



SEPTEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

With the country being on lock down due to Covid 19, R&T had an amazing turnout for the Virtual Ride & Tie and Equathon. 174 participants



Annabelle Ungaris and Louisa Compton with Sara Boelt pretending to be the vet.
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Learn from a Mentor

Mentors are a group of people dedicated to growing the sport of Ride & Tie by introducing (or re-introducing) people to the sport. Located throughout the country, mentors are the Association's "local experts." They are available to answer questions, give advice about what to wear, how to prepare to successfully finish a race, provide opportunities to practice ride & tie, and help team newcomers with experienced people.



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Quit'n Quarantine Ride and Tie 2020

By Sara Boelt

I finally had to opportunity to share my love of ride and tie with some of my younger riding lesson students. I am always talking to them about ride and tie and how fun it is. Quit'n Quarantine was the perfect opportunity for this.

I wanted to kids to experience as much of a ride as possible. I figured out a 4 mile trail to use and marked it with flags to give the kids the opportunity to follow the trail for themselves. I drew up a map for them and we had a ride meeting. I gave them ride cards and we did a mock vet check.

My friend and one of my ride and tie partners, Andrea Bassett agreed to help as a second adult. We took out the first group on Saturday, May 9. We used Aastro, TBopp, and Buddy. Aastro and TBopp have done numerous ride and ties and Buddy is a good lesson/trail horse. We teamed up to where an adult was with the kids at all times. Andrea and I rode Aastro. My students Annabelle Ungaris and Louisa Compton rode TBopp, while Bailey Estes and Addy Hartman rode Buddy.

We started the ride with an official yellow ride and tie hat drop. Andrea and I encouraged the kids to ride their own ride and communicate with each other. It was fun to listen to them. We went through periods, where we were all together, and where we were separated and the kids got to tie their horses. They were good about helping each other with stirrups and mounting when we were together. They communicated and found good tie spots. I have to say, I was super proud of them.

Annabelle said it was a fun experience with friends in the woods. Louisa said she had a great time and was really proud of herself. Bailey enjoyed the break from her daily life during COVID19. Addy was so happy after the ride. All of their parents shared these thoughts with me.

Then there was round 2 on Saturday, May 16. Andrea agreed to help me again and one of my long time students, Ella Davis did it with us too. We did the same with this group that we did with the first group. Again, Andrea and I rode Aastro. Ella teamed up with Avery Browning on TBopp and Julia Guerri-Lewis teamed up with Abbey Browning on Buddy. Abbey and Avery's mom, Lisa tagged along on foot and was able to run with each of her girls. This group of kids were equally as fun to listen to. They did a great job communicating with and helping each other.

All the kids told me that they would like to do one again. I am hoping to get them to a ride in the future.

And finally there was round 3, but I didn't participate. Two of my longtime older students, Ella Davis and Sara Bassett did a 4 mile on TBopp on Thursday, May 28. They have several ride and ties under their belts as they have participated in several with me.

It was so much fun with everyone to share my love of ride and tie.



Having fun while in quarantine.



Hannah Dollyhite riding Pepper
9 Mile R&T



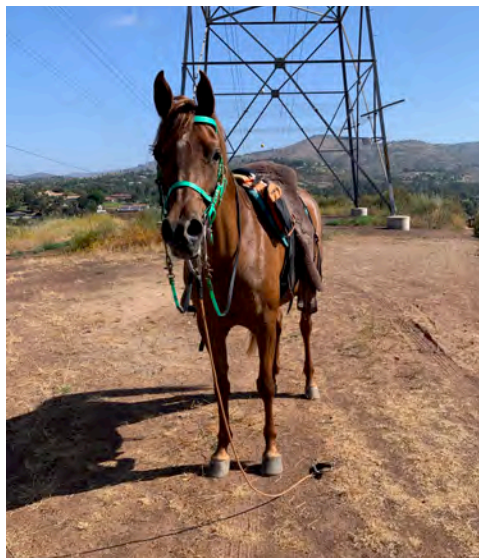
Helena George on Pepper, 9 Mile R&T



Heather Bennet and Husband
Brandon Cervantes completed the
19 mile virtual equathon



Debbie Hansen -Bernard and
Lorraine Whislern did the 2-
mile run and the two mile ride,
on mustang Abby, to honor all
the high school kids that didn't
get to go to prom. They did the
5-mile ride and four mile run on
prom day, They even dressed up
for it and it was pouring down
rain as you can tell they had a
blast.



