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Bluebonnet Date change

Bluebonnet Ride date change!

April 26, 2008

Bluebonnet Classic 25/50/100

Region IV Championship 50



Time to renew your membership!

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NATRC Region IV Ride Calendar



NOV 3-4—**LAST CHANCE @ THE OK CORRAL** (OK) – Lake Carl Blackwell, Stillwater, OK

A-O/N/CP LIMIT: 60

CHR: Kate Kearby, 524 Ash NW, Piedmont, OK 73078 (405-620-4824) SEC: Kate Kearby, 524 Ash NW, Piedmont, OK 73078 (405-620-4824)

DEC 1-2—**THE CHRISTMAS CTR** (TX) – Cleburne, TX, Six O Ranch

A-O/N/CP LIMIT: 60

CHR: Liz Scott, 1300 Aransas Dr., Euless, TX 76039 (817-980-1787) CHR: Alanna Sommer, 1042 Cardinal, Bartonville, TX 76226 (940-240-0015) SEC: Tammy Haley, 6713 Marlborough Dr. W., Ft. Worth, TX 76134 (817-296-9398)

JAN 18-20- **Mini Convention** (TX) – Parrie Haynes Ranch, TX

CHR: Sue Singletary (Contact) () CHR: Liz Scott (Obstacles), 1300 Aransas Dr., Euless, TX 76039 (817-980-1787)

CHR: Don Rubley (Obstacles) () CHR: Candy Bradford (Facility) () CHR: Kate Kearby (Decorations), 524 Ash NW, Piedmont, OK 73078 (405-620-4824)

MAR 1-2—**Hooved Animal Rescue and Placement - NATRC Trail Clinic** (LA) – Roseland, LA LIMIT: 50

CHR: Suzanne Murphree, 17505 Gorge O'Neal Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70817 (225-752-6817) SEC: Pat Gros, P.O. Box 8, Robert, LA 70817 (985-429-7398)

MAR 8-9—**GIRL SCOUT SCAMPER** (TX) – 7IL Ranch, Cat Spring, TX

A-O/N/CP LIMIT: 60

CHR: Elaine Swiss, 1470 Old Marble Falls Rd., Round Mtn, TX (830-825-3032) SEC: Amy Martin, 4205 Wade Lane, Brookshire, TX 77423 (281-346-2060)

MAR 22-23—**OKLAHOMA LAND RUN** (OK) – Lake Carl Balckwater, Stillwater, OK

A-O/N/CP LIMIT: 60

CHR: Don Rubley, 524 Ash NW, Piedmont, OK 73078 (405-373-1387) SEC: Kate Kearby, 524 Ash NW, Piedmont, OK 73078 (405-620-4824)

APL 5-6—**DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS** (TX) – Parrie Haynes Ranch, Killeen, TX

A-O/N/CP LIMIT: 60

CHR: Liz Scott, 1300 Aransas Dr., Euless, TX 76039 (817-980-1787) SEC: Kate Love, 6652 CR 1202, Cleburne, TX 76031 (817-202-5371)

AERC Central Region Ride Calendar

Nov 10—ROAD WARRIOR 50

SW of Canton, TX
Edie Booth 903-848-9425
(desertbred@hotmail.com) P.O.
Box 224, Canton, TX 75103

Nov 10—OKLAHOMA LAND

RUSH 25/50

Lake Carl Blackwell, Stillwater,
OK. Kathleen K. Prescott 405-288-
0303 (k.prescott@att.net) fax:405-
636-0622 3294 S. Ladd Ave.,
Goldsby, OK 73093

Nov 11—ROAD WARRIOR II

SW of Canton, TX
Edie Booth 903-848-9425
(desertbred@hotmail.com)P.O.
Box 224, Canton, TX 75103

Nov 23—LONE STAR I 25/50

Hill Country State Natural Area
Debbie Allen 281-431-2993
(adiamond2@ev1.net) 7821
County Road 383, Rosharon, TX
77583-3711

Nov 23—EAGLE RANCH FI-

NAL FLING I 25/50
Eagle Ranch, Collins MO Winnie
Clutter 573-377-2585
(windo@stovermo.com) 21612
Hwy FF, Stover, MO 65078

Nov 24—LONE STAR II 25/50

Hill Country State Natural Area
Debbie Allen 281-431-2993
(adiamond2@ev1.net) 7821
County Road 383, Rosharon, TX
77583-3711

Nov 24—EAGLE RANCH FI-

NAL FLING II 25/50
Eagle Ranch, Collins MO Winnie
Clutter 573-377-2585
(windo@stovermo.com) 21612
Hwy FF, Stover, MO 65078

