the ride veterinarian Dr French or myself. We are unable to pack in a whole host of individual medications and supplements and there are serious health issues with giving your horse medications on your own. To make the best care possible for the wonderful beasts that pack us over the trails, we must be able to freely treat each horse when we can do it in a timely manner. All horses are looked at by the wrangler and then treated after we get back for the day and prior to dark. To make this possible, we do not have the ability to find each owner, or to check what each horse is on. Double medicating because we have no knowledge can be very serious. And not all "supplements" are "safe". Only bring something if necessary and clear it by emailing me prior to the ride.

Thanks all and Happy Trails!

3R HERITAGE AND TRAILS FOUNDATION UPDATE



by **Ben Duke**
President 3R Heritage
and Trails Foundation

The year already has been a busy one for the 3R Heritage and Trails Foundation.

In January, the H&T Board approved grants totaling \$35,000 to four long-time partners, including:

- **Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado** - \$11,000 for eight equestrian-related trail maintenance projects on USFS & BLM lands, and in two Colorado State Parks.



A Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado crew completing trail stabilization work in the Williams Fork area.

Continental Divide Trail Coalition - \$10,000 for two projects addressing maintenance and construction needs along the San Juan/Rio Grande National Forest section of the Continental Divide Trail, and Arapaho National Forest Devil's Thumb/High Lonesome Trail section.



Continental Divide Trail Coalition members developing trail on Togwotee Pass.

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers – For six trail projects and three sawyer trainings for clearing 50 miles of trail in the Indian Peaks, Eagles Nest, Comanche Peaks, Never Summer, and South San Juan Wilderness Areas.

Friends of Wilderness – For trail improvement along the Gilpin Trail in Hahns Peak-Bear Ears District

(Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest), reconnecting Gold Creek Trail to Mt. Zerfel Circle Trail.



Wildlands Restoration Volunteers cutting out trail in a massive blowdown near Grand Lake.

The H&T bid “adieu” to three valued board members, **Tony Mayer, Pat Shaw, and Jeff Keller**. All three of these gentlemen offered guidance, support, and wisdom over many years to help make the foundation stronger and more effective. Please join me in thanking them for their service.

H&T is very pleased to welcome three new board members, beginning in 2024:

Joe O’Dea joins the board as the president-elect of 3-R. This tradition began about ten years ago as a means of strengthening the communications between H&T and 3R. Joe is passionate about the work of H&T, and we welcome his participation for the next two years.

Scott Stuart, the immediate past president of 3R and long-time member and past chairman of the Trail Committee, brings tremendous knowledge of trails and their continual maintenance needs. Scott understands these trail needs and priorities like few others, and we look forward to his contributions in the years to come.

Mark Johnson (affectionately known as “Little Mark”) has been a tremendous supporter of H&T and brings business and non-profit board experience to H&T. His knowledge and expertise will be most welcomed.

H&T is continuing to spearhead a much-needed trail restoration project on **Big Creek Ranch** near Encampment, Wyoming. Working in partnership with the National Forest Foundation, Medicine Bow National Forest, the Wyoming Youth Corps, and the Gates family, we anticipate being able to start this complex three-year project this coming summer. The project will reopen a trail in Big Creek Canyon that has been impassable since a devastating fire caused rockslides to close the trail four years ago.



Big Creek Ranch headquarters near Encampment, WY with 3R camp in the background.

Finally, to be more effective in our abilities to meet the needs of organizations undertaking critical and beneficial trail building and maintenance projects, H&T is developing a new grant schedule whereby grant proposals all will be submitted at the end of the calendar year, for projects anticipated for the following summer season. The H&T board will review and make grant awards in January of each year, allowing the foundation to take full advantage of the generous gifts made by 3R members in the prior year.

Your support of the work we do is critical, and we invite you to support us with a gift using this convenient link: [Heritage & Trails Foundation | Donate \(heritageandtrails.org\)](https://heritageandtrails.org). There is a “donate” button at the bottom of the page. We thank you in advance for your support, enabling H&T to thrive and benefit public use of trails and equestrian facilities.

