Picture yourself on the top of Sheldon Mountain looking down at Lake Koocanusa on one side and the Ride & Tie Championship Camp on the other. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there on July 9th. This is the last newsletter before the Championship race. Thanks to those of you who have already let us know that you are coming. It has helped with the planning of this event. Now is the time to start sending in those entries.

Plans for the Championship are coming along. We are excited about the Gaston Mercier saddle valued at $1700 which was donated by Hi-Tack. The saddle will be custom made to fit you and your horse. It will be won by a participant or volunteer by drawing after the awards. We still need volunteers to help at vet checks, sales of merchandise, at the finish line and registration.

I held a practice ride at the Championship site in April. We used most of loop two. The trails are great. There will be two concentric trails both starting from the camping area at 2000 foot elevation. The first trail will climb to 4700 feet, before reaching the trot-by at 11 miles (3500 feet.) The trail then returns to camp and the only full vet check, at the 21-mile point. The second loop will take a different trail to the area where the trot-by was held on the first loop. It will be easier getting there the second time. From that point you will follow the same trail as loop one back in to camp. This loop is 16.5 miles. About half of the trails will be single track. The rest will be dirt roads except for about 3 miles of gravel surface on the first loop. There will be plenty of trees for tying your horse. Because of the gravel roads and a few rocky areas on the ridge, if your horse has tender feet you may want to add pads or boots. At the least you should probably carry a boot with you. There are no water crossings, but there will be water available for your horse on the trail and in camp.

There are 4 positions open on the Board of Directors. The candidates and their statements are in this newsletter. Your ballot is the postcard in your newsletter. Please vote for up to 4 candidates. Make sure each family member of the R&T Association votes for the candidates of their choice. The winners will be introduced at the General Membership Meeting at the race site in Libby on Thursday, July 7th.

See you in Libby,
Don Betts
President, Ride and Tie Association
DIRECTIONS TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The highway which runs through Libby is Highway 2. It runs sort of east and west (easterly and westerly?) through Libby. Highway 33 runs north-south out of Libby between Main and Mineral Avenues. Take Highway 33 north across the Kootenai River and about half a mile further to PIPE CREEK ROAD (Highway 567). Left on PIPE CREEK ROAD for about 4.4 miles. Watch for RIDE & TIE sign. The camp is in Munro's Meadow.

Munro's Meadow

Libby to Troy

Highway 2

Kootenai River

Emergency Contact Phone Numbers
Don Betts Cell Phone: (260)670-3018
Beth Allire: (406)243-4022

SCHEDULE FOR LIBBY CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, JULY 2
Camp opens.

SUNDAY, JULY 3
10 AM-Clinic/Practice R&T using loop 2

THURSDAY, JULY 7
Merchandise on Sale
Registration begin
General Membership Meeting
Barbecue and pot luck, we supply the meat.
Bareback riding hatchet and archery demonstration.

FRIDAY, JULY 8
Vet in your horse
Farrier (available by phone)

SATURDAY, JULY 9
Championship Ride & Tie 9:00 AM
Ultra Trail Run 9:00 AM
Short Course Ride & Tie 9:30 AM
Farrier will be available all day
Judging for Best Condition
Roast Pig Banquet
Awards
Montana Old Time Fiddlers for your entertainment

SUNDAY, JULY 10
Biathlon 10:00 AM
Camp closes

ON GOING ACTIVITIES
Desert potluck Saturday through Wednesday evenings
(Bring your voice and instruments, we will be playing tunes)
Horse shoes, volleyball, and badminton available
Caterer— Wednesday through the weekend
(Coke, coffee, pancakes, burgers, hotdogs, all the good stuff)

WE’LL SEE YOU IN LIBBY!
The following folks have committed themselves to compete at the Championship: Steve Anderson/Liz Carrey, Carrie Barrett/Laurie Wilson, Don Betts/George Hall, Jim Brown/Russ Kiernan, Pat Browning/Chris Turney, Kaci Colloway/Sherrie Colloway, Tim Colloway, Cowman/Cory Foulk, Jim Clover/Annette Parsons, Pru Critchley/Sybil Soulsby, Jane Depner/Linda Riley, Doyle Eggers/Sara Kelly, Kim Fehir/Susan Gilford, Arlene Foster/Dave Foster, Barrie Grant/Bannie Grant, Byron Grant/Paul Johnson, Dawn Hartscock/Dave Riffle, Warren Hellman/Jeff Townsend, Danika Hummel/Nike Neu, Jonathan Jordan/Tara Jordan, Peter Klopf/Martha Klopf, Ann Langstaff/Hufus Schneider, Frank Lieberman/Don Strong, John Osterweil/Thomas Schreck, Lisa Preston/Josh Stetten, Juanita Roice/Denise Schwartz, Don Roth/Steve Shaw, Carol Ruprecht/Ted Ruprecht, Sid Sullivan/Mary Tiscornia, Alina Vale, Tod Wadsworth/Con Wadsworth, Karen Wolfsheimer

When you are traveling to or from the Championship along Highway 90 in Washington, stop at the rest area on the Columbia River near Vantage, WA and look south east to see the “The Wild Horse Monument” on a nearby hill!
2004 World Endurance Championships, Dubai, UAE

By Michele Roush

The world of international endurance racing is on one hand, vastly different from our own homegrown variety, and on the other hand, very similar. It is a different game out there in FEI, around the world. Endurance began right here in our backyard, with a bet about whether or not a horse and rider could go the 100 miles of what is now known as the Western States trail, but the rest of the world has taken the sport to a new, professional level. It could possibly better be labeled “long flat track racing,” but it still pits horse and rider against 100 grueling miles. The winning times for this event in the United Arab Emirates have closed in upon 7 hours.

Professional trainers have strings of 100 or more horses that they train to canter around the desert, and attempt to peak for the various races during the winter months. With temperatures regularly 120 degrees in the summer, not much riding goes on at that time of year. Europe then becomes the playground of these rich and powerful Sheiks.

On the other hand, while these feats of endurance racing seem unattainable to most of us (and perhaps they will prove to be!), it might astonish you to realize that the US riders who can compete at this level are regular old riders, some of whom even got their starts in Ride & Tied! I am one of those people who never, ever, expected to compete at the World level, yet there I found myself, in January, in Dubai, a part of the four-person team riding for the US. While the results of the race were not as any of us had planned or hoped, the experience was priceless.

