

The Leadline

The Voice of NATRC Region 1 Competitive Trail Riding



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Although it's a competitive sport, it's not only about keeping yourself challenged or achieving awards, it's about camaraderie and building friendships with fellow riders who enjoy riding as much as you do.

Notes from the Chair Maria Pilgrim

Happy Spring everyone!

Ride season is finally upon us with a full schedule of events to come. I hope all of you are looking forward to easing back into competing or volunteering this year, our fun this season even includes a trail clinic and a Leisure ride, in addition to the regular competitions. It certainly takes a tremendous amount of help to put on rides from year to year, we could not do this without volunteers.

We have all had to cope with the changes in our sport due to COVID, I would like to thank each and every one of you for being patient and adapting! That said, there will be some changes at events this season as far as equine health and biosecurity and management at each ride will be implementing new rules along those lines (consider this COVID for horses?). Your Board of Directors (BOD) has been working hard to address all of the issues at hand, topics such as low membership, ride manager burnout, lack of trails, COVID-19 and EHV-1. That said, how often do you think about your directors? Who are we? What do we do? Did you know that you can find a list of each board member's name and position on the Region-1 website? And guess what??? You can find it here too in the Leadline!

Your board works for *you*. NATRC members can find us attending most of our events, or contact us by phone, e-mail, and even Facebook. We truly want to hear from you about ideas, tips, suggestions, problems, trail news, etc.; one the biggest problems that your BOD has is lack of input from the membership. Our regular meetings are always open to you, just ask! BOD meetings may include such topics as: national news or rule proposals, finances for the region, reports on rides that have been completed for the season, membership issues, publicity, outreach, trails advocacy, committee reports, I could go on and on but maybe you might like to find out for yourself! 3 of our current BOD members are also on the national board, 2 regulars and 1 alternate. Board members are competitors, former competitors, and ride managers. We truly understand this sport and are constantly working to improve it.

Happy trails!
Maria



Welcome New Members

Welcome New Members!

Don't forget to check out natrc.org and natrcregion1.org for information on **Ride Schedules, Ride Results, Rule Book, Virtual Challenges** and **Benefits**: <https://www.natrc.org/join>

Shelly Branham	Lorelei Egerer
Monet Wilcox	Kassie Radford
Raquel Halloran	Jessica Govoni
LeaAnn Wood	Deborah Bellingham
Heidi Smith	

4-H Year-End High Point Team Award

Put your valuable 4-H skills to use outside of the arena and compete for this special award. Trail riding is a great way to cross train your horse for shows, safely practice your equitation and communication in a more scenic setting, and even put those showmanship skills to use during the in-hand vet checks! Encourage your fellow 4-H friends to join you in competitive trail rides and compete for NATRC's 4-H Year-End High Point Team Award. Contact us if you would like a presentation to your club to introduce the sport and answer questions.

To be eligible is simple. Just compete in any division, nominate yourself, and prove that you are a 4-H member! Here are the specifics:

- 1) The award goes to the high point horse and rider team **regardless** of the division.
- 2) Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2022, that will be November 13th).
- 3) You must: (a) be an NATRC competing member, (b) contact Sarah Smith at natrc@natrc.org to nominate yourself, and (c) have your 4-H leader contact Sarah to verify that you are a 4-H member.

Additionally, in a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4-H now recognizes competitive trail as an activity that qualifies as a 4-H member's project. How cool is that? A form to use for documentation at the ride is available [here](#) or contact Sarah Smith, natrc@natrc.org.

Questions?

Contact: Sarah J. Smith at natrc@natrc.org



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**"Ride results and year-end results are posted on
<http://www.natrcregion1.org/Articles/Points.htm>."**

2022 Ride Schedule

NATRC R1 TENTATIVE 2022 RIDE SCHEDULE

<http://www.natrcregion1.org/>:

May 7	Clinic Angie Meroshnekoff	Lake Mendocino (707) 743-9973	awhitedog@aol.com
May 7	Mt. Diablo CANCELLED	Clayton, CA	"B" L
	Elaine Baker	(925) 698-2466	ms_ebaker@yahoo.com
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May 21-22	Cowboy Camp Maria Pilgrim Sec: Linda Thomason	Williams, CA (707) 217-3582 (510) 708-1439	"A" O/CP/N; "B1" /N/L wolves1961@sbcglobal.net linda.thomason0610@gmail.com
June 18-19	Eel River Steve Meroshnekoff Sec: Maria Pilgrim	Potter Valley, CA (707) 743-9973 (707) 217-3582	"A" O/N/CP; "B" O/CP/N/L iambrewing@aol.com wolves1961@sbcglobal.net
July 23-24		Palmer, AK	"A" O/CP; "B" N/L
August 20-21	Jackson Forest Summer Steve Meroshnekoff Sec: Maria Pilgrim	Ft. Bragg, CA (707) 743-9973 (707) 217-3582	"A" O/CP/N; "B" O/CP/N/L iambrewing@aol.com wolves1961@sbcglobal.net
Sept. 10-11	Round Valley Regional Park Gene Boicelli Sec: Linda Thomason	Brentwood, CA (925) 672-6491 (510) 708-1439	"A" O/CP; "B" N/L LIMIT 45 geneboicelli@gmail.com linda.thomason0610@gmail.com
Oct. 15	Cool Canyon Leisure Division Co-Chair: Terryl Reed Co-Chair: Linda Thomason Sec: Linda Thomason	Cool, CA (510) 708-1439 (510) 708-1439	"B" L LIMIT 40 hrAFlame@hotmail.com linda.thomason0610@gmail.com linda.thomason0610@gmail.com

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NATRC Region 1 Board of Directors Meeting

Held via Zoom videoconference

18 March 2022

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by acting Chair, Maria Pilgrim.

Present: Jamie Dieterich, Maria Pilgrim, Angie Meroshnekoff, Donna Stidolph, Stephanie Swain, Kris Skoog, Linda Thomason and Joyce Driggers

Absent: Karen Smart (computer issues)

Election Results:

Linda Thomason and Stephanie Swain re-elected to 3-year terms; Joyce Driggers elected to a 1-year term

Election of Officers:

Chair – Angie nominated **Maria Pilgrim**, Stephanie seconded – all agreed

Secretary – Angie nominated **Stephanie Swain**, Linda seconded – all agreed

Treasurer – Angie nominated **Linda Thomason**, Stephanie seconded – all agreed

Secretary's Report:

Linda moved to accept the minutes of the meeting held 02 December 2021, Angie seconded - all agreed.

Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance: \$23,929.23 as of 12/31/21

Quarterly report submitted electronically

Fewer awards purchased in 2021, income from Auburn clinic, Cowboy Camp and Cool Rides, plus \$1100.00 in donations resulted in net gain. Anticipate breaking even on mini convention

Committee Reports:

Physical Resource Coordinator: Linda Thomason – resource list provided electronically. Missing 15- foot white NATRC banner; Angie will check to see if she has it.

Historian: Donna Stidolph – Betty Young has about 30 years of LL hard copies to donate; Linda will get them from Betty and transfer them to Donna. This will likely fill in any missing volumes in the Region 1 historical archive.

Wonder Workers: Joyce Driggers will get together with Steve Meroshnekoff to learn this position. Maria will help Steve and Joyce learn to use RMS for tracking volunteer hours. Will need management access for this purpose.

Points/Membership: Donna Stidolph – Received stickers from national for new members. Will transfer to Stephanie.

Publicity/Outreach Coordinator: Linda Thomason – will condense advertising down to email list, Trailmeister, CMDTRA and Facebook; will stop advertising in magazines as there are no responses from these ads. No recent communication from CMDTRA re: LeD ride in May. Linda and Stephanie to coordinate on development of new member welcome letter.

The Leadline: Karen Smart – Linda to do write-up of mini convention for LL

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Advertising rates per issue:

Full page—\$40
Half page—\$20
Quarter page—\$10
Business card—\$5

Classified ads are free to Region 1 members in good standing, one per issue, up to 30 words. Submit ads to the Editor via email . Make checks payable to NATRC Region 1.

NATRC Region 1 Board of Directors Meeting continued

National BOD Report: Angie Meroshnekoff – Rule proposals to be voted on in July, to take effect for 2023 ride year (if approved):

1. Ride year to end last Sunday in November.
2. Temporarily combine weight classes; to be reevaluated annually.
3. Make limitation criteria the same for Leisure Adult and Novice (clarification).
4. A) lower age requirement for competitors from 10 to 8 years in all divisions.

OR

- B) lower age requirement for competitors from 10 to 8 years in Leisure Division.
5. Sanctioning of rides – this proposal is on hold until the April NBOD meeting; regarding sanctioning violations that occur within 14 days of a ride.

