



Texas Trail Challenge Club Newsletter

January/February 2025

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR



by Carin Bauer-Eaton - President

January is usually a time of reflection and new resolutions. January is named for the Roman god Janus who had two faces, one looking forward and one backward. Janus is known for beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, frames, and endings. We pass through the doorway of time and look back on where we've been while looking forward to what is in front of us. Trying to

decide what worked in our history and what areas might need improvement. Our club is transitioning into the year 2025, what is our goal? Where are we headed? What can be improved upon to make our best even better?

I am honored to take on the responsibility of being the TTCC president for the next three years, but I can't do it alone, nor can the BOD do it all. What part do you play in the success of TTCC? Taking on the presidency of a large, established organization can be a daunting task, so I reached out to Google to find out what makes a good organization. There are many sites that mention the following characteristics: clear communication, adaptability in communication and situations, consistency, problem solving ability, and fellowship amongst members. Google was also helpful in letting me know what toxic behaviors can destroy a club or an organization: egos, negative cliques, gossip, triangulating, no accountability, negative competition, poor communication, micromanagement, and lack of participation. (LinkedIn Marcel Schwantes)

In Article II, section 1, of the club by-laws our mission statement says that we are a like-minded group of people wanting to promote trail safety and a better bond between rider and horse. We have a great Board of Directors, but we are only as good as the people that stand with us and offer their support. We need everyone's participation to make TTCC successful. To help make our best even better, let's make our goal or New Year's resolution for 2025 to give grace and understanding while building bonds with the people around us as well as our horses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1 **Register** for April Rides

April 12 & 13 The Great Train Robbery, 6-0 Ranch, Cleburne

April 26 & 27 Cat Spring Fling
71L Ranch, Cat Spring

January 25

Celebration, Ferris Wheel Ranch
Camp at PHR

January 26

Senior Judges Meeting
PHR – 10:00 am

February 1 **Register** for May Rides

May 17 & 18 Hogg Wild, Wood
Rock Ranch, Bluffdale

February 15 & 16

Rocky Road, PHR, Killeen

March 1

Youth Ride and Clinic

March 2

Spring Rider Clinic

LOOKING BACK

by Bill Phillips

It has been an honor to serve on the TTCC Board the past three years as Membership Director and President. Over that time, I've gotten to know so many people and watched you continue to work together to make this club the amazing organization it is. Whenever there seemed to be a need, there was always someone ready to step up and meet it. "Challenge" is a part of our name after all. Thank you.



Last October I missed the Wild West Wrangle, (sorry WWW gals), but I got to represent the club at the Bluebonnet Expo. As people came by our table, they often asked... "Where is your club and where are you from?" At first the question caught me off guard. Then it dawned on me that every other organization at the Expo was located somewhere. "We rescue small animals in X", "Our custom leather shop is in Y", or "Our training center is in Z." But TTCC is different. We are from all over Texas (and a few other states)! We might have some unofficial groups like the WWWs of Abilene, or the Central or Southern "Tribes" but our area of operations extends all over Texas. This allows us to get to know trail riders from all over the state. And, because we are so wide ranging, through these varied connections we all get to ride in some truly amazing places.

I personally have found every ride to be a clinic. We discover things we didn't know we didn't know. Consider "Trailer Issues." One member might help you learn to load your horse in the trailer, while another might help with trailer maintenance (thank you Jim Miller!) Or "Feeding Issues." One person helps with horse feed ideas while another gives you the recipe for that wonderful soup. Or "Training Issues." You get advice on training your horse from one rider while another helps with that back problem you've been experiencing as a rider. Bottom line. If you hang out with this group long enough you can't help but become a better rider on a better mount.

TTCC is a treasure. Thank you all for the chance to be a member of your leadership team!

Jewel and I look forward to seeing you on the trail in 2025.

ARE YOU READY TO CELEBRATE?



A very special Celebration will be held at The Farris Wheel (across from Parrie Haynes Equestrian Center) on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Awards for the 2024 ride season will be announced and presented, a silent auction will be held, and a delicious Italian dinner will be served. Members are encouraged to bring their own celebratory drinks or enjoy the tea and water that will be provided. In addition to year end placings, special horse awards will be announced, and thank you gifts will be presented to judges, ride managers, and sponsors. Be sure and make your reservation for the evening on the website and if you need a campsite check with

Parrie Haynes. The Silent Auction will feature unique Western items. if you have something special to donate, please contact Becky Cash, Silent Auction Chairman.