It all started way back in 2002, when I rode PR Tallymark, bred by our own Sheried Powers and owned by Steve Shaw, in his first 100 mile race. The horse was a natural, and after careful training, many prayers, several layers of bubble-wrap, and a team gold medal for the Pacific North squad at the 2003 Pan American Championships, we were named to the 15 person US Endurance Team in October of 2003. We went on to training camp in Florida, as guests of Larry and Valerie Kanavy, in December 2004, along with 11 other teammates and their horses. Tallymark got to fly via FedEx to Florida, as I could not see subjecting him to the rigors of a cross-country drive at that time, with so much at stake. I actually got to fly on the airplane with Tallymark, and that was a blast. It is really strange to see your horse loaded with two others into this little box of a converted cargo container, and get lifted up into the bowels of an airplane. The airlines and airports are not at all set up to handle horses, as there are no quiet places to offload them from the pallets during layover time. Once they are in the pallet, that is where they stay until the destination is reached, whether that be five or fifteen or twenty hours later. The takeoff and landing CONTINUED ON PAGE 6.

WIN A SADDLE!

Championship entrants and volunteers will all have a chance to win this exceptional 8 pound saddle (15 with fenders and stirrups) custom made for you and your horse. This Gaston Mercier saddle is valued at $1700. Value of saddle could be applied toward purchase of another Hi Tack saddle.

The Gaston Mercier No Flap saddle gets you closer to your horse than any other available, providing comfort and stability for you, and protection for the horse. The No Flap is the purest form of the Gaston Mercier saddle, built by adding a large fender with incorporated knee rolls to replace the leathers. The No Flap allows riders to wear light clothing, and non-traditional footwear, making it the perfect choice for Ride and Tie competitors. Your choice of stirrup attaches directly to the fender. Hi-Tack recommends purchase of a closed stirrup for extra safety.

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TRAVELING WITH YOUR HORSE

In an informal survey I asked people experienced in traveling with their horses questions about what works best for them. I also interviewed Jim Steere, DVM, the head veterinarian for the Ride & Tie Championship, and he sent me several articles about stress during transport of horses. Following is a summary of the information I gathered and the information the articles offered.

BEFORE TRAVELING

I asked Dr. Steere to research this since most of our Championship competitors will be traveling out of state to get to Montana. He reported that before traveling get a Coggins test for equine infectious anemia and a health certificate from your veterinarian. Montana and several other states require a 'travel permit.' The vet issuing the health certificate can call the Montana State Veterinarian at (406)444-2976 for a permit number which will be posted on the official health exam.

Dr. Steere recommends that your horse's vaccinations be up-to-date. (tetanus, western and eastern encephalomyelitis, rabies, influenza, rhinopneumonitis and West Nile Virus.) He also recommends that your veterinarian checks the horse for soundness at a trot before beginning the trip.

DIET AND SUPPLEMENTS DURING TRAVEL

The majority of the repliers feed their horses electrolytes before or after travel but not during travel since the horse would not have water available. A few restrict grain before traveling. Many feed wet grain and hay to avoid dehydration. Carol Giles, a pacific northwest rider, ties a bucket of water and a bucket of wet beet pulp in the trailer for her horse to munch on while traveling. Dr. Steere, suggests that since so little energy is used during the trailer ride, there is no need to feed grain while trailering. Carolyn Stull, PhD, from UC Davis, suggests in her paper "Trailer: A Stressful Situation" that quality hay, free from mold and dust, should be offered on a free choice basis during transit. She reports that moldy or dusty hay will "contaminate the air and overwork the mucociliary system in the respiratory tract."

REST STOPS

About half the respondents stop after 3-5 hours of travel. A few don't stop at all and a few stop more frequently. Of the people who do stop to let their horses have a break from traveling, most take their horses out of the trailer and let them walk around and graze. Others find that just stopping, and offering water through the window without taking the horse out of the trailer is sufficient. Those people who take their horses out, do so at rest areas, gas stations, in empty lots and along country roads. In "Avoid Shipping Stress," an article in John Lyons' Perfect Horse Newsletter, (December 1999) it is recommended that you should not travel with your horse more than eight hours. Jim Steere recommends rest stops at least every six hours which include taking the horse out for some exercise and cleaning out the trailer so that there is not a build up of ammonia and other irritants from the manure and urine.

THE TRAILER

Most of the travelers with horses do tie their horses in the trailer. Several tie long so that the horse can put his head down and eat from the floor, clear his nasal passages and get out of the wind. Dr. Steere reports that it is important that horses are able to put their heads down during long trips so that they don't get dust and ammonia into their lungs which can set off 'shipping fever pneumonia'. Dr. Stull, in her previously mentioned paper and James H. Jones, Ph.D., D.V.M. in his article "Effects of Transport on Stress and Disease in Horses" also mention the importance of allowing the horse to lower their heads while traveling: "The common practice of tying horses by their halters in transport vehicles has the potential to act as a stressor and contribute to the development of transport-associated respiratory disease."

Karen Wolsheimer, DVM, began hauling her horse backwards in the trailer after noticing that when hauling in a trailer without dividers the horse would turn around and face backwards. Hauling backwards is noted in the Jones article also: "Anecdotal evidence suggests that rear-facing horses in transport vehicles may be more relaxed than those that are forward-facing. A number of researchers have..."

etc.

THE RIDE AND TIE ASSOCIATION trailer needs to be towed back to California after the Championship. In return the Association will reimburse you for gas. Contact Don at RideAndTieDon@aol.com or (360)681-5218.

Calamity Jane Margulis is looking for someone to share travel expenses to the Championship from California. If you are interested contact Jane. jb.margulis@hotmail.com or (415) 454-1132.

Paul Johnson, outside of Moscow, Idaho, welcomes Ride @ Tiers to stay at his place on their way to the championship!! Call Paul at (208)883-3809. Paul says his place is about five hours from Libby.

WARNING: Keep those articles and photos coming! Don and I have some very cute grandparents and if we don't have ride and tie stuff to fill the pages here, we're going to start using their photos!

HANDBY HINT learned from a Washington Trail Rider: Put a luggage tag on your saddle so if you get dumped or otherwise lost from your horse, whoever finds your horse will know where to take him!

FOUND! When cleaning out the R&T Association trailer we found the Lost and Found box from a previous championship. In it were: A bike helmet, two pairs of glasses, two cameras and a pair of running shoes! Think they might be yours? Email us at RideAndTieNewsletter@yahoo.com!

Deadline for articles and photos for the next newsletter will be extended until August 1st so that we can get your articles and photos from the championship into it! Don't delay on sending them in!!!
CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ballots for the election of Board of Directors members are included in this newsletter. Please take the time to vote for the four candidates of your choice. Following are statements from the candidates wishing to be elected or re-elected to the Ride and Tie Association Board of Directors:

DAWN HARTSOCK
I have been involved with the ride & tie since the Park City Utah Ride & Tie in the early 1980’s. I know what it is like to be the Mom babysitting all the kids and pit crewing for up to 10 teams at a time, I know what it is like being the ride manager, and I know what it feels like to cross the finish line with two special friends at the end of a race well run. But most of all I know how important the ride and tie family has been to me and my family over the years. I believe in order for ride and tie to continue we all need to get involved. I hope to give back to ride and tie by becoming a member of the board. I feel I have a unique perspective to share. I am one of the many folks in the back of the pack regularly and happy to be out there with my human and equine friends. I sometimes feel the folks in the back and mid-pack are forgotten. As a member of the board I would like to shed a little more light on the mid-packers and the back of the packers. I support the mentor program and hope to help ride & tie continue to be a friendly, family sport.