Region 1 Website: Donna Stidolph – Donna to post link on Region 1 website to RFDTV video of interviews at National Convention. Looking for trail stories for the website – will post some from past issues of Leadline.

Ride/Clinic Management: Jamie Dieterich – No date for Cool Leisure ride yet. Need volunteers to work at April 23 clinic in Ukiah

Trails Advocacy Coordinator: Trish Taniguchi – No update

Judging Issues – Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich – shortage of vet judges – could be retired vets, small animal vets with horse background. National looking into legality of possibly using vet techs

OLD BUSINESS:

Region 1 Benefit Ride – Linda – Sanction is in for Cowboy Camp ride, SRP submitted to new BLM ranger. Need in-camp secretary and safety riders. Lory Walls – horsemanship judge, Leroy Burnham – vet judge. Still need LeD judge – Maria will call Jan Jeffers. Linda to send check to Equisure for ride insurance. Linda will put out email request re: help marking trails the week before the ride.

Revision of R1 Bylaws - Jamie and Linda – work in progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

Biosecurity at Rides – EHV1 in California –

1. greatest risk is at check-in – vets to wear disposable gloves, changing to a new pair between each horse examined (ride management to provide vet's preferred size/style of gloves)
2. riders to perform temperature checks on their horses twice daily
3. maintain a minimum of 15 feet between horses (unless horses are stabled together at home)
4. water – ABSOLUTELY NO horses drinking out of troughs. Use clean dipping buckets and pour into own buckets; riders to carry portable/collapsible bucket for watering on trail; to be disinfected with accelerated hydrogen peroxide

Angie will write up these biosecurity rules for Donna to post on the website, Linda to send out to all competitors/include in ride information

Angie moved to authorize purchase of 30 portable/collapsible buckets to be made available for purchase at rides. Stephanie seconded. All agreed

National Convention 2023 – Region 1 will be hosting the national convention in 2023. A likely location will be Sacramento CA – easy to fly to, several shuttle options available, hotels on outer ring less expensive - 3 hotels to consider. Will need meeting space, vendor space. Sight seeing opportunities might include Railroad Museum, Crocker Museum, Car Museum, Sutter's Fort.

Possibly get vets from UC Davis or Loomis Basin to speak. Linda will contact Loomis Basin vets, visit hotels to check them out.

Need a theme – art-work for T-shirts/sweatshirts

Vendors – Feed (Purina, Bar Ale?), Hoof Boots (Renegade, Easycare?), Saddlers

Angie suggested holding an informal bi-monthly Zoom meeting to keep up on event planning, invite membership to participate (set up as a webinar).

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NATRC Region 1 Board of Directors Meeting continued

NEXT MEETING:

Time: 7:00pm

Date: 23 May 2022

Location: Zoom videoconference

CLOSE OF MEETING:

Linda Thomason moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm, seconded by Donna Stidolph. All agreed

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Swain

Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award

Angie Meroshnekoff



2022 Competing Memberships

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Junior Rider Rebate

Junior riders who are NATRC members by the second Sunday in November of a ride year and complete 3 or more rides in that same ride year are eligible to receive a rebate of \$30 per completed ride for up to 3 rides. Deadline to apply is December 1.

NATRC Region 1 2022 Mini-Convention and Awards Luncheon Wrap-up

The Region 1 Mini-Convention was held March 5th at the Sonoma Driving and Riding Club in Santa Rosa, CA. In the morning, participants attended an informative panel session which discussed horse camping, conditioning, and some historical insights into Region 1's past. Our three-member panel consisted of Nancy Kasovich, Angie Meroshnekoff and Ashley Dillard. All are long-time competitors and Region 1 members. As well, Nancy Kasovich is a Horsemanship judge and Angie Meroshnekoff is a Leisure Division judge. They answered questions from the audience as well as provided their own insights to competitive riding.

After lunch, there was a general meeting where rule changes and updates were discussed as well as general Region 1 topics. General meetings offer the opportunity for members to listen to and discuss proposals from the national organization and to discuss ride topics.

The 2021 awards were presented in the afternoon. *Just a reminder, there were many of you who completed two rides and were unaware that you needed to complete three rides to be eligible for end of year awards.* Something to keep in mind for 2022. If you are a member, you can access the Riders Manual at the national website (natrc.org). Enter your member password, click on Members in the top control panel and choose Rider's Manual. It's a comprehensive manual created by several long time NATRC members and judges that explains pretty much all you'd want to know to compete in NATRC Competitive Trail Riding. This manual is one of your membership benefits, so please take advantage of it.