The Christmas Ride by Tiffany Janke

It was a riot! Parrie Haynes Ranch was transformed into the only mall I want to be caught in! We all had fun shopping in Aaron's field for our loved ones. We even got to help find a lost love child, sorry Jean! The weather was absolutely beautiful, but the comradery was even better! Skies were clear, the air was cool & crisp, but calm. We had a total of 35 riders! We had new faces, known faces, and some faces we are not used to seeing horseback. It was a great time had by all!



We had a delicious ham dinner with the TTCC family and the Dirty Santa Gift exchange was one for the books! Nancy Fenimore may have the best luck at picking the best gifts out of the pile as she was stolen from A LOT!! Y'all need to pick on someone your own size! Before dinner, folks made Christmas ornaments, rested, socialized, and just truly enjoyed their time together. The Ugly Sweater Contest winner was Jean Wilson! This event cleared over \$3,000!





Food Court, carrots and chocolate!



Mailing a letter to Santa



Carrol Warren and Penny in the Mall

JUDGES FORUM

by Greg Dial

We held a Judges Forum on December 1, the day after the "Grey Saturday" Christmas Fundraiser Ride at Parrie Haynes. It was a wide-ranging discussion about judging philosophy, consistency, and procedure. Our President-elect, Carin Bauer, attended and got an earful about how judges do their jobs! Some takeaways for riders:

- An obstacle's skillset and judged elements must be a part of each judge's presentation at the debriefing;
- Comments should clearly indicate areas that need improvement or that were above-average;
- Use of any kind of martingale at an obstacle may confer an unfair advantage, and will result in a point deduction to the rider's score for every instance where it is used. They are permissible on the trail (except for standing martingales/tie-downs, which are prohibited for safety reasons), but should be removed prior to execution of an obstacle. This includes running martingales, German martingales, and training forks.
- As stated at the General Meeting at Salute to the Troops, the Senior Judge for a given ride is responsible for resolving disputes or complaints about obstacles or scoring at that ride. The Senior Judge is on-site, designed the obstacles, laid out scoring criteria, summarized the obstacles for the judges in advance, briefed the judges at the location, and has immediate access to scoresheets.
- **Second/third attempt clarification.**
A second or third attempt is NOT a do-over, nor is it a chance to "get it right." It is intended solely as an opportunity for a rider to finish an obstacle if possible. For example:
 - 1) If a rider approaches an obstacle start point and their horse balks and retreats, the next approach is a second attempt. After a third unsuccessful attempt, the rider will be asked to move down the trail.
 - 2) If a horse/rider team departs from the obstacle instructions, the judge is to stop the rider and re-start from that point as a second attempt. In most cases, the rider will not be allowed to start over from the beginning.

A second attempt will result in a two-point deduction from horse and rider, and a third attempt will result in a three-point deduction. This is NOT a new rule; this rule carries over from TTC policy dating back to 2012. We have been somewhat lax in our enforcement of it, but with ridership up, multiple attempts result in serious delays at obstacles. And no one likes that!

TRAINING TIPS

by Greg Dial

The front of our TTCC Member Handbook states our mission: to promote safety and education while building a better bond with our horses. We do this through friendly competition and by using strategies to improve our horsemanship. Here's how to build a better team:

- Preparation
 - Condition yourself and your horse for the length of ride, the weather, and the terrain. Don't expect to handle an 8–10 mile ride without appropriate advance work.
 - Practice the basics of movement. Foot control, lateral work, backing, transitions, etc.; all are basic skills you can practice on the trail.
- At an obstacle
 - LISTEN to instructions.
 - ASK questions to clarify your understanding.
 - MAKE A PLAN!
 - FOCUS your concentration and visualize your performance.
 - EXECUTE the plan
 - RECORD video of your performance. It will help later when you review your scores and the judge's comments.
 - Critique yourself later, not while you're doing the obstacle task(s).
 - If you're afflicted with "judge-itis", remember that your judges are students, too.
- After the ride
 - Pay attention to the learning moment. We often present information that will apply to an obstacle the next day, or at a ride farther down the calendar.
 - Listen carefully at the debriefing. This should clarify the judged elements of an obstacle and crystallize what the judge was evaluating.
 - Listen for the tip(s). While they may not apply to you and your horse, they'll help you understand the technical aspects of the skillset.
 - Ask questions if you're not clear on any of the presentation; chances are, you're not the only one who didn't get it.
 - As judges, we're there to help. If you have specific questions about your performance, ask us; we should be available to you for at least 30 minutes after the meeting.
- After you get home
 - Save your scorecards in a notebook. Your progress throughout the ride year should be visible as a trend in your scores.

