



Texas Trail Challenge Club Newsletter

November/December 2025

Notes from Carin Bauer-Eaton, President

Lots of things are happening with our club right now and I want to be sure you don't miss a thing:

- 1) The amendment to our Bylaws passed to change our officer/director terms back to 2 years instead of 3 years.
- 2) Our General meeting is coming up and will be held at Salute to the Troops on **Saturday, Nov. 8** at 7 pm.
- 3) Our elections will be taking place Nov. 1-5, and we will be announcing the 2026 officers at the general meeting.
- 4) For elections: We have Scott Butcher and Kate Love running for President while Bill Thurlow & Jim Miller have thrown their hats in to run for treasurer.
- 5) Our December fundraising ride is coming up for the weekend of December 12-13. Don't forget to sign up and get your money in by November 15th. The Board has been working on some great things for that weekend.
- 6) Celebration is right around the corner. Registration is open on our website, it's great to see everyone all 'cleaned up' and sometimes unrecognizable without their horse next to them!
- 7) 2026 calendar has gone out and you can see that we have seven rides with quite a few new ride managers for the year. Way to go! So many new faces in all sorts of new places! The more people we get involved in the club, the better this club can be.
- 8) ByLaws are now being looked over by the BOD. Once the BOD approves it, we will send it off to the lawyer that helped with our waiver. After that it will be up to the members to vote in the new Bylaws.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1-Registration for Rocky Road opens February 14 & 15, Parrie Haynes Equestrian

Nov 8 & 9-Salute to the Troops
C Bar Stables, Valley Mills, **General Meeting on Saturday**

Dec 1- Registration for High Tail It opens March 14 & 15, Lazy F Ranch, Smiley

Dec 13-Christmas Party at Parrie Haynes
(see flyer in the newsletter)

ELECTION NEWS!

Watch your inbox November 1-5 for your ballot to vote for TTCC President and Treasurer. These board members will assume office on January 1, 2026, for a term of two years. We have two great candidates for each position. Information about each candidate is below. Your vote counts! Election results will be announced at Salute to the Troops at the General Meeting on Saturday, November 8.

Candidates for President

Kate Love Hollar

Most of you know who I am, but for those that do not, please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Kate Love Hollar, and I was at the desk the day Texas Trail Challenge (our predecessor) went from dream to reality. In 2013 the decision was made to join together as a Club, Texas Trail Challenge Club, and I became the first President. What a journey it has been. This group, with every level of experience from first-time horse owners to professionals in the horse industry have always made me feel welcome and valued. I am asking for your support for my current bid to once again be President of this amazing club. I believe there is more we can do together, more enjoyment, more purpose, and our biggest goal, furthering our education and skills as horsemen and women.

Over the past 20 years (yes 20!), I have witnessed firsthand what makes this club special and all the work that goes into TTCC's success. It is the devotion of our members, coming together to form friendships, share our passion, and make things happen. I

have learned from the past leadership positions I have held within this Club what works and what doesn't. I want to hone in on this knowledge and combine it with new ideas, so we can make this Club even better for *all* TTCC Members.

I helped write the first Senior Judge and Ride Manager handbooks, the first Rule Book, and organized the first sit down to write the codes. I coordinated efforts to get the book system that the Secretaries now use for free! I listened to suggestions from members and implemented the Learning Moment, Ride Tribe, and Judges debriefing. (Debrief helped with the wait time while waiting on the score cards to be done- back when they were HANDWRITTEN, or the original finicky computer program that allowed no errors). The BOD's I have worked with were faced with some tough decisions over the years which we did not take lightly. We did not always concur but with mutual respect we always came to a conclusion that we all could agree on. 5 Board Members equals 5 Votes. That said, I did champion some ideas that did not pan out, and I apologized. I am aware of the challenges of being President and comfortable with what I believe needs to be improved and thrilled with the BOD members that will remain during the next term. All that truly know me know how passionate I am about the Club and its members. I am committed to being accessible, reliable, open to suggestions and working with you. If you bring up a suggestion, problem, or idea, then come up with ideas on how to make it happen, and know you have my full support.

In closing, I am asking for your support and vote not just because I want to be President; what I truly desire is for all of us to come together and make this club the place where we all feel like we belong, where we can grow, and most of all- have fun doing it. All of us. I cannot express in writing how much I love this Club and its members; our relationship has lasted longer than many marriages!! So, let's



work together to take what we have, what we love, our glorious horses and make it stronger than ever. More inclusive, more organized, more responsive and more about what we love to do; ride our horses. Thank you for your time, your trust, and for giving me the opportunity to once again serve you and this club. I would be totally honored to serve as your President once again.

Scott Butcher



Husband, father, volunteer, horse owner, former rider, engineer, artist, and non-profit executive.