Gunilla Pratt and Afsaneh
Amini did the 9 mile virtual
R&T on Mika. Mika knows
the routine and is so good
she does not even need to
be tied.

More Virtual Ride pictures



Holly Neu completed the virtual Equathon.



Ammy Kerrigan completed the virtual Equathon.



Sadie Booher(6) and Evelyn Booher(4) training for 4 mile ride and tie on Roxie. Watch out Ride and Tie world!

Sadie
Booher
and Evelyn
Booher



Dave Venable, Rhonda Venable, Julianne Cyr and Christopher Lang each completed the 19 mile equathon.



Sarah Krueger standing on her horse because she can.

Pat and Nita Browning lost their beloved R&T horse, Willey, this past May. He was 37 years old.

He was a special horse to Pat and Nita. He was also loved by many including Chris Turney who rode Willey several times in R&T. Chris and Jim Howard rode Willey to a first place finish in the 1992 World championship in Santa Cruz, CA. They finished 28 minutes before the second place team. Willey was in great shape. Willey accumulated 1,439 R&T miles before he retired.

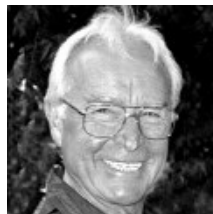
Willey had a great retirement hanging out in a large beautiful pasture. After his 30th birthday Willey started to lose weight and move a lot slower. He still was the king of the barnyard right up to the end.

“When you have a special horse, you know it. We knew it! I have been told that animals who have been loved do go to heaven. I think Willey is in heaven because he was really loved.” By Nita Browning



Willey
Photo by Teri Rose

Jim Steer.
1925-2010



Jim Steer Memorial Scholarship Fund organized by
Melinda Faubel Newton, DVM.

Each participant must be a veterinary student and write an essay.
The R&T committee will review each essay and agree upon a winner

For more information on the scholarship fund please Contact:

Dr. Melinda Newton at: m.newtondvm@gmail.com.

Dr. Jim Steere served as the Head Veterinarian for the Ride and Tie Association for more than 25 years. He helped develop and implement the veterinary examination guidelines for this unique sport, adapted from the sport of endurance racing. Dr. Steere was also an avid participant of Ride and Tie. Less than one year before his passing in 2010 Steere and his son competed in the World Ride and Tie Championships. The Association is proud to offer this scholarship in his memory.



50 Years of Madness

Rules of the Race

An Updated History of Ride & Tie Championships 1971-2020

Compiled by Annette Parsons

1. This event of historical significance is being hosted by challenge the endurance and... The second place award will... over a course of about 25... 250; fourth place, \$125; fifth... Sonoma, California, on the... of the list of cash prizes... doubled. If both team members are wearing...
2. Each entry will consist of two teams with... single horse. One person rides ahead... the horse and continues on foot. When the... who began on foot reaches the horse... this pair his partner. The pair repeat... continuing forward over the course... getting a rest-grazing break between...
3. Team entry fee is \$50; per team fee of \$50; per team fee added to... Friday, May 28, 1971, and mailed to Levi's Ride & Tie, 98 Battery St., San Francisco, Calif. 94106. Any... requests for funds must be made in writing prior to... deadline.



Annette Parsons became addicted to the sport of Ride & Tie after she completed the 1983 Levi's Ride & Tie in Eureka, California. That year had the largest field of competitors ever, and the adrenaline rush was too good to let slide. She continued to Ride & Tie for the next 30+ years, competing in 17 championships and dozens of other races. She met her husband, Jim Clover, through Ride & Tie, and he was her partner in eleven championships, having 19 championship buckles under his own belt. They are retired and are avid trail advocates and volunteers. They live in the mountains of southwest Oregon where they manage their forest lands they share with two horses, a mule, and a cat.

Fifty years ago, in 1970, Bud Johns, then a public relations director for Levi Strauss & Company, sought a rough and tumble event to promote the company's line of rugged outdoor clothing. Little did he know that his idea of turning an historic means of transportation into a race would beget a sport that changed the lives of the thousands of people who competed.