- Pick the lowest 3 obstacle scores from your last ride, and try to find any common elements that contribute to your low scores. There may be several. Be specific.
- Work those elements, and get another set of eyes on your efforts.
- Seek additional help with those areas that are consistently problematic for you. Read about horsemanship exercise programs*, take lessons, attend clinics, watch videos, and help each other in a group.

*Book authors: Jec Ballou; Cherry Hill; Sally Swift; Linda Parelli; Warwick Schiller; Katrin Silva; Jack Brainard; Bob Loomis; Richard Schrage; and many others.

Getting to know you---Kris Ritter



My name is Kris Ritter, I live in Natalia, Tx, near San Antonio with my husband Steve. He likes horses but has no interest in riding them. I'm originally from Wisconsin but have lived in Texas the majority of my life. I have an Animal Science degree from Texas A & M and work as a veterinary technician with Military Working Dogs.

I started riding western when I was 7 with a friend who had horses. I took saddle seat lessons on Arabians for about a year in middle school, and then changed over to Hunter/Jumpers through high school. Shortly before college I started taking Dressage lessons and stayed with that through college and for many years after that. I quit showing around 1996 and just rode for fun until the early 2000's when I played Polocrosse for a few years.

After that I went back to just riding. I did do a handful of Limited Distance Endurance rides a few years ago, but decided it just wasn't for me. I started riding with TTCC in February of 2023. I had seen it before on Facebook, but the rides always said they were full when I looked on the web site. I was also hesitant to go since I didn't know anyone, then I saw my friend Cheryl Sofaly was going to some rides. She told me how to sign up to get in a ride and that's how I started. I have had so much fun meeting new friends and riding with this group over the past two years and have learned a lot.

I have always loved Thoroughbreds, and my first horse was a 4-year-old green broke Thoroughbred that I named RC. He bucked me off a lot at first, but we both learned a lot from each other. I have never had another horse as smart as he was. I consider him my once in a lifetime horse. I could do anything on him from running barrels at play days to showing in jumper classes. I could put beginner riders on him and he would be an angel, but if you knew how to ride, he would challenge you. I lost him to cancer when he was 28.





Over the years I have had 3 more Thoroughbreds, 2 quarter horses, 3 Paso Fino's and a Rocky Mountain horse. I still have two of the Paso Finos, Desierto (26 yrs old) and Tango (AKA Pegasus, 5yrs old,) and the Rocky Mountain Horse Creek (10 yrs old).

A friend gave me Desi in June of 2003. I was supposed to ride him some and then sell him and split the money with her. I ended up falling in love with him. He is the horse that changed me from Thoroughbreds to Paso Finos. He is a very loved pasture ornament now. I got both Tango and Creek in October of 2022. Both came from Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society.

I have several friends that I often ride with at the Land Heritage Institute in San Antonio. It has 1,200 acres of permanent barefoot friendly trails and you can ride into the Medina River at several points. I also occasionally ride with TETRA at some of their organized trail rides, and I may try a NATRC this spring too. My priority for this coming year though is to try to get my TTCC Iron Rider. I'm looking forward to a fun year!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU---Teresa Moore



I can still remember the day I got my first pony. My parents bought me a pair of ponies for my 7th birthday. I was in the bathtub when my brothers started yelling, "They're here!" It was a golden mare with her beautiful bay foal by her side. We gave the mare back but kept Lightning! That was the beginning of my life with horses (and ponies).

Horses have been an everyday part of my life since then. I grew up with backyard ponies and then eventually graduated to bigger ponies and then horses. I learned so much from them over the years and from the neighborhood girlfriends and lifelong horsey friends I have made along the way.

Robby, my husband of 46 years is not a horse guy but knew what he was getting into. One of our first dates was riding bareback up and down hills and trotting and loping as well. He did not fall off and never complained (until years later, I discovered.) He always says that he is number 4: after my dog, cat and horse. But truth be told he is numero uno.