Fascinated with the equine world and the people in it. I rode until I couldn't; switched to something that kept me close-photography. This is a logical extension of my fine art photography, which is how, by necessity, I earned my non-profit experience. It is time I gave back by using my experience as an executive in the non-profit world in areas of governance, management, and financial planning.

What do I promise? Simplicity and clarity of focus. How?

Maintain the current course and mission statement of TTCC by executive action to achieve Key Performance Objectives as determined by the BOD.

Promptly engage and manage all conflicts to closure between the Board and/or members as needed to ensure the best outcome for TTCC and overall membership.

Tune TTCC financial policies, budgets, and actions to carefully preserve our not-for-profit status.

Simply put: Always remember that I serve the organization, and not my ego.

Candidates for Treasurer

Bill Thurlow

I am Bill Thurlow and I am running for TTCC Treasurer because I want to see the club continue to thrive. This is a very selfless club where the members support each other tirelessly, and I want to provide my support and experience as well.

In my professional career as a Technology Director and Program Manager I was responsible for multi-million dollar projects with resources and contracts spanning the globe. This included creating project budgets, getting funding, and tracking all expenditures to ensure we completed work on time and within budget.



Accounting was one of my minors in college, so I have the knowledge to track debits/credits, Profit & Lost Statements, Cash Flow, Balance Sheets, etc....I would consider it an honor to have you trust me with the club's finances.

Jim Miller



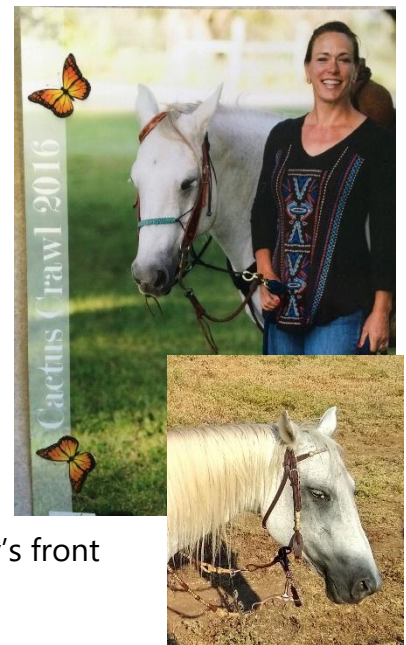
Jim Miller decided to put his name in the hat for Treasurer because he didn't want Tiffany to be saddled with the position for two more years. Jim has ridden with the club for many years and has also served as a Ride Manager and Trail Master. He has also helped many TTCC members camped at rides with truck, trailer, tire, and generator issues. Jim is working on his 5th Iron Rider, and has ridden with NATRC and TETRA. He also maintains Reynolds Creek Park at Lake Waco.

Jim said, "With my military background and business experience I believe I can do the job. I have a good working knowledge of spreadsheets for tracking expenses. That being said, I also believe that there are other members that are better qualified to fill the position. If elected, I'll do the job to the best of my ability."

Trail Horse Trauma

By Dr. Mary Marczak, Long Creek Veterinary Services

When I was asked to write about equine trauma on the trail, my mind began swimming with all the traumas I, myself, have been involved in. There was the time my horse sank quickly to his belly in mud as my friend and I were jumping bayous. I quickly bailed off and sent my 11-year-old friend I was riding with for help. Thankfully, my horse was able to get himself free without injury. Did I mention I was 10? A few years later, that same friend and I were racing along a bayou when I slipped off a sweaty (summer in Houston) wet (raining in Houston) horse after jumping a ditch. That horse ran 2 more miles to the barn jumping a few ditches along the way, coursing through a small, wooded trail, then down the side of a busy 2 lane road before entering the boarding facility's front gate and waiting for me at his stall. It was a long walk back!



Mary and Filly

Filly was my partner when I began competing with TTCC in 2015. Filly has had a few falls on slick angled rock. Each time we went down, she and I both thought the rock was flat enough and safe enough to traverse. The second fall that is burned into my mind left her stuck between rocks with blood coming from somewhere in front of my saddle. I quickly bailed and thankfully, after she and I both assessed the situation, she was able to navigate her way out. That was the only time I thought I would have to shoot my horse to relieve suffering if she couldn't be freed. We were miles from camp and euthanasia solution, but my gun was on my person. There was the time at C-Bar coming out of the canyon when a Chicago screw could have allowed for carnage if she was not the trusted sort to ride off my seat and legs and be mindful of her surroundings and foot placement (after nearly being shot in Pole Canyon). There were the what ifs when I first visited a ranch that was just beginning to allow equine day riders. I walked past an exposed metal culvert with a tear in it; a perfect size for a foot to fall

into it. This was in an area where horses and people would be moving about, sometimes in the dark. Needless to say, I waited there until the owner brought sufficient markers for this region and promised he'd dig out the culvert ASAP. The time I crossed a river that was promised by the landowner to be safe, yet I found myself needing to guide Filly upriver due to the strong flow and being aware of what I would do in case she stumbled since I (or we) could easily drown.

