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## 2024 EAST-WEST RIDE DRAWS RECORD ATTENDANCE



130 Riders and Guests enjoyed a beautiful East-West Ride at the historic JA Ranch near Larkspur, CO.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

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  
WINTER PARTY – January 25, 2025

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP



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

*Hello to all 3R Members and Families,*

*I hope that everyone is enjoying some great weather and taking advantage of the time to be working on getting prepared and making sure that both you and your horse are ready for a spectacular Big Ride in the Uncompahgre National Forest. Our Trail Committee, led by **Dave Gottenborg**, has been diligently working on all the final details. This will be 3R's first time riding in this area and I must admit that the country and the scenery is outstanding. A special note of gratitude to 3R Board Members **Roger Cohen** and **Tony Mayer**. Both of their families have a very long and mutual friendship with one of the major landowners of the area. And because of those long-term friendships and relationships, we will enjoy riding on some magnificent private land that we would not have been able to without the Cohen and Mayer families. Thanks again to Roger Cohen, Tony Mayer, Dave Gottenborg, and the entire Trail Committee.*

*A huge thank you to **Matt Wassam** and the Red Eye Wranglers for hosting the East – West Ride on Sunday, June 2nd. Matt and his tent were set up to host last year's East – West Ride at the JA Ranch in Larkspur, CO with the help of 3R friend and Pioneer member, **John Anderson** and his wife, **Lisa**. Unfortunately, the rain and moisture made it necessary to cancel last year's ride. Matt and his tent mates along with John Anderson rallied and stepped up to sponsor this year's East – West Ride. This is a family event, and we had a wonderful ride, and are truly grateful for the awesome hospitality that we always get from John and Lisa Anderson and the JA Ranch!*



*Lisa and John Anderson, JA Ranch, hosted the 3R East-West Ride.*

*The 3R Colt Program Committee led by co-chairs **Jim Goff** and **Mark Johnson** will host a full day of colt orientation at the annual workshop on Saturday, June 29th at Jim Goff's Solid Rock Ranch near Evergreen, Colorado. Horsemanship Committee chairman, **Matt Wassam** and his committee will assist the Colt Program Committee and provide orientation and instruction for our new invited Colt candidates to help prepare them for a safe and comfortable first Big Ride.*

*On Sunday, June 30th, **Ron Morris**, and the members of the **Conquistadores** tent will host the 2024 Shakedown ride which will also be held at Jim Goff's Solid Rock Ranch. There is more information later in this edition of the Breeze. This day ride is for 3R members and new colts only and designed to be a bit more challenging to prepare us all for the upcoming Big Ride. Thanks to Ron Morris and the Conquistadores for hosting. Special thanks to Jim and Jody Goff for the hospitality and the opportunity to ride on their beautiful ranch!*

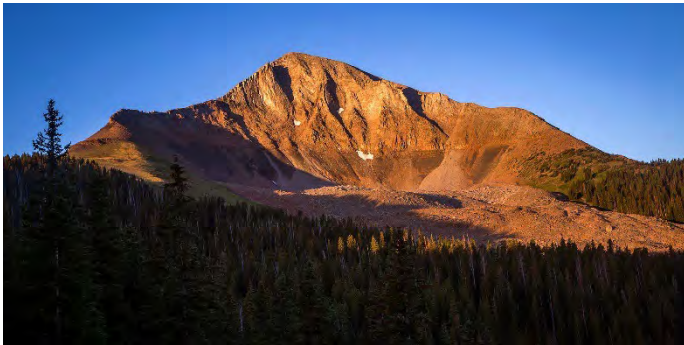
*We have eight Colt candidates that have been selected and invited to join us for the 2024 3R Lone Cone Big*

## RED EYE WRANGLERS HOSTS 2024 3R EAST-WEST RIDE

*Ride! While the number may be slightly less than year's past, this year's Colt Class looks to be a very qualified and eligible group that we will enjoy having with us this year. You will be introduced to this group later in this edition and you can see their qualifications and experience. Please join me in welcoming the 2024 3R Colts!*

*The 3R Ladies Luncheon Committee has another fabulous event scheduled for Friday, July 19, 2024, at the Ironworks! Many thanks to the committee for all of their hard work in planning another fine event. And special thanks to **Joe and Celeste O'Dea** for providing the venue and staff and services!*

*We are very honored and excited to introduce the 2024 3R Lone Cone Big Ride southeast of Norwood, Colorado to you. You will be treated to spectacular views, remarkable country, and we will be the first 3R group to ride here. There is much more information later in this edition of the Breeze.*



*The Lone Cone, the westernmost peak in the San Juan Mountains of Southwest Colorado.*

*Thanks again to everyone who contributes their time, effort, resources, and talent to make the Roundup Riders of the Rockies the outstanding organization that it is. I look forward to seeing all of you and spending some great time together at all the rides and activities that we have coming up!*

***Remember: 1. Get yourself ready; 2. Get your horse ready; 3. Always be safe; 4. Have FUN; and 5. Keep your back cinches tight!***

*Better Days,  
Jeff*

On a sunny Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Red Eye Wrangles, under the leadership of **Matt Wassam**, hosted the kickoff event of the 3R year by sponsoring and organizing the East-West Ride at the JA Ranch near Larkspur, CO.



*Matt Wassam, Tent Boss of the Red Eye Wrangles, welcoming the Riders and Guests to the 2024 East-West Ride.*

This is the third year that the East-West Ride has included family members of the Riders, which has proven to be a very welcome change. It provides all of the 3R members to renew friendships and enjoy a great horseback ride.

**Tom Kourlis** and **John Anderson** led the riders and guests on trails that showed off the beauty and breadth of the historic JA Ranch which provides summer pasture for yearling cattle as well as a plethora of wildlife.

After a welcome refreshment break at the picturesque headquarters of the ranch nestled among ponderosa pines, the riders continued on to an afternoon dinner provided by Famous Dave's Barbecue. Several 3R Pioneers joined the riders for dinner and all enjoyed the time together.

A huge thanks to the **Red Eye Wrangles!**



## 2024 EAST-WEST RIDE



*Riders and Guests listening to inspiring words from Mark Johnson (left ) at the Sunday Service during the East-West Ride with Pikes Peak in the background.*



*Life Member, Brian McEwen and daughter, Mallory.*



*Horses enjoying a water stop on the JA.*



*Garry and Chris Woodman (left), and Joe and Celeste O'Dea (right) enjoying the 2024 East-West Ride. Joe currently is serving as 3R's Vice President.*







*Dr. Jason Stoneback and Director Bruce Wagner ready to ride.*



*Chip Bromfield, K.T. Terrell (Colt), and Jim Goff.*



*Dave McCaslin and his sisters, Jeannie and Barb, along with Barb's husband, Chuck Brammeier.*



*Joe Lynch and Bill Rossman.*



*Julian Nemmers and John Anderson loading their dinner plates (left).*



*Red Eye Wrangler, Fred Buhl (right), served as the ride's Drag and did an exemplary job.*



# 2024 BIG RIDE - EVENTS & SCHEDULE

## RIDE OVERVIEW

### **Friday, July 19**

Gather at TL Bar Ranch Camp south of Norwood, CO no earlier than 12:00. p.m. (Lunch will NOT be available in camp.)