TED RUPRECHT
I am a lifetime member of the Ride and Tie Association and have completed 23 championships. There are 5 members plus 2 spouses and one grandson, of my family who have finished championship R&Ts. Clearly I have a great enthusiasm and commitment to the health of R&T. This long association gives me important perspective as well as new ideas. As a professional economist, I can bring useful talents to the Board.

THOM STEERE, D.V.M.

MARY TISCORNIA
I'd be happy to continue to serve on the board. I've done every Ride & Tie Championship from the beginning. I have won 7 or 8 WW 2 or 3 M/W and 2 or 3 B.C.s in the Championships. I've done lots of other races as well. I've been on the Board for quite awhile. I'm a founding member and contributor.

LAURIE WILSON
I have been participating in R & T for 10 seasons, and hope to keep it up for another 10. Many great people have served our sport in the past, and I have reaped the enjoyment of all their hard work. And I thank you all. I feel that it is my time to pitch in and help a sport that I truly love. So I am stepping forward as a prospective board member for the upcoming election.

My First Ride & Tie--Grizzly Mountain

It's a twenty five mile race. My team was competitive in the first half but after the vet check, I get going way behind the others. The horse balks at going out again and I'm not sure how hard to push her since she isn't my horse. We're out here all alone, not another team in sight, and I'm feeling a bit more tired than I should. I'm a little discouraged that we're going to make a poor show of it.

The race is the April 16th, 2005 Ride and Tie event at Grizzly Mountain near Prineville, Oregon. Don Betts has invited me to partner with him. I accepted and am now committed. I had the notion there would only be a handful of entries, so when I get to the campground on Friday afternoon, it's a surprise to see what looks like a couple hundred rigs with horse trailers. The place is bustling with busy people tending to tack and feed, and more Arabians than I've ever seen in one place. Our event is being held with an AERC endurance competition, and most of these folks will be doing 35, 50 and 75 mile rides tomorrow.

I find Don and Annie and they introduce me to Doyle Eggers and Dawn Hartsrack who are experienced ride and tiers. I learn we have a change of plans. Don and Doyle are going to team on Doyle's horse, Turtle. Dawn and Lisa Preston are going to ride Dawn's horse, Tess. Bill Mintiens, who lives nearby, will show up in the morning and we will ride Don's mare, Cinder. After entry forms, vet check and Dawn's lasagna, there's a race meet and we chat about logistics and we all turn in.

Saturday morning we're scheduled for a nine o'clock start, after the endurance teams have gone out. The weather is low broken overcast, cool when the wind blows, which it does -- and just a hint of sprinkle now and then. The course is across a lot of flat ground through the sage brush and juniper, with enough hills and draws to make it interesting but without real killer climbs. There are water tanks every few miles, and a lot of thought was used to lay the course in several loops that come back to camp for vet checks. Some nice folks named Dennis and Linda Tribby and Sara Miller deserve a lot of credit for hosting a well run event.

There are only four Ride and Tie teams. Lisa and Dawn are the

by Tim Rubins

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are the scariest part for the horses, but most of them handle it extremely well, especially if the pilot is asked to brake smoothly on landing, so the horses do not end up upside down. They actually get bored in the air, because it is so smooth.

In Florida, the team members stayed at the Black Prong Equestrian Center, a beautiful, world-class carriage driving facility, and the horses were stabled at Kanays'. There, the horses learned how to travel in flat, sandy terrain, and the riders learned how to live in close quarters with each other for six weeks at a time. We focused on team building activities, final conditioning preparations, and race strategy for the big day. In mid-January, nine of the twelve horses were vanned to New Jersey, and then flown out of New York to Dubai, where they had only ten days to recuperate before the big day. That may have been our downfall.

The desert in Dubai is just what you might expect when you think of an Arabian desert. Quite flat, with the only contours coming from piles of sand dunes. There are camels roaming around, doing what camels do, which is apparently eating all the sparse vegetation they can find.

Occasional fenced-off areas afford a glimpse of the contrast in vegetation when it is allowed to grow without hungry camels around. It is still sparse, but at least what scrubby bushes there are, have leaves on them. The camels are used for racing, and are worth much more money than the horses. In an effort to change the climate, the Sheiks (who rule the country) have started an extensive forestation project. Behind miles and miles of solid fencing designed to keep out not only camels, but also camel handlers, who might jump an ordinary fence to cut branches to feed their camels, are acres and acres of trees. It is truly amazing, to see this project coming to fruition, as well as to think of the audacity and scope of imagination of the minds behind it. The forest is a good reflection of the entire country. It is a vibrant blend of tradition and innovation. Born of desert hospitality, the Sheiks will treat visitors to the fanciest parties they’ve ever dreamed of, but the next day, will hold back nothing in an effort to beat those same visitors at a 100 mile horse race.

Race day dawned well for the six US horses and riders selected to start. The team consisted of Bev Gray and Paladin, Dennis Summers and Rosie, Carol Giles and Stranger, and Michele Roush and Tallymark. Individual riders were Becky Harris and Honey, and Carolyn Hock with Sando. All the riders started out on the first loop riding together, and despite a few snags, made it around in good time. We then split into two groups of three, but this only lasted for one loop, after which time, problems started arising. One horse got overheated, and another had trouble with a CRI. Tallymark had to go out by himself on loops three and four. Thank goodness for Steve Shaw and Lisa Schneider, who were our

TRAVELING CONTINUED
suggested that transporting horses restrained facing away from the direction of transport (head backward) might reduce accelerations and decelerations of their centers of mass and increase their stability."

The John Lyon's article suggests that horses may face backwards in the trailer because of the wind. "Horses do instinctively turn their rear ends into the wind when caught out in a storm."

Mary Tiscornia hauls her horse without dividers in the trailer. Dr. Steere recommends "If you have a straight load trailer, take out the divider. The horses don't hurt each other. They hurt themselves climbing the walls when you corner or climbing into the manger."

Most of the people who replied do put something on the floor of their trailer to absorb urine. Usually it is wood shavings, but Terry O'Brien from Canada reports that kitty litter works best for her. Jim Steere suggests that nothing be put on the floor because of the dust and particles which may blow around inside the trailer when it is moving adding more stress to the lungs.