Let's jump to a few doozies that arrived at my clinic. There was the horse whose head, neck and a forelimb were protruding from a trailer window. The horse whose head was filleted open after the teaching of trailer loading was skipped or abandoned. The donkey I had to cut loose from his crosstie when he flipped over it and was choking himself to death. The multitude of fence, wire, rope, T-post, kicks, bites, trailer traumas are too numerous to count. How can I possibly warn against or teach a response to all possible trail traumas? Do I break it down into categories? Would those be Traveling, Camping, Riding? One could expand for hours on Traveling to include the human, automobile, trailer, horse, nutrition, and environmental components. And we haven't even arrived at our location to begin our relaxing Trail Ride. Do I instead break it down into body systems? Skin, Skeletal, Muscular, Respiratory, Cardiovascular, Digestive, Endocrine, Nervous, Lymphatics, Urinary, Reproductive, JEEPERS! I then thought about my response to my own experiences with trauma even when I was a child.

Don't panic -- I first made sure I was OK, then I turned to my horse. Think about what we're told on an airplane, "First don your oxygen mask before helping others with theirs." If someone is prone to panic, they will lose their ability to think quickly and rationally and won't be able to assist themselves or others, including their horse.

Mitigate problem -- I always told my clients knowledge is power. I would suggest becoming familiar with thinking about not-so-warm & fuzzy scenarios, worst-case scenarios, and how you might change the trajectory of a situation. Think backwards from the worst-case scenario on how to manage impending doom. It will help you become better prepared when disaster strikes. I also believe that you cannot get better at what you don't practice. So, practice NOT allowing a trauma, as well as WORKING THROUGH a bad situation.

Creative and Quick Recovery – What is available to you? What are your skills or the skills of others nearby? Knowledge is power so study and prepare, your horse's well-being may depend upon it. Start by having a discussion with your local vet. They may suggest medications you should carry in your horse trailer such as Phenylbutazone (Bute) or Banamine. Check your vet kit annually to be sure you have adequate tools and supplies and replace expired items. Look for information or classes online, or if possible, in person. Practice taking your horse's vital signs and write down their normal readings over the course of time. Their normal may change a bit depending on the weather or time of day. Educate yourself but know you must also recognize your own limitations. It is always better to consult a veterinarian if in doubt!

With age and an increasing sense of mortality, comes the wisdom to assess and limit threats. Accidents are unfortunate incidents that happen unexpectedly, unintentionally or by chance. Negligence is the failure to use reasonable care, resulting in damage or injury. Accidents cannot be avoided but negligence can.

The Early Days of TTCC by Kate Love Hollar

It was at our only Oklahoma ride, back when it was TTC, that we started the judges debriefing. We did not have the super-efficient Secretary program that we do now, and any mistake made problems in so many areas, it was hard to back track and find the error. It was a long ride home for many, so to keep riders there I got the judges together and we talked about what we had been looking for. Back in those days, you agreed to judge and would get dropped off in an area along the route, picked up and moved again. BUT there were no obstacles



Jean Moreau asking King for an in-hand sidepass

designated, you just made one up! Nancy Williams had designed the scorecards, so we did have those. BUT on that Saturday (remember TTC was only 1 day) of the 10 obstacles I think 5 had side passing! So that was the weekend Candy and I decided to start planning the obstacles in more detail, and the Debrief was born....to buy the secretaries more time to print scorecards. Interesting side note,- there are many of us that did NATRC at the same time. During that part of the 2-day NATRC ride we all went and took naps or read books or wandered and chatted at campsites. TTC's being only 1 day, and now with the debrief followed by awards, took that nap time away. It is the thing riders miss most that do the two-day events. Another thing we had in TTC were these humongous vests in yellow, red and blue. They were construction site vests and did not fit at all, not very pretty for your picture either! There is an old video somewhere of me just after Halloween using colored spray paint on my horses and suggesting we move to that. When we assumed TTC and it became Texas Trail Challenge Club, we were offered the vests which we refused with a RESOUNDING - NO THANK YOU!! We have had numbers pinned to our shirts, lovely number holders and a plethora of paint/crayon/chalk options marking numbers on our ponies.