### **Saturday, July 20 - Guide: Dave Gottenborg**

Depart camp to the south and ride southwest around the Lone Cone to West Beaver Camp.

### **Sunday, July 21 - Guide: Craig Caldwell**

Depart West Beaver Camp to the east and ride into the Beaver Creek drainage. Continue east to the base of Dunn Mountain and circle back west to Beaver Park Camp.

### **Monday, July 22 - Guide: Carlos Washington**

Depart Beaver Park Camp to the east. Continue east to Little Cone and then northwest to Pierce Spring, south to Miller Spring, and return to Beaver Park Camp.

### **Tuesday, July 23 - Layover Day**

Layover Day to be held in Beaver Park. (Elev. 9,097')

### **Wed., July 24 - Guide: Shane Baird**

Depart Beaver Park Camp to northeast and ride east into the Saltado Creek drainage. Continue north to climb and circle Little Cone to Colt Mountain. Following Colt Mountain, return to Beaver Park Camp.

### **Thursday, July 25 - Guide: Dan Ferguson**

Depart Beaver Park Camp to the west. Ride up Craver Creek drainage to the West Fork of Beaver Creek. Ride north on Goat Creek Trail to Shrimp Party and then to TL Bar Ranch Camp.

**Friday, July 26** – Depart for home.

## FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

**12:00 pm - 4:00 pm** – Riders to arrive at TL Bar Ranch Camp (NOTE: Lunch WILL NOT be available to Riders.)

Unload horses and gear and settle horses on the picket lines.

**5:30 pm - Cocktails with the 3R Board of Directors**

**6:30 pm – Dinner – by Epicurean**

**7:30 pm - Introduction of 3R Personnel**

**7:45 pm - Introduction of 2024 Colts**

*(Each Colt will be asked to tell about himself, his family, his vocation, and interests. 2-3 minutes per Colt; Sponsors will not speak.)*



## Emergency Number

In the event of an emergency, to contact someone who's on the Big Ride call Buzz Johnson's mobile phone **(360-830-8581)** and leave a voicemail. The voicemails will be checked early morning, noon, late afternoon, and late evening.

## DIRECTIONS TO FIRST CAMP

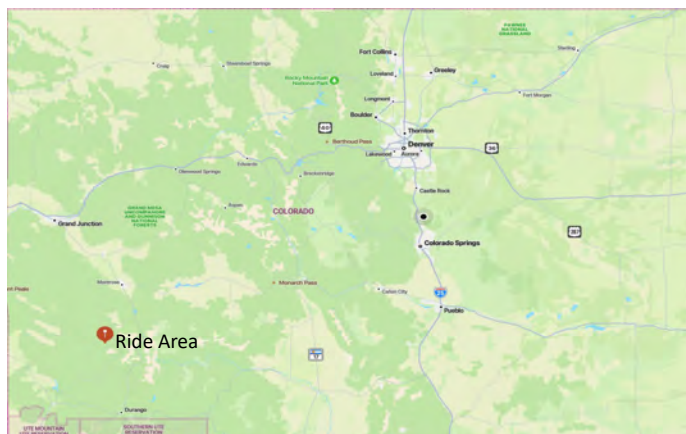
**First Camp** will be located on the TL Bar Ranch south of Norwood, CO.

From the Denver area, take **I-70** west to Clifton, CO and take **exit 37**. Continue to **CO-141 South** for 5.6 miles and turn left on **U.S. 50 East**. Continue south on **50/550** for 75 miles to Ridgway, CO. Turn west on **Hwy 62** for 38 miles and turn south on **County Road 44Z** for 10.3 miles and turn left on **Rd. 45M (Beef Trail Road)** for 2.4 miles. Turn east on **M44** and camp will be on the north side of the road in 1 mile. (Plan for 7-8 hours driving.)

## DIRECTIONS TO LAYOVER CAMP

From the Denver area, take **I-70** west to Clifton, CO and take **exit 37**. Continue to **CO-141 South** for 5.6 miles and turn left on **U.S. 50 East**. Continue south on **50/550** for 75 miles to Ridgway, CO. Turn west on **Hwy 62** for 26 miles. Turn south on **M44/Specie Creek Rd.** for 6.3 miles and then bear right on **M44 Beef Trail Rd.** for 6.6 miles. Turn south on **611 Road** for 8.2 miles and then turn left on **49G Rd** for 1.2 miles to camp. (Plan for 7-8 hours driving.)

Lodging will be available in either [Telluride](#) or [Ridgway](#). **All Life Members, Pioneers, and non-riding members are strongly encouraged to join us for Layover Day on Tuesday, July 23, 2024!**



## LAYOVER DAY SCHEDULE

These events are scheduled throughout the day to provide everyone with the opportunity to participate in each event. Only the weather will cause deviation from the schedule.

7:00 am - 8:30 am  
8:30 am - 11:00 am  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
6:00 pm

**BREAKFAST**  
**Horse Show**  
**Individual Trap Shoot**  
**Trail Class**  
**LUNCH**  
**Tent Competition**  
**Rodeo**  
**Tent Team Shoot**  
**COCKTAILS,**  
**DINNER, and HIDE**  
**AUCTION**

## LAYOVER DAY - JULY 23rd

Get ready to enjoy Layover Day, 2024! The day begins with the Horse Show. The Horse Show Committee has lined up the classes. Make sure to show your horse; he or she has carried you a lot of miles already and deserves to be shown off for his or her efforts. There may be slight revisions, but here is the lineup of classes:

- Junior Quarter Horse Geldings (9 years and younger)
- Senior Quarter Horse Geldings (10 years and older)
- Quarter Horse Mares
- Paints and Appaloosas
- Western Stock Horses
- (all other Western type mares and geldings)
- Foxtrotters, Walkers, Saddlebreds, and other gaited horses
- Thoroughbreds and Warmbloods
- Morgans and Arabians
- Mules
- Grand Champion Gelding (All geldings that are winners of prior classes listed above are eligible to compete.)

- Grand Champion Mare  
(All mares that are winners of prior classes listed above are eligible to compete.)