FLY MASKS AND BLANKETS
Most people who replied don't use fly masks, blankets, shipping boots or tail wraps on their horses when trailering. A few do use blankets when weather is cold, or shipping boots when they have a horse who steps on himself frequently. About a third of the repliers do use a fly mask to protect the horse from flying wood shavings and street debris.

OVERNIGHTING
The majority of the travelers stop overnight at fairgrounds when they are available. The second most popular place was to stay with friends or people who are willing to put up traveling horses. Several use the AERC or Ride & Tie directory to find horse owners who are in the area through which they are traveling. They have made some terrific friends this way. Tied for third most popular place to spend the night was at a stable/horse motel or in a campground. When a horse camp is not convenient, a couple of travelers report that they call campgrounds such as KOA and ask if they have a place they could camp. When they explain they do have a portable paddock and need no hookups, the campground is usually able to find a back corner for them. Additionally, people have stayed in rest areas, truck stops and at the side of the road, leaving their horses inside the trailer overnight. In the John Lyon's article it is recommended that "Spending the night in a small paddock or round pen is probably ideal. He will benefit from the opportunity to move and roll, as well as from the fresh air. There's less chance of picking up an unfamiliar virus or bacteria when outside, too (use your own water bucket). If not a paddock or pen, take the time to vigorously walk (not stand around and graze the horse for 15 to 20 minutes, or lunge him.

POST TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS:
Dr. Steere suggests that horses need the same amount of time to recover from their travels as they do traveling. He suggests that electrolytes after travel, especially during hot weather will help a dehydrated horse. He recommends a sloppy bran mash to assure that the horse is taking in some liquids. Dr. Steere describes "shipping fever" in her article and suggests the following:

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ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP--CONTINUED

support vehicle crew. They drove along with us on trail, and Lisa got her
exercise jumping out of the 4-wheel drive, to hand me water bottles to
pour on Tallymark to keep him cool. It is a method that works very well
over there, where heat is a huge factor, and virtually all of the trail is
easily accessible by vehicle.

Unfortunately, our temperature control system was not enough to
enable Tallymark to complete the course. He had to be retired after 76
miles, as he was tired and dehydrated. The rest of the team fared no
better, and our only US finishers were our two individual riders. Becky
and Honey finished in a very respectable 8 hours, 47 minutes, in 19th
place. It is interesting to note that at that level, unlike our AERC motto of
"to finish is to win," the only thing generally recognized is a win. Becky
did not even receive a finishing award for her efforts!

Although we did not do so well in the race, I had a fabulous time, and feel
that I could not have done anything differently to change the outcome.
My training both before and during Florida camp went very well. I saw
huge improvement in Tallymark’s heart rate recoveries, and there was
not a sounder horse on the squad, thanks in part, to Sneakers
horseshoes. If I had it to do over, I’d lobby the team staff to fly the horses
over there earlier. I do know that travel plans were hampered by the very
strict quarantine procedures of the UAE.

All in all, it was a once in a lifetime experience, and I am so grateful to all
the people who made it possible, and to Tallymark, who gave me all he
had. I wish the new US Endurance Chef d’Equipe, Tom Johnson, and his
staff and team, all the best for the next world championships, in Aachen,
Germany, in 2006.

TRAVEL--CONTINUED

“Respiratory ailments, such as shipping fever
(pleurisy pneumonia), may not show
symptoms for 2-3 days following transport. However, depression in the attitude of the
horse, lack of appetite and the development
of coughing or nasal discharge may indicate
the symptoms of shipping fever. Daily
recording of rectal temperature in horses
transported long distances is advisable.” Dr.
Steere reminds us that a horse’s normal
temperature is 100 degrees. If it goes above
102 and the horse is not eating, a
veterinarian should be consulted.
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Here are some of our favorite ideas from
our experienced horse haulers:
—Lani Newcomb, DVM, has a Trailer Cam in
her horse trailer so that she can make sure
her horses are okay while traveling.
—Don Betts has a weather station in the horse
trailer with the receiver in the cab so he can
make sure the horses aren’t too hot or too
cold.
—Karen Wolfsheimer, DVM, has a $10 box
fan from Walmart in the back open window.
She attaches it to a generator in the back of
the truck to get a good breeze in the hot
southern summer.
—Kim Fueess reminds us to make sure that we
allow at least one day of rest upon arrival
after a long trip so that the horses can
‘rehydrate and recover from travel.’
—Dawn Hartsock and Doyle Eggers recently
found out that although the tires on their
horse trailer looked fine, they had been
sitting in the sun long enough to cause a flat
tire on their trip to Oregon for the Grizzly
Mountain Ride & Tie.
—Other experienced travelers remind us to
have a jack for the trailer, and to have the
wheel bearings packed, have the
brakes checked and make sure the lights are
working. And don’t forget to replace your 12
volt emergency battery for the emergency
brakes.

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Whoops!

In previous issues I left Pat
and Nita Browning off the
Board of Directors list! Please
forgive me!

Also, Doyle Eggers is a lifetime
member! Sorry Doyle!

If you find errors in the
newsletter for me to admit to,
email me at Ride And Tie
Newsletter@yahoo.com or
phone me at (360) 681-5218.
FIRST RIDE—CONTINUED

A team with their horse's rump marked accordingly. Don and Doyle are B and we are C. D is a novice team, Mark and Cindy Pilliod, from nearby Sisters Oregon.

We take off with no great fanfare, and fall into the rhythm of the event. I've never done this before and I'm not sure how to push myself, not sure how long to ride before I tie and start running, and I'm not sure how much I can ask of this mare. Bill has done several races before, and we talk every time we pass. He says, "I'm feeling good, go a mile", which is a bit more distance than we had planned. I pass him and go what I think is three quarters mile, but when I tie off and look back, I see Bill not a half mile away. I light out running, and soon he's passing me. Once again I have the trail to myself and fall into my running trance, then around a bend there's Cinder tied to a tree.

The women's team jumped into an early lead. Lisa was obviously a strong runner. Sometimes they were out of sight, but every so often I'd 'get a peek of them less than a mile ahead. The B team traded second place with us a few times which helped keep it fun and interesting. At the vet check it took a while for Cinder to get her pulse down. She was lathered up and wasn't drinking. I took stock of myself and decided I'd be fine if the race was over now. My cotton shirts were soaking wet and I was a bit sore where I had landed on my back when I came off one time.

My legs were okay, but the prospect of ten more miles of the same punishment was daunting. I drank some juice, changed shirts, and got ready to go again. By the time we were vetted out, we were way behind the two lead teams. Bill had a fifteen minute lead. Cinder and I had to go find him. At the pace we were making, we couldn't be gaining on him very fast. It was hard to get any giddyup out of her until we started seeing other riders. As soon as she got wind of them, she perked up, started squealing and lit a fire to go get them. I started feeling like we had a better chance now.