Bud's idea for a ride & tie race began after he had read several accounts from the 1900s and early 1900s in this country and in Europe, where two men had only one horse between them and needed to cover some distance. They opted to trade off riding (or running), in order to optimize their ability to go the distance, as well as the horse's. One would ride the horse ahead to an agreed upon distance and then tie the horse to a tree or post and continue on foot. The other would reach the now-rested horse, mount up, and continue on to reach and pass the other man and repeat the process. In this manner, the two people and one horse eventually reached their destination quicker and in better shape than if they had both ridden the horse, or one or both walked (or ran) the entire distance.

The first Levi's Ride & Tie race in St. Helena, California, 1971 became an annual event that spawned hundreds of ride & tie competitions all over the United States as well as in other countries. Considered one of the original and most challenging and grueling of extreme sports, ride & tie continues today as the Annual World Championship Ride & Tie.

The first compilation of race results, posters, photos, and anecdotes was published for the 40th anniversary of Ride & Tie, ten years ago. In 2020, the sport celebrates its 50th anniversary. This updated edition contains additional stories, photos, race results, and updated statistics to reflect the continued popularity of the sport among the bold and adventurous runners and equestrians who dare to try it and become hooked. Ride & tie is a race like no other, where people of all ages and backgrounds and gender are pitted against themselves and each other as they tackle the challenges they never thought they could endure. The passion invoked by the sport is reflected in the stories and photos throughout this book.

The Ride and Tie Association and the ride & tie community at large is grateful for the generous support of Godfrey Sullivan over the years, and for making it possible for us to provide a copy of this updated 50th Anniversary edition to all participants in the 2020 World Championship 50th Anniversary event at Humboldt Redwoods State Park, Weott, California.

Coming to a book
store soon.

Ride & Tie sponsors are much appreciated! Their contributions, both monetary and in-kind, greatly assist our nonprofit organization. Six levels – Signature, Gold, Silver, Bronze, Supporting and Platinum— are available for sponsors, with categories ranging from award sponsorship to advertising discounts. For further information on Ride & Tie sponsorship opportunities or to sign up, please contact the Board of Directors at bod@rideandtie.org.

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- Placement on Ride & Tie website on Sponsorship page

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- Ad in Ride & Tie and Equathon Newsletter and on the Sponsorship page
- Placement on Ride & Tie website on Sponsorship page
- Use of the representation that the sponsor is an “Official Sponsor of The Ride & Tie Association”

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- Ad in Ride & Tie and Equathon Newsletter and on the Sponsorship page
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- Use of the representation that the sponsor is an “Official Sponsor of The Ride & Tie Association”
- Sponsor banner, if provided, will be displayed at the Regional and World Championships

Gold Sponsor (\$1,000-\$1,999)

In addition to the Silver Sponsor:

- Consideration for a Regional Championship Award Sponsorship representation

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- Consideration for a World Championship Award Sponsorship representation
- Consideration for use of the phrase “Official PRODUCT of The Ride & Tie Association”

Platinum Sponsors (\$3000 or more)

All of the above

Sponsorship Categories

Award Sponsorships – Sponsors can apply their products or brand to one of the annual Ride & Tie and Equathon awards. Their brand will be represented wherever the award is displayed throughout the year (on the R&T website and in newsletters).

- Annual Awards

Program Sponsorships – We can create programs that are geared around our membership that companies can sponsor and apply their brand.

- New Member Discount Sponsorship
- Multi-Year Membership Discount Sponsorship
- Education Program Sponsorship

Event Sponsorships – Sponsors can participate directly with our R&T managed events like Regional and World Championships.

- Regional Championship Sponsorship
 - Title Sponsor
 - Best Condition
- World Championship Sponsorship
 - Title Sponsor
 - National Awards Dinner
 - Programs and other printed material

A big Thank you to our platinum donors

Steve Shaw
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Competitor Member: (\$25)

Will receive Ride & Tie Newsletter and Handbook, information and entry form for the Ride & Tie Championship, one vote on Association general membership issues, eligibility for all sanctioned Ride & Ties held during membership year and inclusion and eligibility for the national point system.