I have had a handful of ponies and horses and either kept them until their end or found them a forever home. There was a pair of small ponies, a medium pony, two larger ponies, a pinto mare that I bred and then a pinto foal I raised and kept both until they passed, a mustang mare I adopted when she was 2 (sadly she passed this year at 29), and my current horse, an AQHA gelding named, Dual Doc Playboy (aka Dually).

Another BLM Mustang was what I wanted for my last horse but Dually came into my life instead in 2014. My very good friend lent him to me for my first year with the Bexar County Palomino Patrol and Drill Team and then my husband bought him for me for Christmas (all planned by me) in 2015. That is another story . . .



My history with horses is plentiful. For much of my youth and early adult life, I enjoyed riding my horse bareback. I have also done some playdays, dabbled in cross country and dressage, participated in numerous clinics, did and still do natural horsemanship, endured years of limited distance and endurance riding, belonged to a few equestrian drill teams, thrived with horse camping and now trying out TTCC. My favorite past time is riding and camping with friends. Honestly, my zen time is playing with my horse or riding the circle around my neighborhood.

TTCC came about because of another dear friend Vivian Johnson so I tried it at Laze Daze of Summer at 7IL in 2019. I felt like we bombed and Dually was scared of almost everything. My thoughts were: Why are we doing this? I can trail ride and not worry about any of this other "stuff." He does everything I ask on the trail and he is a great horse at home and with his friends. However, TTCC just kept niggling at my brain, especially as my friend was getting better and better. Also, a couple more friends Linda Ellis and Connie Meredith kept talking about the club which piqued my interest. I have always desired to be a better partner for Dually and wanted the ultimate relationship that I know is attainable. I have been lucky enough to have achieved that with a few of my horses over the years.



Warily, I signed up for Camp Reveille as a Tenderfoot this year and surprisingly placed first. I did a few more rides and again did pretty well. That is when I reread the description for Tenderfoot and realized I should probably be a Maverick, so I moved up to Maverick. It has been a trial as Dually is a right brained introvert and easily scared and distracted. He can be a handful but with the help of great friends, I have been able to complete the rides without any major mishaps. However, it has been a difficult journey and one I was not sure I wanted

to continue. I was ready to give it up when I read an article in the May/June 2024 Newsletter by LeeAnn Boore called "Time." I loved it and she inspired me to make this become a reality for Dually and me.

I try to live my life by the P's: Prayer, Patience, Peace, Perseverance and Perspective. I can now add Plan and Prepare, thanks to Greg Dial. And lastly: Be Positive! I am not sure what the future holds for me and Dually and TTCC, but it has been educational and rewarding. This is an awesome club with wonderful people, and I am grateful for the experiences.

FALL GENERAL MEETING

The fall general meeting was held on Friday, November 8, at Salute to the Troops, Valley Mills. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Acting President Bill Phillips.

Mary Ann Brandon, Membership Director, announced that we currently have 182 paid members, an increase over last year. Katherine Mason is helping with the Directory that will be printed and handed out at Celebration. Last year's sponsors, as well as new candidates, are being contacted to see if they would like to support the club in 2025. Sponsors receive a full-page ad in the membership directory and are recognized at every ride. James Corgill designed the new patch for 2025, and they have been ordered.

Tiffany Janke, Treasurer, presented her report stating that the current balance as of November 7, 2024, is \$8,097.68. She anticipates an additional \$4,425.59 in expenses through the end of the year which would include expenses for the Christmas ride, Webmaster, Iron Rider buckles, embroidery & customizations for year end prizes, and the venue and meal for Celebration. Anticipated income in January includes memberships and sponsors. Carin Bauer-Eaton was recognized and talked about the parking lot fundraiser which has been a great success.

Bill Phillips discussed the Ride Managers Report since Karen Pantel was not able to attend the meeting. At this time, it looks like there will not be a September ride on the calendar. The BOD has discussed limiting the number of rides to ten a year. There will be a buckle series which will be announced later.

Greg Dial, Judges Director, emphasized the club's motto, to promote safety and rider education. He stated that a rider should not attempt an obstacle if they feel it is unsafe for themselves or their horse and that any complaints about an obstacle should be discussed with the judge and then directed to the Senior Judge. Greg also clarified deductions for a second and third attempt. This is not a do over but an opportunity to complete an obstacle if there is a problem in the middle of the obstacle. A second attempt is an automatic deduction of 2 points each for rider and horse or a total of 4 points, a third attempt is 3 points each or a total of 6 points. The Christmas Fundraiser Ride will be November 30, and the Judges Forum will be December 1. The Senior Judges will meet in January the day after Celebration. The Youth Ride and Clinic will be March 1 at Parrie Haynes and the Spring Rider clinic will be March 2.