Cinder had figured out we were still racing and not just having a nature walk. She ate up four or five miles in a big hurry, passing up groups of endurance riders. I was looking hard to make sure we didn't pass up Bill unseen. At about mile seven I passed Lisa running. She was still smiling. When I pulled up to water Cinder at the next tank, Don and Dawn were there. We swapped howdies and they trotted off.

It wasn't much farther on when I passed Doyle on the ground, and then the tied A and B horses, and then Don and Dawn running. All of a sudden we were in first place! We still had a good lope going, and my big worry was, where's my partner? If I passed him up a few miles back and made him run the whole ten, I wouldn't be very popular. I didn't have worries. I caught up with him at the finish line. With his speed and the head start he had in the second half, it took us that long to come up with him.

So what did I learn the day I lost my Ride and Tie virginity? First, it's a lot of fun and you are going to meet some mighty fine folks and make some good friends.

What else? Be in shape. I run several times a week, but it wasn't enough. I hadn't been doing any riding, and you should go into a race with some recent hard rides on you. You might think the run is the tough part and the ride is where you sit back and let the horse do the work, but you need both skills sharpened up.

Stay on the horse. That sounds obvious, but at one point in the first half I got a little overheated trying to catch the front runners, got just a bit reckless, and in a moment's inattention Cinder put me on the ground. Later I caught on to her moves. She'd shy at some imagined thing and do a short stop with a jig to the right. If you're not right with her, you're airborne.

Stay on the trail. Sounds obvious I know but we lost the trail briefly, and so did the other teams. You can't make good time around the course if you don't stay on it!

Have a good horse. Besides Bill Mintiens' powerhouse running, Cinder won the race for us. Except for her reluctance after the vet check, she was faultless. She ran strong the whole way, was well behaved at every tie and passing the other horses. She stood still for mounting and she gave me the gait I asked

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Thank you Liz Carrey, Alena Vale, Steve and Linda Anderson who manned the Ride & Tie booth at the AERC Convention this year. Liz Carrey and Steve Anderson shown. Photo by Linda Anderson.
TEN FOR TEN AT THE SWANTON PACIFIC

You've already made your decision about attending the 35th Annual Ride & Tie World Championship in Montana. You are either well into your conditioning, or looking past the July 9th date for another event to target.

Why not make this the year you tackle the Swanton Pacific 75 or 100-mile Ride & Tie? If you race at Championship, then you are fit and ready for the longer event on August 20th. If you don't race at Championship, then you are looking for a great race closer to home, right? If you like Ride & Tie, then prolong the experience, come enjoy the sport for, say... 15+ hours!

Jane McGrath plans on tackling the 100-mile course with her partner Kim. And Kat Swigart wants to extend to the 100 too, if her horse is up to it. She's signed up a serious adventure racer (who also rides) to team with her. Team Rinde isn't certain yet, due to their house building activities this summer, but last year they delighted in the 75-mile course and joy of finishing before dark. The Ruprecht sisters are teaming up with their husbands at the 75, and they are inviting every other husband/wife team they can think of to join the fun.... Ribleys are you ready? George Hall is ready to test out his new hips at Swanton, he has a horse lined up and is finalizing his partner plans. Barb is conditioning herself and her horse, and is seeking a partner for the 75. Frank Lieberman has his partner lined up, and is ready to go.

Notice! The limit at Swanton Pacific is 10 Ride & Tie teams. Let's do it, let's make 10 teams at the starting line to the 10th Annual Swanton Pacific Ride & Tie. There are only 2-3 open spots before the waiting list for this race. Make your plans to join us, and sign up before the spots are taken. Or get on the waiting list. Call Ellen Rinde evenings (831) 423-6089.

This event is wonderful fun and a beautiful course. It's necessary to have a crew. Last year we all ended up crewing and cheering for each other. Two out of four teams finished the course. If you want to do it and you don't have partner plans yet, give me a call. Carol Ruprecht (949) 263-1772.

IN THE NEWS by Carol Ruprecht

The sport of Ride & Tie has recently appeared in articles in the following venues, published since your previous R&T Newsletter:

Hooked on the Outdoors “Events Issue” April/May 2005 Ride & Tie World Championship listed (with contact info.) in Mountain West Regional Highlights.

Competitor Magazine “Totally Crazy” by Bob Babbitt May 2005, with sport brief and website listed under “mildly crazy”

All American Trail Runners Association “2005 Ride & Tie World Championships” listed on the front page of the website under “Latest News/Events” our Prize Money announcement in full with photo.

The Equestrian News “How to Save Time Racing Ride & Tie” by Carol Ruprecht May/June 2005

And coming up, before your next newsletter, be on the lookout for these issues which will include Ride & Tie in their lineup:

Flathead Living (Montana) at World Championship, look for the issue on magazine stands in the area. It will be on the racks starting June 20th through August.

Montana Horse (May) inaugural issue was sent out with Ride & Tie article. Copies will be supplied to competitors at World Championship race.

Adventure Sports (June issue) will include short announcement of the 2005 prize money.

Western Horseman (June issue) will feature our own Jonathan and Tara Jordan

Horse Illustrated (June issue) will include a feature article on Ride & Tie

Western Times, sister magazine to Ride! Magazine (July issue) will have an article on Ride & Tie based on the writer’s interviews and observations at Whiskeytown R&T.

Trail Blazer (July issue) will include a notice of the 2005 World Championship.

BONUS ANNOUNCEMENT! HorseTV will be at Montana World Championship covering the race.

WHISKEYTOWN CHASER

You guys ROCK!

That was by far, the best ride and tie event I ever attended! You have now raised the bar so high other race directors may have a tough time meeting the new standard: dinner, breakfast, lunch, trail marking, raffle, awards, photos, support, vests, goodie bag, shirt, everything was top shelf!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

By Biz Eschen

The above statement says it all!!!! The Whiskeytown Chaser was a huge success. We had 13 – 25 milers and 9 – 12 milers. The competition was incredible and the course was challenging. Just when you thought you could not go any farther you would crest a hill and the view would make you forget how tired you were. The weather was beautiful, not to hot and not to cold and the food was incredible. The support from the community was unbelievable and everybody wants to come back and help again next year. So yes fellas, there will definitely be a next year.

We owe a whole lot of thanks first and foremost to Shelley Nelson our friend and the endurance Coordinator for the Whiskey Chaser. Shelley not knowing much about Ride and Tie was skeptical at best, but she brought us on board on our word, "that everything would go just fine." after all, with 4 - 6 teams, you would hardly know we were around. In our excitement we began to spread the word in hopes to pick up a couple extra teams. Our dear friends and ride & tie family all came through on their word, "that if and when we ever put on our first ride & tie event they would come", and THEY DID!!! - Carol Ruprecht single handedly paired up at least a 1/2 dozen teams. Curt Riffle exploded to over 20, and we might need a little extra attention. But this too quickly was hurdled as Dr. Lydon stepped forward and before we could explain our desperate situation he volunteered his services to the ride & tiers and to Dr Lydon we owe a heartfelt Thank you.