The **Trail Class** committee is responsible for designing a trail course that challenges the most experienced trail horse while providing a fun experience for all of the riders to show off their horses capabilities for both individual and tent team awards.

The **Trap Shoot** Committee will have a trap range set up where Roundup Riders can compete for honors in a 50-shot competition. Prizes are awarded in several classes, so all skill levels are able to compete. Bring your own gun, but if you need to borrow one to shoot, there are always several to borrow from other competitors. The trap shoot also includes the prestigious Tent Team Shoot where tents compete for braggin' rights around camp.

**Pioneer Recognition:** A special feature of Layover Day is hosting and recognizing our 3R Pioneers and special guests at lunch.

At 1:00 pm, the 3R Rodeo kicks off with the **Tent Team Race**. Teams of 4-6 tent mates will compete and show their horsemanship and teamwork in a timed event (who knows what it will be this year; water balloons, eggs, ribbons, or ???) Don't be a Tent Dud, get out there and have some fun!



The **Rodeo**, a longtime favorite of Layover Day, will feature five events that showcase horsemanship, speed, and finesse. Ribbons are awarded for each event and the overall Rodeo Champion (the man who places the highest in all events) will be honored at the banquet on the last night of the Ride with a beautiful

3R Championship buckle. The Rodeo Committee always makes this a fun and exciting afternoon.

All in all, the 2024 Layover Day is shaping up to be one for the record books. Let's have some fun!

– Gary Debus, Layover Day Chairman

## MARVIN BEEMAN STIRRUP CUP AWARD

The Marvin Beeman Stirrup Cup award recognizes that Rider who exhibits outstanding competitiveness during the Layover Day activities by competing in all official Layover activities and exhibiting excellence through his placing in the events and activities.

All Yearlings, Compadres, Cavvy, and Riders are eligible to compete in this competition. Riders must use the same horse they are using for the Ride.

*(Past winners of the Rodeo, Trail Class, and/or Individual Trap Shoot are not eligible to compete.)*





# 2024 BIG RIDE ROSTER

*(Rides denotes number at the end of the 2024 Ride)*

<u>LIFE</u>	<u>Tent</u>	<u>Rides</u>
Marv Beeman	9	58
John Beier	12	29
Grant Carey	12	27
Tom Kourlis	14	26
Brian McEwen	8	37
Ron Parness	9	36
Kevin Smith	2	27
Garry Woodman	10	26

<u>RIDER</u>	<u>Tent</u>	<u>Rides</u>
Dave Afshar	2	23
Shane Baird	6	12
David Barton	12	11
Bill Blauw	9	17
Chip Bromfield	2	15
Dave Brown	4	11
Chris Bryson	8	11
Fred Buhl	14	13
Craig Caldwell	4	21
Randy Caranci	3	21
Roger Cohen	3	17
Don Crook	13	11
<b>Sal D'Alessandro</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>
Bruce Daniel	6	13
Gary Debus	6	12
Paul Delaney	6	11
Steve Duff	4	17
George Eidsness	4	23
Rick Farasyn	5	11
Dan Ferguson	7	12
Jim Free	7	18
Jim Goff	5	11
Dave Gottenborg	1	14
Kim Haarberg	14	18
Pete Husak	7	16
Mike Jenner	10	12
Jeff Keller	13	17
<b>Duane Kent</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>
Jerry Kuenning	12	24
Tony Mayer	1	21
Terry McClure	8	13
Mark Moore	4	16
Ron Morris	11	18
Joseph Murr	13	11
Julian Nemmers	1	14
Joe O'Dea	12	19
Danny Reed	7	12
Ken Rudolph	4	11
Jim Ruwoldt	7	14
Mike Shields	7	14
Scott Stuart	7	19

<u>RIDER (Cont.)</u>	<u>Tent</u>	<u>Rides</u>
<b>Kelly Tisher</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>
Chris Towt	10	16
Mark Trostel	2	18
Bruce Wagner	4	14
Woody Walker	5	14
Matt Wassam	14	13

<u>CAVVY</u>	<u>Tent</u>	<u>Rides</u>
Jim Adrian	1	4
Tim Amato	4	4
Jameson Bobbin	4	6
Chuck Brammeier	9	7
John Case	13	10
Ron Chernak	5	8
Brian Coffey	12	4
Justin Cumming	1	5
Brent Cummings	7	5
Steve Darrow	10	4
Adam Daurio	13	4
Dave Deline	4	6
Bill Denlinger	8	4
Doug Dunkin	12	9
Jim Harlan	3	9
Blake Hutchison	12	10
Mark A. Johnson	14	6
Mark Johnson	14	6
Ian Kersch	9	4
Tom Kim	13	4
Jerry LaBonde	5	4
Corey Marshall	6	7
Dave McCaslin	9	7
Mert Merten	3	5
Hoss Nelson	3	6
Justin Nemmers	1	4
Steve Parker	6	8
Gene Renuart	14	7
Steve Reynolds	8	10
Shawn Rickel	6	9
Christopher Salas	12	5
Jim Schneider	8	10
Dick Shaw	8	7
Ron Shelton	1	8
Dary Southwick	6	6
John Spillane	14	6
John Stratman	11	8
Doug Van Der Zwaag	7	5
Robb Van Pelt	11	4
David Walker	12	8
Zach Ward	10	8
Carlos Washington	6	9
Gary Woodworth	12	9

<u>COMPADRE</u>	<u>Tent</u>	<u>Rides</u>
Ty Blount	10	3
Garth Boyd	7	3
Clint Chitsey	11	3
Brad Elliott	2	3
Lee Fanyo	2	3
Dr. Jeff Goldy	9	3
Sergio Jimenez	7	3
Bryan Ledgerwood	10	3
Rusty Phillips	3	3
Aaron Thorpe	13	3
Sean Tonner	14	3
Bart Vaio	10	3

<u>YEARLING</u>	<u>Tent</u>	<u>Rides</u>
Jeff Albright	2	2
Dirk Banks	12	2
Travis Bies	3	2
Ramico Blackmon	2	2
Steve Brown	10	2
Mike Dill	14	2
Tom Harris	5	2
Jason Stoneback	4	2

<u>COLT</u>	<u>Tent</u>	<u>Rides</u>
Hugh Bernardi	5	1
Tyler Holtmeyer	4	1
Jake Hottel	10	1
Riley McAllister	6	1
Phil McRae	7	1
Kurt Nelson	10	1
John Orlando	5	1
K.T. Terrell	2	1

## ADVICE FROM THE MEDICAL COMMITTEE

**A reminder to all riders to be in good physical condition for the Big Ride. The better shape you're in, the better time you'll have and the safer you'll be.**

*Note: Both on and off trail, keep well hydrated with water, and remember while on the trail to carry your own water. "The Beer Committee DOES NOT carry drinking water!"*

## INTRODUCING THE 2024 3R COLTS



**HUGH BERNARDI** is an entrepreneur and an owner of Zeppelin Ranch in southern Colorado. He graduated from Santa Clara University and lives in Greenwood Village, CO with his wife, Jeannine, and three children. Sponsored by **Jim Goff**, seconded by **Kimmer Haarberg**.