Dec 08—HELL ON THE BOR-

DER 25/50
Midland, AR Annetta Tinsman
479-639-2401
(horsewize@aol.com) P.O. Box
349, Hackett, AR 72937

Dec 29—HIGH ROLLER I

25/50
Cat Spring, TX Linda Reznicek
979-865-0011
(Linda@7ILTrails.com) 5389 Mill
Creek Rd., Cat Spring, TX 78933

Dec 30—HIGH ROLLER II

25/50
Cat Spring, TX Linda Reznicek
979-865-0011
(Linda@7ILTrails.com) 5389 Mill
Creek Rd., Cat Spring, TX 78933

Feb 09—FREEZE 'R BURN

25/50/75
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(bobbydean@aol.com) 8792 CR
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Feb 16—SHANGHAI TRAILS

25/50 (AHA 50)
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617 County Rd 52, Rosharon, TX
77583

March 01—REDLAND EX-

PRESS 30/50
Lake Carl Blackwell, Stillwater
OK Ann M. McFarland 405-
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73045

March 15—HEART OF THE

HILLS 25/50/75
Boerne, Texas Chris Godsey
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mit Trail, Boerne, TX 78006

March 15—COUGAR

PROWL 25/50
Okmulgee Game Management
Area Louise Burton
(firedancefarms@prodigy.net)
5220 Honey Creek Rd, Okmul-
gee, OK 74447

April 12—SUNFLOWER

CLASSIC 25/50/75
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Susan Keil 913-856-3660
(susankeil@yahoo.com)
fax:913.722.1890 30837 W.
231 St, Spring Hill, KS 66083

April 19—LAST HOORAH

25/50
Six O Ranch, Cleburne, TX
Kim Reeves (817)558-7146
(kog@hpnc.com) fax:817-645-
0146 11404 FM 200, Cleburne,
TX 76033

April 26—BLUEBONNET

CLASSIC 25/50/100 (AHA

Region 9 Champ 50)

Current Trends and Approaches in Lameness Diagnosis

by: Nancy S. Loving, DVM November 03 2007, Article # 10750

At the AAEP Blue Ribbon Panel Research meeting, in Ft. Collins, Colo., Andy Bathe, MA, VetVMB, DEO, Dipl. ECVS, MRCVS, of Rossdale & Partners in the United Kingdom, spoke on improvements in technology to aid in lameness diagnosis. He said lameness is the most important cause of wastage in the equine industry.

Diagnostic techniques are often subjective and based on practitioners' experience, and Bathe speculated whether gait analysis could become more objective in its application to lameness.

When using diagnostic nerve blocks, he said it is important to record findings and data as one progresses through the exam. With the advent of digital radiography, there is improvement in radiographic quality, but he expressed concern that technique is still the most important factor, and technique is dependent on veterinarian skill and understanding of the areas being imaged. However, digital ultrasound equipment is able to image more structures than ever before, so operator proficiency to acquire good images is not as crucial as in previous decades.

In reviewing other diagnostic tools, Bathe recommended nuclear scintigraphy as an excellent technique for identifying suspected fractures, but it should not be used as a "black box" to evaluate a low-grade lameness. Rather, the lameness should be worked up in a systematic manner with a thorough clinical exam, diagnostic nerve blocks, and radiology and/or ultrasound as appropriate. Any images obtained through high-tech equipment must be correlated with the horse's clinical presentation.

Bathe said magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) has revolutionized foot diagnostics; however, it is easy for images to be over-interpreted. He urged accurate localization of the pain-causing area first, then the significance of imaging studies is corroborated with the clinical exam.

Computed tomography (CT) scans are feasible in the standing horse for the head, but limb studies require general anesthesia.

Endoscopy requires general anesthesia and is indicated for persistent pain in synovial structures, such as joints or tendon sheaths.

Bathe examined three different approaches to lameness diagnostics:

- **Sequential Start** Begin at the bottom of the limb and work up with diagnostic nerve blocks, followed by imaging of localized areas of concern.
- **Targeted Pick** Select the most likely location that could cause the lameness and pursue imaging diagnostics in that area
- **Survey Attack** Examine both ends of the horse from head, neck, forelimb, and pelvis, then perform diagnostic nerve blocks after imaging all areas.

Bathe concluded that our understanding of lameness conditions has improved dramatically with improved imaging techniques, and we should implement advanced technology to improve our basic techniques. He stressed it is important to determine the significance of clinical presentation as it relates to imaging findings. The weakest link in work-up is the interpretation of findings.