Bill Phillips announced that the new policy of opening the registration process to 100 riders seems to be working and it has been easier for riders to register. The number of riders is still limited to 75 because of insurance requirements so a rider's spot is not confirmed until they have paid. In addition, 73.8% of the membership voted in favor of a reasonable increase to ride fees and 54.8% voted that riders receive a full refund if they cancel more than 30 days prior to the ride. Ride Managers can use their own discretion for refunds in other situations.

Bill announced that the President Elect is Carin Bauer-Eaton and she will assume her official duties on January 1.

RIDE RECAP - Monster Mash

Monster Mash held in Utopia on October 26th and 27th was hosted by April Baxter and Evelyn O'Hara at the historic Four Sisters Ranch. There was a costume contest and Halloween decorated obstacles. The weather was sunny and warm with cool evenings. Friday night featured a potato bar and Saturday night was tacos! The Senior Judge was Teresa Corgill assisted by Ann Stacy, Melissa Neal, Greg Dial, and Annette Thurlow, with photography by Rhonda Fryer and ride secretaries Tiffany Janke and Shelley Hilton. Obstacles featured were the neck rope, one rein, backing through a pattern, the spider web gate, hoisting the witch out of the trash can, opening and closing the trash bin, an in-hand bridge, crossing a squishy surface, and maneuvering your horse while blindfolded among others.



RIDE RECAP - Salute to the Troops

Salute to the Troops was held on November 9th and 10th at C Bar Stables in Valley Mills and was organized by ride managers Ann Stacy and Kris Maley. Riders that came in early had fun at Burger and Wok on Thursday night, Friday night featured a potluck with over 25 soups and all the trimmings, and Saturday night was Charles Maley's famous chicken fried steak and fried marshmallow moons! Although rain threatened it went around and the weather was perfect. The obstacles featured a military theme in honor of our veterans. Riders retrieved dog tags on a nylon lanyard which they later could use to repair a broken bridle, they rescued Sailor Sally not once but twice with a drag in an inflated boat on Saturday and by delivering MREs and water to the injured sailor on Sunday. There were poles to cross at various gaits, jumps, a mount, the cowboy curtain, a back through straw bales, guaracha poles, side pass, and stopping on an incline

among others. Senior Judge Doanna Daniel was assisted by Cheryl May, Jean Wilson, Tracy Casarez, Ann Stacy, and Teresa Corgill. Ride secretary Sharon Price was assisted by Shelly Hilton, and Becky Cash offered raffle prizes. Scott Butcher and Rhonda Fryer were taking photos during the ride. Saturday night also featured a Silent Auction for the Veterans Box which was explained by Carol Warren, high bidder last year. The box was hand crafted by Ann Stacy and each year the high bidder takes it home for the year, distributes the items as they see fit, and fills the box with new articles so it can be auctioned off the following year. This year's winner was Tiffany Janke and all of the funds raised will help surviving family members of the Explosive Ordnance Division.



General Meeting at Salute to the Troops



*The family that rides together stays together
photo by Rhonda Fryer*



Veterans box



First place junior rider

Ride Director Notes

by Karen Pantel

- The \$50 fee for use of the TTCC logo on merchandise offered by individual Ride Managers is no longer in effect as of January 1, 2025. But, any merchandise sold in conjunction with a TTCC sanctioned ride must incorporate the official TTCC logo and/or name.
- Insurance and ribbon costs for each ride weekend in 2025 will be approximately \$200. The liability insurance is \$1,400 for the year. Take the \$1,400 and divide by the number of ride weekends, which is 8, and that equals \$175 for just insurance. The cost of the ribbons has not been determined.
- Beginning January 2025, the increase in ride fees grants the ride managers another \$10 per rider.
- The Ride Manager Manual is being updated and will be sent to all 2025 RM's at the beginning of the year. Suggestions on material/information to be added or changed is welcome.

October BOD Meeting Minutes (summary):

- Bill moved to accept the September 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes; 2nd by Greg; approved by all.