Ann Stacy is credited with the TTCC raffle, and it has been very helpful in meeting goals for year-end prizes. Many people handled the raffle after Ann--Jean Wilson, Renee White and Leah Lynch, LeeAnn Boore, Tracee Casarez, Laura McLean, Becky Cash, Juli Steele--all took a turn at making their guest room into a pre yard sale. What a job that was! Sooo many people had duplicate tack or art or ??? that made a great raffle item. At one point Shelley Hilton came to me and said she thought people were tired of it. So, at our first fall ride in 2015, Pony Pilots, we did not have raffle items. Carol Warren walked in holding her \$10.00 and wanted to know where they were!!!! Quick straw poll at ride meeting and they were back for several years. Leah and I are famous for putting other peoples names in jars. (She started it!) Always fun to see someone's surprise if they won a raffle item they had not bought tickets for!

When TTCC started we had a handful of judges that grandfathered in. Me, Nancy Williams, Ann Stacy, Annette Thurlow, Mel Neal, Laurie Oehlerking, Doanna Daniel, and Carol Warren are the ones I remember that have judged from the beginning. All your judges are Homegrown. Mel was our first Ride Director and at that time she was also in charge of the Judges (and anything that happened at a

ride). She had the final decision but we all discussed what qualifications were necessary for our Judges to have. They needed to have the respect of the riders so that when they were judged, they may have felt the judge missed something, but never that they were not qualified to judge them. And, of course, there are always those pesky photographs that show our hands in the air!!

Those of us that were at the first, very first, meetings for TTC had all come from NATRC. We had all competed in and before 2006 when the obstacles were the great advantage for Gaited, Quarter Horses, etc. to catch up to those fabulous Arabians that purred thru the Pulse and Respiration checks. By 2007 they were changing to observations- uphill, downhill, trotting across a large expanse, mount/dismount, crossing water, etc. No way for us to SHINE. Obstacles were our favorite part. Candace Bradford had been doing research and had found Trail Trials in California. She based most of the trail events on that. She also came up with the divisions of Horseman, Maverick, and Tenderfoot. Balancing the classes has always been a challenge. We also did not want the hassle of determining classes by weight, so, we did it by age. But classes were out of balance frequently, with Adult Horseman being the hardest to keep competition in. We started at over/under 50, then 55 then 60 for 1 month and decided to make it 62 (the first year you can get social security!!) and there it has remained. I believe we did that in 2015.

We owe Nancy Williams and Laurie Oehlerking a huge debt of gratitude for all the computer help over the years. Almost all the forms we use as judges came from Nancy, and Laurie helped to organize our year end charts and graphs (graphs for most improved), our initial ride/membership/rulebook combos and her crowning achievement- the pay calculator the Secretaries use to pay the staff at the end of a ride. So there have been a lot of changes as Texas Trail Challenge Club grew into what it is today.

Message from Ride Director Lee Ann Boore

Hello fellow TTCC members! Your Board of Directors is continuing to update some of our rules and guidelines. Our club continues to grow, and with growth comes change. Iron Rider has been a coveted "award" that many have worked diligently to achieve. But some changes need to be made. Iron Rider in itself, warrants a huge commitment. The title of the award IRON RIDER should speak for itself. It is meant for our most dedicated riders! So, with that said, here are the changes that will be in effect for the 2026 ride year.



IRON RIDER AWARD

Rules for obtaining the Iron Rider Award in 2026--Each individual ride consisting of both Saturday and Sunday will be addressed as an event. To qualify for an Iron Rider Award members must:

1. Attend ALL scheduled events, clinics are not required.
2. Members must ride 80% of rides and attend all EVENTS.

For example: if there are 5 events* scheduled for the calendar year, member must attend all 5

events and ride 8 of the 10 rides (at least one per event). 5 events = 10 rides (Sat and Sun).

3. Ride managers, Judges and Secretaries must attend all EVENTS but are allowed to ride 40% of rides (due to working at events).

For example: 5 events = 10 rides (Sat/Sun). Must RIDE 4 rides and attend all events whether working or volunteering.

4. Members may pull from one ride (not EVENT) per calendar year. If pulled from trot out, must be confirmed by judge conducting trot out. Member MUST stay at ride to volunteer for remainder of ride. Any deviation must be approved by BOD on a case-by-case basis (emergency may warrant departure from ride).

5. Member may volunteer at one event per calendar year as long as 80% of rides are completed or will be completed. All events MUST BE ATTENDED.

6. If event is rescheduled, members are still required to attend event.

*NOTE--5 events are being used as an example. There may be more or less rides scheduled for a calendar year which would change the number of rides to qualify for Iron Rider.

CLINIC RECAP Judges Director Kelly Beard

The Fall Rider Clinic was held at River Ranch County Park, Liberty Hill, on October 3, 2025. Judges Director Kelly Beard planned the obstacles and was assisted by Nancy Fenimore who registered participants. Clinicians included Kelly Beard, Becky Cash, Nancy Fenimore, and Cheryl May. Seventeen riders attended the clinic.