Family Membership: (\$40)

Immediate Family living at same address. List all names to be included. Same benefits as Competitor Member, two votes per family.

Lifetime Member: (\$500)

Same benefits as Competitor member with no more annual membership fees.

Supporting Member: (\$100 or more)

Same benefits as Member with special thanks from the Ride and Tie Association.

Friend of Ride & Tie: (\$20 or more)

Non-competitive member showing support for Ride & Tie. No voting privileges. Will receive Newsletter.

Upgrade to Family: (\$15)

Upgrade to Family Membership.

Congratulations to our new board member Alison Zeytoonian and our returning board members Carie Baris and Courtney Krueger



1971

50th ANNUAL
RIDE & TIE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

2021



RIDE & TIE
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



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Humboldt Redwoods State Park

Tenative date June 20th 2021



THE DISTANCE DEPOT



**Squirrel's
Nut Butter**

Ride and Tie 2020 Summer/Fall as of July 24, 2020

No Frills/OD Weekend	Jul 24-25	Star Tannery VA
Summertime Blues CANCELLED	Aug 22	La Grande, OR
Iron Mountain CANCELLED	Aug 28-29	Cripple Creek, VA
Crazy Daze of Summer	Sep 5-6	Spokane, WA
Hector Half Hundred CANCELLED	Sep 12	Hector, NY
Big South Fork	Sep 11-12	Oneida, TN
Chesapeake Fall	Sep 18-20	Fairhill, MD
Sauratown Mountain	Sep 25-26	Pinnacle, NC
Coollest	Sept. 26	Cool, CA
Tiger Turnout CANCELLED	Oct. 10-11	Clemson, SC
Fort Valley	Oct 23-24	Fort Valley, VA
Trace the Trails	Nov. 7-9	Athens, TX
JD's Carolina	Nov 28	Patrick, SC
Gallop on the Greenway	Dec. 31, Jan 1-2	Ocala, FL

Go Dave you
got this!



Not exactly the first R'n'T in Denmark. But Corona-lockdown-Midsummer. The rider is only 10 years old, and not allowed to ride alone on the roads, so her mother is walking/running alongside.



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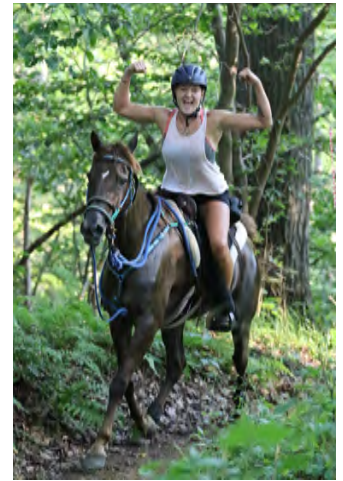
No Frills R&T *photos by Becky Pearman*



Kimberly Stephens on Crockett and
Erin Teigen on foot



Lauren Booher



Adrienne Richards on
After While Crocodile



Dan Booher on Juniper



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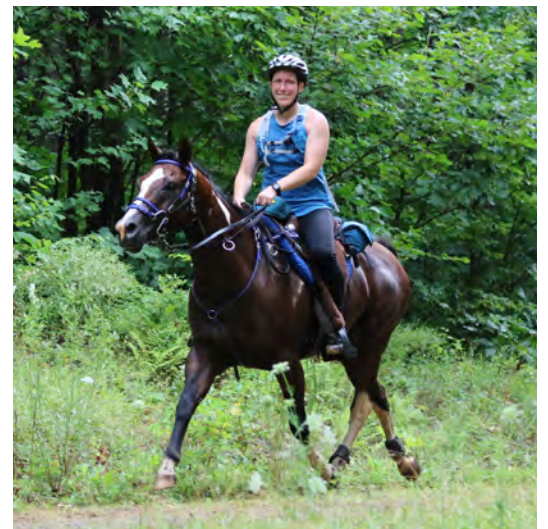
Chris Lang hauling supplies to finish line



Rick Koup



Adrienne Richards on After While
Crocodile and Barb Mathews



Melissa Hoose on Dakota

Caitlin age 4



Nature is a tool to get children to experience not just the wider world, but themselves.

-Stephen Moss