**RILEY MCALLISTER** is the General Mine Foreman at the Caribou Cross Mine in Nederland, Colorado. Riley is a native raised in Evergreen and a graduate of N. Arizona University. He loves backcountry fly fishing by horseback in the high mountains near the mine. Sponsored by **Duane Kent** and seconded by **Corey Marshall**.



**TYLER HOLTMEYER** is the Regional Crushing and Screening Manager in Colorado, New Mexico, and West Texas for Wagner Equipment. He graduated 2nd in his class from the University of Missouri with a degree in veterinary medicine. Tyler practiced as an equine veterinarian in Pilot Point, Texas prior to moving to Colorado in 2018. He and his wife Megan and two daughters reside in Parker, CO. Tyler has worked as an assistant vet on the Big Ride for the past 5 years. Sponsored by **George Eidsness** and **Steve Duff**.



**PHIL MCRAE** and his wife, Debra, live in Montrose, CO. He is the retired owner and CEO of Colorado Wall Works. Phil owns cattle and has ridden horses for 40+ years. Family, music, hunting and their mountain cabin complement his Western Lifestyle. Sponsored by **Jim Free** and seconded by **Scott Stuart**.



**ANDREW "JAKE" HOTTEL** was born in Colorado and currently resides in Fort Lupton with his wife, Kaylyn, who is a horse trainer. Both Jake and Kaylyn are members of the Arapahoe Hunt. Jake owns a successful Welding and Fabrication business called Hottel Welding, LLC. Sponsored by **Mike Jenner**; seconded by **Rob Deline**.



**KURT NELSON** was with UPS management for 37 years. He has excelled in tennis, motorsports, golf, and shooting. Kurt and his wife, Camilla, raise and train horses on their ranch in Petaluma, CA, where they also run their dog training business, Dairydell Canine. Sponsored by **Chris Towt**; Seconded by **Garry Woodman**.





**JOHN ORLANDO** is a General Contractor in Evergreen, CO for 32 years specializing in riding arenas and barns. Board member and past president, past chairman of the Evergreen Rodeo Assoc. PRCA 28 years. Board member of the Evergreen Ranch Sorting Assoc. for 13 years.

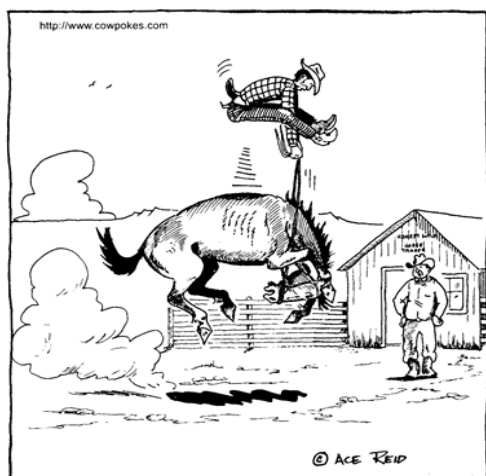
Husband, Father, and Grandfather. Sponsored by **Jim Goff**, seconded by **Jerry LaBonde**.



**KARL TERRELL (K.T.)** has been a resident of Colorado Springs since 1968. K.T. worked 30 yrs. for Hewlett Packard. He is retired, has two children, a daughter who lives in Frisco, CO, and a son who lives in CA. His free time is spent outdoors on his property on the border of

Colorado & NM. Sponsored by **Chip Bromfield**; seconded by **Mark Trostel**.

Colt Program Committee Co-Chairmen **Jim Goff** and **Mark Johnson** will be conducting the 3R Colt Workshop on Saturday, June 29, during which a wealth of information will be shared with the Colts, so they are better prepared to enjoy the Big Ride. There will be a focus on horsemanship as well as how the ride functions so that there will be fewer surprises for this group of colts.



"You wasn't listenin'! I said he was saddle broke!"

## MUST DO's BEFORE THE BIG RIDE

The Horse Welfare Committee would like to remind every Rider to take care of these four simple items before The Big Ride. Don't wait to schedule and plan; it's not like packing your trunk at the last minute.

### Shoe Your Horse

Bring your horse freshly and fully shod to the Big Ride. The Ride farrier will not be shoeing horses when they arrive in Camp.

### Bring a Nose Bag

Check your nose bag for suitability; does it have holes and does it fit your horse. Not all feed bags are made to fit all horses. Your mount will appreciate you at lunchtime if the bag fits.

### Bring Your Brand Papers

You never know when a brand inspector will need to check your horse. Have a travel card with you or at a minimum, a copy of your papers with you or on your phone.



### Bring Your Health Papers

There are at least two papers that will be necessary **if travelling across State lines**. Check with your vet early and watch for any updates from 3R if any special requirements come up prior to The Ride. At a minimum, you will need:

- A Negative Coggins Test (generally within a year of the Ride); and
- A Health Certificate (within 30 days of the Ride). Again, check with your veterinarian for specifics and plan ahead.

# 2024 BIG RIDE

## PACKING LIST

Please bring YOUR OWN NOSE BAGS marked with your name.

*Packing suggestions — not mandatory but very helpful:*

### TACK BAG

- \_\_\_ Halter with 8' lead rope
- \_\_\_ Saddle with breast collar & back cinch
- \_\_\_ Saddle pad & blanket
- \_\_\_ Nose Bag
- \_\_\_ Bridle
- \_\_\_ Spurs
- \_\_\_ Chaps
- \_\_\_ Rain coat, hat rain cover,  
rubber gloves, boot rubbers
- \_\_\_ Show halter
- \_\_\_ Day jacket or vest
- \_\_\_ Riding gloves
- \_\_\_ Thong & extra leather
- \_\_\_ Extra reins
- \_\_\_ Saddle pack or bags
- \_\_\_ Hoof pick
- \_\_\_ First aid saddle kit
- \_\_\_ Hole punch
- \_\_\_ Cowboy pliers
- \_\_\_ Knife
- \_\_\_ Special grooming items  
(shampoo, coat-sheen, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Flashlight
- \_\_\_ Canteen
- \_\_\_ Horse blanket

*(3R provides brushes, curry combs, sponges,  
water buckets, vet supplies and picket line.)*