3R Thanked for Donation to Caribou Cemetery



To: Roundup Riders of the Rockies

From: "Friends of Caribou Cemetery"

January 11, 2024

The Nederland Area Historical Society recently informed me that it received your tax-deductible donation of \$5,000 — earmarked for preservation of the Caribou Cemetery, west of Nederland in Boulder County. The NAHS handles the funds for the "Friends of Caribou Cemetery." I'm a founding member, and my colleagues and I very much appreciate your generosity. Thank you!

Most of the burials in the cemetery date from 1875 through 1898. Many were miners who, with their families, traveled the seas from Cornwall to find work in the silver mines. Some of the men died in mine accidents, some of the women died during their childbearing years, and many of the children died of diphtheria. Sadly, the cemetery was neglected and vandalized, and none of the intricately carved historic gravestones remain intact. We hope that our ongoing work will restore dignity and respect to the remains of these hardy souls.

During the first summer of our restoration process (2023), we made great progress in cleaning up debris,

re-fencing the perimeter, and erecting an arch over a new gate. We are now in the process of using historical photos to identify as many of the gravesites as possible. We're also working on the design of two interpretive signs — one for the cemetery itself and one for the Caribou townsite.

Your donation allows us to continue our efforts. Specifically, we now have the means to plan what we couldn't previously afford to do — to permanently mark the dozen or so known graves. Some of your funds may also pay for a display case for a local museum where we can place (and protect) part of a baby's stone from 1882.

I became acquainted with the Roundup Riders of the Rockies when I attended (but didn't ride in) your 2023 aspen ride. I was given a warm welcome and wrote up the event for the Boulder Daily Camera (see attached). The ride began in the Caribou townsite and did not include the location of the cemetery, so most of your members may not be aware of its existence. But, for those who would like to visit (involves a short hike), please see <http://cariboucemetery.com> or contact me at silviapettem@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your very generous donation,

***Silvia Pettem**, on behalf of the "Friends of Caribou Cemetery"*



TENT NEWS

MAVERICKS

3R Connection to Gaucho Derby

Billed as "The greatest test of horsemanship on earth," the Gaucho Derby is a 10-day, 500km multi-horse adventure race over mind-bending terrain in the Andes Mountains Patagonia. It's a race designed to test your skill on a horse and your ability to handle the wilderness, and to push you to the limit of your navigation skills and physical endurance.

Competitors are allowed to use up to 6 horses during the race, provided by random draw from the remudas of the various Estancias along the route, as conditions and needs dictate. Riders must carry with them all necessary provisions and equipment (sleeping bag, clothing, tent, etc.) required for the race while adhering to strict weight limits, although replenishment of food from pre-staged resupply bags along the way is allowed.



Photo: Kathy Gabriel

***Wendy Ferguson**, daughter of Maverick **Daniel** and **Tia Ferguson**, and her 6th mount at the finish line under Mt. Fitzroy, El Calafate Argentina, on Day 10 of the "Gaucho Derby," 18 February 2024.*

Racing hours are from 7am to 9pm (monitored by personal GPS trackers), with any deductions for breaking those hours or penalty assessments at the veterinary inspection points positioned every 20 Km

or so, sat out in real time. Camp spots had to have adequate grazing and access to water for horses, so planning went in to where and when to stop (though we all know about "plans" vs reality), and navigation skills and daily decisions and a little good fortune add up over the course of the event to ultimately determine who crosses the finish line first.



Of the race, Wendy said "The only thing certain in this race is complete uncertainty. We did not come here for a guarantee of completing it - but rather the promise of adventure as we tried to find that finish line." Riders are discouraged from riding alone, and generally pair up or form a small group based on compatibility. Wendy rode with the incredible Emily Hoyt (another US-based rider) and formed close bonds with many of the 39 other riders gathered from over a dozen countries from around the world. Sportsmanship and camaraderie are the very fabric of the race...something every 3R rider can appreciate.



P.S. The tent pic is one of Roger Cohen's 5 Owls shelters...a piece of kit that survived a Day 1 windstorm that destroyed some tents, and well

admired by her fellow equestrians for its low weight and exceptional features! Thanks Roger!