Ginny Mayfield with Little Ricky

Kelly led the clinic participants in warm up exercises to get their horses prepared to focus on the day's obstacle work. Obstacles in Session 1 included: Forward Laterals, Narrow Bridge, Side passing the L, and Turns on Fore and Hind. Session 2 focused on: Drag, Gate, Jumps, and Serpentine.

The participants spent 1 ½ hours per session receiving detailed instruction with problems associated with each obstacle. When the two sessions concluded, the participants met to recap what they learned, if the clinic was helpful, and how it was conducted. There was nice feedback from the participants regarding the clinic and clinicians. They expressed the desire and need for another clinic in the Spring.

A huge Thank You goes to the Camp Reveille Ride Managers, Alex McStay and Melanie Vague, and the Ride Secretary, Kit Shadrock, for furnishing the clinic obstacle materials and the detailed secretarial work. We could not have accomplished this clinic without their help!



Do you enjoy shopping??? Do you especially enjoy shopping with someone else's money? Then we have a job for you! JTCC needs a chairman for 2026 Year End Prizes  for Celebration. Must be organized and a dedicated bargain hunter! Please email Lee Ann Boore (LeeAnnBoore0825@gmail.com) if you are interested. Thank you for volunteering!

Texas Trail Challenge Club Fundraiser

A Family Christmas

Dec. 12-13

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Come One, Come All!

We have a great weekend planned with a little bit of something for everyone!

Friday, December 12 Craft and game night! Bring your favorite game to play!

Saturday morning, December 13 is a team challenge trail/obstacle ride that our Judges Director Kelly Beard has put together for your enjoyment.

Saturday evening is roast beast and sides (\$20) prepared by Ride Director Leann Boore followed up with our gift exchange (\$25 value).

There will be a new way of exchanging gifts and things could get "dicey."

Enter the Most Festively Dressed contest. Win a trophy to proudly carry throughout the year and bring it back for next year's winner!

Important:



We need to have at least 30 people signed up and paid for the fundraiser by Nov. 15 so that we can be sure to have everything ready. Unfortunately, if we don't have that many, we will have to cancel this event.

If by chance you sign up and can't make the ride, we thank you for your donation to the club.



Getting to Know You: Stacey Moore



Stacey and Jasper

If you've met Stacey Moore at a recent TTCC event, you might be surprised to learn she's relatively new to our club—but not to horses! This Iowa Park resident was practically born in the saddle, growing up showing Quarter Horses before taking a slight 21-year detour to serve in the military.

When Stacey moved to Texas four years ago "on a whim" for a job, she decided it was time to get back in the saddle. With her family scattered across the east and west coasts and her 20-year-old attending Texas State in San Antonio, Stacey found herself with the perfect opportunity to reconnect with her equestrian roots.

Enter Jasper, her 4-year-old Paint gelding—her very first "baby" and current partner in adventure. After discovering that the show ring wasn't quite scratching her competitive itch, Stacey went on a Google quest for something that combined her love of trail riding with a good challenge. That's when she stumbled upon TTCC.

Just two rides in, and Stacey's already making her mark! Not only did she score an impressive 3rd place on her first day and 1st place on her second, but she's also mastered the art of getting lost in gullies with style. Thanks to fellow member Vicki Van Steyn taking her under her wing, Stacey and Jasper enjoyed an "extended tour" of one particular trail section, going up and down the same gully about six extra times. As Stacey puts it, "My young man (and myself) were

dragging booty, but we all pulled through, and it made for such a great day and great memory."



Stacey and Jasper



*First competition at Hog Wild
rider number 220*

When she's not navigating TTCC trails (or re-navigating them, as the case may be), Stacey keeps Jasper busy with everything from ranch shows to mounted patrol clinics, roping, cow work, and even barrels—though she jokes she might qualify for the "10D division if that were a thing."

Stacey's favorite horse-related quote perfectly captures her approach to training her young gelding: According to Clinton Anderson, "Frustration begins where knowledge ends." It's her reminder that when things aren't going as planned, it's time to stop and reassess rather than blame her four-legged partner.