### FOOT LOCKER

- \_\_\_ Down jacket
- \_\_\_ Daytime jacket
- \_\_\_ Extra gloves & boots
- \_\_\_ Vest(s)
- \_\_\_ Shirts
- \_\_\_ Socks (knee-high length)
- \_\_\_ Underwear (cotton jockey shorts)
- \_\_\_ Jeans, stretch/reg. denim
- \_\_\_ Ties/scarves
- \_\_\_ Down or thermal underwear
- \_\_\_ Handkerchiefs
- \_\_\_ Pajamas
- \_\_\_ Bathrobe
- \_\_\_ Shower shoes / flipflops
- \_\_\_ Cotton long underwear
- \_\_\_ Banquet dress outfit in hanging bag  
*(Leave dress outfit in vehicle at last camp)*

### BED ROLL (in bag or cover)

- \_\_\_ Sleeping bag
- \_\_\_ Extra blanket
- \_\_\_ Air or foam mattress
- \_\_\_ Pillow
- \_\_\_ Stocking cap

### OPTIONAL

- \_\_\_ Gun (trapshooting)
- \_\_\_ Camera
- \_\_\_ Floor mat for side of cot
- \_\_\_ Couple of clothes hangers
- \_\_\_ Horse shoe and nails
- \_\_\_ Tapaderos
- \_\_\_ Sheepskin cover for cinch
- \_\_\_ Stampede string for hat
- \_\_\_ Dark glasses
- \_\_\_ Reading glasses
- \_\_\_ Nail clippers and file
- \_\_\_ Chapstick
- \_\_\_ Sun protection
- \_\_\_ Insect repellent
- \_\_\_ Dust masks
- \_\_\_ Cornstarch
- \_\_\_ Boot puller

### OTHER

- \_\_\_ Western hat(s)
- \_\_\_ Dop kit
- \_\_\_ Razor blades
- \_\_\_ Shaving lotion
- \_\_\_ Toothbrush
- \_\_\_ Toothpaste
- \_\_\_ Brush & comb
- \_\_\_ Towels & washcloths
- \_\_\_ Flashlight (spare batteries)
- \_\_\_ First aid items
- \_\_\_ Extra pair of Rx glasses
- \_\_\_ Laundry bag
- \_\_\_ Prescription medicines

*(3R provides soap, showers, toilets, and  
toilet paper.)*



# 12th Annual 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. Ironworks is not only beautiful but historic. The original structure was erected in stages from the turn of the century to the 1950s. The design elements of early industrial, 1920s glamour, Art Deco, and the Depression era are all felt in this unique event venue.

**July 19, 2024**

**11:30 AM until 2:30 PM**  
**THE IRONWORKS**  
2027 W Colfax Avenue  
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 our new Colt wives to the 3R!*



## RSVP & VIEW MORE DETAILS:

Go to the website: [3R-Gals.com](http://3R-Gals.com)  
Click on the "Register" tab at the top of the page.

You can pay Tina Rutherford by using 303-912-8100 through **Venmo** or **Zelle**



OR: pay by check (payable only to Tina Rutherford) and mail to:  
Tina Rutherford  
4755 Stone Canon Ranch Road  
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**Please be sure to wear your 3R Gals nametag!**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER – JULY 5, 2024**

## • EMPTY SADDLES •



***Richard Irvin Houck***  
***June 12, 1933 – April 8, 2024***

Dr. Dick Houck was born June 12, 1933 in Oak Park, Illinois. He graduated from Oak Park High School in the spring of 1951. While there he participated in the usual sports and beat the drums for the school band.

He went to Iowa State College in the fall. He joined the Phi Gama Delta fraternity. After he graduated in 1955, he went on to Veterinary School at Iowa State. He graduated in 1957. He then went to Southern Wisconsin and established a veterinarian practice. He married a girl from Iowa State and had four children.

A number of years after college, he and some of his fraternity brothers started meeting for fun in some interesting places in the USA every two years. This went on for forty years.

Because of his love for horses, Dick was encouraged to come join the Roundup Riders and finally in 1991 he joined. One of the first riders who he met was a friend from the veterinary organization - Sage Kester. His first ride was on Jim Ficke's Arabian horse, Shadowfax, that had been on several previous rides. All other rides after that were on Quarter horses. As he became a member, he was somewhat bothered about the hazing that was imposed on the Colts. When Jim Ficke and Dick took over the Colt committee, the new Colts were treated as the gentlemen they were. One of Dick's favorite things was introducing the Colts. He would always include a joke or story about their occupation or personality.

About 1984, he sold his Wisconsin veterinary practice and joined the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus as their Head Veterinarian. When the circus was in Denver, he

would invite some of the Roundup Riders to attend the circus. He would take them backstage to meet some of the animals and people. One year he invited some of the circus people to a ride and barbeque with Roundup Riders on the Prairie Canyon Ranch owned by Bob Schultz. The circus people rarely got out of the inter-cities where they performed. The Riders put on a little show for them after the trail ride. The circus horses had trouble performing without a ring.

Toward the end of his 18 years at the Circus, he designed and developed a center for the conservation of Asian Elephants near Orlando Florida. Over the years he became an expert in elephant science. He gave lectures and seminars on Elephants worldwide.

He went on some of the splinter rides- Sombrero, 10 Most Wanted and The Couple's rides with Janet. For several years he came to Colorado to hunt with Dale Boggie, Walk Walker, Doak Walker, Jim Ficke, and Wes Sandness. Janet shot a 5x5 bull on her first day of elk hunting. He went to Wyoming to help Chuck Sylvester round up his Wyoming cattle.

Over the years Dick received many awards. Trail Horse of the Year in 2007 and the Top Hand in 2005. Iowa State awarded the Stange Award for meritorious service in Veterinary Medicine. It is the highest award given to alumni of Iowa State School of Veterinary Medicine.

He is survived by his sister, Peggy, and his 4 children – Carole, Sue, Jim, and David, Dick's first wife, Miriam and his second wife, Janet and her children, Jeffrey, and Ashley. Also, lots of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and cousins.

The celebration of his life was held in Lake Geneva Wisconsin. Many old friends and relatives attended. All spoke very highly of Dick.



*Dick Houck enjoying a good time at the Ship's Tavern with great friends Chuck Sylvester and Jim Ficke.*



# HORSEMANSHIP CORNER

## A Q&A with Mark Bolender

By **Julie Maddock**, Horse Illustrated

*(Reprinted with permission. Mark Bolender is a member of the 3R and is in the Twisters Tent.)*

Mark Bolender is a busy guy...

Mark and his wife, Lee, owners of Bolender Horse Park, are the founders of the International Mountain Trail Challenge Association (IMTCA), and Mark is a three-time National Mountain Trail Champion. Mark takes great pride in designing and building unique Mountain Trail courses throughout North America and abroad and has written the popular book, *Bolender's Guide to Mastering Mountain and Extreme Trail Riding*. And he carves out time to administer a judging school that certifies judges in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Europe for Mountain Trail and Trail Challenge.