In the future, there might be opportunities for more genetic profiling to determine heritability of musculoskeletal disease. We continue to learn from MRI studies, and it would be beneficial to improve epidemiology by looking at our data that is readily available. In addition, more evidence-based medicine in diagnostics can be used to integrate clinical and objective data.

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TADRA MINUTES
JUNE 29, 2007

Meeting was called to order 4:30pm at the Bass/Weatherford home.

Minutes were read. Eddie made motion to approve and Trish 2nd. Minutes approved.

Eddie gave membership report. There were seven new members to approve. Maria Hagman(R), Leslie Davis (R), Larry Snyder (R), Jason Stasiuk (R), Susan Young (R), Aurora Urban (R), and Matthew Urban (JR.) Giving us 90 Reg., 13 Assoc., 7 JR. for a total of 110 members.

Treasurer's Report given by Trish: Our balance is \$17534.18. This is after the Reg. 9 check was deposited for the BB ride.

Eddie made motion to accept report Bill 2nd, motion passed.

Bluebonnet Ride report by Carla Jo: Total of 118 riders 82 completions.

Miles	Started	Finished
25	45	32
50	50	36
100	23	14

There was a motion made by Eddie to have a Bluebonnet 2008 and Bill 2nd. Motion passed.

There were discussions on the timing and trail issues, Reg.9 budget for the ride next year, whether or not to have a Reg. 9 50/100 and if we wanted to put another Aerc 100 on. Decision tabled till later meeting.

TADRA website is back up and running.

IRS extension has been filed.

New Board members elected for Region 9.

There will be a Holiday Party January 5, 2008 at Richland Chambers Lake.

Next meeting will be August 18 in Wortham TX at Eddie/Linda Spurgeon's home at 12 noon.

Meeting adjourned 6:15pm

TADRA Minutes
August 18, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 1:45pm at the Surgeons' home.

Charles wished everyone with August birthdays a happy birthday.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer report: Not available

Membership Report: Membership dues will stay the same for 2008. TADRA has 110 members.
90 Regular, 7 JR., and 13 assoc.

Bluebonnet Ride report: Bluebonnet ride will be May 10, 2008. Carla Jo has mailed the AERC sanction for the 25, 50,100 mile rides. She also has mailed the sanction for the AHA 50 mile, and the Forest Service permits have been sent. There will be four vets. Dennis Seymour will be head vet. Some of the Ham Radio people will be riding as safety riders. Light towers will be ordered.

There was a discussion on which supplies need replacing in the club trailer, also the trailer had a blow out and a new tire was purchased. There was a motion made by Eddie to purchase another three new tires to replace the worn ones. Nicki 2nd and motion passed.

Special Orders: The delegates for TADRA will be,

Carla Bass- 1st delegate

Charles Bass- 2nd delegate

Nicki Lawson- 1st alternate

Eddie Spurgeon- 2nd alternate

January 5 2008, will be our Winter Party at Richland Chambers Lake. Lodge and cabins will be reserved for overnight guest.

Please bring a side dish and your drinks. The Club will provide the meat. Dinner will be a 7pm, but the lodge will be open from 3pm.

A new volunteer agreement with the Forest Service was signed.
CPA has filed 2nd extension for Income Tax.

Carla Jo was nominated for the Volunteer Service Award.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2007 at the Bass/Weatherford home in Red Oak, TX. Meeting will start at 12 noon.

Meeting Adjourned at 3pm.

TADRA Minutes
October 27, 2007

Meeting was called to order 12:30pm at the Bass/Weatherford home in Red Oak.

Charles wished a Happy Birthday to all the members with birthdays in October.

Minutes from the August 18th meeting were read and approved. Eddie made motion and Carla 2nd.

Treasurer report: Trish reported that as of September 30, 2007, TADRAs' overall balance is \$15,908.93.

Membership report: The board had three new AHA members to approve. Lynn D'Annunsio, Larry Gould and Margit Krellwitz. This gives the club 93 R, 7Jr. and 13 Assoc. for a total of 113 members.

Ride report: **Blue Bonnet Ride:** Carla will have four vets at the ride. So far she has contracted for Dennis Seymore- head vet, and Carter Housnel.

Carla will start to purchase the awards, also check into the rentals of Travel trailer/motor home, dumpster, & light towers.

Possibly a cook will be needed to feed the Volunteers.

Start Times will be: 100 miles – 5:30am

50 miles - 6:30am

25 miles - 7:30am

**** **New Ride Date** ****

* APRIL 26, 2008*

New Business: Bill made a motion that no new Scholarship applications will be accepted due to minimal participation. Carla 2nd. Motion passed.