- Announced the President nominees:

1. Alex McStay
2. Scott Butcher
3. Carin Bauer

Candidates will have the opportunity to speak and introduce themselves at the Monster Mash ride October 2024.

- Bill made a motion to add the following "Refund Options" to the upcoming Fall ballot:

1. Full refund up to 30 days before a ride
2. Full refund up to 45 days before a ride
3. Other

Seconded by Karen; approved by all.

- Bill discussed the menu options for the Christmas Fund Raiser. Hams will be provided by the club. Bill and Betty to provide baked potatoes. Tiffany will bring corn casseroles, and the rest of the BOD will come up with side dish ideas. Final menu to be decided at November's BOD meeting.
- A motion to reimburse Carin Bauer a total of \$45.02 for costs to laminate the parking lot maps being used for the fundraiser events was made by Bill; seconded by Tiffany; approved by all.
- Leeann Boore, who is purchasing all the Year-end awards, asked for an increase in her budget. Bill made a motion to increase the budget for year-end prizes to a total of \$8,000. This is a \$2,000 increase to the original budget of \$6,000 that was approved by the BOD. The motion made by Bill was seconded by Mary Ann; approved by all.
- Greg discussed menu options (chicken parmesan, salad, bread, maybe a vegan option & dessert) for Celebration event and will coordinate with the caterer with our ideas.
- Greg requested to move the spring Youth Rider/Adult Rider clinic to first weekend in March. He will coordinate with Karen for availability on the 2025 Ride Calendar.
- Greg would like to have the Fall Rider Clinic moved to be held in conjunction with the Camp Reveille Ride.
- The 2025 Ride Calendar is still a work in progress. The month of September 2025 is still pending.
- The BOD approved patch for 2025 has been sent to the production company for review/suggestions.
- Mary Ann will contact the current TTCC Sponsors to inquire whether or not they will sponsor again for 2025.
- The members drawn for the Member Highlight section in the upcoming Newsletter are; Rachele Running Horse (new member) and Analese Scoggins (established member).

November 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes (summary)

- October 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes will be sent to BOD by Karen via email for approval.
- After discussion with Kate Hollar (former TTCC President) it has been determined that the definition language of a "Member in Good Standing" was placed on the TTCC Fall ballot in 2022, was approved by the majority of the votes, and should have been put in the TTCC

Rulebook for 2023, but was somehow overlooked. The 2025 Rulebook will incorporate this definition.

Definition of a Member in Good Standing:

1. Dues paid in full
2. Regular participation in Club events (riding, volunteering, staff)
3. Fulfillment of duties in accordance with published rules for Board Members, Trail Safety and Good Rider Rules for all Members

Ballot documentation & applicable newsletter, provided by Kate, will be attached to BOD Meeting Minutes for official record.

- Bill discussed the purpose of the \$50 fee for trademark purposes when merchandise is sold in conjunction with any TTCC sanctioned ride. Much discussion was had. Bill made a motion to eliminate the \$50 fee beginning in year 2025; seconded by Greg; approved by all.
- The Fall 2024 ballot showed overwhelming support to increase the Ride Fees beginning in year 2025. After discussion amongst BOD members, Bill moved to increase the Ride Fees as follows:
 - 2-Day = \$120 (\$110 to RM/\$10 to TTCC)
 - 1-Day = \$75 (\$65 to RM/\$10 to TTCC)

Bill's motion was seconded by Karen; approved by all

- Greg is compiling a list of prohibited obstacles and materials used at obstacles and will hand out to all Senior Judges at the meeting held on the Sunday after Celebration.
- Greg suggested that the judge's roster/secretary assignments be posted on each Ride Page.
- And for the TTCC Newsletter, Greg is thinking about contributing articles such as Judge Guidelines, Strategy for Success, etc.
- For September 2025, there is still a possibility a ride will happen. If not a ride, maybe move our Annual Fundraiser from December to September (*breaking news ... Tiffany Janke and Annaliese Scoggin will host a new ride Buffalo Ramble on September 20 & 21 at Buffalo Mountain Ranch south of Abilene*).



A special thank you to **Scott Butcher** and **Rhonda Fryer** for their dedication as ride photographers. Their photos capture many special memories. Thank you also to the members that have shared their photos.

DEADLINE FOR MARCH / APRIL NEWSLETTER IS **FEBRUARY 1st!**