With her diverse equestrian background, military discipline, and good humor about wrong turns, Stacey Moore is already proving to be a wonderful addition to our TTCC family. If you see her at the next event, be sure to say hello—just maybe don't put her in charge of navigation!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Leah Lynch



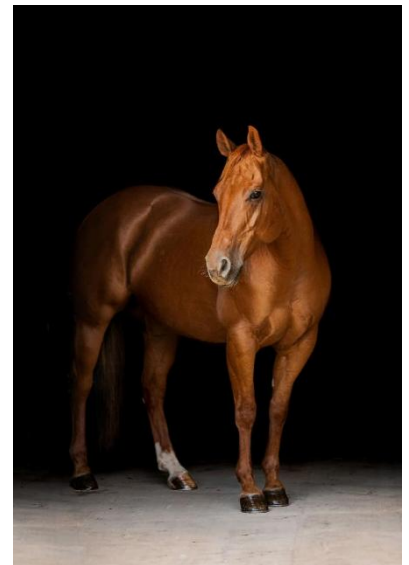
*Tom & Leah Lynch at Celebration.
They have been sponsors for many
years with their company "Our
Friends Campground"*

My name is Leah Lynch and I live in Lampasas Texas.

My parents knew nothing about horses or any kind of livestock. They were those parents who said let's get our girl a horse, I was about 8, I think. When I hear parents say something like this I always say start with lessons. My first horse seemed like he was 21 hands to me but probably was really only 15 hands. He kept throwing me, so my parents got me a Shetland Pony who kept running me into trees, or whatever was close by, who also threw me a lot but much closer to the ground.

After a while they thought now that I am 10 let's get her a mustang from Nevada. So, they bought a 2-year-old filly that we named Babe. She was not tame at all. Now we really knew nothing about riding, much less training. To teach her to tie my father got advice from someone and tied her to a railroad tie and made her drag it till she would stand still. I had her till I was 23, I think. I am still amazed how well that mare turned out. That was my youth with horses, I always say I did not learn to ride but I leaned to hang on. I rode bareback as most of us did at that age.

Actually, TTCC has taught me how to ride. I have had a few horses in my life and Stella is my present and hopefully my last horse. She is a quarter horse mare (a red one). I did not know about red mares! As a lot of you know she threw me 3 times in the first 6 months. Since then, she has continued to throw me every now and then. Hopefully, that is over. She is only 14.1 and most of my other horses were around 15- 16 hands. I said if I look like Matt Dillon riding a Shetland pony, I cannot get her! Well, I still have her. In 2015 Teri Deaton brought me to a TTCC Celebration and that was where it began for me. Funny thing is my husband Tom met Kate before me and introduced me to her. She said if you want to ride on Tuesdays come out. So, the ride tribe began. Stella has turned into a great horse for me. She likes me as much as she can and with Greg's guidance, Kate's encouragement, and the Club's education and willingness to share their expertise I think that we are pretty good together.



Stella is stunning!

I was in Search and Rescue in CA and did go out on quite a few of searches, sometimes in the foothills looking for hunters or campers and sometimes in residential areas looking for people. There was training every month, and we went to all kinds of places to train. We trained with helicopters coming over a mountain, not all horses stood still. We trained with dogs, learned how to pack and carry equipment. My horse Shamrock was a big appaloosa mare. I used to say she took really good care of me but, really when we were on the side of a large ravine walking through downed trees and brushes, she knew every step she took. The truth of the matter is she took care of herself, and I just happened to be up there.



Leah and Stella studying the trail map

An obstacle memory was when Stella was dragging something and the rope got caught under her tail, I could feel her tail clamp down and she was ready to shoot straight up. Nancy Fenimore told me to drop the rope; I shouted back I did drop the rope! I kept talking to Stella and telling her that it was ok and she listened, Nancy finally yanked the rope out from her tail (after 3 tries). That would have been disaster 1 year before. After that I put all kinds of things under her tail and taught her to drop it. Also, with Greg's help my rope handling is better. I think Stella has been my favorite horse, she is very smart, and I have learned to listen to her. She will let me know if she does not like something so I try to figure another way that she will accept. My favorite quotation is "Don't get greedy!" Thank you for allowing me to share a few of my horse experiences.

BUCKLE SERIES - 2025

Rocky Road, February 15 & 16, Killeen
The Great Train Robbery, April 12 & 13, Cleburne
Buffalo Ramble, September 20 & 21, Abilene
Wyatt Wanderer, October 25 & 26, Glen Rose



Ride Recap-Buffalo Ramble



Buffalo Ramble was held at a new venue the Buffalo Mountain Ranch in Abilene on September 20 & 21 and hosted by Ride Managers Tiffany Janke and Annaliese Scoggin. Although the weather was warm, there were gentle breezes throughout the day, and the evenings cooled off nicely. Senior Judge Lissa Rabon was assisted by Teresa Corgill, Mel Neal,



Nina Day haltering "loose horse"

Kelly Beard, and Bonnie Pasko (who rambled out of retirement!) The ride secretary was Annette Thurlow assisted by Debra Sannwaldt and Rhonda Fryer was the photographer.

The first obstacle was trotting straight toward Judge Corgill, who was seated, then halt and immediately back up. The trail was approximately 9 miles and rocky with several hills to climb. Other obstacles included transitions, drag, step up and halt, mounting from a large rock, a rope gate, ground tie, backing the L, trailer loading, jump, and haltering a life size stationary saddled horse.