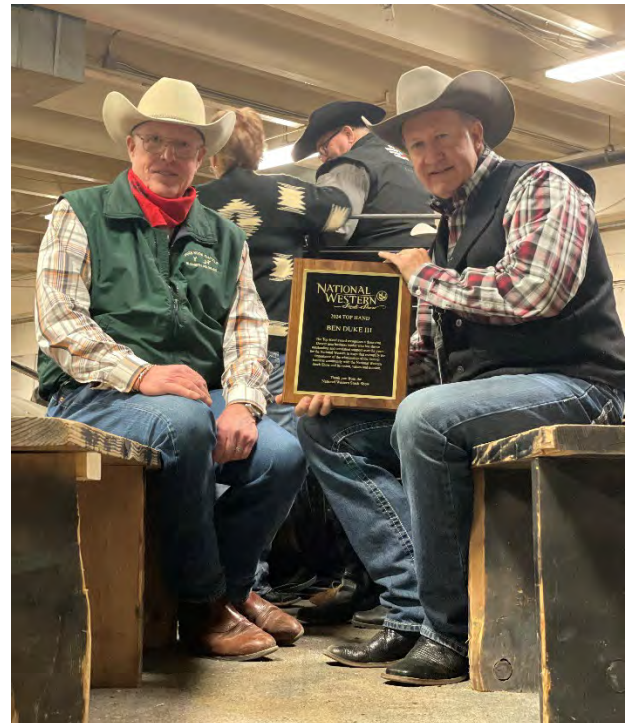
BRONC BUSTERS

Duke Named NWSS Top Hand

Ben Duke, member of the Bronc Busters Tent, was named the 2024 National Western Stock Show Top Hand for his many years of service to the organization and his dedication to the livestock industry.

Ben is a Western Stock Show Association trustee, and he serves on the Nominating Committee, the Junior Show Committee, and chairs one of the National Western's most iconic institutions, the Catch-a-Calf program. Ben has spent his adult life promoting and serving Colorado youth through 4-H, FFA, and the United States Pony Clubs.

Ben, Laurie, and their family own and manage a small Red Angus operation in Elbert County, and they all are enthusiasts for production agriculture and the National Western Stock Show's role in sustaining this vital part of Colorado's and the West's culture and economy.



Ben Duke being recognized as the 2024 "Top Hand" of the National Western Stock Show by NWSS President and CEO, Paul Andrews.

VIGILANTES

Eagle Rock Ranch Recognized as Outstanding Commercial Producer

Vigilantes Tent Boss, **Dave Gottenborg** and his wife **Jean**, and their Eagle Rock Ranch were recently named the 2023 Outstanding Commercial Producer of the Year by the Colorado Cattlemen's Association.



For over 150 years, Eagle Rock Ranch has been an operational cow-calf and haying operation. The Gottenborg family has been actively involved in the ag industry while emphasizing high-altitude genetics and carcass traits for their black Angus cattle. The Gottenborgs also connect with consumers and customers through brick-and-mortar stores, online sales, and restaurant partnerships. The family's motto is "quality in everything we do."

CONQUISTADORES

Brinkman Elected to AQHA Executive Committee

Jim Brinkman, member of the Conquistadores Tent, was recently elected to the Executive committee of the American Quarter Horse Association.