Convention provides the opportunity to meet up with riding friends you may not have seen over the winter months. Share a few stories and laughs, honor some of our members and volunteers and support those who worked hard and received awards for their efforts.

For 2021, Region 1 chose to honor and shout out to some wonderful volunteers who supported us. The appreciation writeup scripts are included in the awards presentation article available in the current Leadline.

A small, framed photo of each of the recipients was presented at convention as a token of Region 1's gratitude. Without volunteers we couldn't put on events.

Angie Meroshnekoff was also presented with a framed photo of her horse Beau from Region 1. Beau was inducted into the NATRC Horse Hall of Fame for all his accomplishments. He and Angie are a great team and deserve the recognition. Congrats to both of them!

Many thanks to Kris Skoog for chairing the convention and making this all possible for us to enjoy. Also, a thank you to the many volunteers: Maria Pilgrim who MC'd the event, Davern Kroncke and Linda Thomason who took care of the awards, Donna Stidolph who helped man the projector, Jamie Dieterich and Angie Meroshnekoff who prepared the awards presentation, Stephanie Swain- all around general helper, our panelists-Nancy Kasovich, Ashley Dillard and Angie Meroshnekoff- and others of you who helped set up and clean up. THANKYOU. Next year, Region 1 will host the NATRC National Convention, attended by members from all six regions in the U.S. It will be held in the Sacramento area. Keep tuned for updates on speakers, dates and registration information. We **really** need some volunteers to help out with awards, entertainment, registration and other items. This is a Region 1 event and Region 1 members need to participate in order for it to be successful. When tasks are divided up amongst a group, no one person is overloaded. So please contact a board of director member to sign up. Your participation is very appreciated!

Photos from the 2022 convention are available on the Region 1 website

http://www.natrcregion1.org/picture_library/2022_Conv/2022_Convention_Award_Recipients.pdf



2021 NATRC Region 1 Awards

Credits:

R1 Mini-Convention Chair: Kris Skoog

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Lynge Simoni Groverman

Joe & Ashley Dillard

Silver (\$50-\$99)

Linda Thomason

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2021 R1 BOD - with thanks and appreciation

Jamie Dieterich (NBOD), Angie Meroshnekoff (NBOD), Steve Meroshnekoff, Maria Pilgrim, Kris Skoog, Karen Smart, Donna Stidolph, (Alt. NBOD), Stephanie Swain, Linda Thomason

LL Editor: Karen Smart

Webmaster: Donna Stidolph

R1 Ride Secretaries 2021 - with gratitude and appreciation

Cowboy Camp, Cool Canyon, Round Valley - Linda Thomason

Eel River and Jackson Forest – Maria Pilgrim

Lazy Mountain Trail Adventure – Claudia Sihler

Region 1 Appreciation Certificates

Lee Cannon – by Angie Meroshnekoff

How does one say to the person that is always there to lend a hand? We can only give him our thanks and recognition. As a region, we have given him recognition before, but it never seems like enough. When your ride needs a driver, a P&R worker or time-keeper, a P&R Captain or... As a ride manager you find yourself needing to borrow a vehicle, just call him. If you need ride supplies that you don't have time to get, just ask him. If you need an extra hand unloading/ unpacking ride gear, setting up tables or moving water troughs, you won't have to ask him – he'll be there offering and always with a smile.

Lee Cannon - we have to again express our gratitude for the uncomplaining work you do and for all of the support you give our ride managers. You provide part of the back bone of our sport and our organization. WE LOVE YOU!

Terryl Reed – by Linda Thomason

Terryl Reed has been a long-time supporter for NATRC Region 1. She rode her first competitive ride at age 14 on a horse she trained and conditioned herself. Her goal of riding an NATRC ride was started when a girlfriend's dad brought home a Western Horse magazine whose cover caption asked "Are you tough enough?" The Mt. Diablo ride was the feature article. The rest is history

She learned from her score cards, and in the 1970's she earned her horsemanship judges card. She enjoyed judging and the ability to help fellow horsemen learn more about horse care, tack fit and riding. She relinquished her horsemanship judge's card years later to help her husband in the horse show world. She later considered returning to judging but was offered a position as a director on the Tevis board. This led to her dream of developing the Western States Trail Museum which is becoming a reality.