Mountain Trail, a relatively new competitive equestrian sport that began in 2000, was new to me. When I had the opportunity to interview Mark and get to know this warmhearted and engaging couple, Mark's enthusiasm and passion for the sport was contagious. And after observing his clinic at Equine Affaire, I was blown away. I knew I needed to learn more.

**Julie Maddock:** Unlike many of your contemporaries who grew up around horses, you started riding and training later in life. What sparked your interest in horses, and how did you get started in Mountain Trail?

**Mark Bolender:** I got my first horse at 39. I never desired to be a trainer or a clinician. I had many other fields of interest, but my daughter asked me for a horse. So, I got her a horse and built her a barn. Then I got more horses and built a bigger facility. Later, I hired a full-time trainer to teach me to ride and travel with me to work with world-class horses as I learned traditional horse training and discovered what works.

Then I got hooked on Mountain Trail.

My wife, Lee, and I had fallen in love in Florida when we met at a clinic I was teaching. Together, we thought about making Mountain Trail an international discipline—it's so fun and so good for the horses. Lee began the marketing, getting the Bolender name out there, and sending our info to expos—and people started to see the videos of Mountain

Trail and my horse Checkers. That horse is one in a million! Checkers put me on the map, and he's now a Breyer horse.

**JM:** How would you define Mountain Trail?

**MB:** It started for the recreational trail rider. It's for any and every breed, for every discipline—whether it's English, Western, stock seat, whatever—everyone can enjoy it. It's kind of a combination of three-day eventing, dressage, and reining. We need a broke horse; we need precision. And it is fun for the horse and the rider. At Level 1, everyone is walking between the obstacles—you walk over the obstacles or through them. At Level 2, you're trotting between the obstacles. And at Level 3, you are canter/loping between the obstacles and then stepping onto them. It sounds easy, but when you try it, it's difficult.



**JM:** What would you say to a rider who is apprehensive about attending a Mountain Trail training program and the daunting course obstacles?

**MB:** If I can do it, you can do it. I will show you how to believe in your horse. I know where I can take you and your horse.

It's about properly presenting the obstacle to the horse; do it right, and the balance beam should only take about five minutes to master. We are really good at demanding and telling a horse to do something, but we have forgotten the art of asking and teaching. And that is what a rider will learn in my clinics.

Instinct is very different from the intelligence of the horse. And you will never beat instinct. The instinct that the horse has to read you is far superior to your ability to read the horse. And we will show you how that works.

At our clinics, we start with riders out of the saddle. I need to get rid of the heartbeat. The horse can feel your heartbeat, your tension. So, if I can remove that from the

equation, I can face the horse, and they can read my confidence. I help the horse become bold and confident and trust the rider. On average, teaching a horse to walk across a swinging bridge will take five minutes. And with 50 percent of them, I can teach them to do a 180 on it within ten minutes.

**JM:** How can we listen more to what our horses are saying?

**MB:** Learn to read their language—their eyes, muzzle, and ears twitching. You can tell what they are saying.

Put your arrogance in a box. As humans, we tend to look down on things without realizing it. With horses, we're not superior; we're not inferior. We're just different. We have to step into their world and learn their language instead of bringing them to our world and values.

**JM:** You've designed and built Mountain Trail courses worldwide. How do you determine the course design?

**MB:** Each course is unique and built for the site. I think about how to lay it out visually, where to put the ponds, and how to make it both pretty and functional art. And horses are brutal on obstacles, so I need to engineer and build a safe course. The average cost of a course is about \$200,000. We usually build all the obstacles in our shop in Washington, put them on a semi, and ship them. We arrive onsite, and building the course takes about five days. On days six and seven, we do clinics and demonstrations, and love watching people show off the horses on their new dream course.

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## **3R HERITAGE AND TRAILS FOUNDATION UPDATE**



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

Since 1984, the 3R Heritage and Trails Foundation has contributed over \$1.7 million to the National Forest Service, to numerous organizations that work

to build and maintain trails across the Rocky Mountain West, to counties and local governments for trail work and equestrian related facilities, and to numerous historical agencies that work to preserve our Western heritage and way of life. Forty years! Hundreds of projects! A lasting impact on the West and its people!

This only happens because of the generosity of Roundup Rider members and their families and friends. Please take a moment to join with your fellow Riders to support the important work we do on behalf of not only the 3R rides, but more importantly for the general public to enjoy and enhance our vast and unspoiled landscapes and trails. Help Heritage and Trail Foundation celebrate its 40th birthday with a gift today!

Use this link to make a gift to H&T, or you may download a donation form that you can mail in with your gift: [Heritage & Trails Foundation | Donate](#)

### **H&T Foundation Donation Form**



*H&T supported Chuck Peterson and his CSU Equine Science students for trail projects.*

Did you know that Heritage and Trails helped build new ranger stables at Mesa Verde National Park? Or that Heritage and Trails was the original partner with the Colorado Trail Foundation when the Trail first was being considered? Or that H&T has enabled maintenance work to be completed on over a thousand miles of trails throughout Colorado, Wyoming, and



Utah? Or that H&T funds have constructed corrals and equestrian camping areas in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming? Or that through H&T funding, Douglas and El Paso Counties have constructed numerous trail courses? Or that H&T funding enabled Mueller State Park to construct a much-needed new well to serve equestrian trails in the park?

These are but a few of the many projects H&T has funded or initiated since its founding forty years ago. We thank the many 3R members who have made all of this possible, and we hope to count you as a partner, too!

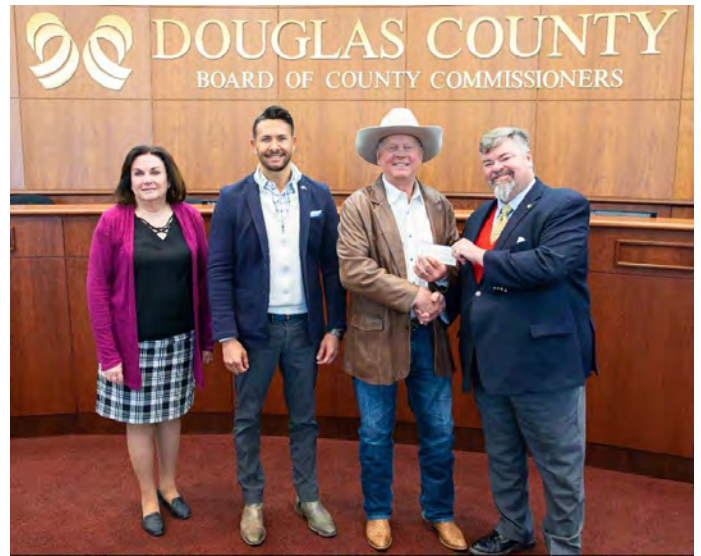


*Colorado Youth Corps.*



*Acknowledgement of the 3R H&T Foundation for work done at Mueller State Park near Divide, CO.*

In other 3R Heritage & Trails activity, a \$2,000 check was presented by **Kim Haarberg**, H&T Board Member, to the Board of Douglas County Commissioners during March to help maintain and develop trails within their Open Space Areas.