With all that said Tracy and I were thrilled with the turnout and the way things went and are already planning for next year.

by Karen Deaver and Traci Evans
While trudging through the deep, dark, dank, and ever so dusty archives, I came across this photo. Any idea who this tough ride & tie guy is? Email me with the answer at rideandtie@yahoocom.

Last issue's Mystery Photo was indentified by Robert Eichstaedt who says "It looks like a dusty Foresthill start. The right hand rider might be me." If you'd like to save me a trip down to that dusty, spider ridden archive, (located right next to the famous ride and tie wine cellar) send me a photo and we'll see if we can stump the readers!

Annie Betts, Newsletter Editor

Mystery Photo

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR OUR JULY-AUGUST ISSUE!!!!!!! GET THEM TO ME BY AUGUST 1! BY EMAIL: RIDEANDTIE@YAHOO.COM OR EMAIL TO ME AT ANNIE.BETTS@JANSEN.FARM.ROAD..SKOOLM.WA.98382

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Don and Annie Betts, generated a lot of interest in Ride & Tie at the Ride & Tie booth at the Mane Event, Kalispell, Montana, April 29th-May 1, 2005.
## GRIZZLY MOUNTAIN--MADRAS, OR--APRIL 16, 2005

### 25 MILES

- 3:44 Bill Mintiens/Tim Rubin on Cinder (Betts)
- 3:49 Doyle Eggers/Don Betts on Turtle (Eggers)
- 3:50 Dawn Hartsock/Lisa Preston on Tess (Hartsock)
- 5:20 Cindy Pilliod/Mark Pilliod on Straight Shot (Pilliod)

## WHISKEYTOWN CHASER--REDDING, CA--APRIL 16, 2005

### 25 MILES

- 3:16 Jim Howard/Sara Howard on Majic Sirocco
- 3:17 Curt Ruffle/Sara Kelley on Majik
- 3:45 Frank Lieberman/Chris Turney on Gypsy
- 3:47 Diane Lundy/Eline Ruprecht on Freedom Fermees
- 3:56 Ted Ruprecht/Tom Gey on Olympian
- 4:20 Cheryl Dominitch/Alena Vale on Corky
- 5:24 Jackie Hill/Shannon Mahoney on Navaho Grey
- DNF Don Strong/Kurt Miller on Zheke
- DNF Michelle Jay-Russell/Kirsten Seyforth on Stashi
- DNF Annette Parsons/Jim Clover on Bones
- DNF Diane Logan/Bill Logan on Miss B
- DNF Jennifer Powell/Shawna Powell on Rasan
- DNF Melanie Weir/Steve Anderson on Saygar

### 12 MILES

- 1:45 Richard Cross/Karen Deaver on Miles
- 1:50 Katie Lydon/Andrew Lydon on Stormy
- 1:50 Carol Ruprecht/Phillip Ruprecht on Lilianna
- 2:00 Biz Eischen/Barry Powell on Taboo
- 2:35 Michelle Wheeler/Glen Wheeler on Lady Felicity
- 2:35 Cord Flora/Nichole Tintle on Wish
- 2:45 Sabrina Telle/Sue Vansteenkiste on Paloma
- 2:50 Lizabee Schaefler/Debbie Hansen-Benard on Abbey
- 3:45 Bob Trocha/Caylin Trocha on KB

## SANTA YSABEL--SANTA YSABEL, CA--MAY 14, 2005

### 22 MILES

- 2:57 Rufus Schneider/Ann Langstaff on Koona (BC)
- 3:01 Tom Gey/Carol Ruprecht on Hat Trick
- 3:51 Rick Noer/Melanie Weir on Komanche
- DNF Jim Caulkins/Kim Morse on Zima

### 11 MILES

- 1:51 David Howe/Bethany Pappain on Ranger (BC)
- 2:02 Jackie Lefebvre/Jamie Franks on Pipi
- 2:03 Sydney Vale/Janna Drake on Sir Prize
- 2:10 Bill Fincher/Karl Sturckow on Justin
- 2:11 Barbara Robertson/Gesa Brinks on Oliver
- 2:11 Mike Whelan/Jennifer Rutledge on L.P.
- DNF Kayla King/Jim King on Merry Legs

## QUICKSILVER PRO-AM RIDE & TIE--SAN JOSE, CA--MAY 21, 2005

### 22 MILES

- 2:34 S. Anderson/L. Wilson on Basia (BC)
- 2:40 C. Ruffle/S. Smith on Majik
- 2:46 R. Kiernan/J. Osterweis on Fire
- 2:55 D. Van Wicklin/D. Strong on Zheke
- 2:56 W. Heeman/J. Townsend on Lakota
- 3:17 D. Eggers/R. Hunt on Turtle
- 3:30 C. Dominitch/D. Hartsock on Tess
- 4:23 P. Browning/C. Turney on Willy
- DNF B. Eischen/S. Kelly on Taboo
- DNF J. Tiscornia/M. Tiscornia on Albi

### 11 MILES

- 1: 26 T. Evans/N. Hasian on Dia El Rasan
- 1:29 M. Jay-Russell/H. Lewis on Stashi
- 1:31 T. Hofstrand/M. Roush on PR Whirlwind
- 1:38 K. Reichardt/C. Tobin on Shiloh
- 1:44 C. Kelly/B. Rosenthal on Rusty
- 1:53 K. Ramsdell/A. Vale on Bey
- 2:38 L. de la Fuente/C. Strongman on Star

### 6 MILES

- 0:53 C. Deaver/K. Deaver on Kaeko
- 1:18 D. Johnson/S. Julin on Lady
- 1:25 S. Rebscher/M. Rebscher on Lily
- 2:04 B. Trocha/C. Trocha on KB Toy
- 2:04 B. Trocha/M. Trocha on Domino
- DNF L. Axelsten/M. Quirico on Xtreme Xpress
- DNF J. Brennan/M. Sagy on Mossuison
- DNF C. Rice/D. Cross on Miles
2005 RACE SCHEDULE

JUNE 25, 2005
BEAR SWAMP Ride & Tie,
Ithaca, NY
6, 12, & 20 mile courses
Contact: Roberta Schmidt
19 Muckey Road, Binghamton, NY 13903
(607) 724-7080 Rschmidt@stny.rr.com

AUGUST 27 & 28, 2005
ALL KIDDING ASIDE Ride & Tie
Waverly, OH
10, 25 & 50 mile courses
Contact: Maggie Pritchard
1934 Buchanan Road, Waverly, Ohio 45690
(740) 947-2883 maggieszoo@dragonbbs.com