Terryl became once more active in NATRC Region 1 when she agreed to participate in the April Trail Riding Clinic, 2021, in Loomis, CA as an instructor alongside Debbie Murphy. She also took on the ride manager position for the Cool LeD ride in 2021. Without her support, the Cool ride wouldn't have happened. Terryl is a successful AERC and Tevis rider, and she gives credit to everything she learned from riding NATRC for her success in her other endeavors.

In appreciation for her help, her support and her involvement with trail riding both in NATRC, AERC and Tevis we would like to show our appreciation for all her work.

Larry and Valerie Sterling – by Linda Thomason

About 5 years ago, Round Valley was in need of safety riders. Someone suggested Larry and Valerie Sterling who belonged

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2021 NATRC Region 1 Awards continued

to CMDTRA as they might be willing to help out. The Sterlings agreed and appeared in camp with two long eared beautiful mules who delighted everyone at the ride. Well, at least the two-legged folks; the four-legged ones were not so sure at first, especially after a few "songs".

At the time, I didn't realize that Larry and Valerie Sterling had actually helped out at NATRC rides for many years - initially at Mt. Diablo but then at several other NATRC rides in various capacities including as P&R workers, safety riders, and judge's secretary. I also learned that Valerie has been involved with NATRC since 1968 as a competitor in the Junior and Lightweight classes.

Valerie and Larry really understand what it is to ride safety, and they have turned out to be some of the most dependable, knowledgeable, and fun people to ever volunteer. One simply can't put on events like rides without great volunteers, and the Sterlings certainly qualify as some of the best. Region 1 is not only delighted to have them (along with their mules, Ginger and Maggie!) but is sincerely grateful for their continued involvement and all their help.

Thank you Larry and Valerie for all you do.

LEISURE DIVISION JUNIOR TEAM

1 st	Pipi / gr	Regan Powis
2 nd	CJ / gd	Cassidy Geimer
3 rd	Denebaborr / ar	Samantha Muller

R1 NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT – HORSEMANSHIP

1 st	Joyce Driggers
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R1 NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT – HORSE

1 st	CH Eirelands Irish / ar-conn	Joyce Driggers
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R1 COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HEAVYWEIGHT - HORSEMANSHIP

1 st	Joe Dillard
2 nd	Kris Skoog
3 rd	Maria Pilgrim

R1 COMPETITIVE PLEASURE LIGHTWEIGHT – HORSEMANSHIP

1 st	Ashley Dillard
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R1 COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HEAVYWEIGHT - HORSE

1 st	OM El Shakeeb Dream / ar	Joe Dillard
2 nd	Cledith's Driver / tw	Kris Skoog
3 rd	Wind River Rose / gr	Maria Pilgrim

R1 COMPETITIVE PLEASURE LIGHTWEIGHT - HORSE

1 st	OM El Sharav / ar	Ashley Dillard
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REGION 1 HIGH-POINT BREED AWARDS:

Created by Angie Meroshnekoff

Arabian:	OM El Shakeeb Dream / Joe Dillard
Half-Arab	CH-Eirelands Irish / Joyce Driggers
TW	Cledith's Driver / Kris Skoog
Grade	Wind River Rose / Maria Pilgrim

R1 SPECIAL AWARDS

R1 BOB SMITH AWARD

High Point 1st year Novice or CP Horse

When his wife excitedly told him about NATRC in 1961, his comment was, "Well, do it right. Spend the time in training and conditioning as you would any other horse sport. Don't rush them, and your finished horse will go soundly and happily down the trail into his twenties.

CH-Eirelands Irish / Joyce Driggers

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2021 NATRC Region 1 - Awards continued

R1 PAT ERSEPKE AWARD

High Point Novice Horse/Rider combo

Pat's competed on a horse named "Papoose." Her joy of the sport and enthusiasm were contagious. She said, "Papoose has reinforced by appreciation for people, nature and animals in my life....If I could live any time over again, it would be the first year we shared as Novices."

CH-Eirelands Irish / Joyce Driggers

R1 FRAN & CAROL DUPORT AWARD

High Point 1st year Open Horse

Fran and Carol exhibited, first and foremost, a true love for their horses. They always remembered to have fun while still remaining competitive. They rode in all divisions, encouraging junior, first time competitors, and fellow competitors alike. They understood the time and patience it takes to ride a first-year horse to award level.