Junior Riders - Ilenia Fischer & Ryleigh Blair



Kaydee Stovall haltering a "loose horse"

This horse was the first thing you saw as you drove into camp, and several marveled at the amazing "ground tie" that horse had!

Ride Recap-Camp Reveille

Ride Managers Melanie Vague and Alex McStay celebrated summer camp at a new location this year; Camp Reveille was held at River Ranch County Park in Liberty Hill on October 4 & 5. The park has a number of electric hook-ups, but horse pens had to be set up in a different area. A large water trough and wash station were set up in camp with more water troughs on trail. Several restrooms were conveniently located in camp. About 60 riders participated and there was a full class of six junior riders! There were also five seasoned TTCC riders who were introducing new horses to TTCC. Barbara Knight was recognized with the high score of 197 and Connie Standrige's horse Annie was recognized with a perfect score of 100. The trail



Connie & Annie



*Melonie Lewis, Local Horse Trainer
from Liberty Hill*

was rocky and approximately 9 miles and featured a brand-new trail by the river. Senior Judge Kate Love Hollar was assisted by Carol Warren, Nancy Fenimore, Doanna Daniel, and Lissa Rabon. Obstacles included red light, green light, in hand drag, broken rein stop, transitions, following the map (missing trail ribbons), side pass, turn on fore and hind and several obstacles were set up as "double obstacles". Kit Shadrock was the ride secretary assisted by Tooter Smith and a new photographer, Lou Brandes, took some great photos! A food truck was available serving a wide variety of burgers and hot dogs.

CELEBRATION!!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Year End Celebration Banquet and Awards on Saturday, January 24, 2026! Make your reservations at PHR or your favorite hotel so you can relax and enjoy the evening. The weather is usually beautiful and it can be a great time to ride too. See you there!

TEXAS TRAIL CHALLENGE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTOR MINUTES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

President Bauer called meeting to order at 3:07pm. Director Boore, Director Steele, Director Beard and Treasurer Janke along with President Bauer attended the meeting at President Bauer's home.

Treasurer Janke reported current balance in account \$16,065.96. Expenses included approximately \$2000 outgoing for end of year prizes. Go Daddy invoice of \$125 paid.

Upcoming events:

Judges training is scheduled for September 6th at Vicki Van Steyn's home. Director Beard will update at next board meeting.

After Action Report:

Secretary training was conducted. A good turnout for training was reported.

Directors Reports:

Ride Director Boore: Discussion on proposed changes to the Iron Rider Award was tabled at this time until more clarification on changes.

Director Beard: Discussed 2 session clinic with 4 obstacles. Request for payment for clinicians overnights accommodations not to exceed \$50 per clinician. Director Beard motioned for approval, Director Steele seconded. Passed unanimously.

Nonmembers may attend clinic as long as liability release is signed and a one-day member fee is paid.

Director Steele reported we currently have 159 active members. Patches for extreme riders arrived.

Committee Reports:

Bylaw Committee: Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures have been updated. Bylaws are going back to committee for review, then to BOD for approval, review by lawyer, and to members for vote.

New waiver forms will be utilized at Buffalo Ramble.

OLD BUSINESS:

December fundraising theme will be A Family Christmas. Team events are planned. Meal will be roast beef with sides. Meal will be \$20 per plate. Any overage will be back to club. Date is December 13th. Crafts and a Christmas market will be available on Friday. \$25 White elephant Christmas exchange.

Celebration meal is fajitas. Director Boore motioned for dinner for members and sponsors to be paid for by the club. Seconded by Treasurer Janke. Passed unanimously

President Bauer motioned for Big Hoss to cater Celebration Director Steele seconded. Passed unanimously.

Forms for the upcoming November elections will be sent out. Ride managers for Camp Reveille and Wyatt Wanderer will be asked if candidates may speak. New Treasurer and President will be announced at Salute to Troops.

Ride calendar to be finalized and presented to members by end of September.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Boore requested a budget be set for Celebration prizes. President Bauer motioned for an \$8000 budget, Director Beard seconded. Passed unanimously.

President Bauer brought up paying insurance for ride managers in 2026. Director Boore made a motion for the club to pay for 2026 insurance and ribbons to be covered by club. President Bauer amended to utilizing monies from the fund raising that has been done. Motioned for approval from Director Boore, seconded by President Bauer. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47.

TEXAS TRAIL CHALLENGE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTOR MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2025

President Bauer called meeting to order at 8:08pm. Director Boore, Director Steele, Director Beard and Treasurer Janke along with President Bauer in attendance via Zoom Call.

Minutes for August approved and passed.