SEPTEMBER 4, 2005
NORTHWEST LABOR DAY Ride & Tie
Mount Vernon, WA
25 mile course
Contact: Don Betts
146 Janssen Farm Road, Sequim, WA 98382
(360) 681-5218, RideAndTieDon@aol.com

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2005
BIG SOUTH FORK Ride & Tie,
Oneida, TN
Saturday: 30 & 50 mile courses
Sunday: 10 Mile course
Contact: Joanne Grimes
9013 Coburn Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922
(865) 693-4308, jfjhorse@netzero.net

JULY 9, 2005
GOLD COUNTRY Ride & Tie
Georgetown, CA
20 mile course
Contact: Cheryl Demmitch
(530) 273-5668 cdefpe@aol.com

JULY 10, 12, 14, 16, 2005
FORT STANTON Ride & Tie,
Fort Stanton, NM
35 mile courses each day
Contact: Beth Brinkley
4800 N Poverty Flats Lane, Willcox, AZ 85643
(520) 384-2948 bbrinkley@ncch.com

AUGUST 6, 2005
CHAMPAGNE FIREWORKS Ride & Tie
Santa Cruz, CA
12 & 25 mile courses
Contact: Curt Riffle
469 Casita Way, Los Altos, CA 94022
(650) 949-2321 criffle@earthlink.net

AUGUST 13, 2005
SANTIAM CASCADE Ride & Tie
Santiam Pass, OR
20 mile course
Contact: Anna Sampson
16501 S. Butte Creek Rd, Molalla, OR 97038
(503) 829-5321 flyign@molalla.net

AUGUST 20, 2005
SWANTON PACIFIC Ride & Tie,
Davenport, CA
75 &100 mile courses
Easy 75 mile or more challenging 100 mile
Contact: Ellen Rinde
318 Swanton Road, Davenport, CA 95017
(831) 423-6089 Ellenm@big-creek.com

OCTOBER 1, 2005
MANZANITA Ride & Tie,
Boulevard, CA
13 & 25 mile courses
Contact: Terry Wooley-Howe
505 N. Mollison #103, El Cajon, CA 92021
(619) 445-5443, cancer@inetwork.net

OCTOBER 15, 2005
FOOTHILLS OF THE CASCADE Ride & Tie
Santiam Pass, OR
20 mile course
Contact: Anna Sampson or Mary Nunn
16501 S. Butte Creek Rd, Molalla, OR 97038
(503) 829-5321 flyign@molalla.net

OCTOBER 22-23, 2005
FORT VALLEY Ride & Tie
Fort Valley, VA
12, 25 & 50 mile courses each day
Contact: Jean Whitman
1788 Seven Fountains Rd,
Fort Valley, VA 22652
(703) 435-1911, runuslimday@aol.com

NOVEMBER 5, 2005
HORSE THEIF CANYON Ride & Tie,
Descanso, CA
11 & 22 mile courses
Contact: Rufus Schneider
P.O. Box 311, Descanso, CA 91916
(619) 445-2060

THANKS TO RIDE & TIE SUPPORTERS! Our thanks to those of you have paid more than your annual dues in the past! We hope to see your name on the list again this year! Heidi Agler, Dale Beuler, Robert Eichstaedt, Marvin and Rosemarie Johnson, Russ and Marilyn Kiernan, Tom Laris, Merry Law, Valerie LeBel, Maynard Munger, Sarah Smith, Mary Ben Stover, Ann Swartz, D.V.M.

STILL NEED A PARTNER?
Go to www.rideandtie.org and check “Find A Team-mate.” Or call Matchmaker Don Betts at (560) 681-5218

Long time partners Joan and Ted Ruprecht have completed 20 Championships together.
Point standings for 2005

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**System for awarding points**

Points are awarded in all sanctioned events using the following formulae:

**Individual points:** 25 points for entering an event + 0.5 points for each completed mile + 3 points for each team you beat to the finish line (i.e. if ten teams finished the event and you finished first, you and your team would receive $9 \times 3 = 27$ place points). In the case of DNF (Did Not Finish) each Person and Horse get 25 points, for just entering. No miles points are awarded and the “team” gets 0 points for that race.

**Team points:** 25 points for entering an event + 0.5 miles for each completed mile + 3 points for each team in your division (Man/Man, Man/Woman or Woman/Woman) which you beat to the finish line. In the case of DNF (Did Not Finish) no miles points are awarded and the team gets 0 points for that race. There are no team points awarded for Pro-Am events.
Thank you!

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Please circle the race you are entering and make checks payable to the Ride and Tie Association. Mail to: Don Betts, 146 Janssen Farm Road, Sequim, WA 98382

Championship Race $100  Short Course Ride and Tie $50  Ultra Run $50  Biathlon $50

Rider #1: ___________________________________________ Phone #: (____) ______ Age: ______  R&T #: ______
Address: __________________________________________ City: ______  State: ______  Zip: ______

Email Address: _______________________________________

Rider #2: ___________________________________________ Phone #: (____) ______ Age: ______  R&T #: ______
Address: __________________________________________ City: ______  State: ______  Zip: ______

Email Address: _______________________________________

Horses Name: ________________________________________ Age: ______ Breed: ______  Sex: ______  Color: ______  R&T#: ______
Owner: ____________________________________________ Phone #: (____) ______ Address: ______

NOTE: Both riders must be members of the Ride and Tie Association.

THIS IS A RELEASE. IT CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY. READ IT!!!
I understand that Ride and Tie, Ultra Runs, and Biathlons are hazardous activities which involve being in remote areas for a long time; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which race management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control, and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime, and that there is NO ambulance or medical help present. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM ENTERING THIS EVENT AT MY OWN RISK and upon acceptance of my application for entry in the above described race, I acknowledge that I assume FULL RESPONSIBILITY for my own safety. I and my heirs, executors, and administrators, will hold the Ride and Tie Association, and all officers and directors thereof, any member of the race management and race personnel, and all property owners/tenants whose land the race crosses BLAMELESS for any injury or loss to myself or my horse which occurs due to my participation and free from all liability for such injury or loss. In short, I will not sue the race management, their personnel, landowners or tenants, Ride and Tie Association for ANY REASON! I am fully aware of all race rules and agree to abide by those rules set down by the race management and Ride and Tie Association. "I fully understand the consequences for not following race rules. As a participant in this race, I have read the above liability release and will agree to abide by ALL rules.

Rider #1: ___________________________________________ DATE:     
Rider #2: ___________________________________________ DATE:     
Horse Owner: _________________________________________ DATE:     
Ultra or Biathlon Runner: _______________________________ DATE:  

MINORS OR JUNIORS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING RELEASE SIGNED.