None Qualified

WONDER WORKERS

Jessica Monlux
Stephanie Swain
Ember Hansen

AWARDS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Presented February 26, 2022, at the National Awards Banquet, Omaha, NE

TEAM AWARDS – R1 Sponsored by Region1

Team awards recognize combined horse and horsemanship. All points for rides in which the same horse and rider combination competed are added together. At least three rides must be completed to qualify for annual awards.

R1 NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT TEAM

1st CH-Eirelands Irish / ar-conn Joyce Driggers

R1 COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HEAVYWEIGHT TEAM

1st OM El Shakeeb Dream / ar Joe Dillard
2ND Cledith's Driver / tw Kris Skoog
3rd Wind River Rose / gr Maria Pilgrim

R1 COMPETITIVE PLEASURE LIGHTWEIGHT TEAM

1st OM El Sharav / ar Ashley Dillard

NATIONAL OVERALL NOVICE HORSEMANSHIP

6th Joyce Driggers

NATIONAL OVERALL NOVICE HORSE

3rd CH-Eirelands Irish / har Joyce Driggers

REGION 1 APPRECIATION – NATIONAL LEVEL – LEROY BURNHAM, DVM

As a senior veterinary student, Leroy was on classmate Bill Throgmorton's team studying pulse and respiration values on horses competing on the Mt. Diablo Ride in 1962. Soon he was told, "Here's how you judge a ride, now go do it." He has judged NATRC and endurance rides all over the country ever since.

His true dedication to our sport was obvious when he was called from a R1 ride site at 5 pm on a Friday asking if he'd please consider judging a B ride the next day. He thought about it for a few minutes, then called back to say he would drive up (2 hours) with his wife that night and check in horses the next morning.

Opinionated? Yes. Intimidating? Sometimes. Generous? Absolutely. Probably every rider who has competed under Leroy recognizes his dulcet tones ringing out giving instructions or telling them to hurry up. We truly appreciate this man who continues to judge with energy, enthusiasm, and efficiency.

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2-21 NATRC Region 1 - Awards continued

REGION 1 APPRECIATION – NATIONAL LEVEL – LORY WALLS

Lory Wals has participated with energy and enthusiasm in every aspect of NATRC. R1 would like to recognize her for her horsemanship judging. A new rider attended our spring clinic, really enjoyed it, and signed up for our first competition, which Lory judged. This rider communicated to us that she learned more from speaking with Lory and going over her card than she did in a year of taking arena lessons. She was so excited to find a sport that took the time to teach as well as judge.

This rider really appreciated the time Lory took with her, and now she's a member who, along with two friends, signed up for all the following rides.

Thank you, Lory, for helping us in so many ways.

JIM MENEFFEE HONORARY NATRC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT - 2021

Angie Meroshnekoff – Region 1

Angie began competing in NATRC as an Open Junior in 1976. She started her career as an NATRC evangelist early by introducing her sister, Maria, to the sport in 1979, loaning her a horse and tack. Since then, she has brought a batch of juniors into our sport every year – working with them to develop the trail riding skills necessary to compete successfully, loaning them horses and tack, and getting them to our rides and home again – and using our events to encourage kids in the development of sportsmanship, responsibility, and teamwork, mostly by example.

In addition to exposing youngsters to our sport, Angie is primarily responsible (with tremendous support from her family) for putting on two rides each year in R1. She marks and times trails for Cowboy Camp, the R1 Benefit Ride. She attends, and usually competes in all the other rides in the region (except Alaska). If she's not competing, she volunteers at P&Rs, as a judge's secretary, gives first-time rider briefings – doing whatever needs to be done. Because she never arrives without at least three junior riders in tow, Angie is pretty much responsible for about ten percent of the R1 ridership for our entire ride season.

In addition to front-line work on rides, Angie is always active organizationally. She has been the Leadline editor, co-chaired several R1 mini-conventions, been chair on the R1 board of directors, organized clinics, and has made the year-end breed awards. On the national level, Angie has served on the Judges Committee, chaired the Protest Committee, chaired the Riders and Juniors Committee, was vice president in 2016, and is a Leisure Division judge. As NATRC president from 2017-2021, she led us through Operation NATRC and the formation of the Leisure Division. She helped make adjustments, for a year of COVID restrictions and instituted the use of Zoom for board meetings.

If it isn't clear by now, Angie is constantly striving to improve every facet of our sport that she touches. She loves competitive trail riding and has a history of doing anything she can to make it safer and more accessible for all involved.

And somehow she managed to have time to condition a horse and dominate her division in R1 competitions! R1's Wonder Woman has definitely earned the NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award.



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