Also regarding the Scholarships, Ryan Norsworthy owes the TADRA board a copy of his grades for Fall 2006 and Spring 2007. No Scholarship disbursements will be made in the future until copies of grades are provided.

There was some discussion about the newsletter.

Budget for Holiday party will be \$1500.

Special Orders: Election of TADRA Officers.

By acclamation the same slate of officers were assigned a new term.

Old business: The 2006 Tax Return has been filed.

Next Meeting will be January 5, 2008 at Richland Chambers Lake. This will also be our Holiday Party.

Club will provide the meat. Please bring a dish and your drinks. Cabins will be rented for overnights.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

The Basics of Equine Dentistry, Straight from the Horse's Mouth

Jennifer Stone

In the past, many horse owners let non-professionals attend to their horse's mouth. Now more people recognize the value of equine veterinary dentists for their horse's overall well-being.

Dr. Gordon Baker, a retired professor at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital, is a pioneer in the field of equine dentistry and a leader in the promotion of proper equine dental care. He explains that the approach used in examining a horse's mouth is very different from the approach used for humans or small animals.

"In order to see gum disease in a dog's mouth, all you have to do is roll back the lips and look at the gums. Unfortunately this approach will not work with horses because their teeth and gums are so much more complex and the mouth is so much bigger," says Dr. Baker. "Performing a thorough equine oral exam requires special equipment and technique in addition to the use of sedatives to keep the animal calm during the exam."

The equine mouth is composed of a set of cutting teeth in the front called incisors and a set (arcade) of six larger grinding teeth (called cheek teeth) on top and bottom on both sides of the mouth in the back.

"One must realize that a horse's mouth is actually a very elegantly designed food preparation system," says Dr. Baker. "Each upper tooth is perfectly matched with a lower tooth. They are linked with a very intricate pattern of grooves and ridges that grind food thoroughly before swallowing."

Problems begin when the teeth lose contact with each other. If the teeth do not rub together evenly, some teeth may overgrow while others are worn down too far. Ultimately chewing can be curtailed or even prevented as the blades of the "food processor" lose contact with each other. "These types of dental problems are most widely known as 'abnormalities of wear'," says Dr. Gordon. Because unchewed food cannot be digested properly, this can lead to numerous problems, including, in extreme cases, starvation.

"The essence of equine dentistry is knowing how to examine a horse's mouth and relate the lesions in the mouth to the overall health of the horse," says Dr. Baker. "The most effective way to prevent problems is to put a program in place that maintains the horse's ability to process food efficiently." A good preventative plan requires yearly oral exams by an equine veterinarian and any maintenance that may be required to correct any developing abnormalities of wear.

According to Dr. Baker, most of the horses that require routine dental inspections and dental work are those that live indoors. The horse that lives in the field and must forage for food puts a lot more work into chewing than a horse that is always stabled. "The stabled horse that eats hay and grain from a bin does not give its teeth the full range of work so they eventually become a bit misshapen," says Dr. Baker. "This can then start the process of dental disease."

Working on the equine mouth can be tiring. "After all, you can't make the horse lie down in a chair like a person," says Dr. Baker. The field of equine dentistry has been driven by the development of new power tools that take away some of the hard work of the job. Advances in the understanding of the ergonomics of working in horses' mouths are also making the experience more pleasant for both the horse and the veterinarian.

"Your equine veterinarian should be aware of the importance of the horse's mouth," says Dr. Baker. "One of the fundamentals of good health care of the horse is to ensure that the food that goes into the mouth gets used as efficiently as possible."

If you have questions about equine dentistry, please contact your equine veterinarian.

**Texas Arabian Distance Riders Association
P.O.Box 532 Wortham Texas 76693**

2008 Membership Application

Last name _____ **First** _____

Address _____ **City** _____

State _____ **Zip code** _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Junior Member ____ **yes** ____ **no** (Junior is under the age of 18 as of December 1, 2007)

Current AHA number _____ **Social Security number** _____

Telephone W/Area Code _____ **e-mail Addy** _____

AHA Adult with voting rights, Competition Card, Insurance and Club Dues	\$55.00 _____
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DOB _____ Junior Yes/No

Address _____ State _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

URL _____ e-mail _____

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AHA Adult with voting rights and Club Dues

AHA Youth with Competition card, Insurance and Club Dues

AHA Youth Club Dues, no Competition Card

Associate Club member

\$55.00 _____

\$35.00 _____

\$30.00 _____

\$20.00 _____

\$15.00 _____

Mail to: TADRA, P.O. Box 532, Wortham, TX 76693

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