*H&T Board Member, Kim Haarberg, presenting a donation to the Douglas County Commissioners.*

The Commissioners remarked, “our Open Spaces and trails are where memories are made, and our Western Heritage comes to life. Thank you to the Roundup Riders of the Rockies Heritage and Trails Foundation for their donation to the work of Douglas County Open Space!” Over more than 20 years, the Foundation has donated over \$80,000 to the Douglas County Open Space.



*The Roundup Ride on the Continental Divide Trail near Lake City, Colorado.*



# TENT NEWS

## MAVERICKS

The Maverick Tent held a Tent Party over Memorial Day Weekend at tent member Garth and Maria Boyd's **Copper Spur Ranch** near McCoy, CO. The Mavericks and their better halves enjoyed riding several trails on the ranch as well as the Routt National Forest adjacent to the ranch.



*The Mavericks and guests having a refreshment break at the "Fish Casita" on the Copper Spur Ranch.*

Joining in the weekend were **Garth and Maria Boyd, Jim Free** and his granddaughter, **Mariah, Peter Husak, Phil and Debra McRae (Colt), Dan and Gitti Reed, Jim and Patty Ruwoldt, Mike and Fran Shields, Doug and Amanda Van Der Zwaag, and Scott and Katie Stuart.**



*Of course, Beef is what was for dinner with the Mavericks devouring these delicious Tomahawks.*

Joining the Mavericks as special guests were **Dave and Jeannie Gottenborg, Gary and Dacia Woodworth, and Carl and Diane Luppens.**

## NIGHTHAWKS

This year the Nighthawks had their annual Tent Ride on May 18 **Chip & Mary Bromfield** were the hosts and were able to share a great time with Pioneers and past tent mates including **Kurt Prinslow, John Faught and Charlie Walton.**



*The Nighthawks under the capable leadership of Col. Mark Trostel.*

## SOMBRERO RIDE

Members of various 3R tents participated in the 2024 Sombbrero Ride, ramrodded by **Ron Morris**, at the Bumble Bee Ranch, north of Phoenix, AZ.

The Sombbrero Ride began many years ago by a group of riders anxious to start the riding season in the spring of the year by going south; at times to the Mexican Border. The Sombbrero Ride is not an official 3R event; however, any interested riders should contact Ron Morris.



*Ron Morris leading the Sombbrero Ride.*





*The Sombrero Riders enjoying a cloudless day in the shadow of an ancient Saguaro cactus near Bumble Bee, AZ.*

### 3R TRAP SHOOTERS

This year members of the Roundup Riders of the Rockies represented 25 of the 40 shooters in the 2024 Spring Trap League held at the Family Shooting Center in Cherry Creek State Park. Winners in the “D” class: First place went to **Ken Rudolph** and **Mark Moore** took second place. “C” class: **Tom Harris** took home the 1st place plaque. **Steve Darrow** received 2nd place in Class “B”. Congratulations to all!

Years ago, when Dr. Beeman was asked to help the Round Up Ride improve and enhance the horse care on the ride, a novel idea was born. Let’s create a pseudo socialized system so care can be given that is at a high level and would minimally interfere with the other use for the word Social; that is having a great time with all of our friends on the ride.

#### What happens on the ride:

Part of our ride fee goes to pay for a person to be the ride veterinarian. This person was Dr. Beeman for many years, me for another 22 years after that, and now in the very capable hands of **Dr. Will French**. The ride pays Littleton Equine Medical Center, the practice where we all work, to bring a truck with a vet box, a trailer filled with extra supplies, and a competent Veterinarian that not only can treat all of the ailments in the evening when we get back from riding, sometimes in the morning, but also can ride and handle a pack horse to be able to treat various issues on the trail. For this level of fantastic care, the riders pay almost nothing. The only charge to the riders is for the medications that are used. No exam fees, no emergency fees, no administration fees, only the cost of the medications. Most riders, if their horse has any injury or ailment, will find a small fee added after the ride that is in most instances less than \$50. Socialized in a way! Recently we have also been bringing an X-ray machine as well as an ultrasound machine. Amazingly advanced care for the places we get to go!

### VET’S CORNER



**By Dr. Kelly Tisher**  
3R Treasurer

### **Round Up Riders of the Rockies Embrace Socialism!**

Such a statement can never have been uttered! Yet, this is the way we have described our approach to veterinary care on the Big Ride for years! Socialized veterinary medicine.

## ROUNDUP RIDER BUSINESS

(Reprinted from the 3R Tally Book.)

### What are the most common treated conditions?

Sore backs are by far the most common issue that we encounter. Over the years we have found that a combination of DMSO/Entederm topically with a dose of Bute in the evening has the best chance for each rider to continue to ride their own horse. I am not saying this is the way that you would always treat a sore back at home, but on this ride, we have found this is the best way for that horse to have a good chance to go down the trail the next day. The number of sore backs on a single evening after coming back from the trail can number as high as 50 horses treated in a single night. We do not have even close to that number of spare horses, so we must do what we know to work to make the ride possible.

To efficiently make this happen, and to get all horses treated before dark, we have a specific way this works. The wranglers look over their string, and with our guidance, check each horse to see if there is any pain 15 to 30 minutes after arriving in camp. The horses that are sore are brought up to the vet trailer for a second look and treatment if needed. There is no way on earth to accomplish this with each rider bringing horses up or waiting to find each rider to administer treatment. The wrangler then communicates with each rider that some type of treatment has happened. Obviously, with anything life threatening we talk to the rider that something is happening like colic. Why do I explain this: This is why it is critical to not bring medications, supplements, etc. to the ride to be administered by yourself or your wrangler. Serious implications could happen by administering ANYTHING to your horse without the veterinarian's knowledge. So please do not bring anything to give to your horse on the ride.

Socialized or not, the quality, timeliness, and effectiveness of the veterinary care on the ride is top notch. Thanks to the horse welfare committee, and any and all of the DVM's that help support Dr. French. We look forward to the day when he can be a rider and we can find another amazing veterinarian to take his place and advance the care even further.