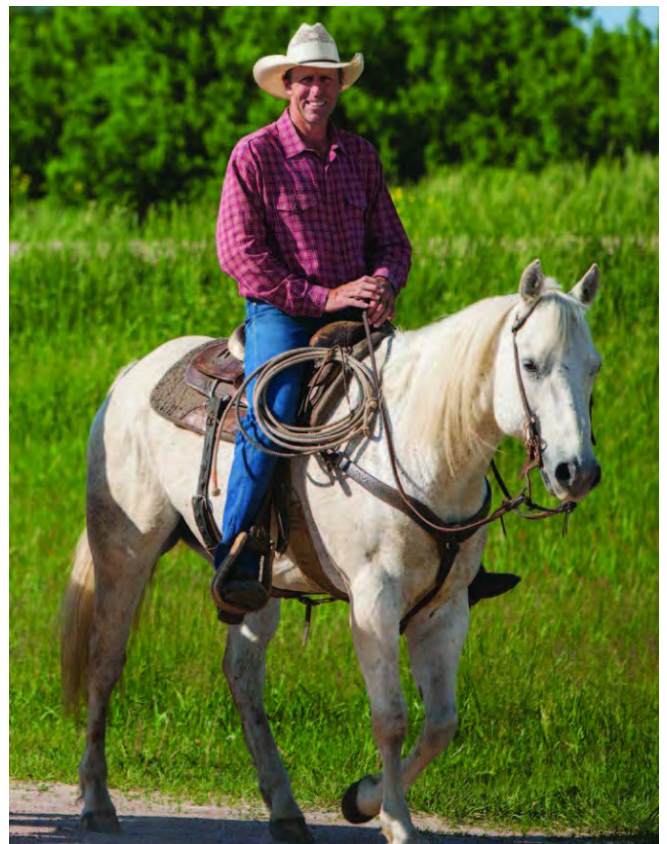
The 2024-2025 American Quarter Horse Association Executive Committee was elected at the 2024 AQHA Convention in Las Vegas. Though AQHA operates primarily upon the decisions of its members through

the board of directors, the five-person Executive Committee is responsible for implementing important decisions and governing AQHA between the annual meetings of the membership and the board. The Executive Committee convenes throughout the year to conduct and manage the business of AQHA.

The AQHA Executive Committee – consisting of a president, first vice president, second vice president and two additional members – is elected each year by the board at the convention. Each member serves a term of one year until the selection of his/her successor. Members are eligible for re-election and may serve on the Executive Committee for up to five years.

The 2024-2025 AQHA Executive Committee is:
President James "Jim" Hunt of Faith, South Dakota
First Vice President Jeff Tebow of Piedmont, Oklahoma
Second Vice President Jim Brinkman of Ericson, Nebraska
Member Lori Bucholz of Waterloo, Nebraska
Member Ross Roark of Andrews, Texas

Congratulations Jim!



SAVE THE DATE!



Ladies Luncheon

You are cordially invited to join us for the 3R Ladies Luncheon at Joe and Celeste O'Dea's Ironworks in Downtown Denver.

July 19, 2024
11:30 AM until 2:30 PM
THE IRONWORKS
25 Larimer Street, Denver, CO
80204

The 3R Ladies Luncheon has become a "must-attend" event for the wives of the Roundup Riders to celebrate summer, renew friendships, and welcome "Colt wives" to the 3R! More information will be sent to the ladies soon!

Ladies: Please make sure the committee has your current contact information by contacting cherylwielangshaw@gmail.com with any updates so you will receive future updates!



LONE CONE AWAITS ROUNDUP RIDERS

The Lone Cone, the westernmost mountain in the San Juan Mountain Range in southwestern Colorado, will be a prominent landmark during the 2024 Big Ride. Located west of Telluride, CO, the 12,618 foot

mountain is an ancient laccolith volcano thought to be 30 million years old. Speaking of time, a reminder to all riders: **It's time to get your [application and ride fee](#) in to be a part of this unforgettable ride!**

ROUNDUP RIDER BUSINESS

3R Financial Responsibilities and Process for Past Due Collection

It is the responsibility of each 3R Rider to pay all fees associated with the organization. It is also the responsibility of each rider to take accountability for checking the Postal Service mail as well as your email so invoices will be paid in a timely manner, within the first 30 days after receipt of invoice.

If a Rider has past due payments they will be sent an email, along with their Tent Boss and the President notifying them of the delinquency. If the past due obligation is not paid before it is 60 days past due, a phone call from the appropriate Tent Boss will be made and a list of all past due Riders with amounts over 60 days will be published in the next publication of the Breeze and continue to be published until full payment is made. If any Rider has past due amounts that are not paid in full by the Big Ride deadline, that rider will not be allowed to participate in the Big Ride or any day rides.

