

NATRC HISTORY

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- 1940 First Concord-Mt. Diablo Ride. Labor Day. Concord Mt. Diablo has films of the 1944 and 1946 rides. Geaorge Cardinet has photo album of 1944 ride.
(Note: Nancy Kasovich thinks there were rides earlier than this)
- 1944 Concord-Mt. Diablo Ride. 43 started. 35 finished. 41.2 miles in 2 days. Western Horseman Nov/Dec 1944: "Participants and Judges alike were impressed by the marked improvement in the types of horses entered in the fourth annual CMDTR in September. Each year has seen a better quality of entries, but 1944 was outstanding. Comments of the riders also indicated that the cause of better horsemanship has been considerably advanced through experience gained in the rides. This was made evident by wiser handling of the horses on the trail and a planned and more thoughtful conditioning of the mounts prior to the ride. Riders who participated in the 3 previous rides had benefited by studying the judging charts, supplied upon request by the secretary of the Concord Chamber of Commerce, founding and sponsoring organization of the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride.
- 1961 Formal organization of North American Trail Ride Conference was concluded at the March 26, 1961 meeting held at the Concord Inn, Concord, California. 5 California rides. Awards presented at Cow Palace Grand National....to become a yearly event.
- 1963 8 sanctioned rides
- 1964 Arizona has first NATRC ride. First NATRC symposium, May 2, at Pacific Coast Equestrian Farm in San Luis Obispo with Went and Linda Tellington.
- 1965 10 sanctioned rides
- 1966 NATRC divided into 2 regions – Northwest (Region 1) and Southwest (Region 2) Arizona had 5 rides
- 1968 November 2 Convention – Judge's Symposium, awards dinner, etc. Original Board of Directors was 9, increased with appointed additions Al Moss and Bill Throgmorton. Membership started.
- 1969 November Convention. Right to vote awarded all members. Board increased to 12 members. No Regional awards (1970 also). Added National Championship instead.
- 1971 Region 3 created. Regional Championship reactivated.
- 1976 Region IV and Region V created