*Thanks all and Happy Trails! Dr. Tisher*

## RIDE RULES

Every Rider, Cavvy, Compadre, Yearling and Colt is expected to acquaint himself with and at all times follow our simple rules. Each sponsor of a Colt, Yearling, or Compadre is directly responsible for the man he sponsors and must personally see that his Colt, Yearling, or Compadre has read, understands, and follows these rules to the best of his ability.

### GENERAL

1. Do **NOT** bring a stallion or stag.
2. Keep automobiles out of camp.
3. Be on time for all formations and events.
4. All Members and Guests must sleep in camp at all times. In emergencies notify the President or Director of Operations.
5. Observe the curfew for bar and noise.
6. Do **NOT** use the Ride or Ride Tally Book and Roster for business purposes.
7. Wear your identification badge at all times.

### ON ARRIVAL AT FIRST CAMP

8. Locate your picket line, meet your Wrangler, drop off your horse and tack.
9. Advise your Wrangler of peculiarities, special requirements, and medicines your horse may need.
10. Locate your tent and Tent Boss.
11. Place all of your duffle in your tent and tag each with your name and tent #.
12. Pick up your 3R information packet in your tent.
13. Locate your 3R Leather Badge in the packet and wear it.

### ON THE TRAIL

14. Let the designated Guide lead the group. **DO NOT PASS.**
15. Keep behind the rider ahead by at least the length of one horse.
16. Do **NOT** fall back and allow a long gap in the column. **NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THE RIDER AHEAD.**
17. Do **NOT** leave the column to follow other trails.
18. Ride single file against traffic on the left side of auto roads. State law and your safety requires it.



19. Announce your intentions when passing the horse ahead.
20. **NEVER** stop and block the trail to water your horse or for any other reason.
21. If you must stop, ask a buddy to join you and get well off the trail.
22. Water your horse at designated group areas or get well off the trail to do so.

### IN CAMP

23. Relax and help your fellow riders have a good time.
24. At first morning call, pack and stack your cot and duffle pronto, help drop and load your tent and all gear into your assigned truck.
25. Firearms and firecrackers are forbidden except trap shoot guns which will be turned over to the Bartender the first day in camp.
26. Register on Friday for the Kester "Trail Horse of the Year" Award and sign the leather hide.
27. Your horse is your responsibility but allow your Wrangler to do all feeding and watering in camp.
28. For help with horse problems find your Wrangler, Head Wrangler, or Ride Veterinarian. The Ride Vet, or a Wrangler under his supervision, administers all medicines to horses on the Big Ride.

### SUGGESTIONS

29. Carry a slicker on your saddle to protect you from rain.
30. Wear chinks or chaps for comfort.
31. If your horse will tolerate it, wear spurs for safety.
32. Bring a horse blanket for your horse.
33. Carry a halter on your saddle and always use it in tying your horse.
34. Carry a flask of water on your saddle.
35. Bring spare clothing for both wet and cold weather.
36. Bring western dress clothes for the Banquet Night. Keep them in your truck.
37. Cooperate with photographer. Remove dark glasses for photos and Smile!
38. Pay due reverence and respect to church and Colt Mountain ceremonies.
39. **Give a hand and be a hand.**

*These "rules" have been developed over many years and many miles by our foreriders and have proven to make the Roundup Ride safe and enjoyable for 75 years!*



*To whet the Riders appetites, a view of the Lizard Head Wilderness within the Uncompahgre National Forest. During the 2024 Big Ride, the 3R will be riding in an area in which it never has previously. The Uncompahgre comprises nearly one million acres in Southwest Colorado and boasts are 133 named mountains, the highest and most prominent being Uncompahgre Peak, the fifth-highest mountain in Colorado as well as in the entire Rocky Mountains of North America. Mount Wilson (above center right) may be recognizable as the peak featured on the Coors Beer logo. This will be a beautiful ride for the 3R!*



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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# 2024 SHAKEDOWN RIDE

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Jim Goff's Solid Rock Ranch

23623 North Turkey Creek Road Evergreen, CO



**RIDE SPONSOR:**  
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The Conquistadores invite you to join us for the 2024 Shakedown Ride at Jim Goff's Solid Rock Ranch in Evergreen, Colorado, off North Turkey Creek Road. The ranch has beautiful views, including stunning rock formations, trees, and meadows in a mountain setting around 7,500 ft.

Pioneers, Life Members, and Active Riders are welcome. **We encourage and highly recommend all Colts ride with us on the Shakedown Ride to help get you prepared for the Big Ride in July.**

For those of you who don't know, Jim has a world class horse park at his ranch with dozens of equine obstacles. With guided instruction and practice in the horse park, trust between horse and rider progressively builds while concurrently enhancing the rider's horsemanship skills, all of which translate to significantly improved trail riding capabilities and lots of fun!

- 8:30 am..... Arrive at Solid Rock Ranch**
- 9:30 am..... Ride Out**
- 11:30 am..... Church Service on the Trail**
- Noon..... Beer Stop**
- 2:15 pm..... Dinner**
- 3:00 pm..... Ride Horse Park and Arena  
for those interested**

## ***Directions to Solid Rock Ranch:***

***From Denver***, (from C-470 and Highway 285), go south on 285 for about 6 miles until you reach **North Turkey Creek Road**. At the bottom of the offramp turn right at stop sign onto **North Turkey Creek Road**. Road is uphill and very windy so take your time and be careful. After **3.2 miles**, turn right at brown gate and continue up driveway for about a quarter mile to the Equestrian Center. [If you see Kilimanjaro Road on your right, you went too far].

***From Evergreen***, take **Highway 73** from Evergreen Lake to **Marshdale Circle** and take **North Turkey Creek** (2nd roundabout exit) down about 3 miles. Once you see Kilimanjaro on your left, take the next left (after about a half mile) into the Equestrian Center driveway. Drive slowly so you don't miss entrance on left. It is hard to see from this direction. [If you see Peaceful Hills Road on the left, you went too far]. Big rigs might consider going to 285 and North Turkey Creek Road and coming up that way (described above).

This ride features all types of terrain we may encounter on a Big Ride, including: steep inclines and declines, static and running water, trees, logs, step-ups, rocks, a tunnel under the highway, and so on. It's a great opportunity to test your horsemanship skills and readiness of your equine partner while ensuring your tack is well adjusted.

## **COME EARLY & WEAR YOUR BADGE**

This year's Colts and their sponsors need to attend. Pioneers, please join us for the ride, or at least for dinner.

**SEND FORM AND CHECK FOR \$55  
RESERVATION DEADLINE: JUNE 26th**

# SHAKEDOWN RIDE

**Solid Rock Ranch, Evergreen, CO**

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost is \$55.00 per rider**  
**Registration Deadline: June 26 2024**  
*(After this date price increases \$10 per rider)*

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