We, the undersigned parents or guardians of __________________________, born on ___________ understand that Ride and Tie can be a hazardous activity, that injuries or accidents can occur, and that this ride has no medical aid or insurance for my child. We have entered our child in the above named ride AT THEIR OWN RISK and understand that we will assume full responsibility for the child's safety. We have read the above release that our child, as a rider/runner, has signed and fully understand the release and ride rules. We agree to release the Ride and Tie Association and all officers, directors and all members of ride management and personnel, and all landowners/tenants, from all claims, demands, law suits or liabilities which might otherwise arise by virtue of injury to our child or child's horse, no matter who is at fault. We do further authorize any ride personnel of the above ride to consent in our behalf to any emergency medical treatment by a properly licensed person, which may be require for our child, and do agree to indemnify and hold harmless anyone giving such consent.

SIGNED: ___________________________________________ DATE:     

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WALKER EMBROIDERY: Embroidery on jackets and horse blankets
TOP RIDE & TIE COMPETITORS

COMPETITORS WITH OVER 1000 CAREER

Ellen Rinde 3065
Chris Turney 2350
Pat Browning 2263
Warren Hellman 2419
Dennis Rinde 2288
Mark Richtman 2240
Curt Riffe 2078
Mary Tiscornia 2055
Joe Root 1975
Wayne Hinrichs 1946
John Osterweis 1943
Steve Shaw 1911
Kathy Brodus 1858
Skip Lightfoot 1858
Tom Johnson 1821
Lani Newcomb 1818
Dave Andreotti 1716
Lon Clearwaters 1666
Rus Klement 1640
Jim Howard 1628
Paul Robinson 1617
Tim Hinrichs 1614
Gary Webb 1609
George Hall 1478
Don Betts 1473
Arleen Foster 1460
Dan Barger 1394
Robert Eichstaedt 1353
Tom Christofk 1314
Chris Knoch 1289
Jeff Winkleshagen 1236
Byron Grant 1231
David Foster 1230
Chuck Staley 1222
Laurie Wilson 1211
Gino Pomilla 1192
Paul Rink 1177
Tom Gey 1148
Ted Ruprecht 1147
Low Hollander 1112
Cindy Foster 1104
Rafus Schneider 1091
Frank Lieberman 1088
Dennis Tracy 1052
Susan Simons 1025
Dennis Feiler 1003

HORSES WITH OVER 500 CAREER MILES

Scota Bileksi (McCray/Rinde) 1427
Corky (Lightfoot/Riffe) 1070
Grab (Andreotti) 941
Gavilan (Betta) 912
Samuel (Hellman) 894
Joe (Hellman) 842
Linda (Foster) 839
Willey (Brown) 839
Scooter (Andreotti) 795
Giaffon (Webb) 681
Bubweiler (Turney) 668
Miami Spice (Clearwaters) 659
Albi (Tiscornia) 640
Ell (Richtman) 586
Cody (Cergolli) 569
Miss P (Hollander) 561
Cimarron (Howard) 550
Rajsk (Lightfoot/Riffe) 547
Allegra (Foster/Webb) 532
Justin (Schneider) 531

HORSES COMPLETING OVER 200 MILES IN ONE YEAR

Linda (Foster) 291
Allegra (Foster/Webb) 277
Zaragist (Christofk) 265
Turte (Riggs) 263
Samuel (Hellman) 255
MCA Kananche (Walker/Weir) 252
Joe (Hellman) 252
Cody (Cergolli) 242
Rajsk (Klau) 241
Sierra Fed-Peach (Grash) 240
Majik (Riffe) 238
Mac (Sheldon/Dell) 222
Mr. Mocha Brown (Dommich) 222
Grab (Andreotti) 219
Mickey (Bastillo) 212
Miami Spice (Clearwaters) 208
Tango (Christofk/Beauchamp) 207
Man's Energy (Hoff/Snow) 206
Stahl (Jay) 203

TOP HUMAN COMPETITORS
By Number of Championships Completed

Mary Tiscornia 33 Jim Hurley 13
Chuck Staley 24 Tom Johnson 13
Pat Browning 23 Martha Klopf 13
Ted Ruprecht 23 Roger Sizemore 13
George Hall 22 Tom Lars 13
Jim Howard 22 Ellane Ruprecht 13
Joan Ruprecht 21 Jeanne Sheley 12
Russ Klement 20 Cathy Bohnah 12
Gino Pomilla 20 Tom Gey 12
Byron Grant 19 Annette Parsons 12
Warren Hellman 19 Terry Pentano 12
Wayne Hinrichs 19 Chet Relyea 12
John Osterweis 19 Dennis Rinde 12
Low Hollander 18 Jody Telman 12
Ellen Rinde McCray 16 Burch Alexander 11
Paul Robinson 18 Jim Arquilla 11
Steve Shaw 18 Bill Borkon 11
Chris Turney 18 Al Beaupre 11
Ad Vandenhooogen 18 Tom Christofk 11
Don Betts 17 Jim Grever 11
Doug Madsen 17 Mark Driccelli 11
Dave Poston 17 Chris Knoch 11
Mark Richtman 17 Debby Lyon 11
David Wegner 17 Ron Norling 11
Deborah Wegner 17 Calvin Paulette 11
Jeff Winkleshagen 17 Paul Rink 11
Jim Linmer 16 Emmett Ross 11
Skip Lightfoot 16 Dennis Tracy 11
Jim Remillard 16 Tod Wadsworth 11
Jon Root 16 Rick Appleton 10
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Lon Clearwaters 13 Lewis Holland 10
Don Jacobs 13 Mike Schaefer 10
Gary Polhill 14 Mike Jepson 10
Curt Riffe 14 Rod Kinder 10
Marvin Snobker 14 Jay Bel 10
Cowman A-Moo-Ha 14 Kent McLaren 10
Con Wadsworth 14 Linda Monell 10
Kra Williams 14 Sherdie Powers 10
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Barrie Grant 13 Eric Stenson 10

COMPETITORS COMPLETING OVER 200 MILES IN ONE YEAR

Ellen Rinde 400 Gary Webb 268
Dennis Rinde 376 Wayne Hinrichs 264
Gavilan (Betta) 316 Gavilan (Betta) 264
Arleen Foster 315 Dan Berger 263
Corky (Lightfoot/Riffe) 315 Chris Knoch 257
Joe (Woe) (Pomilla) 294 Kathy Brodmus 256
Royal (Creech) 294 Jon Root 256
Willie (Browning) 294 Lani Newcomb 256
Zac (Grat) 294 Tom Christofk 256
Boomer (Burnham) 285 Tim Hinrichs 256
Gev 285 Robin Hinrichs 256
Samuel (Hellman) 277 Chuck Staley 256
Scota Bileksi (McCray/Rinde) 270 Cathy Heiseman 255