This is a nonprofit organization which is run on a tight budget, so it is incumbent upon each of us to fulfill our financial obligations in a timely and prompt manner. If you ever have a question regarding what you may owe, you can always contact [Buzz Johnson](#) and he will help you.

3R Rider Definitions

Guest - An individual who has achieved the status of Colt, Yearling, or Compadre as follows:

Colt - A Guest making his first Annual Ride who has paid the Ride fee and administrative fee and is sponsored by a Rider. Colt participation in 3R will be limited to the East-West Ride, the Shakedown Ride and the Aspen Ride. Invitations to other events after the Annual Ride shall be made only if Colt is to be invited to ride on the Annual Ride for a second year.

Yearling - A Guest who is making his second Annual Ride and has been approved by the Board for this status.

Compadre - A Guest who has made at least two (2) Annual Rides and has been approved by the Board for this status.

Member - An individual who has achieved the status of Cavvy, Rider, or Life Member as follows:

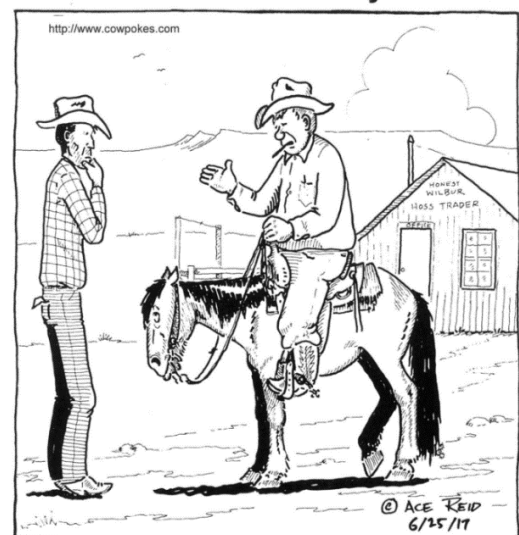
- **Cavvy** - A Member who has completed at least three (3) Annual Rides and has been approved by the Board for this status. The requirements and privileges for Cavvy are the same as for Riders except the right to sponsor Colts.
- **Rider** - A Member who has completed ten (10) Annual Rides or who has been otherwise approved for this status by the unanimous affirmative vote of all Board Members then present at a Board meeting.
- **Life Member** - A Rider who has completed twenty-five (25) Annual Rides shall automatically become a Life Member.

Pioneer - A Member who does not currently plan to be a Ride Participant or remain an active Member:

- To become a Pioneer, the Member must obtain Board approval.
- To remain on Pioneer status, the Pioneer must pay an annual fee as determined by the Board. However, the Board may, in its discretion, waive the fee for a Pioneer.
- Pioneers may participate in all 3R activities except the Annual Ride.
- Pioneers are invited to attend Layover Day activities on the Annual Ride.
- Pioneers who seek to return to active membership status shall be reinstated upon Board approval and payment of any past due fees and penalties.

COWPOKES®

By Ace Reid



"Now this is an old man's hoss, he's short enuff to git on and when you fall off it don't hurt much!"



The Roundup Riders of the Rockies is a nonprofit organization, formed in 1948, and dedicated to the perpetuation of the Western Tradition, symbolized by the American cowboy and his horse.

Approximately 150 men, from about 20 states, gather every July for the 100 mile (plus or minus) trail ride through the Colorado Rockies. This week-long horseback ride is a challenging experience, emphasizing horsemanship and horsemastership in an environment of sportsmanship and camaraderie. This experience engenders respect for the Western tradition, warm and enduring friendships among men of diverse backgrounds and interests, and an appreciation of the majestic mountains of Colorado, with sparkling streams, carpets of

wildflowers, abundant trees and wildlife, and panoramic vistas.

Equally important, the organization is dedicated to the promotion of the State of Colorado and the preservation and utilization of public lands and trails for the benefit of all citizens.

Because of the fundamental purposes of the organization, no officer or board member of the Roundup Riders has, or ever will be, paid any compensation for his services to the organization. Each officer, or board member, pays the same fees as all other riders.

*- Roundup Riders of the Rockies
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