Treasurer Janke reported current balance in account is \$16,065.96.

Upcoming Events:

Buffalo Ramble, September 20-21.

Camp Reveille & Clinic, October 3-5.

After Action Report:

Judges training conducted at Vicki Van Steyn's home. Great training. Members will get Judges Scorecard to see how obstacles are judged.

Director Reports:

Director Boore: Rule change for Iron Rider requirements for 2026. President Bauer motioned for approval, seconded by Director Boore. Passed unanimously for change. Sequence of awards for Iron rider (multiple years) tabled until further discussion on awards.

New Ride Managers for Rocky Road are Cheryl Sofaly and Juli Steele.

Director Beard: No clinic for Ride Year 2026

Director Steele: None

Committee Reports:

Bylaws are with committee. Zoom meeting on September 18th.

Old Business

Sponsor Board will be created by President Bauer and Director Steele

Big Hoss will be catering Celebration in January

December Fundraiser: Director Boore and Treasurer Janke will be preparing meal. Director Beard is doing trail ride and obstacles. President Bauer and Director Steele in charge of team building activities (craft work, games, white elephant).

New Business

President Bauer motioned to change Bylaws from director terms to go from 3 years to 2 years. Director Beard seconded motion. Passed unanimously for change in Bylaws.

Open Floor Items:

Treasurer Janke requested reimbursement for out of pocket expenses for items used in secretary and judges training. Out of pocket expenses were \$121 for Treasurer Janke and \$73 for Director Beard. President Bauer motioned for approval of reimbursement, seconded by Director Steele. 100% approval.

Director Beard requesting shirts for New Judges (monogrammed) for 2026 ride year. Request tabled until further information on monogramming and price of shirts.



**TEXAS TRAIL CHALLENGE CLUB
2026 RIDE CALENDAR**

Month	Dates	Ride Name	Ride	Location	Costs	Camping	Ranch Fee	Secretary/Assistant	Registration
December 2025	13	Christmas Party & Fundraiser Parrie Haynes East	Board Of Directors	Killeen	TBD	reservations: parriehaynesequestriancenter.com		Nancy F.	Opens 90 days prior August 1, 2025
January	24th	Celebration Farris Wheel Ranch		Killeen	Check the website	reservations: parriehaynesequestriancenter.com		Tiffany Janke	October 1, 2026
February	14th/15th	Rocky Road Parrie Haynes Equestrian Center	Cheryl Sofaly Juli Steele	Killeen PHR	TBD	reservations: parriehaynesequestriancenter.com	\$10 weekend	Carin Bauer	November 1, 2025
		OPEN WEEKEND							
March	14/15	Hightail It Lazy "F" Ranch	Shelley Hilton Gina Stepchinsky	Smiley	TBD	TBD	TBD		December 1, 2025
April	April 11-12	Wild West Wrangle Johnson Homestead	Cheryl May Ginny Mayfield	Ovalo	TBD	Primitive Camping		Rhonda Fryer	January 1, 2025
	25-26	Cat Spring Fling 7IL Ranch	Tonya Lindsey Jackie Bonner	Cat Spring	TBD	Hookup reservations: 7IL website	\$20/day or \$30 weekend	TBD	January 1, 2025
May	May 9th/10th	Open Weekend							
	May 24th/25th	Open Weekend							February 1, 2025
June		Open Weekend							March 1, 2025
September	6th/7th	Open Weekend							June 1, 2025
	20th/21st	Open Weekend							June 1, 2025
October	10th/11th	Wyatt Wanderer	Annette & Bill Thurlow	Glen Rose	TBD	Primitive Pens: \$10/15 night	Weekend Fee: \$40	TBD	July 1, 2025
		Fall Rider's Clinic (?)							
	23rd/24	Hoot N Hollar	Sylvia Perry Vicki Van Steyn	McCown Valley Equestrian Park	TBD	es www.reservation.gov \$24 per night Primitive \$10 per night		TBD	July 1, 2025
November	14th/15th	Salute to the Troops C Bar Ranch	Ann Stacy Kris Maley	Valley Mills	TBD	Limited RV sites contact Ride Manager	TBD	Sharon Price	August 1, 2025

	Open/pending
	Rider Clinics

Revised 9/1/2024

Must complete (35%) rides to be eligible for Year End Class Awards
Must complete (50%) rides to be eligible for Year End Champion/Highpoint awards
For the latest up to date information, go to our website: www.texastrailchallengeclub.com

**WYATT WANDERER DATES ARE CHANGED FROM OCTOBER TO
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27!**

For a clearer picture of the ride calendar go to the Texas Trail Challenge Club Website under News:
<https://texastrailchallengeclub.com/2025/10/08/2026-ride-calendar/>

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 1ST